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Health and Educational Expo taking place April 30

Sterling House Vero Beach, a local Brookdale Senior Living assisted living community, is hosting a Health & Educational Expo on April 30. This special event will feature a variety of health presentations and local vendors as well as complimentary blood pressure and eye screenings. Vendors and booths at the event include: Bailey's Medical Equipment, Florida Eye Institute, Miracle-Ear and Veteran's Aid & Benefits information.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jennifer Jimenez at (772) 569-4600.

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CONCERT



"The Dolls" will be one of the performers at the Treasure Coast Chorale's Mother's Day Concert

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Pam Bondi will be the guest speaker at appreciation dinner

WEEKEND WEATHER



Friday: Partly cloudy; high: 82; low: 66; high tide: 9:26 a.m.; low tide: 3:25 p.m.
Saturday: Partly cloudy; high: 82; low: 68; high tide: 10:15 a.m.; low tide: 4:15 p.m.
Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 84; low: 68; high tide: 11:05 a.m.; low tide: 5:06 p.m.

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Fishermen hook new city lease agreement

By Jessica Tuggle
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SEBASTIAN — With a new lease agreement, the Sebastian fishermen can get back to what they like to do best — fish.

After going back and forth in negotiations and discussions with Sebastian's City Council, the nonprofit Fisherman's Landing Sebastian now has a 10-year contract with a \$1 per month lease with an option to have an automatic 10-year renewal.

"We're anxious to get started and make some

progress," said Tim Adams, president of the nonprofit.

The agreement still has to receive approval from the Florida Communities Trust, a state organization, because of state grant funds used in the waterfront project, said Richard Stringer, the nonprofit's legal counsel.

In the new agreement, Fisherman's Landing Sebastian will lease the Dabrowski parcel adjacent to the newly renovated property formerly known as Hurricane Harbor on Indian River Drive for \$1 per month. The property

includes 10 boat slips for fishermen to use to bring in their catch.

The city will take charge of the former Hurricane Harbor property, which currently houses Crab E Bill's Indian River Seafood and eventually hold a fishing museum and a small eatery.

The Hurricane Harbor site was fixed up by the fishermen and had been managed by the nonprofit, but it became too much to handle, Mr. Stringer said.

"I really think we've gotten this lease where we need it to be," he said.

The city will also build a fish house on the Dabrowski parcel within two years of the state's approval of the new lease agreement, Mr. Adams said.

The fish house would not be used for processing any fish, just as a location to unload and ice up the fish before being taken to a processing location.

"In the future, the dock space could be reconfigured to hold even more boats," Mr. Adams said.

The fishermen of Fisherman's Landing Sebastian would be in charge of raising funds to continue to

make the working waterfront a viable place of business, such as creating an ice house, city staff said.

One way the nonprofit will be able to raise funds is by holding up to two three-day fundraising events per year.

The fundraisers would likely be a fish fry, a mini seafood festival or another event where all the businesses along the waterfront would be invited to participate, Mr. Adams said.

"That would bring cohesion to the waterfront and a sense of unity of purpose," he said.

'Flame of Hope' keeps burning during run



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Members of the Vero Beach and Sebastian Police Departments, Indian River Shores Public Safety Department and Indian River County Sheriff's Office, make their way to the Vero Beach Police Department for a barbecue after last Wednesday's Law Enforcement Run for the Special Olympics.

Law enforcement honors Special Olympics with annual state-wide run

By Dawn Krebs
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Representatives from all the county's law enforcement agencies gathered once again for an annual

torch run to help Special Olympics.

For 30 years, the Law Enforcement Torch Run has touched almost every area of the state as the "flame of hope" is carried by hand from one location to the

next, over countless miles, until the opening ceremonies of Florida's state summer games, which will take place on May 17 at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex.

The representatives

include more than 300 different agencies in the state, and cover thousands of miles by thousands of participants.

Here in Indian River County, law enforcement from the Vero Beach Police

Department, the Sebastian Police Department, the Indian River County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Highway Patrol and others gathered on April 17.

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Arcades close after bill signed

By Dawn Krebs
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — At the beginning of April, adult arcades across the county boasted full parking lots and happy patrons.

Now, a few weeks after Governor Rick Scott signed the bill passed by lawmakers banning the arcades, the businesses sit quiet and empty.

Approximately a dozen arcades in the county were affected by the bill that banned not only Internet cafes, but the adult arcades as well.

The bill was a reaction from the state legislature after it was discovered that one particular Internet café, Allied Veterans of the World, that stated it was giving its profits to veterans was actually doing very little for the military group.

Despite protests from the businesses owners and the patrons who attend the arcades, the

bill was signed into law on April 10.

The bill, HB 155, gives local law enforcement specific definitions of illegal gambling machines and how to handle suspected violations.

On April 17, the Indian River County Sheriff's Office had detectives start the process of notifying staff and management at arcade establishments in Indian River County.

According to the Sheriff's Office, investigators have been distributing informational flyers.

Arcade owners were also urged to contact their own legal counsel about future operations, as the Sheriff's Office will not be giving legal advice to the owners.

It was stated that enforcement of the new law will not take place during this notification process and until any

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History and knowledge ensures professional service with small-town touch

By Dawn Krebs
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SEBASTIAN — With more than six decades of experience helping the residents of the Treasure Coast find their perfect home, brother and sister team of Steven Schlitt and Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez took a few moments recently to reflect back on the history of their company and speak on how their commitment to the people that live and work on the Treasure Coast enabled them to stay successful.

Mr. Schlitt and Ms. Schlitt-Gonzalez are CFO and President, respectively, of Coldwell Banker Paradise Hoyt Murphy Realty. The name "Schlitt" will sound familiar to several of the older families in the area, as it was their parents, Ed and Marguerite Schlitt, who first established the realty in 1953.

Back then, it was an insurance and realty company with just five employees



Staff photo by Dawn Krebs

Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez, president of Coldwell Banker Paradise Hoyt Murphy Realty, stands with Steven Schlitt, her brother and CFO of the company. The duo runs the family business that has been in the area for 60 years. They are standing next to a picture painted by Dorothy Murphy, Hoyt C. Murphy's wife, which is now hanging in the company's conference room.

located in what is now known as the Irish American Club on 20th Street in Vero Beach.

"I started doing phone work in high school, then

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From left, Lt. Mike Jacobs, Chiefs of Police, David Currey of Vero Beach, Michelle Morris of Sebastian and Scott Melanson of Fellsmere, light the Special Olympics Torch before last Wednesday's Law Enforcement Torch Run in Vero Beach.

Torch

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Wearing matching shirts, the group ran from Ryan-

wood Publix and travel to State Road 60 to the Vero Beach Police Department.

It is the sale of the t-shirts, hats and other annual memorabilia of the

event that has made the torch run one of the biggest fund-raising events for Special Olympics and law enforcement agencies.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Sgt. Tony Consolo, Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics organizer, and Tinamarie Ioffredo share a moment after last Wednesday's run in Vero Beach.

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FlickChats opens its season May 2

Classic American films worth talking about are featured on FlickChats - movie screenings followed by audience discussions - the first Thursday of every month, now through December. The films are chosen and the discussions led by Library staff member Daniel Clark (MFA in Cinema from Columbia University).

The North Indian River County Library is located in Sebastian at 1001 Sebastian Boulevard (County Road 512) midway between US1 and I-95. Call (772) 589-1355 for more information.

Arcades

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ambiguity in the law is cleared and businesses have the opportunity to come into compliance.

Thomas Raulen, public information officer for the Indian River County Sheriff's Office, said that Indian River County has found that most arcades are not disruptive to the community and that calls for service at the arcades are not out of proportion with any other business being operated in the county.

"As with any new law which governs such activity, there will likely be a period of adjustment to determine what activity actually violates the statute," he said in a press release. "Each establishment's procedures and gaming devices will be evaluated individually, and investigators will be coordinating with the State Attorney's Office before enforcement action is taken to ensure any response is appropriate."

CORRECTION

In an article titled "Gardening is elementary," in the April 19 edition of *Hometown News*, a Vero Beach Elementary School art teacher and garden coordinator was misidentified.

Wendy Alexander is in charge of the garden activities and uses the garden as a teaching tool for her students.

Hometown News regrets any confusion the error may have caused.

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Community to give back to its 'giver'

Musical concert to benefit local architect

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Friends of a local philanthropic architect are raising funds to help his family pay for medical bills in a musical concert this weekend.

"Notes of Gratitude," will be held at Saint Helen Catholic Church in Vero Beach on April 27. The concert will benefit longtime Vero Beach residents and Saint Helen's parishioners, John and Carolyn Dean. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and a reception will be held after the conclusion of the concert.

Mr. Dean was recently diagnosed with brain cancer following extensive neurosurgery by specialists at John Hopkins University Hospital. His friends, including a 23-year-old man who considers him an inspiration and a mentor, wanted to help the family defray the cost of the ongoing medical expenses.

When flautist Emilio Rutlant, a former music student under Mrs. Dean, heard about Mr. Dean's diagnosis, he immediately looked for ways to help.

"I thought the best thing I

could do was share the talent I have and kind of give back the help they once gave me," Mr. Rutlant said.

He will be collaborating with other Vero Beach artists, Judy Gerter on piano, Angela Moretti on bassoon and Cory High on marimba and percussion.

Mr. Rutlant came to the United States from Chile in 2001 as a young boy. He soon became involved with the Saint Helen's music ministry and met Mrs. Dean, who was working as the acting music director.

It was there he began to learn more and more about music, and he picked up the flute as his instrument of choice.

"Or maybe it picked me," he said.

Not only did Mrs. Dean encourage him in his musical pursuits, but the Deans adopted him and his mother, Clara Rutlant, as surrogate members of the family.

"They have been my family and they really supported me and my music," Mr. Rutlant said.

After graduating from Vero Beach High School, Mr. Rutlant attended and graduated from Stetson University with a degree in music performance, and he is currently pursuing a master's degree at the University of Miami.

Mr. Rutlant is just one example of the many people



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Vero Beach architect John Dean, right, talks with the Rev. Doug Vogt of the First Church of God during a benefit for Camp Haven in January 2012.

whose lives have been impacted by Mr. Dean's generous and giving heart, said Jim Kerns, a personal friend.

"John and Carolyn are wonderful people. They extend themselves to the Vero Beach community in so many ways," Mr. Kerns said.

Mr. Dean has donated time and talent as an archi-

tect to many community projects, including Habitat for Humanity, the Gifford Youth Activity Center, The Source, Camp Haven and Immanuel Church, a press release said.

Before the temporary homeless housing nonprofit Camp Haven decided to renovate an old motel for hous-

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ing, their first idea was a tent camp, Mr. Kerns said.

"John designed the place. He went to a similar place in Clearwater and lived there overnight because he wanted to know what it was going to be like in the place he was designing," Mr. Kerns said. "This guy is just so full of the Holy Spirit and of life, you are attracted to him. And giving is contagious, just being around him just makes me

want to give too." The suggested ticket donation to the event is \$50 and all funds will go to the Dean family. Checks may be made payable to the "J. Dean Benefit," a press release said.

Advance tickets are available by calling the St. Helen Religious Education Office at (772) 562-5954 or (772) 584-0124. Tickets will also be available at the door.

College to host advanced technology careers open house

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST — Indian River State College is hosting a special Advanced Technology Open House on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. May 2.

Students and interested individuals can learn more about career options in Cyber Security, Robotics/Photonics, Digital Media, Graphics and Engineering at a special Open House event at the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, located just off 35th Street on the Indian River State College Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce.

At the open house, learn about skills in the latest technologies available in the College's Advanced Technology Institutes:

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Coldwell

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went into sales in 1974," said Ms. Schlitt-Gonzalez. Her brother Steven came back to the family business in 1998.

Back then, through to the 1980s, the realty worked on developing projects.

"We were involved in the building of the first two condominiums on the island," she said.

By the 80s and 90s, the company shifted focus to selling land to developers, who then sold to builders. When the new century began, the focus in real estate shifted again, this time to a resale market.

Mr. Schlitt noted the increased professionalism that realty companies as a whole experienced over the years.

"We now have the multiple listing service, professional standards and cooperation," he said.

Now, the market is experiencing a growth in real estate sales, but because of the longevity of the company, they expected the upturn.

"There have always been these cycles of real estate in Florida," Mr. Schlitt said. "We've seen the bottom and now we're going to see a period of growth."

In the local market, the company does a lot of business with retirees and second home buyers. But a growing trend here on the Treasure Coast is of families moving to the area, both from up north, as well as from the southern part of the state.

The team relies on the

strength of the company to be able to serve the variety of needs that an agricultural community that also sits by the ocean presents.

"We have specializations in every area, and our agents work very closely together," he said.

What helps is the new technology that is not only available to them, but what they have also developed themselves.

"We can now access data and research in a more mobile environment using iPads and cell phones," Mr. Schlitt said. "For example, we

can use an iPad to give someone in another state a virtual tour of a property here."

In addition, the use of technology allows the company to do business remotely to help the buyer or seller that can be here in person.

The company has also developed its own buyer's guide that is published four times a year, featuring a vast selection of different real estate properties all over the Treasure Coast.

Recently, the realty acquired Hoyt Murphy Realty in June of 2012, as well as Paradise Property in Brevard that

same year.

The secret to their success lies in working together as a team and helping others in the community.

"We spend a lot of our own time organizing fundraisers," Ms. Schlitt-Gonzalez said. "Our agents are very active and eager to give back to the community and their clients."

Coldwell Banker Paradise Hoyt Murphy has nine offices on the Treasure Coast. In Sebastian, they are located 1209 U.S. 1. For more information, call (772) 589-7777 or go online to www.flcoldwell-banker.com.

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Appreciation dinner will feature Florida attorney general

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TREASURE COAST — Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi will be guest speaker at the Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner, being held at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce.

The public is invited to come and hear Ms. Bondi speak at the dinner.

"We were fortunate to be able to have Ms. Bondi as the keynote speaker," said Ed

Glaser, executive director of the Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers.

A native of Tampa, Ms. Bondi became Florida's 37th Attorney General on Nov. 2, 2010. She is currently a member on the board of The Spring, a domestic violence shelter in



Pam Bondi

Tampa. She also serves on the Special Olympic Florida Board of Directors.

In addition to numerous awards, she was also recognized with the 2011 Leadership Award by the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators for her efforts to stop prescription drug abuse.

The dinner is the first of its kind for the Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers, a nonprofit group serving St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee counties.

The nonprofit organization helps those agencies by providing a way for residents to anonymously provide tips that can lead to arrests of criminals or recovery of property.

"We have worked with 15 different law enforcement agencies throughout the area," Mr. Glaser said. "So we wanted to recognize them all for supporting us over the years."

All the law-enforcement agencies in the four-county area will receive an award

that evening.

Through the organization, the tips are passed on to the law enforcement working the case and if the tip proves successful, the person who left it is eligible for a cash reward.

Last year, approximately 180 arrests were made based on tips received through the nonprofit. This year, the organization is averaging about 75 tips a month.

The Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner will be

held from 6 to 9 p.m. on May 15 at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce. Tickets are \$60, and can be purchased by call Judy Roberts at (772) 770-5136. Requests for tickets can be emailed to tcsc@ircsheriff.org or go on the website at www.tcwatch.org.

People can give their crime tips without giving their names by calling (800) 273-8477 ("TIPS"), by texting Tip 151 plus the tip to 274637 or by visiting the Crime Stoppers website.

Silent run honored Boston marathoners and their families



Staff photo by Jessica Tuggle

Close to 100 people gathered in Riverside Park at 5:30 a.m. on April 18 to run a mile to honor the people in Boston that were affected by the Boston Marathon finish line bombing on April 15. Before the run, event organizer Brooke Malone held up signs commemorating the event and outlining its purpose. The run was silent except for the footfalls on the asphalt and the measured breaths of the participants, who felt a kinship to the runners who faced tragedy in a location where victory and joy are so often found.

By Jessica Tuggle
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VERO BEACH — The morning sky was still dark and hearts were heavy, but the steady pounding of dozens of sneakers on pavement in Riverside Park showed Indian River Coun-

ty runners standing in solidarity with Boston Marathon runners who were blindsided with an attack last week.

At 5:30 a.m. on April 18, close to 100 runners and community members ran one mile in complete silence to remember the

people affected, injured or killed during the twin bombings at the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 15.

Five runners from Vero Beach and one from Sebastian participated in the iconic American race, and all six were uninjured,



Kendra Brown and Jeri Lynn Kranze of Vero Beach, both participants in the 2013 Boston Marathon, carried the U.S. flag in an early morning run in Riverside Park on April 18 to honor their fellow runners and the spectators that were affected in the Boston Marathon bombing on April 15. The "Mile of Silence" run was organized by local Brooke Malone for herself and some friends, but news of the run was shared on social media and close to 100 runners participated in the event.

Staff photo by Jessica Tuggle

though not all were allowed to finish the marathon. Several of the participants came out to the "Mile of Silence" run and expressed their appreciation for the love of their home community in this way.

"We are all runners. We all have friends and family that wait to meet us at the finish line. We might not have been there at that time, but we've all been there," said Linda Soresi, a Mile of Silence participant.

"At any given time, it could have been any one of us," said Bob Roth, another participant.

Event organizer Brooke Malone of Vero Beach recently started running, and when she heard about the bombing she was horrified and heartbroken.

"I'm new to running, very, very new, and I feel like I chose a place to call my playground and on Monday someone entered this playground and made a mess," Ms. Malone said.

She was motivated to do something to help, but didn't know what to do.

"I said, well, we're runners, so we run," Ms. Malone said.

What started off as a plan for a small group of friends

to run together exploded into a group of 100 or more people wanting to run to honor the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing after news of the run spread to social media.

"It was way beyond my control," Ms. Malone said.

Jeri Lynn Kranze was a half-mile from completing her first Boston Marathon when the bombs went off at the finish line and she was redirected off the course and not allowed to complete her run.

"It was very comforting to come home and have that (run). I felt loved and very thankful," Mrs. Kranze said.

On the day of the bombing, her thoughts went to her husband, Richard Kranze, who was supposed to be waiting for her at the finish line.

"I wanted to get out of there, I didn't want to be trapped," Mrs. Kranze said.

She began making her way slowly back toward her hotel. Unbeknownst to her, that was exactly the path her husband was taking as well.

"I was on the bleachers directly across from the first blast. I jumped down and saw a lot of blood and so on, and I was on the street when the second one went off, and I thought she might have been there because she was due to finish soon," Mr. Kranze said.

Law enforcement and emergency services personnel were redirecting pedestrians, so Mr. Kranze began walking the streets back to where his hotel, where he and other friends were staying.

"About an hour and 10 minutes later, I saw her beautiful red hair and I ran toward her and kissed her and hugged her and we were together again," Mr. Kranze said.

After the run, the runners sang a spontaneous cappella rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner." Then, the group dispersed just as quickly as they arrived.

Some continued running, while others headed toward their vehicles and back to their families, their jobs and their lives. But the reason for their run that morning would never be forgotten.



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Police report

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

Arrests listed were made from April 10 to April 16, 2013

Fellsmere Police Department

- Rory Cassidy Spence, 43, of 1530 Addie St., Sebastian, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and driving under the influence with knowledge.

Vero Beach Police Department

- Thomas Glenn Everest, 43, of 2440 De Soto Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with felony battery with a prior conviction.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

- Ismael Hernandez Ayala, 40,

- of 4900 33rd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with fleeing and eluding and no Florida driver license.
- Landy Boatwright, 42, of 1413 G Terrace, Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of cocaine, uttering a forged instrument, possession of a fictitious driver license, unlawful use of an identification card and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Michel Chavez, 30, of 635 18th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with fleeing and eluding and driving under the influence.
- Antwavian Vachon Chavis, 34, of 510 12th Road, Apt. 108, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- Henry Martin Drane, 29, of 5710 Tropicana Drive, Sebastian, was charged with domestic violence aggravated battery.
- John William McBride, 47, of 2473 Madden Ave. S.W., Palm Bay, was charged with corruption by threat, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while license suspended with knowledge.
- Kevin Christopher Sneed, 24, of 5760 58th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with lewd and lascivious battery and child abuse.

- Joseph Lee Bryant, 51, of 4411 26th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine and resisting arrest without violence.
- Frederick William Discher, 47, of 261 Sixth Court S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with burglary and battery.
- Darrin Damont Evans, 28, of 2818 Jefferson Parkway, Fort Pierce, was charged with two counts of grand theft of a firearm and armed burglary of a dwelling, structure or conveyance.
- Diane Fey, 55, of 2184 19th St., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana.
- Jennifer Ashley Hunter, 28, of 1701 U.S. 1, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of buprenorphine, oxycodone, cocaine and hydromorphone and two charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Dean Allen Kwek, 58, of 8686 104th Ave., Vero Beach, was

- charged with possession of cocaine.
- Daniel Ortiz, 19, of 2626 Northwest 99th Ave., Bldg. 34, Coral Springs, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.
- Cesar Robles, 19, of 1402 25th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of drug cultivation paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.
- Timothy Salyers, 23, of 2011 14th St., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana.
- Kenneth Antonionathaniel Stokes, 30, of 9345 103rd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with failure of a sex offender to notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or an address or name change.
- Brian Leonard Williams, 30, of 3865 18th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant woman

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- and criminal mischief.
- William Edward Cherry, 64, of 2305 15th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine, marijuana and a controlled substance.
- Mitchell Brad Martinez, 35, of 3017 15th St., Vero Beach, was charged with three counts of aggravated assault.
- Alexander Gabriel Stewart, 24, of 5835 59th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell, carrying a concealed firearm, possession of a firearm, ammunition or electric device by a convicted felon, resisting arrest without violence and possession of consuming alcohol in a public place.
- Kevin Nicholas Dove, 20, of 2335 85th Drive, Vero Beach,

- was charged with felony battery.
- Shayne Eric Lavery, 42, homeless, Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated assault, battery and possession of marijuana.
- Sean D. Gregoire, 27, of 6804 Mirmar Ave., Apt. B, Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of cocaine and driving while license expired.
- Britney Hogue, 24, of 120 La Playa Lane, Sebastian, was charged with grand theft.
- Dylan Charles Manchester, 19, of 3840 16th St., Vero Beach, was charged with armed trespass on property and trespass.
- Jeffrey Alan Lessard, 43, of 341 Mercury Ave. S.E., Apt. 204, Palm Bay, was charged with failure to appear in court on charges of robbery.

Police briefs

Shooter in March incident arrested

On April 19, investigators from the Indian River County Sheriff's Office arrested Marquis Wright on outstanding warrants for attempted second degree murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

He turned himself in at the Sheriff's Office. The report states the incident took place in the backyard of a residence in the 4400 block of 34th Court. The victim was transported to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center for surgery, and later identified the suspect from a photo line up.

Deputy spit on by intoxicated subject

On April 18, an Indian River County deputy was spit on while arresting Larry Scott Estes II for disorderly intoxication. When Mr. Estes had been handcuffed for another incident, deputies attempted to

bring him to a patrol car. Mr. Estes refused to walk and made verbal threats towards the deputies. Once in the back of the patrol car, he began to kick the back window of the car. When putting a leg restraint on Mr. Estes, he continues to physically resisted and spit into the face of a deputy.

Woman barricades herself in home

On April 17, two females were in a verbal dispute in front of an apartment in Gifford. One of the subjects, Tamara Moore, fired a gun. Ms. Moore then went into her apartment and locked herself in. SWAT and a crisis

negotiation team were called to the scene. She was taken into custody later that morning and charged with aggravated assault with a firearm, discharge of a firearm in public and improper exhibition of a weapon. Information received from police, fire rescue and other government reports

Gifford leaders: Shootings unacceptable in community

By Jessica Tuggle
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GIFFORD — A regular community orientated policing enforcement meeting in Gifford highlighted dangerous shootings recently in the area. About 30 Gifford residents, community leaders and members of the Indian River County Sheriff's Office gathered at the Gifford Youth Activity Center on April 15 and talked about community safety in light of recent shootings that left at least five injured. Over Easter weekend, there were three incidents in Gifford, two of which are thought to be linked, and where guns were fired. One was a domestic incident, another a drive-by shooting and the other was amid a crowd of 300 or more people. Since then, other domestic disturbances in the area have involved firearms as well. Freddie Woolfork said the domestic incidents are harder to address but overall, the community and the churches and the law enforcement are working as a team to discourage disagreements from escalating to guns. "What we're trying to do

is get people to take another look at their situation and make a conscious decision," Mr. Woolfork said. "People can find themselves in an argument or a bad situation and at the moment it's just affecting them, but when a firearm is introduced into the picture, it affects everyone in the vicinity." This isn't something one person, or a small handful of people can help accomplish, it's going to take a lot of people getting involved, Mr. Woolfork said. "This isn't a lone ranger mentality, there needs to be a lot of Tontos going around," he said with a laugh. T-shirts can be seen around the community with the saying "Nice people live in Gifford" and "Because nice matters." The shirts were donated by local man who wanted to show his support to the Gifford community, Mr. Woolfork said. "Now people are wearing them as walking billboards," he said. The sheriff's office showed the group the surveillance video from Smith's grocery on March 31 that pointed to the scene where a physical altercation turned even more dangerous when

shots were fired, said Sgt. Thomas Raulen, public information officer with the sheriff's office. "Community residents expressed disappointment after seeing the video and began discussing ways to avoid a situation like that from occurring again," he said. The vacant lot next to the grocery store is owned by an individual who has been contacted by law enforcement. "The area will now be designated as a no trespassing site with the goal of allowing law enforcement will be able to monitor its use more carefully," Sgt. Raulen said. Encouraging people to disperse back to their homes after community events was another topic discussed at the meeting. The reason so many people were gathered near the grocery store was because many of them congregated there after a community car show, Sheriff Deryl Loar said. Groups that large with no activity fueling their purpose have the potential to be unsafe, as in the case of the March 31 shooting. A physical fight between two pairs of brothers and their friends over a woman escalated into a shooting

when someone fired a gun into the air, possibly to try and break up the fight, Sgt. Raulen said. "After the first shot was fired, the crowd began to duck and scramble for cover, but shell casings on the ground show that more people fired their guns as well in the midst of the

chaos. Casings of four guns were found at the scene," Sgt. Raulen said. One arrest had been made in the case, but then the charges were dropped when it became clear it was a case of mistaken identity. The Easter shootings are still active investigations, and anyone with more

information about them can contact Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers give law enforcement a tip anonymously. To submit an anonymous tip to Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers, call (800) 273-8477 or visit www.tcwatch.org.

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How RAM affects what computer you buy

One of the questions that I am asked frequently by people who are looking to buy a new computer is whether the machine they are looking at has enough RAM.

Usually I ask them what they are planning on using the machine for and how much memory the machine has. Then I usually can't help but to laugh inside when I hear the answer.

It's very common today to hear things like "well it only has two gigabytes of memory and all I'm planning on doing with it is email and surfing the Web. Will two gigs be enough?" Or, "I don't use the machine for much, I just mainly use it for email and Quicken. Quicken is very important to me and I want to make sure my new machine is going to be able to run it OK. Are you sure that just two gigabytes is going to be able to do the job?"

And, "the ad says this machine can take up to four gigabytes. Maybe I should get four just to be safe. What do you think?"

It's at that point I usually have to stifle a chuckle because to me that's funny.

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to be rude, cocky or arrogant, it's just that I've been doing this for a while and I can remember, not too long ago, when just the idea of having a gigabyte of memory in your home computer was the stuff of science fiction.

I can even remember writing a column in 1996 explaining to readers how they should be able to run their machines with just 16 megabytes of memory. Just to put that in perspective, 1,000 megabytes equals 1 gigabyte.

Again, don't get me wrong, I'm not saying you can run one of today's machines with only 16 mb; you certainly do need considerably more than that to run Windows 8, Windows 7, Vista or even XP, but even with a fancy operating system such as Windows 8, the basic tasks haven't changed much and two gigs of memory should be just fine to check e-mail, surf the Web and run Quicken.

Another way to put the whole memory question into perspective is to think of it in terms of money.



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Back around 1996, when Windows still in its infancy, RAM was very expensive. At the time that I wrote that previous column, saying 16 mb was enough, RAM was going for about \$50 per megabyte, meaning that the 16 mb I was advocating cost about \$800. So that means a gigabyte, or 1,000 megabytes, back then would have cost about \$50,000!

Another factor that I consider is the level of machine that they are replacing. Very often, I will speak to someone who is replacing an old system and they wonder if two gigabytes will work for them on the new machine. Doesn't it stand to reason that if you were able to surf the Web, check your email and run Quicken on the machine you are replacing, then a new machine, with more than 10 times the memory, shouldn't have a problem handling those same tasks?

Today, the tasks haven't changed. It's still email, the Web and maybe some critical program such as Quicken, but whenever I hear people pondering whether two gigabytes will do it for them I can't help but hear that little "grampa voice" in the back of my head saying, "back in my day we couldn't afford a gigabyte. We got by with 16 megs and we liked it!"

Back in 1996, I don't think I could have ever imagined being able to get a gigabyte of RAM, let alone pay less than \$100 for it. The whole thing makes me wonder what things will be like a decade or so in the future.

In 10 years, will we have people wondering if 1 terabyte — 1,000 gigabytes — will be enough or if maybe they should spring for two? Regardless, I'm sure they will probably still only use their machine for checking e-mail, surfing the Web and running Quicken.

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Reuniting old companions



After searching 4 1/2 months for her dog Xuka, Vero Beach resident Stephanie Bailey sheds tears of joy right after the two are reunited at The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County last Monday. Bailey's neighbors, Vero Beach Animal Control and the Vero Beach Police Department joined the search for the shy Chow mix who, accidentally slipped her collar and ran off. A Vero Beach Police officer is credited with finding the lucky Xuka.

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Fishing is for the birds

I read this article and it lit my fire. The fishing here has gone from great to awful in three years. The proof is now in that in Indian River County, 37,000 septic tanks are dumping 10 million gallons of effluent a day and it winds up in the Lagoon. Florida requires 60 percent of the residents to approve moving to sewers and the local residents don't want to pay up. This is everyone's problem, since fishing and watersports bring the local economy millions each year. Think. Hotels, restaurants, retirement housing, real estate businesses, tackle shops, fishing guides and boat dealers will begin to suffer. A few years from now the tax base will shrink dramatically.

Is the Florida DEP asleep? Why do the residents get a choice to cause an environmental and economic disaster? What are the impacted organizations, local newspapers, associations and civic leaders doing? If you wait much longer to address this issue, you will suffer an economic and environmental disaster that will take over a decade to fix.

No more teacher rants

According to the National Mining Association the average coal miners wage in 2011 in the United States was \$81,200 per year. TeacherSalaryInfo.com states the average teacher's salary in St. Lucie County in 2012 is \$33,200. I'm sure the majority of teachers here would trade a chance to work in the mines even though we may contract a little "black lung" and the possibility of been "as blind as moles" to make almost three times the money.

As a teacher, I'd take twice that just to avoid reading the rants of a few delusional ignorant people who obviously place no value on our children's education or the people who go above and beyond (I average \$600 plus a year out of my own salary to buy supplies) to provide it.

Bring back the arcades

These were places to meet people and socialize and play the machines, maybe have some lunch. Many of these people do not drive, movies are very expensive and the snacks even more so, or spending money for a trip to a casino by bus. Give us a break and bring back the arcades for all of us

Until it's your child

The only ban President Obama wanted on guns was on the AR-15's and the AK-47's. There has been nothing said about taking your shotguns your rifles you hunt with or your pistols. There should be background checks on everybody that wants to buy a gun. These gun shows do not do background checks. Anyone can buy a gun from them and go on a shooting spree. What in Sam Hill has happened to

this country? People have gone crazy over guns. They don't give a crap about human life. Look at all the kids that have been murdered. I just bet if all you gun-ho people sent your little one to school and some nut went there with an assault rifle and killed your child plus hundreds of others, you would maybe feel different? What is the NRA doing running Washington anyway?

All I hear is the NRA this and the NRA that. Why is congress accepting money from them to not pass a bill like getting rid of these assault guns? No, peaceful American gun owners do not threaten others. But there are these crazy nuts out there that kill the children. Don't you peaceful Americans want to stop the killings or do you just close your eyes because it isn't your child yet!

Act like trash, pick up trash

Recently, several articles were written ranting about litter problems. We have many people committing criminal acts within our community. These people rob us, harm us, commit property damage, take advantage of us and give our community a bad name. I think it's time to pay it back. The misdemeanor offenders get litter projects along with jail time. They wear a fluorescent T-shirt that states "I Love My Community and I'm Paying Back." Everyone will see them and this if not a lesson learned for them; at least it will benefit us. The message it speaks is "Act like trash then pick up trash." I would much rather see our tax dollars pay for supervision of a program like this that truly benefits us as a whole.

More regarding the food stamp program

We applied for food stamps on March 31, after my husband lost his job. His employer's bounced payroll checks in January 2013, and he ended up not getting paid for a month because the employer could not meet payroll.

My husband was supposed to receive a two-week unemployment check from the State of Florida Unemployment Office. He got his first one-week check in February, not a two-week claim as stated.

We got a letter from the Food Stamp office on February 23, stating that we make too much money for being both on unemployment compensation. My husband gets \$167 per week and I get \$186 per week, which averages less than \$5 per hour.

We have a reasonable mortgage that increased from \$550 per month to \$750 per month due to a homeowner's insurance increase. We have no cell phones, a small vehicle payment and auto and basic household bills. We can barely meet these basic needs.

We do not need cable to survive. We do not eat out, take vacations or spend money on new luxury items. We've still got an old television and freeze leftovers for tight financial weeks, yet we were denied food stamps.

Thank you for not giving us temporary food assistance. Thank goodness we pre-paid our unemployment wages while working legally in Florida while illegal immigrants get food stamps somehow and insurance for their kids.

Leave the parks alone

Stop taking away all of the public parks. We should have a say in what happens with our tax money.

We should revolt against the oil companies

For years we have been driving around and filling up our tanks and didn't think about gas prices rising. The oil companies are sticking it to us with the high prices. We should have a gas-out day, when we just don't buy gas for the day. We should stick it to them like they've been sticking it to us. Why can't we do something about it? The middle class can't even survive anymore; never mind the people that have been struggling for a long time now. We should all get together and do something.

Code enforcement should do their job

In answer to the rant about code enforcement and residents not seeing them doing their job; look up and down U.S. 1, they are there making life difficult for small business owners.

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Business

A family business puts customers and quality service first

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VERO BEACH — When Dale Brandt started his appliance repair business in 1989, he never imagined that it would grow like it has.

“We’ve come a long way in 24 years,” he says, “I’m humbled by it.”

Mr. Brandt started Brandt’s Appliance Parts and Service as a one-man operation. Brandt’s now boasts 32 employees and 20 service trucks.

After spending a few years in Sebastian, followed by 18 years on Dodger Road in Vero Beach, Mr. Brandt moved into a prime location a year ago on U.S. 1, just a few miles south of Wabasso.

Mr. Brandt says he built his business with one philosophy: Treat people like you want to be treated. That’s not just lip-service, either. Just two nights ago, he personally went to help an elderly customer whose refrigerator had stopped working at 11p.m.

“I had to transfer all of her food to a refrigerator in the garage,” he said.

Unlike most appliance repair companies whose servicemen are specialized for specific types of appliances, each of Brandt’s technicians is certified to repair just about everything.

Brandt’s techs get service calls from Mims to Stuart

and everywhere in between. The business is licensed to service more than 40 name-brand appliances and has a service agreement with Lowes to service their products as well.

Their service is so good, Whirlpool named Brandt’s first in customer satisfaction in the Southeast region of the United States for 2011 and 2012.

The new location has allowed Brandt’s to expand its services into the area of outdoor kitchens. But they don’t just repair them, they build them.

“We realized that there was a void that needed to be filled,” says Paul Stokes, outdoor sales specialist. “Why hire three different companies to build your island, do your stonework, supply the equipment and provide service and maintenance when you can just hire one company to do it all?”

In becoming that “one company,” Brandt’s has hired a stone mason with 31 years of experience and in-house fabricators.

But Mr. Brandt’s newest pride and joy is his outdoor kitchen showroom. Displaying their work with two full-length stone kitchen islands, installed with top-of-the-line grills, coolers, ice machines and fireplaces, it’s bound to be the envy of every person that walks in.

“As far as I know, there is



Staff photo by Will Gardner

The staff of Brandt’s Appliance are waiting to meet you. From left, Jacaline Brandt, Dale Brandt, Paul Stokes and Vince Shababy.

no one within 200 miles who is doing what we do,” says Mr. Stokes. “And I don’t think there is anyone in Florida with a showroom like this.”

Some attribute Mr. Brandt’s success to the family-like atmosphere of

the company. Among his employees are his son, Dale Jr. and daughter, Jacaline. Brandt’s Service Director Vince Shababy has been with the company for 23 years. There are also husbands and wives who work there. Paul

Stokes’ wife, Melissa, is the office manager.

“Dale is easy to work for,” Mr. Stokes said. “He’s laid back and mild-mannered. He has just one rule: Do your job and do it right.”

It’s easy to see how Mr.

Brandt’s approach to people and business made him the patriarch of this family.

Brandt’s Appliance Parts and Service is located at 6880 U.S 1 in Vero Beach. They can be reached at (772) 562-5759.

Workforce Solutions Regional Job fair draws large crowd

By Dawn Krebs
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TREASURE COAST — Hundreds of job seekers traveled to the Havert L. Fenn Center in Fort Pierce on Wednesday on April 17 for the Spring Job Fair.

By 11 a.m., the line for people getting into the fair snaked down the long hall-

way running next to the gymnasium, where the fair was being conducted.

“The turnout was fantastic,” said Odaly Victorio, the communication coordinator for Workforce Solutions.

According to Ms. Victorio, more than 500 people were waiting for the event doors to open to be the first to take advantage of the 89 employ-

ers from St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee counties who are waiting to talk to them.

A number of businesses from all over the Treasure Coast had representatives at the event, including the Fort Pierce Police Department, the city of Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie County, Indian River State College and the St.

Lucie County School Board.

In addition to the employer booths, there were also two sessions to show potential employees how to write a successful resume and learning tips on having a successful interview.

Another job fair is planned for the fall, but for now, Ms. Victorio says all the employers have information on the Workforce Solutions website.

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tion that helps area businesses, job seekers and economic development.

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Dozens of employers attended the Spring Job Fair Expo held by Workforce Solutions on April 17 in Fort Pierce.

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• The GFWC Treasure Coast Women meet the first Monday of each month at the Community Center, 2266 14th Ave., at 7 p.m. Women over 18 are welcome. This is a community service volunteer organization and that promotes fel-

lowship among women. For more information, visit www.gfwctreasurecoast-women.org.

• **Exchange Club of Indian River** meets Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m. at Culinary Capers, 737 22nd Street, Vero Beach. This civic club is a group of men and women working together to

make the community a better place to live. For more information, call (772) 532-4398, email bluewateropen@gmail.com, or visit www.exchangeclubofindianriver.org and www.bluewateropen.org.

• **The Sebastian Fishin' Chic's** meet the last Thursday of the month, at the Roseland Center, 12973 83rd, Ave., Roseland Doors open at 5:45 p.m. For more information, call Jackie Reyno, (321) 652-6429.

• **The Mental Health Association in Indian River County** bipolar support group will meet at the Mental Health Association offices at 777 37th St., Suite D-105, Vero Beach, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Family members and loved ones are also welcome to attend. For more information, call (772) 569-9788.

• **Treasure Coast Archeological Society for Treasure Hunting and Metal Detecting** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the North County Indian River Library on

County Road 512 in Sebastian. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information, call (321) 388-9047.

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

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

• **TOPS 470:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Micco Chapter No. 470 meets every Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco, next to Barefoot Bay. New members are always welcome. For more information, call (772) 388-3984.

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

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

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

• **COPE Support Group:** The Indian River County Council on Aging with the Visiting Nurse Association offers a support group to help caregivers cope with the day-to-day care of a loved one. The group meets the third Thursday of every month from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church,

1405 Louisiana Ave., Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 569-0760.

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

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

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

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

• **Man-to-Man North Indian River, prostate cancer support group,** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Sebastian River Medical Center dining room, 13695 U.S. 1, Sebastian.

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Mommy-son dance taking place

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River County Recreation Department is offering a chance for sons to take their moms out on a date to the inaugural Mommy Son Dance taking place June 1.

The cost is \$32.10 per couple, which includes food and goodie bag. Additional children are \$5.35 per person. The event is for children ages 3 to 9.

The Polish American Social Club will become party central this year for dancing, music, food, and

entertainment. The fun will start at 6 p.m. and will last until 8 p.m. Get there early for pictures, which begin at 5:30 p.m.

Registration began April 22 for children ages 3 through 9. Registration is limited to the first 220 couples and ends on May 24. Register at any of these locations: County Administration Building, North County Aquatic Center, or Gifford Aquatic Center.

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Celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day the right way

Tanya Goldsmith of the University of Florida Master Gardeners Program, give her grandson Kyle, 6, a hug for the bird feeder he painted for her during the Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration Saturday, April 20.



Cliff Partlow staff photographer



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Jeff and Karley Krasnow, creators of Balls Go Round, help Alex Cason fill two used tennis balls with flower seeds and a bulb during the Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration Saturday in Riverview Park. The brother and sister team take hundreds of used tennis balls and reuse them in a numbers of ways like seeding pots, jar and bottle openers.

Mothers to be honored at concert featuring chorale



"The Dolls" will be among the special performers at the Treasure Coast Chorale's Mother's Day concert, "Everything is Beautiful," directed by Michael Carter.

Photo courtesy of Sally Westphalen

By Jessica Tuggle
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VERO BEACH — The season may be winding down, but 80 voices practicing at First Baptist Church of Vero Beach still have one more concert to give before taking a summer break.

The Treasure Coast Chorale, a community choir with members ranging from the teenage years to golden years, will present "Everything Beautiful" at 7 p.m. May 12 at the First Baptist Church of Vero Beach.

The Mother's Day performance will honor all

mothers and the music will be themed around beauty, said Sally Westphalen, public relations coordinator for the chorale.

The concert is free, but an offering will be taken for donations to cover the cost of producing the concert. The doors will open at 6 p.m. Guests are encouraged to arrive early for the concert as the concerts are often standing-room only.

The chorale's music director, Michael Carter, who is also the music minister at the church, plans all the chorale's concerts carefully, incorporating high quality vocals, instruments

and visual appeal.

"There are so many lovely compositions that concern themselves with beauty that it was difficult to choose among them," Rev. Carter said in a press release.

Included among the musical selections will be a medley from "Beauty and the Beast" and "Beautiful" made famous by Christina Aguilera.

His wife, Judy Carter, will accompany the chorale on piano, and other instrumentalists include guitarist Dave Mundy, drummer

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Relay for Life of the Beaches invites cancer survivors

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

VERO BEACH — Last year, the Relay for Life of the Beaches celebrated with more than 90 cancer survivors at its seventh annual event.

The American Cancer Society is celebrating 100 years in 2013 and the committee's goal is to honor 100 or more cancer survivors at this year's Relay.

To achieve this goal, the planning committee is extending an invitation to all cancer survivors to come to Relay for Life of the Beaches and participate in the survivor activities that include a free dinner reception for all survivors and their caregivers following the special Survivor's Lap scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. May 3 in Riverside Park in Vero Beach.

Relay for Life is a great

way for people to meet other cancer survivors in their own community. In many communities, survivors form their own teams or join existing teams. They also frequently volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

Cancer survivors are invited to sign up now at www.relayforlife.org/beachesfl or calling Theresa Woodson at (772) 562-2272-Ext. 2403.

Out & about

THROUGH APRIL 30

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

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• **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 Writing. For details on attendance at this and other NLAPW events and activities call Marlowe Arnold at (772) 562-6083 or Rosemary Brofos at (772) 231-4786.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

unconditional-love/events/calendar.

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

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

• **Friday farmer's market**
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Indian River Habitat receives an Affiliate of the Year Award

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — For the sixth time in the last seven years, Indian River Habitat for Humanity has been named Affiliate of the Year by Habitat for Humanity International. HFHI recognizes affiliates in three categories — Small (less than 50,000 population); Medium (50,000-250,000); and Large (over 250,000). Indian River Habitat is in the Medium category, in

which there are approximately 650 affiliates. This award is based on total families served by the affiliate, both in its local area, Indian River County, and around the world. According to Indian River Habitat CEO Andy Bowler, the local affiliate, during its 22 years in existence, has served a total of 372 families within the county through the construction of 287 new homes, the rehabbing of 39 existing homes, and the

repair of 46 homes belonging to the elderly, the infirm and veterans. “We have been truly blessed to have such a wonderful, dedicated support base of volunteers, donors, and staff, who, along with our deserving families, have made this award possible,” said Mr. Bowler. “They have definitely helped us fulfill our mission of ‘seeking to put God’s love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope.’”



Indian River Habitat staff with the Affiliate of the Year Award during the 2013 Habitat for Humanity Global Conference in Atlanta. From left: Family Services Support Coordinator Debbie Parcher; Financial Controller Sara Mayo; IRHFH President/CEO Andy Bowler; Family Services Manager Lindsey Smith; and Habitat Home Center ReStore General Manager Sheradi Monroe.

Photo courtesy of Sam Baita

Florida’s 500th anniversary has ties to the Indian River

By Jessica Tuggle jtuggle@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Sometimes it takes a look into the past to gain understanding about the present and a vision for the future. This year, 2013, marks the 500th anniversary of Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon’s landing on Florida’s east coast. The founding fathers of the United States of America wouldn’t be born for more than a century when the

first Spanish explorers from Europe were tromping along the wetlands and fields of a land they named “La Florida.” Since that time, Florida has continued to become a diverse location with a unique and interesting history. “Wherever you are in Florida, there is a tie to the 500-year celebration,” said Pamela J. Cooper, the supervisor of the archive center and genealogy department of the Indian River County main library.

The Spanish were the first non-natives to explore the Florida frontier and document what they found, including places in present-day Indian River County, said Ruth Stanbridge, county historian. “The Indian River and the whole lagoon area had a lot of dealings with the Spanish,” she said. “The Spanish sent explorers to document and survey the Indian River Lagoon. The earliest maps we have are hand-drawn and note where the Indian villages were.”

River County. Barker’s Bluff, the location of the home of Paul Krogel, the first defender of the birds on Pelican Island in the late 1800s, was actually an Ays shell mound, where they would discard their shells after consuming shellfish, Mr. Lyons said. The shell is no longer there, as it was sold in 1908 to provide shell to create roads in Micco and Stuart. Not far from the Alma Lee Loy Bridge a substantial mound was found that included seated burials. “No one is certain, but it is possible that that location could be the burial site of the head chief of the Ays,” Mr. Lyons said.

lands and its people wasn’t the only valuable thing the Spanish explorers discovered 500 years ago, Mr. Lyons said. “The discovery of the gulf stream is one of the very first things we see. It was then used regularly to bring fleets in and then home to Spain. It had a powerful effect on the Spanish Navy,” he said. “And the Gulf Stream is only about 40 miles or so offshore here.” The Spanish explorers traveled the east coast of Florida on foot many times and on sea in the waters of the Atlantic, Mrs. Stanbridge said. “It just boggles your mind how far they got without maps, without GPS. I don’t know if people stop and think about how incredible it all was,” she said. “The Spanish named the St. Sebastian and the St. Lucie rivers. They called our river, ‘Rio de Ays,’ which means River of the Ays. When the English came, they translated the name to River of the Indian, and we now call it the Indian River.”

built a fort or tried to settle the area, they did set up survivor camps after shipwrecks and some artifacts have been found in various places in the Treasure Coast where those camps used to be, Mr. Lyons said. As part of the 500th commemorative celebration, “Viva Florida 500,” the state library sent all the county library systems a time capsule to fill and preserve pieces of present-day history for future residents, Ms. Cooper said. “One of the most popular requests by people looking into their personal history is to see photos of buildings,” Ms. Cooper said. “City growth and change or neglect causes buildings to be moved or destroyed, forever removing a link a person in the future may wish, unless it is preserved in a photograph.” Residents can participate in the time capsule project by emailing photos of the structures to timecapsule@irclibrary.org. “I’d like to have a picture of every building in Indian River County, the businesses, the churches the schools, even the houses,” Ms. Cooper said.

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Florida’s unpredictable weather patterns did not always help the Spanish, as is evidenced by dozens of shipwrecks along the coast, many of them carrying precious cargo for which present day shipwreck salvagers, or treasure hunters, spend their entire lives searching. The shipwreck of the 1715 fleet occurred in the waters off of Indian River County and the ships’ treasures have been discovered from the Sebastian Inlet to Fort Pierce, a big reason the area is also known as the Treasure Coast, Mr. Lyons said. Two places in Sebastian, Mel Fisher’s Treasure Museum and the McLarty Treasure Museum, tell the tale of the shipwrecks and the present-day discoveries. While the Spanish never

“They stayed true to their own religious beliefs and stuck with their culture,” Mr. Lyons said. The Indian River County main library has a display on the second floor outlining some of the local history with Spanish explorers and native people. Discovering Florida’s

While the Spanish never

While the Spanish never

Out

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in downtown Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 581-2746. • **Men’s singles tennis pyramid:** Play runs from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at the Riverside Racquet Complex, 350 Dahlia Lane, Vero Beach. This is an adult league for ages 18 and older; men’s levels of 3.5/4.0. The fees are \$2 per week for members and \$5 per week for

non-members (plus \$1 light fee per hour when applicable). Participants must check inside the pro shop with the attendant on duty and pay before going to the courts. Players must register weekly by sending an email to Brian Orzel, singles pyramid coordinator at orzelp@gmail.com by noon on Thursdays. A maximum of 14 players will be accepted for these pyramid or ladder format sets against three

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Running at South Beach in memory of Brian Simpson

More than 350 runners and walkers gathered at South Beach Saturday for the second annual Brian Simpson Memorial 5K Walk/Run. Rain and clouds gave way to blue skies before the race and the event went off without a hitch. Brian Simpson was shot and killed during an alleged burglary of their central beach home on Nov. 17, 2011. All of the proceeds from Saturday's event will go to the Victim's Rights Coalition of Indian River County. April 20 marked the beginning of National Victim's Rights Week.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
Kristen Simpson, right, gets a good luck hug from M. J. Wicker, a close family friend, before Saturday's Brian Simpson Memorial 5K Run/Walk.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
First place male and female runners Jake Sonzogni, left, (wearing headband) and Mary Lunn (wearing sunglasses) started together and finished in first with times of 18:25 and 20:38 respectively.

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different opponents. For more information contact Gaby Dwyer, tennis supervisor, at (772) 231-4787 or contact Brian Orzel at (772) 538-0465.

• **Sunset Saturday night cruises:** Oceanside Business Association of Vero Beach's sunset Saturday cruises on the second Saturday of the month located on the corner of Ocean Drive and Dahlia Lane. For more information, visit www.VeroBeachOBA.com.

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

• **Indian River Civic Association and the Florida Irish-American**

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

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

• **Italian-American War Veterans, Post No.3 and Women's Auxiliary,** located at 2500 15th Ave., Vero Beach, holds business meetings at 7 p.m., on the

second Wednesday of each month. Social meetings are held at 6 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday of the month. New members welcome. For information, call (772) 231-5673 or (772) 770-2558.

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

Jeanne Heran, Girls on the Run and Girls on Track executive director, congratulates Girls on Track runner Molly Phillips after she ran the Brian Simpson Memorial 5K Run/Walk Saturday. The program helps teach confidence, respect and self-esteem to girls, grades 6-9. For more information, go to girlsontheruntc.org.



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April 26 Horoscopes

ARIES - March 21-April 20
Aries, life might get stressful really soon unless you curb your spending. Although you may feel like you're made of money right now, eventually the well will dry up.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21
Making changes is seldom easy, but change is necessary this week, Taurus. You may need to analyze which areas of your life can use the most work.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21
Gemini, kick back and have some fun in the next few days. If you don't, you may waste an opportunity to recharge your batteries. Work responsibilities will not wait for long.

CANCER - June 22-July 22
Cancer, expect some rejuvenated ambition and energy. Spurred on by this newfound energy, you can successfully tackle many of the things on your to-do list.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23
Leo, unless you can focus you will just be puttering around without a goal. Put your mind on one thing and stick with this line of thinking for a few days.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Virgo, once you set your mind to something, it can be difficult to alter your opinions or perceptions. You may need to be a bit more flexible with a loved one this week.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Libra, if you want someone to take you seriously you have to make up your mind. Don't flip-flop on your ideals this week or you may come across as a pushover.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Scorpio, just when you think you have reached a dead end, a new path miraculously opens up. Don't miss your opportunity because time is fleeting.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23-Dec. 21
If practice makes perfect, then you will just about reach perfection, Sagittarius. You have been over and over something from every angle. It is now or never.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Capricorn, there are many things you will not be able to change about this week, so why focus on the negativity? Instead, work around any issues and get the job done anyway.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You often seem immune to the seriousness of certain situations, Aquarius. This week is no different. Try to recognize the gravity of a certain situation and put your best foot forward.

PISCES - Feb. 19-March 20
Don't think that your efforts have gone unnoticed, Pisces. A few key people have been keeping track of your accomplishments.



Celebrating Earth Day 2013 is more important than ever

With the things that have been evolving with our earth, Earth Day is becoming more and more of an important event in our society. Earth Day is a day we can look around and see all the wonders that nature has bestowed on us.

It is also a great time to think about how we can protect and beautify our environment. This task can be as simple as planting a single tree to beautify our yard, possibly planting a colorful garden for all to enjoy on your property or even donating your time to



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a local garden club to help beautify an area of your city or town.

With the growing needs of our fragile environment, now more than ever, 2013 will be an important year to do everything we can to both beautify and balance our environment.

The idea of Earth Day was initiated in 1962 as a way to get people aware of what is going on in our environment. It all started with President Kennedy in 1963 when he took a five-day conservation tour of our nation. The first official Earth Day was on April 22, 1970. Since then, Earth Day has blossomed into a national celebration where people initiate ideas that can help make our environment more eye-appealing and a better place to live.

With all the hype on how

we are depleting our Cypress forests by the use of Cypress mulch, there are many other natural alternatives we can use that are both functional and also will save our natural resources.

One thing we can use that we all have plenty of is natural grass clippings. That's right, grass clippings can make an excellent mulching material that you can use on almost all your plants and flowers. You do need to be sure, however, that your turf has not been recently treated with any herbicides. The herbicides may damage some of your tender plants.

Place the clippings around your plants in layers. Make each of your layers thin and not too thick, as the mulch will produce a smell. Apply the next thin layer after the initial layer has been allowed to dry out. As the clippings decompose, they will produce a fertilizing effect on your plants. The clippings tend to add nutrients back to the soil as they decay and work their

way into the dirt. Another great natural mulching material is pine needles. This material is not suitable for all plants, but is great for the majority of plants we use in this part of Florida.

You can use pine clippings on any plants that are acid loving. This list can include ixoria, hibiscus, bottlebrush, azalea, gardenia, junipers, and banana trees along with many other plants that require a high-acid content in the soil.

Not only do many of these natural remedies save resources, they also save you money. Doing large areas of your yard with commercial products can cost a fortune. With the money you save on mulching materials, you will be able to purchase lots more colorful flowers!

Many of your favorite plants that you have in your yard can be easily propagated into new plants without the need to keep buying new plants. Roses are a great example of this. In the spring, you can

choose cuttings that are healthy and green and they will make good candidates for cuttings.

Using a sharp knife, cut off the soft tip of the cane and then cut it into four- to five-inch pieces. Each piece should have at least two nodes and some leaves. Strip off the bottom leaves to expose a node, and then plant the cutting in moist soil and keep it in bright shade and high humidity.

You can use containers covered with plastic bags, or set them in the ground in the shade and cover them with plastic jugs. Either method should work fine.

Take several cuttings to be sure you have success with at least several. You are now on your way to propagating your own rose garden!

Joe Zelenak has more than 30 years experience in gardening and landscape. Send e-mails to hometowngarden@gmail.com or visit his Web site www.hometowngarden.com.

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- **Indian River County Historical Society** preserves the artifacts, sites and structures related to Indian River County heritage and offers maps and directions to sites of historic interest throughout the county. The society is housed in a 1903 Vero Beach Train Station, located at 2336 14th Ave., Vero Beach, and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call (772) 778-3435.
 - **The Heritage Bluegrass Band** performs every Tuesday night, from 7:30-10 p.m. There is no admission charge and donations are appreciated. Light refreshments are available. The Heritage Center is located at 2140 14th Ave., Vero Beach.
 - **Guided kayak tours:** Visitors paddle along the Indian River Lagoon and enjoy nature at its tropical best. Experience the thrill of close encounters with dolphins, manatees and exotic birds. The guide is a master naturalist and U.S. Coast Guard captain. Cost is \$47 each for a 2-1/2 hour tour. Reservations are required. Space is limited to 12 participants. For more information call (772) 234-3436.
 - **Indian River Citrus Museum** tells the story and preserves the artifacts, photographs and memorabilia of the pioneers who established the most distinguished citrus fruit in the world. Open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in the Heritage Center, 2140 14th Ave., Vero Beach. For more information call (772) 770-2263.
 - **McKee Botanical Garden** is an 18-acre botanical garden listed on the National Register of Historic Places and endorsed by the Garden Conservancy. This Florida hammock offers a diverse botanical collection, as well as several restored architectural treasures, the hall of giants and Spanish kitchen. Self-guided tours are available Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. It is closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for children. It is located at 350 U.S. 1, Vero Beach. It also has a gift shop, library and café. For more information, call (772) 794-0601 or www.mckeegarden.org.
 - **McLarty Treasure Museum** features treasures discovered from ancient Spanish ships wrecked in 1715, off of Indian River County's coast. Open seven days a week from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$1 for ages 6 and older. Located at 13180 A1A, Vero Beach, north of County Road 510. For more information, call (772) 589-2147.
 - **Environmental Learning Center:** An elevated boardwalk creates a trail through a mangrove forest, butterfly garden, native plant garden, wet labs and more. Also there are canoe tours.
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Chorale

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Richie Mola and flautist Emilio Rutllant. As is common in Treasure Coast Chorale concerts, the audience will be asked to participate by singing along during a portion of the concert. Other songs covered by the chorale will include "Everything is Beautiful,"

"For the Beauty of the Earth" and "All things Bright and Beautiful." Special guests will include the popular oldies trio from Vero Beach, "The Dolls."

For more information about the Treasure Coast Chorale, rehearsals and future concerts, call (772) 231-3498 or visit www.treasurecoastchorale.org.

State College media students win big at Addy Awards

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

TREASURE COAST — Indian River State College Digital Media students recently took home several top awards in advertising art and design in the Treasure Coast AdFed 2013 Addy Awards contest in Stuart, earning 13 gold awards and 12 silver awards.

IRSC Digital Media senior, Ahmad Toom of Port St. Lucie, received the Best of Show and two Professional Gold awards for his artwork, "Southern Eagle – Bud Light Pro Bull Riding & BBQ Fest" and "Wild Game Dinner for Battle Axe Army;" and a student gold award for "Bike Night," a digitally enhanced photo.

Mr. Toom is presently employed as the graphic

design manager at Southern Eagle Distributing in Fort Pierce, and he will be awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Digital Media in May.

Other IRSC students receiving first-place gold awards were: Lance Camp of Fort Pierce for "3D Train" in 3D rendering; Doug Chilton of Stuart for "Fort Pierce Authentic Tours" in e-book; Nichole Dash of Fort Pierce for "Chicago Blues Festival" in poster; Lesley Driver of Palm City for "Longhorn" in rendering and for "Type Book" in e-book; Daisy Gonzales of Fort Pierce for "Dunkin Donuts Christmas" in ad; Christie Lee of Port St. Lucie for "Viagra" in ad; Brittany Pelchat of Stuart for "Bitter Sweet Bakery" in

logo; and Brandy & Alyson Perez of Vero Beach for "Jungle & Ocean" in typography.

Receiving second-place silver awards were: Karina Araya in poster and type poster; Lesley Driver in package design; Shavier Fernandez in poster; Shanna Furphy in timeline; Susan Klein, Ashley Marvich, & Magda Leyva in campaign; Jerry Labouef in poster; Patrick Lejeune in illustration and logo; James Lemire in color wheel illustration; Jessica Mullin in 3D rendering; and Vickie Racine in covers.

In addition, IRSC Associate Professor Walt Hines received a Professional Silver award in logo.

For more information, call (866) 792-4772 or visit www.irsc.edu.



Photo courtesy of Indian River State College

Ahmad Toom, a senior in the IRSC Digital Media program, recently received the Best of Show award, as well as a Student Gold award and two Professional Gold awards, at the Treasure Coast AdFed 2013 Addy Awards recognizing excellence in advertising design.

Course to teach fundamentals of fundraising

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Association of Fundraising Professionals Indian River Chapter is offering a two-day course on the Fundamentals of Fundraising on May 16 and 17 at Northern Trust, 755 Beachland Blvd. in Vero Beach.

The AFP Fundamentals of Fundraising course was designed by experienced fundraising professionals to meet the real-world needs and challenges nonprofit organizations face every day.

The 16-hour program includes case studies and projects for groups and individuals, making the learning experience both substantive and enjoyable. The course offers a complete overview of current information and techniques and was created for individuals with up to four years of fundraising experience; those seeking to enter the development profession; volunteers or board members engaged in fundraising activities; and/or Executive Directors of nonprofit organizations.

The modules offered during the two-day course include:

An Overview of Fundraising, presented by Murray Fournie, CFRE, Foundation President of Jupiter Medical Center.

Developing an Integrated Fundraising Program, presented by Steve

Higgins, CFRE, Vice President of Bob Carter Companies.

Marketing for Ongoing Success, presented by Robin Hicks-Conners, CFRE, Principle of RHC Consultants.

Building and Sustaining Relationships, presented by Kerry Bartlett, CFRE, Executive Director of Indian River Community Foundation.

Securing the Gift, presented by Murray Fournie, CFRE, Foundation President of Jupiter Medical Center.

Volunteers Partnering in Fundraising, presented by Jan Donlan, President of the Indian River Medical Center Foundation.

Management and Accountability, presented by Peggy Gibbs, CFRE, Development Manager of the Indian River Habitat for Humanity.

The cost for the two-day course is \$370 for AFP members and \$470 for non-members. Or, \$50 for AFP members who complete an AFPIR Chapter Scholarship Application. Additionally, two modules are being offered May 17 for only \$50 to board members of AFPIR attendees. These special modules include Securing the Gift and Volunteers Partnering in Fundraising, and will be offered between 8 and 11:45 am.

To learn more, visit www.afpindianriver.afpnet.org or go to AFPIR's Facebook page, call (772) 569-9788, Ext. 16 or email katie@mhaic.org.

Ted "Golden Voice" Williams helps Salvation Army raise thousands

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Salvation Army of IRC held its annual Soup, Soap and Salvation Benefit Dinner presented by Publix Supermarkets April 6 at The Oak Harbor Club House, featuring Ted "The Golden Voice" Williams as its guest speaker.

The 150-strong crowd gave the former homeless panhandler a standing ovation as he took the stage.

Introducing Mr. Williams, Sam Van Denberg described him as, "A voice and personality all wrapped up in one. It's a voice with character."

Mr. Williams opened with a radio station promo demonstration and said, "There were a lot of people who thought that this voice was a fluke."

His vocal talents were rediscovered while panhandling on the streets of Columbus, Ohio holding a sign which said in part, "I have a God-given gift of voice. I am an ex-radio announcer who has fallen on hard times."

In a voice choked with emotion, Mr. Williams spoke of waiting with his nine children for the Salvation Army Meals on Wheels truck saying, "My kids couldn't even tell time, but they would know what time that truck would come. It is a very valuable resource for the guy who has nowhere else to go. I can't tell you how thankful I am for The Salvation Army."

"The \$75,000 raised at this dinner will help support us through the rest of the year and help with our summer camps," said John Corapi, development director.

"Helping to prevent homelessness is the theme of tonight's dinner. We try to help prevent people

from getting into the type of situation Ted was in with counseling and utility assistance."

"The Salvation Army is in this community to help others," said Major Sam Van Denberg at the start of the dinner. He and wife Veronica are commanding officers of the local Salvation Army.

After the dinner, Ted Williams signed copies of his book "A Golden Voice" and took pictures with many of the guests who stuck around for the book signing.

"This has been such a fantastic evening, I am so blessed to be here and help those in need" said Williams, in that deep distinct radio voice.

Anyone interested in making a matched gift or helping The Salvation Army can contact the organization by calling (772) 978-0265.



Photo courtesy of The Salvation Army of Indian River County Ted "The Golden Voice" Williams and Major Sam Vandenberg at the annual Soup, Soap and Salvation benefit dinner presented by Publix Supermarkets on April 6 at The Oak Harbor Club House in Vero Beach.

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Cliff Partlow/staff photographer Austin Kahn, of Fellsmere, sends a shot over the net during Sandbox Volleyball practice at Jaycee Beach.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer Mahal Lacy, of Fellsmere, sets the ball for her teammate during volleyball practice at Jaycee Park Thursday, April 4. The teams were practicing for upcoming Sandbox Volleyball tournament May 4-5 and June 8, in Vero Beach.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer Austin Kahn, left, of Fellsmere, goes up for the block from Scott Schramm of Vero Beach during practice at Jaycee Beach recently.

Obituaries

Wayne Douglas Booth

Wayne Douglas Booth, 49, of Sebastian, died April 9, 2013.

He was born in Bay Shore, N.Y., and lived in Sebastian for 24 years.



He served in the U.S. Navy.

He was survived by his wife of 31 years, Vicki; a son, Timothy; his parents, Jonathan and Judith; a brother, Kenneth and his mother-in-law, Barbara.

Arrangements by Strunk Funeral Home.

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workshops and other activities. It's open daily, with one-hour tours offered throughout the week. There is no admission charge. Visitors can also see the Florida cracker-style home of poet Laura Riding Jackson on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The center is located at 255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach, south of the Wabasso Bridge. For more information call (772) 589-5050 or visit www.elcweb.org.

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

7200, Ext. 173.

• **St. Sebastian River buffer preserve:** Hiking, jogging, walking and nature study are permitted throughout the preserve, except in areas posted as closed or restricted. Access point is off County Road 512, just west of Sebastian Middle School. The preserve is open for daily use only, except for overnight camping by permit. Horseback riding is allowed on Wednesday. Contact the preserve office to make camping reservations and obtain a permit at (321) 953-5004.

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

ART GALLERIES

- **Artists Guild Gallery,** 1974 14th Ave., Vero Beach. Call (772) 299-1234 or visit www.artistsguildgalleryverobeach.com.
- **The Gallery at Windsor,** 10680 Belvedere Square, Vero Beach. By appointment only. (772) 388-4071.
- **Gallery 14,** 1911 14th

Ave., Vero Beach. (772) 562-5525.

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

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

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

BARS AND CLUBS

- **Capt. Hiram's Resort,** 1580 U.S. 1, Sebastian. For a look at the full entertainment lineup, visit www.hiram.com. (772) 589-4345
- **Earl's Hideaway Lounge and Tiki Bar,** 1405 Indian River Drive, Sebastian. Live Delta Blues music Tuesday nights by Ernie Southern. (772) 589-5700, (772) 388-2597 or www.earlshideaway.com.
- **J.J. Manning's Irish Pub,** Wednesday night, wine and

bingo night at 7 p.m.; Thursday, pub quiz night at 7 p.m. 740 S. Fleming St., Sebastian. (772) 589-1238. www.jjmanningirishpub.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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