



## Need to know

### Seasonal grouper closure started Jan. 1 in Atlantic waters

Several species of grouper closed to recreational and commercial harvest Jan. 1 in Florida state waters of the Atlantic. This seasonal closure includes gag, black, red, yellowmouth, yellowfin and tiger grouper; scamp; red hind; rock hind; coney; and graysby. State waters in the Atlantic are from shore out to 3 nautical miles.

The harvest of these species of grouper in Atlantic state waters will remain closed through April 30, reopening May 1. The harvest closure was established to ensure the long-term sustainability of Atlantic grouper species.

A similar closure will also occur in federal waters of the Atlantic. Tiger grouper is not included in the federal closure.

Go to [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) and select "Saltwater" then "Recreational Regulations" and "Groupers."

### Memberships being accepted in business group

New members are being accepted into the Vero Beach Christian Business Association. Dues investment is \$150 for one year, with most of the dollars being donated to local Christian nonprofits. There is also an "Associate" member category for \$100, designed for those Christian businesspeople and retirees who don't necessarily have a business affiliation with a Christian-owned business. See **KNOW, A2**

### ENTERTAINMENT B1

#### MISS SAIGON



The Riverside Theatre will be home to 'Miss Saigon' Jan. 14 thru Feb. 2

### FINANCE A6

#### GOODBYE TO 2013



Florida's Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater talks about fighting fraud and arson

### WEEKEND WEATHER



**Friday:** Mostly cloudy; high: 68; low: 52; high tide: 9:42 a.m.; low tide: 3:39 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Partly cloudy; high: 68; low: 57; high tide: 10:32 a.m.; low tide: 4:33 p.m.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy, chance of storms; high: 75; low: 57; high tide: 11:22 a.m.; low tide: 5:29 p.m.  
Weather courtesy of [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

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## Forecasting the new year

Road projects, tournaments, electric negotiations and water project scheduled

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The next 12 months are fully scheduled with capital improvement projects, events and negotiations, city and county leaders said.

*Hometown News* asked local county and municipal leaders for a summary of expected 2014 happenings and their answers are provided below.

### Indian River County

"We feel like we are going to see a measured growth for the next three years and we're pretty excited," said Joe Baird, county administrator.

"We've got a lot of projects coming up that are going to be a help to the community," he said.

One project that will break ground in 2014 is the new intergenerational recreation facility at the Richard N. "Dick" Bird

Regional Park in the southern part of the county, said Mike Zito, assistant county administrator.

Major renovations and upgrades to Gifford Park will start in January, including raising and resurfacing the football field and senior and Little League baseball fields, as well as upgrading lighting for safety, Mr.

Zito said.  
"Additionally, the Indian River County Shooting Range has been

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## A cut above

Members of the Indian River Wood Carvers met Thursday at the Moose Lodge on 43rd Avenue for their weekly meeting. Bob Brubaker works on a copy of his famous 'cow-boy.' See additional photos on page A8.



Cliff Partlow  
staff photographer

## The dogs are back

Pups and parents to promenade in the park for fundraiser

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — There will be barking and fetching and lots of tail wagging at Riverside Park later this month.

On Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County and the Young Professionals Network of Indian River County are once again teaming up for a "Bark in the Park" fundraiser.

Last year, the attendance at the event more than quadrupled expectations, said Tim Swift, development director for the animal shelter.

"We had about 3,000 people and 500 dogs show up, and we're expecting this year's event will be even bigger," Mr. Swift said.

Bark in the Park is a fundraising walk benefiting the local Humane Society with activities and entertainment for humans and their furry, four-legged friends alike.

"The event is free, but obviously it is a fundraiser and we would love for peo-

ple to give a donation for their walk," Mr. Swift said.

All the funds collected will help the animal shelter care for the approximately 7,000 homeless pets in Indian River County they see in one year.

The "dog parade" is about a 1.5 mile course, and it is not a race, so it can be taken at leisure, Mr. Swift said.

This year's event fundraising goal is \$25,000, nearly double the amount that was raised during last year's event.

"We think so many people came out last year because they were looking for an event they could take their dog to," Mr. Swift said.

As a rule, service dogs are the only dogs allowed in Riverside Park, but a special permit was obtained so the nonprofit could hold the event with man's best friend.

Participants that sign up and raise at least \$25 for doing the walk will receive a T-shirt and a bandana for their pet, Mr. Swift said.

Food and merchandise

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## Accident causes closures at Old Dixie and U.S. 1 overpass

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INDIAN RIVER/ST. LUCIE COUNTIES — Structural engineers are investigating the supports of the U.S. 1 overpass at the Indian River-St. Lucie County line and the Old Dixie Highway underpass due to a crash on Dec. 26.

There is a temporary road

closure on Old Dixie Highway at the U.S. 1 bridge overpass, requiring a detour from Highland Drive to Indrio Road until further notice, according to a press release from Creative Engineering Group, the project engineers for the ongoing U.S. 1 reconstruction and widening project.

Teresa Driskell, spokeswoman for Creative Engi-

neering Group, said a semi-truck traveling northbound on Old Dixie Highway hit a support beam and lower road deck after the driver failed to retract or lower some equipment mounted on the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle sustained some minor injuries from the crash, Ms. Driskell said.

The two options being

discussed by the structural engineers are to repair the damage and allow traffic to flow again, or to reconstruct the bridge entirely, Ms. Driskell said.

A new bridge at that site was already part of the engineering group's construction plans, but isn't scheduled to take place until later in 2014, she said.

The crash does not affect

the railroad system that also goes under the U.S. 1 overpass and trains can run as normal, Ms. Driskell said.

The detour around the affected area of Old Dixie Highway is U.S. 1 between Highland Drive to the north and Indrio Road to the south.

Local residents and busi-

See **OVERPASS, A3**

## Haven for homeless clearing final hurdles

By Jessica Creagan  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — This year for Christmas, Lalita Janke asked for a home for local homeless, and it looks like her wish may be coming true.

On Jan. 6, Camp Haven, the nonprofit group renovating the old Citrus Motel on U.S. 1 in Vero Beach into temporary housing for homeless, is expecting to receive a certificate of occupancy for their buildings, and hope to have a couple

people enrolled in their program and living on campus before the month is out.

"I'm so excited because we are on our last sprint to the finish, and this is the time when the most things need to get done," said Mrs. Janke, chairwoman of the nonprofit's board of directors.

"We have an urgency about this program and we've started to do in-depth interviews with potential residents," she said.

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Dave Yates of Creative Floors lays a thin coating on the floor the fill in any uneven spots before tile can be laid.

Cliff Partlow  
staff photographer

## Under New Management

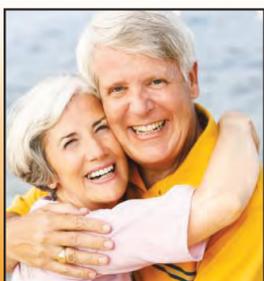
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# Haven

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Word about the facility is spreading to the surrounding areas as well.

"I get at least two or three calls a day from people all over, from Broward to Palm Beach, asking about openings at Camp Haven. I have to tell them that ours is an Indian River-based program, but people are still calling," Mrs. Janke said.

By implementing a thoughtful intake procedure and a strict adherence to guidelines, the Camp Haven program will provide its residents with educational opportunities, counseling and encouragement as they move from homelessness to hopefulness and eventually become active, engaged and contributing members of the community, a statement on the nonprofit's website said.

"Residents have to be clean and sober before they come to us," Mrs. Janke said.

Even during the holidays, work was being done on the rooms, including renovations for electricity.

"The rooms are in the process of renovation, every wall will be new and be up to 2013 code," Mrs. Janke said.

Originally, the campus concept was to have one person to a room, but that has been modified to two or three people to a room, to foster community concepts and build relationships and accountability, she said.

The length of stay will vary on the individual's needs, Mrs. Janke said.

"Everyone heals at their own pace," she said.



Glen Corsetti of Bip DiPietro Electric, talks with Mike Selig, construction foreman with Summit Construction, Thursday at Camp Haven.

Cliff Partlow staff photographer

"Many times the homeless have given up on themselves. The community makes them feel invisible, and they want to be invisible because they are ashamed of some of the choices they have made," Mrs. Janke said.

For the ones that want to get out of a cycle of bad choices and homelessness, Camp Haven will provide a safe place to sleep and take care of personal hygiene needs, as well as have classes and

search for employment, she said.

Mrs. Janke said the support of individual donors and contributions by organizations such as the Indian River Community Foundation have allowed the Camp Haven vision to progress as far as it has, and it is what will help it continue to grow and bear fruit.

The nonprofit's annual fundraiser will be held on Jan. 23 at the Vero Beach Elks

Club on 26th Street in Vero Beach.

The evening of dining, dancing and entertainment will recognize Richard A. "Dick" Stark, who was instrumental in creating the Indian River County task force on the homeless in 1999, resulting in the establishment of the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council.

Since that time, Mr. Stark has continued to help the homeless community by seeking grants for projects to prevent and end homelessness, amounting to about \$22 million in the past 13 years.

Mr. Stark joined Camp Haven's supporters in October 2013 and continues to help the homeless in the community.

The cost per person to the fundraiser is \$150, and availability is limited.

For more information about Camp Haven or the fundraiser, call (772) 999-3625 or visit [www.camp-haven.net](http://www.camp-haven.net).

## Know

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Those joining by Dec. 20, 2013 will be included in the organization's annual printed membership directory, due to be published in Jan. 2014. Founded as a nonprofit in 2004, the Vero Beach Christian Business Association is an equipping ministry for Christian business leaders. They hold monthly luncheons which are open to members and nonmembers alike.

For more information email the VBCBA board at [info@vbcba.org](mailto:info@vbcba.org) or visit [www.vbcba.org](http://www.vbcba.org).

## Snook harvest seasonal closure in Atlantic started Dec. 15

The recreational harvest season for snook closes Dec. 15 in Atlantic state and federal waters, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, and will remain closed through Jan. 31, 2014, reopening to harvest Feb. 1. Snook can continue to be caught and released during the closed season.

Gulf state and federal waters, including Monroe County and Everglades National Park closed Dec. 1 and will reopen to harvest March 1, 2014.

This and other regular seasonal closures are designed to help protect the species during vulnerable times such as cold weather.

Visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) and click on "Saltwater Fishing" and "Recreational Regulations" for more information on snook.

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# Dogs

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vendors and a local radio station will also be at the event.

"We will have ice cream, snow cones, barbeque, hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza and more. There will also be treats for dogs, of course," Mr. Swift said.

Entertainment-wise, the crowds are sure to love watching a presentation by The Disc-Connected K9s, world champion Frisbee dogs.

"These dogs were very popular at last year's event. They put on a tremendous show, I've been amazed," Mr. Swift said.

The trained dogs were all rescued and specially trained to perform incredible tricks that require speed and agility.

Like the dogs and other animals at the animal shelter in Indian River County, these dogs first had to have community support to keep them alive.

Another fun activity for



Photo courtesy of the Humane Society of VB/IRC

Participants and their pets leave the start line at last year's event.

dogs at the Bark in the Park event will be the lure coursing area.

Dogs will be able to chase a mechanically operated lure through a course and run to their hearts content.

The course will be set up in the park and can be used on a first-come, first serve basis, Mr. Swift said.

"It should be very entertaining for the dogs, and for people too," he said with a

chuckle.

To sign up, or for more information about Bark in the Park, call (772) 388-3826 or visit [www.barkintheparkvero.com](http://www.barkintheparkvero.com).

# Overpass

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nesses will have access to their homes and places of business during the detour, Ms. Driskell said.

North-bound travel on U.S. 1 has been reduced to one lane over the Old Dixie Highway overpass, a press release said.

The U.S. 1 reconstruction and widening project has been ongoing since 2012 and is expected to cost \$23.2 million.

The project calls for reconstructing U.S. 1 from Kings Highway in St. Lucie County north to Oslo Road in Indian River County and widening the Indian River County portion from four lanes to six lanes.

The project also calls for the aforementioned new overpass bridge, new sidewalks, upgraded traffic signals, two ponds, drainage



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Highway construction continues on areas of U.S. 1 in south Indian River County. Work on the FEC Railroad overpass bridge connecting Indian River and St. Lucie Counties has traffic lanes narrowed.

and landscaping. The project is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2015,

according to a press release.

For the latest update on

the U.S. 1 reconstruction and widening project, visit [www.us1info.com](http://www.us1info.com).

# Year

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selected to host the 2014 Shooting Industry Masters Tournament featuring many sport shooting Olympians and celebrities, as well as top executives from many nationally known gun manufacturing and ammunition supply corporations," he said in an email.

Some of the other projects include road paving and expansions, investigating elimination of septic tanks, oyster reef construction and public transit hub construction, county department directors said.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

Soon after the new year, the Indian River County Sheriff's Office will hold a grand opening of its new state-of-the-art crime scene unit facility.

"Every day, our forensic team works hard to ensure the safety of the citizens of Indian River County," Sheriff Deryl Loar said in an email interview.

"It will be my district pleasure to officially open our new crime scene building and allow our team's expertise to grow even more. We will be hosting specialty forensic training to crime scene investigators from all over the world and will in turn reap the benefits of developing professional relationships with other in the field," said Sheriff Loar.

The crime scene building will be added to the tours of the sheriff's citizen's academy, beginning with the course starting Jan. 29.

Indian River County Chamber of Commerce

"In the early part of the new year we will be looking to the state legislature to retain Florida's Enterprise Zone program," said Penny Chandler, president of the chamber of commerce, in

an email interview.

"The program has been very beneficial to our enterprise zone properties and is up for sunset review in the legislature. We expect we will continue to see job growth and - in some cases - business expansions from existing companies. Outside firm contacts with those interested in moving or starting a business will also continue to increase," she said.

## Vero Beach

The discussions between the city, Florida Power & Light and the Florida Municipal Power Agency will definitely get a lot of attention in 2014, said Jim O'Connor, Vero Beach city manager.

"I also expect to see the economy still recovering and that will show in building permits, not only new housing, but more importantly in renovations of existing housing," he said in an email interview.

"This reinvestment in our community is very important and shows that real estate in Vero Beach is worth investment," he said.

The level of city services, proper city budgeting and protecting city parks will also be discussed in the New Year, Mr. O'Connor said.

"Also, I see the season to be more populated with visitors and longer in duration. This trend has started and I expect it to continue. This will be good for community activities such as the beachside concerts, Under the Oaks, participation at the museum and theater and the continued development of 14th Avenue and the arts district," he said.

## Sebastian

Newly appointed interim City Manager Joe Griffin said the financial condi-

tion of the city is in excellent shape, thanks to the watch care of the previous city manager, Al Minner.

"A number of projects go on in this city, especially for the population," Mr. Griffin said.

Some of the projects that will continue into, or begin in 2014, include drainage improvements, repaving roads, development of the Working Waterfront area, he said.

"And in the next city meeting, we will be bringing forward a recommendation for a natural gas franchise with Florida City Gas to provide service to the city," Mr. Griffin said.

His priorities while he holds the city manager position include making sure the city provides basic needs and services, public safety, roads and drainage, and make sure the employees have a safe and enjoyable place to work so they can work to their fullest potential.

## Fellsmere

The city will continue to work on the Fellsmere Water Management Area, a manmade wetland project with the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in 2014.

A storm water master plan is being developed and will help improve the city's chances for bringing in new business, said Mark Marthes, Fellsmere community development director.

Another ongoing project is the development of the North Indian River County Greenways, an interconnected system of greenways and blueways in Indian River County that promotes multi-modal transportation, connects urban and rural areas locally and regionally and enhances recreation and conservation opportunities.

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# Following the branches of the family tree

## Genealogical society programs help with family research

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — If learning about your ancestors sounds appealing, but you don't know where to start, the Indian River Genealogical Society has a program for you.

An expert in Irish ancestry genealogy, Donna Moughty, is scheduled to speak on Jan. 14 at the Indian River County main library in Vero Beach.

The program, which begins at 9:30 a.m., is titled, "Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com," a popular online subscription family research site. The main library has the site available for library card members to use for free onsite, said Suzy Bromwell, exiting publicity chairwoman for the

genealogical society.

"Donna Moughty is an expert and with her contacts and expertise, she can help people break down 'brick walls' in their research," Ms. Bromwell said.

Ms. Moughty is a former regional manager for Apple and has been conducting family research for more than 20 years and gives lectures on a variety of subjects, including her specialty, Irish ancestry.

"Irish family is tough because churches, sometimes the greatest resource for family history, were burned to the ground, and so it can be a little difficult to trace people," Ms. Bromwell said.

Learning about family can be a great adventure and an extremely interesting

hobby, Ms. Bromwell said.

The best place to start, outside of using resources such as Ancestry.com, which has a large collection of databases on people, is by talking to older family members, grandparents, elderly aunts and so on, Ms. Bromwell said.

"It's amazing the things you can find out if you just ask," she said.

To help people get started in their journey to the past, the Indian River Genealogical Society is offering a two-session series of free classes on genealogy for beginners.

The classes will be held in the history room on the second floor of the main library from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 17 and Jan. 24.

"The classes are basic, starting from the very beginning. We give people a

family tree worksheet and we tell them to start with themselves and put down as much information as they can," Ms. Bromwell said.

Participants will learn about all the resources available at the main library for genealogical searches, she said.

Pamela Cooper, the head of the genealogy department, has been the leader of the department for about 20 years, and has grown the department from about 350 books to more than 20,000 books, documents database resources, making Vero Beach a destination for genealogy buffs around the state, Ms. Bromwell said.

"I know people that come from Lakeland to use our department, when they could go to Tampa or to

Lakeland," Ms. Bromwell said.

In February, the local society is teaming up with the Brevard Genealogical Society, the Genealogical Society of South Brevard and the Treasure Coast Genealogical Society for a special ticketed lecture.

John Colletta, of Washington, D.C., one of America's most popular, entertaining, knowledgeable and experienced genealogical lecturers will come to the Richardson Center on the Indian River State College's Mueller Campus in Vero Beach, for the 2014 Valentine Genealogy Seminar on Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a press release said.

Mr. Colletta started working part-time at the Library of Congress and taught workshops in the National

Archives. He lectures nationally, teaches and conducts programs for the Smithsonian Institution.

He is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and Boston University's certificate in family history program, in addition to publishing articles and appearing on local and national radio, a press release said.

A registration fee of \$35 will reserve a spot as an attendee. Seating is limited to 140 and annual seminar sells out quickly, Ms. Bromwell said.

For more information about the Indian River County Genealogical Society, visit [www.irgs.org](http://www.irgs.org).

# Audubon Society hosting meeting

For Hometown News  
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VERO BEACH — The Pelican Island Audubon Society will host a meeting at the Vero Beach Community Center starting at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 20.

The meeting will feature Square Foot Gardening with Graham Cox and Peter Sutherland. The simple act of getting young people out in a vegetable garden to grow their own food, get

their hands dirty and enjoy the outdoors has been the goal of a program Pelican Island Audubon Society has been working on for the past year.

Getting out in a small, four-by-four square-foot garden has many conservation and nutrition benefits such as conserving on water use and energy, cutting down on use of fertilizers and pesticides, and changing student and family diets.

Teachers in 13 elementary, middle and charter schools have linked their gardens to science and math classes, and as an extra bonus in one school the teachers linked gardening to their art, poetry and dramatic arts classes.

The goal in 2013 was to build and install 40 -square foot gardens in half the county's schools. Instead more than 80 gardens have been established. For 2014 the goal is to reach more

classrooms but also ensure that the existing gardens keep going. Initial funding of \$9,980 for this project came from the National Audubon's Toyota Together-Green grant program.

For the second year and beyond funds are going to be raised locally.

Project leader is PIAS board member Peter Sutherland, with help from Adam Sutherland, David Peabody and Desha Baker, and support from fellow

board members Bill Loftus, Steve Goff, Richard Baker and Graham Cox as well as crucial help from Bob Montanaro, video producer and PIAS office manager.

The Pelican Island Audubon Society is a local chapter of the National Audubon Society dedicated to the preservation and protection of animals, plants, and natural communities in Indian River County through advocacy, education, and public awareness

through monthly meetings, field trips, and other programs. The public is always invited to attend and those interested are encouraged to join the Society. For more information about Audubon programs or trips, contact the office at (772) 567-3520 or visit [www.pelicanislandaudubon.org](http://www.pelicanislandaudubon.org) on the web.

The Vero Beach Community Center is located at 2266 14th Avenue, Vero Beach.

# Restaurant unveils new kids menu with more healthy meals

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VERO BEACH — With healthful kids meals and children's nutrition remaining a top culinary trend for

2014, according to a new report from the National Restaurant Association, Applebee's restaurants have announced a completely redesigned kids menu with 10 meals that meet the

NRA's Kids LiveWell nutrition criteria and more than 650 combinations of entrees, sides and beverages.

The new kids menu moves away from a "one-size-fits-all" approach to a two-tiered entrée option with a selection of sides and beverages to complete the meal. With 26 menu items, the new Applebee's kids menu offers more items than any other national casual dining restaurant,

including kid-approved favorites and healthier options.

The 10 new meals approved by Kids LiveWell are the most among all national casual dining restaurant brands. Of note, French fry orders declined from 73 to 39 percent during a three-month testing period for the new Applebee's kids menu.

"The new Applebee's kids' menu includes:

- A two-tiered menu

with entrée options for older kids with bigger appetites and younger kids with smaller appetites.

- 10 new Kids LiveWell-approved meals with three entrée options, including chicken, steak and pasta. Previously, the Applebee's kids' menu had just two meals that qualified under the Kids LiveWell nutritional guidelines.

- Two Kids LiveWell-approved side items, and 11 total side choices, including

Kids LiveWell-approved and all-natural GoGo squeeZ Applesauce and Kids LiveWell-approved steamed broccoli, apple slices with all-natural yogurt, all-natural yogurt and strawberries, white rice, salads and carrots or celery with ranch dressing.

- On Sunday Family Day, all kids meals are just \$1.99.

The Vero Beach Applebee's is located at 5335 20th Street.

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# Youth coloring competition begins

## Competition celebrates agriculture opportunities in the classroom

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TREASURE COAST — The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services encourages students in kindergarten through fifth grade to participate in the annual Florida Agriculture Youth Coloring Competition, sponsored by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc., and the

Florida State Fair.

This year's coloring page features students showcasing their agricultural projects at the Florida State Fair and emphasizes the importance of agricultural education in our schools and communities. The coloring page comes from the 2014 Agriculture Literacy Day book entitled "Florida Farms at School" and promotes student involvement in the industry.

The coloring contest is divided into three categories; kindergarten and first grade, second and third grade, and fourth and fifth grade. An overall winner will be selected in each category and will receive a family pack of tickets to the Florida State Fair. All three category winners, along with other participants' coloring pages, will be on display in the Youth Art Center at the State Fair.

To print the coloring page and find details regarding eligibility requirements and guidelines, visit [www.faitc.org](http://www.faitc.org). Selected pages will be displayed at the 2014 Florida State Fair. The deadline for entry is Jan. 24, 2014.

For more information about the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, visit [www.FreshFromFlorida.com](http://www.FreshFromFlorida.com).

# Annual bingo brunch taking place Feb. 27

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Senior Resource Association will hosts its ninth annual Bingo Brunch on Feb. 27, at Oak Harbor in Vero Beach.

The 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' themed event will begin with complimentary mimosas at 11 a.m. with brunch being served at noon and bingo games and prizes to follow.

This year's event will feature a \$100 for 100 diamond drawing. One of the 100 people to purchase a \$100 ticket will win a pair of 14k white gold diamond earrings from Zeran Jewelers (a \$3,000 value).

"We are happy to carry the tradition of hosting our annual bingo fundraising event going into our 9th year in 2014," said Karen Deigl, president and CEO of SRA. "Last year's event at Oak Harbor was fantastic

and we look forward to hosting it there again this coming year."

The event is open to participants of all ages and guests can purchase their tickets for \$85.

Current sponsors supporting the event include Vero US1 Nissan, Communications International, Zeran Jewelers, George E. Warren Corporation, Premier Estate Properties, Treasure Coast Financial Planning, Stewart &

Emmons, PA, Charles Schwab and Seacoast Bank.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Senior Resource Association's Meals on Wheels program, Adult Day Care, Social Congregate Meals, In-Home Services and Transportation.

For more information or to purchase tickets online at [www.seniorresourceassociation.org](http://www.seniorresourceassociation.org) or call (772) 469-3148.

# Dance exhibition set for Feb. 2

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County will be holding its first "Dance for a Cause" dance exhibition on Sunday, Feb. 2.

With Robert Scott serving

as the event's DJ, this exhibition will include professional and amateur exhibitions of ballroom, swing and formation dances. Local pro and amateur dancers will also be paired up for performances. An intermission between acts will give spectators the chance to step onto the

dance floor for general dancing.

"I really wanted to bring something to Vero Beach that would combine both my passions: dancing and animals," said John Thompson, Humane Society volunteer and "Dance for a Cause" coordinator.

Mr. Thompson has been

involved with many dance exhibitions across the country and saw this event as a fun way to help the shelter fulfill its mission of protecting Indian River County's animals.

Participants can register through local dance studios

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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 Dec. 18 to Dec. 24, 2013

## Sebastian Police Department

- Spencer Chase Demotte, 30, 311 18th Place, Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, hydromorphone and dilaudid.

## Fellsmere Police Department

- Bernard Wesley McPhee, 49, 12930 100th Lane, Fellsmere, was charged with burglary of a structure, dealing in stolen property, third-degree grand theft and giving false information to a secondary metals recycler.

## Indian River County Sheriff's Office

- Heather Michelle Berg, 39, 6044 Ridge Lake Circle, Vero Beach, was charged

with violation of probation. She was on probation for dealing in stolen property.

- Leon Eugene Brown, 48, 841 Old Dixie Highway, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, fleeing and eluding and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest without violence.

- Hermenegildo Menzez, 42, 3355 50th Place, Apt. 99, Vero Beach, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender.

- Donald Joseph Stevenson, 20, 413 Orlov Road Northwest, Palm Bay, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for robbery while wearing a mask.

- Jennifer Lee Wing, 32, 1548 43rd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with uttering a forged instrument, two counts of possession of cocaine and a misdemeanor charge of first-degree petit theft.

- Dustin Brandon Collins, 33, 8414 Shilling St., Stokesdale, N.C., was charged with being a fugitive from justice, obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud and misde-

meanor charge of giving a false name while detained.

- Benjamin McCall Murray, 43, 1576 30th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with 10 counts of promoting sex performance by a child.

- Marcel Rashad Peterson, 22, 6370 87th Lane, Sebastian, was charged with burglary of a dwelling, third-degree grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

- Rory Cassidy Spence, 44, 4141 16th St., Apt. 1502, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of hydrocodone.

- George M. Groth, 50, homeless, Micco, was charged with dealing in stolen property and a misdemeanor charge of shoplifting/retail theft.

- Randy Lawrence, 58, homeless, Fort Pierce, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for sexual battery.

- Leigh Ann McKinney, 28, 1180 35th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft and two counts of misdemeanor violation of probation. She was on probation for second-degree petit theft and leaving the scene of an accident without giving information.

- Chad Jeremy Owl, 37, 225 28th Ave., Vero Beach,

was charged with felony criminal mischief.

- Duran Winston Wright, 29, 1483 Damon Road, Palm Bay, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for retail theft.

- Scott Alan Johnson, 32, 1101 Ninth Square, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Samantha A. Young, 29, 2196 19th Ave., Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with burglary of a dwelling and a misdemeanor charge of second-degree petit theft.

- Demetria Lashaum Austin, 38, 1020 23rd St., West Palm Beach, was charged with three counts of felony retail theft in concert with others.

- Damion Stevenson, 34, 835 44th St., West Palm Beach, was charged with felony retail theft in concert with others and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis and giving a false name while detained.

- Stephen Brandon Bowen, 26, 2500 89th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor

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charge of petit theft.

- Daniel Emmett Cain, 42, 7806 Santa Rosa Parkway, Fort Pierce, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for grand theft of a motor vehicle.

- Pablo Hernandez Falcon, 27, 155 Santiago St., Royal Palm Beach, was charged with possession of an altered firearm and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of failure to appear in court on charges of possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia and reckless driving.

- Buddy Edma, 27, 62 Sonrise Square, Apt. 108,

Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft.

- Brandon Gordon Owens, 20, 2675 11th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a pawn broker.

- Dedrevious Cartez Williams, 21, 4825 38th Circle, Vero Beach, was charged with lewd and lascivious battery, armed burglary of a dwelling, structure or conveyance, three counts of grand theft of a firearm and two counts of possession of a firearm, ammunition or electric device by a convicted felon.

# Church hosts Christmas party with high attendance



Photo courtesy of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach  
The Rev. Scott Alexander and Bill Murphy enjoy the Project Niños party with Santa.

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FELLSMERE — Project Niños is a long-standing community outreach project of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach.

For more than 20- years, the project, sponsored by the social justice committee, has adopted agricultural farmworker families through the Redlands Christian Migrant Association in Fellsmere.

This year the party was

held on Dec. 17 and was attended by 20 families, including 44 children. Also in attendance were many UUFVB members and friends, including Rev. Scott Alexander.

The highlight of the party was the appearance of Santa Claus, who had toys and books for every child as well as gift cards for the families.

The event was planned by Denise Haight and Maria Sobkowiak, who were assisted by Laura Perez of RCMA. The Rotary

Club of Vero Beach Ocean-side partnered with the Fellowship for the third consecutive year, and their assistance greatly increased the scope and impact of the project.

The UU Fellowship offers a liberal religion on the Treasure Coast. It is located at 1590 27th Avenue on the southeast corner of 27th Avenue and 16th Street in Vero Beach.

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# Shelter dogs go home for the holidays

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Some people may disdain having guests during the holidays, but that's not the case for volunteers at The Humane Society of

Vero Beach and Indian River County.

During this holiday season five homeless dogs have gone home with volunteers as the shelter initiates their "Home for the Holidays" foster program.

The goal of the "Home for

the Holidays" foster program is to provide shelter dogs with a comfortable and secure family setting, offer them greater opportunities to socialize with new people and allow volun-

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# Dance

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as well as by calling The Humane Society at (772) 388-3331, Ext. 26. Tickets for dancers and spectators are

\$55 per person and include admission, hors d'oeuvres and an open wine and beer bar.

Advance registration for performers is due by Jan. 17. Although advance ticket reservations are encour-

aged for all attendees, a small number of tickets for spectators will be available at the door.

The Humane Society, located at 6230 77th St., Vero Beach.

# VIEWPOINT

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## Another successful year of state finance

Dear Fellow Floridian,

As another year comes to a close, I am once again very proud of the successes my team at the Department of Financial Services has made possible. With their help, we have made great strides to protect Floridians from fraud as well as the damaging impacts of fire and arson. We have also helped Florida consumers make smart financial decisions and helped return millions in unclaimed property to its rightful owners, among many other accomplishments.

Our dedicated fraud investigators work tirelessly day in and day out to keep your hard earned money where it belongs; in your pocket. While their work never ends, 2013 brought significant success in the fight against fraudsters. Fraud related arrests totaled more than 1,600 this year.

While serving as your state fire marshal, my respect for the service and commitment of our state's firefighters has only increased each day. Whether working to investigate and prosecute arson-related crimes, train prospective students or educate the community about fire prevention, our team remains steadfast in their commitment to protect Florida's citizens and their property against the damaging impacts of fire and arson. This year, our team responded to more than 3,200 fires and arrested nearly 300 people for committing arson.

Our consumer services helpline has professionals ready to help any and all Floridians with their insurance-related needs. Whether you need an explanation of a current policy, have questions about the upcoming changes to the health



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insurance industry or need an advocate to help settle an insurance dispute, our team is ready and willing to assist. This year, our helpline assisted with nearly 20,000 requests and helped recover nearly \$27 million for Floridians.

In addition to the millions recovered through our consumer services helpline, our department has also helped return more than \$212 million to Floridians in 2013 through our unclaimed property program. When our team is able to reunite families with loved ones' treasured heirlooms, inheritance funds, or even a little cash one simply forgot existed, it is very rewarding for our entire team. While the unclaimed property or money remains yours to reclaim at any time, the unclaimed property fund works to support our public school system year-round. I am proud our team is not only able to return what's rightfully yours, but is also working to protect the education of our next generation while doing so.

Our team has worked hard to serve the people of Florida, and I assure you that 2014 won't be any different. I'm as committed as I have ever been to putting more fraudsters behind bars and further promoting fiscal accountability and transparency around the state.

For more information on the programs I've mentioned, visit [www.myfloridacfo.com](http://www.myfloridacfo.com).

*Jeff Atwater is the state financial officer of the state of Florida.*

## Delivering the goods



Photo courtesy of the Sebastian Elks

The Indian River Marine Corps League Toys for Tots along with the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Sebastian River High School Junior Naval ROTC and the Sebastian Elks distributed 700 toys to 231 children in 97 families in Sebastian and Fellsmere for Christmas. From left, Sarah Gradolf, Sarah Flood, Pete Sayles, Toys for Tots, Kevin Weaver and Donald Weaver. Also, a special thanks goes out to Cmdr. Randy Laws, Master Gunnery Sergeant James O'Neal (not shown).



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### A factual error

In a recent rant by the person who deposits a weekly complaint about people on welfare I noticed a gross factual error.

"...has anyone noticed the police blotter? It's a half-page of young adults being arrested for dealing drugs," he or she writes.

I turned back a page to check the blotter (Dec. 19, 2013), and out of some 86 reports from the Port St. Lucie Police Department, the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Highway Patrol and the Fish and Wildlife Commission I counted five arrests of persons under 21 years of age. Two of the five involved possession of marijuana with intent to sell; one of the five involved "obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud." The other two arrests were not drug related.

Three out of 86 does not amount to half a page, and even if we extend "young adults" to include those up to age 25, only two more drug busts can be added to the list. Drug arrests are far more common among those from 30 to 55 years of age. The evidence is in the police blotter, but our weekly ranter isn't concerned with facts. He blames all our problems on unwed mothers and socialism. While we do have social welfare programs, we do not have socialism. We do have a vociferous and ignorant minority who are easily swayed by the fascists in our society who accumulate power and wealth at the expense of the common good.

### Economy improving?

I read that the economy is improving and that gas prices have dropped to \$3.26 per gallon. In 2003 the average price was \$1.60, I can't think of anything else that has doubled in price since 2003. Home prices and the economy may be improving in Miami and other areas, not so much here. Maybe 2016 will bring about an administration that believes in America and works to bring back America back to the powerhouse we once were. If we make the mistake again of voting for a person without experience or proven leadership ability, America as we know it may be lost.

### No tip for mail carrier

I know it is against the law to put anything in the mail box in front of a home or wherever, that does not have a postage stamp on it.

How come the postal carrier in my area is allowed to put his or her Christmas card in my mail box? And, I believe the reason it was put in there was to hope that I would put a card in the box for them with a monetary tip in it.

My tip is: I can't do that as I can't put anything in a mail box without a stamp on it.  
Merry Christmas!

### A rave

Kudos to those families and churches that have put the nativity scene in their yards as a witness of their faith in Jesus Christ. He is the real reason why we celebrate Christmas. Shame on the churches that seem to be hiding their faith with darkened lawns. Jesus commanded us to go out

and tell the world the great news of God's saving grace. Christmas is such a wonderful opportunity to share. We hope this is not a sign that the devil is winning in our churches, turning them into social societies rather than lighthouses to the community. Many even call themselves Christian churches in their name- if they are too ashamed of Jesus Christ, maybe they should change their church name.

### Envy and jealousy

In leftist circles, it's fashionable to criticize the wealthy. It's called class envy. It's really jealousy. But high-net-worth people are generally quite generous. Their philanthropy has risen to a meteoric \$45 billion, the largest annual percentage increase since the National Philanthropic Trust began tracking the data. It is available on the website [www.nptrust.org](http://www.nptrust.org).

### Entitlement society

Our entitlement society has become surreal. Rather than encouraging Americans to be hard-working, independent, productive citizens, we hand them food, clothing, housing and free education in the form of counseling, training programs, childcare and transportation funding. Add on unemployment comp and the Earned Income Tax Credit and we have the perfect formula for total dependency on government largess.

### Guess who else is taking advantage

This rant is about people who take advantage of the welfare system.

I'm so sick and tired of going to the grocery store and seeing our friends from Mexico going through the line very well dressed paying for their groceries with food stamps and then driving away in a new, \$35,000 SUV.

I have read so many rants about this situation, its nuts. But, this is where the buck should stop without a doubt: Lesbians having babies and guess who is paying for it... Neither one of the women work, so there is no doubt what's going on here.

These two women are collecting government check to support their babies. This is out of hand. Enough is enough.

Why is the tax payers have to pay for lesbians to have babies so they can collect?

This country is so broke that we can't even pay attention, but we are taking care of people who can take care of themselves, but are too lazy to get a job to support their own children.

This is totally out of hand and needs to be addressed. People like this need to be rejected from the system.

### Christmas is over... now what?

Now that the holidays are over and everyone got their feel good by helping some less fortunate kid get a free meal and a toy, now what?

People, you didn't fix anything, you just put a cheap band aid on others peoples mistakes. In this town you can see the devastation of poverty and they keep producing so that they can get more money out of an already cash strapped government. The welfare system is just like our immigration policy; completely broken. It needs to be scrapped. The democrats want all this so they can keep their great benefits while the rest of the country suffers at the expense of people who are just parasites. I see young gals coming into the stores yelling at their toddler kids, and I might add very disrespectfully. These people shouldn't have had the kids to begin with. Heck most of them never even got to high school. So, how are they supposed to help with the kids they produce to get somewhere in life. And when holidays come around they're the first ones in line for free stuff. Why don't they have job skills? They either were trying to trap a guy into child support or just to get into the public safety net called welfare. And their parents should be ashamed of all this too. Poverty should be a sign of, "I want better in life." Our government is screwed up enough, we don't need to add insult to injury with more welfare.

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# When browsing the internet: Be careful where you click

The problem with internet ads just seems to be getting worse. I just finished up on a call with a lady who needed to download a program for work but instead ended up with some adware that completely took over her whole system. Her home page had changed, there were other browser windows opening with web-pages she had never even visited and at least two different programs opening that said she had driver and performance problems. I was connected to her machine for over an hour cleaning and removing all the adware that had installed. There were 17 different programs and "browser helpers" that had hijacked her attempt to download a simple program for work and there wasn't a lot that my caller could have

done differently – she didn't have a chance. I wrote in an earlier column how important it is to learn to recognize and ignore internet ads, but I will admit, sometimes it can be hard to tell the difference between an ad and the link (or button) you're supposed to click next. What happened to my caller is all too common – she's an intelligent computer user who thinks through what she's doing and was following a set of steps that were to the point and accurate. So what happened? How did her machine get so worked over if she was being careful and watching her step? When I was cleaning her machine I had a chance to look at and go over the steps she was following. Pretty standard steps really – there was an address to go to first to register and then download the program. The



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download link on the website linked to "download.com," a popular software repository that many publishers use to distribute their software. And here is where things get tricky. The link did indeed bring us to the correct download page but not without confusion. There was a banner ad along the top with the same background and colors as the legitimate portion of the page with a big green "Start Download" button and another similar button off to the side. I moved my eyes down an inch or so and saw the legitimate "Download Now" button (also in green) but I could clearly see that by that time it was too late. How is the casual user supposed to be able to tell which of the three buttons is the real one? Like I said, she didn't have a chance. A closer examination revealed the counterfeit buttons were a part of an ad for a registry cleaner of some sort. Clicking either of the 2 "Start Download" buttons would result in it installing not the program she was trying to install but some sort of system optimization program along with who knows what else. No wonder so many people are getting their systems hijacked! Luckily there is an answer to this dilemma. Yes it is still a very good idea to learn to recognize ads but there is a tool out there that can cut down on the number of ads you are subjected to. Fire up your web browser and go to

[www.adblockplus.org](http://www.adblockplus.org) and take a look at Adblock Plus. It's free (an open source project) and blocks most (but unfortunately not all) internet ads including the ones found on [download.com](http://download.com) or [speedtest.net](http://speedtest.net). With Internet Explorer, click the "Install for Internet Explorer" button and then the "Run" option that appears at the bottom of the page. Follow the steps clicking "Install" and "Enable" when prompted. The steps are similar for Firefox and Chrome and there are no counterfeit ads here waiting to hijack your click. Once installed Adblock Plus will be represented as a little red stop sign icon to the right of your browser's status bar or address bar. From that little stop sign icon you can pause Adblock and see just how many ads the program

blocks on whatever page you're looking at. Again, Adblock Plus doesn't work for every ad – I've noticed that when I go to Yahoo.com's portal page I still see ads even with Adblock running but just about everywhere else is ad free. If it's too late and you've already had a download hijacked and now you have all sorts of crazy toolbars and things installed, don't panic! Start by going to your computer's control panel and to the add/remove programs app. You should be able to sort the programs by date and you can then remove them one by one. Sometimes that's the only option.

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

# Happy holidays from the Boys and Girls Club



The staff and children of the Boys & Girls Club of Indian River County, Sebastian Club want to wish everyone and very Happy New Year. The Sebastian Club supports nearly 175 children at any given time during the year. School and art supplies along with sports equipment are always needed. For more information, go to [bgirc.org](http://bgirc.org) or call (772) 388-4944.

Cliff Partlow  
staff photographer

## Clubs & classes

### CLUBS

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

motes fellowship among women. For more information, visit [www.gfwc-treasurecoastwomen.org](http://www.gfwc-treasurecoastwomen.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](mailto:bluewateropen@gmail.com), or visit [www.exchangeclubofindianriver.org](http://www.exchangeclubofindianriver.org) and [www.bluewateropen.org](http://www.bluewateropen.org). The Sebastian Fishin' Chic's meet the last Thursdays. See **CLUBS, A8**



Photo courtesy of Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County  
Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County volunteer John Roperta sits with Linda Roberts and Ella, an eight-year-old female Labrador retriever mix. The couple will be caring for Ella as part of the shelter's "Home for the Holidays" foster program.

## Home

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teers to serve as Humane Society ambassadors as they let friends and neighbors meet and greet their four-footed house guests. It's hoped that this greater exposure will increase each dog's adoption opportunities. The shelter's foster volunteers have received

extensive training in dog training, socialization and behavior, with the shelter staff providing counseling to help their furry friends acclimate to new homes. All necessary pet food, medications and supplies are provided by The Humane Society. Volunteer John Roperta had his heart set on taking home Ella, an eight-year-old female Labrador

retriever mix, so it was no surprise to shelter staff when he and girlfriend Linda Roberts showed up early to pick up Ella last Saturday. When asked why they had decided to take her in, Ms. Roberts said, "Because Ella needs a place to go for the holidays." For more information about volunteering call The Humane Society at (772) 388-3331, Ext. 12.

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# Whittling away at time



January will make seven-years since president and founder Joe Miller began the club. New members are always welcome. You don't have to know how to carve to join. For more information, go to [irwoodcarver.wordpress.com](http://irwoodcarver.wordpress.com).

Mike Sullivan displays his 'politician' and the 'engineer' as he works on another character during Thursday's meeting.

Cliff Partlow  
staff photographer

Bill Pirozzoli brings life to piece of basswood with his 'Raggedy Ann.'



Cliff Partlow  
staff photographer



Dave Ellis, right, who's new to wood carving, gets advice from club president Joe Miller.

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

## Clubs

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day of the month, at the Sebastian Entertainment

Center. For more information, call Michelle Barkley, at (772) 473-9462, Kristen Beck, at (772) 794-9900, or Karen Herndon, at (772) 633-2043.

• The Mental Health Association in Indian River County bipolar support group will meet at the Mental Health Association offices at 777 37th St., Suite D-105, Vero Beach, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each

month, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Family members and loved ones are also welcome to attend. For more information, call (772) 569-9788.

• 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@bell-south.net](mailto:downeast_ggo@bell-south.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.sebastianrotaryclub.org](http://www.sebastianrotaryclub.org).

• 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 Com-

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### Concerts to feature big band jazz

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VERO BEACH — The Vero Beach High School Band Department presents "Big Band Bash" Jazz Concerts on Monday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, 1707 16th Street.

This evening of jazz music will pay tribute to Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, and Glenn Miller among other Big Band greats.

Featuring the award winning VBHS Jazz Bands, the performance will be led by James Sammons and Page Howell. Some selections will include popular tunes such as Stompin' at the Savoy, Georgia on My Mind, Just In Time by Jule Styne as well as other arrangements by Sammy Nestico, Thelonius Monk and Hoagy Carmichael.

The Tuesday evening concert will also include special guests from the

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### Stage to portray drama of love and war

#### "Miss Saigon" comes to Vero Beach

For Hometown News  
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

VERO BEACH — One of Broadway's longest running hit musicals, "Miss Saigon," is coming to Riverside Theatre in Vero Beach.

The classic story of love and loss during wartime will be produced at Riverside Theatre with performances on select dates from Jan. 14 to Feb. 2.

"Miss Saigon" was written by Claude-Michel Schonberg and Alain Boublil, the creators of another successful musical

"Les Miserables," which was performed at Riverside Theatre last winter. The story is based on the opera, "Madame Butterfly," and follows the tale of an American soldier and a Vietnamese girl who fall in love, only to be separated during the fall of Saigon during the Vietnam War.

Actress EJ Zimmerman will portray Kim, the female lead, in Riverside Theatre's production of the epic musical

"Kim is an orphaned country girl turned "bar girl" in war-torn Vietnam," Ms. Zimmerman said in an email interview.

"She has a sweeping romance with an American G.I. (Chris), but they

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### An evening with Neil Sedaka

For Hometown News  
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

FORT PIERCE — Neil Sedaka, one of the greatest musicians of all time returns to the Sunrise Theatre stage on Friday, Jan. 3 at 8 p.m.

Singer, songwriter, composer, pianist, and author are just a few of the titles that can be used to describe Mr. Sedaka.

With a career spanning six decades, a rare feat in

the entertainment world, Mr. Sedaka never ceases to amaze. His unique blend of immense talent, showmanship and musicality are rarely seen. His impressive career ranges from being one of the first teen pop sensations of the 50s, a relevant songwriter for himself and other artists in the 60s, a superstar in the 70s, remaining a constant force in writing and performing presently.

This is all thanks to the countless songs he has written, performed, and produced that continued to inspire artists and audiences around the world.

Mr. Sedaka is well known for such songs as: The Diary, Oh! Carol, Stairway to Heaven, Calendar Girl, Little Devil, Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen, Next Door To An Angel, and Breaking Up Is Hard To Do, songs that

have become a part of peoples' lives and can instantly take listeners back to special moments. He is also known for Bad Blood and the quintessential Laughter in the Rain, both reaching No. 1 on the music charts.

Tickets for the event are priced at \$69 and \$59 at the Box Office. For more information, call (772) 461-4775 or visit [www.SunriseTheatre.com](http://www.SunriseTheatre.com)



Week of 1-3-2014

#### ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, though you are eager to plow through your to-do list, certain plans may have to be postponed due to circumstances beyond your control. Go with the flow.

#### TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, uncover the source of a disagreement with a friend and try to come to a resolution before the disagreement escalates. Handling things promptly will pay off.

#### GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, attention to detail this week will prevent delays down the road. Keep this mind when tending to personal as well as professional matters.

#### CANCER - June 22/July 22

You may find your mind wandering this week, Cancer. You cannot seem to focus on the tasks at hand, but work hard to limit distractions and get your work done.

#### LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Leo, respect a loved one's decision to keep a certain matter private. There's not much you can do other than offer your support and respect.

#### VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, carefully schedule your time this week. You cannot afford to get behind in work or miss any important appointments. Stay focused and leave some time free for the unexpected.

#### LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, you are drawn to creative endeavors these days and have less patience for tasks that are not nearly as fun. Find a healthy balance between the two.

#### SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, expect to serve as a mediator for your loved ones this week. The issue that arises is relatively small, but your calm demeanor

See **SCOPES, B3**

## Out & about

#### THROUGH FRIDAY, JAN. 3

• **"Our Beautiful Waters" exhibit:** An invitational exhibit to benefit the Environmental Learning Center, hosted at Gallery 14, 1911 14th Ave., Vero Beach. The Last Call reception will be held Friday, Jan. 3, from 5-8 p.m. For more information, visit [www.gallery14verobeach.com](http://www.gallery14verobeach.com).

#### FRIDAY, JAN. 3

• **"An Evening with Neil Sedaka,"** Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 8 p.m. Singer-songwriter and author Neil Sedaka will perform. Cost: \$59 or \$69 per person. Website: [www.sunrisetheatre.com](http://www.sunrisetheatre.com).

#### FRIDAY, JAN. 3 - APRIL 27

• **Art exhibition,** McKee Botanical Garden, Vero Beach, times vary. The garden presents the "J. Seward Johnson, Jr. Sculpture Exhibition," a collection of 20 life-size bronze casts depicting real people performing every day activities. Cost: Garden admission fees apply. Website: [www.mckeeagar-den.org](http://www.mckeeagar-den.org).

#### SATURDAY, JAN. 4

• **Craft show,** Riverview Park, Sebastian, 10 a.m. Hosted by the Craft Club of Sebastian. Rain date: Jan. 5. Cost: Free. Website: [www.sebastiancraftclub.com](http://www.sebastiancraftclub.com).  
• **Food Truck Frenzy:** 3-9 p.m., Riverside Park, Vero Beach. Food trucks attending are subject to change, but tend to sell tacos, lobster rolls, barbecue, snacks, Korean dishes, Southern dishes, cupcakes, more. Admission is \$1. For more information, search for Food Truck Frenzy Vero Beach on Facebook.

#### SUNDAY, JAN. 5

• **Art in the park,** Humiston Park, Vero Beach, 10 a.m. A monthly fine arts and crafts show by Vero Beach Art Club members. Free. Website: [www.verobeachartclub.org](http://www.verobeachartclub.org).

#### TUESDAYS, JAN. 7 - FEB. 4

• **Film studies course,** Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. Topic to be discussed is "Inside/Outside: Films from and about Cuba."

\$50 for museum members, \$70 for non-members. Website: [www.verobeachmuseum.org](http://www.verobeachmuseum.org).

#### THURSDAY, JAN. 9

• The Atlantic Classical Orchestra presents **"Opening Night Master Works,"** Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts at St. Edwards School, Vero Beach, 7:10 p.m. A 50-minute lecture is followed by a concert featuring the Atlantic Classical Orchestra. Cost: \$55 for adults, \$5 for students, season subscriptions available. Website: [atlanticclassicalorchestra.com](http://atlanticclassicalorchestra.com).

• **Art of Networking,** Blue Star Wine Bar, Vero Beach, 5 p.m. A networking event presented by the Cultural Council of Indian River County. Cost: To be announced. Website: [www.cultural-council.org](http://www.cultural-council.org).

• **Antique show and sale preview party,** Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 5:30 p.m. Opening night for the 22nd annual antiques show and sale. Admission for the preview party is \$150; tickets should be purchased by Jan. 6. For

more information, visit [www.verobeachmuseum.org](http://www.verobeachmuseum.org).

#### THROUGH JAN. 10

• **Holiday Art Extravaganza at the Backus Museum:** The show features home and garden furnishings by Anita Prentice, photography by Sean Dowie, Florida-inspired pottery by Martin Cushman, handcrafted jewelry by Suzanne Ritter, contemporary fused glass by Susan Cannon, watercolors by Michael Weber, collage assemblage and textiles by Joyce McAdams, tropical oils by Patricia Sorg, floral-inspired pottery by Mia Lindberg, Florida landscapes by Tim Forman, painted quilts by Bernie Rowell, fractured landscapes in pastel by Harry Wozniak, marine creatures of recycled plastic by David Edgar, and small views in oil by George Rowe. The museum, located at 500 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (772) 465-0630.

#### FRIDAY, JAN. 10

• **Concerts in the Park:** St. John's Wood performs, 5:30-8 p.m., Riverview Park in Sebastian. This concert series features local bands playing bluegrass and oldies, rock and jazz, plus food and refreshments for sale, chances to win giveaways from local businesses, and more. Free admission, family-friendly. For more information, visit [www.sebastianchamber.com](http://www.sebastianchamber.com).

• **"Sleeping Beauty,"** Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 8 p.m. The timeless fairytale comes to life with the unparalleled art of Russian ballet. Cost: \$20 for children 12 and younger, \$45 or \$55 for adults. Website:

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**FRIDAY, JAN. 10  
– SUNDAY, JAN. 12**

• **Antique show and sale,** Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach. The annual antiques show and sale returns for the 22nd year. Featuring 18th and 19th century Americana including

furniture, jewelry, art, glassware, porcelains, collectibles, more. General admission for the show is \$10 per person (includes unlimited show re-entry). For more information, visit [www.verobeachmuseum.org](http://www.verobeachmuseum.org).

**FRIDAY, JAN. 10  
– SATURDAY, JAN. 11**

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

comedians to be determined. Cost: \$15 for show only, \$25 for show and food voucher. Website: [www.riversidetheatre.com](http://www.riversidetheatre.com).

**SATURDAY, JAN. 11**

• **'Life and Death at Windover:'** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., River House, 305 Acacia Road, Vero Beach. Indian River County Historical Society presents a luncheon, lecture and book signing by Dr. Rachel Wentz. Tickets for luncheon and

lecture are \$20. Raffle tickets also available. For more information, call (772) 778-3435 or visit the IRCHS office, Train Depot, 2336 14th Ave., Vero Beach.

• **'The Great American Songbook' concert:** 7 p.m., Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center. The Space Coast Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Orchestra will present "The Great American Songbook," with selections by famous American composers. The concert will also include superstar entertainer Jeff Shadley. Cost: \$20. Website: [www.spacecoastsymphony.org](http://www.spacecoastsymphony.org).

• **Haiti clinic 5k run/walk,** South Beach Park, Vero Beach, 6:30 a.m. Cost: \$25 per person in advance, \$30 on race day. Website: [www.runnersdepotvb.com](http://www.runnersdepotvb.com).

• **Star party,** Sebastian Inlet State Park, Sebastian, 6:15 p.m. The Indian River Astronomy Society will host a stargazing party at the day use area 0.5 miles south of the bridge, weather and clouds permitting. Telescopes will be provided, or bring your own. Cost: Park entry fees apply. Website: <http://www.floridastateparks.org/sebastianinlet/events.cfm>.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 11  
– SUNDAY, JAN. 12**

• **Riverside Children's Theatre Schoolical Production presents "Disney's Jungle Book Kids,"** Annie Morton Theatre, Riverside Children's Theatre, Vero Beach, 1:30 p.m. Mowgli, Baloo, King Louis and the gang swing their way through madcap adventures and thwart the ferocious tiger,

Shere Khan. Cost: \$8. Website: [www.riversidetheatre.com](http://www.riversidetheatre.com).

**SUNDAY, JAN. 12**

• **Welcome the New Year:** 2 p.m., Main Library, 1600 21st Street, Vero Beach. Featuring Edden Family Impact (EFI), with family-friendly singing, dancing, acting, comedy skits, more. All ages welcome. Bring cookies, brownies or similar sweets to share. Donations appreciated. For more information, call (772) 770-5060, Ext. 4121.

• **Art in the park,** Humiston Park, Vero Beach, 10 a.m. A monthly fine arts and crafts show by Vero Beach Art Club members. Cost: Free. Website: [www.verobeachartclub.org](http://www.verobeachartclub.org).

• **Cavalleria Rusticana,** The Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero Beach, 3 p.m. Marcello Giordani stars in this opera. Cost: \$30, \$40, \$50 or \$100 per person. Website: [www.verobeachopera.org](http://www.verobeachopera.org).

• **Theatre-Go-Round presents "Milestones and Memories,"** 14th Avenue Steakhouse, Vero Beach, 12:30 p.m. A matinee dinner theater production encompassing 50 years of musical hits from the 1940s through the 1980s. Cost: \$45. Website: [www.theatregoroundinvertheatre.com](http://www.theatregoroundinvertheatre.com).

• **Paula Poundstone,** Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 7 p.m. A night of comedy with Paula Poundstone. Cost: \$29 or \$39 per person. Website: [www.sunrisetheatre.com](http://www.sunrisetheatre.com).

**MONDAY, JAN. 13**

• **Quarter Auction:** Doors

open for guests at 6 p.m. American Legion, 807 Louisiana Ave., Sebastian. Supporting American Legion Post 189. 50/50 raffle, free door prize, vendors with cash and carry specials. Lots of goodies will be auctioned off for quarters. Bring a roll or two of quarters and \$2 for an auction paddle. Must be 18 or older to attend. For more information, call or email [Mori Serpa at \(772\) 633-9914 \(mori44@aol.com\)](mailto:MoriSerpa@att.net) or [Daisy Williams at \(772\) 882-7352 \(avondaisy44@aol.com\)](mailto:DaisyWilliams@att.net).

**TUESDAY, JAN. 14**

• **Indian River Genealogical Society general meeting:** Donna Moughty will speak about 'Getting the most out of Ancestry.com' at 9:30 a.m., Main Library, 1600 21st Street, Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 321-2692 or visit [www.irgs.org](http://www.irgs.org).

• **Doctors Club:** The group meets every second Tuesday of the month at the Vero Beach Yacht Club until May. Retired, semi-retired physicians and spouses are welcome, whether Treasure Coast residents or visitors. Social hour starts at noon; luncheon is served at 12:45 p.m. Luncheon is \$20 per person. For more information, call [Billie at \(772\) 257-6249](mailto:Billie@tccdoctorsclub.com).

• **"Godspell,"** Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 7 p.m. The National Touring Company will bring the Stephen Schwartz musical, "Godspell" to the stage. Cost: \$50 or \$60 per person. Website: [www.sunrisetheatre.com](http://www.sunrisetheatre.com).

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**Saigon**

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are separated when Saigon falls to the North Vietnamese and the American soldiers evacuate.

"Miss Saigon" chronicles this love affair from the time Kim and Chris meet, through their separation, until they are finally reunited. Kim is fiercely loyal, fearless, and resilient, and her story is one of love and sacrifice," Ms. Zimmerman said.

Kim becomes a mother during her separation from the soldier and her concern for her child is a motivating factor for her decisions dur-

ing the course of the musical.

The show, like "Les Miserables," is fully sung, with almost no spoken dialogue and includes musical numbers that have stood the test of time, such as "I Still Believe," "Why God Why?" and "The American Dream."

This will be Ms. Zimmerman's fourth time playing this role, and the third time she will play it opposite Herman Sebek as The Engineer, the owner of the bar where Kim is employed.

"I could never tire of playing this role," Ms. Zimmerman said.

"Having the experience of playing the role before helps me focus on storytelling,

creating on-stage relationships, and fine-tuning the nuance of my character instead of just worrying about the words or the notes I'm singing," she said.

The role of Kim is physically, vocally and emotionally difficult, but exciting at the same time, Ms. Zimmerman said.

"I am always drawn to stories with a strong female heroine. And I love Kim because even though she is a young Asian woman (a type so often depicted as meek or subservient), she is defiant and brave!" she said.

"Also, the writers of this show have said in interviews they were inspired by a photo of a Vietnamese mother saying tearful goodbye at Ho Chi Min City Airport to her young daughter who would be leaving permanently to live with an American father.

"As an adoptee, this resonates with me, because these stories show how a mother's greatest act of love can come at her own expense," Ms. Zimmerman said.

This will be Ms. Zimmerman's first time working at Riverside Theatre and visiting Vero Beach.

"Riverside has an excellent reputation as a first-rate regional theatre that puts on top-notch, thoughtful productions, with a kind and gracious staff working offstage as well," Ms. Zimmerman said.

"I couldn't be more excited to bring Kim to life on the Riverside stage, while escaping NYC winter in sunny Vero Beach!" she said.

Tickets are \$45-\$75 per person depending on seating. Tickets can be purchased online or by calling the box office.

For tickets or more information, call (772) 231-6990 or visit [www.riversidetheatre.com](http://www.riversidetheatre.com).

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**Band**

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local middle schools. Tickets are \$10 for the Upper Mezzanine level and \$12 for the Lower Orchestra level.

For more information, call the Box Office at (772) 564-5537. Proceeds benefit the education of Indian River County students.



# It's all about being strategic

Members of the Senior Activities Center of Sebastian passed the time Thursday playing Mahjongg, a Chinese tile game, in their center behind the Sebastian Art Club. Members participate in other games like dominoes, seven and two-deck canasta, advanced bridge, cribbage and pinochle to name a few. The center is located at 1255 Main Street.



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## Delivering goodies



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Every year the EL-DOEs of the Sebastian Elks Lodge distribute Christmas baskets to a family less fortunate than others. The EL-DOEs donate money to purchase the items for the baskets then Ms. Trish Wesely, Historian of the EL-DOEs, takes the donations, purchases the items and assembles the baskets. This year, families at Sebastian Elementary School were the recipients of the baskets overflowing with food. Ms. Cheryl Hoyt, assistant principal accepted the baskets from Jean DeBlasio, president of the EL-DOEs.

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## Out

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doggy-friendly event with games, booths and exhibits. Cost: To be announced. Website: www.hsvb.org.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 18 – SUNDAY, JAN. 19**

• **Sebastian River Fine Arts and Music Festival**, Riverview Park, Sebastian, time to be announced. More than 100 local professional artist and craftsmen and musicians will be showcasing their talents. Free admission. Website: www.sebastianartshow.com.

• **Riverside Children's Theatre - RCT On The Go presents "Cows Don't Fly,"** Annie Morton Theatre, Riverside Children's Theatre, Vero Beach, 1:30 p.m. Based on the popular children's book series "The Cow Who Wouldn't Come Down," "The Pig Who Ran a Red Light," and "The Goose Who Went Off in a Huff," this play captures the vision of a world where extraordinary things happen on a regular basis. Cost: \$6. Website: www.riversidetheatre.com.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 19**

• **Jungle Day**, McKee Botanical Garden, Vero Beach, noon. Celebrate the history and heritage of one of Florida's earliest attractions, Jungle Gardens, and learn how McKee Botanical Garden came to be. Cost: To be announced. Website: www.mckeebotanicalgarden.org.

• **Theatre-Go-Round presents "Disco Divas,"** The Quilted Giraffe Restaurant, Vero Beach, 4:30 p.m. A musical dinner theatre production celebrating the sounds of the 1970s. Cost: \$55. Website: www.theatre-

gorounddinnertheatre.com.

• **The Atlantic Classical Orchestra presents "Beethoven and Schubert Strings,"** Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 3 p.m. Featuring the Atlantic Classical Orchestra chamber musicians. The concert is followed by a wine and cheese reception. Cost: \$5 for students or children, \$30 for museum members, \$40 for non-members. Website: atlanticclassicalorchestra.com.

• **"Rock of Ages,"** Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 7 p.m. The National Touring Company bring the world-wide party musical to the stage. Cost: \$45 or \$55 per person. Website: www.sunrisetheatre.com.

**MONDAY, JAN. 20**

• **Martin Luther King Jr. parade**, location and time to be announced.

• **Pelican Island Audubon Society meeting:** Starts at 7:30 p.m., Vero Beach Community Center, 2266 14th Ave., Vero Beach. Focusing on Square Foot Gardening with Graham Cox and Peter Sutherland – an ongoing program of the Society, to install gardens in the county's schools for conservation, nutrition and educational benefits. The public is welcome. For more information, call (772) 567-3520 or visit www.pelicanislandaudubon.org.

• **Riverside Theatre Supper Club**, Waxlax Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, 6:30 p.m. A New York supper club feel is brought to Riverside with sumptuous dining, an upscale wine list and features a performance by Tony award-winning Broadway star Brian Stokes Mitchell. Cost: \$275 per person. Website: www.riversidetheatre.org.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 21**

• The Distinguished Lecturer Series presents **"DLS Debates,"** Stark Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, 5:30 p.m. DLS debates uses the Oxford Union/English-style of debating creating a forum for the discussion of current issues of personal interest. Cost: Call the box office for pricing information. Website: www.riversidetheatre.com.

• **Craft club meeting**, North Indian River County, Sebastian, 2 p.m. Artisans and crafters from Brevard, Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie counties are welcome. Hosted by the Craft Club of Sebastian. Website: www.sebastiancraftclub.com.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 23**

• **Florida Humanities Series lecture**, The Emerson Center, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. Featuring author and journalist Rody Johnson and his presentation, "World War II U-Boat Attack off Vero Beach." Free. Website: www.theemersoncenter.org.

• **Dave Mundy and Soufège concert:** 5 p.m., atrium, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach. Outside food, alcohol and sodas are not permitted. A full cash bar will be available. Concert will take place rain or shine. Bring your lawn chairs. Cost: \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. Website: www.verobeachmuseum.org.

• **"L'Elisir D'Amore,"** Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 7 p.m. One of the most popular operatic comedies comes to Fort Pierce thanks to the 65-person cast and orchestra of Teatro Lirico D'Europa. Cost: \$45 or \$55 per person. Website: www.sunrisetheatre.com.

**THURSDAYS, JAN. 23 – FEB. 27**

• **Opera studies program**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. The five-part course "Femme Fatale!" will study five opera performances. \$50 for museum members or Vero Beach Opera members, \$70 for non-members. Website: www.verobeachmuseum.org.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 24**

• **Casino Night fundraiser:** 6 p.m., Bent Pine Golf Club, Vero Beach. The night starts with cocktails and a silent auction preview, followed by dinner, gaming and music. Limited seating for a Texas Hold 'em poker tournament is available with pre-registration. Other games will include blackjack, craps and roulette. Tickets are \$225 per person, with an additional entry fee of \$50 for the poker tournament. This is the largest annual fundraiser for the Environmental Learning Center in Wabasso. For more information, visit www.discoverelc.org.

• **Casino Magnifique**, Vero Beach Elks Lodge, Vero Beach, 6:30 p.m. A full evening of casino fun with food, drinks, music, games and a silent auction, all to benefit SunUp ARC. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (772) 562-6854, Ext. 225. Limited sponsorships are still available. Website: www.sunuparc.org.

• **Tennis tournament**, Riverside Racquet Complex, Vero Beach, noon. A mixed doubles tournament with prizes for winners. Cost: \$11 for members, \$12 for non-members. Website: www.covb.org.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 24 – SUNDAY, JAN. 26**

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# A hidden Treasure Coast gem and a chance to golf in Ireland

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Pine Lakes Golf Club is a bit hidden, sitting just south of the Treasure Coast Mall, and just west of U.S. 1 in north Stuart. Once you find the course, you will see why it's a favorite of many locals.

Pine Lakes has three sets of tees, playing to 4,766 from the back; 4,449 from the middle and 3,912 from the forward set. Each nine plays to a par of 33, with six par 4s and three par 3s on each side.

What the course lacks in length it more than makes up for in narrowness. If



you have a club that you can hit straight all day, make certain that it's in your golf bag before heading here. One club you may leave behind in its place is your sand wedge. There are no bunkers on the course at all.

Water only comes into play on a half-dozen holes, but there are a lot of trees and small greens. There are also several sharp doglegs forcing you to either gamble or hit your shots to a specific portion of a narrow fairway.

One thing I really like about Pine Lakes is that you can walk this course

with ease. The course sits on about 75- acres of land. This means that tees and greens are quite close to one another. Here one can easily walk 18 holes in under three hours.

The best hole on the course may be the par-4 third. From the back tees, this hole plays over 370-yards long. There is water down the left side the entire length of the hole. The farther you play to the right, the more you bring trees into play as well as the water on your second shot.

On the back nine, the 15th will get your attention. From the tee box on this 380-yard par 4, there are plenty of distractions. You have water, trees, the 14th green and more trees. You approach shot has to hit one of the smallest greens on the course and avoid a pair of deep

ditches. Pine Lakes Golf Club may not have all the fancy amenities that some golfers simply must have. What it does have is character, wrapped up in a box of fun and grill and pub with great sandwiches and drinks that are as cold as your ex's heart.

To experience the course, call the club at (772) 692-0346 or visit [www.pinelakes-golfclub.com](http://www.pinelakes-golfclub.com)

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If Santa left you with nothing but a lump of coal, here is your chance to put something much better in your stocking.

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Fame members Jerry Rice and Chris Doleman to offer a fantastic prize to the lucky winner of the Freedom Golf Tour Ireland raffle.

The Freedom Golf Program gives seriously injured veterans not only the opportunity to experience golf on some of the world's most inspiring courses, but to reach inside themselves to discover their potential through golf clinics, positive interaction and ambassadorship with a business professional during the course of their trip.

Purchase your raffle ticket now to support this wonderful cause and for a chance to join these heroes along with Rice and Doleman on the once-in-a-lifetime trip. The winner and a guest will enjoy round-trip air transporta-

tion, a week of accommodations, meals, a distillery tour and tasting and six rounds of golf. The courses you will play are Dooks GC, Waterville, Tralee GC, Old Head, Ballybunion Old Course, and Lahinch GC.

Tickets cost \$10 each, three for \$25 or five for \$35. For \$125 you get seven tickets and an exclusive SMGA Nike golf polo. For \$175, you get 10 tickets and an exclusive SMGA Nike pullover. For \$375, you get 15 tickets and an exclusive SMGA Nike Xtreme golf bag.

The drawing will be held on June 10, 2014 and the trip will be from Sept. 13-20. Go to [www.freedom-tourireland.com](http://www.freedom-tourireland.com) for more information and to purchase your tickets.

James Stammer can be contacted at him at [stammorgol@yahoo.com](mailto:stammorgol@yahoo.com).

## Out

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Beach Museum of Art, 3001 Riverside Drive, Vero Beach. A Vero Beach Art Club member fine art show in the Homes Great Hall. Hours are 5-8 p.m. on Friday, then 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Free admission. *Website:* [www.veroartclub.org](http://www.veroartclub.org).

### SATURDAY, JAN. 25

- **Charity ball**, Sebastian Elks Lodge, Sebastian, 5:30 p.m. The annual Harry-Anna charity ball is an event to raise money for the Florida Elks children's therapy services and the Florida Elks youth camp. Cost: To be announced. *Contact phone number:* (772) 589-1516.
- **KidZ Artshops**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy a guided gallery visit and related studio art activity with no registration required. Free for members, \$5 for each non-member child. *Website:* [www.veroartclub.org](http://www.veroartclub.org).

### TUESDAY, JAN. 28

- **Valentines for Heroes drive boxing**, Barker Air Conditioning and Heating, Vero Beach, 9 a.m. The donated items for the Valentine Day drive for the troops will be boxed. Donations requested. *Website:* [www.militarymomspayergroup.com](http://www.militarymomspayergroup.com).
- **Friends of the St. Sebastian River**, North Indian River County, Sebastian, 7:30 p.m. General meeting for the nonprofit Friends of the St. Sebastian River. Free. *Website:* [www.fssr.org](http://www.fssr.org).

### TUESDAY, JAN. 28 – SUNDAY, FEB. 9

- **Riverside Theatre** presents "God of Carnage," Waxlax Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, times vary. A laugh-out-loud comedy about parent behaving badly. Winner of the 2009 Tony for Best Play. Cost: \$40 per person. *Website:* [www.riversidetheatre.com](http://www.riversidetheatre.com).

### THURSDAY, JAN. 30

- **Learn and Learn program**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, noon. A catered meal and a guided tour of "Dale Kennington: Mithologies." Cost: Free for museum members, museum admission applies to non-members. *Website:* [www.veroartclub.org](http://www.veroartclub.org).

### FRIDAY, JAN. 31

- **"Spencers Theatre of Illusion,"** Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 8 p.m. A magical concert for the eyes. Cost: \$10 for children 12 and younger, \$35 or \$35 for adults. *Website:* [www.sunrisetheatre.com](http://www.sunrisetheatre.com).
- **"Late Night Catechism,"** Black Box Theatre, Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 8 p.m. An interactive and uproarious piece of theatre that takes audience members back to the children they once were. Cost: \$35 per person. *Website:* [www.sunrisetheatre.com](http://www.sunrisetheatre.com).

### ONGOING EVENTS

- **SAFER Indian River County:** Meets every first Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., in the United Way Community Room, 1836 14th Ave., Vero Beach. An organization dedicated to making certain that Indian River County disaster relief is organized and maximally effective. All interested community groups, government agencies, businesses, faith based organizations and individuals are welcome. *Contact Lisa Poziomek at (772) 562-2549 or visit [www.saferirc.us](http://www.saferirc.us).*
- **Master Gardeners Plant Clinics:** Have a plant question or need a soil pH test? Plant clinics are held at two locations each week. In Vero Beach, Master Gardener volunteers will be available

from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, at the IRC UFL/IFAS Extension Office, 1028 20th Place, Vero Beach. In Sebastian, Master Gardener volunteers are available Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, at the North IRC Library, 1001 C.R. 512, Sebastian. Open to all ages, with no fee. *Call (772) 770-5030 in advance. Visit <http://indian.ifas.ufl.edu>.*

- **Support group:** Catholic Charities' Prison Ministry sponsors a support group for adult family members of persons incarcerated in prisons and jails. Meets from 10-11 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at Saint John of the Cross Parish Hall, 2355 82nd Ave., Vero Beach. All discussions are kept confidential.

- **Vero Beach Elks Lodge sends cookies to soldiers:** Homemade or store-bought cookies may be dropped off at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of November and December (the group plans to go back to meeting on the third Thursday of every month after). Money donations for shipping costs are also appreciated. Bring cookies to Vero Beach Elks Lodge 1774, 1350 26th St. Vero Beach.

- **Wood carving class:** 1-4 p.m. every Monday, taught by Joe Miller, at Crafts & Stuffs, 658 21st Street, Vero Beach. *For more information, call (772) 562-0540.*

- **Farmer's market and mercado:** Fresh produce, baked goods, farm animals and more will be on the grounds of the Old Fellsmere School on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendor booths must be registered in advance. A 10-foot by 10-foot vendor space is \$15, a mercado space is \$20, and a ready-to-eat vendor booth is \$25. There is an initial application fee of \$15 for a business permit valid at the market. The applications are available online at the Fellsmere Farmer's Market and Mercado Facebook group page. *For more information, call (772) 413-1784.*

- **Free quit smoking now classes:** The Quit Smoking Now Program is free of charge and provides free nicotine replacement therapy (patches, gum, or lozenges) while supplies last to those who are eligible. Class is available in the area. *For more information or to register, call (877) 819-2357 or visit <http://www.eahecto-bacco.com/>*

- **Sunrise Yoga classes:** 6-7:30 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, offered by the North County Aquatic Center, 9450 County Road 512, Sebastian. Fee is \$8 per class. The class is tailored to the abilities of the students. Every skill has an easy, intermediate, and advanced pose. All levels are welcome. For more information, call the North County Aquatic Center at (772) 581-7665.

- **Craft Club of Sebastian:** Artists and crafters from Brevard, Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie counties are welcome. Meets September through April on the third Thursday of each month from 2-3 p.m. at the North Indian River County Library on County Road 512 in Sebastian. For more information,

visit [www.sebastiancraftclub.com/](http://www.sebastiancraftclub.com/)

- **New ongoing class:** Started Sept. 12, Crafts & Stuff in the Miracle Mile Plaza by the VNA Thrift Shop. Local artist Marie Morrow, a teacher from the Vero Beach Museum of Art, will teach the class, "Learning to Paint without the Fear of Drawing." The class will teach a grid system that allows artists to transfer drawings from small formats to huge canvases and walls, as well as colors and color wheels. No previous art experience is required. This is an ongoing workshop; people may sign up for one class or several. Class space is limited. Intermediate and advanced students are welcome to participate in an open studio environment with feedback and technical support.

- **Republican Women Aware (RWA)** meets the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Vero Beach Country Club, 800 30th Ave., Vero Beach, for a luncheon meeting. The public is invited. *Reservations are required by calling Eve Rosen at (772) 581-7439 or emailing [EveRosen@bellsouth.net](mailto:EveRosen@bellsouth.net).*

- **Third Thursday dances:** 7-10 p.m. on the third Thursday each month, all year, at Vero's Heritage Center, 2140 14th Ave. Sponsored by USA Dance. General fee is \$10 per person. Singles, couples, all levels of dance ability welcome, with dressy/casual attire. Different popular ballroom dance style and theme each month. Group class with a professional instructor starts at 7 p.m.; social dancing follows. *For more information, visit [www.verodance.org](http://www.verodance.org).*

- **Barefoot Bay Drifters Grief Support Group:** VITAS Innovative Care offers a free grief support group in Barefoot Bay. Public is welcome. The group meets on first and third Wednesdays each month, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Joe's Club South, 7951 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco. *For more information, call the VITAS Barefoot Bay office at (772) 664-1557.*

- **PFLAG of Vero Beach, Inc.** meets the second Monday and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held at Unity Church, 950 43rd Ave. Vero Beach. *For more information, call (772) 778-9835.*

- **Sebastian Area Historical Museum** is dedicated to preserving and displaying the history of the area with exhibits and artifacts from the Ais Indians, Pelican Island, Clothing, Family Life, Quilts, Fishing, Agriculture, and Early Transportation. The museum is located at 1235 Main Street, City Hall Complex, Sebastian and is open Tuesday thru Thursday (and Fridays during the season) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 4. Admission is free and the reference library is open by appointment. *Call (772) 581-1380.*

- **Friends After Diagnosis breast cancer support group:** Two groups meet at Indian River Medical Center, 1000 36th Street, Vero Beach. One meets on the third Saturday of each month, from 10-11 a.m., in the executive dining room off the cafeteria.

The other meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month, from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Cancer Center. Anyone who is a survivor, caretaker, friend or family member who has been touched by breast cancer is welcome to attend. *For more information, contact Lin Reading at (772) 978-9392 or email [linreading@bellsouth.net](mailto:linreading@bellsouth.net).*

- **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](http://www.meetup.com/spark-of-divine-spirit-unity-reiki-unconditional-love/events/calendar).*

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

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

- **Men's singles tennis pyramid:** Play runs from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at the Riverside Racquet Complex, 350 Dahlia Lane, Vero Beach. This is an adult league for ages 18 and older; men's levels of 3.5/4.0. The fees are

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# Catching fish with the umbrella rig

I couldn't wait any longer. Curiosity got the best of me, so I went ahead and did it... I bought the almighty umbrella rig. Two days later, I took it and went to a lake to see how it worked and to see if I would enjoy throwing it. For the ones reading this that don't know what an umbrella rig is the name itself tells you. The lure has a weighted head with 3/5



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wires coming off the head extending back approximately 6/20 inches with some kind of soft plastic lure attached to each of the wires, usually the middle

wire is a little longer than the others. My rig came with five white Yum Money Minnows with directions how to rig them. In doing so, one wonders how is this thing going to work (now I have seen videos, but just knew that mine was not going to work like what I had seen) I followed directions exactly as stated and it worked exactly as stated, really

looks great in the water. My first cast was one of those professional over runs (backlash) and a good one. The weight of everything was really heavy, more so than anything I had been used to. So, if you're going to try one, watch that first cast... it could mess you up for the next 30 minutes. It took me several casts to get the feel of the weight and after several more casts I did

catch a three pound bass. I don't think I would want to throw that thing all day long. I am going to fish it, as I really think it will catch our Florida Bass. As I fish it more I will let you know what is happening. The Rig has been around for a year or so, maybe even longer, but the interest was not there so I never gave it a chance. The chances of catching more than one at a

time are pretty good as it resembles a small school of swimming bait fish and this time of the year is when the bass school looking for schooling bait fish. Stay safe, have fun and go catch a big'un!  
*Joe Kubik is a tournament fisherman and former Charter Captain. Joe can be reached at j.kubik@com-cast.net*

## Out

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\$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](mailto:orzelp@gmail.com) by noon on Thursdays. A maximum of 14 players will be accepted for these pyramid or ladder format sets against three different opponents. For more information contact Gaby Dwyer, tennis supervisor, at (772) 231-4787 or contact Brian Orzel at (772) 538-0465.

- **Sunset Saturday night cruises:** Oceanside Business Association of Vero Beach's sunset Saturday cruises on the second Saturday of the month located on the corner of Ocean Drive and Dahlia Lane. For more information, visit [www.VeroBeachOBA.com](http://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](http://fws.gov/pelicanisland/events)
- **Italian-American War Veterans, Post No.3 and Women's Auxiliary,** located at 2500 15th Ave., Vero Beach, holds business meetings at 7 p.m., on the second Wednesday of each month. Social meetings are held at 6 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday of the month. New members welcome. For information, call (772) 231-5673 or (772) 770-2558.

- **Vero Beach Railroad Station** in downtown Vero Beach was originally built in 1903. It is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is open Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Visitors can tour the exhibit center and get a glimpse of local history from prehistoric times through World War II. There is a model train display that offers panoramic views of historical sites in Indian River County. The railroad station is located at 2336 14th Ave., Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 778-3435.
- **Indian River County Historical Society** preserves the artifacts, sites and structures related to Indian River County heritage and offers maps and directions to sites of 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.mckeebotanicalgarden.org](http://www.mckeebotanicalgarden.org).
- **McLarty Treasure Museum** features treasures discovered from ancient Spanish ships wrecked in 1715, off of Indian River County's coast. Open seven days a week from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$1 for ages 6 and older. Located at 13180 A1A, Vero Beach, north of County Road 510. For more information, call (772) 589-2147.
- **Environmental Learning Center:** An elevated boardwalk creates a trail through a mangrove forest, butterfly garden, native plant garden, wet labs and more. Also there are canoe tours, workshops and other activities. It's open daily, with one-hour tours offered throughout the week. There is no admission charge. Visitors can also see the Florida cracker-style home of poet Laura Riding Jackson on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to

noon. The center is located at 255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach, south of the Wabasso Bridge. For more information call (772) 589-5050 or visit [www.elcweb.org](http://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.

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

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- **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](http://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.
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