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Need to know

Pilot Club to host Pancake Day

The Treasure Coast Pilot Club is getting ready to host their 55th Pancake Day/Tri-fles and Treasures Sale. The event will be held Saturday, Jan. 25 beginning at 7 a.m. and continuing until 11 a.m. The site for this occasion is the Vero Beach High School's Freshman Learning Center's Cafeteria, 1507 19th Street in Vero Beach. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Treasure Coast Pilot Club's long range project - Project Lifesaver, an electronic bracelet monitoring system for Alzheimer patients and others with orientation problems. The club provides financial and volunteer assistance for Project Lifesaver in partnership with the Sheriff's Department and the Alzheimer Parkinson's Association of Indian River County.

The hallways just outside the cafeteria doors are lined with shopping opportunities. You will find bargains galore and a wonderland of treasures.

For more information, visit www.tccpc.info.

Art, music festival taking place

Sebastian's Riverview Park is the setting for the Sebastian Fine Art and Music Festival happening the weekend of January 18, 2014. More than 100 local professional artists and craftsmen along with musi-

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The festival returns!

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WEEKEND WEATHER



Friday: Partly cloudy; high: 66; low: 50; high tide: 9:03 a.m.; low tide: 3:01 p.m.
Saturday: Clear; high: 59; low: 43; high tide: 9:39 a.m.; low tide: 3:36 p.m.

Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 63; low: 52; high tide: 10:15 a.m.; low tide: 4:11 p.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Natural gas coming to Sebastian

By Jessica Creagan
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SEBASTIAN — A unanimous vote by the Sebastian City Council will further fuel talks with a natural gas company bringing services to Sebastian.

During the Jan. 8 meeting, the council voted 4-0 in favor of offering a nonexclusive natural gas franchise to Florida City Gas. The ordinance will come back before council in February before it is official, city staff said.

Councilman Jim Hill was not present at the meeting.

Florida City Gas currently is work-

ing to bring natural gas to other parts of the area, including Fellsmere, portions of Indian River County and Vero Beach, so adding Sebastian to the list will be bring the city onto the same playing field economically, some council members said.

Natural gas is a highly sought after and historically lower cost form of energy, said representatives of Florida City Gas.

The proposed gas lines will be laid on portions of County Road 512 and Indian River Drive, and will be available to residential and commercial customers.

The plans show the lines will be

available to at least 54 existing business addresses, mostly made up of restaurants, but also includes places like Sebastian Elementary School, Indian River Fire Rescue and Sebastian River Medical Center.

A company spokesman said the lines are expected to be fully installed and ready for service by the end of 2014.

Interim City Manager Joe Griffin told council members conversations about bringing natural gas to

the city go back more than two years.

Councilman Richard Gillmor said See **GAS, A4**

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Antiques weekend at the Museum



Dave White of White's Nautical Antiques, shows of a spyglass or telescope from the late 1800s at the Vero Beach Museum of Art 22nd Antique Show and Sale Friday, Jan. 10.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Thirty-eight dealers from all over the country gathered at the Vero Beach Museum of Art last weekend for the 22nd Annual Antique Show and Sale. Chris Ryall looks admires some antique jewelry.



Cliff Partlow
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Sebastian celebrates local conservationist's impact

By Jessica Creagan
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SEBASTIAN — A soggy 150th birthday celebration for the nation's first wildlife refuge warden isn't what Kevin Lowry planned, but the party was well enjoyed by those who braved the weather.

Last week, Jan. 9 was proclaimed as Paul Kroegel

Day by Sebastian Mayor Bob McPartlan during the inaugural Pioneer Festival organized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in honor of Mr. Kroegel's 150th birthday.

About 100 people passed through the tent during the event, tasting "pioneer" food, listening to rollicking banjo tunes and learning more about the Pelican

Island National Wildlife Refuge, the lagoon and land area Mr. Kroegel worked hard to protect more than 100 years ago.

"A ducky day isn't going to dampen our spirits," said Mr. Lowry, event organizer and visitor services manager of the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Kroegel, a German immigrant who moved to

Sebastian in the late 1880s, literally took a stand against poachers that targeted nesting birds that lived on spoil islands in the Indian River Lagoon, including pelicans.

Mr. Kroegel would row across the lagoon to an island near his home where brown pelicans would nest and stand guard with a shotgun against people

coming to shoot the birds and sell their feathers to milliners for hat decorations.

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt declared one of those islands, Pelican Island, the first national wildlife refuge, and today there are more than 550 refuges in

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Cold weather shelter has first opening of 2014

By Jessica Creagan
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VERO BEACH — The first blast of cold, wintery weather blew through Indian River County early last week and about 30 homeless individuals sought refuge at the county's temporary cold weather shelter.

While Florida may be the one of the warmest places in the U.S., temperatures took a dive on Jan. 6 and The Source in Vero Beach,

Indian River County's designated cold weather shelter, opened its doors and passed out blankets, food, jackets and hot chocolate to local homeless, and provided them with the option for a warm place to sleep overnight.

Blankets and warm socks are two items the nonprofit could really use during this time of year to give to needy men and women, and donations are always welcomed, staff said.

Dennis Bartholomew, executive director of The Source, said the facility can accommodate up to 60 people overnight, and during last week's coldest night they were half full.

"A lot of the guys choose to hunker down and get settled in their sleeping bags even when it's very cold because they don't want to leave their possessions," Mr. Bartholomew said.

The nonprofit organization stays in communica-

tion with the county emergency services department to know when the weather is predicted to be particularly cold.

The Source is opened when the temperatures are forecasted to drop below 35 degrees and dry, or 40 degrees and rainy, Mr. Bartholomew said.

"It doesn't usually come on us really fast, we usually have a couple of days notice," he said.

The cold front was defi-

nately making news, so much so that people from the community were checking to see if the nonprofit was getting prepared.

"I was getting calls from everyone, even the police department, to find out if we were going to be open," Mr. Bartholomew said.

With the help of volunteers and donations from the community, the guests at The Source had cots and

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Judges, sponsors still needed for middle school science fair

By Jessica Creagan
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Gifford Middle School may be hosting classes as normal this week, but in the near future the campus will be chock full of hypotheses and science boards.

The Education Foundation of Indian River County will present the 22nd annual Indian River Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Gifford Middle School on Feb. 1.

All of the participating students are ready to present their projects, but the nonprofit is still looking for more volunteer judges to evaluate the students' work, event coordinators said.

There are an estimated 560 students participating in the fair this year, and 300 of those students will be kindergarten through the fifth grade, the age group with the most need for judges.

Judges for the elementary school category need to have an understanding of the scientific method and the ability to hear soft voices, said Cynthia Falardeau, executive director of the Education Foundation of Indian River County.



File photo

The Education Foundation of Indian River County held the 21st Annual Science Fair in February at Gifford Middle School. Nearly 500 students from all over Indian River County, participates in the annual event. Alex McLaughlin, a fifth-grade student at Pelican Island Elementary, explains how kernels of popcorn pop when stored in different temperatures to judge Alan Korn.

It may seem a strange request, but when an entire building is full of kids and judges talking about the projects on display, it can be difficult to hear and follow conversations, she said. "It's a big deal," Ms. Falardeau said.

When talking to the children, judges will need to evaluate what the child has learned in doing the project and how well they understood their outcomes.

One misconception that many people have about the fair is that science fairs are

demonstrations, and they think about an erupting model volcano, but in actuality, science and engineering projects, especially at the early elementary level, are more about measuring

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The Source is seeking supplies

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movies, men's jeans, sweaters, jackets, hoodies, snacks, coffee, creamer, sugar, and hot chocolate. The Source opens for cold night shelter when temperatures are forecasted to drop below 35 degrees Fahrenheit or 40 degrees with rain. Decision for action is usually made by noon of a shelter day. The cost of opening for overnight shelter is \$300 per night.

Guests must arrive no later than 9:00 pm. Breakfast will be provided the following morning.

The Source is the only drop-in outreach ministry in the county, open six days a week, providing hot meals, emergency food

boxes, clothing, basic hygiene items, showers and laundering facilities, mail and phone services, job readiness programs, and cooperative community agency referrals. They are located at 1015 Commerce Ave., Vero Beach.

For more information, visit www.lamthesource.org or call (772) 564-0202.

Traffic shifts on Orange Avenue

Bridge painting began on the I-95 overpass at Orange Avenue on Jan. 6. This work is anticipated to take three months to complete.

During the bridge painting, traffic shifts will occur

on Orange Avenue, starting with the westbound lanes and then moving to the eastbound lanes. At times traffic will be reduced from two lanes to one lane on Orange Avenue, and a flag crew will be in place around-the-clock to facilitate the one-lane traffic.

To alert motorists of the change, variable message sign boards and orange warning signs will be placed in advance of the traffic shift and lane reduction.

The I-95/Orange Avenue (SR 68) overpass bridge painting is part of the \$78.3 million I-95 widening project, from Okeechobee Road (SR 70/Exit 129) to Indrio Road (SR 614/Exit 138). Work for this project includes widening I-95 two lanes in each direction; milling and resurfacing the existing lanes; bridge widening; bridge replacement; ramp reconstruction; sound wall installation; and landscaping, signalization and lighting improvements.

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Christina Pines, a fourth grade students at St. Edward's School, explains to Joan Edwards, a judge, how plants thrive when planted in different cups containing various amounts of organic mater during the 21st Annual Science Fair at Gifford Middle School in February.

Fair

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or counting something, Ms. Falardeau said.

"In the fourth and fifth grades, the projects become more complex with more variables involved," she said.

Judges for the secondary levels, sixth grade through high school should have a degree or related work experience in science and engineering, a press release said.

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From right, Kevin Lowry, Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge Ranger, presents Douglas Paul Kroegel, Janice Kroegel Timinsky, Paul Kroegel's grandchildren, a plaque celebrating their grandfather's 150th birthday Thursday, Jan. 9.

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From right, Jim Kurth, Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System, Nina Nicklaus, her brother G. T. and mom Amy, of the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, release a rehabilitated brown pelican during the 150th birthday celebration of Paul Kroegel Thursday in Sebastian.

Kroegel

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the U.S., Ranger Lowry said.

Some of Mr. Kroegel's descendants, including his granddaughter Janice Kroegel Timinsky of Sebastian were present at the event, as were members of another old Sebastian family, the Semblers.

Members of the Sembler family could be seen going back and forth between the grill and the food tables making sure everyone had plenty of food to taste.

The food items consisted of some of the same food Sebastian pioneers would have gathered from the local land and waters, Ranger Lowry said.

Menu items included oysters, clams, swamp cabbage soup, heart of palm salad,

mullet, mullet roe and cornbread.

Tracy Garceau manned a food table, slicing up heart of palm, also called swamp cabbage, a vegetable harvested from the inner core of a cabbage palm, a widely available tree in Indian River County.

"I like to eat it raw, but I heard someone say they like to cook it in bacon," Mr. Garceau said.

Beekeeper Larry Bowles was on hand to educate festival participants about caring for bees and harvesting honey.

"You can't judge a honey by its color," Mr. Bowles said.

Bees make honey using nectar from a wide variety of sources, and different sources create different colored and different tasting honey, he said.

Pioneers certainly used honey as a food, but they found other ways to use what the bees created, including using beeswax to make candles.

"Nowadays we use candle molds, but they would dip candles," Mr. Bowles said.

In addition to the pioneer food and the proclamation, the celebration included a screening of a documentary about Mr. Kroegel, a birthday cake and cupcakes and a re-release of two brown pelicans into the wild by Busch Wildlife Sanctuary.

For more information about Paul Kroegel or the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, (772) 581-5557 or visit www.fws.gov/pelicanisland or www.facebook.com/pelicanislandnwr.

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Shelly Ferger, Dogs For Life founder, spoke to the crowd and thanked all who have stepped up to make the Dogs For Life Assistance Dog Training and Administrative Center dream come true.

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Above: 'Holly,' a hearing assistance Boston terrier for Patricia Scott, quietly waits for the ceremony to be over. **Right:** From left, Penny Chandler, Kathi Schumann, Shelly Ferger, Tony Donadio and Chris Bryant turn their shovels and break ground for the new Dogs For Life Assistance Dog Training and Administrative Center Saturday.



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Plan in motion for free city dog park

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VERO BEACH — Local canines could have a fenced-in "puppy-park" on property owned by the city of Vero Beach later this year.

Vero Beach City Manager Jim O'Connor is working with a not-for-profit group, The Friends of the Vero Beach Dog Exercise Area, to craft a lease for the area behind Bob Summers Field, and for it to be declared an official off-leash dog park.

During the Jan. 7 Vero Beach City Council meeting, the council members heard from many members of the public that were in

favor of making the dog park official, including "Mr. Mack," a service dog that delivered signatures from 2,763 people who signed a petition in favor of an official dog park.

Mayor Dick Winger told Mr. O'Connor it was time for a dog park and he wanted it to move quickly.

The timeline for an official opening is unclear. Mr. O'Connor will negotiate the lease with the "Friends" group and then send it to the city recreation commission for review and then it would return to council for a vote.

Bob Joy, spokesman for the "Friends" group, said their idea for the area

wouldn't be exclusive to just a dog park, but would be developed in a way that other uses could still occur, including leaving space for vehicular entrance in the fencing.

Although some people have said having a dog park next to a marina, right on valuable riverfront property is a bad long term decision for water quality or potential city revenue, Mr. Joy said the uniqueness of a dog park near boat docks is actually a plus.

Visitors that come to Vero Beach on their boats travel to many places along the coast and often comment on how nice it is to have a place for their pups to run

about, and even those without dogs onboard enjoy walking over and talking with people and their pets in the park.

Prior into delving into the meeting Councilwoman Pilar Turner pulled another item on the agenda relating to dogs in parks.

The council moved to send a proposal on allowing dogs into certain city parks to the city's volunteer recreation commission for review and recommendation, before the council takes a vote on the matter.

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Camp Haven continues fight for homeless

For Hometown News
 NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

VERO BEACH — While holiday cheer filled the homes and streets of Vero Beach during the past few months, there were angels in who did not forget there were some who did not have a home to celebrate the holidays.

While others were shopping and celebrating, Lalita Janke and other Camp Haven supporters continued to work hard to ensure Camp Haven will provide a place for homeless in Vero Beach to sleep safely each night in 2014.

Ms. Janke says residents have no idea of the number of homeless who sleeps wherever they can.

"There are so many in need

of a safe place to sleep and a second chance," Ms. Janke said from Camp Haven headquarters when she announced the 2014 kickoff of Camp Haven's extraordinary fundraising event on Jan. 23.

An elaborate ballroom evening of fine dining, dancing and entertainment in support of Camp Haven will be held at the Vero Beach Elks Club Crystal Ballroom with a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner to follow at 7 p.m.

"This event is a very important fund raiser that is needed to ensure the success of Camp Haven's program, which will take homeless men off the streets and give them a chance at a new beginning," Ms. Janke said.

The event will honor

Richard Stark, an Indian River County philanthropist, who is well known for his nonprofit work the past 15 years.

"We're proud to honor Mr. Stark, a champion for the fight against homelessness," said Jim Beckley, board vice president.

Mr. Stark continues his charitable work in his hometown by passionately supporting the highly anticipated Camp Haven Homeless Shelter for men on U.S. 1 in Vero Beach that is to receive its occupancy license any day now.

Camp Haven is an Indian River County community project that provides supportive living opportunities and education to men committed to rising out of homelessness. Participants who

are accepted into the Camp Haven program will go through a comprehensive evaluation process to assess whether they are willing to improve their lives and get back to work. The goal of Camp Haven is to help local men achieve self-sufficiency through counseling, training and encouragement - rebuilding their mind, body and spirit.

"Camp Haven, a Vero Beach nonprofit community project whose time has come, provides not only shelter and stability while residents rebuild their lives, but also provides professional counseling, job opportunities, hope and encouragement," said Louise Hubbard, board member.

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he saw the pipelines as an "economic boon" to the area and Mr. Griffin agreed.

"I look forward to where this is going to go," Mr. Griffin said.

Florida City Gas is owned

by AGL Resources, the largest natural gas provider in the country, serving more than 4.5 million customers in seven states.

In a previous interview with Hometown News, Mark Seagrave, market development manager for the company, said the demand for natural gas is the highest it

has been in the 26 years he has been in the industry. With the discovery of methods to get natural gas from shale deposits, the U.S. has been able to increase its supply of natural gas, thereby lowering the cost to the consumer for the product.

Shale is a sedimentary rock with a variety of miner-

als, including clay. Shale gas is produced and found within shale rock formations.

"It's a hedge against the rising cost of electricity," Mr. Seagrave said.

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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 Jan. 1 to Jan. 2, 2014

Sebastian Police Department

- Trisse Ann Wedge, 48, 333 Benschop St., Sebastian, was charged with failure to appear in court.
- John Joseph Sorvillo, 39, 550 Michael St., Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation and a misdemeanor charge of failure to appear in court.

Fellsmere Police Department

- Ronald Dockery Lee, 40, 290 Sixth Drive S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine and misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and driving while license suspended with knowledge.
- James Lee Huggins, 43, 96 N. Orange St., Fellsmere, was charged with robbery while wearing a mask and a misdemeanor charge of possession of cannabis.

Vero Beach Police Department

- Lysle Clarence Crandall, 24, homeless, Vero Beach, was charged with domestic violence felony battery.
- Robert Raymond Fitzgerald, 39, 1749 23rd St., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest without violence.
- Franklin Reed, 44, 1685 Highland Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with criminal violation of an injunction for protection.

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- Marco Antonio Dominguez, 39, 4460 34th Drive, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- Sean Granville Phillips, 30, 20212 N.W. 39 Court, Miami Garden, was charged with burglary and a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence battery.

- Michael David Reese, 50, 4696 33rd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation and a misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended, revoked or cancelled. He was on probation for third-degree grand theft.
- Fabian Solis, 21, 311 13th St., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of resisting arrest with violence, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, burglary of an occupied dwelling, burglary of a structure, corruption by threat and misdemeanor charges of criminal mischief, resisting arrest without violence and fleeing and eluding a police officer.
- Guillermo Barrios, 30, 8602 N. Alaska St., Tampa, was charged with trafficking in cocaine.
- Jerron Marelle Bishop, 29, 1640 20th Court S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with trafficking in oxycodone and possession of cocaine with intent to sell.
- Steven Matthew Bunting, 21, 8820 97th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana.
- Rachel Marie Crane, 29, 545 Grace St., Sebastian, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender.
- Patrick Deleon Drakeford, 52, 1210 29th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender.
- Lloyd Francis, 56, 3136 41st St., Vero Beach, was charged with fleeing and eluding and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest without violence.
- John Willie Gilmore, 56, 8526 61st Drive, Sebastian, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- Claudio Jimenez, 32, 201 North 29th St., Fort Pierce, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender.
- Christopher Lamar Jones, 34, 4857 34th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- James Thomas Long, 24, 374 16th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation.
- Diane Mary Poley, 50, 570 Seventh Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft and uttering a forged or counterfeit bill.
- George William Royal, 57, 4235 26th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine and a misdemeanor

- charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Richard Shayne Russell, 41, 1290 12th St., Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with attempted sexual battery on a victim older than 12 and a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence battery.
- Darrell Patrick Williams, 33, 4726 29th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Thaddeus X. Bass, 29, 1819 38th Place, Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, tampering with or destroying evidence and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and resisting arrest without violence.
- Heather Michelle Berg, 39, 419 Biscayne Lane, Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation.
- James Vincent Candeletta, 50, 767 Dempsey Ave., Sebastian, was charged with two counts of driving while license suspended, habitual offender.
- Vincent Bryan Foggy, 21, 10092 Meadows Court, Fellsmere, was charged with burglary of a dwelling.
- Matthew Duan Franklin, 33, 4366 28th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest without violence and domestic violence battery.
- James Walter Jordan, 35, 201 Degan Place, Sebastian, was charged with possession of cocaine and tampering with or destroying evidence.
- Jamie Sebeny, 53, 1825 20th Ave., Apt. 1, Vero Beach, was charged with felony petit theft.
- Tyler Andrew Martin, 25, 2420 De Soto Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell and possession or sale of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school.
- Tremaine Mandell McGriff, 28, 4231 26th Ave., Apt. A, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a firearm, ammunition or electric device by a convicted felon, carrying a concealed weapon and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest without violence.
- Shawn Ralph Ramsey, 34, 1550 Picasso St., Sebastian, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.
- Charles William Reitemnier, 42, 411 Ocean Drive, No. 11, Fort Pierce, was charged with

- driving while license suspended with knowledge, driving while license suspended, habitual offender and a misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended with knowledge.
- Jenifer Karina Rodriguez, 27, 406 Watercrest St., Sebastian, was charged with resisting arrest with violence.
- James Robert Rogers, 28, 2506 57th Circle, Vero Beach, was charged with grand theft of an automobile and a misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended with knowledge.
- Joseph Amos Schuyler, 43, 7228 McHanley St., Hollywood, was charged with cultivation and possession of marijuana.
- John Arthur Sposato, 57, 7915 State Road A1A, Melbourne Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana.
- was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell, introduction of contraband into a detention facility and a misdemeanor charge of trespass.
- Danielle Marie Wiley, 23, 6276 Fifth St., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for resisting arrest without violence and battery on a law enforcement officer.
- Jaysree Sachit Patel, 24, 2831 Reynolds Drive, Fort Pierce, was charged with grand theft.
- Sachit Yashvant Patel, 35, 2831 Reynolds Drive, Fort Pierce, was charged with grand theft.
- Kristine Lyn Arbitelle, 21, 981 Franciscan Ave., Sebastian, was charged with lewd and lascivious molestation, offender older than 18, victim younger than 12.
- Shawn L. Ausby, 41, 4224 Old Dixie Highway, Vero Beach, was charged with domestic violence aggravated battery and hindering communication to 911.
- Andrew Tyler Westover, 19, 5151 Highway A1A No. 107, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for battery.
- Sonya Lyzette Brown, 45, 4430 27th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with sexual battery and unlawful acts relating to HIV.
- Dominique Rashaye Bryant, 21, 4648 48th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation, two counts of dealing in stolen property, two counts of giving false information to a secondary metals recycler and two counts of grand theft of an automobile. She was probation for dealing in stolen property and giving false ownership or identi-

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- Robert Alfred Nappi, 50, 11187 Hart Ave., Sebastian, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender, and a misdemeanor charge of attaching a tag not assigned.
- Jeffrey Lajuan Nobles, 24, 101 Timber Run, West Palm Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for third-degree grand theft.
- Jessica Elizabeth Walwick, 23, 1625 Laurel Leaf Lane, Fort Pierce, was charged with grand theft, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of hydrocodone and alprazolam and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and shoplifting/retail theft.

- Xandi Garcia, 24, 5611 N.W. Second St., Miami, was charged with violation of probation.
- Leonard Alfred Johnson, 43, 206 Sawer St., Batavia, N.Y., was charged with being a fugitive from justice and four counts of violation of probation.
- Gwen Gale Randolph Uhrich, 60, 625 Sembler St., Sebastian, was charged with felony petit theft.
- Charles Jermaine Sherman, 25, 4656 48th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with burglary of a dwelling, third-degree grand theft and dealing in stolen property.
- Ervin Henry Brant, 58, 64 Woodland Drive, No. 205, Vero Beach, was charged with lewd or lascivious conduct.
- Raymond Charpentier, 28, 1196 19th Ave., Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with felony child neglect, burglary and a misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief.
- John Harold Kittila, 45, 114 Royal Palm St., Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for driving while license suspended, habitual offender, and driving under the influence.
- Wyatt Brandon Medek, 45, no address given, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for criminal use of personal identification information.

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- Stanley Lagrandeur, 19, 2246 Northwest 59th Terrace, Lauderhill, was charged with grand theft of an automobile and a misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended, revoked or cancelled.
- Odane Wellington, 19, 5312 Northwest 22 St., Fort Lauderdale, was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell and introduction of contraband into a detention facility and a misdemeanor charge of trespass.

Sheriff's Office unveils updated website

New design features inviting layout and improved usability

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River County Sheriff's Office is inviting the members of the community to visit their newly designed web page at www.ircsheriff.org

Some of the site's most popular features, including booking photos, warrant information and public records searches, are available in one convenient location near the top right of the page.

The public records section will contain the arrest affidavits from the previous

day (or days if a weekend or holiday).

This is the initial launch and the Sheriff's Office is still working on enhancing aspects of the web page, which they hope will make the use of the site a smooth process for members of the media and the public.

Upcoming features, which are sure to be popular, will combine a booking photo, arrest and bond information, arrest affidavits, visiting hours, the ability to send money to an inmate and other facets which will make the information gathering process far more user friendly.

The "top story" section of the new web site is a direct feed from their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ircsheriff.

Feeds from the agency's two Twitter accounts are also featured on the front page of the new site.

Twitter handle @IRCSherriff is the account for most of the agency's Tweets while @IRCSPOT keeps followers up to date with information about registered sex offenders in our county.

For questions, concerns, or ideas, visit www.ircsheriff.org.

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The right machine for the right money

Unless you're a 'power user,' you don't have to spend a lot on a new machine

Most of the people I work with are on a budget and trying to make every penny count. The vast majority of people who call me looking to upgrade their old machines are doing it on a fixed income and looking to either get their old machine fixed or replaced with as little out of pocket expense as possible.

Usually money is a big issue and all they are trying to do is either get their old machine running the way it was or replace it with something that is capable of doing the same things they were able to do with their old machine.

When I wrote my column last week on getting a laptop over a desktop I wrote it with the cost factor in mind – I wasn't thinking about the "power user" or people with cash to burn, I was thinking of the people who call me day after day who are thinking about replacing their old XP or Vista machine and are worried that a new machine will still be able to do what they were able to do on their old system.

With new machines starting at around \$300 these days computers are no longer the high end purchase that they were ten years ago. It is no longer necessary to go and spend \$1,200 to \$2,000 just to have a machine that will surf the web, send and receive email and do the book keeping. Even video conferencing with programs like Skype (which is a pretty resource intensive task) is well within the capabilities of today's entry level \$300 machines. And (as I wrote in my last column on the subject) a laptop - even the entry level ones – usually come with everything one needs to perform all of the basic tasks that nine out of 10 of the people who call me are trying to do.

Right out of the box the entry level machine will run circles around the ancient XP machines and even some of the "newer" Vista



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machines that are out there. And with the price of a machine so much lower than it was 10 years ago, sinking money into an old sick machine doesn't make sense after a certain point like it does with a machine that cost five times as much. A \$300 repair on a \$1,500 machine is somewhat reasonable. A \$300 repair on a \$300 computer? Not so much. We live in an age where computers have become practically disposable.

OK, so let's say you're one of the rare ones that call me and have money to burn and are you're also a "power user." You run graphic intensive programs like video editors or maybe you're a serious gamer. Your requirements are going to be much higher than the average user who just uses their machine for email and surfing the web.

Once we get past the entry level requirements and stare getting into "power user" territory, then things like upgrading components (like a new video card) and adequate cooling become much more of an issue. With a laptop, you really don't have the flexibility that you have with a desktop – adding a high end video card for instance isn't going to happen and running resource intensive programs (like some of the newer shoot-em-up games that are out now) aren't going to work as well as they will on a desktop. The desktop's larger size does allow for better cooling, component level repairs and better performance.

But let's go back a step and look at the calls that I get on a daily basis.

The person who calls me looking for advice on the purchase of a new machine

See **COMPUTE, A8**

Helping all sorts of animals



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Ilka Daniels, Director of Protective Services at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County, offers Squealy, one of three Vietnamese potbelly pigs up for adoption, a piece of apple recently. A generous benefactor adopted all three pigs along with one of the center's goats.



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Recycling should be mandatory

When my brothers were kids, they use to get an old grain bag and go picking up bottles from the side of the road. They turned them in for deposit.

Maine put back the bottle deposit several years ago. I thought kids would still be picking up the bottles on the beach and on the side of the road. Instead, early one morning, I saw seniors collecting bottles for returns. I had nothing but admiration for them. I do think that recycling is smarter than (having) deposits. Florida should require all disposable plastics and glass to be recycled. (There would be) no paper/plastic cartons of milk. No foil/paper snack drinks of juice.

Allow only recyclable, materials on the grocers' shelf. I thought that all glass should be recycled, not just drinks, but mayonnaise and pickle jars, as well.

As for someone taking recycled cans out of the trash, perhaps he was hard up. We were taught, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

Dogs aren't always welcome

I just wanted to rave about the nice arts and crafts show I went to last week.

I just have a question for everybody out there: why do people bring dogs to an arts and crafts show? Do they think the dogs know about arts and crafts?

I saw several people, some who even had dogs in a baby carriage. One person

had two dogs on a leash. They bark and there's not much room. I am a pet owner and a pet lover, but I know my dogs do not like craft shows and people do like to look at your dogs, smell them or watch them whatever they're doing.

Use some common sense, people.

Anchor babies may subsidize increasing number of senior citizens in U.S.

Some countries have no anchor babies. A baby is only a citizen of the country in which he is born if his parents are citizens.

Perhaps someone did the math and figured out anchor babies will grow up to pay taxes and Social Security. Perhaps the base needed for increasing number of seniors who can only be supported with the influx of immigrants, legal or otherwise.

True, their parents presently seem to be crippling the economy with their draw on the Social Security, educational, medical, welfare, legal and other services, but maybe it will balance out somewhere down the line. Maybe not. I am an English major, not a math major.

When I was a kid...

I walked back and forth from school four times a day, for more than 2 miles when I was a kid.

Nowadays, the busses stop every couple of blocks, while

parents sit in the cars waiting with the kids. Isn't it a waste of taxpayer's money? With all these new sidewalks, can't the kids walk to the bus stops? No wonder Americans are so lazy.

Bicyclists, stop taking up all the parking spaces

Why are bicyclists going everywhere in groups, and parking their vehicles in the very limited parking spaces there, then taking bicycles out of their cars and pedaling away?

Then, they go biking for miles, and people trying to spend some time on the beach have to leave because there's no place to park.

Parking is always a problem, but to park and then leave to go elsewhere is just wrong, shows total and complete lack of consideration for others and should be stopped immediately.

Stop passing on double yellow lines

Twice in the last month as I drove through my residential neighborhood, going the speed limit, I might add, I have had two vehicles pass me on the double yellow line.

When has it become legal to pass on the double yellow? This is happening more and more and I am just appalled that someone can have such blatant disregard for the safety of others to save a few moments by speeding through a residential neighborhood.

These are not small vehicles, either. If you see yourself in this letter, take a breath and take your foot off the gas and just relax. A few moments more to get where you are going won't kill you and just might save someone.

Don't judge

I wish those who talk all about the people on food stamps would just shut up. They have no idea of what people go through or their situation. They complain about people buying food and then getting into a nice car or wearing nice jewelry.

How can they be certain that the person shopping isn't shopping for somebody else?

My daughter shops for me because I'm homebound. She has a decent vehicle and has a couple rings on her fingers. She is by no means rich, but she doesn't "look" as though she's poor. She goes to the grocery store for me once a week to get me a few things.

If somebody had the audacity to look at her or follow her out to the car to see what she was driving, I'd hope they would follow her to my house because I'd have a mouthful to give them.

There's nobody on the face of the earth who has the right to judge someone based on what they drive or what they wear. Those who do should be ashamed of themselves. Don't forget, one day you'll sit and be judged.

Talking about teachers

I'm friends with some local teachers. It's unbelievable that these are the same folks who sit inside a classroom and teach our kids. They have no use of proper English and are more judgmental and hypocritical than anybody I know.

A teacher sounds off

I'm a teacher and I'm sick of people thinking it's such an easy job. We deal with disrespectful kids and even worse, their disrespectful parents. They come to class because they have to, not because they want to. The parents make them show up because they will face jail time if they don't.

Those certain few really ruin the teaching and learning experience for those who really want to be there. Something should be done to eradicate the schools of these nuisances.

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County's Chambers partner for travel to the Emerald Isle

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River County and Sebastian River Area Chambers of Commerce are in the final stages of scheduling the 9-day Ireland tour for members and area residents. The deadline for all reservations is Feb. 6.

On April 21, participants will leave Orlando for a unique travel opportunity to immerse into the culture and history of the Emerald Isle.

Tour price is \$2,999 per person (double occupancy) and includes roundtrip airfare, first class hotel accommodations, 11 meals, professional tour escort, baggage handling, sightseeing and admission to all attractions on the itinerary.

Chamber Explorations, a group travel provider specializing in working with Chamber's of Commerce throughout the United States, will oversee the planning and arrangements for this trip which will feature Dublin, Killarney and Lim-

erick.

Highlights of the trip include a one-night castle stay in Dublin's 11th-century Clontarf Castle. Clontarf is one of the city's top castle hotels and while set in ancient architecture, the hotel accommodations offers 21st century amenities.

The trip includes picturesque villages and tours of heritage sites such as Blarney Castle, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Muckross House and Gardens and a medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle.

For more detailed information about the trip to Ireland, visit www.indianriverchamber.com or www.sebastianchamber.com for details along with a schedule of activities and highlights of the trip.

For further information, visit either Chamber for a brochure and travel reservation materials. Contact the Indian River County Chamber at (772) 567-3491 or the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce at (772) 589-5969.

Elections office offers scholarships to select majors

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Supervisor of Elections office is accepting applications for the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections scholarship. The association will award three \$1,200 scholarships in 2014 to Political Science, Public Administration, Business Administration, Journalism or Mass Com-

munication majors.

Qualified applicants must be in good standing and have completed two years of junior college or undergraduate work.

Applicants must also be a resident of Florida for two years, be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student of a Florida senior college or university, demonstrate a financial need and be registered to vote.

Supervisor of Elections

Leslie Swan will review and interview all applicants and select one finalist to be sent to the FSASE Scholarship Committee, along with a written recommendation.

The FSASE Scholarship Committee will select three winners from the finalists submitted by the Supervisors to be awarded the scholarship.

The three winners will be announced at the FSASE Summer Conference Ban-

quet.

Scholarship guidelines and applications are available at www.voteindianriver.com under the FSASE Scholarships heading on the homepage.

Completed applications, along with two letters of recommendation, one from the college or university last attended and one personal reference, must be submitted to the Elections Office by March 17.

Tips for steering clear of the flu

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST — Flu season is here and more and more people across the country are getting sick. The American Red Cross urges people to get vaccinated now and offers tips everyone can follow to help prevent the spread of the flu.

The Centers for Disease Control report, for the week of December 29 to January 4, shows 35 states are seeing widespread flu activity, up from 25 a week earlier.

Steps to prevent the flu

The most important step someone can take is to get a flu vaccine. The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone six months of age and older. Other steps people can take to help prevent the spread of the flu virus:

1. Stay home if sick.
2. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
3. Cover the nose and

mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing, and throw the tissue away after use. If that's not possible, cough or sneeze into the elbow, not the hands. People with the flu can spread it to others about six feet away through coughs and sneezes.

4. Wash hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand-rub.

5. Avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth.

"If someone has the flu they should avoid contact with others as much as possible," said South Florida Region Executive Rob Levine. "Everyone should also disinfect surfaces used commonly such as door knobs, switches, phones, computers and remote controls."

Do I have the flu?

The common signs of influenza are high fever, severe body aches,

headache, being extremely tired, sore throat, cough, runny or stuffy nose, and vomiting and/or diarrhea (more common in children).

If someone thinks they have the flu, their health-care provider should be consulted. Someone should seek medical care immediately if they develop any of the following symptoms:

- Fast breathing, trouble breathing or bluish skin color.
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen (adults).
- Confusion or sudden dizziness.
- Not drinking enough fluids, not being able to eat, or severe or persistent vomiting.
- Flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worse cough.
- Children - not waking up, being so irritable that the child does not want to be held or not interacting. Fever with a rash. No tears when crying or significantly fewer wet diapers than normal.

For more information

about influenza and how to help stop the spread of the flu virus, visit www.redcross.org.

-Information courtesy of the American Red Cross



Jerry Bainter gets some much-needed rest and a break from the cold at The Source Feb. 16, 2013.

Photo courtesy of The Source

Shelter

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sleeping bags to sleep in, popcorn to munch on, hot chocolate to drink, and the BCS Championship football game on television.

"We normally have the lights out at 10:30 p.m. and everyone goes to sleep, but the football game was on, so everyone had a good time watching that. When we open overnight, it sometimes turns into a big sleep-over," Mr. Bartholomew said

with a laugh.

"We even had someone donate 10 pizzas for everyone to eat," he said.

Maria Calderon is the nonprofit's "pizza angel" and often donates pies when the facility is open during cold nights, said Brenda Sposato, public relations officer for the nonprofit.

The Source is the only drop-in outreach ministry in Indian River County. The nonprofit is open six days a week and provides hot meals, emergency food boxes, clothing, basic

hygiene items, showers, laundering facilities, mail and phone services, job readiness programs and cooperative community agency referrals to homeless or nearly homeless clients, a press release said.

The Source is located at 1015 Commerce Ave., Vero Beach. Donations are accepted there from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday. To make a donation, or for more information, call (772) 564-0202 or visit www.iamthesource.org.

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Corrections Academy accepting applications

By Chris Fish

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PALM BAY — Those interested in a career in corrections are encouraged to apply for this year's correction academy at Eastern Florida State College.

The Public Safety Institute at Eastern Florida State College is currently recruiting students for its 2014 Corrections Academy.

The deadline to apply for the full-time academy is Monday, Feb. 3. The program, which will accept 25-30 recruits, begins on Monday, March 3, and is scheduled to run for approximately 13 weeks.

"A career in corrections offers many challenges and rewards," said Tonia Graham, public safety coordinator at the Public Safety Institute. "There are numerous promotional opportunities and specialized assignments available."

Ms. Graham said that students wishing to apply must be at least 19 years of age, complete the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test for Corrections and have their fingerprinting completed with Brevard Police Testing.

"The Corrections Academy train-

ing is both physically and mentally demanding," she said. "(It) is a disciplined, paramilitary program, designed to prepare the student to work in the field of corrections, providing care, custody and supervision for incarcerated individuals."

Corrections officers are responsible for overseeing individuals that have been arrested and are awaiting trial or who have been convicted of a crime and sentenced to serve time in a jail, a reformatory or a prison, Ms. Graham said.

Officers maintain security and inmate accountability to prevent disturbances, assault and escapes. They maintain order within the institution and enforce rules and regulations.

Successful completion of the academy allows the student to sit for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement State Officer Certification Examination, which must be completed upon graduation.

Ms. Graham said that candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible and work to meet all academy selection requirements.

For more information, visit www.easternflorida.edu.

The art of networking



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Barbara Hoffman, executive director of the Cultural of Indian River County, chats with documentary filmmaker Sam Koltinsky during the Art of Networking at the Blue Star Wine Bar Thursday evening. Mr. Koltinsky is the director of the America's Gatekeeper, the Story of Paul Kroegel.

Group to send Valentines to overseas troops

For Hometown News
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Hometown heroes from Vero Beach will still be deploying to Afghanistan and other hot spots around the globe, from Africa to South America, and to the Persian Gulf.

The Military Moms Prayer Group has organized its

Eighth Annual Valentines for Heroes drive to collect chocolate candy and Valentine cards for the troops.

"Think of chocolate as a kiss from home," says Lynn Marie Saint-Vincent, coordinator of the Valentines for Heroes drive. "We want to shower our troops with love to thank them for their service. When they are

deployed, our servicemen and women give up the ordinary pleasures of life that we take for granted. We want them to know how much we appreciate their sacrifices."

The drive runs through Jan. 24.

There are two ways to help.

1. Drop off chocolate

candy and Valentine cards at two locations: Eye Clinic of Vero and Optical Boutique, 634 21st Street, Vero Beach and the Veteran's Council's Victory Center at the Indian River Mall.

2. Purchase a 'Braveheart Pin' to support the Military Moms Prayer Group. The heart-shaped pin, encrusted with red-white-and-blue

crystals, sells for \$12 at I'll Never Tell, a jewelry store at 3351 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach. All proceeds benefit the Military Moms Prayer Group.

The Military Moms Prayer Group meets from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Thursday at Christ Church Vero Beach, 925 14th Lane, Vero Beach. The group includes those

with relatives in the military and 'cheerleaders' who simply have a mom's heart for the troops. New members are always welcome.

For more information about Valentines for Heroes or are interested in joining the Military Moms Prayer Group, call (772) 538-4422 or visit www.militarymom-prayergroup.com.

Clubs and classes

CLUBS

• The GFWC Treasure Coast Women meet the first Monday of each month at the Community Center, 2266 14th Ave., at 7 p.m. Women over 18 are welcome. This is a community service volunteer organization and that promotes fellowship among women. For more information, visit www.gfwctreasurecoastwomen.org.

• Exchange Club of Indian River meets Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m. at Culinary Capers, 737 22nd Street, Vero Beach. This

civic club is a group of men and women working together to make the community a better place to live. For more information, call (772) 532-4398, email bluewateropen@gmail.com, or visit www.exchangeclubofindianriver.org and www.bluewateropen.org.

• The Sebastian Fishin' Chic's meet the last Thursday of the month, at the Sebastian Entertainment Center. For more information, call Michelle Barkley, at (772) 473-9462, Kristen Beck, at (772) 794-9900, or Karen Herndon, at (772) 633-2043.

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

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

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

• TOPS 641: Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Chapter No. 641 meets every Thursday at the Roseland Fire Department, located on 129th Court, off Roseland Road in Sebastian. Weight-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.

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

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

• Democratic Club of Barefoot Bay: Meets

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

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

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

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

CLASSES

• The Sebastian Community Center, located at 1805 N. Central Ave. in Sebastian will have the following dance lessons:

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

Swing dance lessons for beginners will be held every Wednesday night, taught by instructors Jerry Morrison and Michele Holm at 7:30 p.m. Intermediate class at 8:30 p.m. No partners necessary. The class is \$10 per class or \$16 for both. The Sebastian Community Center is located at 1805 N. Central Ave., Sebastian.

For more information call (772) 532-2800.

• Sebastian Senior Center: The Sebastian Senior Center is located at 815 Davis St., Sebastian. Live music Tuesday through Friday from 9-11 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Classes of interest: Mondays: nutrition bingo meets at 10 a.m.; Mahjong classes meet at 12:30 p.m.; art class meets at 1 p.m.; Weight Watchers meets at 5 p.m.; Tuesday: mindful breathing meets at 1 p.m.; lectures on wellness meets at 1 p.m.; Wednesday: chikung meets at 11 a.m.; cribbage and pinochle meets at 12:30 p.m.; Friday: TOPS meeting at 8 a.m.; Weight Watchers meets at 9 a.m.; sing-a-longs with Bill and Jane at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call (772) 469-2062.

Compute

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is usually running an old machine. Most of the time the machine they are looking to replace is older than five years (frequently eight to 10 years) and they use the system to log into AOL, Yahoo or Outlook

Express for their email, Internet Explorer to log into their online banking and maybe they are wanting to run Skype to talk to their grandkids. They don't have a lot of money to burn and are OK with the idea that the machine won't last forever. With requirements like those, a big desktop machine with upgradable

components and better cooling is overkill. The entry level laptop will work just fine and even if it dies in five years that's OK, at this point they are indeed disposable.

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Annual festival to feature Nashville singer



Jalie Coe, 6, and her sister Kasharie, 4, put the pedal to the metal in the bumper cars at the Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival in January 2012. The three-day event draws thousands of people to Fellsmere for good food, good music and good fun.

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Week of 1-17-2014

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, you are inspired to take on the world, but you may want to focus on smaller goals this week. Finishing a long-lingering work project is a viable option.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, something does not seem to be falling into place. Take stock of things at home and at work to see if you can crack this nut. A little more investigation may be necessary.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

You may be offered a professional opportunity this week that is too good to pass up, Gemini. Despite this great offer, do your best to stay focused on work for the next several days.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Exercise caution and do not jump to any conclusions at work, Cancer. While you may know what your boss expects from you, it is better to wait to hear what he or she has to say.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Leo, you can envision exciting adventures ahead, and those times will be here before you know it. Channel your enthusiasm so you can get a head start on planning your adventure.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, you have a desire to be different from everyone else this week. It's good to be original, but don't stray too far off the beaten path or you may find yourself lost.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, a friend may shock you by doing something really outrageous. You do not know what to make of this change in personality, but do your best to take it in stride.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, work figures to put a lot on your plate in the coming week. You can handle everything that comes your way, so long as you keep

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The frog legs are back in town

By Jessica Creagan
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FELLSMERE — Along with their signature frog legs, Fellsmere will present The Tim Charron Band at the Frog Leg Festival this weekend.

Mr. Charron's latest album, "Chasing the Sun," was recorded with the band of fellow country recording artist Jason Aldean, and is described as country rock with a twist of lime, a press release said.

For 23 years, the Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival, in the heart of the county's oldest city, has brought thousands of visitors to Fellsmere and raised money for children's recreation activities in the city.

Some of the While parking and entry to the festival are free, the food, vendor booths and other ancillary activities at the festival have raised more than half a million dollars for youth recreation, event organizers said.

Scoreboards, swimming lessons, park improvements, arts and music opportunities for elementary school students have been among the things the money raised at the festival made possible, Mayor Susan Adams said in a previous interview.

An estimated 80,000 visitors are expected this year for the four-day festival.

Beginning on Jan. 16, the festival continues daily through Jan. 19 with a variety of activities, including midway rides, musical entertainment craft and vendor booths and more.

Festival hours on Thursday and Friday are 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The menu at the festival is as consistent as it is tasty.

A frog leg dinner, which includes grits, coleslaw and hush puppies, is \$9. A 1-pound plate of frog legs without sides is \$11.

A gator and frog leg dinner, which includes grits, coleslaw

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Matthew Fuller, 3, of Sebastian, holds a live frog he caught in a tub as his sister Rayna, 8, tries to help him hold it at the 22nd Annual Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival in January 2013. The prize for catching the frog was a 'Worlds Greatest Frog Catcher' certificate.

File photo

Out & about

THROUGH SUNDAY, JAN. 19

Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival: downtown Fellsmere. Festival hours are 4-11 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Family-friendly event featuring a huge variety of food, rides, games, music, and arts and crafts vendors. Free admission and free shuttle bus from Mesa Park to the festival. For more information, visit

www.froglegfestival.com.

FRIDAY, JAN. 17

Seward Johnson Twilight Night: 6-8 p.m., McKee Botanical Garden, 350 U.S. 1, Vero Beach. Enjoy live jazz on the patio by the Coffee Beans and view the J. Seward Johnson Jr. Sculpture Exhibition at night. Garden admission fees apply. Bring a chair if desired. Refreshments will be available for purchase at Elizabeth's at the Garden

Cafe; no outside food or alcoholic beverages allowed. For more information, visit www.mckeebgarden.org.

Night sounds at Sebastian Inlet concert series, Coconut Point, Sebastian Inlet State Park, Sebastian, 7 p.m. Featuring Atlantic Bluegrass.

Park entry fees apply. Website: http://www.floridastateparks.org/sebastianinlet/events.cfm.

Chris MacDonald's: Memories of Elvis Rockin' Birthday Bash, Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 8 p.m. A See **OUT, B2**

THROUGH SUNDAY, JAN. 26

'Harvey': Presented by the Vero Beach Theatre Guild. Times vary. A Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy about a man who pals around with an invisible six-foot three-inch rabbit named Harvey. Cost: \$22 or \$24 per person, season tickets available. Website: www.verobeachtheatreguild.com.

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Symphony, NASA team up for musical performance

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Space Coast Symphony Orchestra, in cooperation with NASA and Jet Propulsion Laboratories, presents "The Planets – An HD Odyssey" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 26 at the Vero Beach Performing Arts Center, 1707 16th Street.

Experience a profound new approach to Gustav Holst's cosmic masterpiece, The Planets, live with HD images from NASA projected on the big screen. The concert opens with Dmitri Shostakovich's brilliant and upbeat work, Festive Overture, presented with a live film featuring local photos highlighting the space program's monu-

mental impact over the last 50 years. Cellist Paul Fleury joins the SCSSO to present the world premiere of his Cello Fantasy. Then experience a powerful performance of composer Gustav Holst's monumental The Planets, paired with a high-definition film from NASA's latest exploration of the solar system, including stunning images from the

Mars Rovers and past probe missions Magellan, Voyager and Galileo.

Artistic Director, Aaron T. Collins, believes "The Planets – An HD Odyssey" could be the most exciting program ever presented by the SCSSO.

"East Central Florida residents helped launch the rockets, satellites and probes that propelled the

U.S. to a position of supremacy in the world," said Collins. "The footage we have obtained from NASA for our concert audience is nothing short of stunning."

Tickets are \$20 in advance and are available through the orchestra website at www.SpaceCoastSymphony.org or at several convenient ticket outlets, including Marine Bank & Trust (beachside and mainland branches) and Madison Avenue Consignments.

Tickets at the door are \$25, students 18 years of age and under admitted free.

Visit www.SpaceCoastSymphony.org or call toll free to 855-252-7276 for more information.

Out

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Las Vegas style show with a full-production eight-piece band, dancers and singers. Cost: \$25, \$35 or \$40 per person. Website: www.sunrisetheatre.com.

THROUGH SUNDAY, FEB. 2

• Riverside Theatre presents "Miss Saigon," Stark Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, times vary. A classic love story

of love and loss in the turmoil of war. The musical follows the tale of an American soldier and a Vietnamese girl who fall in love. Cost: \$45-\$70 per person. Website: www.riversidetheatre.com.

THROUGH 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.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

• **Boating safety course:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Vero Beach Power Squadron Building, 301 Acacia Road, Vero Beach. Learn about navigation rules, boat handling, trailering and life-saving equipment. Get an operator's license if you were born after Jan. 1, 1988; also, many insurance companies offer discounts if you've taken a boating safety course. \$35. To make a reservation, contact Larry Lott at (772) 532-6893, email lbloatt@gmx.com, or visit www.verobeachpowersquadron.com.

• **Chili Dinner:** Hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 189, 5-7 p.m., American Legion, 807 Louisiana Ave., Sebastian. All you can eat chili, two types of corn bread, an array of apple desserts, more. Tickets are \$10. 50/50 raffle will be held. All are welcome. For more information, call (772) 581-3662.

• **Celebrated Speaker Series lecture,** The Emerson Center, Vero Beach, 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Featuring Admiral Mike Mullen, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 2007-11. Cost: To be announced. Website: www.theemersoncenter.org.

• **Raffle drawing,** Sebastian Elks Lodge, Sebastian, time to be announced. The Sebastian El-DOEs present the "Dining Around Town" raffle drawing. Cost: To be announced. Contact phone number: (772) 589-1516.

• **Turtle Tours program,** Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 11 a.m. Young visitors can explore an exhibition then create their own mini masterpieces. Featured exhibition includes sculptures from the museum's permanent collection." Free for members,

\$5 for each non-member child. Registration is required.

Website: www.verobeachmuseum.org.

• **Bark in the Park,** Riverside Park, Vero Beach, time to be announced. An outdoor 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. For more information, visit 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.mckee.org.

• **Theatre-Go-Round presents "Disco Divas,"** The Quilted Giraffe Restaurant,

Vero Beach, dinner seating at 4:30 p.m. A musical dinner theatre production celebrating the sounds of the 1970s. \$55 per person includes three course dinner, show ticket, tax and gratuity. Make reservations by calling the box office at (772) 252-9341. For more information, visit www.theatregorounddinnertheatre.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.

• **Outdoor Flea and Crafts Market:** Monthly event on the third Sunday, hosted by the Sebastian Elks Lodge, 731 S. Fleming Street and County Road 512. Vendors will be able to set up their wares at 8 a.m. and the 'doors' will open to the public at 9 a.m. and close at 1 p.m. There will be a continental breakfast, light lunch, and beverages available for purchase throughout the event. Proceeds from this event go to support Elks charities. Vendor spaces are \$15-20. All interested vendors should contact Jim Quinn at (772) 581-9518 for reservations and information.

• **"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

• **DLS Debates:** 5:30-7 p.m., Stark Mainstage Theatre, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach. (With welcome reception at 5 p.m. in the Orchid Lobby.) The Distinguished Lecturer Series presents a debate focusing on the Affordable Care Act. Tickets are \$50 for adults. Limited number of student tickets available for \$15. Detailed information on the debaters can be found online at www.riversidelecturerseries.com/debates. Tickets may be purchased online or by calling the box office, (772) 231-6990.

• **Widows and Widowers brunch meeting:** 10:30 a.m., Eagle's Nest at the Sebastian Golf Course. Group meets for lively discussions and good food on the third Tuesday each

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Scopes

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your cool and continue to work hard.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

You may be tempted to sneak off and play hooky

from work, Sagittarius. Just make sure you handle all of your obligations first. Now is not the best time to kick up your heels.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, you have so much to do now that your mind may be in a complete jumble.

Others will come at you with questions, but take a deep breath and answer them one at a time.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Change is not the best idea right now, Aquarius. It is much better to stick with the status quo for a little while

longer. Then you will have enough stability to make a change.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Pisces, you have many new ideas about how to get rich quick, but you will probably want to find more sensible ways to earn a living.

Frog

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and hush puppies is \$14. A plate of just gator tail, weighing 1 pound, is \$13. Dinner hours are Thurs-

day and Friday, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Festival participants will be able to enjoy The Tim Charron Band on Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., but

the rest of the days and evening are just as full of entertainment, including hip hop dancing belly dancing, line dancing and ballroom dancing exhibitions and musical performers in various genres,

including blues, bluegrass, Motown, rhythm and blues, rock and country.

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Everybody needs a good luck charm and I can't think of a better way to go than with a lucky Bamboo.

These interesting plants are extremely tough and surprisingly easy to care for. These plants do not require a lot of light and can grow in many places where other plants will not easily thrive such as in a bathroom. The plant has only one basic need and that is water.

The Lucky Bamboo is actually not a bamboo at all. Its botanical name is known as *Dracaena Sanderana*. It is also known as the ribbon plant.

Many Feng Shui master

recommend this plant because the plant can create a space where you feel energized and less stressed. I personally have one in every room and it is one of my most favorite plants. I have them in several locations, one on the porch, another in the kitchen and yet another in my office. They do well in almost any lighting condition. When I feel stressed out from a hard day, I often just look at the plant and think and it almost always gives me a feeling of comfort.

You can purchase Lucy Bamboo in a couple of different ways. Sometimes you can find them already



GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

potted in all flavors of decorative pots. You can also purchase them loose and buy your own vase or pot. If you use a vase to display your plant, simply keep the roots covered with water. If you choose to plant them in a small pot, buy some small stones or even marbles to place around the plant to give it stability. The rocks also give the plant a nice decorator look.

Taking care of Lucky Bamboo is very simple and worry free. All you need is to keep the plant in clean water. It is a good idea to change the water once a week or so. If you have city water, let the water stand for 24- hours before putting the plant in it so the chlorine has a chance to dissipate. Better yet, use distilled water. If you have a well, the water is perfectly safe as is. You can add a diluted water-soluble houseplant fertilizer but it is not necessary.

Not only can these plants bring joy to yourself but they also bring good cheer to others in the form of

gifts. You can create your own themes for any occasion simply by using the appropriate container. You can then add ribbons, picks or any other type of small object to create something truly special that will be cherished for time to come.

This week's garden tip: With the warm spring like weather that is right around the corner, plant pests are sure to be eyeing your prized plants. One way to help ensure your insecticide stays where you spray it is to add a spreader sticker to your insecticide solution. A spreader sticker helps keep the spray on the plant and makes it harder

for rain and your sprinklers to wash it off. This makes the solution more effective. A very inexpensive way to achieve this is to add a small amount of mild dish detergent or vegetable oil to your bug juice before spraying. You should never spray your plants in the heat of the day as the solution can act like a small magnifying glass and cause the leaves to burn.

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

Harvey kicks off two-week run at the Vero Beach Theatre Guild

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

VERO BEACH — The Vero Beach Theatre Guild will stage *Harvey* from Jan. 16 - 26. *Harvey* is a Pulitzer Prize winning comedy and one of the longest-running shows in Broadway history.

Elwood P. Dowd pals around with an invisible six foot three-inch rabbit named *Harvey*. The fun

begins when amiable Elwood introduces *Harvey* to his sister's guests at a party. His sister's plan to put Elwood in a sanitarium backfires and she gets committed instead. Written by Mary Chase, this stage production is directed by George Carabin and sponsored by Professional Insurance Advisors. Mr. Carabin has an extensive acting and directing background and

has been volunteering his knowledge and experience at the Guild for the last twelve years, directing and conducting acting workshops.

The presentation promises hilarity, twists and turns and features many experienced and talented actors and actresses including Bill Lembeck as Elwood P. Dowd; Martha Kelly as Veta Louise Simmons; Lorina

Beniamino as Myrtle Mae Simmons; Carl Middleton as Dr. Lyman Sanderson; Larry Strauss as Dr. William B. Chumley; Wendy O'Neill as Mrs. Betty Chumley; Isabel Garrett as Mrs. Ethal Chauvenet; Nancy Kelly as Nurse Ruth Kelly; Steve Pagano as Wilson; Mitchell S. Stein as Judge Omar Gaffney; and Peter E. Peck as E.J. Lofgren.

Three show times are

available at 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on designated dates. Tickets are \$24 and \$22. Youth 18 and under are half-price. Tickets may be purchased on-line at verobeachtheatreguild.com, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by calling the box office at (772) 562-8300 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, or by visiting the box office at 2020 San Juan Ave. Visa, Mastercard and Discover

are accepted. Youth tickets, as well as wheelchair and companion seats must be purchased through the Box Office.

Coming up next will be Cole Porter's *Kiss Me Kate* March 13 - 30 and the season ends with the all-time favorite *The Miracle Worker* May 8 - 18. The Guild is a live community theatre celebrating its 56th anniversary on the Treasure Coast.

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month. No dues, no program, each diner pays their own breakfast or lunch tab. Short optional walking tour follows at noon. *RSVP by Jan. 19 by leaving a message for Wilma at (772) 589-1673.*

• **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.*

• **Treasure Coast NOW celebrates Roe v. Wade Anniversary**: 6:30 p.m., The Inner Truth Project, 2190 Reserve Park Trace #13, St. Lucie West. Marking the 41st anniversary of Roe v. Wade, and discussing the current state of reproductive rights. *For more information, contact Mindi Fetterman at (561) 909-9991, email treasurecoastnow@gmail.com, or visit www.treasurecoastnow.org.*

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22
— THURSDAY, JAN. 23

• **'Poochington'** Shopping event fundraiser at Patchington, 3335 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach, to benefit H.A.L.O. animal shelter. Visit the shelter, located at 710 Jackson Street, Sebastian, for your free event ticket for 25% off your purchase at Patchington.

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
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• **Opera studies program**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. The five-part course "Femme Fatale!" will study six opera performances with femme fatale themes. English subtitles for all performances. \$50 for museum members or

Vero Beach Opera members, \$70 for non-members. *For more information, visit 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

• **Art by the Sea**, Vero 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.verobeachartclub.org.*

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

• **Pancake Day/Trifles and Treasures sale**: 7-11 a.m., Vero Beach High School's Freshman Learning Center cafeteria, 1507 19th Street, Vero Beach. All the pancakes you can eat, plus the hallways outside the cafeteria are lined with shopping opportunities. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Event is hosted by Treasure Coast Pilot Club. Proceeds from the event benefit Project Lifesaver, which provides electronic bracelet monitors for Alzheimers patients and others with orientation problems. *For more information on the event or the club, visit www.tcpc.info.*

• **Golden Oldies Dance Party**: Enjoy 'Doo-Wop Heaven' to benefit the St. Helen Youth Group. Starts at 7:30 p.m. Featuring 'The Dolls' and DJ Jerry. Tickets are \$15. Free hot dogs, pizza, snacks, sodas. Drink mixers; BYOB. Door prizes offered. Tickets

available at St. Helen Church office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *For more information, call (772) 299-6199 or visit www.goldenoldiesdanceparties.com*

• **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.verobeachmuseum.org.*

• **KC and the Sunshine Band**, Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 8 p.m. A concert with plenty of funky hits. Cost: \$59 or \$69 per person. *Website: www.sunrisetheatre.com.*

SATURDAY, JAN. 25 — **MAY 4**

• **Art exhibition**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, times vary. The museum presents "Stephen Lawson: Images of Time," a collection of fascinating sectioned panoramas shot over varying periods of time. Museum admission fees apply. *Website: www.verobeachmuseum.org.*

SATURDAY, JAN. 25 — **MAY 11**

• **Art exhibition**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, times vary. The museum presents "Dale Kennington: Mythologies." Museum admission fees apply. *Website: www.verobeachmuseum.org.*

SUNDAY, JAN. 26

• **Concert**, The Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero Beach, 3 p.m. The Space Coast Symphony Orchestra will present, "The Planets: An HD Odyssey," a symphonic concert with high-definition images from NASA projected on the big screen.

Cost: \$20 per person, multi-concert packages available. *Website: www.spacecoastsymphony.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.theatregorounddinnertheatre.com*

• **"Franco Corso,"** Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 3 p.m. Cost: \$35 or \$45 per person. *Website: www.sunrisetheatre.com.*

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Youth baseball leagues rise to new level



Nine-year-old Hunter Pietisch gets a hit during baseball camp and registration Saturday at Bud Riley Field.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

The face of Little League Baseball has changed in Indian River County. Long time coach George 'Buddy' Young, Chris Thomas and others, have stepped up to form the Indian River County Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball Program. 'I want to make Indian River County baseball better,' coach Young said. The program consists of three levels, T-Ball, Coach Pitch (Cal Ripken) and Babe Ruth for players 13-years and up. The program will incorporate the Bud Riley Fields along with the former National and American Little League fields. Registration continues Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9-11 a.m. at Bud Riley Field, 1900 16th Street. For more information call Coach Young at (772) 501-2201.



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Above: Talen Perez, 6, keeps his eye on the ball Saturday during batting practice. Left: Brial Elwell fills out the registration forms for Coach Pitch for his 8-year-old son Camden.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Enjoy private clubs without paying the high prices

Many of us would love to be members at a private club. Enjoying a great, well-manicured course, a spiffy clubhouse complete with locker rooms, a dining room, bar and more would certainly make our golf times better.

For most of us, however, the price tag that goes along with that sort of membership leaves us on the outside of the gate looking longingly over the wall as someone else enjoys those benefits.

Thanks to Golf Links of Florida everyone may now experience that thrill without having to join a private club. In fact, by joining Golf Links of Florida, you get to enjoy outings at several private and semi-private clubs instead of just one. Who would want to play the same course all the time anyway?

GLOF was founded in

1998 by Valerie Scott as a way for people wishing to play private and semi-private clubs to enjoy the experience without the hefty price tag of club membership. What was once a group of 10 golfers has grown to now number in the hundreds.

Ten years later, with Valerie winding down and ready to retire, Vicky Wilson took over the reins and has run GLOF since.

"The most fun for me is meeting the people that come to participate," said Vicky. "I have a lot of fun setting up these events."

While most would think that the logistics that go with putting together so many outings at so many private clubs, that is not the case.

"Getting the word out about us has been the most challenging," Vicky stated. "Everyone is thrilled to hear about us when they do find out about us."

GOLF JAMES STAMMER



While you don't have to pay the GLOF membership fee to participate in any of the group's events, those who do pay the \$50 annual fee enjoy better prices for events, and other benefits. You can join as a single or get your group of golf buddies to join with you.

Events are not set up with any particular type of play. This means you and your four-some, or the people you're paired with, can decide amongst yourselves what kind of event you want to play. Maybe you want to play a scramble or skins. Perhaps you and another golfer want to play a match just between the two of you. That's fine and certainly encouraged. It's

entirely up to you. Best of all, the membership consists of a wide range of ages and skill levels allowing for everyone to have fun and compete, if they wish, against players with the same abilities.

Each event is a shotgun start, allowing for everyone to start and finish at about the same time. This allows everyone to enjoy some food and beverages after their round as well as some good-natured boasting by those who played the best. There are even prizes to be won, including a 50/50 raffle. The social aspect of these outings has become as important as the golf itself. All of the members have made new friends at these outings and visiting with them has played a huge role in the success of GLOF.

The schedule for 2014 is starting to shape up with the first event being held at Atlantis Country Club on

Jan. 18. To date there are planned events at Westchester Country Club, Palm Beach Par 3, PGA National Resort, Eastpoint Country Club, Breakers Ocean Course, Monarch Country Club, Boca Lago Country Club, Martin Downs, and Bear Lakes. More courses and dates will fill in over the next several weeks.

The list of courses where GLOF has held an event since 1998 numbers well into the thirties. Some of the most desired clubs at which to tee it up are on this growing list.

All the events take place on weekends, allowing us working stiffs the opportunity to enjoy them as well. In addition to golf outings, GLOF members have also gotten together for social events. Over the holidays the group met at iBar at the

PGA National Resort for drinks, food and to talk about the year that was and the one upcoming.

"We had a great turnout," said Vicky. "Everyone had a great time, and it wasn't even golf!"

To find out more about Golf Links of Florida, the continually updated schedule of outings for 2014, along with membership benefits, visit www.golflinksofflorida.com, or drop Vicky an email at info@golflinksofflorida.com, or call her directly at (772)286-8393.

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

Rising country star to headline Black Box Theatre

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

FORT PIERCE — Tom Jackson will perform at the Black Box Theatre Saturday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. as the part of the new On The Verge Concert Series featuring up and coming artists presented by WAVE 92.7 and the Sunrise Theatre.

Singer, songwriter, musician, but above all, Mr. Jackson is an entertainer and local Jupiter resident. He compels an audience as though he has been on stage all his life. Jackson's brand of music is a new driving, aggressive country likened to a combination of Jason Aldean meets Charlie Daniels.

Since the debut of his first album Southern Thang in 2007, he has been hard at work in the studio writing and recording a new album that promises to be well worth the wait. Summer 2012 brought the release of his highly anticipated second studio album Keep it Country. This album produced in Nashville by Joe Caverlee, delivered more of the high energy music and performances that Tom Jackson fans have come to love and expect. The first single My Angel Loves the Devil Out of Me, also signifies the release of Tom's first ever full length music video produced by Rodolphe Pierre-Louis. His songwriting comes from the life he

lives and speaks to the heart of his fans.

His songwriting comes from the life he lives and speaks to the heart of his fans. "These aren't just lyrics I made up. These stories in song talk about everything we country folks love," Mr. Jackson said. He's made a lasting impression on his fans for being a captivating entertainer who is always more than willing to hang out after a show to meet and thank each and every one of his fans.

Mr. Jackson has worked with Nashville Song Writers, Amy Chappell, Kevin Ray, George Boettcher, Jennifer Nelson and Brian Eckert. He recorded his album with Greg Strizek at Sound

Kitchen Studio A, and Eckert Labs, Nashville, TN. Tom has shared the stage with Nashville Recording Artists: Jason Aldean, Rascal Flatts, Little Big Town, Billy Currington, Jake Owen, Luke Bryan, Craig Morgan, Randy Houser, Craig Campbell, Darius Rucker, Josh Thompson, Lee Brice, Justin Moore, Eric Church, Colt Ford and recently, Brantley Gilbert, Alan Jackson and Randy Travis.

Tickets to Tom Jackson, priced at \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door, are available at the Box Office at 772-461-4775 or visit us online at www.SunriseTheatre.com.

The Sunrise Theatre is located at 117 South Second Street, Fort Pierce.

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MONDAY, JAN. 27 – TUESDAY, JAN. 28

• **Jazz band concert**, The Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. The Vero Beach High School jazz bands will present "Big Band Bash!" Cost: \$10 or \$12, season tickets available. [Website: http://sites.indianriverschools.org/VBHS/PAC/index.html](http://sites.indianriverschools.org/VBHS/PAC/index.html).

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.militarymomsprayergroup.com](http://www.militarymomsprayergroup.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).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

• **"The Fab Four – The Ultimate Tribute" concert:** 7 p.m., Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce. Tickets start at \$39. Call the box office at (772) 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

• **Lunch and Learn program**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, noon. Short docent-guided tour with focus on particular works of art from

"Dale Kennington: Mythologies." Followed, if you wish, by lunch at the museum cafe. Space is limited and registration is required. Free for museum members, museum admission applies to non-members. [Website: www.veroachmuseum.org](http://www.veroachmuseum.org).

FRIDAY, JAN. 31

• **"Revisiting the Patriot Act"** 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist

Fellowship of Vero Beach, 1590 27th Ave., Vero Beach. Free, no tickets or reservations. Colonel Mike Pheneger, U.S. Army (Ret.) will speak about "Revisiting the Patriot Act – What Every American Should Know." For more information about the event, call (772) 778-5880, or contact T. A. Wyner, Chair, [Treasure Coast Chapter ACLU, at tawynr@acweb.com](mailto:TreasureCoastChapterACLU@tawynr@acweb.com) or (772) 465-5658.

• **"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).

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• **"Late Nite Catechism"** in the Black Box Theatre at See **OUT, B6**

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The plan for this trip was to go to Lake Okeechobee. The usual procedure is to check the weather in the area where we are going to fish. After we got the report, we

had to change our plans. A "fog advisory" were the first words we heard, and from the looks of the area, it was going to be a slow ride to Okeechobee. Going west on Route 60 toward Yeehaw Junction, the fog

got worse. We found a place to park, pulled out the coffee thermos poured a couple of cups and waited. After about an hour and half we started to see a break and that's all we needed. We put the boat in the water, now all we had to do was to find the channel to take us where we wanted to go. As we got closer to our fishing area, surprisingly, visibility got much better. Time wise, it was now almost 9 o'clock. As we were putting on our lures for that first cast a thought came to mind; we were the



FISHING TALES
JOE KUBIK

only ones on this body of water along with the birds, gators and all of His creatures... two human beings enjoying all of His doings. The sounds on a lake like Garcia early in the morning in those kind of conditions is something to behold.

We fished for more than

hour before the first bite, which was as a small bass. At about 10:30 we heard the first boat, then another and then the airboats started up taking their passengers to go see the gators.

About 11:30 or so the bite started. Denny caught a couple of keeper fish, and then I caught a couple. We went to a new area and found some bigger ones and had some fun for about an hour. Our biggest was 6lbs.9oz. We caught probably a dozen or so from 15 to 25-inches. The fish were caught on a green pumpkin

with red flake Senkos, green pumpkin fluke with blue flake and a Chug Bug. I'm glad we didn't go to Okeechobee. We'll save that trip for next time. All the fish that were caught were released to swim again another day. It's good to know that someone else can enjoy the same thrill we did in catching those weary Florida bass.

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Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. Shows are Jan. 31 at 8 p.m.; Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Feb. 2 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$35. For more information, call (772) 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1
- SUNDAY, FEB. 2

- **Gardenfest:** Riverside Park, Vero Beach. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Vendors will display bouquets, plants and garden accessories, and experts will be available to answer questions on a range of gardening challenges. Children's activities, a food court, and raffles in eight categories will be available. For more information, call the Garden Club of Indian River County at (772) 567-4602 or visit www.gardenclubofirc.org.
- **Treasure Coast Woodcarvers annual show:** 30th annual event, held at the Vince Bocchino Community Center, Langford Park, 2369 N.E. Dixie

Highway, in Jensen Beach/Rio. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. More than 60 woodcarvers will be exhibiting their carvings and turnings; the show is the largest woodcarving show on Florida's east coast. Vendors will be selling carving tools, materials, and supplies, and woodcarving and wood turning demonstrations will be given throughout the show. For more information, visit the club's website, www.treasurecoastwoodcarvers.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Library art exhibit,** Indian River County Main Library, Vero Beach. Through March 11, Vero Beach Art Club members display art. Theme: "Heat." Free. Website: www.verobeachartclub.org
- **Museum art school classes,** Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, times vary. Winter term classes run Jan. 14 through March 24. Registration fees vary. Website: www.verobeachmuseum.org.
- **Art exhibition,** McKee Botanical Garden, McKee Botanical Garden, Vero Beach, through April 27. 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.mckee.org.
- **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.
- **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 & Stuff, 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:** 6:30-7:30 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/

• **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. Register in person at Crafts & Stuff. Call Anna Ross-Cook at (772) 562-0540.

• **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

• **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.vero-dance.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.

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