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Registration for Indian River County Recreation Baseball is in full swing. Registration is first come, first served so sign up today. Practices will begin in late March, early April, and games will begin in April.

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Birth Certificate required upon registration.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at (772) 226-1732.

Annual health fair taking place Jan.30

Sebastian River Medical Center is sponsoring the Annual Barefoot Bay Health Fair on Thursday, Jan.30 from 8-11 a.m. This event is produced in partnership with the Barefoot Bay Community Fund and will be held in Building A at the Barefoot Bay Community Center.

This event is free and

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Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 68; low: 54; high tide: 3:55 a.m.; low tide: 9:49 a.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Lagoon health workshop provides discussion, but no decision

SEBASTIAN — The degradation of the Indian River Lagoon was the topic of discussion at a Sebastian City Council workshop, and various human influences, including the installation of septic tanks, were pinpointed as sources of water pollution.

Members of the city council were joined by many members of the public in the Sebastian City Hall council chambers to hear a presentation by Brian LaPointe, a research professor at Florida Atlantic University in Boca

Raton.

Despite calls from local citizens to "do something" after hearing the presentation, the council did not take any action, and said they will use the information to develop a plan moving forward.

Councilwoman Andrea Coy was visibly moved by the presentation and urged her fellow council members to take steps to address lagoon health, starting with passing a stronger fertilizer ordinance, some-

thing the council looked at last fall, but did not receive enough votes to pass.

"I find it shameful that we are the only municipality (in the county) that doesn't have a strong fertilizer ordinance," Councilwoman Coy said.

She echoed the sentiments of citizens like Karen Schuster who said

they were tired of only hearing

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Above: Four-year-old Cory Fajardo took off to new heights on the helicopter ride. **Left:** Bobby Yonce carries his son Konnor on his shoulders while he eats as strawberry Saturday. See more photos, page B3.

The 23rd annual Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival went off without a hitch last weekend as thousands of festival-goers packed the area around the Fellsmere City Hall (Old Fellsmere School) for some good food, good music and great fun. On Thursday and Friday evenings the festival served nearly 1,500 dinners of frog leg and gator tail and by Saturday, that number was expected to reach more than 4,000.

Pet allergies to be addresses at animal shelter talk

By **Jessica Creagan**
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — When the pollen count is high, many people break out the Benadryl or other allergy medications, but what can be done for a pet with itchy, watery eyes, or

one that constantly licks or chews their paws in an attempt to alleviate an itch?

Veterinarian Jeffrey Slade of Sebastian Animal Hospital will be presenting "Helping Pets with Allergies" at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County next month to help

answer this very question.

The free class is scheduled for Feb. 12 at noon and guests are encouraged to pre-register for the class by calling ahead. Participants are asked to leave their pets at home, a press release said.

"Skin allergies in pets,

usually typified by chewing, licking and scratching, represent the No. 1 most common ailment of dogs and one of the top 10 conditions for cats," Dr. Slade said.

"There is a whole textbook full of reasons why pets itch," he said.

According to the Ameri-

can Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, some of the common allergens include tree, grass and weed pollens, mold spores, dust, cigarette smoke and fleas and flea-control products.

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Learning center seeks 'native' inspiration for student projects

By **Jessica Creagan**
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WABASSO — An annual contest to encourage students to engage in and take ownership of their environment is underway.

The Environmental Learning Center in Wabasso is accepting entries in the 18th annual "Making a Difference in My World" contest, open for students from kindergarten through the fifth

grade.

Once again, the contest theme correlates with the learning center's spring EcoFest theme, "Go Native!" said Holly Dill, executive director of the Environmental Learning Center.

Go Native! emphasizes the area's flora and fauna and each grade level has its own specific project types and subjects to focus on, she said.

Projects include habitat

dioramas, designing post-cards, license plates or T-shirts featuring a native plant or animal, drawing pictures, using recycled materials and even writing stories.

The contest is open to any kindergarten to fifth grade student, whether public, private, independent or homeschooled, Ms. Dill said.

There is no charge to

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Putting reading first

Literacy week celebrated with llamas and moons

By **Jessica Creagan**
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Math, snack time and reading were a winning combination at Cradles to Crayons in Vero Beach last week during a special story time to celebrate literacy week statewide.

"Is Your Mama a Llama?" written by Deborah Guarino, was the featured book and was read by Big Brothers Big Sisters and AmeriCorps volunteer Lynn Timm.

Adorable illustrations of

adolescent animals and pleasing rhyming patterns engaged the attentions of more than two dozen 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds gathered in Susan Solis' class.

The state's theme "Reading Accelerates Success" encourages students to connect literacy with all kinds of careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

After story time, the children were able to try "llama snacks," apples, carrots, broccoli and oranges and

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Man arrested for bomb claims

Bond set for \$2M

By Jessica Creagan
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VERO BEACH — A Vero Beach man remains incarcerated in Indian River County Jail with a bond amount of \$2,000,5000 after making claims of working with terrorists and having a

bomb. Jason Daniel Kozdra, 41, of 1406 35th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested on Jan. 18 by the Vero Beach Police Department and charged with reckless driving, giving a false report of planting a bomb and threatening to throw a destructive device. Police are continuing to investigate Mr. Kozdra and

further criminal charges are pending against him, a police report said. Mr. Kozdra has been booked into the county jail eight times in the past eight years on various misdemeanor and felony charges. In the narrative of a police press release from Officer John Morrison of the Vero Beach Police Department,

the incidents leading up to Mr. Kozdra's arrest was a rollover traffic crash on the 3300 block of U.S. 1. Police officers observed Mr. Kozdra standing by the roadside near the accident shouting "There is a bomb in that car, it's ticking and it will blow up any minute," the press release said. Mr. Kozdra was violent

and combative with law enforcement and also made claims that he was part of a terrorist group, the car bomb was part of a terrorist attack and that bombs would be going off in local schools. He also made life threatening statements toward police and local government officials, the release said. An investigation by the St.

Lucie County bomb squad did not indicate any presence of explosives in Mr. Kozdra's vehicle, a red GMC truck, and no suspicious materials have been found at local schools. For more information about the Vero Beach Police Department, visit www.vbpd.org.

Pet

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"We see pets suffering allergies all the time," said Maria Ramirez, director of animal care at the shelter. "Pets with allergies, especially skin allergies, are an issue of concern for many pet owners," she said. Dogs can develop allergies at any time during their life,

but allergic reactions are commonly found in terriers, setters, retrievers and flat-faced breeds, such as pugs, bulldogs and Boston terriers, according to the ASPCA. "Therapy for skin allergies in pets commonly involves steroids, such as prednisone, but often involves antibiotics, antifungals, antiyeasts, antimicrobials and a variety of topical dips, parasiticides, conditioners and sham-

poos," Dr. Slade said. During the class, Dr. Slade will discuss the latest treatments for pets suffering from allergies and take questions from the audience. For more information about the allergy lecture or other educational classes at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County, call (772) 388-3331, Ext. 18, or visit www.hsvb.org.



Skin allergies are the No. 1 most common ailment of dogs and one of the top 10 conditions for cats. The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County will host a free seminar, "Helping Pets with Allergies" on Feb. 12 at noon with veterinarian Jeffrey Slade of Sebastian Animal Hospital.

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Tim Capra, a Vero Beach lifeguard and Justin Riney, founder of Mother Ocean, arrive in Vero Beach halfway through Mr. Riney's 165-mile paddleboard trip in 2012 called 'Stand Up for the Indian River Lagoon.'

Lagoon

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all about the studies being done and the data collected, that now is the time to act.

"We can talk all day, let's do something," Councilwoman Coy said.

Mr. LaPointe, who holds a doctoral degree in marine biology and has extensive experience in water quality research in South Florida and the Caribbean region, said septic tanks hold nitrogen, a nutrient that has a negative effect on the lagoon.

The wastewater that is in the septic tanks eventually makes its way to the lagoon, and the nutrients in the water are a food source for algae. When algal blooms appear, and then die in the lagoon, it creates a toxic situation for sea grasses that grow on the lagoon floor.

When the algae is present, and when it decomposes, it decreases the amount of light and oxygen available for the plants, causing the sea grass to die, which creates a food and shelter shortage for creatures that call the lagoon home.

Kristen Beck, co-owner of Florida Outdoors Activities Center in Sebastian and a conservationist with the Pelican Island Preservation Society, organizes tours of the Indian River Lagoon on canoes or kayaks.

She said because of the conversations about the lagoon health in the news media, some people have canceled trips out onto the water.

Indian River County business owners that rely on the lagoon to make their living are already seeing adverse economic effects from the condition of the lagoon now, and it will only get worse if no action is taken, Mrs. Beck said.

Moving from septic tanks to sewer systems would substantially decrease the amount of nitrogen coming



into the lagoon, which is what cities to the south, especially residents of the Florida Keys have been moving toward for some time, Mr. LaPointe said.

Places where canals empty into the lagoon are called outfalls, and one way to learn more about the polluting nutrients enter the lagoon is to monitor where they are coming from to better pinpoint the source, Mr. LaPointe said.

There are various methods of monitoring. Two types that have been discussed in Indian River County are kilroys, which are touted by the Ocean Research and Conservation Association.

The Kilroy instrument measures the "vital signs" of the water by monitoring water speed, direction, temperature, depth and chemical and biological indicators of health.

Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, where Mr.

LaPointe has often collaborated and worked, uses a different system, a land/ocean biogeochemical observatory, or LOBO.

In addition to measuring the physical aspects of the water like the Kilroy, the LOBO can also measure salinity, which is crucial when monitoring water, Mr. LaPointe said.

There are other differences between the two instruments, and should the city pursue a monitoring system, he said it should be done well. If the goal is nutrient reduction and finding the source of the nutrients, it's better to get high-quality tools, he said.

"I would urge you not to skimp when it comes to monitoring," Mr. LaPointe said.

For more information about city government meetings, visit www.cityofsebastian.org.

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Melissa Daniel does her part to help the lagoon by planting native species of salt marsh vegetation on BC47, a spoil island in the Indian River Lagoon in Brevard County in 2011.

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Police department joins in on delivery service

For Hometown News
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VERO BEACH — The Vero Beach Police Department is one of the first organizations to deliver hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors through the new 'Adopt-a-Route' program for Senior Resource Association's Meals on Wheels.

"Adopting a Meals on Wheels route proved to be very rewarding," said David Currey, Vero Beach Police Department's Chief of Police. "Lieutenant Matt Monaco and I delivered meals to 12 homes in Vero Beach and each and every person we met was very appreciative and happy to see us. It is certainly better

to give than receive. We will continue this partnership with the Senior Resource Association on a monthly basis."

The 'Adopt-a-Route' program was created to provide an excellent way for companies, civic and faith-based organizations to engage in community service. Groups offer their employees or

member volunteers time to deliver mid-day meals for one to two hours on an assigned day of the week.

"Our Meals on Wheels program goes above and beyond just serving meals," said Laura Roberts, director of Nutrition Services. "It's a friendly face and someone to talk to each day. With the new Adopt-a-Route pro-

gram, people in our community have the opportunity to show their support for our clients by brightening their day one delivery at a time."

Other organizations taking part in the Adopt-a-Route program include the Fellsmere Police Department and Vero Christian Church.

If a business or organization is interested in adopting a route and donating time to deliver meals to homebound seniors, call 772-469-2061.

For more information about the Senior Resource Association, visit www.seniorresourceassociation.org.

Native

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enter the contest and teachers and parents should read the entry rules carefully to avoid disqualification, a press release said.

"We typically have between 1,000 and 1,500 entries for this contest. Our largest classroom is filled with entries, they are everywhere," Ms. Dill said with a chuckle.

Volunteer judges will help narrow the field of competitors down to the winners.

The first, second and third place winners in each category for each grade will be on special display during EcoFest on March 2 and will win a gift certificate to the learning center's gift shop, "The Nature Nook," as will the teacher of the winning students, Ms. Dill said.

"All of the participants

will be on display during EcoFest and some of them will blow your mind," she said.

The things children learn and absorb about the natural resources, and the way they creatively and originally present them are wonderful to see, Ms. Dill said.

Plans for EcoFest are going well and with a lot of the emphasis being placed on lagoon health, the Environmental Learning Center is hopeful that people will take more notice of the ecological ramifications of their decisions and make ones that positively affect the environment, Ms. Dill said.

"This is a very timely theme," she said.

For more information about the Environmental Learning Center or upcoming activities, call (772) 589-5050 or visit www.discoverelc.org.



Noah Brooks, an Environmental Learning Center Touch Tank volunteer, shows Laken Calvert, 5, a juvenile horseshoe crab during National Estuary in September.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Reading

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vote for their favorites.

After the children counted up the votes, oranges were by far the favorite with broccoli coming in last, but still

receiving one vote.

The foundation for reading is built from infancy, said Linda McConkey, quality specialist for the Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee counties.

Reading age-appropriate books to children and ask-

ing questions about the pictures are an excellent way to help children build a relationship with their parents, and create a strong reading foundation that will help them later in life, said Ms. Timms.

The push to encourage a command of reading in Indian River County students goes well beyond the preschool level, as is evident by groups such as The Learning Alliance of Indian River County helping the school district with a goal to have 90 percent of third-grade students reading on or above grade level by 2018.

According to the nonprofit Literacy Services of Indian River County, it is estimated that one in five adults in Indian River County struggle to complete job applications and read a newspaper or help their children with schoolwork.

Literacy Services focuses primarily on adults with free, confidential and one-to-one tutoring to individuals age 16 and older, or in group tutoring sessions by request. The services are made possible by donations and community partners,



Photo courtesy of Jessica Creagan

Volunteer Lynn Timm reads to preschoolers at Cradles to Crayons in Vero Beach during Literacy Week.

such as the United Way.

For more information about the Early Learning Coalition of Indian River,

Martin and Okeechobee counties, visit www.elcirmo.org. For more information about The Learning Alliance, visit www.the-learningalliance.org.

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offered for a minimal charge of \$15. Eight hours of fasting is required for this test and must be paid by cash or check at time of service.

Annual dance taking place Feb. 22

The Indian River County Recreation Department is offering a chance for girls to take their dads out on a date. Fathers and their little girls are invited to 13th annual Daddy Daughter Dance.

The cost is \$32.10 per couple, which includes food. Additional children are \$5.35 per person. The event is for children ages 3-9 and will take place Feb. 22. The Polish American Social Club will become party central again this year for dancing, music, food, and entertainment. The fun will start at 6 p.m. and will last until 8:30 p.m. Get there early for pictures, which will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Registration has already begun and is limited to the first 220 couples and ends on Feb. 14. Register at any of these locations: County Administration Bldg., North County Aquatic Center, or Gifford Aquatic Center or visit www.irrec.com.

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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. 8 to Jan. 14, 2014

Vero Beach Police Department

- Timothy Charles McNamee, 50, 1350 Indian Mound Trail, Vero Beach, was charged with failure to secure payment of workers compensation and workers compensation fraud.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

- Tanshineka Sania McKinney, 29, 5303 Pond Crest Lane, Sanford, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for grand theft and two counts of uttering a forged instrument.
- Nicole Leeann Metts, 30, 485 28th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft and dealing in stolen property.
- Minor Platt, 69, 14355 105th

St., Fellsmere, was charged with sexual battery of a person in familial custody, victim between 12 and 18.

- Michael Cullinan, 27, 1205 Indian River Drive, Sebastian, was charged with two counts of violation of probation and two counts of felony battery.
- John Gregory Wallace, 47, 1455 90th Ave., No. 301, Vero Beach, was charged with false imprisonment and a misdemeanor charge of violation of an injunction for protection.
- Dorothy Ann Larose, 59, 5035 32nd Court, Lot 24, Vero Beach, was charged with introduction of contraband into a detention facility and misdemeanor charges of driving while license suspended, revoked or canceled and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Randall Devon Lundy, 32, 326 16th Place S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender.
- Labara Vaneisa Patterson, 34, 4865 33rd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with felony battery.
- Latoya Michelle Ross, 34, 3993 King Place, Vero Beach, was charged with felony battery.
- Russell Allen Scott, 22, 2760 41st Ave. North, St. Petersburg, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for

trafficking in stolen property and giving false information to a pawnbroker.

- Reinaldo Clina, 52, 565 E. 41st St., Hialeah, was charged with giving false information to a secondary metals recycler and third-degree grand theft.
- Lance Edwin Wvans, 29, 3706 E. Carol Lane, Mooresville, Ind., was charged with aggravated fleeing and eluding and misdemeanor charges of no motorcycle endorsement and willful wanton reckless driving.
- Laqwenton Bernard Mack, 30, 341 Mercury Ave., Palm Bay, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- Teresa Ryan Walker, 58, 8346 Woods Trail, Micco, was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- Kiley Michelle Yandle, 25, 1345 41st Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a firearm, ammunition or electric device by a convicted felon, third-degree grand theft, two counts of grand theft and grand theft of a firearm.
- Kristina Marie Cleveland, 31, 80 Joy Haven Drive, Sebastian, was charged with violation of prob-

ation and misdemeanor charges of violation of probation and petit theft. She was on probation for possession of clonazepam and drug paraphernalia.

- Corbet Cochran, 86, 1800 34th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with sexual battery on the physically impaired.
- John Thomas Violante, 23, 68 S. Oleander, Fellsmere, was charged with two counts of violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of clonazepam, oxycodone, hydrocodone and alprazolam.
- Andrew Tyler Westover, 19, 1500 S. U.S. 1, Vero Beach, was charged with felony battery with a prior conviction.
- Paul Joseph Kennedy, 42, 5510 Lakeside Drive, No. 205, Margate, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for conspiracy to sell or deliver ecstasy and possession of LSD.
- Kathryn Ann Moody, 22, 1079 10th Lane, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation.

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- Malcolm Lorenzy Penny, 36,

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4028 46th Lane, Vero Beach, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender and

a misdemeanor charge of display of or possession of cancelled, suspended or revoked driver license.

Power company provides cold-weather tips

Company encourages customers to stay safe and be energy efficient when temperatures drop

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

TREASURE COAST — Florida Power & Light has offered the following tips to those enduring the cold days of winter.

FPL has been monitoring the approach of multiple cold fronts and is well-positioned to meet the increased electricity needs of its customers throughout the company's 35-county service area. There are several steps that customers can take to be safe and conserve electricity:

Safety tips

FPL encourages its cus-

tomers to stay safe when heating their homes or businesses, especially when using space heaters:

- Use space heaters for only limited amounts of time and not as a primary heat source.
- Direct the heater to warm people, not space.
- Keep flammable materials such as bedding, clothing, draperies, rugs and furniture at least 3 feet away from the heater.
- Keep children and pets away from the heater.
- Keep space heaters away from water to avoid electric shock.
- Turn off and unplug the

heater when leaving the room for an extended period of time.

- Avoid using extension cords.

Customers can visit www.FPL.com/safety for additional safety tips.

Energy-efficiency tips

Heating systems in Florida typically use two to three times more energy than what is needed to cool a home. FPL encourages customers to use their energy wisely to keep their bills as low as possible:

- Adjust your thermostat
- Heat your home at 68

degrees or cooler with the thermostat fan switched to "auto."

- Lower your thermostat to 65 degrees or cooler at bedtime or when you are away from home.

- Keep your filters clean
- Clean or replace your heating, ventilation and air conditioner system's filter every month to trim your heating costs and help your unit run more efficiently.

- Reduce air leaks
- Seal doors and windows with weather-stripping or caulk.

- Take advantage of the sun's heat and light

- Keep your south-facing windows clean. Open curtains on south-facing windows during the day and close all curtains at night.
- Take shorter showers and use an efficient showerhead
- People tend to take longer showers in colder weather, which increases water heating costs, so try to make it brief and remember to use a low-flow showerhead.
- Turn down the temperature on water heaters
- Most water heaters are set to 140 degrees; you'll still have plenty of hot

water at 115 to 120 degrees.

- Adjust pool pump operating time
- Swimming pools typically require less filtration in winter
- Reduce the time you run your pool pump by two hours a day and you could save \$8.21 per month.
- Take an Online Home Energy Survey
- FPL's Online Home Energy Survey gives you a personalized savings plan filled with energy-saving tips and recommendations based on your unique patterns of energy consumption.

Red Cross issues new pet first aid app

App helps dog and cat owners provide emergency care until veterinary assistance is available

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TREASURE COAST — Pets are an important part of many families, and a new Red Cross Pet First Aid App puts lifesaving information right in the hands of dog and cat owners so they can provide emergency care until veterinary assistance is available.

The 99 cent Pet First Aid app gives iPhone and Android smart phone users instant access to expert information so they learn how to maintain their pet's health and what to do during emergencies.

"Pet owners learn how to recognize health problems

and when to contact their veterinarian," said Rob Levine, South Florida Region Executive. "The Pet First Aid App provides step-by-step instructions, videos and images for more than 25 common first aid and emergency situations including how to treat wounds, control bleeding, and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies."

Additional topics include burns, car accidents, falls and what to do for cold- and heat-related emergencies.

Other features in the app allow pet owners to:

- Create a pet profile including tag identification number, photos, list of medications and instructions.

- Use the list of early warning signs to learn when to call their veterinarian.

- Use "click-to-call" to contact their veterinarian.

- Find emergency pet care facilities or alternate veterinarians with the "animal hospital locator."

- Locate pet-friendly hotels.

- Test their knowledge with interactive quizzes and earn badges that they can share on their social networks along with their favorite picture of their pet.

History shows that people have not evacuated during disasters because they did not want to leave their pets

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The luxury of living in the future

I remember when I got my first laptop back in the 1990s, how wonderful life as going to be – I imagined how easy it would be when someone called while I was on the road, I could just open the cover, tap a few keys and have all the information I needed at my fingertips.

I also recall a failed experiment with "Via Voice" (IBM's voice recognition software) where I tried in vain to write my column by speaking into the laptop's microphone.

The reality, unfortunately, came nowhere near the fantasy.

First of all that old laptop of mine weighed a ton. I had one of those carry bags with the wheels and a handle that pulled out and dragged it behind me everywhere I went but that wasn't really the worst part. I mean carrying tools around is always part of a "road warrior's" lifestyle; at least this thing had wheels! No, the big problem was how long the darn thing took to turn on.

You see with my Day Runner, all I had to do was open the book to the day's date and start writing. It even had a little plastic book mark thingy so I could open it to the day's date without looking. The only issue I had with the Day Runner is every couple of months I would run out of calendar pages and have to get new ones (which is probably the same problem the Mayans had with their calendar – I think they just ran out of pages at 2012 and never refilled).

With my laptop it was downright embarrassing! You think it takes computers a long time to boot up today? You wouldn't believe how long the wait was 15 years ago. I can clearly remember trying to get into my machine to look someone's information up and waiting and waiting and waiting. And don't get me started on the battery life! I learned a valuable lesson in those days and it was to always keep my power cable



COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

handy and be aware of the location of the nearest outlet. (I even had a \$30 inverter in my car so I could plug in when I needed to). The battery would always look like it had enough power but, if I wasn't near an outlet then Murphy's law would kick in and the battery would die right when I was in the middle of some important task.

No, the whole "using my laptop instead of a Day Runner" experiment was a dismal failure. I found myself carrying my Day Runner and lugging my laptop behind me.

Fast forward to now and I'm very happy to say I love living in the future! You may have noticed these devices called "tablets" seem to be popping up all over the place and recently I became the proud owner of a new iPad. And with my iPad all of those fantasies of having all of my data at my fingertips that I had in the 90s with my laptop have all come true.

The first thing that I've noticed is that when I press the little button on the bottom of my tablet (the iPad) it's on. And I mean instantly. There is no five minute wait for the thing to boot up and when it does wake up I have access to everything. I can access email, my address book and all of my notes that I make while I'm working and the clever part is that the notes that I read have usually been typed in at my home office on my desktop computer. They just happen to synchronize with my iPad so when I'm out in the field, everything that I worked on at my main computer at home is available on my iPad instantly – I just turn it on

See **COMPUTE, A8**

Master of the oars



Luke Margolis, 18, a Sebastian River High School Crew Team member, set out to break a record for rowing of 44-hours last Friday afternoon. Although he didn't make the record, he did row for 22-hours for a total of 140,068 meters or 87.2 miles, a personal best record by any account.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

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A concern about security

Looking into the future, Americans are concerned about our security in a dangerous world. Respondents to a Reuters poll said by a 2 to 1 margin they "worry about a terrorist attack." The enemy is encouraged by any sign of American weakness. We should demonstrate determination and strength.

Are you listening, Mr. President?

Insurance scams

Let me get this straight... you have a bad back or you're a convicted drug user you can't find work or you're an alcoholic, you doctor shop, you get an ambulance chaser, better known as an attorney, you fill out a whole bunch of paperwork describing why you can't work. You get fully funded government check, then you're out on the town either getting supplied with pain killers or you're at your local pub drinking. Now you can live what you interpret as a nice life style. Wow, what a scam. No wonder communities have problems and our country is in the toilet. If you don't find anything wrong with this then my suggestion is please don't vote because you can't even take care of yourself.

Do I smell a scam?

I am practicing to be a snowbird when I grow up and, consequently, spend much time in the area.

I had an occasion in the past, when meeting four women friends for an afternoon of shopping and lunch in another town of nearly having my auto towed away. Although the lot was nearly empty the driver was just about to hook a tow under the front end of my vehicle. He already had a car on the flatbed. Well, he was confronted with five former New York women all with cell phones. He seemed to be trying to get money out of us to leave the car alone. When one said she was calling the sheriff, he decided to leave.

I began to smell a scam. The next time I was in the Treasure Coast Mall, I stopped in the Sheriff's outpost there and asked. They seemed not to know any law or policy about parking in large areas like these. Nor were they culling for autos with out of state plates for the retrieval and towing fees incurred.

Well this does not sit well with me. I belong to a bicycle club on Long Island and we usually meet in shopping centers, depending on the ride's destination. I believe the theory of the owners if that it looks more prosperous the more cars in the lot. We always park far away from where

most customers want to be as do other groups who meet for their purposes of ride sharing. Good Business!

Along Long Island's major thoroughfares there are "Park and Ride" lots for commuters who share driving.

Yesterday (a rainy Sunday) I met a friend at the Publix/Beall's shopping center on U.S. 1 and Cove Road, but she was leery since a little sign newly posted was at the entrance regarding tow away. We drove in separate cars to and from the movie in Jupiter.

I now more than ever think there is a 'cottage industry' here which preys on unsuspecting vacationers, snowbirds, etc. This would be a practice which would certainly have a negative impact on the county - sort of like the old but notorious speed traps in Georgia, for example.

Can someone direct me to where ride shares might take place without danger of tow? I am looking to become a permanent resident and would like to know where I might safely leave my car in the future. Perhaps a big chain store would realize the good will (and increased business) they would receive by announcing a welcome to car poolers.

I also read of all the gas guzzling blamed on drivers. What is a driver to do if not park somewhere and share a ride? Perhaps the county fathers can solve this dilemma.

Curbing the golf carts

The rave is to the manager and personnel at the Winn Dixie Store on Route 1 just outside Barefoot Bay.

The store recently put up signs forbidding the parking of golf carts on the sidewalk in front of the store.

You would think that it would not be necessary, that common sense and good manners would cause people to park in the parking lot, but that doesn't happen.

If you have ever shopped at the store then you have walked "dodge the golf cart" either driving down the sidewalk or parked blocking the door.

If the cart drivers drove their car to the store they would park in the parking lot without thinking about it. But put the same people in a golf cart and they think the rules do not apply to them.

Once again, a "job well done" to the store.

Now if the sheriff's department would ticket those golf carts driving on the sidewalk on Micco Road.

Sounding off on welfare recipients

Let's see who wants to pay for other lazy people's life style? Who wants to give their hard-earned money to people who don't want to work? Who wants to support women who want to get pregnant just so they can catch a free ride on the welfare wagon? Yes, those who have more than one child but don't work to support the kids you're producing. You know who you are. Anyway, who wants to support those individuals? Not me or anyone one else with good morals. Take a look at the history of it... socialism doesn't work. If people can't support themselves then they have their own problems. Hard working people or successful business people shouldn't have to bear that. Next election time, vote for the person who believes in individual independence. It's not anyone's fault that others mismanaged their life. And especially those who knowingly have more than one child and nearly no education but use the welfare system as their source of income. Or what I should say, they use a human life as a tool to get into the terribly mis-used social services for a paycheck. Let's clean house and get rid of the irresponsible liberals, also better known as democrats.

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Hibiscus Children's Center, theatre partner

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TREASURE COAST — Hibiscus Children's Center announced the closing performance of "Cabaret", presented by David L. Smythe, on Sunday, March 2, to directly support the services it provides to children and families across the Treasure Coast.

The evening of excitement will begin at 6:30 p.m. at StarStruck Academy and Theatre, located at 2101 South Kanner Highway in Stuart.

Starring Peter Jones as the emcee, the Tony-Award Winning musical, "Cabaret", will kick off the evening's celebration in recognition of the great work of Hibiscus Children's Center and its mission. All in attendance will be transported to the decadent pre-World War II

world of Berlin while experiencing the hauntingly beautiful musical scores composed by John Kander and Fred Ebb.

At the conclusion of the performance, Peter Jones and the "Cabaret" Kit Kat Klub dancers will lead the way to a strolling dinner and music-filled dance studio featuring the sounds of "DJ Tony Solo" — Fullhouse Entertainment Co.

"Cabaret" presenter, David L. Smythe, is a local philanthropist who is well-known for his kindness and support of our community. "I am so proud of what everyone contributes to the children of Hibiscus ... how everyone works together to care for the children," said Mr. Smythe. "When I give, I just feel so good about doing something for others. I hope that by helping people in need, I can inspire others

to give also. If they do, they will have this great feeling too! What I do comes from inside my heart."

Raquel Tilton, Indian River County volunteer, shared "As a Hibiscus volunteer for over 20 years, it is exciting to see many individuals and businesses from across the Treasure Coast community working together for one purpose — helping abused children and youth. I am proud to be a committee member for the Cabaret event being held in Stuart and look forward to a terrific evening on March 2nd celebrating Hibiscus Children's Center".

One of the many highlights of the Cabaret event is the philanthropic spirit truly shining throughout the Treasure Coast. Treasure Coast Lexus, in Fort Pierce, is hosting the VIP Soirée to thank the Cabaret sponsors.

Committee hosts and sponsors from across Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties have joined forces to create, coordinate and execute an engaging and memorable event that will provide critically important resources to hundreds of abused children and families in crisis.

You don't want to miss this very special evening that will leave you delighted by the high-caliber performance, inspirational collaboration of volunteers and supporters and, most importantly, the significant impact you will have in making life better for the abused, abandoned and neglected children in the care of Hibiscus Children's Center.

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Bicyclists to take the 'Tour de Vero'

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VERO BEACH — Cycling enthusiasts will once again enjoy the hometown version of the Tour de France bicycle adventure.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, the Indian River Firefighters'

Benevolent Association, Inc. presents the fourth Tour de Vero bicycling event. Tour de Vero features a choice of 41.2, 60.8 and 88.6 mile bicycle rides.

"Our mission with Tour de Vero is to provide awareness for coronary arterial disease," says John O'Connor,

event chair and member of the Indian River Firefighters' Benevolent Association. "We will ride in honor of our fallen Fire Chief and fellow cyclist Brian Nolan, and our dear friend Keith Gergely. Both men loved to ride their bikes and spend time with friends."

Funds raised through Tour de Vero will also help fund the Indian River County Burn Fund, local high school scholarships, fair-ground improvements, several charities, and public safety efforts.

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Rants

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A rave about the area

I just moved here from up north to escape the cold, harsh winters. Much to my delight are so many lovely residents that are welcoming and friendly. It's so refreshing to live in a beautiful community that thrives. Riding my bike around the area I find so many wonderful places to shop, frolic along the beach or find a great book at the library. All the goodness here is much appreciated including the beautiful weather. Thank you!

A true southerner

Okay, here we go again. I'm a true southerner, born and raised in the south. I'm not one of these snow birds who move to the south and live here for a couple of years then claim to be a southerner. I have to laugh when I go to Publix and

watch these snow birds in the parking lot and of course in the store. In the store you have to watch them because they're always in a hurry and believe me they will run you over with their shopping cart. I'm thinking their house must be on fire and they have to hurry home to put it out. Now for the parking lot... they see someone backing out of a parking space and if they want the space they'll sit and wait, but if not they'll sit and lay down on that horn, and it's a wonder they don't give the poor soul backing out a heart-attack. When these snow birds pack up and come south for our nice warm weather and our beaches you would think they would know in the south we take things slow, laid back and enjoy life. It's not good to be in such a rush. No wonder the doctor's office is so full in the winter when they come down. So please don't be so rude and unfriendly... respect us southern folks. Life is too short to just hurry through it. Just lay back and

enjoy our warm weather and of course, the slow moving Southerners.

Referring to 'Racism or not'

I beg to differ to your reference to Jesus as Satan in disguise. Jesus is God's son and never would even think of being with Satan. From what you say in your rant, you seem to imply that you are a black person who has some hatred for white people and want to put them as devils. I suggest that you stop thinking of whites as bad people and look at yourself. I have worked for almost 40-years with the public and never thought of customers as looking down at me or anyone else that worked with me. You seem to have a problem with white people. Why, I don't understand. You and others that think like you are one of the reasons that racism never stops. I know we are different but still the same. Try to see from a different view and you will be sur-

prised. Try to get along with your customers and I think you will see they are no different than you are in many ways. God views all of us the same. Try to be more like Him and Jesus and I think you will get a different attitude. I know that all of us have problems in our thinking of things but no one is perfect and never was except for Jesus who was perfect in all ways.

App

From page A5

behind. The Red Cross app contains resources to help owners include pets in their emergency action plans. Pet owners may also take a Red

Cross Pet First Aid course so they can practice the skills and receive feedback. People can go to redcross.org/takeaclass for information and to register.

The Red Cross has made great strides in making emergency information available whenever and

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The Pet First Aid App and other Red Cross apps can be found in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store for Android by searching for American Red Cross or by going to redcross.org/mobileapps.

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With winds at a minimum, the Soling Class remote control boats reflected in the calm water.

Nearly two-dozen members of the Indian River Model Sailing Club gathered at the Hobart Park Lake Friday, Jan. 17 for a club-wide race event. Many of the racers were practicing for their annual Frostbite Regatta held Saturday. Friday left a lot to be desired when it came to wind but Saturday all but made up for it.



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Entry fees are \$45 per person. Registrants may register online at www.verovelo.org and anyone registering by Feb. 3 receives a free T-shirt. Cyclists may pick up their packets at Bicycle Sport

located at 1111 Seventh Avenue in Vero Beach on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Riders may also register on the morning of the event until 6:45 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill. All participants must sign a hard copy release form in order to participate.

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Exotic delights found in sushi

By Jenny Seemayer
For Hometown News

VERO BEACH — Siam Orchid, Vero Beach's local Thai and Japanese hotspot on Miracle Mile, boasts an array of beautiful dishes offered in a modestly, comfortable décor. My companion and I were in a rush and opted for their take-out menu. The menu is chock-full of delicious choices so it took more than a few minutes to decide. I am very much a creature of habit and decided to go with my usual: the Sashimi and Unazyu Set (\$14.95) accompanied by a J.B. Temaki (\$3.95) and one piece each of the Surf Clam (\$1.95) and the Quail's Egg (\$0.50). What can I say — I'm an adventurous eater! My companion chose the Crab Angels (\$5.95) and the Panang Curry Chicken (\$8.95) from the Thai side of the menu.

We gave our order over the phone to the friendly waitress and within 20 minutes, our food was ready for pickup. When I got to the restaurant, I struck up a conversation with a waiting customer and the Itamae (skilled sushi chef) over how uni (sea urchin) should taste and its proper consistency. After having eaten this sea creature at another sushi restaurant, I was not as pleased with it, but the chef urged me to try their sea urchin (\$4.95). I ordered a piece of it and was immensely pleased at its creamy consistency and subtle oceanic taste. It truly changed my mind about my future consumption about the sea urchin in general. The chef then explained that he heavily scrutinizes the product that is offered at Siam Orchid and works to command the best quality in every dish.

When we came back to the office, we eagerly attacked our lunch. The Sashimi and Unazyu set comes with two pieces of salmon, tuna, and white fish in addition to barbecued eel with rice, two pieces of a California Eel Roll, and a small helping of seaweed salad. Sashimi is defined as a tiny bite size piece of fresh fish, usually

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Valentine's Day celebration comes early

Love and hearts to dominate Downtown Friday celebration

By Jessica Creagan
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VERO BEACH — Love will be in the air during the next Downtown Friday event in Vero Beach.

On Jan. 31 from 5:30-8:30 p.m., 14th Avenue in historic downtown Vero Beach will be transformed into an early Valentine's Day street party featuring music by 21 Hearts, 1 Beat, a musical ensemble from the Miami Country Day School.

"Love will be the music theme from the 21 Hearts, 1 Beat from the Miami Day School," Rick Wykoff, Downtown Friday entertainment chairman said in a press release.

"We've had them open for the headliner band at the Hibiscus Festival the past couple of years and they only had an hour to play and everyone wanted to hear more so we invited them back to help us kick-off the New Year to perform for three hours this time," Mr. Wykoff said.

The band is made up of upper school student vocalist and instrumentalists and they play a variety of popular music and classic rock.



File photo

Two-year-old Jack Tripson looks back for his parents as he cruises around in the Fireman's Express during Downtown Friday in August.

"They recently performed for the Oceanside Business Association's concert and we are very glad to have them with us," said Tammy Adams, executive director of Main Street Vero Beach, in an interview.

"We have to pre-celebrate holidays since we come together on the last Fridays and the street vendors and merchants to

offer wares appropriate for upcoming holidays," Ms. Adams said.

And some of the organizations will have extra motivators to encourage members of the public to stop by and visit their booths.

"The Main Street Vero Beach booth will be handing out candy hearts and chocolate, so people can stop by and learn more

about our organization," Ms. Adams said.

This Downtown Friday event will feature new outdoor decorations for partygoers to enjoy, she said.

Main Street Vero Beach collaborated with nine local landscape professionals, the city of Vero Beach and dozens of local businesses and individuals

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Out & about

THURSDAYS, JAN. 23 – FEB. 27

• **Opera studies program**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. The five-part course "Femme Fatale!" will study 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.

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.

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."

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Week of 1-24-2014

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, strange forces seem to be working against you, but fortunately you are prepared for anything that comes your way. Allow for some time to get things settled.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, keep a firm hand on your wallet so you can avoid spending well beyond your means. It is best if you avoid making any impulse purchases in the near future.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, listen carefully when a family member comes to you with some sage advice. Even a seemingly relaxed conversation may prove fruitful.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, you may seem rushed this week, but resist the temptation to go faster than is comfortable for you. Take your time so things are done right the first time.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Leo, you may have so much fun this week that you don't realize you have been getting work done in the process. Your attitude is even inspiring others around you.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Take a step back when you don't see eye to eye with a colleague, Virgo. Disagreements can quickly escalate, so keep a level head and take all things into consideration.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, your intuition and ability to work with people closely will make your life much more enjoyable. Make use of these talents as you pursue a new career path.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Falling into a slump just isn't your style, Scorpio. Even if things don't seem to be going your way, your attitude and work ethic will make the most of the situation.

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KC & The Sunshine Band boogie down

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

FORT PIERCE — KC & The Sunshine Band will have you dancing in the aisles at the Sunrise Theatre on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m.

Still as widely popular today as they were when they first danced into the music scene 40 years ago, Harry Wayne Casey a native Floridian, KC for short, developed a unique fusion of R&B and funk, with a hint of a Latin percussion groove.

KC has been called the "Founder of the Dance Revolution," with an impressive string of hits like Get Down Tonight, That's The Way (I Like It) and Shake Your Booty.

With sales of over 100 million records, nine Grammy nominations, three Grammy Awards and an American Music Award, KC and the Sunshine Band were one of the most progressive bands of the 70s and are credited with changing the sound of modern pop music.

KC's songs have stood the test of time. KC and the Sunshine Band play over 100 live shows annually, circling the country and playing dates regularly throughout Europe, Australia and South America.

In 2008, KC celebrated 35 years entertaining, writing songs, performing around the world and

he has no intention of stopping. KC & The Sunshine Band share a distinction with The Beatles as the first artist to have four No. 1 singles in the span of one year.

Notwithstanding, KC's other hits like (Shake, Shake, Shake) Shake Your Booty and I'm Your Boogie Man still stand as milestones of the disco age.

Get your 'Boogie Shoes' on and come out for a great evening of funk at Sunrise Theatre with KC & The Sunshine Band!

Tickets are priced at \$65/\$59 and are available at the box office at (772) 461-4775 or visit www.SunriseTheatre.com



Photo courtesy of Sunrise Theatre

KC & The Sunshine Band will be performing at the Sunrise Theatre, showcasing their hits that have thrilled audiences for decades.

Sushi

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served with soy sauce and wasabi. Each slice of fish was expertly cut and prepared, exhibiting a fresh and wholesome taste. No sauce is necessary to enjoy the sashimi - one will relish its modest flavor on its own.

The California Eel Roll harbors crab, eel, cream cheese, and green onion, lightly fried (tempura). The savory components of the roll melded well together. Evoking a sweet, yet light taste, the barbequed eel graces the rice and gives a greater texture to the dish as a whole. Garnished with sesame seeds, the seaweed salad

had a crisp, light vinegary taste and served as an appropriate addition.

Also of note, the J.B. Temaki (temaki is defined as a cone-shaped hand roll) consisted of fresh salmon, cream cheese, and green onion. The bite-sized chunks of fresh salmon leant themselves superbly to the cream cheese with the green onions adding a veritable bite. Even the seaweed wrapping of which the ingredients were encased gave fresh purpose and definition to the roll's overall completion. The Surf Clam had a meaty, slightly rubbery texture and the Quail Egg was of a rich, yolky consistency (almost akin to eating a normal raw egg, albeit ten times smaller). Both pieces were fitting additions to this fabulous lunch.

On the other hand, my companion's Crab Angels were exceptional as well. Four fried, flaky pastries that encapsulated rich cream cheese and fresh crab were a gift from heaven, it seemed. As opposed to the run-of-the-mill Asian restaurant, Siam's version of this popular dish offers a spicy yet sweet



File photo

Sushi does not need to be raw. There are many rolls, like the California roll, that contain no fish. Other rolls, for someone who is new to sushi, are the shrimp tempura roll, spicy crab roll, volcano roll and the Kelly roll.

sauce to go along with each tantalizingly demure pastry. According to Siam Orchid, these "four fried crab wontons make an excellent beginning for Thai meals" and I couldn't agree more. For the Panang Curry, my companion opted for the chicken version of this dish. The chick-

en is soaked in coconut milk along with a sweet panang curry sauce: sweet yet savory and while rich, exudes flavor. All together, the dish has addictive qualities and my companion could not stop eating it.

All in all, Siam Orchid has the best of both worlds: Thai and Japanese. With

their menu being more than five pages long, it may take you a while to choose something but no matter what, you know you'll have made the right choice. Unquestionably, the itamae has succeeded in his quest to provide the superior experience in fine Asian cuisine here in Vero Beach.

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Films from and about Cuba." \$50 for museum members, \$70 for non-members. Website: www.verobeachmuseum.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.tpcp.info.

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Tips for parents of tweens, teens

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — All parents and children are welcome to attend the Parent Academy Workshop offering free dinner, musical performance, and guest speaker on Thursday, Jan. 30, 5-7:30 p.m. This program, designed especially for families with "tweens" and teens will take place at Oslo Middle School, 480 20th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach.

Margaret Sagarese, co-author of six award winning parenting books, on line expert, and parent herself will deliver an inside peek at what's going on inside your child's head . . . and heart, an upgrade of your parenting tools including when to take advantage of the digital age and how to sidestep the drawbacks, and a discussion on addressing adolescent cravings for adventure, romance, and risk while keeping sons and daughters safe and healthy. Most important, though, is sharing the message that it's exciting and fun to live with a tween or adolescent.

This presentation is part

of a series of free workshops in which parents can learn to become an active and effective partner in their children's education; network with other parents; and learn about community organizations that support children and families.

The Oslo Middle School Chamber Orchestra will perform at 5 p.m., dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the parent workshop and free breakout sessions for youth K-2, 3-5, and 6-12 grades will take place at 6 p.m.

Upcoming workshops will include Parenting Styles, March 3; and Successful Students: Developing healthy Food & Fitness Habits, April 8.

This event is brought to the community by Connected 4 Kids Coalition of Indian River County, and sponsored in part by Tobacco Free Partnership of Indian River County, School District of Indian River County, and CASTLE - Teaching Safe Parenting.

For more information call (772) 231-5799.

RSVP the number of adults and children by calling (772) 231-5799.

A 'froggy' good time



Above: Shelly Garcia, left and her daughter Summer, 6, took a spin on the Sizzler. **Left:** From left, Maggie Sammons calls out the orders while Emily Warchowski, Aubrey Temple and other volunteers fill the plates and pass them out for customers.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Out

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• **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.theatregrounddinnertheatre.com.

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

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.indianriver-schools.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.

• **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.

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.

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.

THURSDAYS, STARTING JAN. 30

• **Seniors Computer Group:** Begins Jan. 30 and runs for eight weeks at Leisure Square, 3705 16th Street, Vero Beach. Starts with basic information and moves step by step to more advanced information, terms, programs, computer differences, and problems. Fee is \$7 per session or \$50 for eight weeks. For more information and to register, call (772) 770-6500.

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

• **The Haifa Symphony Orchestra in concert:** 7:30 p.m., Community Church, Vero Beach. The Haifa Symphony Orchestra of Israel will make its premiere appearance in Vero Beach, performing an all-Mozart and Tchaikovsky program. For tickets, contact the Indian River Symphonic Association at (772) 778-1070 or visit www.IRSymphonic.org.

• **Speakers series:** First speaker in this three-part series is educator, hydrogeologist, and NASA astronaut Joe Acaba, at 7 p.m., at the Emerson Center, 1590 27th Avenue, Vero Beach. He served as flight engineer aboard the International Space Station from May 17 through Sept. 17, 2012, and will speak about his experience in space and how it makes him appreciate the Earth more. The second speaker in the series will be National Geographic photographer Carlton Ward, at 7 p.m. on Feb. 27; the third will be deep-sea explorer Dr. Edie Widder, at 7 p.m. on March 27. The lecture series is presented by the Ocean Research and

Conservation Association (ORCA), of Fort Pierce. Tickets for this three-part lecture series are \$75 in advance. Individual tickets are \$35 in advance, or \$40 at the door; student tickets are \$20. Tickets for the lectures are available by calling (772) 778-5249 or online at <http://theemersoncenter.org>.

• **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.verobeachmuseum.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 tawyer@aceweb.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.

FRIDAY, JAN. 31 – SUNDAY, FEB. 2

• **Treasure Coast Pirate**

Fest: Held at Veterans Memorial Park/Riverwalk Center, 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Events for all ages. Pirate themed attractions including a living history pirate encampment, Blackbeard's Pirate Ship, mermaids, a Little Buccaneer kids zone, costume contests, treasure hunt, pirate weapon demonstrations, live music, and a Friday night Pirate's Ball for scallywags age 18 and older. Free, however a voluntary \$2 "Buck-n-Ear" admission is suggested. Hours are 2-8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (561) 792-9260.

• **"Late Nite Catechism"** in the Black Box Theatre at 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

• **Annual rummage sale:** Hosted by the Roseland Women's Club, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., old Roseland Fire Station, 120 Fourth Court, Roseland. Food, drinks, light lunch, miscellaneous household items, and baked goods. Proceeds will benefit local charities. For more information, call (772) 664-5627.

• **World of Opera concert,** The Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. The Vero Beach Opera presents "The Three Tenors," featuring international artist Viktor Antipenko, Matias Mariani and Mo El Zein and pianist Julie Tompkins. Cost: \$30, \$40 or \$50 per person.

Website: www.verobeach-opera.org.

• **'Havana Nights' gala:** Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 6 p.m. The Vero Beach Museum of Art presents a celebration of art in 1950s Cuba, a historic and enlightening period full of spice and energy. Cost: To be announced. Website: www.verobeachmuseum.org.

• **'I've Lived!'** A new three-act play based on the life and death of author Zora Neale Hurston, and written by Brenda Cooper, will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Wynne Black Box Theatre on the main campus of IRSC, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. The play depicts her life, her literary achievements, and her final years in Fort Pierce. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information or tickets, contact Brenda Cooper at (772) 332-1220.

• **Craft show,** Riverview Park, Sebastian, 10 a.m. Hosted by the Craft Club of Sebastian. Rain date: Feb. 2. Cost: Free. Website: www.sebastiancraftclub.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

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Scopes

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SAGITTARIUS -
Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Sagittarius, playing games with someone can be fun, but don't let things turn into a serious rivalry. Focus on being lighthearted this week.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, your responsible nature helps those in your care to feel safe and secure. It is good to show others how much they mean to you, and you have been doing it correctly.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Some well-hidden information could come to the surface, and you will have the ability to put it to use, Aquarius. Just don't let the power go to your head.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Pisces, you must deal with a potentially delicate matter in the days to come. Keep a cool head and remain confident.

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Rolf Sodergren, of Vero Beach, admires 'Steamed Grouper' by Ron Lemoine.

Despite the cooler than normal temperatures, the 13th annual Sebastian Fine Art and Music Festival was a big hit last weekend. More than 125-juried artists from as far away as Canada were on hand for the annual event. All together more than 25,000 visitors were expected to be on hand. Sebastian, Treasure Coast and Pelican Island Elementary Schools along with Liberty Magnet and the Sebastian Charter Junior High School, will receive \$500 for the purchase of art supplies from the event.



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Jacque Petrone enjoys the sea turtle etched in a bronze mirror in the Feldner's Etched Glass Studio & Monument Co. booth.

Suzan Williams, of Vero Beach, is fascinated by the brilliant colors in Xochitl Ross's blown glass.



Cliff Partlow staff photographer

Growing orchids is as easy as growing any other plant

I know, with all this cold weather the last thing you are probably thinking about is spring.

You have to remember that our spring could be just a couple of weeks away. Once we get past January and the first part of February, it is almost time for the peak planting season in Florida. Now is the time to start thinking about what you want to plant and how to add color to your yard. For now, orchids can make for great center pieces or add color to your porch or patio. They are in full bloom at many of your local nurseries right now.

When you visit your local nursery if you are like most people, you are always trying

to find plants that are colorful and different. The colorful orchid plant certainly meets those criteria.

My wife and I have actually become addicted to the fascinating colors and their overall beauty. Soon the spring orchid shows will be underway including the one at the Martin County fairgrounds. There, you are certain to add a few new varieties to your collection.

Orchids are truly amazing plants. Many people think that orchids are difficult to grow but actually the opposite is true. Orchids are no more difficult to grow than many flowering annuals. Orchids simply need the basic plant essentials: light, water,



GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

fertilizer and air. The flowering cycle of the orchid will vary from variety to variety but in general, they will bloom from one to four weeks. Under ideal conditions, up to six weeks is not out of the question.

Orchids are unique plants in the fact that they do not grow in soil. In fact, if you try to plant an orchid in soil, it will mean most certain death. Orchids need to be planted in special bark mixes that are specially made for your plants. If you place your orchids outside under a tree, they do not need any planting medium at all. The plants will

attach themselves to the tree and obtain all of their nutrients from natural rainwater and air. This is how orchids grow in the wild. If you want to grow a prize Orchid, this is the way to go.

For many people, growing orchids outside is out of the question but you can still grow orchids inside or on a porch with excellent results. If you choose to raise your plants inside, find a bright windowsill or an area that is as close to a natural light source as possible. Usually when you purchase your plant, it will already be planted in a container with the appropriate planting medium. However, you may want to transplant your flower in a more decorative pot or it just might need to be put into a larger container. In this case, you can use either an appropriate bark mix or decorative stones. Either of

these materials will allow the roots to stay aerated enough so they will be able to breathe. The roots will also need good drainage. One of orchid's worst enemies is too much water. You should water your plants completely about once a week or so. Always allow them to dry before watering again. Do not over water.

Once your orchid has bloomed out, the next step is to try to get your plant to re-bloom at a later time. In order for orchids to bloom again, they need a 10 degree temperature difference between the day and night temperature. You can either do this by your air conditioning system or placing the plant on a porch where the temperature difference will happen naturally. This trick can mean the difference between a plant that has just green leaves and a plant that will again treat you to a

rainbow of color.

Orchids are not heavy feeders but when you do feed them, they will require a special orchid food. Find a mix that is specially made for your plants. A fertilizer with the numbers 20-10-20 will do an excellent job. Feed your plants once a week with a weak solution of the fertilizer.

Orchids need an ample amount of humidity in order to thrive. If the humidity is below 50 percent in your home, your plants will not do well. You can alleviate this problem by running a humidifier near the plant during the normally dry winter months.

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

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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 woodcar-

ving 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.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

• **'Ragtime Bob' concert:** 3 p.m., The Emerson Center, 1590 27th Avenue, Vero Beach. "Ragtime Bob" Milne, considered by many to be the best ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist in the world, is back by See **OUT, B5**

Valentine
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to complete a number of "streetscape" improvements. Flower pots, hanging flower baskets and bright banners now decorate the streets with lush and colorful scenery and will be maintained by the collaborative group. "We're excited that the community came together to create a more beautiful and vibrant downtown for people of all ages," said Vicky Gould, president of

Main Street Vero Beach, in a press release. This will be the first big downtown event that visitors will be able to see the new "streetscape" and the hope is that it will be a spectacular debut, Ms. Adams said. Each Downtown Friday event highlights a different local charity, and January's event will feature The Mental Health Association. The Mental Health Association provides screening, crisis counseling, case management, short term therapy, group therapy, support groups and psychiatric services at the

Mental Health Walk-In Center and three drop-in centers in Indian River County. The nonprofit will have a booth where people can learn more about the programs and services offered by the group and how they can donate to help bring more services to more people with mental health concerns, Ms. Adams said. For more information about upcoming Downtown Friday events, or about Main Street Vero Beach, call (772) 643-6782 or visit www.mainstreetverobeach.org.

Merchandise show offers chance to preview products

Well my favorite week of the year is here. The week of the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando. While you are reading this, I am working my tail off, traveling up and down aisles of golf equipment, training aides, bags, apparel and more.

While I always look forward to this week, this year there is a cloud hanging over it. For many, many years now, I have traveled to the show with two of my best friends and colleagues, Dan Shube and Michael Murphy. This year, Michael, who is my co-host on the radio, is home ill. Very ill.

What was once a celebration and a week of golfing, making new friends and



GOLF JAMES STAMMER

visiting with old, eating out at fine restaurants, smoking cigars, and generally enjoying a "guys" week away, will be subdued this year.

There is still, however, work to be done. We will find those elusive stories at the show that the major magazines and news media miss or pass on. Things seem to be picking up a bit the past couple of years, and we are anxious to see if it has continued into 2014.

One event that I am pleased to see continue is

the Tour Edge Media Outing. This event brings many of us media into town a day early for a day of talking to various manufacturers and enjoying a day playing golf and sampling the latest from Tour Edge and the Exotics line of equipment.

We wind up that first day with prizes and awards as well as a wonderful meal, all thanks to Tour Edge. This event puts us in the right frame of mind for the week to come.

The second day will be a good measure of how the golf companies view the present economy. The PGA Merchandise Show Demo Day, held at Orange County National, puts products from a hundred or so companies into our hands.

Using the circular driving range at OCN, we get to hit all the clubs we want. We will get to try the latest from nearly every major manufacturer and even some of the little guys. It's a great way to see what's new and how well it works.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, we will hit the floor of the convention center. There are more than 10 miles of aisles for us to walk, and over 1,000 vendors for us to visit. It's here that we do most of our work. This is also where you will likely find your club's head professional or general manager looking for new products for the pro shop. Shirts and hats will be ordered by the hundreds. Some are even here to look into a new fleet

of golf carts, or mowers, or furniture for the clubhouse. If you can't find it here, it likely hasn't been invented yet.

The show is a great place for the smaller companies to get the word out about their products. They lack the big money to advertise in major publications, and don't have the staff to visit every club in the country. At the show, the clubs come to them. They have a chance to make their pitch and gain a new client. In the past I have seen some of the major companies walk over and talk with these small guys in an effort to buy the rights to a unique product.

While in town we're going to be playing some golf as well. We'll be visiting three

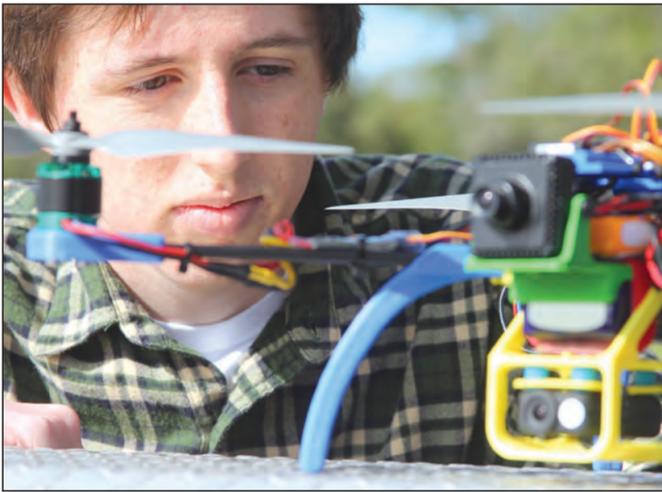
courses in the area and will report back to you whether or not they are worth a look.

The most important thing Dan and I plan to do is as often as we can think about our good friend Michael, sitting back home. It's been a fun ride with Michael along, and this year will certainly not be the same. Hopefully we will have some great tales to tell him when we get home. But while we're away, we want him to know that we love him and we'll miss him being with us.

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 stammegolf@yahoo.com.

What's up?

While most high school students are just looking to have fun, Taylor Norman and his dad Brad are building 3D printers and designing quad, hex and octo copters to fly up to 400-feet in the air. The two entrepreneurs created UltiBots. While 3D printing isn't new, each design built with the printers is. It helps that Taylor is studying applied physics and science.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Taylor Norman checks the mounting (lower right) of a new mini-recording video camera.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Onboard video cameras allow Mr. Norman to fly the quad copter using a video visor.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

As Brad Norman moves the quad copter away from a certain point the GPS navigation system returns the unit to the previously entered coordinates.

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popular demand for this performance. He was filmed and documented for future generations in 2004 during three days of interviews at the Library of Congress, and was declared a "National Treasure" at the conclusion. Learn more about this diverse and capable musician from his website at <http://BobMilne.com>. Advance tickets are \$20 and available by calling the box office at (772) 778-5249 or online at <http://theemersoncenter.org>. Tickets at the door, if available, are \$25.

Dance Expo 2014: Dance for a Cause, Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County, Vero Beach, 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$55 per person. *Website:* www.hsvb.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.theatre-grounddinnertheatre.com.

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

MONDAY, FEB. 3

Starfest Luncheon, Oak Harbor Club, Vero Beach, 11:30 a.m. A fundraising event for Childcare Resources of Indian River County. Featuring guest speaker Johnny O'Brien.

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Event teaches life lessons to students

For Hometown News
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VERO BEACH — For more than a decade, a small army of Character Volunteers from Grand Harbor and other Indian River County communities have been quietly teaching some important life skills in more than a dozen elementary schools throughout Indian River County. It's all about "character building", a topic that's not really part of the formal curriculum and too often not taught at home.

The creative program, Winners Walk Tall, strives to develop a foundation of good habits, values, and personal pride in our youth, thereby increasing their chances of maturing into happy and productive citizens. Topics discussed include Manners Matter, Don't Be A Bully, Compliment ~ Don't Criticize, and Peer Pressure...Watch Out!

Originally created in Ohio by Grand Harbor resident Bob Mauk,

the program is in its eleventh year within the Vero Beach elementary schools and currently has 57 volunteers conducting fifteen minute weekly classroom sessions for more than 2,000 students.

"These weekly sessions and the reinforcement of the topics by the teachers have proven to be a key factor toward increasing the self-confidence and self-esteem of many local students" said Ed Johnson, Vero Beach program director.

The program is of absolutely no cost to the school, gives the teacher a reinforcing voice, has minimal impact on class time and the kids love it.

Grand Harbor Community Outreach has provided the funding year after year for all the colorful classroom materials that help make the learning fun for both the students and character captains. Winners Walk Tall is one of about 30 non-profit agencies Outreach helps fund each year.



Accepting the check from Community Outreach to fund this year's program are three volunteer Character Captains of Winners Walk Tall, Gerry Nogelo, Miles Nogelo and John Phipps. On the far left is Adam Faust, Principal of Glendale Elementary School, one of the participating schools. Presenting the check is Doug Sweeney, vice president of Philanthropy for Community Outreach.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 4

Symphony orchestra concert, The Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. The Vero Beach High School symphony orchestra will perform

"Orchestral Masterpieces," featuring the works of Mozart, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, more. Cost: \$10 or \$12, season tickets available. Website: http://sites.indianriver-schools.org/VBHS/PAC/index.html.

Natural Allergy Solutions that Work: Free workshop. 6-7 p.m., Alternative Medicine Family Care Center, 3408 Aviation Blvd., Vero Beach. Class offers natural solutions and answers for asthma, food allergies, sinus congestion, environmental allergies, headaches, fatigue, more. For more information, call (772) 778-8877 or visit www.AMFCC.info.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

The Atlantic Classical Orchestra presents the "Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio," Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts at St. Edwards School, Vero Beach, 7:10 p.m. A 50-minute lecture is followed by a concert featuring the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio and the Atlantic Classical Orchestra.

Cost: \$55 for adults, \$5 for students. Website: www.atlanticclassicalorchestra.com.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

Fabulous Film Finds: 3 p.m., North Indian River County Library, 1001 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian. Each month in the meeting room, a new band will perform. Admission is free. Gourmet coffee and cookies will be served with donations accepted. For more information, call the library at (772) 589-1355.

Kenny Rogers at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$69. For more information, call (772) 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

jazzsociety.org.

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

Coffee House: 7-9 p.m., North Indian River County Library, 1001 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian. Each month in the meeting room, a new band will perform. Admission is free. Gourmet coffee and cookies will be served with donations accepted. For more information, call the library at (772) 589-1355.

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