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Sign-up for spring coed youth baseball

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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Saturday: Clear; high: 73; low: 57;
high tide: 8:36 a.m.; low tide: 3:08 p.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Growing love through the years

By Jessica Creagan

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Loving someone for more than 19,000 days is a long time and might seem like a repetitive chore to some, but the loving rarely looks the same from day to day, a Vero Beach couple said.

On March 25, Donald and Jean Siegel will celebrate 53 years of marriage and while Valentine's Day is a good reminder to show special care to each other, they believe it is much more important to display

that love every day of the year.

"Valentine's Day is for amateurs," Mr. Siegel said with a chuckle.

The Siegels have known each other since their high school days, but didn't start a romantic relationship until friends set them up several years later.

"He dated all of my girlfriends in high school though, he even dated my cousin, true story," Mrs. Siegel said with a smile.

Over the years, the Siegels raised three sons, had successful careers in business, real estate and civic

service and moved to Florida from New York to begin a new phase of life, retirement.

The couple volunteers at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County, sometimes together, sometimes solo, but both of them agree their two adopted shelter dogs enrich their lives and caring for the dogs is another way they enjoy

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A walk on the artsy side



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Toni Hill, Sebastian painter, photographer and teacher, sets up for Saturday's Sebastian Art Studio Tour. See more photos, page B2.

Volunteers, sponsors needed for revitalization project

By Jessica Creagan

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Indian River Habitat for Humanity is getting a head start on spring cleaning next month a month-long makeover for two Gifford neighborhoods.

The Treasure Coast Plaza and Pine View Park neighborhoods inside the Gifford community have been selected for the first-ever "Rock the Block Around the Clock" neighborhood revitalization initiative project by the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate and sponsors and volunteers are still needed, organizers said.

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Memoir records love story in letters

By Jessica Creagan

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Before text messaging and emails, a sweetheart's form of communication was love letters sent through the mail.

Vero Beach residents Bob and Fran Zielsdorf own love story was documented in

such a way, and now those precious memories are bound together forever in Mr. Zielsdorf's memoir, "Sealed With A Kiss."

What began in 1957 as a pen-pal friendship between young teens after an introduction by a friend blossomed into eight years of corresponding through letters, carrying them through

high school and college and culminating in a marriage that has lasted to this day.

The couple never lived in the same town, nor the same state while they grew their friendship and as

long-distance telephone calls were too expensive to make very often, picking up a pen and paper to express their thoughts and opinions

was natural.

"Today, letters are as passé as poodle skirts and bobby sox," Mr. Zielsdorf, 70, said in a press release.

"But there's something about writing down your thought that breaks through barriers. Fran and I got to know each other better through our letters than we might have had we lived

next door to each other," he said.

Mr. Zielsdorf always thought the letters would make a great story, but didn't pursue publishing them as a book until after he retired from the business world.

"It struck me that what

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Interact with the past

History-based fundraiser highlights architecture

By Jessica Creagan

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VERO BEACH — Buildings, like people, have a story to tell, and who better to tell them than the buildings and people that occupied them?

The fourth annual Heritage Celebration, "If These Walls Could Talk," a

fundraiser for The Heritage Center, will begin at 5 p.m. on March 13 at The Heritage Center in downtown Vero Beach.

Admission is \$10 per person, however, if a guest purchases a membership, entry is free, said Rebecca Rickey, executive director.

The center will be transformed into an architectural touring ground of 10 significant structures in nine communities within Indian River County that are still standing, and in some cases, still occupied, Ms. Rickey said.

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The Farmer's Bank on the corner of SR 60 (Osceola Blvd.) and 14th Avenue is now Vero Furniture.

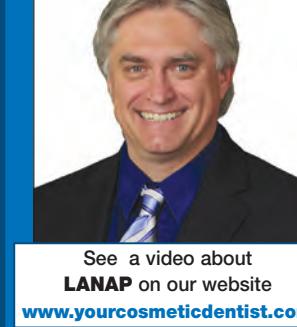
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Public hearing set for impact fees

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — An extension of the suspension of county impact fees on correctional facilities, public buildings and solid waste facilities will be up for discussion once again on March 11.

In an effort to stimulate economic development in 2009, the Board of Indian River County Commissioners voted to temporarily

suspend collection for five out of nine impact fees related to building permits.

Since then, the suspension of the fees has come forward for discussion on multiple occasions and currently the three that are still suspended are set to expire March 31, however, the fees could be suspended again for a set amount of time after public discussion and input in March.

County commissioners voted to move the issue for-

ward to the public hearing on the recommendation by the Community Development Director Stan Boling.

Currently there is an active analysis of the impact fees and the impact fee schedule, which when completed could provide commissioners with more

on whether future suspensions would be appropriate to continue stimulating development, but it will not be completed until after the current three impact

fees suspension would expire.

County commissioners said they would discuss how long to extend the suspension at future meetings, either to extend one year, or to extend until the new impact fee schedule is completed.

For more information about impact fees in Indian River County, visit www.irc-cdd.com/Applications/Impact_Fee/Index.htm.

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form of loving each other.

Living in Vero Beach has given them more opportunities to be outdoors year-round and do things together, again making time to keep their relationship strong.

Last year, the Siegels were shocked when Mrs. Siegel received a breast cancer diagnosis, but instead of losing hope, they banded closer together and braved the doctor's visits, treatments and tests together.

"Don has always been so supportive of Jean. When she was diagnosed, I remember that he was always there for her," said Janet Winikoff, education director of the animal shelter said.

With her treatment complete, Mrs. Siegel's doctors gave her an excellent prognosis and Mr. Siegel knew it was cause for celebration.

"When I heard she was feeling better I booked a cruise. The doctors say she has a strong immune system; I say she's got it for



After 53-years of marriage, Jean and Donald Siegel are as happy today as when they first met.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

putting up with me for 53 years!" Mr. Siegel said.

"Being on this road to recovery is like another chance at life and it really helps you appreciate the everyday," Mrs. Siegel said.

When it comes to building a strong and lasting marriage, there are two pieces of advice the couple

agree are key.

"No. 1 is communication," Mrs. Siegel said.

Talking and listening to the other person with respect can help overcome differences and avoid problems down the road, they said.

"And you've also got to have a good sense of

humor, you've got to learn to laugh at each other and laugh at life," Mr. Siegel said.

"Life is like a hand of cards. It's what you do with what you are dealt that matters. It's all in how you play the game and I think we play a really good game," Mr. Siegel said.

Mr. Zielsdorf said he committed himself seriously to the project after attending a memoir writing class at the Vero Beach Museum of Art with local author Suzanne Fox.

Ms. Fox also worked as a consulting editor on the book, and another Vero Beach resident, CJ Madigan created the book design, a press release said.

This year the Zielsdorfs, who have five children and 10 grandchildren, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

"We probably owe the United States Postal Service some thanks," Mr. Zielsdorf said with a smile.

For more information about "Sealed With A Kiss," visit www.bobzielsdorf.com.

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we wrote captured unique moments, not only from our lives but also from a pivotal

time in American culture," Mr. Zielsdorf said.

"I'm glad I was wise enough to wait until retirement. I knew that getting the book from concept to finished product would be hard work, I just didn't know how hard. The collaborative process was not only productive but fun," he said.

The book is available on Amazon.com in both trade

paperback and Kindle editions launched Jan. 22.

"I think that email is one of the best inventions of the 20th Century," Mr. Zielsdorf said.

"I use it constantly, I even text with my kids and grandkids. But I just don't think it reveals the true depths of the writer, or builds enduring relationships, like handwritten letter," he said.

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Project

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"Many people probably drive by these places and don't give them a second thought," she said.

Some of the buildings will be old schools, private homes, businesses or churches, and they will be from all over the county, including Fellsmere, Sebastian, Wabasso, Gifford, Vero Beach, Oslo and the historic Riomer neighborhood in Vero Beach, a press release said.

Large photographs and information sheets will be available at each stop on the "tour" and at the end, visitors will be able to assemble all of their information sheets into a neat package of historical sites in Indian River County, Ms. Rickey said.

"And another fun part will be that we have asked people with connections to the buildings to talk about the buildings at the event. For example, we know we will have some graduates of Gifford High School there," Ms. Rickey said.

In learning about the history of the buildings, you also learn about buildings that no longer exist, and some of those buildings will also be featured in the tour.

A 'Wall of Shame' will show historic buildings, such as the Royal Park Inn and Del Mar Hotel, both former Vero Beach landmarks that didn't escape the wrecking ball. The Royal Park Inn site is occupied by condominiums and the Del Mar Hotel made way for a

downtown parking lot years ago," a press release said.

Conversely, a "Wall of Fame" will highlight buildings that the community has saved, Ms. Rickey said.

There are so many interesting history tidbits that can be gathered about the history of a town by learning about its buildings, Ms. Rickey said.

One former bank in the heart of downtown Vero Beach, Farmer's Bank, where Vero Beach Furniture Mart is now located, had a drive-through site across the street, but in order to operate out of it legally, the owners had to find some way to connect the two locations safely.

The solution? Build a tunnel connecting the bank and the drive-through facility underneath State Road 60.

"I'm not sure if it is still there, but people say it is," she said with a laugh.

At press time, sponsors of the event included Edlund, Dritenbas, Binkley Architects and Associates, P.A., Graves Brothers Company, Capital Investment Advisors, Bill Mitchell, Golden River Fruit Company, Schacht Groves, Grances Ellis Graves, Center State Bank, Stewart Evans Stewart and Emmons, P.S. and Could and Associates, P.A., C.P.A.

The Heritage Center and Indian River Citrus Museum is located at 2140 14th Ave., Vero Beach. For more information about the center or upcoming events, call (772) 770-2263 or visit www.veroheritage.org.



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Before photo complements from the George Keyes collection.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
The Macedonia Church as it now sits on 45th Street/Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., in Gifford.



Photo IRC Main Library Archives Center
The Florida Theatre courtesy of the Brackett Collection on 14th Avenue in its heyday

Once a hot spot, the Florida Theatre, now the Theatre Plaza and the old Farmers Bank now Vero Furniture, sit on 14th Avenue in downtown Vero Beach.

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staff photographer



Sebastian resident Cindy Brandt, a paramedic with Indian River County Fire Rescue, gets some helpful advise from Habitat for Humanity veteran volunteer Marion Jones of Fellsmere, as members of Local 2201 volunteer their time on Habitat Homes south of Oslo Road in June 2009.

File photo

need might need replacing, mulch and flowers," Ms. Erwin said.

"We also like to feed our volunteers that are working, so that is why we have food sponsorships available as well," she said.

All of the homes already on the list for revitalization are owner-occupied, but it is possible that some vacant homes may receive some minor attention, such as trimming grass or clearing waste, Ms. Erwin said.

Volunteers from community churches, college students on spring break, civic groups, businesses and individuals would all be welcome additions to the Habitat team during this premier event, organizers said.

Mini celebrations will be held each Saturday during the month-long event, culminating in a big block party celebration on April 5 at 11 a.m.

During the block party, other community organizations and agencies are invit-

ed to set up booths and bring information about their services and programs or products straight to the residents, Ms. Erwin said.

"We would love a collaboration between the agencies. Fitness programs, daycares, mental illness, counseling; there really is a place for everyone," Ms. Erwin said.

Since 1991, Indian River Habitat for Humanity has served more than 430 Indian River County low-income families by building more than 305 new homes, rehabilitating and making available for a Habitat homebuyer more than 53 homes, and repairing more than 73 homes through the neighborhood revitalization initiative program, a press release said.

"We want to make a good impact on the area and we are estimating each home project will cost \$2,000. That includes the paint, the brushes and other supplies. It also includes sod that

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Foundation celebrates local philanthropy

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Philanthropists, professional advisors and volunteer leaders gathered at the home of Anne Lanier on Jan. 28 to celebrate charitable leadership and philanthropic endeavors accomplished through the Indian River Community Foundation over the past year.

Wilmington Trust sponsored the evening's festivities attended by almost 100 supporters of the Community Foundation.

"Indian River County is full of selfless residents who understand the power philanthropy has in shaping the future of our community," said Bob Puff, chairman of the Indian River Communi-

ty Foundation. "We are honored to work in partnership with so many individuals who want to find meaningful solutions to our community's most pressing issues."

In partnership with generous donors, in 2013 the Indian River Community Foundation facilitated more than \$6 million in charitable grants, bringing the total amount given over the past six years to \$16.9 million. Puff said the majority of the grants given through the Indian River Community Foundation benefit local charities. In addition to donor advised grants, he specifically cited the organization's work this past year in the environmental sector and with literacy initiatives.

"This is an exciting time to be a part of the Community

Foundation thanks to the steadfast support of our donors and volunteers," Mr. Puff said. "We have begun to take a leadership role in convening people and resources around specific issues such as protecting the Indian River Lagoon and helping Indian River County School District students reach the Moonshot Moment goal of having 90 percent of third graders reading on grade level by 2018."

Since 2008, more than 1,500 philanthropists have utilized the Indian River Community Foundation as a resource for establishing charitable giving funds, estate planning, private foundation services and endowment management.

Grants are made from the Foundation to charities in a variety of ways such as from donor-advised fund, where the donor makes specific grant recommendations, to fields of interest funds, where donors work hand-in-hand with Foundation professionals to uncover community needs and



Photo courtesy of Indian River Community Foundation

Bob Puff, Indian River Community Foundation board chairman and Kerry Bartlett, executive director with IRCF supporter and host of the annual reception, Anne Lanier, and event sponsor Bob Bauchman of Wilmington Trust.

opportunities. The Foundation is currently entrusted by philanthropists to manage nearly \$23 million in assets, held in 101 funds, all earmarked for charitable purposes.

"We are a neutral, third party resource to help

donors fulfill their charitable goals," Mr. Puff said. "Our primary concern is to help donors discover the most effective and personally meaningful way to achieve their philanthropic intentions to improve our community today and far

into the future."

For more information about the Indian River Community Foundation contact the organization's executive director, Kerry Bartlett, at (772) 492-1407 or visit www.ircommunityfoundation.com.

Tips for taming winter allergies

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TREASURE COAST —

Cockroaches, dust mites, dander, and mold can trigger cold-and flu-like symptoms, said immunologist Dr. Joan Lehach.

As colder temperatures cover much of the area and residents stay indoors to keep us warm, an allergy specialist gives a warning that it also us gives us prolonged exposure to four powerful indoor allergens capable of triggering a variety of cold and flu-like symptoms.

"If you experience more than nine days of continuing congestion, coughing, sneezing, watery eyes and nasal drip, chances are good that you are reacting to the presence of either dust mites, cockroaches, animal dander, or mold somewhere in your home, office or school," said Dr. Lehach, integrative medicine physician specializing in allergy, asthma and clinical immunology at Montefiore Medical Center in New York. "Many times, and especially in the inner city where pop-

ulations are dense, all four of these allergens are present and must be addressed."

Dr. Lehach's tips for controlling your indoor allergy symptoms:

1. Mold inspection: The first step for controlling your allergy symptoms is to do a little inspection for mold inside the house. The most common places to find it are on shower curtains, wallpaper, carpets and the sink. Mold also grows in the drain, which can be cleaned with bleach and detergent.

2. Cockroach hunt: Studies have found cockroach allergens to be present in at least half of inner city homes and in some schools. Cockroaches do not have to be alive to trigger respiratory problems.

Dust containing molecules of crushed carcasses can still cause problems for humans. Professionals can be consulted to discover and clean out hidden colonies. Nesting areas and pathways where cockroaches may have been traveling should be thoroughly cleaned.

3. Dry up dust mites: Keep your indoor humidity at 50 percent or lower, as

higher humidity will breed dust mites. A humidity gauge can be purchased for about \$5.

4. Filter out animal dander: If you have a pet allergy, you probably are going to need to be on allergy medications until you can consult with an allergist and see if you want to be desensitized or not. Meanwhile, a small HEPA air purifier placed in each room will keep airborne dander from spreading throughout the house.

Mice or other fur-bearing pests living under the house or in the attic must be searched for and removed.

5. Get symptom relief: A mixture of sinus-friendly Chinese herbs, like Roototology, can temporarily halt most allergy symptoms in less than 20 minutes. Roototology can also be used to control winter cold and flu symptoms.

6. Start an immune-building diet: Eliminate foods that are weakening your immune system, like processed and packaged foods, and start eating immune boosting, allergy

fighting foods, like blackberries and blueberries. Also important are multivitamin supplements and digestive enzymes to help you access more of the nutrients in the food you consume.

7. Get sufficient sleep: Our immune system is very "sleep-driven," and allergies are precipitated by weakened immunity.

8. Stay hydrated: When you become dehydrated you get dry nasal mucosa and can develop microscopic cracks in the nasal lining, making it easier for allergens to enter your bloodstream.

9. Use the "hot" setting: Wash your bedding in hot water (at least 130 degrees) to properly neutralize allergens.

10. Wash your face and hands: Not only to maintain popularity with family, friends, and co-workers, but if there is dander, mold, or dust on your face or hands, chances are good that you will end up inhaling it.

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Cold weather aids 2014 manatee count

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TREASURE COAST —

Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reported a preliminary count of 4,831 manatees in Florida during this year's statewide aerial survey, conducted in late January.

Over two days (Jan. 24 and 27), a team of 20 observers from nine organizations counted 2,317 manatees on Florida's east coast and 2,514 on the west coast of the state. The final numbers will be available following verification of survey data.

"This year's manatee

count is the third highest we have recorded since the first statewide aerial survey in 1991," said Gil McRae, director of the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. "We are encouraged by the relatively high count, especially given the high number of manatee deaths documented recently. Information on warm-water habitat use from this year's survey will be integrated with manatee survival and reproductive rates to update future population projections."

The goal of the aerial manatee survey is to count as many manatees as possible, providing researchers with a minimum number

for manatees in Florida waters and a snapshot of where they are at the time of the survey. Weather conditions and manatee behavior during the survey have a large effect on survey counts. Because these factors vary from year to year, this count cannot be used to determine long-term population trends.

"After two winters of above-average temperatures, this year we received several consecutive, strong cold fronts that helped to gather manatees at warm-water sites where they could be more easily counted," said Holly Edwards, FWC manatee biologist.

The surveys highlight the

importance of warm-water habitat to manatees in the winter, increasing researchers' understanding of manatee distribution and relative use of these areas that are essential to manatee health and survival. The survey information helps managers better protect this endangered species.

Researchers have been conducting statewide aerial surveys since 1991, weather permitting, to meet the state's requirement for an annual count of manatees in Florida waters. Statewide aerial surveys were not conducted during the winters of 2012 and 2013 due to warm-weather conditions.

Florida residents can help manatees by purchasing a manatee specialty license plate and a manatee decal. Funds from the license plate and decal support manatee research and conservation. Go to BuyaPlate.com to learn more about the license plate and MyFWC.com/ManateeSea-TurtleDecals to purchase a decal. Both items are available at county tax collectors' offices.

To learn more about statewide aerial surveys, visit MyFWC.com/Research/Manatee and click on "Population Monitoring and Aerial Surveys." To learn more about manatee conservation, go to MyFWC.com/Manatee.

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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. 29 to Feb. 4, 2014

Sebastian Police Department

- Michael David Fedick, 28, 1590 20th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

- Kevin Winfred Hamblin, 41, 608 20th Place Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated assault and a misdemeanor charge of battery.

- John Capobiano, 34, 110 12th St., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and driving under the influence.

Fellsmere Police Department

- Juan Gustavo Deleon, 49, 80 N. Elm St., Fellsmere, was charged with domestic violence aggravated assault, false imprisonment and misdemeanor charges of domestic violence battery and battery.

Vero Beach Police Department

- Daniel Negron, 35, 1825 14th Ave. No. Nine, Vero

Beach, was charged with violation of probation and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest without violence. He was on probation for two counts of felony battery with a prior conviction.

- Jeffrey William Birbeck, 38, 2210 18th St., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of community control. He was on community control of trafficking in stolen property and giving a false name.

- Randall Austin Howdell, 31, 1375 12th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with dealing in stolen property.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

- Barbara Sue Mages, 59, 315 Bridlewood Way, Fort Pierce, was charged with uttering a forged or counterfeit bill, criminal use of personal identification information, fraudulent use of a credit card and a misdemeanor charge of second-degree petit theft.

- George William Murphy, 31, 1200 Sixth Drive No. 102, Vero Beach, was charged with burglary and a misdemeanor charge of second-degree petit theft.

- Cotie Eugene Piher, 27, 4245 18th St., Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft and misdemeanor charges of petit theft, use of an anti-shoplifting device and two counts of criminal mischief.

- Jonathan Ruben Quinones, 26, 258 Keen Terrace No. A, Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation.

- Richard Roy Bohlen, 48,

1446 Wyn Cove Drive, Vero Beach, was charged with grand theft.

- George Michael Ercolin, 31, 3116 U.S. 1, Vero Beach, was charged with three counts of felony battery with a prior conviction.

- Jayton Raymond Knowles, 40, 15208 Northwest 131st Terrace, Alachua, was charged with two counts of felony battery on a law enforcement officer, two counts of resisting arrest with violence and tampering with or destroying evidence.

- Kim Michelle Stoval, 48, 4201 27th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with felony petit theft.

- Kristina Leigh Carter, 31, 624 30th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with child abuse and burglary of a dwelling with assault and battery.

- Thomas Jason McCorts, 34, 653 30th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with burglary of a dwelling with assault and battery, armed burglary of a dwelling, structure or conveyance, grand theft of a firearm and possession of a firearm, ammunition or electric device by a convicted felon.

- Jerry Lewis Norman, 48, 2457 S.W. Avondale St., Port St. Lucie, was charged with traveling or attempting to travel to meet a minor for a criminal act and lewd solicitation of a child by a computer.

- Carla Nancy Salvati, 23, 643 Roseland Road, Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for communications fraud and dealing in stolen property.

• Zachary Harrison Winger, 20, 2831 44th St., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation.

- Shalonda R. Green, 26, 4192 N. Cypress Green, Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a misdemeanor charge of trespass.

- John David Pearson, 18, 4042 44th Manor, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana.

- Cesar Ernesto Solis, 27, 1441 Second Road S.W., No. 204, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of buprenorphine and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Anthony Jerome Williams, 18, 4195 46th Place, Vero Beach, was charged with robbery with a weapon and a misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended with knowledge.

- Donielle Lamar Culbreath, 28, 4402 37th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.

- Curtis Lyndell Hardy, 48, 2105 42nd St., Vero Beach, was charged with fleeing and eluding, driving while license suspended, habitual offender and a traffic violation of failure to stop at a four-way stop sign.

- Michele Lee Kornett, 39, 2358 Vero Beach Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft, fraudulent use of a credit card, forgery, communications fraud and uttering a forged instrument.

- Kellie Jean Lomba, 30, 2358 Vero Beach Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with

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third-degree grand theft and communications fraud.

- Michael Anthony McGillverry, 26, 3550 73rd Place, Vero Beach, was charged with grand theft.

- Jamaal Akeem Metu, 25, 1450 3rd Ave. S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of firearm, ammunition or electric device by a convicted felon.

- Anteniqua Keishawn Lovies, 27, 409 North 15th Ave. No. 1, Fort Lauderdale, was charged with two counts third-degree grand theft.

- Wymaneka J. Allen, 25, 1061 Northwest 19th Court, Fort Lauderdale, was charged with third-degree grand theft.

- William Albert Michalak, 54, 1840 50th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with robbery, burglary, false imprisonment and a misdemeanor charge of theft.

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What's the deal with all of the icons on my desktop?

One of the questions that I am asked frequently has to do with all of the icons on the typical Windows desktop. "Aren't they slowing things down? I never use most of them; can't we get rid of them?"

I usually answer by explaining that most of the icons on the average desktop are not slowing the computer down at all but are actually more like "speed dial" buttons on a phone. Most desktop icons are just shortcuts to programs buried deeper in the system and are on the desktop so you don't have to navigate through all sorts of menus to launch a program.

If you look closely at the icons on your desktop, you may notice that some icons have a little arrow in a little white box at the lower left corner of the icon. The arrow itself is kind of curvy and will point to the top right corner of the icon. You may also notice that other icons (like the Computer icon, the User folder icon, the Recycle Bin, etc.) do not have the little arrow. There is a big difference between the two types of icons - the icons with the little arrows are actually just shortcuts and not the actual program (or file). And shortcuts are really, really tiny and don't slow the computer down at all!

"But what about the icons that don't have the little arrow? Are they safe to get rid of?" That question is a little harder to answer. You see, any icon on your computer that does not have the little shortcut indicator is either a user file or a system file and messing with it can cause problems. Icons on your desktop that are not shortcuts are either files that have been saved on the desktop or system files that have been set there by the operating system and care should be taken when manipulating them.

Another point that I want to make is that people have different ideas as to what the phrase "get rid of" means! When someone asks me to get rid of all of the unused icons on their desktop what



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they are invariably asking me to do is to delete them. Now, if you have been reading my column for any length of time then you know how I feel about deleting things from your computer - it's not something I do casually! In fact I have a saying, "if I were king I'd have the delete button stricken from the keyboard!" My idea of cleaning a Windows desktop by "getting rid of" a bunch of stuff is not to delete everything but leans more in line with the phrase "out of sight, out of mind." People will watch with a puzzled look on their face as I create yet another icon on their desktop (a new folder), name it something like "Desktop Clutter" and then drag all of the unused icons into the new folder. Then, once the desktop is down to just the icons that actually get used, I drag the Desktop Clutter folder and drop it into the Users folder.

Then I usually spend the next ten minutes of so explaining why I went through all that trouble rather than just deleting everything. My explanation really boils down to habit. One of the worst habits people get into with their machines is the habit of deleting stuff every time they tidy up. Sure it's great to have a tidy desktop but if you are in the habit of casually deleting stuff then eventually you are going to delete something you actually need. Even worse is the habit some people have of emptying the recycle bin every time they delete something. That's just a disaster waiting to happen.

My philosophy is "out of sight, out of mind." Tidying up my system by sweeping a bunch of unused shortcuts (and actual files for that matter) into a folder and then moving the folder out of sight ensures that if I

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Celebrating the automobile



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The 1910 Ford Model T, left, boasted 22 horsepower and came fully loaded with headlamps, side lamps, a tail lamp, a speedometer and a jack for \$950 whereas the black 2005 Ford GT40, in the background, sells for nearly \$140,000 and generates 550 horsepower and only two seats. Things sure have changed. Additional photos from the McKee Garden Ford Celebration, see A8.

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Investigate lottery money

This about the school system that is going to have major cut-backs. It's a good time for papers in Florida to investigate where all of the money that the lottery brings in actually goes. There must be somebody taking from the pot. Somebody should look into this.

Pray for less fortunate

We need to pray for those who are less fortunate and those who are homeless. We need to hope that we have more for our youth and that our leaders make the right decisions.

What happened to quote?

I don't know how an auto dealer can quote you one price when you're buying a car, and then give you another price when things are being finalized.

Beware of bank rules

I just want to make everyone aware of something I didn't know and my bank did not tell me. When you have a CD (certificate of deposit) that is ready to roll over, if you don't tell the bank that you want the new higher interest rate, they will just roll over your CD with the same old low-interest you were getting. We were not aware of this until someone pointed it out and have lost hundreds over the last couple years that my bank should have been paying to me.

Years ago, it was automatic to roll over to the higher rate. Somehow they changed the rules and never told the customer. Public beware! Check everything, all your receipts, too, as the computers in the stores are also making mistakes, but not in your favor! Keep your eyes open!

Too many flaws in Medicaid system

This is regarding Medicaid. My wife and I just got on Medicaid. We are taking care of our three grandchildren. I am in a program called "medically needy," which means I have to have medical bills that exceed \$750 a month for me to be eligible. I am not currently working, and because I am sick. I unable to get a Medicaid number because my bills are not yet more than \$750 a month, but the bills I have can't be taken care of because they don't meet the criteria.

My wife makes \$1,400 a month and our expenses are more than \$1,600. I don't know where to turn.

Tipping is getting out of hand

Many years ago, tipping used to be reserved mainly for sit-down restaurants. Now, it's everywhere: nail salons, hair salons, dog groomers, bars and donut shops, just to name a few. Now restaurants want you to tip for just preparing your food for takeout.

Restaurants and other businesses should pay their waiters and waitresses a salary. It's not the patron's responsibility to support your employees.

Tipping has really gotten out of hand. I have never been in favor of tipping someone for providing good service. A part of customer service is providing excel-

lent service to customers who might otherwise patronize a competitor. That's the American way!

An order is placed, I prepare your food, now you not only owe me for the food, but you owe me for handing it to you and being polite. There are many people in jobs who don't and can't ask or mandate that you tip them.

If anyone should be owed a substantial tip, it's schoolteachers. They're underpaid and overworked.

I notice parents don't even give their children's teachers a gift at holiday time anymore. Contrary to what society chooses to think, teaching is a job just like any other job. Mortgages have to be paid, if they can afford one. Car dealerships don't hand out free cars to teachers, and utility companies don't discount their utilities. Neither do grocery stores or clothing stores, the last time I checked.

More people are cooking at home rather than going out to eat. Employers, pay your employees a salary. If you can't afford to, then find another way to make a living.

Here's a tip: play the lottery, the same as many of us do or find another job where you don't have to rely on tips. It's highway robbery.

Sick of deadbeat dad

I realize that in this day and age with the economy in the state it's in, everyone has something to complain about, the price of gas, the price of food, rising health costs, just to name a few.

All these things affect me, but like many other women, I am also faced with the never-ending chore of trying to collect child support from my son's "deadbeat dad."

For years it's been a game of "catch me if you can," so I put the problem in the hands of court system to collect this debt.

It's of no surprise that they haven't been successful, either. It seems to me that they don't really try too hard. Most of the burden of information gathering lands right back in my lap.

You would think with the technology they have at their fingertips, they could find out where he's working or even if he's working. And if he works off the books, as I suspect is the case here, there should be another way of collecting this money.

In my case, both I and my current husband are lucky enough to be working, but between his two kids and my one there isn't a spare penny to be had.

I have a growing son who needs clothing, shoes, school supplies and other expenses. None of those expenses are being shared by his so-called father.

If the system that we depend on to help us is ineffectual, then it needs to be fixed. Perhaps the people who are doing these jobs should find employment more suited to their talents, which are evidently slim to none.

The only time we hear about how the state is going to crack down on "deadbeat dads" is during an election years. I heard it a year ago, but what happened?

Downtown delights

I'm going to visit Fort Pierce's downtown shops and restaurants more often! The owners and shopkeepers were, without exception, friendly and accommodating. What I saw was attractive merchandise and appealing places to eat. I've lived here less than two years, but just learned yesterday that downtown Fort Pierce is a great place to shop.

Fix the welfare system

I would like to know, as some others here, what is going on with the offices here? Why are so many illegal immigrants able to get food stamps and have Social Security cards, and get free stuff from this state? Why are we are taking care of people who sneak into the U.S. and we can't even take care of the people who were born here and work their whole life here?

Then we have people who are on welfare who don't need to be on it at all. Are the people who work these jobs really checking the paperwork or just once in a while? If the immigrants want to stay, let them go through the right channels.

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Business

Readers pick Wendy's for top fast food

Personable, professional service is priority

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SEBASTIAN — For quick customer service with a smile and hot, freshly prepared food, Barefoot Bay and Sebastian residents give the Sebastian Wendy's a resounding five out of five.

The Sebastian Wendy's received two Hometown News Reader's Choice awards in late 2013. Both awards were "Best Fast Food Restaurant" from the Sebastian area and the Barefoot Bay area and it's easy to tell why with a quick trip to the store's front counter for some service.

Smartly dressed and attentive employees stand ready to take orders from customers while other workers in the kitchen diligently oversee the preparation of the numerous delicious items on the menu.

General manager Robin Hebb says positive interac-

tions with customers are what keep them coming back for more.

"I take pride in my dining room and my customers. I know a lot of the regulars by name," Ms. Hebb said.

"Some of the customers we know so well that we have their order ready as soon as we see them pull up in the parking lot. I appreciate our customers because if it weren't for them, we wouldn't be here," she said.

The most popular items on the Wendy's menu are chili, the Frosty, baked potato and the apple pecan chicken salad, Ms. Hebb said.

The salad is a sensational blend of greens and grilled chicken with chopped red and green apples, crumbled blue cheese, sweet cranberries and roasted pecans. The accompanying salad dressing is pomegranate vinaigrette, which lends an exotic sweetness to the dish.

"All of our salads are cut and made fresh that morning," said Mike Allen, store owner.

One of the newest menu items that is only available

for a limited time is the ciabatta bacon cheeseburger.

Like other menu items with bacon, the ciabatta bacon cheeseburger comes with crispy applewood-smoked bacon, but this one takes the term "cheeseburger" to a whole new level.

The quarter-pound beef sandwich is topped with roasted and chopped tomatoes, not sliced, a creamy rosemary garlic aioli sauce, natural Asiago cheese, a spring mix of greens and served between lightly toasted Ciabatta buns.

The delicious and classy combination is an excellent addition to a restaurant's menu where the motto is "we don't cut corners."

Sebastian-area customers will have the opportunity to try a new Wendy's drink starting this month, Mr. Allen said.

Two new tea-based drinks, dubbed "Fruitea Chillers" are set to debut in test markets and Sebastian is on the short list. Customers can choose from the Pineapple Blueberry Fruitea Chiller or the Orange Mango Fruitea

Chiller, both of which are topped with a fresh cut lime wedge.

If the product receives good feedback, it will be rolled out company-wide, so Sebastian-area residents can help be a part of the next big thing at Wendy's, Mr. Allen said.

Mr. Allen and Ms. Hebb were extremely honored, pleased and grateful that Hometown News readers thought so highly of the restaurant.

"We've put the awards right up there on the wall," Mr. Allen said.

Face-to-face customer interaction is very important to the success of the store, Mr. Allen said, and it is something his employees will always strive to provide.

And, if you happen to come into the dining room at a very special time, you might get to meet Wendy herself, Mr. Allen said.

"We do bring Wendy out here to meet the customers and take pictures too," he said with a smile.

The Sebastian Wendy's is located at 1625 U.S. 1, Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 388-0735.



Staff photo by Jessica Creagan

Tanisha Roberts prepares a salad in the kitchen at the Wendy's in Sebastian. All of the restaurant's salads are freshly cut each day. Wendy's in Sebastian was voted best fast food restaurant by Sebastian and Barefoot Bay residents.

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Senior Living Group announces co-development partnership

For Hometown News
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VERO BEACH — Watercrest Senior Living Group of Vero Beach and Index International AB, headquartered in Sweden, announce the finalization of their \$500 million partnership in the co-development of senior living communities in the U.S.

Watercrest Senior Living Group specializes in senior living operations and development, market repositioning and advisory services with an emphasis on servant leadership and the development of value-centered leaders.

When Watercrest principals, Marc Vorkapich, CEO, and Joan Williams, CFO, met with Index co-founder, Bjarne Borg, the group bonded immediately based on their commit-

ment to core values. Much like Vorkapich and Williams, the founders of Index, Fredrik Alama and Bjarne Borg, believe in the value creation business and maintain that core values are the root of their success.

"Partnering with Index enables us to swiftly respond to the incredible demand for assisted living and memory care with new and innovative communities," says Vorkapich, principal and CEO of Watercrest Senior Living Group. "We are thereby raising the bar of quality nationally by serving more seniors and providing exponentially greater opportunities for our current and future associates."

Established in 1998, Index International AB is a global independent investment company in real

estate and equity investments. Built on private capital without institutional funding, Index maintains investments in Sweden and North America, and is actively expanding further into North America and Europe.

"Our partnership with Index brings together the financial, development and operational resources to achieve explosive growth and create a significant footprint for Watercrest in the senior housing industry," says Joan Williams, principal and CFO of Watercrest. "Our combined financial commitment puts us on pace to bring six communities online per year."

Watercrest Senior Living Group specializes in the development and operations of assisted living and memory care communi-

ties, market repositioning and advisory services. Partnering with a wide variety of stakeholders such as land owners, real estate developers, investors, financial institutions, and REITs, Watercrest Senior Living Group focuses on its core strengths, operations management of assisted living and memory care communities and the development of servant leaders.

Rants

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The Social Security office should have a special card for immigrants to use, with pictures on them that they can't take off or change with someone.

The same thing goes for the food stamp office. The office heads should get off their bottoms and do something about it. The offices should link together by computers, too.

Why does the Social Security office issue new cards and numbers when someone loses theirs? They should look up the person on the file database before issuing new card, then issue a new one with the same number. There are some people with two or more Social Security cards. Then they head to food stamp office to get help with these new cards.

There are so many Americans who need help in this area and can't get it because of this problem. The system we have is broken down, so, let's fix it now.

A few questions

• Why is it that we don't have benches at bus stops, when the disabled, elderly and poor, are using them?

• Why can't they put a back-up battery for the traffic light clocks so that they will stay timed? All it

takes is a small battery such as your alarm clock at home. This isn't rocket science.

• Why do I have to drive behind a car that has tint so dark that I can't see the brake lights of the car in front of them? That is the purpose of the high middle brake light.

• Why is it that in my house, with the air conditioning on, I can't hear my television in my bedroom in the back of the house because of loud car stereos?

• Why is it that people are setting off professional fireworks in their back yards?

Even pet toys are foreign made

With all of the items being recalled from China, you can't be too safe. Since most of the items in the media are children's toys and my children are all grown and on their own, I should double-check all the items that I buy for my other children (Chihuahuas).

I was in for a great surprise as my husband and I went from store to store and almost everything was stamped with Made in China.

From dog treats to dog toys, you are highly unlikely to find more than one item in each store that isn't made in China. After even asking for assistance

from store clerks, we found that they were as surprised as we were that the items for our four legged loved ones, aren't American made either.

What a wake-up call for an American who lives in the U.S.A, not to be able to purchase American-made products. I've never been so disappointed, to not find more than one item for our doggies that wasn't made in China.

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An estimated 3,000 car enthusiasts filled McKee Botanical Garden Saturday for the Forty-Four Fabulous Fords, the fifth annual Motor Car Exhibition. Everything from the Ford Model T to some of Ford's fastest production models like, the Shelby GT, the Ford GT350 and the GT40 racing model. The event also featured the 50th anniversary of the Mustang, which included just about every model from 1964 to now.



Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Alzheimer's Community Care annual luncheon taking place Feb. 28

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST — Alzheimer's Community Care is hosting the 12th annual Treasure Coast Luncheon on Feb. 28, at Mariner Sands Country Club.

The much-anticipated

event is from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. inside Mariner Sands luxurious clubhouse and will feature CBS12 News Anchor Stephanie Watson as the Mistress of Ceremony.

Evelyn & Arthur's lovely and unique clothing will be featured in a fashion show, while Alzheimer's Commu-

nity Care will have a silent auction that has something special for everyone.

All proceeds from this event will stay local because for every dollar we raise, 90 cents goes directly to care and services for patients and caregivers.

Dr. Po-Heng Tsai, a neu-

rologist from the Cleveland Clinic, will be the Keynote Speaker for the event. Dr. Tsai's research interests include Alzheimer's disease, behavioral neurology, cognitive disorders, dementia and memory loss.

The luncheon is led by Co-chairs Bonney Johnson and Sue Shipper, and Planning Committee members Gytha Von Aldenbruck, Nicola Melby, Ellen Pietz and Teresa Brewer.

The organization would like to thank the generous sponsors for this event, which include Martin Health Systems, Barbara Trimble, McCarthy, Summers, Bobko, Wood, Norman, Bass & Melby, PA, and the Raymond George and Ruth Bitner Fisher Foundation.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Tickets to the benefit luncheon cost \$90 per person and are available by calling (772) 600-4496.

For additional information, visit alzcare.org/events or call (772) 600-4496.

Compute

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accidentally do "get rid of something" that I need, I can recover it easily enough by digging into the folder where I moved it.

Does this mean that I am completely against deleting everything? No, of course not. Some things are indeed trash and I have no problem deleting them. I just have a real problem with the habit of deleting things with barely a second thought. I've seen too many people delete their way into too many problems.

Sean McCarthy fixes computers. He can be reached at (888) 752-9049 or help@ComputeThisOnline.com (No Hyphens!).

ON THE SCENE SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!

Everyone loves a photo of people enjoying themselves while participating in events that are helping enhance the community.

Hometown News wants to feature organizations, volunteers and community members who are making it happen on the Treasure Coast.

Nonprofits, groups, businesses and organizations are invited to send us photos of events, galas, fundraisers and festivals.



Photo courtesy of LC Campbell
United Way of Martin County's Martin Volunteers program was recognized as an outstanding agency partner during the Hope Awards ceremony. From left: Kathleen Stacey, Carol Hodnett, Elizabeth Barrella and Jim Vojcik.



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer
Officer Brian MacNaught and Officer Keith Holmes from Fort Pierce Police Department, Carmine Izzo from the Port St. Lucie Police Department, Officer Brian Avilla and Officer Caleb Gillette Fort Pierce Police Department and Bill May Police Administrator with the Port St. Lucie Police Department show off their stilettos before they "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes."



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
From left, Marc McCain, Sherri Hernandez and Matt McCain ran for their church.

Looking forward to seeing you
ON THE SCENE

Please submit high-resolution photos and include the names of people in the photo as well as a brief description of what is taking place to:
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High school to host concerts in March

For Hometown News
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VERO BEACH — The Vero Beach High School Concert, Symphonic and Jazz Bands will perform American Heroes the 21st annual Red, White & Blue Concerts on Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center.

With a special tribute to Henry Mancini, the music of John Philip Sousa, and arrangements reflecting on Gettysburg and the fallen heroes of the Vietnam War, it is The Patriotic Event of the Year.

Some tunes heard will provide historical references including Rushmore, Upon these Grounds and of course, the traditional Marches of the Armed Forces, and Stars and Stripes Forever.

The performances include more than 200 award winning Indian River County student musicians led by James Sammons and Page Howell and a portion of the proceeds will benefit local veteran's charities.

General admission seating is \$12 per person and veteran's tickets are \$6 each. The VBHS Band is also offering a \$20 VIP ticket which includes a private reception and priority seating.

Call (772) 564-5537 for tickets. The Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center Box Office, located at 1707 16th Street, is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bistro a delight for all

By Brittany Llorente
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BAREFOOT BAY — When the lunch and dinner time hunger hits, Annie's Bistro is the best place to turn to.

Annie's Bistro has a bit of everything to satisfy the whole family.

The restaurant, a classic to Barefoot Bay, recently changed owners, but the same quality and well-cooked food is still available.

On a recent trip to the restaurant, I met Pamela and Joseph Razzano, who took over the Bistro on Jan. 2.

Through talking with Mrs. Razzano, I ordered the French Onion Soup.

The soup was delicious, teaming with perfectly tender onions and a secret combination of cheeses that made it even better.

My guest ordered the Italian sub. The bread was great and perfectly complimented the Italian sauce.

The provolone cheese and meats were placed in generous amounts and the

crispness of the lettuce and other vegetables lent to the freshness.

Not only was it as tasty as could be, the sub was huge!

My guest also tried the potato salad, lightly seasoned with eggs.

For my dinner, I had the shrimp scampi, the special for the day.

The plate of angel hair pasta was incredible. It was seasoned with Italian herbs and oils.

Several shrimp were sautéed and seasoned on the bed of pasta.

When I asked Mr. Razzano how long he had been cooking, he replied that he had only been a professional chef for as long as they had owned the bistro.

It was Mrs. Razzano that believed that her husband could cook.

"As good of a cook as he has been at home, there was no reason he couldn't (cook here)," she said. "I used to call my kids up and ask them if they were coming home for dinner and

they would always say yes."

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Staff photo by Brittany Llorente

Annie's Bistro owners Joseph and Pam Razzano with a half of an Italian sub and potato salad.

Celebrating the country with art, music

By Jessica Creagan
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VERO BEACH — While chamber music fills the Vero Beach Museum of Art's Leonhardt Auditorium, the paintings on the museum wall will silently join in the chorus celebrating the grand ole' U.S. of A.

The Atlantic Classical Orchestra chamber music players will visit the museum on Feb. 23 for a concert featuring piano trio works by three American composers and the museum will highlight one of its newest exhibitions, "Picturing America: Signature Works from The Westmoreland Museum of American Art."



Tickets to the 3 p.m. concert and post-concert cheese and wine reception are \$30 for museum mem-

bers and Atlantic Classical Orchestra subscribers, \$40 for non-members and non-subscribers, and \$5 for stu-

dents.

Stewart Robertson,

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The Vero Beach Museum of Art's new exhibition, "Picturing America: Signature Works from the Westmoreland Museum of American Art" and the exhibition will be complemented by a chamber music concert by members of the Atlantic Classical Orchestra performing musical works composed by Americans from the same era as the paintings. Pictured is a 1890 oil on canvas painting, "Apples in a Brown Hat," by Levi Wells Prentice.

Photo courtesy of the

Vero Beach Museum of Art

Out & about

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

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. Website: www.mckeegarden.org.

Night sounds at Sebastian Inlet concert series, Coconut Point, Sebastian Inlet State Park, Sebastian, 7 p.m. Featuring the Bobby Owen Band, playing classic rock, blues and country. Park entry fees apply. Website: <http://www.floridastateparks.org/sebastianinlet/events.cfm>.

Valentine's Day dinner, Sebastian Elks Lodge, Sebastian, time to be announced. Cost: To be announced. Contact phone number: (772) 589-1516.

THURSDAYS,
THROUGH 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.

THROUGH SUNDAY, FEB. 23

Riverside Children's Theatre presents "Godspell Jr.", Annie Morton Theatre, Riverside Children's Theatre, Vero Beach, times vary. This musical is based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew and the contemporary songs bring the parables

of Jesus Christ to life. Cost: \$10-\$16 for adults, \$5-\$8 for students. Website: www.riversidetheatre.com.

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- SATURDAY, FEB. 22

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Week of 2-14-2014

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Don't feel a need to take charge of others, Aries. People will respond to your cues even when such hints are subtle. Step back from the dictator's podium.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, you should be able to accomplish your objectives this week, in spite of some early distractions. Things will right themselves before long.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, concern about those closest to you might be foremost on your mind this week. Shift that focus to your own life and responsibilities for the time being.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Your professional life takes precedence this week, Cancer. Allow yourself ample time to tackle all the things on your plate at the office, and you will be glad you did.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Use the power you have carefully, Leo. Sometimes it surprises even you just how great an impact you can make and the wide-sweeping consequences of some of your actions.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, uncertainty about your priorities arises over the next few days. Take time to think things through, but don't be idle for too long. Do your best to stay motivated.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Long-term career goals are on your mind, Libra. Make time to develop a plan that can make those goals a reality. Consult with colleagues for advice or guidance.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, there is always room for compromise, even when compromise seems unlikely. Don't be too quick to assume there is no room to work out an agreement.

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Left: Artists and sculptor Geoffrey Myers works on a still life in his studio during Saturday's Sebastian Art Studio Tour. **Above:** Esther Jones of Sebastian and Fran Domenic of Vero Beach look at works by Toni Hill.

Bistro

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they would always say, "Is Joe cooking?" and if I said yes, they said yes."

There were other dinner dishes that were cooked to order, including ziti and liver and onions.

Guests can pick up their orders and Mrs. Razzano

said that several of their guests pick up food on their way home and have it for dinner later.

Though, if you stop in, make sure to pick up a dessert.

There were a few options for baked items, including a pumpkin roll, cheese cake and an apple turnover.

My guest had the apple turnover and I had the

cheesecake with a berry mix on top.

Both of our plates only held crumbs by the end.

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The bistro is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday through Friday.

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Art

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orchestra artistic director and concert conductor said the music performed will be from the 19th and 20th centuries.

"The connections between the musical works in this program and the exhibition's art works is fascinating," Mr. Robertson said in a press release.

One selection, "Piano Trio in D, Opus 56," by Charles Wakefield Cadman, was composed in the late 19th century Central European romantic tradition and was a harbinger of the style of music that Ira Gershwin and

others would make popular, Mr. Robertson said.

Another piece, "Piano Trio" by Amy Beach is more romantic and impressionistic, while the final work, "Café Music," a piece for violin, cello and piano by Paul Schoenfeld is inspired by folk traditions and the composer's time as a house pianist in Minneapolis.

"These concerts offer something for everyone, and give an intriguing insight into American music during the 20th century," Mr. Robertson said.

Museum directors said the "Picturing America" exhibition is a good display for visitors of all ages.

"It reveals the richness and

diversity of American's historical heritage and offers a glimpse at the depth and richness of America's art and the talent and the diversity of its artists," a press release said.

The paintings include samples of portraiture, still life and landscape paintings from the late 18th to the mid-20th centuries.

Some of the artists included in the gallery include Mary Stevenson Cassatt, Levi Wells Prentice, Childe Hassam and John Singleton Copley.

The Atlantic Classical Orchestra is the only resident performing arts organization of Florida's Treasure Coast and is composed of mem-

bers from Florida's principal musical organizations and major orchestras throughout the U.S. The organization's educational and outreach efforts include an ongoing relationship with the Treasure Coast Youth Symphony.

This will be the orchestra's 24th year of performing in the Treasure Coast and South Florida.

For tickets or more information about the Atlantic Classical Orchestra, visit www.atlanticclassicalorchestra.com. For more information about exhibits or programs at the Vero Beach Museum of Art, visit www.verobeachmuseum.org.

Out

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Activities and details to be announced. Visit www.martin-countyfair.com/

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

• **Mother/Daughter tea party:** 11th annual event from the Vero Beach Recreation Department, held at the Vero Beach Community Center, 2266 14th Avenue, Vero Beach. Begins promptly at 2 p.m.; please arrive on time. Dress in your best tea party outfit. All ages welcome, \$25 per mother/daughter pair (\$10 for each additional family member). Must register in advance, no walk-ins, since space is limited. For registration information, call (772) 770-3775.

• **Fashion show:** Noon, St. Elizabeth's Church, 901 Clearmont Street, Sebastian. Door prizes, giveaways, a

money hat for auction, and soup, salad, dessert and a beverage. Tickets available for \$12 donation. For more information, call (772) 589-2770.

• **Regatta:** C-54 Canal, Fellsmere, 9 a.m. The Sebastian River High School rowing team will have an opening day regatta. Free. Website: www.sebastiancrew.org.

• **Tennis tournament:** Riverside Racquet Complex, Vero Beach, noon. Men's king of the court doubles tournament with prizes for winners. Cost: \$11 for members, \$12 for non-members. Website: www.covb.org.

• **Sweetheart Day:** St. Sebastian Catholic Church, Sebastian, time to be announced. The St. Sebastian Women's Guild will host a holiday-themed card and game party. Cost: To be announced. Contact phone number: (772) 589-5790.

• **Sunrise Theatre presents, "Bring Back the Memories,"**

Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 8 p.m. Kenny Vance and the Planotones with special guests, The Mystics will take the stage. From Kyman Entertainment. Cost: \$39 or \$45 per person, \$75 for VIP and meet and greet ticket.

Website: www.sunrisetheatre.com.

• **Star party:** Sebastian Inlet State Park, Sebastian, 6:45 p.m. The Indian River Astronomical Society will host a stargazing party at the day use area 0.5 miles south of the bridge, weather and clouds permitting. Telescopes will be provided, or bring your own.

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

• **Art exhibition:** Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, times vary. Runs through May 25. The museum presents "Picturing America: Signature Works from the Westmoreland Museum of American Art," a collection of 200 years of American paintings. Museum

admission fees apply. Website: www.verobeachmuseum.org

SATURDAY, FEB. 15
— **SUNDAY, FEB. 16**

• **Sebastian River Art Club's juried art show:** 16th annual show, held in Riverview Park, on the corner of CR 512 and U.S. 1, Sebastian. Paintings, photography, graphics, jewelry, pottery and sculpture on display. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. For more information, call (772) 581-8281.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

• **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-gorounddinnertheatre.com.

• **Harp & Harmony concert:** 2 p.m., Main Library multimedia room, 1600 21st Street, Vero Beach. Celebrating Valentine's Day with all new songs in a mix of styles - American folk, classical, bluegrass, oriental, Celtic, Native American - on eleven different instruments. This year's theme celebrates the 75th anniversary of 'The Wizard of Oz' with prizes offered for the best costume. All ages welcome; donations appreciated. For more

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The Cultural Council of Indian River County, an advocate for public art held an open house last Thursday evening for 'Art in Public Places' in Indian River County administration buildings A and B. Along with the paintings and sculptures, the exhibit showcased several quilts from Sun Bonnet Sue Quilt Guild in Vero Beach.



Daniela Nunez, 8, a student at Create At Studio MA, displays her cocker spaniel painting in Building A.



Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Out

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information, call the library at (772) 589-1355.

• 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.

• **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. 17

• Riverside Theatre Gala,

Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, 5:30 p.m. Riverside Theatre's annual gala is a red carpet, Broadway opening of "South Pacific," dinner and parties.

Cost: \$550-\$1,000 per person.

Website: www.riversidetheatre.com.

• Friends' Raiser Luncheon,

Vero Beach Country Club, Vero Beach, noon. A musical program with Vero Beach High School for the Atlantic Classical

Orchestra Friends of Vero. Cost: Contact the Atlantic Classical Orchestra for ticket information. Website: atlanticclassicalorchestra.com

• **International lecture series**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. "Mozart: A Life in Letters," will feature distinguished historian Rex Ziak. Cost: \$55 for museum members, \$75 for non-members. Website: www.verobeachmuseum.org

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Healthy Families holds fiesta themed meeting

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Healthy Families Indian River County is a program dedicated to improving early childhood outcomes through intensive home-visiting services and is part of the Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition.

A special Parenting Leadership meeting was held in January with a "fiesta" theme for mothers and fathers of young children to share their experiences and recognize their achievements in changing home situations to maximize the growth and development of their children.

Healthy Families promotes monthly parental leadership meetings to build parents leadership skills, and social support network. The Healthy Families support workers coordi-

nates the event by exploring, with the family, their areas of need and interest and from that point an event theme is created. The event can be as simple as meeting at the library for a play group, a seminar on financial assistance or a themed event as the "Fiesta Night."

Healthy Families is a voluntary program that works with both pregnant women and families of newborns. The involvement in the program can last until the child is five years old. The goal is to prevent child abuse through education and coordinated support to promote positive parent/child interaction and bonding.

Parent leadership is fostered on a meaningful level when parents are given the opportunity for personal growth, to gain the knowledge and skills to function in leadership roles and represent a



"parent voice" to help shape the direction of their families, programs and communities.

New mothers and families are invited to attend pro-

grams. For more information on Indian River County Healthy Families and their programs, contact Beth Dingee, Program Manager at (772)778-1323 or by email at bdingee@hfirc.org.

Carmen Duhig, Family Support Worker, and John Mericle developed Fiesta Night as part of "Daddy" involvement. Mr. Mericle is a young father who talked about his journey to becoming a parent, the choices he has made in the past, and what he desires for his children and their futures. All attending families went home with an age appropriate book that they can read to their children that is based on Daddy/Grandpa's love of their children.

Photo courtesy of Paris Productions

Doctor helps to raise money for HIV/AIDS

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Dr. Michele Maholtz, one of 10 star dancers in this season's sixth annual Dancing with Vero's Stars, benefiting the Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition and Riverside Theatre, recently completed a 169-mile charity bicycle ride from Miami to Key West over the course of two days. It was called The SMART Ride 10 to raise money for HIV/AIDS.

The SMART Ride began as a dream to create a bicycle event where 100 percent of pledges raised could go back to the communities to be used for direct services for individuals infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. That was more than eight years ago, and so far \$5.3 million dollars have been raised. Accompanied by four other residents of Vero Beach, Dr. Maholtz raised \$3,500 of the total \$1,047,514 that was



raised by 700 bicyclists.

Tickets for Dancing with Vero's Stars, to be held at Riverside Theatre on Saturday evening May 10, are now on sale at \$200 for exclusive seating, \$150 for premium seating and \$100 for general seating.

The mission of the Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition is to provide an

integrated system of individual community driven health education services united to assure all women access to prenatal care and all infant's access to services that promote normal growth and development. For more information on dancer Dr. Michele Maholtz or the Healthy Start Coalition call 563-9118.

Dr. Michele Maholtz in the front as she rides for charity from Miami to Key West.

Photo Courtesy of Paris Productions

Tickets may be purchased by visiting the Riverside Theatre Box Office in person, calling the Riverside Theatre Box Office directly at (772) 231-6990, or visiting www.Dancingwithverostars.com.

For more information on the Smart Ride 11 visit www.thesmartride.org.

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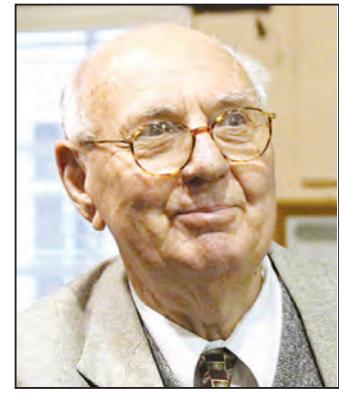
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Obituary

Byron Thomas Cooksey


Byron Thomas Cooksey

Byron Thomas Cooksey, 86, died Feb. 4, 2014. He was a native of Vero Beach. He was born to parents A.E. Cooksey & Genevieve R. Butler (Radin-sky) on Sept. 29, 1927. He was a member of Vero Beach High School Class of 1945 and graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950 where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. B.T. graduated from the University of Florida Levin College of Law with an LLB in 1955 where he was a member of Phi Alpha

Delta Legal Fraternity. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1956.

He served as an associate at McCarty & Brown in Fort Pierce and later as a partner

in the firms Brown & Cooksey and McCarty, Brown, Cooksey & Alderman in Fort Pierce. He was a founding partner of the Law Firm Gould, Cooksey & Fennell where he practiced law for over fifty years.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the USS Rowe. He also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was recruited as a civilian attorney during the Vietnam War.

He was involved in numerous civic and business organizations during his lifetime.

He was one of the owners of Indian Summer Groves, Quality Fruit Packers, CAV Corporation and other busi-

ness ventures and served as a director of The Packers of Indian River, Dickerson-Florida, Inc., Indian River Processors and Security, Federal & United Savings of America.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jacquelyn Parks Cooksey; his three children Margaret (Patrick), Byron (Stephany), Elizabeth (Michael) and seven grandchildren, Andrew, Parker, Delaney, Palmer, William, Avery and B. Thomas, III all of Vero Beach, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Elaine.

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The best of the Merchandise Show

The week of the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando is a bit crazy. We, the media, try to cram as much work and play in as possible. Our quest is to find out as much about the newest equipment, swing aids, and more as possible so that we can make you, our readers, a more informed customer.

My week started out at the Tour Edge Media Demo Day. For many years now, I have started my week off at this event, and I have to say, it's a great way to begin the week. Tour Edge is joined by several other companies who want to get their products to us to try first-hand.

I am convinced one of the best advancements in recent club design is the ability for the consumer to change the loft, lie, and even the weight configuration on their driver.



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There was a time when one would go to find a driver that they could hit and you would spend all kinds of time looking for the right loft with the right shaft and more. Now, you can switch out the shaft and change the loft and lie with the use of a simple tool. It's made club-fitting so much easier.

Tour Edge's new line of clubs was what I had the chance to test out that day. The new XCG7 Driver and Fairway Woods are true weapons. I hit a few balls, answered a few questions, and within a couple adjustments I was hitting bombs, straight down the driving range. If I want to change

my ball flight any, the driver adjusts from 8.5 to 12.0 degrees of loft. I can even set the lie to open, square or closed. Since I don't swing the same from one round to the next, being able to tweak my driver to match my swing of the day, is a god-send.

The jewel of the new Exotics lineup is the CB PRO fairway wood. This club combines a smaller head size with a revolutionary Slip Stream Sole to create the ultimate fairway wood for accomplished players. I found that the size really appeals to my eye, and the boring ball flight is perfect for windy Florida afternoons. Even with my humble 10-handicap swing it works quite well.

There are a few new sets of irons in the Exotics line as well. The XCG7 has all the technological bells and whistles, with a pleasing top line that is all you see at

address.

One thing that I have noticed in the last year and especially at the show this year is that irons are becoming much easier to hit. The new Exotics CB PRO iron set is a hybrid iron set that combines two distinctive designs that deliver distance and accuracy.

The long and mid irons are a full-hollow design combined with a thin forged face that creates an extremely high C.O.R. And a soft, responsive feel. I haven't hit many long irons as I carry a hybrid or three in my bag. I was impressed at how easy these long irons were to hit.

In the short irons, the CB PROH incorporates a cavity blade design for precision and trajectory control. Made from soft 431 stainless steel and featuring a multi-material vibration dampening plaque for feel and

control, these irons are a "must-try."

Tour Edge's Bazooka line of hybrids continues to be one of the best-selling lines in golf. The new Bazooka Max D-45 drivers and fairways promise to add more weapons to your bag. After hitting the Bazooka Max D-45 irons, you too will gain an appreciation for what the new technology has done for irons.

With a 30-day "no questions asked" play guarantee, there is no reason to not try any of the Tour Edge or Exotics clubs.

For additional information, check out the website at www.TourEdge.com or call (800)515-3343.

A heartfelt "thank you"

A few weeks ago I wrote about losing one of my closest friends, Mike

Murphy. It's been a difficult few weeks for his family as well as for me.

I would like to thank all of you who took a moment to send me an email expressing your condolences and your sorrow as well. It means a lot to me as well as Mike's family to know that so many people care.

I was blessed to have had him as a friend. I feel just as blessed to know that I have so many of you as friends as well. Thank you again for the kind words and sentiments. They mean more than you can know.

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 stammergolf@yahoo.com.

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course: Free 11-week course held Monday evenings, 6:30-9 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 520 Royal Palm Blvd., Vero Beach. Runs Feb. 10 through April 28. The course discusses clinical treatments of illnesses including bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, major depression, PTSD, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, addictions, more.

Each week, participants will be given helpful notes to keep. It also teaches knowledge and skills that family members need in order to cope more effectively. **Registration is required;** call Valerie at (772) 532-5554 or Beverly at (772) 257-5950.

TUESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 11

Film studies course, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. Runs Feb. 11 through

March 11. Topic to be discussed is "Trends in International Cinema." Cost: \$50 for museum members, \$70 for non-members. **Website:** www.verobeachmuseum.org

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

'Build a Bridge' bridge tournament: Fourth annual event for Dogs for Life, Inc., held at the Vero Beach Country Club. Registration is at 11 a.m., followed by lunch, then duplicate and party bridge tournaments. Silent auction. The entry fee is \$75, \$50 of which is tax-deductible. **For more information, call Dogs for Life at (772) 567-8969.**

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.

'Let's Talk About Your Heart' Free workshop. 6-7 p.m., Alternative Medicine

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TUESDAY, FEB. 18 – SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Riverside Theatre presents "South Pacific," Stark Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, times vary. The popular Broadway musical tells the romantic story of two couples as they search for happiness through trying times and differing backgrounds. Cost: \$45-\$70 per person. **Website:** www.riversidetheatre.com

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

Educational lecture, North Indian River County Library, Sebastian, 7:30 p.m. The Sebastian Area Historical Society presents "Survival Journey of Jonathan Dickinsonson," with George Blythe. Free. **For more information, call (772) 589-1355.**

Behind the Baton, Indian River State College Mueller Campus, Vero Beach, 9:30 a.m. Cultivate a greater understanding and appreciation of classical music with Stewart Robertson, artistic director and conductor of the Atlantic Classical Orchestra, as part of the Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning. Cost: \$80 for Atlantic Classical Orchestra subscribers, \$135 for non-subscribers. **Website:** atlanticclassicalorchestra.com

Distinguished professor series, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 2 p.m. Featuring University of Virginia's Michael F. Suarez, director of the Rare Book School, and his presentation "The Print that Changed the World: The Description of the Slave-Ship Brookes." Cost: \$15 for museum members (or alumni of the featured school), \$35 for non-members. **Website:** www.verobeachmuseum.org.

Wednesday Green Market: Noon to 6 p.m., rain or shine, in Fort Pierce Marina Square, 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20 – SUNDAY, FEB. 23

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THURSDAY, FEB. 20

Art of Travel film series: Screening "In Marjorie's Wake: A River in Time" from 3-4 p.m., North Indian River County Library, 1001 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian. The film retraces the 1933 journey of Pulitzer-winning author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and her longtime friend Dessie Smith on the St. Johns River, as described in "Cross Creek," and celebrates the ways the St. Johns has shaped Florida culture over the years. Free, public is welcome. **For more information, call (772) 589-1355.**

Republican Club of Indian River County meeting: Social hour begins at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., at Pointe West, 7500 14th Lane, Vero Beach. Speakers will be Billy and Karen Vaughn, the parents of Navy Seal Aaron Vaughn, who was killed on the Extortion 17 helicopter crash in Afghanistan that took the lives of more than 20 of our Special Forces from Seal Team 6. They will be discussing the rules of engagement and how these rules jeopardize the safety of our troops. **For reservations, email republicanclubirc@gmail.com, or call Frank Sosta at (772) 713-6411.**

Lunch and Learn program, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, noon. Short docent-guided tour with focus on particular works of art from "Picturing America: Signature Works from the Westmoreland Museum of American Art." 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.

Social dance, The Heritage Center, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. USA Dance hosts an open dance night with an introductory dance lesson at the beginning. Cost: \$8 for USA Dance members, \$10 for non-members. **Website:** www.verodance.org.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21 – SATURDAY, FEB. 22

Riverside Theatre presents "The Comedy Zone," Waxax Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Featuring comedians to be determined. Cost: \$15 for show only, \$25 for show and food voucher. **Website:** www.riversidetheatre.com

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