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## Need to know

### Police warn of potential scam

On Nov. 20, a resident of Fellsmere reported that she received a telephone call on her home telephone from an unknown male identifying himself as a representative of a company called "Program Energy." The male caller initially spoke to the complainant in fluent Spanish but switched to English during their conversation.

The caller told the complainant that the city wiring all city residents to have their air conditioning units and "heater units" inspected "due to fire hazards from the dryer unit."

The complainant said the male caller tried to "pressure her" to make an appointment for the inspections and that the fee for the inspections would be \$49.

The complainant became suspicious because she believed the City of Fellsmere would have notified her of such a change in her monthly water bill.

The complainant said the male caller became more aggressive in his attempt to schedule an appointment when she mentioned calling the City of Fellsmere to verify the "law change."

The City of Fellsmere has not enacted any new ordinances or resolutions requiring mandatory inspections and any resi-

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## Momentum builds for affordable housing for seniors

By Jessica Creagan  
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SEBASTIAN — Earlier this month, the Sebastian City Council approved a special residential zoning exemption that could allow for future affordable housing for seniors in the city.

During the Nov. 13 meeting, the council unanimously voted to

raise the development density of a 7.4-acre property just north of the Publix shopping center at U.S. 1 and Barber Street in Sebastian. The property was zoned as commercial general with an allowable eight units per acre, but the council's action bumped up the density level to 12 units per acre.

The applicant, Wayne Sinclair, spoke to the council and the audi-

ence about his project, describing it as an affordable housing project for seniors that goes above and beyond the normal housing requirements.

Mr. Sinclair said the project is expected to cost \$18.2 million and will require 39 employees to run full time. The project, Avery Way

Apartments, is designed to be a three-story apartment complex with community rooms for a

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## Fun under the harvest sun



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**Above:** Six-year-old Caitlyn Call, of Sebastian, takes the turns like a pro in the NASCAR ride Saturday. **Right:** Three-year-old Grace Clemente, of Vero Beach, isn't scared at all as she heads to the bottom of the Giant Slide in her dad, Daniel's lap.

The St. Helen's Harvest Festival kicked off its 49th year Friday evening with a better than expected crowd. Thursday night's cancellation due to rain was just a bump in the road after record crowds filled Historic Dodgertown on Saturday. Organizers expect to bring in close to \$30,000 during the four-day event. For more information call (772) 567-5129. More on B3.



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### WEEKEND WEATHER



**Friday:** Mostly cloudy, breezy; high: 77; low: 64; high tide: 4:54 a.m.; low tide: 10:52 a.m.  
**Saturday:** Partly cloudy; high: 77; low: 66; high tide: 5:48 a.m.; low tide: 11:42 a.m.  
**Sunday:** Partly cloudy; high: 79; low: 66; high tide: 6:40 a.m.; low tide: 12:31 p.m.  
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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## Newest school board member ready to work

Gov. Scott appoints former Sebastian councilwoman to fill school board vacancy

By Jessica Creagan  
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Simchick to the Indian River County School Board, the governing body is at full capacity

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — With the appointment of Dale

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## Give double the gifts this Christmas

By Jessica Creagan  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Whether it's books, a pampering package, jewelry, restaurant certificates, fishing trips or theater tickets, shopping local for holiday presents can help others in the

community.

By purchasing items from locally-owned stores and restaurants in the community, not only are you getting items crossed off your Christmas list, you could be creating job security for someone you've never met and helping out a local

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## World AIDS Day event to be held in Vero Beach

By Jessica Creagan  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Amid a weekend of turkey, stuffing and preliminary decking the halls, the Indian River County Health Department is highlighting

a serious medical issue.

On Dec. 1, the local health department is joining with a worldwide movement to highlight HIV/AIDS, disease prevention and treatment with a special presentation at the Vero Beach Heritage Center.

The program is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and will include a candle vigil, special guest speakers for a discussion panel, representatives of the Positive Mind and Body Support Group, local leaders and a keynote speaker, psychologist

Rebecca S. Rustine.

This year marks the 32nd year of World Aids Day and this year's theme is "Shared Responsibility: Strengthening Results for an AIDS-free Generation."

The county health department and the Indian

River County HIV/AIDS Awareness Network are partnering together to bring the event to the community, said John May, event coordinator.

HIV/AIDS has a connota-

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# Commissioners laud retiring community development director

By Jessica Creagan  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — In a presentation that was part roast and part congratulatory, county staff and county commissioners gave their official thanks and goodbyes to Bob Keating, community development director, after 30 years of service to Indian River County.

In a PowerPoint presentation, something Mr. Keating was famous for preparing for reports, Stan Boling, who will follow Mr. Keating as community development director, highlighted some of Mr. Keating's accomplishments with a sprinkling of

humor.

He cited Mr. Keating's early morning work hours as good examples of leadership and an excellent work ethic and his careful, logical and transparent planning process as good for those who worked under him and for county residents.

"He sets a high bar and he lives up to it," Mr. Boling said.

Commissioner Wesley Davis said for the past 30 years, whenever people talk about the high quality of life available in Indian River County, most of the credit should go to Mr. Keating for his planning and foresight.

Some of Mr. Keating's projects include long range transportation plans, an informative website, zoning maps, traffic impact fee regulations and developing an urban service area.

Mr. Keating will officially retire from service on Dec. 31, but Mr. Boling will take over early on in December.

Mr. Keating was hired by the county in March 1983 and had risen through the ranks being charged with various responsibilities and titles through the years.

Commissioners appeared to enjoy ribbing Mr. Keating during a presentation thanking him for his service, joking that he better have remembered to

obtain permits to retire.

On his retirement Mr. Keating, an avid runner, plans to run, enjoy fitness activities and travel.

Commissioner Joe Flescher said he couldn't imagine what the county would be like without Mr. Keating at the helm of community development, but he is quite glad that Mr. Boling, Mr. Keating's right-hand man, is there to step in and continue bringing high-quality leadership to the department.

For more information about Indian River County government or specific county departments, visit [www.ircgov.com](http://www.ircgov.com).

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# School donates to animal shelter in teacher's memory

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — When a teacher can influence students and her own peers, even after she is gone, that can truly be

counted as a legacy.

Last week, the students and faculty of Suncoast School donated more than 100 pounds of pet food to the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County's pet food

bank in memory of Nada Molter, a third and fourth grade language arts teacher at the private school who died this past summer.

Candee Manwaring, school administrator, said Mrs. Molter taught at Suncoast School for 18- years and her love of animals was well known to her students and their families.

"She had been teaching here for so long that she had almost started teaching to the second generation because her first students are sending their children to our school now," Ms. Manwaring said. "Of all the things that the children remember, it was that she was a superb storyteller and her love for animals," she said.

Since the beginning of the school year, the stu-

dents, families and staff have been collecting the pet food and other pet basics, such as leashes and collars, as well as collecting change to donate, Ms. Manwaring said.

The school collected \$125 in cash donations, which will be used at the animal shelter and contribute to an engraved memorial brick at the shelter's volunteer pavilion, said Janet Winikoff, education director for the shelter.

The animal shelter's pet food bank assistance program was established to help pets and their families stay together during difficult economic and financial times. The program offers assistance to those families struggling to feed

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## AIDS

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tion in society that often scares people, but treatment has progressed to the point where a positive test result doesn't mean a death sentence. Advances in technology and science have made fighting the disease a very real option, Mr. May said.

People who should get tested for HIV/AIDS often don't because they are worried about a stigma, but the problem is, they could be making their situation worse and not even know it, he said.

"We say, 'pass the message, not the disease,'" Mr. May said.

The county health department offers free counseling to patients and family members affected by HIV or AIDS, the department website said.

Free education classes are also offered to businesses, churches and other organizations in the hopes that education will also reduce fears and misconceptions people have about the virus,



File photo

Karyn Burrell, left, and Indian River County Health Department volunteer outreach specialist Eric Martinez, sign one of the quilts in remembrance of family, loved ones or friends, who have died as a result of AIDS, during the third annual World AIDS Day Remembrance at the Heritage Center in December, 2010.

the website said.

"My goal is to see people get tested, get educated and get treatment," he said.

Confidential and anonymous HIV testing is available through the health department and a lab pro-

cessing fee of \$25 is normally charged, though it can be waived under special circumstances. HIV and AIDS patient care is also available.

For more information about the upcoming event or

the Indian River County Health Department's HIV and AIDS outreach program, contact Mr. Mays at (772) 794-7477 or visit [www.floridahealth.gov/chd/Indian-River/ClinicsandServices/HIV.htm](http://www.floridahealth.gov/chd/Indian-River/ClinicsandServices/HIV.htm).

## School

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and future board votes should have a clear majority.

On Nov. 19, Gov. Rick Scott called Ms. Simchick, a former Sebastian City councilwoman, to say she was his choice to finish the term of former school board member Jeff Pegler, who resigned for an employment opportunity. Ms. Simchick's appointed term will last through Nov. 11, 2014.



Dale Simchick

"I was very honored that Gov. Scott called me personally. This is very excit-

ing and now it's about getting to work," Ms. Simchick said.

Ms. Simchick is the general service administrator for the Indian River County Sheriff's Office and holds a seat on the school board of the Sebastian Charter Junior High School board. She will have to resign from that board now that she has been appointed to fill Mr. Pegler's seat on the county-wide board.

"I had a large amount of people in the community who wrote letters of support and I hope I have the

opportunity to call them all and thank them," Ms. Simchick said.

Gov. Scott interviewed Ms. Simchick about one month ago as he was narrowing the field of applicants, but last week's call was still very sudden and unexpected, though welcome, Ms. Simchick said.

Nearly 20 people applied for the appointment to represent District 2. Specific boundary lines of the district can be found on the Indian River County school district website, but in general, the district

## Seniors

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library and computers, as well as classes available on computer use and family genealogy tracing.

Other optional services offered would include laundry, transportation, medication reminders and housekeeping, Mr. Sinclair said.

Councilwoman Andrea Coy said she was glad to see a project like this coming to

Sebastian, as there are not enough affordable housing for seniors in the community.

Some members of the public said it sounded like an assisted living facility, but Mr. Sinclair said the apartment community did

not meet the mandate requirements of an assisted living complex, but it would have some of the optional services that an assisted living place would traditionally offer its residents.

During the meeting, all the council voted on was to

approve the special exemption for the use of the property. Mr. Sinclair will be presenting further details of the construction and use to the planning and zoning board before coming back before Sebastian City Council for further permis-

sions, said Joe Griffin, city airport director and interim city manager beginning Dec. 12.

For more information about city government meetings and agendas, visit [www.cityofsebastian.org](http://www.cityofsebastian.org).

## Gifts

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charity, said Helene Caseltine, economic development director for the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce.

"There are a number of advantages to buying local," said Beth Mitchell, executive director of the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce.

"You know the people you're doing business with, so you have a higher level of trust. It also helps people in our communities. By shopping local, you are circulating the dollars in our community and keeping it in our community.

"It keeps us all strong," Ms. Mitchell said.

Shopping local has a domino effect, said Ms. Caseltine and Ms. Mitchell.

For example, suppose someone gets a haircut at a family-owned barber shop. That haircut helps the shop employee pay for school supplies for their child at a local office supply store,



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which helps that business owner grow their business, employ more people and give back to the community by donating to a local nonprofit, Ms. Mitchell said.

"It just multiplies," she said.

For a big picture perspective, shopping local boosts the overall economy and helps a certain quality of life, Ms. Caseltine said.

Local businesses pay taxes in the county, helping pay for roads, and they also collect sales tax, which is again used in the community in various ways, Ms. Caseltine said.

"I always like to buy locally, whether I go to the shops on Ocean Drive in Vero Beach, or Ditch 13 in Fellsmere, you can find some really cool stuff," she said.

The smaller, locally-owned stores are more likely to have unique items or items that reflect Indian River County and the lifestyle enjoyed by so many in the area, Ms. Caseltine said.

"Sebastian has some really cool shops, as do many places in the county, and can give people these gifts that you can't find anywhere else," she said.

## Know

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dent who is contacted by anyone for such an inspection, whether on the telephone or in person is asked to report the incident to the Fellsmere Police Department at (772) 571-1360.

### Adult 3 on 3 basketball

The Indian River County Recreation Department will have a winter season of Adult 3 on 3 Basketball. The Recreation Department will hold a mandatory meeting on Dec. 4, 6 p.m., which will be held at the County Admin Bldg. Both complete teams and individual players needed. Deadline is Dec. 18. Managers meeting and

### Special Notes:

- Managers Packets need to be picked up on Dec. 4. Packets can be picked up at the County Admin Bldg, B at 1800 27th St., Vero Beach

- Maximum of six players, minimum of three

- Team Fee: \$300 which will cover cost of jersey's and awards

- Team fees will be due on Dec. 18

- Games will be played on Friday nights at the Ag Center.

For more information about Adult 3 on 3 Basketball, call (772) 226-1729.

### Elk's host hoop shoot

The Sebastian Elks lodge will hold its annual Hoop Shoot on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Sebastian Middle River School.

The Sebastian Elks annual hoop shoot will take place in the gym at the Sebastian River Middle School located at 9400 CR 512 near the North County pool on Dec. 7. There are three shooting age groups; 9-10, 11-12, and 12-13. Winners at this local level will then advance to the district level which will also take place at Sebastian River Middle School.

Participation in the hoop shoot is free to students ages 9 through 13 and go to any school in Indian River or Brevard Counties. Registration is the day of the hoop shoot and begins at 8 am. When registering, all participants must bring a copy of their proof of birth to participate.

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encompasses southern Sebastian, Wabasso and the northern parts of the barrier island. In order to be elected to a specific seat on the school board, applicants must live in the district, and Ms. Simchick does, which means she would be eligible to run to continue serving on the school board in the 2014 election. For more information about the Indian River County school district, visit [www.indianriverschools.org](http://www.indianriverschools.org).

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# Food for those in need



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer  
Carmen Lopes, left and Lorena Vasquez, right get some cooking instructions from Jesse Zermeno, president of Operation Hope in Fellsmere during the Thanksgiving food give away Saturday, Nov. 23.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer  
Christel Gunn, right and her son Matthew, accept a frozen turkey from volunteers during the Thanksgiving food giveaway at Operation Hope Saturday.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer  
Mariana Velasquez, left and Nivia Torres distribute the holiday sweets during Saturday's Thanksgiving food giveaway at Operation Hope.

Operation Hope in Fellsmere helped make the holidays better from more than 200 families Saturday. The nonprofit organization distributed 425 frozen turkeys along with can goods, fresh potatoes and desserts thanks in part to the generosity of Publix Super Markets and the VFW Post 4206 in Melbourne who donated \$600. On Dec. 22 at noon, Operation Hope will celebrate Christmas with their annual toy giveaway.

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## Shelter

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their pets by providing a month's supply of pet food for a three-month period.

Applicants for the pet food bank are required to submit information regarding their income, types of public assistance and family size.

Schools and other organizations do make donations to the animal shelter from time to time, but this time was different, Ms. Winikoff said.

"What made this one special was the fact that they all came together to honor Mrs. Molter. I could tell she was very loved by her students and colleagues," she said.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer  
Front row from left, Hunter Scoville, 7, Taelor Chapman, 4, Jaylene Toscano, 10. Back row from left, Aaron Wright, 12, Nada Molter's grandson, Tyrone Anderson, 13 and John Stephens, 16.

# Wildfire safety during the holidays

For Hometown News  
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TREASURE COAST — The Florida Forest Service wants to remind everyone to enjoy the winter holidays with safety in mind. Holiday wildfire safety begins the first day as your family searches for the perfect Christmas tree and Holiday wildfire

safety ends with the carefully planned disposal of the tree at the end of the holiday season.

Christmas tree fires are more likely to cause a house fire; a wildfire can result from the flames.

Calin Ionita, Senior Forester with the Florida Forest Service wants to provide families with a few tips

on protecting yourself, your home and your property. One of the first things you can do to prevent Christmas tree fires is to pick the right tree.

When choosing a Christmas tree, it is important to buy a fresh tree. Cut an inch off the bottom or ask the vendor to do it for you. This new cut will allow water to be taken up. Put your tree in water as soon as you get home and be sure to top-up daily. A fresh tree will drink about a pint a day for the first couple of days.

However, do not think the danger ends just because the holidays are over and the tree is down.

"Get to know the burn laws in your area before your strike that match. It is unsafe and illegal to burn wrapping paper and gift boxes. Consider recycling instead of burning your Christmas trees in order to reduce the chances of sparking a wildfire," said Melissa Yunas, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Florida Forest Service.

Christmas trees may be ground up for mulch or used to help stabilize sand dunes, build structure for fish in a lake or pond or provide shelter for birds and other wildlife. Contact your local Solid Waste Authority for recycling information.

If you decide to burn your Christmas tree, here are a few outdoor burning tips:

- Never leave a fire unattended, and make sure it is out before you leave
- Keep a shovel and water hose handy
- Don't burn on windy days or when the humidity is below 35 percent
- Your fire must be contained to an 8-foot diameter pile or non-combustible barrel and must be at least 25 feet from forests, 25 feet from your house, 50 feet from a paved public road and 150 feet from other occupied buildings

-If your fire escapes, you may be held liable for suppression costs and damage to the property of others.

-Burning yard waste does not require an authorization from the Florida Forest Service, but you should check with your local city, county or Florida Forest Service officials to see if there are any restrictions in your area

For more information about picking out the perfect tree, call (863) 655-6409 Calin.Ionita@FreshFrom-Florida.com.

For additional fire prevention tips, burning rules and regulations contact your local Florida Forest Service office; Vero Beach (772) 778-5085; Port St. Lucie (772) 468-3915; or Stuart (772) 221-4045.

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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 Nov. 12 to Nov. 19, 2013

## Sebastian Police Department

- Tamiëka Cherrelle Robinson, 29, 272 Fleming St., Sebastian, was charged with three counts of sale of hydromorphone.

## Fellsmere Police Department

- Amber Marie Baldwin, 26, 111 S. Oleander St., Fellsmere, was charged with possession of cocaine and violation of a local ordinance for possession of open container.
- Vanessa Ornelas, 18, 67 Sonrise Square Apt. 207, Fellsmere, was charged with domestic violence aggravated battery.

## Vero Beach Police Department

- Richard John Brennan, 54, 1611 Fifth Court, Vero Beach, was charged with being a fugitive from justice.
- Kevin Allen Rumbley, 42, 1228 24th Ave., Apt. 2, Vero Beach, was charged with tampering with or destroying evidence and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest without violence.
- Natalie Velasquez, 30, 101 Thunderbird Drive, Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for possession of oxycodone.

## Indian River County Sheriff's Office

- Benjamin Lee Carter, 40, 1665 30th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for sale of cocaine.
- Antonio Lashon Jones, 38, homeless, Vero Beach,

was charged with possession of a controlled substance, carrying a concealed firearm, possession of a firearm, ammunition or electric device by a convicted felon and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest without violence.

- Khadijah Danyelle Jones, 19, 407 North 22nd St., Fort Pierce, was charged with organized scheme to defraud.
- Clyde Anthony Reed, 52, 1706 Second St., Vero Beach, was charged with driving while license permanently suspended.

- Lawrence Thomas Seroski, 58, 735 S.W. Fifth Court, Vero Beach, was charged with grand theft of an automobile and misdemeanor charges of driving while license suspended and driving while license suspended with knowledge.

- Hiram Bryan McCann, 25, 636 11th St., Vero Beach, was charged with burglary, grand theft and dealing in stolen property.
- Summer Marie Stiles, 34, 1366 14th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with manslaughter and a misdemeanor charge of child neglect.
- Lonnie James Strickland, 37, 6545 U.S. 1, Apt. 67, Fort Pierce, was charged with failure of a sex offender to notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or an address or name change.

- Kenneth Ray Tyson, 37, 228 14th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with child abuse.
- Vernon John Wadsworth, 31, 8856 100th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of violation of probation. He was on probation for failure of a sex offender to report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and driving while license suspended, habitual offender.

- Jennifer Marie Burchfield, 29, 736 19th Place Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft.
- Keith Adam Clopein, 45, 8735 51st Terrace, Sebastian,

- Flora Jean Monroe, 45, 145 12th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with grand theft.
- Jaime Lee Wilson, 22, 8865 91st Court, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana.

- James Harold Manning, 22, 6770 Northeast 32nd Place, Highspring, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for burglary of a conveyance, third-degree grand theft and resisting arrest without violence.
- Joseph James Webb, 22, 354 16th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with fraudulent use of a credit card and a misdemeanor charge of first-degree petit theft.

- Michael Elton Yates, 20, 74 N. Willow St., Fellsmere, was charged with burglary

of an automobile, grand theft and misdemeanor charges of trespass on property and disorderly intoxication.

- Paul Michael Deschryver, 43, 8415 103rd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated assault.
- Timothy Patrick Donovan, 30, 675 Old Dixie Highway S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest without violence and disorderly conduct.

- Mary Grace Januska, 66, 180 Highway A1A, Satellite Beach, was charged with grand theft.
- Juventino Lopez Salinas, 25, 4545 51st Court, Vero Beach, was charged with felony battery and domestic violence aggravated battery.

- Issac Eugene Massey, 31, 447 Madison St., Buffalo, N.Y., was charged with possession of cocaine and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Dennis John Calise, 46, 940 24th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with domestic violence aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

- George Charles Duve, 48, 10190 91st St., Vero Beach, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender.
- James Albert Hazzard, 32, 1880 38th Place, Vero Beach, was charged with driving while license suspended with knowledge.

- Donald Allen Hill, 30, 12860 82nd Court, Sebastian, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender.
- Torrey Deandrea Howard, 25, no valid address, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender.

- Rebecca Lourden Sanchez, 29, 2421 Granada Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of

possession of oxycodone and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana, cannabis and two counts of drug paraphernalia.

escape or attempting to escape and misdemeanor charges of domestic violence battery and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Richard Thomas Siano, 25, 772 Cavern Terrace, Sebastian, was charged with dealing in stolen property and misdemeanor charges of shoplifting/retail theft and resisting a merchant.
- Hailey Ann Siegel, 29, 2830 College View Drive, Melbourne, was charged with organized fraud.

- Jimessia Franshay Spillman, 24, 2515 Palm Drive N.E., Winter Haven, was charged with third-degree grand theft.
- Daniel Ezeiel Wyatt, 56, 1466 20th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine.

## Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

- George All Brooks, 40, 3534 Avenue F, Fort Pierce, was charged with being a fugitive from justice.

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- Kelvin Deandre Barnes, 28, 903 North 21st St., Fort Pierce, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender.
- Michael Chace Durwin, 20, 1135 22nd Court, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for giving false information to a pawnbroker.
- Chiquita Kuana Harris, 41, 3455 First Lane, Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft and giving a false statement to obtain public aid.
- Elise Marie Hyatt, 29, 430 10th Place Southwest, Apt. 202, Vero Beach, was charged with petit theft.
- Wayne Maynard Knight, 59, 1210 13th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender.
- Melonie Renee Mahfouz, 36, 1101 Ninth Square, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine,

# Lifelong Learning readies for eighth season

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TREASURE COAST — The Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning at Indian River State College invites new subscribers to enjoy its eighth season of experts and educators as they speak on current issues. The series opens Thursday, Dec. 12 with Andrew Samwick, Professor of Economics, Director of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and the Social Sciences at Dartmouth College.

Professor Samwick will present the topic, "Can Washington Be Fixed?" With partisanship and gridlock dominating political news today, this is sure to be a timely topic.

Prof. Samwick will speak at the IRSC Mueller Campus in Vero Beach from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and again at the IRSC Chastain Campus in Stuart from 3-5 p.m.

The Fielden Institute lecture series focuses on subjects in foreign policy, the environment, education, health and the economy. Family Private Care continues their support of lifelong learning at IRSC as Presenting Sponsor for the lecture

series. This season's lectures are:

- Jan. 9, Eric T. Olson, retired United States Navy Admiral, will present "The Undeclared War: Special Operations in the 21st Century." Olson last served as the eighth Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, (USSOCOM), and was the only Navy SEAL ever to be appointed to three-star and four-star flag rank.
- Feb. 13, Molly Williamson returns to the podium to speak on "The Geopolitics of Petroleum." Williamson is a Middle East Institute scholar in Washington and a former Foreign Service officer. She served six presidents, achieving the rank of Career Minister, the second-highest foreign service rank.

- March 13, "Climate Change: A Look Ahead" will be the topic examined by John Carberry, former director of Environmental Technology at DuPont. Carberry currently teaches at the University of Delaware as part of the department of Chemical and Bio-molecular Engineering and is a frequent, national lecturer on environmental issues.
- April 10, the series

will conclude by addressing "A Profile of the New American Economy" with Dr. Scott Brown, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President at Raymond James. He also serves on the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors for the State of Florida.

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TREASURE COAST — Workforce Solutions received a \$7,000 community development grant through Wells Fargo to pro-

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# VIEWPOINT

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## Don't fall for fake messages

One of the pitfalls Web surfers are bound to encounter are the hideous advertisements that are created to look like official Windows messages.

If you've surfed the Web at all, then you've seen them; they look like regular Windows dialogue boxes complete with the red, round X that denotes a Windows error and an ominous message like "Your system is dangerously low on resources" or "Your system is unprotected and is open to hackers."

Usually, these messages (after alarming you that something is wrong) will invite you to click what looks like a normal Windows button to resolve the problem. What happens when you click it? Nine out of 10 times, you are brought to a Web site selling some type of optimization or security software.

To make this tactic even more insidious, the messages usually will have the three standard buttons on the top, right-hand corner - you know, the Minimize, Restore and Close buttons. The deceptive part of including those three buttons within the ad is that they do NOT minimize, restore or close the ad! Usually, those buttons are a part of the advertisement and clicking "Close" (or any of the other buttons) will give you the same result as if you had clicked the fake "OK" button. Arghh! It's infuriating.

I once encountered a Web ad that was promoting some type of security software. The text of the ad said something like this: "Internet hackers are a menace that can infiltrate your computer and YOU ARE NOT PROTECTED; click here to see just what kind of information hackers can see about your computer." Then there was a link, and when I clicked it, up popped a window displaying the contents of my hard drive. Wow, I thought to myself. I wonder how many people are falling for this one? And then I proceeded to look at the source code (the underlying code that makes up a Web page) to see how they performed that trick.



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What I found was that they had crafted a simple link that just calls up the user's hard drive. Nothing really wrong with that; you'd get the same results typing c:\ into the address bar of your browser and clicked "Go," but to craft it into an alarming message just to sell software? That's low.

It's amazing these companies don't get sued out of existence for deceptive advertising. What's even worse is most of the software advertised in those fake "Windows" ads is garbage anyways that is more apt to slow your machine down than to help it.

OK, enough of my rant this week on unscrupulous advertisers. Now let's go over a few things to look for so you won't get suckered into clicking on an ad thinking it's a Windows message.

First thing to understand is if you are on the Web with Internet Explorer, Firefox, AOL's Browser, Google Chrome, Opera or any of the other Web browsers out there and you come across a message that looks like a Windows message (has the same title bar, minimize restore and close button and generally looks like a message that Windows occasionally spits out) there is a strong chance that it's an ad, and if you click it you will be, in effect, answering that ad and be whisked away from what you were doing to look at a sales pitch.

The second thing to remember is you can always see where you are going when you are about to click something online by looking at the status bar at the bottom of your browser window. When you hold your mouse over a link in your Web browser, the URL or address where that link will take you is shown in the status bar before you click. If it is a genuine windows message, no

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## The future Mrs. Claus?



Sarah Webb spends some time with Santa at The Riverside Children's Theatre's 16th annual Festival of Trees. See additional photos page B1.

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### A note of thanks

The Korean War Veterans chapter 106 Port St. Lucie, wishes to thank all the veterans and their families and friends who attended the ceremony held by the United Veterans of Port St. Lucie on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11th at 11 a.m. Veterans Memorial park to remember all the brave men and women who have served to defend our country.

Also, thank you to the J.R.O.T.C. from Centennial H.S., Treasure Coast H.S., Port St. Lucie H.S. who served as color guards, and, Ron Kneppshield as Officer of the day.

We were honored to have as guest speakers, Master Sgt. Catherine LaValle, retired U.S. Air Force, American Legion Post 355, Lou DeBlasio, KWVA Assoc., retired U.S. Navy, Colonel Charles J. Winn, retired U.S. Army.

And, a special thank you to our wonderful Port St. Lucie Concert Band, under the direction of John Southall, and Maggie Casterlin, of St. Lucie Medical Center for singing "God Bless America."

Thank you for remembering the Veterans of all wars and all of our Fallen Heroes.

### Website mess

The health care website mess and the confusing health plan offerings are perfect reasons for less government. Until we begin to elect proven business professionals who can effectively operate an organization and make prudent decisions, and dismiss lawyers and life-long politicians, we are doomed.

### Plenty of candy for teens

In response to the rant about not wanting the older children to Trick-or-Treat at his/her house: Seriously, these children could be out doing drugs, getting drunk, having premarital sex, instead, they are asking for a lousy piece of candy. I say if you are old, young or just young at heart, come to my house there is candy for everyone!

### Snowbird love

Granted, the "Snowbirds" make us year round residents crazy. Granted the traffic gets unbearable when they arrive and it is almost impossible to get into a restaurant or find a decent parking space. However, please consider that they do support our economy and without them our state would suffer. We do not pay city or state income taxes, our sales tax is much lower than in other states and they pay property taxes for year round use and are only here for part of the year. I have been a full time resident of Florida for more than 20 years. Let's face it, the summers are brutal and the winters are fabulous. I say, even the birds know enough to get out when it's hot and come back when it's cold up north. Are we all jealous that they can afford the luxury we would love to have? Or are they and the birds smarter than we are?

### Food stamp cost

The cost of food stamps has grown 258 percent since 2000, largely because of relaxed eligibility rules issued by Obama administration. This is fiscally untenable. More importantly, our dependence on government to give money to the poor reduces our responsibility to giving. We are allowing bureaucrats to take our tax money to let us off the hook morally. Not a positive trend.

### Whose laws do we obey?

We are told Obamacare is the law of the land and, therefore, must be implemented, funded and enforced. On the other hand, the president has done everything he can to dismantle and discourage enforcement of our immigration laws. Are his laws the only ones we must obey?

### Do they really care?

Government agencies do not care about the children. We call them about abuse in the home and they go in and question the child in front of the child that is being abused. Don't they know better?

Once the agency leaves, the child is then subjected to abuse again. Why would you question a child in front of their abusers? It's no wonder people don't trust them. If a child is stabbing themselves with a pencil or cutting themselves and hurting animals, there is something going on in the home. The workers need to listen to the child, not the parent. That's why there is so much violence in the world. There is raping and killing, and we wonder why this kind of thing goes on.

And all the agency does is give the parent an anger management course. That's not going to help these poor children.

### We need help

I'm trying to raise my grandchildren on disability. The runaround that people get when they apply for government assistance is horrible.

The economy is poor and so are the people who are trying to survive. The government makes trying to get by nearly impossible.

### Clean up after your dog

I quote from a page of a page-a-day calendar if only to show that I'm not the only one who feels this way: "Dog poop is the curse of our age, the symbol of all that is wrong with our modern society, the carelessness, the selfishness, the lack of individual responsibility."

I'm not too crazy about dog urine, either. Even those who pick up seem to have no qualms about the urine. It's my yard. I work in it, not being able to afford yard maintenance, and thinking a dog might have been there makes me uncomfortable. Why can't dogs use their own yard?

### Tired of messy neighbors

I have a problem with the outrageous behavior of my neighbor. I went to the county zoning committee. They told me it was illegal to rent a room in the county in a residential neighborhood, yet there were 15 rooms for rent in the paper today. What do I have to do? It is constant party time at my neighbor's house and the yard is a mess.

### More on computers

It is my choice not to own a computer. It is also my choice not to be a patron of a business that gives an e-mail address as its only form of contact.

### 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 am 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.

### Living next to a dump

I have a neighbor who has four unregistered cars on his property that he fills with junk. For me, it's like living next to a dump. Why won't code enforcement do something about it? I have complained, yet nothing has happened.

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# Business

## Department stores to host Black Friday sale

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TREASURE COAST — Bealls Florida Department Stores announces the Biggest Black Friday Sale in the company's 99-year history. It all starts at 8 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. The combination of special pricing and epic give-aways makes Bealls the best place for Black Friday shopping in Florida.

The Black Friday features amazing sale prices on more than 500 Beall Ringers starting at 8 p.m. Thanksgiving evening and running until Friday, at 1p.m.

A few of these specials include: \$9.99 Reel Legends Fleece for the family, 50 percent off all toys, \$19.99 fashion

boots and 60 percent off Christmas Décor.

Plus, Bealls is also offering significant savings Florida-right items, like \$14.99 Salt Life Tees, 50 percent off PGA Tour Golfwear and \$10 off Crocs for adults.

"We have gone all out to completely reinvent our Black Friday Sale. Our Beall Ringers are our best ever and our three our give-a-ways really add to the excitement," noted Lorna Nagler, President of Bealls Department Stores.

In addition Bealls has announced three contest give-a-ways at three different times.

Bealls will start the Black Friday sale festivities by providing a Scratch-off card to the first 100 customers at each

Bealls Department Store. Scratch-off prizes include an iPad Mini, \$100 Bealls Gift Card or \$5 Bealls Bucks. There will be one iPad mini winner and one \$100 Bealls Gift Card winner at each store.

At 11p.m., Bealls will feature a \$20,000 school Giveaway. Shoppers wanting to nominate their school, including public, nonprofit, charter, and private schools located in and licensed by the state, can get it line at their local Bealls store starting at 11p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28. Each store will hand out 500 ballots between 11p.m. and midnight.

At 7a.m. on Friday, the fun continues into Friday with a chance to win a Bealls Lifetime discount of 20 percent off. Customers wanting to

register can get it line at their local Bealls store starting at 7a.m. on Friday, Nov. 29. Each store will hand out 200 ballots between 7 and 8 a.m. To enter, you must be 18 or older and have a valid I.D. The winner in each store will be drawn shortly after 8 a.m. and must be present to win.

In addition, BeallsFlorida.com will have the 500 Beall Ringers available for shopping all day on Thanksgiving. Shoppers will enjoy free shipping on any order of \$50 or more and special coupons available only on Bealls Florida.com.

For Black Friday event details and official rules, to locate a Bealls Department Store or to shop online, visit [www.BeallsFlorida.com](http://www.BeallsFlorida.com).

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## Nonprofit announces inaugural service award

For Hometown News  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Homeless Family Center announced that this year's inaugural honoree of the Hope through Service Award is Richard "Dick" Stark.

Mr. Stark's longtime passion to help end homelessness was a catalyst in the creation of the Homeless Family Center, where the Stark Family wing exists and houses half of the families. He has inspired many to support the mission of the Homeless Family Center and the many families that we serve.

Mr. Stark will be prevented

with the award on Dec. 10, at a luncheon to be held for his family and friends.

The Hope through Service Award is presented to an individual or group on the Treasure Coast who has been instrumental in assisting the Homeless Family Center achieve their mission to provide opportunities for homeless families to end homelessness by achieving self-sufficiency through education, living wages and permanent housing.

To learn more about the Homeless Family Center, please call 772 567-5537 or visit [www.HomelessFamilyCenter.com](http://www.HomelessFamilyCenter.com)



From left: Dan Kross, Homeless Family Center board member; Roger Sobkowiak, HFC board president; Richard "Dick" Stark, Hope through Service Award honoree; Frank Fagan and Mike Catanzaro, HFC advisory council members.

Photo courtesy of Homeless Family Center

## Jobs

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area employers and community partners.

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For more information, call, (866) 4U2-HIRE or visit [www.YourWorkforceSolutions.com](http://www.YourWorkforceSolutions.com).

## Compute

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address will appear in the status bar!

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you that you have a message waiting, or your system is not secure, take a look at the status bar as you hold your mouse button over the message's "Close" button; does an address appear in the status bar? If it does, you're looking at an ad, and feel free to click if

you want to look at an ad. Or, you could do what I do and grit my teeth and ignore it.

Sean McCarthy fixes computers. He can be reached at (772) 408-0680 or help@ComputeThisOnline.com (No Hyphens!)

## Rants

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How can the city expect more businesses to come to the area when it looks like a dump?

### From the perspective of a snowbird

I am writing this in response to a letter I read from someone complaining about us snowbirds. It struck a nerve with me because I recently had a run in at the grocery store checkout line with someone who had similar feelings. I said some things out of frustration that I was not very proud of, however, I am tired of having to defend being a snowbird.

Over the past 15 years I have been lucky enough to winter in Florida. I consider Florida to be home to me, as well as my home up north. I realize it is a blessing to have two homes, and I am grateful, but I don't understand why I need to apologize for it. I can't speak for all people, but this idea that snowbirds think they are better is just not true. There are arrogant people everywhere, whether they are

snowbirds, full-time residents, on vacation, or just passing through. A rude person will be a rude person no matter where they are from, where they live or how long they stay in one particular place.

Furthermore, whether people like to admit it or not, snowbirds and tourists bring revenue to Florida. I don't come here for free. I pay my property taxes, shop at local businesses, bought my car here, and I am not the only one. I come from a tourist town up north and understand what it feels like to have to deal with heavy traffic during certain seasons and events. Yes, it can be frustrating, but many of our local businesses rely on these people to get them through their slow season as well. Do I get angry when I am driving behind someone who doesn't know the area and may find themselves in the wrong lane? Yes. But there are some horrible drivers who live there all year long as well.

There was a gentleman who recently told me to let him know when I was going back to Massachusetts so that I could take some people with me. Maybe he was just having a bad day, I know his comment made me

speak out of frustration, but no one deserves to be made to feel that they are not welcome. I am such a horrible person because I only live here 7 months out of the year? Do snowbirds cause you so many problems that you have to make a rude comment to an 80 year old widow at the grocery store? Should people in Massachusetts be equally as rude to me when I am there because I don't live there all year?

One thing I love about coming to my Florida home is how kind and accommodating most of the stores and restaurants are to people my age. I am grateful for these people. It takes so little to be friendly and kind to people and it goes a long way. Truthfully, there are so many more nice people than there are mean, but the mean ones, unfortunately, are so hurtful.

Maybe traffic is a little heavier when I am here, or you may have to wait a little longer at your favorite restaurant, but this is my home, too, and I shouldn't have to feel bad about that. It is hurtful to hear, "I hate when the snowbirds are here," or "go home snowbirds." Sorry to disappoint you, I am home.

-Clara the Snowbird

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### Out & about

THROUGH SATURDAY, NOV. 30

• **'Back in Black' adoption event:** HALO animal rescue, 710 Jackson Street, Sebastian is offering 50 percent off adoption fees for all black dogs and cats through the end of November. For more information, call (772) 589-7297 or visit [www.haloescue-fl.org](http://www.haloescue-fl.org).

• **Holidays for Heroes drive:** The Victory Center Military Store, Indian River Mall, Vero Beach, times vary. The Military Moms Prayer Group is organizing the eighth annual drive to spread Christmas cheer to troops overseas. Donations requested. Website: [www.military-momsprayergroup.com](http://www.military-momsprayergroup.com).

FRIDAY, NOV. 29

• **Christmas in Downtown:** Downtown Friday in Vero Beach, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Swing band, food and drinks, activities for children, plus Santa. Featured charity is the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

• **Navy SEAL-style bridge challenge:** 10 a.m., Merrill P. Barber Bridge, Vero Beach. Two racers compete at a time on physically and mentally challenging parallel courses on the bridge. The entry fee is \$85 and the challenge is limited to 50 people, based on the fact that only two people can compete at the same time. All contestants in the challenge will receive a Navy SEAL Museum T-shirt and commemorative coin. The top three challenge finishers will receive a trophy, and the winner's name will be engraved on the Bridge Challenge trophy which will be on display at the museum. Spectators are welcome. For more information about the challenge or the museum, call (772) 595-5845 or visit [www.navysealmuseum.com](http://www.navysealmuseum.com).

• **Concert,** Sebastian Elks Lodge, Sebastian, 6 p.m. "The Dukes of Doo Wop" will sing the music of the 1950s, 1960s and 9170s. Bring your own snacks. Cost: \$7.50 per person. Contact phone number: (772) 589-1516.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30 – SUNDAY, DEC. 1

• **'Art for Animals' art show and sale:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County, 6230 77th Street, Vero Beach. Mixed media, paintings, drawings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, needlework, photography, digital art on display as a benefit for the animals of Indian River County. Open to the public and free to attend. For more See **OUT, B2**

## Christmas kickoff to include live music

By Jessica Creagan  
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VERO BEACH — The line-up of activities and entertainment for this year's city Christmas festivities is sure to make this year's celebration an extravaganza.

The countdown to Christmas will start off with a bang during the Holiday Rec Party and Holiday Rec Run 3296-GO! event on Dec. 6 from 5:30-9 p.m. at Royal Palm Pointe in Vero Beach.

A new group added to the live music program is the Vero Beach Saxophone Ensemble. The ensemble is made up for 12 young men and women from 14 to 18 that play in the Fighting Indians Marching Band. The students will play a 30-



Photo courtesy of Bev Paris

The Vero Beach Saxophone Ensemble will perform a 30-minute musical set at the Holiday Rec Party at Royal Palm Pointe on Dec. 6. The Christmas party will include live music, food vendors, a holiday boat parade, children's activities, a Santa Claus meet and greet and a lot more.

minute set during the festivities, creating familiar melodies with their saxophones, which range in size from the small soprano saxophones, to the behemoth-sized baritone See **MUSIC, B2**

## Joy on the Treasure Coast



Left: Tara Dickenson admires a star ornament on one of the trees at the Festival of Trees Friday at the Riverside Children's Theatre. Below: Rudy Turco watches the model trains ride the rails in the Gingerbread Village.

Cliff Partlow staff photographer

The Riverside Children's Theatre held its 16th annual Festival of Trees Nov. 22-24. Fifty decorated trees, a gingerbread village and a country store helped bring the holidays to life. Proceeds from the event, help fund education programs at the theatre. For more information, call (772) 234-8052 or visit [riversidetheatre.com](http://riversidetheatre.com).



## Elks collecting toys

For Hometown News  
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

SEBASTIAN — The ELDOES of Sebastian Elks Lodge 2714 will be holding their annual "Toys For Tots" Christmas Dinner and Dance on Dec. 14.

The festivities start with cocktails at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Dinner will include salad, ham, potatoes, a vegetable and dessert. Little Debbi will be providing the music and Santa Claus will be there,

as well. Please bring an unwrapped toy(s) for a needy children in the community.

The Indian River County representatives for "Toys For Tots," Pete Sayles, Mike Bodnar, and Ernie Miller will be attending, as they have in the past, to collect the toys.

Come to the dinner and dance, bring toys to help bring joy to the children this Christmas season,

and meet these gentlemen who do such a great job for the children.

Tickets are available for \$15 per person in the Elks lounge located at 731 Fleming St., Monday-Saturday, after 3 p.m.

The proceeds of this event, just like all of the charity events of the

Sebastian Elks Lodge, will go to the many Elk's charities such as the Children's Therapy Services, the Youth Camp in Umatilla, local scholarships and to support several other youth activities.

For more information, call (772) 589-1516.



Week of 11-29-2013

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Participate in something new and interesting this week, Aries. The perfect activity will present itself in the next few weeks, so be sure to keep your eyes open.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, delay any upcoming shopping excursions for the time being. Your coffers are getting a bit sparse, and you need to conserve the rest of your funds.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Listen to advice this week, Gemini. Loved ones only want to help and provide support, so keep that in mind when those closest to you offer some guidance.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, your suspicions may be aroused by someone who has been paying more attention to you than normal. It could be something completely innocent, but right now you're not sure.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Every day is a learning process, Leo. You will find that there are a number of new ideas swirling around in your head, and if you pin one down, you may be on to something.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Your colleagues at work may be making things difficult, Virgo, but there is nothing you can do about it right now. Just work your hardest, and things will turn out for the best.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, prepare to juggle multiple responsibilities in the coming days. Be ready to multi-task and expect to be pulled in multiple directions.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, a small misunderstanding turns into a larger battle this week. But you have the power to put the flames out quickly by keeping a cool head.

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# Musical taking Sunrise Theatre stage Nov. 29

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

FORT PIERCE — Hello, Dolly! Starring Emmy award winning, Sally Struthers, will be on the Historic Sunrise Theatre stage, Friday, Nov. 29 at 8 p.m.  
Hello, Dolly! is a delectable

treat for the whole family, filled with some of musical theatre's all-time greatest show-stoppers. Winner of 10 Tony Awards including Best Musical, Hello, Dolly! is one of the most enduring Broadway classics.

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Family, Gilmore Girls) stars as the strong-willed matchmaker Dolly, as she travels to Yonkers, New York to find a match for the ornery "well-known, unmarried half-a-millionaire," Horace Vandergelder.

Featuring an irresistible story and an unforgettable

score including the title song, Put on Your Sunday Clothes, It Only Takes A Moment, and the show-stopping Before the Parade Passes By, Hello, Dolly! has been charming audiences around the world for nearly fifty years. Hello, Dolly! is sparkling, dazzling, and

delightful, one musical that you cannot miss!

Hello, Dolly! is one of the must see shows of this season. It wins a thunderous standing ovation at curtain call...run do not walk to the box office!"

For tickets to the Hello, Dolly!, priced at \$69/79 call

the Box Office at 772-461-4775 or visit [www.SunriseTheatre.com](http://www.SunriseTheatre.com).

The Sunrise Theatre is located at 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. For Tickets and Membership Information, call t(772) 461-4775 or online at [www.SunriseTheatre.com](http://www.SunriseTheatre.com).



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## Music

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saxophones.

This year, Vero Beach's normal Christmas tree lighting and party has been expanded and taken over by business men and women and community leaders to help highlight the recreation department and to raise funds for the support and maintenance of The Fountains at Royal Palm Pointe.

With the money raised by sponsors and donations, the

child-friendly fountains will soon be open year-round on Sundays for families to enjoy, said Bev Paris, one of the event coordinators.

There will be plenty of things to do for all ages, with food vendors, beer gardens, art auctions, puppet shows, bounces houses, face painting, children's crafts, a boat parade and more, Ms. Paris said.

Other musical performers will include Old Barber Bridge, the Rip Tides and the Indian River Charter High School's Diversified Chorus.

The Vero Beach Theatre Guild's program Guild-on-the-Go will also perform during the evening.

The Holiday Rec Run will kick off at 6 p.m. The race is the first known night run in the city, said John Sammartano of JAS Fitness, who is also helping to coordinate the race.

The two-mile run will begin at the entrance to Royal Palm Pointe on the corner of Indian River Boulevard and will proceed through Vero Isles, down to Young Park and then back to

Royal Palm Pointe. The first 150 runners will be given an event T-shirt and other goodies, including a glow stick or glow in the dark necklace, bracelet or headband to wear during their run.

The entry fee is \$25 in advance or \$30 on race day. Participants younger than 18 will need a parent signature to be allowed to run.

For an event schedule or more information about the Holiday Rec Party and the Holiday Rec Run 3296-GO!, visit [www.covb.org](http://www.covb.org).

## Out

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

THROUGH SUNDAY, DEC. 1

• **The Vero Beach Theatre Guild presents "Into the Woods,"** times vary. An engaging Broadway musical about a man and his wife who have been cursed with childlessness and are trying to break the curse. Cost: \$22 or \$24 per person, season tickets available. Website: [www.vero-beachtheatreguild.com](http://www.vero-beachtheatreguild.com).

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

• **Theatre-Go-Round presents "From Sea to Shining Sea,"** 14th Avenue Steakhouse, Vero Beach, 12:30 p.m. A matinee dinner theater production including a patriotic parade of American songs. Cost: \$45. Website: [www.theatregorounddinnertheatre.com](http://www.theatregorounddinnertheatre.com).

THROUGH DEC. 17

• **Dasie Bakers benefit:** Annual holiday bake sale, offering fresh homemade red velvet cake, carrot cake, rum cake, pound cake and lemon cake, prepared by Dasie Bakers, made to order. Fundraiser for programs at the Dasie Hope Center (8445 64th Ave., Wabasso). For more information or to order, call (772) 589-3535 or visit [www.dasihope.org](http://www.dasihope.org).

MONDAY, DEC. 2

• **Concert,** The Plaza, Vero Beach, A fundraising concert featuring Jason Vieaux and benefitting SunUp ARC. Meet & greet from 6-6:30 p.m. with champagne and wine. Show starts at 6:30 p.m., with brief intermission with hors d'oeuvres and wine at 7:15 p.m. Advance tickets are \$70 per person, or four for \$250. Tickets are \$80 per person at the door. For more information, call Noreen Davis at (772) 562-6854, Ext. 228. Website: [www.sunuparc.org](http://www.sunuparc.org).

• **Book Review Breakfast:** Discussing Les Standiford's "The Last Train to Paradise," about the construction and destruction of Flagler's Key West Railroad. Hosted by American Association of University Women at the Richardson Center, Indian River State College's Mueller Campus in Vero Beach. Starts at 9:30 a.m. Free. Public is welcome, no reservations required. Continental breakfast served on the veranda; book review begins at 10 a.m. For more information, call president Carole Strauss at (772) 532-4712 or visit [aauwverobeach.org](http://aauwverobeach.org).

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

• **Surf Fishing Workshop:** 1-3 p.m., Sebastian Inlet State Park. Designed to introduce anglers to the basics of surf

fishing. Discussion focuses on the equipment needed for a productive surf fishing day at the beach. Meet at the Sebastian Fishing Museum. Regular park entry fees apply. For more information, visit <http://www.floridastateparks.org/sebastianinlet/events.cfm>.

• **Holidays for Heroes drive boxing,** Barker Air Conditioning and Heating, Vero Beach, 9 a.m. The donated items for the holiday drive for the troops will be boxed. Cost: Donations requested. Website: [www.militarymomsprayergroup.com](http://www.militarymomsprayergroup.com).

• **Lowering Cholesterol - Get the Facts!** Free workshop. 6-7 p.m., Alternative Medicine Family Care Center, 3408 Aviation Blvd., Vero Beach. Natural suggestions for high blood pressure, thyroid imbalances, muscle pain, fatigue, hormonal imbalances, low energy, more. For more information, visit [www.AMFCC.info](http://www.AMFCC.info).

TUESDAY, DEC. 3 - FRIDAY, JAN. 3

• **'Our Beautiful Waters' exhibit:** An invitational exhibit to benefit the Environmental Learning Center, hosted at Gallery 14, 1911 14th Ave., Vero Beach. Reception will be held Friday, Dec. 6, from 5-8 p.m. The Last Call reception

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# Smiles and thrills at the festival



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

**Above:** Eight-year-olds Ali Tomaso, left and Arianna Liebman, took a wild ride the giant swing called 'Vertigo' Saturday. **Right:** This foursome got the ride of their lives on the 'Octreme' Saturday during the 49th annual St. Helen's Harvest Festival.

The St. Helen's Harvest Festival kicked off its 49th year Friday evening with a better than expected crowd. Thursday night's cancellation due to rain was just a bump in the road after record crowds filled Historic Dodgertown on Saturday. Organizers expect to bring in close to \$30,000 during the four-day event. For more information call (772) 567-5129.



# Center to host winter celebration

**For Hometown News**  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY —The Environmental Learning Center is holding its second annual Winter Green Celebration from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14.

The event will be full of activities for all ages. Visitors may paddle a canoe through the mangrove trails dripping with twinkling holiday lights. They can stroll along

Indian River County's first and only StoryWalk, a trail lined with pages from a children's storybook about a young boy spending winter in Florida. There will be a high tech, geocaching treasure hunt with the help of Global Positioning System units. Plus, children can create and take home a holiday ornament made from recycled materials. Visitors won't want to miss the stunning illumination of the native

plant garden. The Discovery Station filled with environmental exhibits, aquariums, and Touch Tank, will be open, too.

Christmas caroling will be provided by the Osceola Singers from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m., Beachland Shark Singers from 6:30- 7:15 pm, and the Sebastian River Middle School Madrigal Choir from 7:30- 8 p.m. And, of course, Santa will make an appearance.

Winter Green Night Lights is free with paid general admission which is \$5 per person. Children 12 and under are free, and ELC members receive free admission year-round. Parking is free.

ELC's gift shop is extending its hours during the WinterGreen event to remain open for shopping. The shop proudly sells eco-friendly merchandise many of which are made in the

USA. Jewelry, books, unusual lamps, beach toys for children, hostess gifts, and eco-games fill this all volunteer run gift shop. Proceeds from the sales support the many educational programs conducted for children and people of all ages at the ELC.

The Environmental Learning Center is located north of Vero Beach off County Road 510 at the

western end of the Wabasso Bridge. Its campus includes exhibit areas, native plant gardens, picnic facilities, gift shop, and visitor center. ELC membership benefits, a list of its many ecology adventures about the Indian River Lagoon including nature walks, canoe excursions, and boating adventures can be found at [www.DiscoverELC.org](http://www.DiscoverELC.org).

## Out

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will be held Friday, Jan. 3, from 5-8 p.m. For more information, visit [www.gallery14verobeach.com](http://www.gallery14verobeach.com).

### THURSDAY, DEC. 5

• **Tree of Lights ceremony:** 6 p.m., on the grounds of Indian River Medical Center. Celebrates the holidays and raises money for equipment and education programs for the Women's Health Care team. Donations may be made from \$5 to \$500 for a light for the tree, in honor or in memory of a relative or friend. There will be refreshments in the Ambulatory Services Center lobby following the tree lighting. For more information, call (772) 567-4311, Ext. 1133.

• **Toy Drive:** Hosted by Groza Builders Inc. at Cork and Tapas Wine Bar, 2101 Indian River Blvd., Vero Beach, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Benefits Homeless Family Center. Bring a new, unwrapped toy or nonperishable food item. RSVP appreciated; call or text Trish at (772) 812-4396.

• **Send Our Soldiers Cookies meeting:** Special meeting at 3 p.m., Old Roseland Fire Department, 8025 129th Court, Roseland. We will be sending mugs for hot chocolate, candy canes, Christmas M&Ms and candy, and lots of homemade cookies. For more information, call (772) 388-5920.

• **Florida Humanities Series lecture,** The Emerson Center, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. Featuring Florida's troubadour and guitarist, Dan Crider and his presentation, "Sing the Wild Things." Free. Website: [www.theemersoncenter.org](http://www.theemersoncenter.org).

• **Art of Networking,** Vero Outlet Mall, Vero Beach, 5 p.m. A holiday-themed networking

event. Cost to be announced. Website: [www.cultural-council.org](http://www.cultural-council.org).

• **'Soup Bowl' lunch:** 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., the Law Firm of Rossway Moore Swan, Vero Beach. Benefits the Samaritan Center for Homeless Families. The idea is that individuals pass on the elaborate meal they would normally enjoy and have soup and bread - then donate what they saved on the meal to help the Samaritan Center. A variety of soups will be available for \$5 per bowl, all homemade by employees of the law firm. Included in the price are drinks and desserts as well as breads. There will also be a large assortment of handmade pottery bowls made by local artists available for sale for \$10 each. The event will take place at the Rossway Moore Swan office building located at 2101 Indian River Blvd., Suite 200 in Vero Beach. For more information about the event, call (772) 231-4440 or visit [www.verobeachlawyers.com](http://www.verobeachlawyers.com).

### THURSDAY, DEC. 5 – SUNDAY, DEC. 8

• **Christmas open house,** The Bensen House, Grant, 10 a.m. The Grant Historical Society will have open house hours at the historic Bensen House. Cost to be announced. For more information, call (321) 723-8543.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 5 – SATURDAY, DEC. 14

• **Theater,** The Charter Dome, Indian River Charter High School, Vero Beach, times vary. The Indian River Charter High School presents Timberlake Wertenbaker's "Our Country's Good," on select dates. Cost: \$10 per person. Website: [www.irchsththeatre.org](http://www.irchsththeatre.org).

### FRIDAY, DEC. 6

• **Community holiday party,** 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Vero Beach Community Center, Vero Beach. The City of Vero Beach recreation department will host a community holiday party with food, entertainment, dancing and door prizes. Tickets are \$8 per person and should be purchased by Dec. 3 at the Community Center. Catered by Bob Evans restaurant, music performed by Kent Brown for listening and dancing. Website: [www.covb.org](http://www.covb.org).

• **Holiday Rec Run 3296-GO,** Royal Palm Pointe, Vero Beach, 6 p.m. The city's first 'night' run, a two-mile sprint race, begins at Royal Palm Pointe and Indian River Boulevard. Funds raised at the event will go directly to the maintenance of the Royal Palm Pointe Fountain. The run will be held in conjunction with the city's annual community holiday party. Cost: To be announced. Website: [www.covb.org](http://www.covb.org).

• **Holiday Rec Party:** 5:30 p.m., Royal Palm Pointe, Vero Beach. Live music, live auctions, tree lighting and visits with Santa, Vero Beach boat parade, plus performances by the Gifford Youth Orchestra and Indian River Charter High School's Diversified Chorus, more. For more information, visit [www.covb.org](http://www.covb.org).

• **'Purrr-fect show:'** Cat related artwork by Flametree residents and other area clay artists will be the focus of this show. Opening reception is 5-8 p.m., Dec. 6, at Flametree Clay Art Gallery, 2041 14th Ave., Vero Beach. Show continues through Dec. 31 during regular hours, Wednesday through Saturday, from noon to 5 p.m. A portion of the sales from the show benefits "The Cats Meow Rescue and Adoption Center," 126 43rd Avenue, founded by Barbara Eakins, run by a

handful of dedicated volunteers and currently funded by Barbara, individual donations and a few local businesses. For more information, call (772) 202-2810 or visit [www.flametreeclay.com](http://www.flametreeclay.com).

• **Christmas ball,** Vero Beach Community Center, Vero Beach, 7:30 p.m. Specialty Friday night dance party. Cost: \$10. Website: [www.covb.org](http://www.covb.org).

• **Sunrise Theatre presents, "Sounds of the Season,"** Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 7 p.m. Cost: Free. Website: [www.sunrisetheatre.com](http://www.sunrisetheatre.com).

### FRIDAY, DEC. 6 – SATURDAY, DEC. 7

• **Riverside Theatre presents "The Comedy Zone,"** Waxlax Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Featuring Carmen Morales and Mike Sicoe. Cost: \$15 for show only, \$25 for show and food voucher. Website: [www.riversidetheatre.com](http://www.riversidetheatre.com).

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## Scopes

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### SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Sagittarius, you are having so much fun lately that it almost seems like life is a game. Just don't get so caught up in the good times that you overlook your responsibilities.

### CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, you usually take

your responsibilities quite seriously, and that is often for the best. Just be sure to let your hair down sometimes and have a little fun.

### AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, some irregularities have begun to pop up of late. It is not up to you to figure out what is going on, though. Others will discover the truth.

### PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Pisces, your head may be in

the clouds, but it is quite comfortable up there. Just don't linger up there too long.

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# Home for the holidays

Hi everybody!

With the holidays rapidly approaching, soon one of the most popular plants on earth will be available for sale. The plant I am referring to is the colorful Poinsettia plant. These beautiful plants are most commonly known for their red color but they also can come in many other colors such as white, pink and some can even be multi-colored.

Since most retailers offer mass displays of these gems, you will have an almost unlimited choice of which plants you will want to bring home. As beautiful as these plants are, they are also very fragile and you must handle them gently or the delicate branches will break and fall off. During my lifetime, I have unpacked and displayed no

less than 100,000 of these beauties and I still do not tire of their delicate appearance.

Poinsettias have an interesting history that dates back to the 14th century. In fact, during the period from the 14th to the 16th century, the Aztec Indians called Poinsettias "Cuetlaxochitl" and they used the sap to control fevers and the leaves, or bracts, were used to produce a red dye. The actual botanical name for the Poinsettia was named by the German botanist Wilenow and he called it Euphorbia Pulcherria. He first discovered the plant growing through a crack in his greenhouse and he was so amazed at the color of the plant that he gave it that name which means "very beautiful."

For many years and in fact still today, many people



**GARDEN NOOK**  
JOE ZELENAK

believe that poinsettias are poisonous. The truth is that they are not. It is true, however, that some people are allergic to the white sap of the plant and skin irritation can develop. If you are one of those people with sensitive skin, you should handle the plants with care.

For a retailer during the holiday season, having a fresh batch of Poinsettias is like a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. These wonderful plants create an eye-catching display that will certainly draw a crowd. So, with all these choices, how do I pick that perfect plant? The first thing you want to look for are plants

that have been removed from their sleeves. Many retailers will display the plant with the sleeve intact and if the plant sits on the shelf too long, this can cause the leaves to yellow and drop and eventually, the plant may die. It is much better to choose plants that have been removed from their sleeves. If you do choose a plant that is sleeved, remove the plastic as soon as you get the plant home. The next thing you want to look for are plants that have little or no pollen showing on the flower clusters. This is a good indicator of the maturity of the flower bracts. You should always choose plants that have a lush, green color to their foliage and have a good healthy appearance. Avoid plants that look droopy or have yellowing leaves. While choosing your plants,

handle the plants carefully so as not to break the adjoining plants so everybody can have a chance at getting a prime looking plant.

Once you have chosen your gem and you have your plant in its new home, some standard TLC will ensure that you get a long lifespan from your new houseguest. If you are keeping your plant indoors and it is not near a good light source, occasionally put it in a sunny location so it can get the light it needs to maintain a healthy look. If the plant starts to drop leaves excessively, it is probably not getting enough bright light and you will need to move it. Always keep your plant away from cold drafts and low temperatures. Poinsettias will not do well if the temperatures drop below 45. You should also check your plants for soil

moisture daily and be sure your plant has good drainage and does not sit in standing water. Keep the plant evenly moist but not soaking wet.

If you follow these simple tips, you should be able to enjoy your plants through the entire holiday season. After the holidays are over, you can plant them outdoors in a protected location, such as under a tree, and you can enjoy them year after year!

That's all for this week's column and I hope you enjoyed it. I will see you next week with more great garden tips and solutions. See you then!

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# Thrift shops holding holiday kickoff sale

For Hometown News  
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VERO BEACH —The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County's two thrift shops are

holding their annual Holiday Kickoff Sale on Nov. 29-30.

Whether you decide to stop by the Vero Beach thrift shop, the Sebastian thrift shop, or both, there will be

plenty of fabulous items for sale. The shelter's thrift shops carry a large assortment of new and gently used furniture, jewelry, clothing, books, toys and household goods. A number

of items set for sale are brand new.

The event is set for Nov. 29, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and Nov. 30 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Humane Society's Vero Beach Thrift Shop is located

at 4445 20th St., Vero Beach and the Sebastian Thrift Shop is at 441 Sebastian Blvd. (CR 512).

The shelter's thrift stores are also seeking volunteers as well as new or gently used

donated items.

*For more information, call the Humane Society's Vero Beach Thrift Shop at (772) 567-2044 or the Sebastian Thrift Shop at (772) 388-0323.*

# Christmas Tree Lane returns Dec. 7

For Hometown News  
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VERO BEACH —Christmas Tree Lane returns Saturday morning, Dec. 7, to the First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach.

Christmas Tree Lane, a

tradition since 1954, is full of opportunities for Christmas shopping and best of all, all proceeds benefit local charities and PW missions.

According to Joan Irvine, chairwoman, the bazaar will include a number of

specialty shops. The Unique Boutique, one of the event's most popular, features a wealth of new and gently used personal, household, and gift items. The Handmade Treasures shop offers one-of-a-kind children's clothing, table linens, note cards, hand-knitted articles, ensembles that fit American Girl dolls, and other hand-fashioned delights. The Artisans Gallery will feature seven artists, including Beach Beads jewelry by

Alice McKenna, pottery by Valerie Risher, oil paintings by Jen Craig, pen and ink animal print notecards by Lisa Hanlin, watercolors by Betty Wade, wood sculptures by Steven Franek, and handcrafted glass creations by Bobbie Manus, the Glassy Lady of West Palm Beach.

Those who attend will be able to satisfy their sweet tooth at Gourmet Goodies, stocked with fresh pecans and custom treats, and buy

freshly baked Cookies by the Pound, a PW tradition for 60 years. A new shop this year is the Bargain Boutique where all items cost a dollar or less.

Culinary Capers will cater the festive, ladies only holiday luncheon with door prizes galore. The menu includes tuna and chicken salads, cottage cheese with fresh fruit, orange blossom muffins, and their signature Fruits of the Forest pie for dessert. The luncheon fea-

tures entertainment by Jacob Craig, Director of Music and Arts, and door prizes galore.

Cost for lunch is just \$20 per person; reservations are due Dec. 4.

First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach is located at 520 Royal Palm Blvd., Vero Beach.

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## Out

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**FRIDAY, DEC. 6 – SUNDAY, DEC. 8**

• **Treasure Coast Community Singers concert:** Three performances: at 7 p.m., Dec. 6, and at 3 p.m. on both Dec. 7 and Dec. 8, at North Stuart Baptist Church, 1950 N. Federal Highway, Stuart. Theme is 'Home for the Holidays.' Adult tickets are \$10 for Dec. 6, and \$15 for Dec. 7 and Dec. 8. Tickets are available through the church two weeks prior to a concert or online at tccsingers.org.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7**

• **Christmas Tree Lane:** A Vero Beach tradition since 1954. Held at First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach, 520 Royal Palm Blvd., Vero Beach, with many specialty shops featuring edible treats, art and gift ideas. Features a ladies-

only catered holiday luncheon with entertainment and door prizes – reservations (\$20) must be made by Dec. 4. For more information, call (772) 562-9088 or email pwvero@gmail.com.

• **Christmas concert,** The Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. The concert will feature opera singer Deborah Voigt with the Vero Beach High School Orchestra and Chorus. Cost: \$30, \$40, \$50 or \$100 per person. Website: www.verobeachopera.org.

• **Family Holiday Fest,** Riverside Park, Vero Beach, 11 a.m. The Literacy Services of Indian River County present a day of family-friendly holiday entertainment including bounce houses, face painting, crafts, music, silent auction and more. Cost: \$5 per child, \$15 maximum per family. Free if just listening to the entertainment and shopping. Website: www.literacyservice-sirc.org.

• **Holiday round robin tennis mixer,** Riverside Racquet Complex, Vero Beach,

time to be announced. Doubles strategy with tennis pro Woody Barrie. Cost: \$11 for members, \$13 for non-members. Website: www.covb.org.

• **Art trail,** locations and times vary. Annual tour of artist studios and homes around Vero Beach for an up close look at the artists in their studios. This is a ticketed event, for \$25. Tickets may be purchased at the Vero Beach Art Club office. Proceeds go to the Vero Beach Art Club scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors. Website: www.verobeachartclub.org.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7 – SUNDAY, DEC. 8**

• **RWA Christmas House Tour:** Republican Women Aware is showcasing a mansion at Grand Harbor in St. Andrews Island, turned into an elegant, festive wonderland by local businesses and designers. The tour is open to the public for Dec. 7 and Dec. 8, from noon to 5 p.m. Ticket sale proceeds from these tours will

be donated to eight local charities – Boys & Girls Club, Camp Haven, CASTLE, Hibiscus Children's Center, Senior Resource Association, Sun Up ARC, Women's Refuge of Vero Beach, Youth Sailing Foundation – and to two \$1,000 scholarships for Indian River County students. Tickets and more information are available by calling (772) 418-2180 or (772) 584-2102, or by emailing cdebishop@bell-south.net.

• **Craft show,** Riverview Park, Sebastian, 10 a.m. Hosted by the Craft Club of Sebastian. No rain date. Free admission. Website: www.sebastiancraft-club.com.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 8**

• **Theatre-Go-Round presents "Those Fabulous 50s,"** The Quilted Giraffe Restaurant, Vero Beach, 4:30 p.m. A musical dinner theatre production highlighting a decade of solid gold hits. Cost: \$55. Website: www.theatregorounddinnertheatre.com. See **OUT, B5**



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Now – Jan. 5, 2014

# A day on the Lake sharing memories

I just spent a day on Lake Cypress with another Buckeye friend of mine telling stories on one another, catching more fish than one can imagine and just having fun. I wish I could tell you all of the stories, but if I did this might be my last article. If you don't know where Lake Cypress is, it is an



**FISHING TALES**  
JOE KUBIK

easy drive, about 70 miles away. It's a great lake to fish. There's some big bass biting and a lot of smaller

ones. Although, they didn't know they were supposed to bite when we were there. Jerry, my Buckeye friend, had a decent day catching more than I and that made his day. His biggest was more than three pounds. The lake water was on the dirty side with all the wind that we've been having. Plus, we were

fishing on a full moon, and really not paying too much attention as to what we were doing because we were having lots of fun! The next time we go out on the water, we will be more alert. To get to Lake Cypress, take Rt. 60 to Yeehaw Junction, turn right at the traffic light (Rt.441) to Rt.523 (Canoe Creek Road) in Kenansville, turn

left, go approximately 40 miles until you see a large sign on the left side of the road, then turn left to Lake Cypress, just keep going on that road and you will run into it. If you're going bass fishing, my suggestion would be to take some Senkos, 10-inch Red Shad Worms, and Flukes. The east shore line has been producing some fish.

They do have a good size air-boat facility there so keep a watchful eye, a good bunch of guys running the boats. Have fun, be safe and go catch a big'un!  
*Joe Kubik is a tournament fisherman and former Charter Captain. Joe can be reached at j.kubik@comcast.net*

# Casino Night to raise money for learning center

**For Hometown News**  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Environmental Learning Center is hosting a first-ever Casino Night Fundraiser. This year the ELC will be rolling out the casino gaming tables to raise money to benefit ELC's educational programs. This glamorous

event will take place at Bent Pine Golf Club on Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. The night will start with cocktails and a silent auction preview, followed by dinner, gaming and music. For those with a good poker face, there is also limited seating for a Texas Hold'em poker tournament, which is available for pre-registration.

If poker's not your game, there will be additional tables including blackjack, craps and roulette. Prizes will be awarded to some lucky players. If you are not one for gaming, you are welcome to enjoy the music and dancing as well as bid on the wonderful silent auction items. Tickets are \$225 per person, with an additional \$50

entry fee for the poker tournament. "This is ELC's largest fundraising event and we are counting on the community to attend. We believe our committee has organized an evening filled with cheer and fun festivities," said Holly Brown, who is co-chairing the event with Georgie Hutton. The Environmental

Learning Center is located north of Vero Beach off County Road 510 at the western end of the Wabasso Bridge. Its campus includes exhibit areas, native plant gardens, picnic facilities, gift shop, and visitor center. ELC membership benefits, a list of its many ecology adventures about the Indian River Lagoon including nature walks, canoe excursions,

and boating adventures can be found at www.DiscoverELC.org. Admission is \$5 per person, children 12 and under free, and ELC members receive free admission year-round. The first Saturday of every month is free to all. For additional information, contact Camille Yates, development director, at (772) 589-5050, Ext. 103.

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- **Concert**, The Emerson Center, Vero Beach, 4 p.m. Featuring cabaret singer Corinna Sowers-Adler and her presentation, "Let Me Sing and I'm Happy." Cost: To be announced. *Website:* www.theemersoncenter.org.
- **Holiday music concert**, The Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero Beach, 2 p.m. The Vero Beach High School symphonic band and orchestra and the concert and show choirs will present "Deck the Halls." Cost: \$10 or \$12 per person, season tickets available. A portion of ticket sales will be presented to the American Red Cross to benefit disaster relief. *Website:* http://sites.indianriver-schools.org/VBHS/PAC/index.html.
- **Community Christmas Carol Sing-a-long**: 2 p.m., Christ the King Lutheran

- Church, 1301 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian. Free family-friendly event that's meant for everyone who enjoys singing Christmas carols — singing ability not required. Wheelchair accessible. Light refreshments provided after. *For more information, call (772) 589-7117.*
- **Holidays at the museum**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 1 p.m. Free annual tradition designed for local children and families. Free refreshments, entertainment by community youth musicians and dancers, and a hands-on holiday art project. Santa Claus will arrive at 2 p.m. to hear all dreams, wishes and requests of children. Free. *Website:* www.verobeachmuseum.org.
- **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 admission. *Website:* www.verobeachartclub.org.

- MONDAY, DEC. 9**
- **Holiday music concert**, The Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. The Vero Beach High School symphonic band and orchestra and the concert and show choirs will present "Deck the Halls." Cost: \$10 or \$12 per person, season tickets available. A portion of ticket sales will be presented to the American Red Cross to benefit disaster relief. *Website:* http://sites.indianriver-schools.org/VBHS/PAC/index.html.
  - **Blues Alliance of the Treasure Coast holiday party**: 6 p.m., B. Merry Gastro Pub, 23 S.W. Osceola Street (Old Post Office Arcade), Stuart. All are welcome. Jam starts at 7 p.m., with Kenny Clarke and Jeff LoForte. Food will be provided, along with a cash bar. Tickets are \$20; proceeds go to the scholarship fund. *For directions, call (772) 324-8289. For reservations, call the Blues Alliance Hotline: (772) 467-*

- TUESDAY, DEC. 10**
- **'Where is Santa?'**: 6:30 p.m., North County Library, 1001 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian. Bits & Pieces Theater presents this holiday puppet show with a great message for the whole family. Free. *For more information, visit www.irclibrary.org.*
  - **'Headaches and Migraines — a thing of the past'**: Free workshop. 6-7 p.m., Alternative Medicine Family Care Center, 3408 Aviation Blvd., Vero Beach. Natural suggestions for stress headaches, tension headaches, allergies, migraines, sinus headaches, menstrual headaches. *For more information, visit www.AMFCC.info.*

- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11**
- **The Atlantic Classical Orchestra presents "Treasure**

**ing the Classics,"** Orchid Island Beach Club, Vero Beach, 4:30 p.m. The internationally acclaimed pianist Daniel Grimwood will perform with the orchestra chamber musicians. The concert is followed by an hors d'oeuvres and wine reception. Cost: Contact the Atlantic Classical Orchestra for ticket information. *Website:* www.atlantic-classicalorchestra.com.

- THURSDAY, DEC. 12**
- **Holiday Story Time**: 6:30 p.m., Main Library, 1600 21st Street, Vero Beach. Join Ms. Patti for holiday-themed stories, songs, crafts and a visit from Old St. Nick himself. Free. *For more information, visit www.irclibrary.org.*
  - **Scottish Society Christmas Tartan Ball**: 6-9 p.m., Vero Beach Country Club, 800 30th Street, Vero Beach. Dancing, door prizes, Scottish entertainment.
  - **Christmas party**: Barefoot

Bay Marine Corps League Detachment 918 will hold their party at the Shack, starting with conversation, cocktails and conviviality at 5 p.m., followed by dinner. Gifts for Toys for Tots would be appreciated, to be given to southern Brevard County children. Public is welcome. *For more information, call Commandant James McPheters at (772) 663-0036.*

- **Holiday bazaar**, Sebastian Charter Junior High, Sebastian, 6:30 p.m. Proceeds raised at the holiday-themed bazaar will be used to support after school programs for Sebastian Charter Junior High students. Cost: Free. *Website:* www.scjh.org.
- **Concert**, Atrium, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 5 p.m. Featured artist: The James Archer Quartet. Outside food, alcohol and sodas are not permitted. A full cash bar will be available. Concert will take place rain or

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# Hobe Sound course is a true hidden gem

Here on Florida's Treasure Coast we are always hunting for gold. Treasure if you will... A hidden gem perhaps... I think I may have just found one.

Heritage Ridge Golf Club in Hobe Sound recently invited me out to spend a morning chasing a little white golf ball across splendid green fairways and green. I love playing golf in new places, and since it had been several years since I last traveled these links, I thought it a good idea to accept.

To my surprise I found out that Heritage Ridge had recently undergone renovations to its greens. The club's owners and management tweaked the course a bit, adding some length and getting the greens up to today's standards.

At one time, the club was



GOLF JAMES STAMMER

an equity-owned facility. With over 700 members, it was difficult at best for outsiders to find a tee time. As a result this sweet golf course went relatively unnoticed for many years.

About a decade ago, the club was purchased from the original owner, who had bought it back from the membership. It was decided that the club needed more outside play to afford renovations and upgrades. The idea worked at what you have now at Heritage Ridge is a course that has been polished with beautiful foliage, plush fairways and perhaps the best greens

in the area. Now, he wants to share his gem with everyone.

When you look at the scorecard you may ruffle your nose and think that a par-70 layout with five sets of tees, measuring 6,014 yards from the tips could never test your game. You had better think again. The course is no easy walk-in-the-park round of golf.

The course starts you off gently with a straight-forward up-hill par 4. The second hole grabs your attention quite quickly. The 180-yard tee shot is downhill to a narrow, yet wide green tucked behind water and a timber wall. You do not want to be short, but long isn't a picnic either as there are numerous mounds to give you a scary pitch back toward the water.

The front nine features a drivable, for some big

hitters, par-4 and a trio of tricky par-5s. Heritage Ridge requires you to use your brain, not just your muscles.

The signature hole here is the 535-yard par-5 eighth, with water coming in to play on every shot, there is little room for error. Even if you manage to avoid the wet stuff, there is sand guarding the green and out-of-bounds just over the green.

My favorite hole on the course is number 10. After stopping to refuel with a cold drink and a snack, you climb atop an elevated tee and smoke your drive down the fairway. The approach shot must clear the water, avoid the bunkers and settle nicely on a very tricky green.

The back nine plays to a par of 34 with only one par 5, the 13th. It's a reachable par 5 playing to a length of only 510- yards from the tips. But don't let the length

fool you, no one plunders birdies here without risk.

What you lose in length on the par-4s, you make up for on the par-3s. Four of the par-3 on the course are over 200- yards long from the back tee. I found myself hitting nearly every club in the bag, the mark of a truly good golf course.

When you play Heritage Ridge, make a point of bringing your best putting game along for the round. You will need it. The greens are quick and roll ever-so-smoothly. In addition to being fast, the greens are quite undulating. If you leave yourself a downhill or sidehill putt, you had best read it well and put a good stroke on the ball or you may find yourself three-putting as I did on a couple occasions.

A feature that one usually only finds at expensive,

exclusive resorts and fancy country clubs is beautiful landscaping. Here it can be found in abundance. The club prides itself on keeping everything pleasing to the eye. With palm trees swaying in the breeze and flowering foliage it's easy to get distracted from your game and actually relax on the course. You just can't bring your lawn chair or sand shovel to look for more treasure.

For more information or to schedule a tee time, call the pro shop at (772) 546-2800 or visit [www.heritageridgegolf.com](http://www.heritageridgegolf.com).

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 [stammorgolf@yahoo.com](mailto:stammorgolf@yahoo.com).

## Out

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shine. Bring your lawn chairs. Cost: \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. Website: [www.verobeachmuseum.org](http://www.verobeachmuseum.org).

### THURSDAY, DEC. 12 – SUNDAY, DEC. 15

• **Prism concert**, Sebastian River High School Performing Arts Center, Sebastian, times vary. The largest fundraising event of the year for the Sebastian River High School music department. The concerts will showcase the concert and jazz bands, the flag and dance line and the choral program. Cost: \$5-\$25, depending on seating and age. Website: [www.srhsband.com](http://www.srhsband.com).

### THURSDAY, DEC. 12 – SUNDAY, DEC. 15

### DAY, DEC. 22

• **Riverside Children's Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol,"** Annie Morton Theatre, Riverside Children's Theatre, Vero Beach, times vary. The beloved tale is retold with a new, original score that is sure to become a new tradition. Cost: \$10-\$16 for adults, \$5-\$8 for students. Website: [www.riversidetheatre.com](http://www.riversidetheatre.com).

### FRIDAY, DEC. 13

• **16th annual Craft Fair at Sebastian River Medical Center:** 7 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. in the hospital's dining room. All sales are cash only. A raffle will be available (need not be present to win). Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit a local needy family for the holiday season. • **Concert**, Trinity Episcopal

Church, Vero Beach, time to be announced. Presented by the Vero Beach Choral Society. Cost: \$5 for students, \$10 for active military, \$20 for adults. Season tickets available. Website: [www.verobeach-choralsociety.org](http://www.verobeach-choralsociety.org).

### FRIDAY, DEC. 13 – SATURDAY, DEC. 21

• **Riverside Children's Theatre presents "The Nutcracker: In Swingtime,"** Annie Morton Theatre, Riverside Children's Theatre, Vero Beach, times vary. This jazzy offering is a fresh interpretation of the holiday classic set to a swinging score by Duke Ellington. Cost: \$12-\$18 for adults, \$6-\$9 for students. Website: [www.riversidetheatre.com](http://www.riversidetheatre.com).

### SATURDAY, DEC. 14

• **Toys for Tots dinner and dance**, Sebastian Elks Lodge, Sebastian, 5 p.m. Bring unwrapped toys for needy children and meet Toys for Tots representatives at the El-DOEs annual Christmas dinner and dance toy drive. Cost: To be announced. Contact phone number: (772) 589-1516.

• **Art ball and auction**, The Heritage Center, Vero Beach, 6 p.m. Presented by the Cultural Council of Indian River County. Cost: To be announced. Website: [www.cultural-council.org](http://www.cultural-council.org).

• **Turtle Tours program**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 11 a.m. Young visitors can explore an exhibition then create their own mini masterpieces. Featured exhibition includes paintings from the museum's permanent collection. Cost: Free for members, \$5 for each non-

member child. Registration is required. Website: [www.verobeachmuseum.org](http://www.verobeachmuseum.org).

• **The Met: Live in HD**, The Majestic 11 Theatre, Vero Beach, 12:55 p.m. "Verdi's Falstaff" Cost: \$20 for students, \$25 for adults. Season pass available. Website: [www.verobeachopera.org](http://www.verobeachopera.org).

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

• **Night sounds at Sebastian Inlet concert series**, Coconut Point, Sebastian Inlet State Park, Sebastian, 7 p.m. Featuring Highway 1, playing trop-rock, music inspired by a relaxing and exotic island style way of life. Cost: Park entry fees apply. Website: <http://www.floridastateparks.org/sebastianinlet/events.cfm>.

• **WinterGreen NightLights**, The Environmental Learning Center, Wabasso, 4 p.m. An after-hours winter celebration loaded with activities, including paddling a canoe by twinkling holiday lights. Cost: \$5 per person, free for Environmental Learning Center members and children 12 and

younger. Website: [www.discoverelc.com](http://www.discoverelc.com).

### SUNDAY, DEC. 15

• **Edden Family Impact concert:** 2 p.m., Main Library, 1600 21st Street, Vero Beach. Family-friendly pre-holiday concert with singing, dancing, acting, comedy skits, instrumentals. Enjoy entertainment, fresh tea and good company. Feel free to bring cookies or brownies to share. Donations appreciated. For more information, call (772) 770-5060, Ext. 4121.

• **Theatre-Go-Round presents "From Sea to Shining Sea,"** 14th Avenue Steakhouse, Vero Beach, 12:30 p.m. A matinee dinner theater production including a patriotic parade of American songs. Cost: \$45. Website: [www.theatregorounddinnertheatre.com](http://www.theatregorounddinnertheatre.com).

• **Holiday drama**, The Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Featuring the Aerial Antics Youth Circus. Cost: To be announced. Website: [www.covb.org](http://www.covb.org).

• **222nd Bill of Rights Birthday Bash and Panel Discussion on U.S. Supreme Court:** Emerson Center, 1590 27th Street, Vero Beach. For more information, contact TA Wyner at (772) 465-5658 or email [tawwyner@aceweb.com](mailto:tawwyner@aceweb.com).

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