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'Touring with the Townies' features reader-submitted photos from travels. Let's see how many places we can go! Send in your picture or questions to newsfp@hometownnewsol.com



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This cool and confident tabby cat is available for adoption through the Humane Society.



PET OF THE WEEK

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HALL OF FAME TOUR

The Pro-Football Hall of Fame is this weeks "Touring with the Townies" stop.

TOURING WITH THE TOWNIES

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OH SNAP!

This snapper was reeled in by the granddaughter of St. Lucie River locals.



CATCH OF THE WEEK

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Community calendar

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

• Vero Beach Treasure Hunt:

The Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce will have a Centennial Treasure hunt of local Businesses March 14-21st. They are giving \$1,000 away to 3 lucky shoppers in a \$500 first place, \$300 second and \$200 third place. Each shopper will stop by the Chamber office at 1957 14th Ave between 10-3 starting on Thursday March 14th (closed Sat & Sun) pick up a Treasure Map and start shopping. To be eligible to win the entrant must visit all 16 businesses on the map and spend money at two of them by Thursday March 21st at 3pm. Participating businesses include: Carla Klein Insurance, Seahorse Lane Boutique, Jakes Tex Mex, The Parisian Hostess/Beach Soul Boutique, The Vero Heritage Center, Off the Rail, The Patio, Vero Prime, Tea & Chi, Barefoot Café, MSVB Studios, Baci Trattoria, The Painted Frog, Treads, Fast Signs, Vero Beach Flash & Boho House Salon. All the shoppers that have completed the map and have two receipts in hand will be selected with a drawing by Mrs. Vero Beach Centennial, Anna Valencia by 5pm that same day. For more information about the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce call Executive Director Bob

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Ancient history



Anthony Inswasty/staff photographer

Tatum Bakos, 5, observes local artifacts from the Old Vero Ice Age Sites Committee.

Scholarship deadline for Sebastian students

For Hometown News
news@hometownnewsol.com

SEBASTIAN— The Sebastian Property Owners Association will award two \$500 scholarships to Sebastian students wishing to continue their education past high school.

If interested, applicants need to act fast. Scholarship applications are due March 15.

Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA, include two letters of recommendation, a counselor report, and a personal statement of goals and achievements. The applicant must also be a resident of the City of Sebastian.

Students may check with their counselor for application forms or call Cindy Geesey at (772) 918-8890.

The Sebastian Property Owners Association is a nonprofit group formed in 1962 to voice concerns about Sebastian issues, and to donate to local charities.

All Sebastian residents are invited to meetings of the property owners association. The next meeting on April 1 at 6 p.m. at the North County Library will feature a "State of the City" presentation by City Manager Paul Carlisle.

For more information, visit www.Sebastianpropertyowners.com.

Roofing company gives free roof to veteran

By Mike Winikoff

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VERO BEACH — Highland Homes Roofing Marketing Director Kristin Halcomb heard of a Vero Beach veteran who needed a new roof, but couldn't afford it. She discussed it with company owner Nakia Geller, and very quickly the veteran had a new roof, free of charge.

"My dad was a retired Colonel in the Air Force and part of the veterans' community locally," Ms. Halcomb told Hometown News. "They were telling me about someone who needed a roof, and I was looking into getting them a quote. The caseworker told me that this family had been waiting for a grant, but were having a hard time getting it."

Mr. Geller had already said he wanted to start a program to give one roof a year back to the community for free. When Ms. Halcomb heard that the veteran had been trying unsuccessfully to get a government grant for the roof, she asked Mr. Geller if Highland Homes Roofing could donate the roof, and he enthusiastically agreed.

"This was the perfect candidate for a free roof, so I discussed it with Nakia, he approved it, and I called and told them we would like to just donate the roof to the family."

The excited recipient, a World War II veteran, was very thankful, as was the Vet- See ROOF, page 2

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Horace

Horace is a three and a half-year old neutered male orange tabby mixed breed cat. He is impressive to behold in the cat room, confident, yet curious. Horace is exploring his new digs, since he just came to the Humane Society in February. Despite his independent appearance, he is friendly, and likes to meet people and be petted. Horace may act too cool for school, but he isn't too cool to want a real family. Wouldn't you love to have this handsome feline gracing your home with his presence? Meet Horace at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County.



Photo courtesy of Highland Homes Roofing

The new roof donated by Highland Homes Roofing to a needy WW2 veteran in Vero Beach.

Roof

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erans' Council of Indian River County, which had been trying to help the gentleman get the grant for the roof.

"He had some leaks, and it was a really, really old roof," Ms. Halcomb said. "His case manager had gotten estimates, and some felt he needed to replace the whole roof, another company said they could repair the existing roof. When we looked at it the roof really did need to be replaced."

So the company replaced the entire roof, and donated the labor and materials. The project took a few weeks to complete.

"He couldn't afford the new roof and they

were hoping to get a grant from the government, but with no success. So we stepped in and felt compelled to help out."

Highland Homes Roofing Owner Nakia Geller plans on giving away a roof and install to a family in need every year.

Highland Homes Roofing has been in the roofing industry for 31 years. They have three office locations to serve the east and west coasts of Florida, providing expert roofing services in Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie, Sebastian, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Vero Beach and Panama City.

For more information about Highland Homes Roofing, visit www.HighlandHomes-Roofing.com or call (772) 388-1411. The Treasure Coast office of Highland Homes Roofing is located at 1136 US 1, Sebastian.

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FPL volunteers at Hibiscus Children's Village

By Mike Winikoff

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VERO BEACH — Employees with Florida Power & Light turned out March 5 to help beautify Hibiscus Children's Village. As part of the 11th annual FPL Power to Care Week, the volunteers completed landscaping projects, cleaned, and beautified the organization's facilities at 1145 12th St. in Vero Beach.

FPL employees spread mulch, cleaned windows, fixed a broken fence, and trimmed trees.

This was one of 27 volunteer efforts in 11 Florida counties during the 2019 Power to Care Week, with more than 1,000 FPL employees tackling community projects.

The Hibiscus Children's Village offers a safe home environment for abused youth. The village provides children with tools they need to succeed, including educational services, mental health counseling, and career training.

The 40-bed facility opened in 2004. There are eight homes, a campus center, a basketball court, and outdoor activity area.

The residents are youth ages 13-17 who were removed from their homes by the state due to abuse, abandonment, or neglect. They can stay at the village for anywhere from a few days to a few years.

Staff and volunteers provide a structured environment that aims to simulate

a healthy home, with monitored school homework, chores and curfews. On-site therapists help the teens work through trauma-based disorders, behavioral health issues, and the effects of sexual abuse.

Youth also receive medical and dental services, beginning with a medical assessment within 72 hours of arrival from the on-site nurse.

The young residents attend public schools, are expected to complete homework on time, and participate in extra-curricular activities. Those who do not wish to attend traditional schools are provided GED training. When appropriate, they are offered job internship opportunities with local businesses.

For more information about the Hibiscus Children's Village, contact Loreto Murray, Director of Outreach and Events, at (772) 299-6011, Ext. 313 or by email at lmurray@hcc4kids.org.

If you are interested in being a volunteer, contact Donna Clements, (772) 299-6011, ext. 334 or dclements@hcc4kids.org.

Hibiscus Children's Village is located at 1145 12th St., Vero Beach. Hibiscus also has locations in Fort Pierce, Stuart, and Okeechobee, which together serve children from the Florida Department of Children and Families 19th District, including Indian River, Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Martin counties.



Photo courtesy of FPL

FPL employee Katia Saint-Preux cleans windows at the Hibiscus Children's Village in Vero Beach as part of FPL's Power to Care initiative on March 5, 2019.



Photo courtesy of FPL

FPL External Affairs Manager Bart Gaetjens trims a tree at the Hibiscus Children's Village in Vero Beach as part of FPL's Power to Care initiative on March 5, 2019.

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Call 211 for a VITA site near you or visit a VITA location below

Appointments ONLY. Call 772-203-5766 to make an appointment today.

United Way of Indian River County 1836 14th Ave. Vero Beach Wednesdays 4-7pm Fridays 9am-3pm Saturday 10am-3pm	United Against Poverty 2746 US-1, Vero Beach Mondays 4-7pm	Chamber of Commerce 700 Main St., Sebastian Tuesdays 4-7pm
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FCEP (hablan español)
 10074 Esperanza Cir, Fellsmere
 Thursdays 4-7pm

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 8586 64th Drive
 Mondays 5-7pm

Questions about VITA in Indian River County? Call 772-203-5766 or visit UnitedWayIRC.org/FreeTaxPrep



North Indian River & South Brevard County Events—March 2019

AARP Income Tax Assistance

Every Tuesday & Friday through April 12th
9:00AM - 12:00PM
North Indian River County Library, 1001 Sebastian Boulevard, Sebastian
AARP Income Tax Assistance for Low to Moderate Income. 772-589-1355

Indian River County Cancer Support Group

Friday, March 15th 1:00PM - 2:00PM
Christ the King Lutheran, 1301 Sebastian Blvd.
If you have cancer, or are a survivor of cancer, or concerned about someone who does, we encourage you to attend. Gayle at 772-589-3479.

ShrimpFest & Craft Brew Hullabaloo

March 15th-17th
Fri 3pm-9pm; Sat 11am-9pm; Sun 11am-5pm
Riverview Park, Sebastian
FREE entry, parking, live music, exciting kids' activities & tons of family fun! Delicious shrimp, food, craft beer and more! Shrimpfestfl.com

Dinner at American Legion Post 189

Every Friday from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.
American Legion Post 189
807 Louisiana Ave., Sebastian
772-589-8710 or www.AL189.org
Open to the Public, all members of the Armed Forces and Veterans. New hours, new menus, and some of the old favorites.

Indian River County Firefighters' Fair

Through March 17th
Opens at 5:00pm Monday thru Friday
Opens at 1:00pm Saturdays & Sundays
Indian River County Fairgrounds,
7955 58th Avenue, Vero Beach
10 Days of Rides, Food, Concerts & Entertainment, Vendors, 4H, and much more!
www.firefightersfair.org

Movie Night

Friday, March 15th 6:00PM - 8:00PM
LaPorte Farms, 7700 129th Street, Sebastian
Bring your supplies and decorate on the farm.
Contest for best decorated boxcar. Hot dogs, popcorn and drinks (prices may vary)
www.LaPorteFarms.com

Bluegrass Band at Marsh Landing

Every Friday 6:30PM - 8:30PM
Marsh Landing Restaurant, 44 North Broadway Street, Fellsmere
Blue Cypress Bluegrass band plays live traditional bluegrass and old-time classic country music.

Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

Saturday, March 16th 7:00AM - 11:00AM
Old Roseland Fire House, 8025 129 Court,
Ticket Contacts: Lomna @ 772-209-2101

SAFE BOATING CLASS

Saturday, March 16th 7:30AM - 5:00PM
Sebastian River Art Club - Art Center, 1245 Main Street, Sebastian
Cost \$25 includes lunch. Learn boat handling, navigation rules & aids, required equipment, etc.
Call 435-459-1451 to register.

Grant Historical House Flea Market

Saturday, March 16th 8:00AM - 2:00PM
Grant Historical House, 5795 South US Hwy 1,
Grant. Nancy 321-698-7408.

512 Market

Saturday, March 16th 8:00AM - 1:00PM
United Church of Sebastian, 1251 Sebastian Boulevard, Sebastian. Call 772-918-4467

8th Annual Michael Nichols Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, March 16th – 8am shotgun
Sebastian Municipal Golf Course, 101 Airport Drive West, Seb. 4 person scramble. *\$60

Indoor/Outdoor Rummage Sale

Saturday, March 16th 8:00AM - 1:00PM
Roseland United Methodist Church, 12962 Roseland Road, Sebastian

Pelican Island Pontoon Boat Trips

Wednesdays & Saturdays 9:30-11:30am
Environmental Learning Center, 255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach 772-589-5050

LaPorte Farms Kid's Fishing Tournament

Saturday, March 16th 10:00AM - 2:00PM
LaPorte Farms, 7700 129th Street, Sebastian
\$10 entry fee. Great prizes and trophies! We provide the bait. Bring your pole or rent ours for \$5. Fun for kids! www.laportefarms.com

Touch Tank Encounters at ELC

Wednesday-Saturday 10am-12pm &
Sunday & Tuesday 2pm-4pm

ELC, 255 Live Oak Drive, Wabasso

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Bingo

Every Saturday & Thursday- 11 am
Sebastian Eagles, 9606 Trade Center Dr, Sebastian. 772-589-6573

Spring Fashion Show

Saturday, March 16th 11:30AM - 1:00PM
First Presbyterian Church of Sebastian, 1405 Louisiana Avenue, Sebastian
Plated luncheon plus surprises, prizes & more!
Only \$12 per person and the public is welcome!

Night Sounds at Sebastian Inlet Concert Series – Alize (reggae)

Saturday, March 16th 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Sebastian Inlet State Park, 9700 South Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach

Wellness Qigong

Every Sunday from 8AM - 9:30AM
True Balance Energy Center, 8800 U.S. 1, Sebastian. Energy Exercise Classes. Improve your health & enhance your energy. Truebalanceenergycenter.com or 559-0866

VITA FREE Tax Preparation

Every Tuesday from 4-7 p.m.
Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce, 700 Main Street, Sebastian
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance will prepare and file your returns FOR YOU if your total household income was \$55,000 or less in 2018. Appointments only—call 772-203-5766

Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge Free Wildlife Tours

Every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, A1A and Jungle Trail. Space is limited, so you must call for reservations. Leave name & number & someone will call you back to confirm. 581-5557 x2.

Manatee Spotting Excursions at Environmental Learning Center

Wednesday, March 20th 9:30 - 11:30AM
Dale Wimbrow Park 11805 Roseland Rd, Seb
Space is limited and advance reservations are required. 589-5050 x101.

Plant Clinic

Every Wednesday 10AM - 12PM
North Indian River County Library, 1001 Sebastian Blvd, Sebastian
Need help with your plants? The Indian River Master Gardeners provide answers to home garden and landscaping questions.

Bingo at the Sebastian Elks Lodge

Every Wednesday at 12:00 pm
Sebastian Elks Lodge, 731 S Fleming St, Seb.
Open to the public. Proceeds benefit all Elks charities. 772-589-1516

Sebastian Area Historical Society Program "Sebastian During World War II" presented by Ruth Stanbridge, County Historian

Wednesday, March 20th 6:00PM - 8:00PM
North Indian River County Library, 1001 Sebastian Boulevard, Sebastian

Open Mic Jam

Every Wednesday at 7:00PM
Pareidolia Brewing Co
712 Cleveland Street, Sebastian

Rotary Club of Sebastian Networking Lunch

Every Thursday at 12:15 pm
Capt Butcher's, 1732 Indian River Dr., Seb.
Guests welcome! Lunch \$20. sebastianrotary.com. 581-3199

Roseland Jam Session

Meets every Thursday- 1:00 -3:00pm
Roseland Volunteer Fire Department building,
8025 129th Court, Roseland Acoustic Country & Bluegrass music! Audience welcome. 913-2182

Live Bluegrass Jam

Every Thursday Night at 6:30 p.m.
Marsh Landing Restaurant
44 N. Broadway, Fellsmere
Enjoy some traditional & original songs! Good music, good food & a good time. Bring your instrument & join the fun!

Trivia/Game Night

Every Thursday at 7:00PM
Pareidolia Brewing Co
712 Cleveland Street, Sebastian

To have your event listed, please send details to: Info@SebastianChamber.com
772-589-5969

What should I do about the red X?

If you have surfed the web for any length of time then I'm sure at some point you've run into the infamous "red X" where a picture or other graphic was supposed to appear.

What is that? Why is it that some pages load fine but some pages just show a red X where you know a picture should be? The red X rarely means there is something wrong with your machine (or web browser) at all. That red X that you sometimes encounter when surfing the web means that the picture or graphic that the web page is trying to display is not where the web page is telling the browser where it's supposed to be.

Every time a web page loads into your web browser there are a ton of things that are going on in the background that you don't actually see. What you see are the results of all of this behind the scenes "markup" either working properly or not (as in the case of the red X). When you go to a website that has pictures (or any other content that isn't raw text for that matter) there is a line of code embedded behind the scenes on that page that points to the location of whatever the page is trying to display. Most of the time the images that the web page is pointing to are right where the web page thinks it is and it displays fine but sometimes the picture isn't where the page thinks it is and that's when your browser displays the little red X as a place holder where the image is supposed to be on the page.

But how can this be? Don't web designers check their work to make sure that the pages display properly? Well, not always! One thing to remember is that these days just about anybody can throw together a website and that means some web designers just don't know how to check their work properly. For instance back when I was first learning how to design websites, I set up a page, uploaded it to the web and then checked it with my browser to make sure it looked OK. I was pleased – everything appeared just as I had designed it but then when I had a friend look at the page he told me there was a problem; none of the pictures would load, just a bunch of little red X's. I took a look at the page's source code (the behind the scenes code that tells the browser where to put everything) and



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found that for each of my pictures the page was looking for them on the browsers local C: drive and not the images folder I had uploaded when I created the site. And since the images were indeed in my C: drive where the page was looking for them they displayed just fine when I looked at the page in my browser. Since no one else had the images on their C: drive they failed to load. In that example, even though I checked the page and all seemed well, it took someone else to discover the problem.

Another reason images may fail to load is sometimes a page is pointing to an image on another website altogether and if that image gets taken down or moved there will be nothing there when the page goes looking for it.

Sometimes images may fail to load because of heavy traffic. If the site you are accessing is too busy or has a ton of graphics the images may time out when loading and you may have to refresh the page to get all the pictures to display.

Now keep in mind that these are just a few of the most common reasons why an image may fail to load when surfing the web and you may even see the same symptoms in your email. With email however, the problem may be resulting from your security settings being set too high. If you are using Outlook or Windows Live Mail for instance and you find that you never see images load in your email messages but you are seeing a ton of red X place holders check your security settings. Click Tools, Options then Security and make sure that the "Block images and external content..." checkbox is not checked. If it is, un-check it and you should then be able to see your email the way it was composed.

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

Calendar

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McCabe at 772-226-5459 or email info@verochamber.com

contact Linda Desrosier, Business Administrator at Roseland United Methodist at (772)589-3035 ext. 110 or email roseland-church.com

MONDAY, MARCH 18

• **Top Chef Challenge:** The top four chefs from Vero's Top Chef Challenge, held on Marcy 4, will compete for both People's Choice and Judge's Award. Each will feature a unique entree samples. A silent auction will feature unique items. Proceeds support The Hope for Families Shelter Program. The event will take place on Monday, March 18 at 6 p.m. at the HOPE for Families Center located at 720 4th Street in Vero Beach. Cost is \$150 per person. Tables are available to purchase. Tickets for Vero's Top Chef Challenge on March 4 are also available for \$75 per person. For more information, call (772) 567-5537 or visit www.hopeforfamiliescenter.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

• **St. Patrick's Day Pre-Party:** The Walking Tree Brewery will host a St. Patrick's Day Pre-Party beginning at 11 a.m. with growler and crowler specials from 11am-2pm. Live music, food truck, and beer. Lots of beer. The brewery is located at 3209 Dodger Road in Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 217-3502 or visit www.walkingtreebrewery.com.

• **Rummage Sale:** On Saturday March 16 an Indoor Rummage Sale will take place at Roseland United Methodist Church located at 12962 Roseland Road in Sebastian from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information,

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.

Indian River County Sheriff's Department

Vance Gavin, 33, of Vero Beach, felony violation of probation.

Matthew Bardtke, 26, of Vero Beach, possession of a controlled substance.

Lance Smith, 37, of Vero Beach, possession of marijuana over 20 grams, possession of a controlled substance.

Fauslaine Jordonne, 35, of Fort Pierce, grand theft.

Paul Bernardo, 19, of Sebastian, possession of a controlled substance.

Devin Norling, 25, of Vero Beach, possession of cocaine.

Damien Smith, 20, of Vero Beach, possession of a controlled substance.

Lesomer Franklin, 39, of Vero Beach, driving while license suspended (habitual offender).

Samuel Davis, 29, of Fort Pierce, felony violation of probation.

Amanda Sweeney, 23, of Sebastian, possession of a controlled substance.

Christopher Mattes, 30, of Vero Beach, first

degree petty theft.

Thomas Coasta, 35, of Vero Beach, felony battery.

James Britt, 47, of Vero Beach, felony petty theft.

Keonte Davis, 19, of Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine, possession of methylenedioxy-methamphetamine.

Robert Belair, 65, of Vero Beach, felony battery.

Kendrick Lester, 32, of Vero Beach, sale of cocaine within 1,000 ft. of a church, and possession of cocaine.

Sally Hinson, 73, of Vero Beach, battery on a security officer.

Irvin Quiroz, 15, of Vero Beach, felony violation of probation.

Kate Gelberg, 29, of Vero Beach, possession of a controlled substance.

Nyisha Washington, 25, of Pattison, MS, organized fraud less than \$20,000.

Anthony Mariano, 30, of Vero Beach, possession of alprazolam, possession of diazepam.

Chancery Sturup, 26, of Vero Beach, felony violation of probation.

Anna Sangbush, 42, (address not listed), violation of community control.

Lance Robert, 37, of Winter Haven, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Christopher Williams, 29, of Vero Beach, felony violation of probation.

Christopher Kelly, 49, of Vero Beach, felony driving while license suspended.

Zachary Lamb, 37, of Port St. Lucie, possession of a firearm by convicted felon.

Y'Kia Northard, 22, of Vero Beach, felony violation of probation.

Bruce Johnson, 44, of Vero Beach, felony battery with prior conviction.

Tamorrio Clark, 21, of Vero Beach, felony violation of probation.

Ayla Puente, 31, (address redacted), aggravated battery with deadly weapon.

Keith Hurlburt, 28, of Vero Beach, fugitive from justice.

Vernon Medler, 22, of Vero Beach, third degree grand theft.

Jay Williams, 21, of Vero Beach, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Hershell Simmons, 28, of Vero Beach, sale of cocaine within 1,000 ft. of a convenience business, three counts possession of cocaine, two counts sale of cocaine, four counts sale of hydromorphone within 1,000 ft. of a convenience business, three counts possession of

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hydromorphone, possession or use of firearm by person engaged in criminal offense, three counts sale of cannabis, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, trafficking cocaine, trafficking hydromorphone up to 28 grams and less than 30 kilograms, possession of bump-fire stock, possession of oxycodone, sale of oxycodone.

Elizabeth Irby, 63, of Vero Beach, felony violation of probation.

Vero Beach Police Department

Gordon Cluthe, 65, of Vero Beach, battery on a law enforcement officer.

Michael Durwin, 25, of Vero Beach, tampering with evidence.



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Rants & Raves

Got something to say?

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The Rants and Raves section provides a chance for readers to share their thoughts with other readers. The opinions included are not those of Hometown News or its employees.

Please limit your submissions to 250 words, so that we can include more entries. Readers are asked to refrain from making slanderous or libelous statements.

No to tax hike

Just say no to the proposed school tax hike. Look at the facts. The average person with a full time job works 2000hrs per year (50 weeks or 250 eight hour days). The teachers work 150 six to seven hour days per year (around 1000hrs or half full time) with no work weekends, nights, or holidays. If starting salary is \$38,000 per year, that comes out to \$38 per hour. Pretty good pay for Florida where most residents make dirt for wages.

Crazy Florida drivers

We will soon be leaving Florida. We're hoping with our vehicle intact as well as our bodies. We have never seen such terrible, inconsiderate and crazy driving in our lives. We have traveled across the United States and southern Florida has the worst drivers. We have yet to be at a stop light and not witness someone going through a red light. We've never seen anyone pulled over when they do it. Insurance companies and collision repair must be extremely busy. Maybe this is why insurance rates are so high. I'm sure a rude and inconsiderate driver will now write and tell us if we don't like it, don't come back, instead of trying to improve their driving.

Animal owners should be responsible

Reading the Vol. 17 No. 40 of the Hometown News it stated the County currently provides the Humane Society \$235,000.00 annually divided into monthly payments while Port St. Lucie is still paying the Society \$152,500.00 annually under its current contract that's set to expire on Sept. 30 of this year, whatever this all means.

I am appalled at the amount of my tax dollars going to the Humane Society for dogs and cats. A nonprofit organization without outside over-site.

It's time a County Dog and Cat tax be collected from Dog and Cat owners to support the Humane Society. Another thought is that an additional special tax through the County be collected from all sales of dog and cat products to support the Humane Society.

The Humane Society is a great nonprofit origination with many volunteers that has become a huge huge "business." It is a personal choice that people have owning a dog or a cat, with the exemption of a Service Dog, therefore, must take more responsibility in the support of the Humane Society. Not my tax dollars!

Education, health care, food, clothing and shelter are just a few of the necessities of human needs. Again, if you want to own any animal it should not be supported with County tax dollars.

Our County officials must be more responsible and accountable in the distribution of our tax dollars.

This is no witch-hunt

Mueller investigation is nothing compared to Hillary witch-hunt. No indictments, no one found guilty whereas in Mueller investigation, guilty pleas and countless indictments so Enough is Enough should check facts and respond to the truths that have been concluded and wait to see how much more will result in "lock them up." Trump and all his cronies and family. The Republican's have put a target on her back since she was first lady back in the 1990s and they have over the years spent more \$100 million taxpayer dollars on investigation's aimed at taking Hillary Clinton down.

Festival fashion



Anthony Inswasty/staff photographer

The Pelican Island Preservation Society celebrated the history of our country's first national wildlife refuge with the 27th annual Pelican Island Wildlife Festival on Saturday, March 9 at Riverview Park in Sebastian. Here, Lois Edwards tries on a SeaGrass hat.

Regarding teachers

I'm a retired school teacher and wish my husband and five children could tell you how many hours I spent after school for parent meetings, student discipline, PTA meetings, and the once a month, until 10 p.m. at school, setting up learning stations to supplement current studies for students to participate in when they had free time. Then the time spent at home preparing lesson plans, grading papers, and preparation for the various meetings and activities mentioned above. Not sure, but minimum wage sounds more like it. By the way we work 188 days for your information.

Pay attention to tax hike

The school tax hike is supposedly only for four years with 70 percent of the money

going to teachers. Really? You are expecting us to believe that, when the tax expires in four years, the teachers who got raises will revert to their original lower salaries? This is a sneaky way of getting a permanent tax increase passed by disguising it as a "temporary" tax increase. Who is counting the ballots? I hope it is not the school board.

Daylights savings time isn't expired

I noticed Sunday, March 10 is Daylight Savings time and I recall in the last election voting to end it because it messes up people's biorhythms. Even the European Union moved to drop it all in many countries.

Why no mention on the local news the fact that our local legislature has done nothing in two years? That's no way to govern,

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Valentine Ball raises funds for anti-poverty

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VERO BEACH — United Against Poverty of Indian River County held its sixth annual Valentine Ball on Feb. 10 at the Oak Harbor Club in Vero Beach.

Event co-chairs Faye Potts and Silvia Cancio greeted 232 guests at the popular event. Attendees wore their Valentine's Day finest, with gowns in every shade of red. In addition to raising awareness, \$250,000 was raised to further the nonprofit's mission.

United Against Poverty focuses on helping families by providing access to basic needs, nutritional food, crisis care, education, and employment training. The Valentine Ball helps fund these programs.

The nonprofit is in phase II of its Lifting Lives out of Poverty Capital Campaign to raise \$3.9 million to retrofit the 44,000-square-foot, multi-function campus. When the facility opens on Sept. 1, the Member Share Grocery Program, nine agency partners, a medical clinic, educational and new entrepreneurial programs will be housed at the location.

With the expansion, UP will be able to triple the number of clients served through the Success Training for Employment Program (STEP).

After perusing silent auction items, posing for glamour shots and chatting over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, Valentine Ball guests took a virtual tour of the new Up Center, before settling in for dinner.

Following intense bidding for live-auction items, emcee Geoff Moore turned

guests loose to dance to the Street Talk Band, who filled their set with love-centric songs.

For the past several years, UP board chair Barbara Lowry has selected an individual to share a transformational story on how donor generosity helped improve their lives.

"There was no way I could pick just one this year because over the last three years, 322 people started down the road to financial independence, and enjoyed the pride of being able to provide for their children," Ms. Lowry said, "to show their children that there's hope and that with the right attitude and the right work, their lives can be successful and fruitful." As Ms. Lowry spoke, a collage featuring the individuals who have graduated from STEP was revealed.

The 120-hour, three-phase program includes classroom training, internships, on-the-job training, job placement assistance, and support. STEP has impacted the community with over \$5.2 million in wages and \$9.9 million in reduced taxpayer assistance.

In 2018, United Against Poverty provided services to 6,069 unique families, with 4,765 participating in the Member Share Grocery Program and 1,304 families receiving education, job training and crisis stabilization services.

UP Executive Director Annabel Robertson thanked donors for their support. "On behalf of United Against Poverty, the 640 participants who join us daily on our campus, the staff and the board of directors, I want to welcome you to our gala tonight," Ms. Robertson said. "I so appreciate each and every one of you joining us. Tonight, we




Photo courtesy of UP Indian River County

The Valentine Ball Gala committee, back row left to right: Isabelle Richard, Carmen Stork, Linda Rusciano, Mary Ryan, Trude See, Barbara Spelman, Cindy Galant, Lynn Miller, Barbara Butts, Amy Patterson. Seated: Barbara Lowry, Faye Potts, Sylvia Cancio, Pam Harmon.

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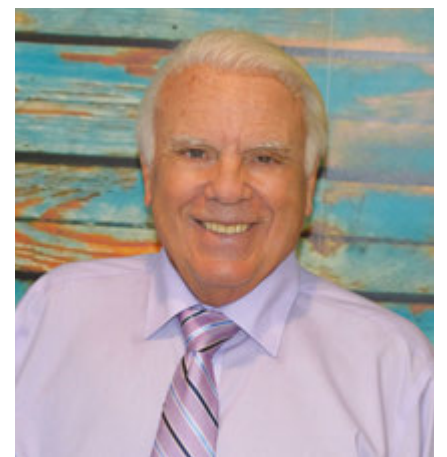
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Wild about Pelican Island

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Anthony Inswasty/staff photographer
Pelican Island Audubon Society board member Jane Schnee talks with visitors about the Sebastian River.



Anthony Inswasty/staff photographer
Joe Wiegand, premiere Teddy Roosevelt repressor, moves the crowd with a lesson on the history of the preserve.



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Friends of Carr Refuge volunteers Bo Platt and Jull Uttridge talk with locals about the area's sea turtles.

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Xeriscape planting is perfect for dry weather

Hi everybody. Right now we are in the dry season for Florida. Although fronts bring temporary relief, the weather is mainly dry now through about June. In addition, you never know what the summer is going to bring as far as precipitation goes.

In order to create a landscape that is easy to maintain in dry conditions it is important to group like plants together. This will help make the watering of your plants much easier because all the plants in a particular group will have the same needs. For example, if you want to use annuals or other plants that require more water; place them all together in a grouping. On the other hand, if you have plants that require minimal watering such as Crown of Thorns, Bougainvillea and succulents, try to keep them in another grouping. By organizing your plants in this way, watering will not only be easier, it will be more enjoyable and require less time.

One factor that is often overlooked when purchasing your plants is the quality of the product. Where you buy your plants is almost as important as what choices you make in plant species. When choosing plants that will withstand extreme elements that Florida often offers, local Mom and Pop plant growers will often offer the best quality plants for the money. In addition, the plants are grown right here in our local area and are well adapted to our local



GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

conditions. So the next time you are out and about and you pass by that small local nursery you never pay attention to, stop by and look around and chances are you will find some great plants that will hold up very well in your local area.

In addition to designing your gardens for maximum water efficiency, you should also design your turf area for the same. As I mentioned in earlier columns you can increase the watering efficiency of your yard by using strategic methods of decreasing your lawn area. You can create islands that are filled in with decorative stone and decorated with interesting lawn ornaments.

Another tip for maximizing water efficiency is to install an irrigation system. A properly configured system will cover all the areas of your yard without wasting water. These systems can be configured to water on the days that are designated for your area without any interaction on your part. In addition, when properly installed, the system will turn off automatically when it rains

so you do not waste any water.

When you are dealing with larger trees and shrubs, it is often difficult to get enough water on them to deeply penetrate down to the roots. This is where proper mulching will take effect. A heavy dose of mulch will go a long way in preserving the moisture around your trees and bushes so they will fare better between watering cycles.

Although you may be tempted to run out to your favorite retailer and buy a truckload of cypress mulch, remember that there are natural choices that are both look great and also help preserve our natural resources. If your plants are of the acid loving variety, you can use natural pine needles as a mulching material. You can also use plain hay to help preserve moisture around your plants. Hay is being used more and more by local communities in the landscaping effects of streets and parks. You can also create your own mulch by using the vacuum feature of your gas or electric powered blower. Simply rake the majority of the leaves in



your yard to one location and use the vacuum of your blower to pick up and pulverize the leaves and grass. Use the contents of the vacuum bag around your plants. This is both conservative and much less expensive than buying commercially produced mulches from a store.

As you can see, Xeriscape planting can both save water and time. Happy planting!

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

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Reggae at Sebastian Inlet

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SEBASTIAN INLET —The Sebastian Inlet State Park Night Sounds Concert Series continues on March 16 with a reggae dance party from 7-9 p.m.

Hosted by the Friends of Sebastian Inlet State Park, the concert will showcase Alize. Alize has been getting people dancing to their reggae music for many years, from Orlando to the Treasure Coast.

Following a hiatus, Alize recently reformed with some new band members, who have ignited the positive reggae vibe. Alize also blends other types of music into their show including Island, SOCA, Top 40, Funk, Soft Rock and even a little country.

The concert will take place at the pavilions on Coconut Point, located on the south side of Sebastian Inlet. The concert is free with regular park entry fees.

For more information about the concert, call (321) 984-4852, email terry.otoole@dep.state.fl.us, or visit www.floridastate-parks.org/events/night-sounds-concert-series-alize.



Reggae band Alize, from Orlando, plays the Sebastian Inlet State Park Night Sounds Concert Series on March 16.

www.floridastate-parks.org/events/night-sounds-concert-series-alize.

Sebastian Inlet State Park is located at

Photo courtesy of Sebastian Inlet State Park

14257 North A1A, Vero Beach. There is also an entrance at 9700 South A1A, Melbourne Beach.

Horoscopes



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Something positive will come from your efforts at work, Aries. It's just what you need to rev up your energy levels and fire through the last of the projects that have been on your list.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Encouragement will come from an unlikely place, Taurus. This may be someone who you thought wasn't on your side, but really is. This realization may be a shock.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Some unusual possibilities for the future are coming your way, Gemini. Make an effort to be receptive, or they could pass you by before you know it.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, you will often find that success comes not just from professional matters and connections, but by how you present yourself. Appearances have an impact.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

A sense of play may come over you this week and put you in a creative mood, Leo. You may find that a few artsy projects will get all sorts of ideas flowing.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Far-reaching ideas are on your mind, Virgo. You aren't sure which path you want to take just yet. It can be fun to experiment with experiences outside of your comfort zone.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Growing comfortable expressing your feelings has you reaching out for new friends and

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Out & about

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 - SUNDAY, MARCH 17

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abuse. This event is a joint effort of the Rotary Club of Sebastian and Exchange Club of Fellsmere and is sponsored by the City of Sebastian. Funds raised help support youth sports activities, the prevention of child abuse and other youth oriented efforts. This event will be held at Riverview Park, Sebastian. For more information, visit <https://www.allthingstreasurecoast.com/event/shrimpfest-and-craft-brew-hullabaloo/171834>.

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Award-winning play presented at theatre

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VERO BEACH — The Vero Beach Theatre Guild presents “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,” March 12-31.

“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” is a Tony Award-winning musical romp through ancient Rome, featuring desperate lovers, scheming toga-clad neighbors, and glamorous courtesans. Thirteen singers, dancers, comedians, and actors converge on stage.

Originally performed on Broadway in

1962, this farcical musical was nominated for six Tony Awards and won five – Best Featured Actor in a Musical, Best Book of a Musical, Best Actor in a Musical, Best Direction of a Musical and Best Musical. Lyrics and music were penned by Stephen Sondheim, with book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart.

The musical tells the bawdy story of a slave named Pseudolus and his attempts to win his freedom by helping his young master, Hero, woo the girl next door, Philia, who is a courtesan but also a virgin. The hit song “Comedy Tonight” opens the show.

Joe Langer plays Pseudolus, Alex Martinez plays Hero, and Tara Giovannone plays



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A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum features Alex Martinez as Hero, with Courtesans Nikki Przedwiecki, Isabel Garrett, Caroline Remillard and Libbie Baylins.

Philia.

The VBTG performance is directed by Beth McKenzie Shestak, musical direction by Ben Rose, produced by Betty Wilkes, and sponsored by Indian River Estates.

“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” runs March 12-31. Performances are Tuesday–Friday at 7:30 p.m., with

matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$30 with discounts for students and can be purchased online at VeroBeachTheatreGuild.com or by calling the box office at (772) 582-8300, Monday–Friday from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. The Vero Beach Theatre Guild is located at 2020 San Juan Ave., Vero Beach.

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- Approximate size of fish
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Scopes

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relationships, Libra. You never know who you might meet when you open yourself up.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Lately your identity seems to be shaped by the company you keep, Scorpio. That means your colleagues, friends or family are playing a key role in influencing your behavior.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, when you focus your efforts, time seems to dissipate and chores vanish. This week you may find yourself blasting through tasks one

by one.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, if you have been feeling stressed out or unimpressed with a relationship, you may need to infuse a little extra energy into the mix this week.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, your tongue may be extra sharp this week, so be careful in how you talk to the ones you love. Exercise caution around people at work as well.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

If you are single, this is the perfect time to get out with friends as much as possible, Pisces. If you are in a relationship, prioritize date nights.

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about this time in history that will never be forgotten. For more information, call 772 581-1380.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

• **Rising Stars in Opera:** The Vero Beach Opera House presents "Rising Stars" concert on Friday, March 22 at the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, located at Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, 1707 16th Street in Vero Beach. Ticket costs are between \$30-\$50. For more information, call 772-569-6993 or visit www.VeroBeachOpera.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

• **Irish Culture with St. Sebastian:** The St Sebastian Church and the Ancient Order of Hibernians is sponsoring an Irish Cultural event on Saturday, March 23. The event will take place at St. Sebastian's R.C. Church Hall located at 13075 US Highway 1 in Sebastian and will feature Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones. Tickets are \$25 and includes food. For more information, call (772) 480-0875.

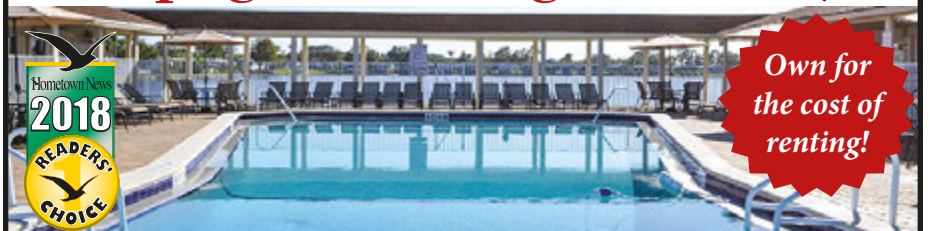
SATURDAY, APRIL 13

• **Vero Beach Easter Egg Hunt:** The 59th Annual Easter Egg Hunt presented by the City of Vero Beach Recreation Department will be held Saturday, April 13 at Mulligan's Beach House Bar and Grill, located at 1025 Beachland Boulevard in Vero Beach. The

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There's no corned beef and cabbage in Ireland

On Saint Patrick's Day, everyone thinks of corned beef and cabbage. Not the Irish! Well not the Irish in Ireland, unless you go to an Irish restaurant that caters to Americans.

Why is Saint Patrick's Day such a big deal? Well, there are 34 million Americans with Irish heritage, seven times more than Ireland. Maybe it's because of their rich contribution to America's history.

For me, as a chef, it's all about the food, and I am not talking about green eggs and all the food people dye on that special day. Yuck, what a turn off! Even the kids don't like it.

I am talking about the real stuff, corned beef and cabbage. I like to add potatoes and carrots to mine. Eating corned beef and cabbage is more of an American Irish tradition.

In Ireland, the traditional foods were influenced by the English, Irish and Scottish



CHEF COSTA'S COOKING CORNER
COSTA MAGOULAS

cultures. The English conquests altered greatly the food production of Ireland. Large portions of the population were confined to marginal agricultural areas. The rise of a commercial market in grain and meat altered the diet of the native population by redirecting these products abroad as cash crops used to feed the British Empire's armed forces and cities.

The potato, after its widespread adoption in the 18th century, became just about the only food the poor could afford, which was the vast majority of the population.

By the 21st century, Irish traditional

cuisine returned. Irish stew, bacon and cabbage with potatoes, Boxty (the Irish potato pancake), and all meals were served with Irish soda breads.

I still like eating corned beef and cabbage on Saint Patrick's Day like most Americans. I love taking the left over corned beef and making corned beef hash, poached eggs, with a side of toasted Irish bread.

Oh, by the way, you won't see leprechauns and green beer in Ireland either! Here is a traditional Irish meal.

Fried Cabbage with Bacon, Onion, and Garlic

Ingredients

- 6 slices bacon, chopped (optional is 1 pound of pork sausage)
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large head cabbage, cored and sliced

- 1 tablespoon salt, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon paprika

Directions

Place the bacon in a large stockpot and cook over medium-high heat until crispy, about 10 minutes. Add the onion and garlic; cook and stir until the onion caramelizes about 10 minutes. Immediately stir in the cabbage and continue to cook and stir another 10 minutes. Season with salt, pepper, onion powder, garlic powder, and paprika. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer stirring occasionally about 30 minutes more.

Costa Magoulas is dean of the Mori Hosseini College of Hospitality and Culinary Management at Daytona State College. Contact him at (386) 506-3578 or magoulc@daytonastate.edu.

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hunting starts at 10:00 a.m. This is a free event and is for ages 0-9. Every participant gets a prize. This Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by Mulligan's Beach House and will be behind Mulligan's on the beach for ages 4-9 and up on the grass for ages 0-3. For more information, call 770-6500 or 772-567-2144 or visit www.covb.org and click on Recreation.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

• Night Sounds at Sebastian Inlet: St. Johns Wood is a five-piece band that transports you back to the music of the 1960's British invasion. This is the music that helped define a generation; it includes The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Who, The Kinks, The Zombies, The Animals, David Bowie, Eric Clapton and many more. Enjoy the music that is etched into the golden history of Roll 'n' Roll. The concert will take

place at the pavilions on Coconut Point, located on the south side of Sebastian Inlet. The concert is free with regular park entry fees. This event will be held at Sebastian Inlet State Park, 14257 North A1A, Vero Beach, 6 - 9 p.m. For more information about St. Johns Wood visit <https://www.facebook.com/St-Johns-Wood-226705954102460>.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

• The Vero Vino Wine & Food Festival: Present the 2nd annual "Have Pianos Will Duel" concert June 29th at 6pm. Some of Indian River's brightest high school music students will attend an intense workshop in the morning and perform a full jazz concert with a vocalist that evening. Mr. Jacob Craig, Music Director at First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach, will facilitate the workshop to teach the fundamentals of formulating a professional quality ensemble while maximizing an aesthetic experience with limited rehearsal.* The "Have Pianos Will Duel" concert is to be held on June 29 at Unity Spiritual Center from 6pm-8pm...950 43rd Ave. in Vero Beach. Doors open at 5:15pm with wine and refresh-

ments available. It is free and open to the public with a suggested donation of \$10. Space is limited and last year was standing room only, so RSVP at (772) 538-1181.

ONGOING EVENTS

• Sewing Club Meets: The Florida Sewing Sew-Ciety [FSS] is a non-profit organization that welcomes all sewists - garment construction, quilters, home decor - with a focus on skill building and hands-on sewing at all levels: novice to experienced. The Vero Beach Chapter meets the third Monday of every month, year-round, at the St. Augustine Episcopal Church located at 475 43rd Avenue in Vero Beach at 9:30 a.m. Join them to share and learn through our educational programs. The love of sewing is our common thread! For more information, contact Maryann at mwyentzer@hotmail.com or Susan at 772-567-6595 for further information.

• Craft Club of Sebastian: Artists and crafters from Brevard, Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie counties are welcome. Meets September through April on the third Thursday of each month from 2-3 p.m. at the

North Indian River County Library on County Road 512 in Sebastian. For more information, visit www.sebastiancraftclub.com/

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

• Sebastian Area Historical Museum is dedicated to preserving and displaying the history of the area with exhibits and artifacts from the Ais Indians, Pelican Island, Clothing, Family Life, Quilts, Fishing, Agriculture, and Early Transportation. The museum is located at 1235 Main Street, City Hall Complex, Sebastian and is open Tuesday thru Thursday and the 1st. and 3rd Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free and the reference library is open by appointment.

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Perfection ... but at what price?

Now that the PGA Tour's season is in the middle of its trek through our state, many of us average Joes of Janes have noticed that these guys play on some of the most spectacular tracts on the planet. Week in and week out, we watch the professional golf tours and salivate at how beautifully manicured and conditioned the courses always are.

"Why can't my course look like that?" you might say. Well there's a reason for that. You'd have to trade many months of average-at-best conditions for just one week of greatness.

A major championship is something courses prepare for two or three years out. They start making changes that early based on what the PGA or the Tour wants. They come in and look at tees, bunkers, trees, and the way the course plays. At Sahalee (site of the 1998 PGA Championship) 400 trees were removed.

The conditions that you see at a major or a PGA Tour event cannot be duplicated for a long period of time. The stress conditions for the turf are the main concern. Not many greens have the ability to handle being double-cut to 1/8-inch for one week, much less day after day. The higher a grass is cut, the healthier it is. Unfortunately the pros prefer a fast, hard golf course.

One thing that I noticed when walking the course during the practice round for the Honda Classic, was that there was a lot of green dye on the greens to help make them look better for television.

In the late 1990s, our courses were plagued by El Nino conditions. The unusually wet winter made growing grass difficult. Doral, Herron Bay (then home to the Honda Classic), Bay Hill and the Stadium Course at the TPC were perfect examples of stressed turf. The courses were in fantastic shape for the PGA Tour's events. Unfortunately, the clubs had to oversee as many as six times to get the lush green grass that we saw on television. Just a month later the courses were in shambles. The grass had stressed out and died. The clubs sacrificed course conditions for the next several months to have pristine conditions for the Tour.

Better players like a fast track. They prefer the greens to be fast, fairways to be firm and tight. Pros like tight fairways because they tend to pinch the golf ball when they hit it. This means that they hit down and through the ball, invoking a lot of spin. Average golfers tend to pick the ball,

GOLF
JAMES STAMMER



which is difficult from a tight lie.

Besides stress on the turf, there is another reason that we don't see tournament conditions on our courses every day. Conditioning of the course has a lot to do with speed of play. If your course set up the conditions to "tournament" levels every day the number of rounds would drop by considerably, as would income. The heavy rough, fast greens and hard, tight fairways would take their toll on the stress level of the average golfer.

At the PGA Village, the Ryder Course's greens are kept slower than those on the Wannamaker Course because the Ryder Course has much larger greens with more severe undulations. Cut those big greens to a faster pace and you just added 30 minutes to the average round.

Northern courses have an advantage over those in the south when it comes to conditioning. The northern courses receive the brunt of their business during the summer, during the growing season. The course is outgrowing the wear. Southern courses see the most traffic in the winter, when grasses are more dormant and direct sunshine is less prevalent. Our courses have to prepare for the heavy traffic well before winter gets here.

Most of the preparation that we see in the fall, which may be a little inconvenient play wise, is very important to increase the health and vigor of the turf. If the course isn't at its optimum going into the busy season, the course could see a bad winter.

The goal for a course superintendent is similar to that of the Touring pro. Just as a player wants his or her game to peak at just the right moment, a superintendent wants course conditions to peak for the week or two that surround that big tournament.

So the next time you watch a tournament on television and find yourself salivating to play that beautifully manicured piece of golf heaven, stop and think for a minute just how many months of poor conditions you'd trade for that one week.

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 stammer-golf@yahoo.com.



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Rants

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ignoring the voting public. I'm surprised there isn't a little bit of outrage since some many people voted for it.

Everybody hates it, it seems. It messes up your body's clock.

Rebuttal: Curse of the Snowbirds

In response to the rant titled "Curse of the Snowbirds," I am a snowbird. My wife and I have been coming to Florida for 15 years. All the while, supporting your economy, respecting your environment and generally having a very good time. Maybe someone should explain to the writer how we Snowbirds are helping Florida survive by pumping all our "Northern" money into your

state. We alone, in three months, have spent over \$3,000 at your restaurants, gas stations, theaters and in stores from Bealls to Goodwill.

Sorry if the checkout lines are a bit busy but we like supporting local businesses and keeping Florida folks working.

We also love picking up garbage on the beach and doing volunteer work here, too.

We come for the weather, the beaches, the great free concerts, the restaurants, the wide parking spaces and the courteous people. To that rant author, be assured, we sure don't come here for you. Sorry someone dropped a house on your sister, but it wasn't a snowbird!

Smoking ban enforcement

I am all for banning smoking on the beach (and at festivals).

However, how will the ban, if adopted, be enforced? Is it like the dog ban? There are

dogs out there on the beach daily and no enforcement of the ban. In fact, reminds me of a song: dogs to the left of me, pooches to the right, here I am stuck in the middle with hounds!

It is pointless to pass any rules like these if enforcement doesn't follow.

"Florida Retirement..." rebuttal

In response to the individual who wrote "Florida Retirement Never Boring," I, too, have observed drivers run red lights from; Texas, Massachusetts, Georgia, Connecticut and many other states.

The writer also needs to be reminded that a large population of individuals have come here from other states and have made their homes here. Consequently bringing their poor driving talents with them.

In closing, if this individual can identify a true Floridian with poor driving habits

while stopped at a stoplight, I am sure the government would love to acquire that talent.

Time change not a timely issue

This is to address the senators from Florida who want the keep the time change stay as one time change.

Why can't they just worry about the problems they have in their own state of Florida instead of trying to change the whole country? There are other states that don't want it. But once again, we have a handful of senators who are sticking their noses into a problem that's not a big, important issue. They have about a thousand bigger issues to stick their noses into. Do you think they will? No.

Hopefully some other state senators will check them and say worry about your own state and stick to bigger issues in this country instead of the time change.

Floral

Edited by Linda and Charles Preston

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• Sunset Saturday night cruises:

Oceanside Business Association of Vero Beach's sunset Saturday cruises on the second Saturday of the month located on the corner of Ocean Drive and Dahlia Lane. For more information, visit www.VeroBeachOBA.com.

• **Indian River Civic Association and the Florida Irish-American Society are conducting a food drive to benefit a local Veteran's Group Home.** Every Wednesday at noon the Irish Club, located at 1314 20th Street in Vero Beach, invites the public for a home-made lunch and dessert while listening to the big band sound of a local senior musical group. All ages are invited, and the cost is \$7, no reservation required. Please bring a non-perishable food item. Every month the IRCA distributes this food, along with fresh meat to the veterans. For more information, call (772) 913-1196 or (772) 569-1460.

• Pelican Island National Wildlife

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• **Italian-American War Veterans, Post No. 3 and Women's Auxiliary,** located at 2500 15th Ave., Vero Beach, holds business meetings at 7 p.m., on the second Wednesday of each month. Social meetings are held at 6 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday of the month. New members welcome. For information, call (772) 231-5673 or (772) 770-2558.

• **Vero Beach Railroad Station** in downtown Vero Beach was originally built in 1903. It is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is open Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Visitors can tour the exhibit center and get a glimpse of local history from prehistoric times through World War II. There is a model train display that offers panoramic views of historical sites in Indian River County. The railroad station is located at 2336 14th Ave., Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 778-3435.

• **Indian River County Historical Society** preserves the artifacts, sites and structures related to Indian River County heritage and offers maps and directions to sites of historic interest throughout the county. The society is housed in a 1903 Vero Beach Train Station, located at 2336 14th Ave., Vero Beach, and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call (772) 778-3435.

• The Heritage Bluegrass Band performs

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every Tuesday night, from 7:30-10 p.m. There is no admission charge and donations are appreciated. Light refreshments are available. The Heritage Center is located at 2140 14th Ave., Vero Beach.

• **Guided kayak tours:** Visitors paddle along the Indian River Lagoon and enjoy nature at its tropical best. Experience the thrill of close encounters with dolphins, manatees and exotic birds. The guide is a master naturalist and U.S. Coast Guard captain. Cost is \$47 each for a 2-1/2 hour tour. Reservations are required. Space is

limited to 12 participants. For more information call (772) 234-3436.

• **Indian River Citrus Museum** tells the story and preserves the artifacts, photographs and memorabilia of the pioneers who established the most distinguished citrus fruit in the world. Open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in the Heritage Center, 2140 14th Ave., Vero Beach. For more information call (772) 770-2263.

• **McKee Botanical Garden** is an 18-acre botanical garden listed on the National Register of Historic Places and endorsed by the Garden Conservancy. This Florida hammock offers a diverse botanical collection, as well as several restored architectural treasures, the hall of giants and

Spanish kitchen. Self-guided tours are available Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. It is closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for children. It is located at 350 U.S. 1, Vero Beach. It also has a gift shop, library and café. For more information, call (772) 794-0601 or www.mckee garden.org.

• **McLarty Treasure Museum** features treasures discovered from ancient Spanish ships wrecked in 1715, off of Indian River County's coast. Open seven days a week from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$1 for ages 6 and older. Located at 13180 A1A, Vero Beach, north of County Road 510. For more information, call (772) 589-2147.

• **Environmental Learning Center:** An elevated boardwalk creates a trail through a mangrove forest, butterfly garden, native plant garden, wet labs and more. Also there are canoe tours, workshops and other activities. It's open daily, with one-hour tours offered throughout the week. There is no admission charge. Visitors can also see the Florida cracker-style home of poet Laura Riding Jackson on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The center is located at 255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach, south of the Wabasso Bridge. For more information call (772) 589-5050 or visit www.elcweb.org.

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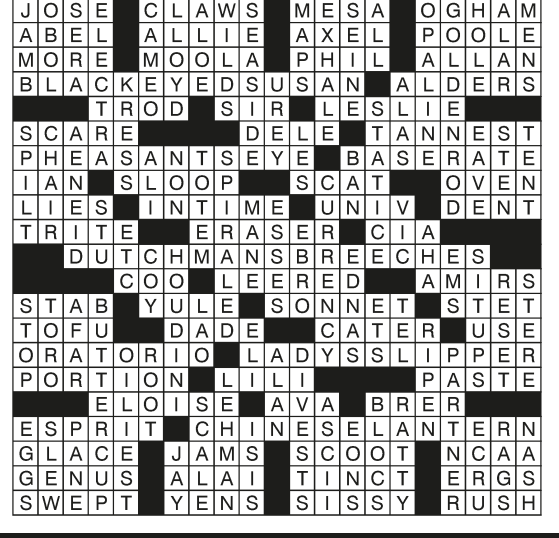
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