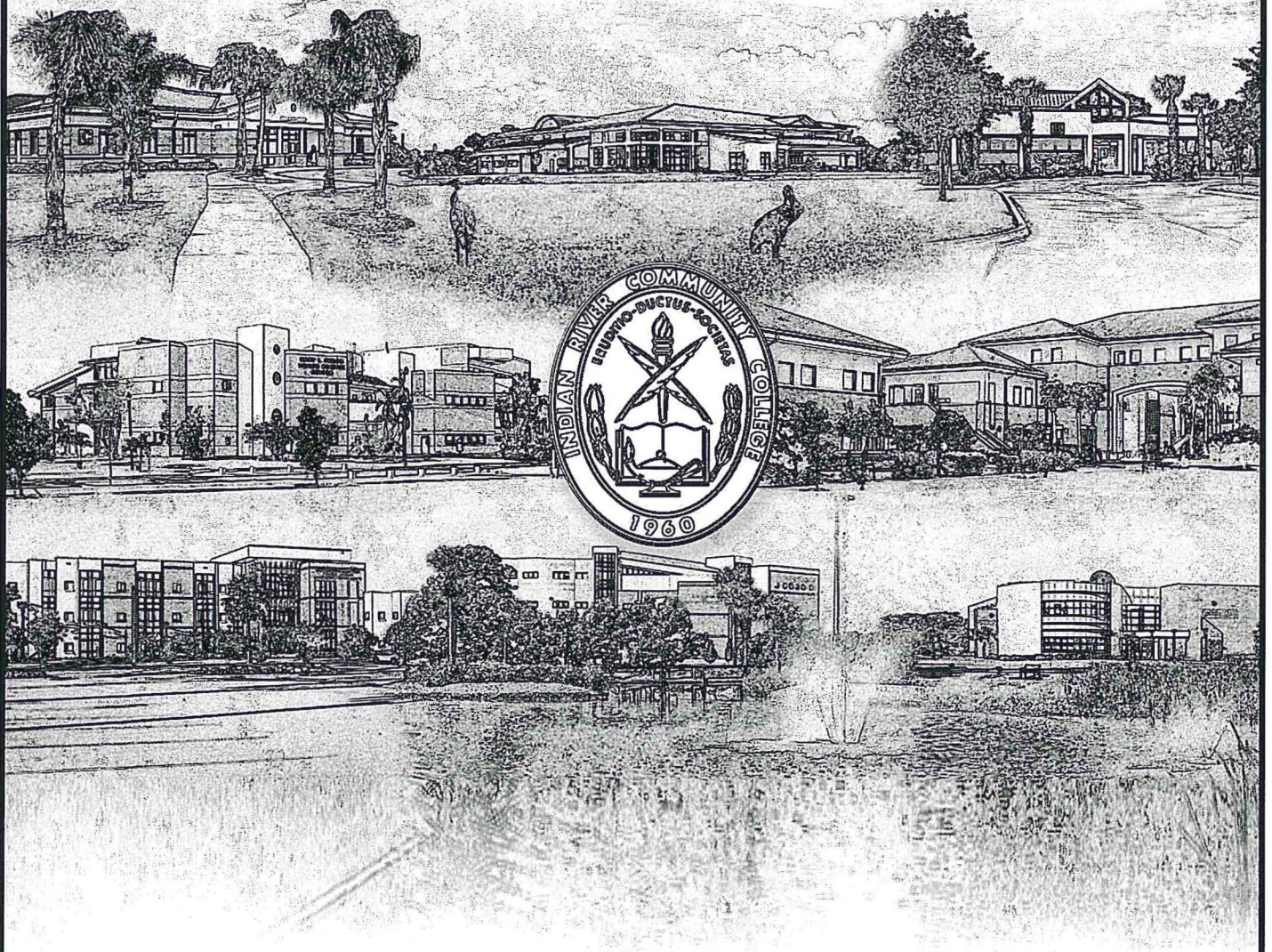


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IRCC pushes for new name

If state approves request,
school would be known as —
simply — Indian River College

BY KELLY TYKO
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FORT PIERCE — Indian River Community College soon could be known as Indian River College.

If the Florida Legislature and Gov. Charlie Crist give their blessing, the school formerly known as Indian River Junior College could undergo another name change.

IRCC's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to change the college's name last week because the college will offer bachelor's degrees in January 2008.

"I think the new name gives value and status to the diplomas that we will be granting to students," IRCC President Ed Massey said.

In June, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools — which monitors education standards at public and private colleges and school districts in Florida and 10 other states — accredited the college to offer nine bachelor's degree programs in the areas of nursing, education and management.

As of Monday, the college has 303 paid applicants for IRCC's bachelor's degree program.

Pending approval, officials hope to begin phasing in the new name during the summer of 2008. The college opened as Indian River Junior College in 1959 and was renamed to "community college" in 1970.

Six other Florida colleges have dropped the word "community" from their names when they began offering bachelor's degrees.

Although "community" might be dropped from IRCC's name, Massey said the college still will be "Your Community's College."

"We don't want anybody to think that due to the name change that we will in any way be weakening our relationships with our community," Massey said. "We're going to continue to have close ties in running these programs with the community."

IRCC votes to change name

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FOR HOMETOWN NEWS

The Indian River Community College District Board of Trustees has taken historic action, unanimously voting to change IRCC's name to Indian River College.

The Board's action was inspired by strong student, business and community response to the nine new bachelor degree programs being launched by the College in January 2008.

These high-demand bachelor's degree programs focusing on teacher education, nursing, organizational management, public safety, and health care management were approved unanimously by the State Board of Education in February.

In June, the College

gained accreditation as a Baccalaureate degree-granting institution by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The name change reflects IRCC's expanded program offerings at the baccalaureate level.

IRCC has a history of outstanding accreditation reviews from SACS, the nationally recognized regional accrediting body for higher education in the 11 Southern states.

The name change will be submitted for legislative approval in Spring 2008, and will become official pending the Governor's approval. The College anticipates that it will begin phasing in the new name during the summer of 2008.

"The implementation of the College's bachelor's degree programs opens up

many exciting new opportunities for our students and community. We are pleased that our new name will signify this progression in our mission while maintaining Indian River's long-standing commitment to excellence, open access and responsiveness to community needs," said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRCC president.

During Baccalaureate Information Sessions attended by over 850 prospective Bachelor's Degree students this summer, many voiced a strong preference to earn a degree from "Indian River College."

In addition, the Campus Coalition Government, composed of student government representatives, adopted a resolution urging a change in the College's name to ensure that a bachelor's degree awarded by Indian River is accorded the same value and status as a Bachelor's degree from any other regionally accredited college or university.

The name, Indian River College, will be used in association with the tag line, "Your Community's College," reinforcing the College's continuing mission of service and respon-

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siveness to community needs.

Applications are now being accepted for baccalaureate programs in nursing, secondary and middle school math, secondary and middle school science, exceptional student education, organizational management, public safety administration and health care management.

These bachelor's degree programs target the deficit of locally grown teachers, nurses and managers. The bachelor's degree in nursing will prepare registered nurses for management positions, helping to meet the regional, state, and national demand for nurses with a four-year degree.

Bachelor's Degree Information Sessions will be held Oct. 9, 10 and 11 at the College's five Treasure Coast Campuses to provide complete information on all aspects of the programs, including application procedures and program requirements.

To apply, visit, www.ircc.edu or call the IRCC Information Call Center at (866) 866-4722 for more information.



IRCC NO MORE: A great thing for the Treasure Coast could be trouble for headline writers and others who use acronyms: After 37 years, Indian River Community College could be changing its name.

9/15/07 No longer is IRCC the single building in Fort Pierce, founded as a junior college in 1959. It has become a regional hub for education and culture. And its graduates are among the best-prepared for four-year colleges compared to students of other community colleges in the state. This year, IRCC has begun offering programs that lead to bachelor's degrees at the school.

So the school's trustees made a critical decision: Change the institution's name to reflect the enhanced scope of its services. Change the name to Indian River College. The Legislature and governor would have to approve the name change in 2008, and then the college could start using it.

As much as area headline writers are used to IRCC, and use IRC for Indian River County, Indian River College is a logical and exciting evolution for IRCC. Its ongoing successes will better serve the post-secondary needs of residents on the Treasure Coast.

FORT PIERCE — The board of trustees voted to change the name of Indian River Community College to Indian River College, according to college officials. The board voted a week ago to change the name to reflect the recent addition of nine bachelor's degree programs. The programs, to be offered starting in January, include such high-demand fields as education, nursing, public safety and health-care management. The name change will be submitted for legislative approval in the spring and will be subject to approval by the governor. The college hopes to start using the new name by next summer.

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Crist's \$1B cuts may hit IRCC, FAU

Proposed state budget reductions include \$8.5 million from Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution

BY MICHAEL PELTIER
Staff writer

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Charlie Crist joined the state's budget fray Thursday, calling for almost \$1 billion in cuts, including money for Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution and Indian River Community College.

Included in Crist's proposal were matching grants for IRCC construction projects as part of a call for a statewide \$45 million decrease in community college operational funds, which school officials said should amount to a \$1 million hit for IRCC.

The cuts are not expected to affect student access to courses, for now, or any K-12 programs.

"It's always difficult to look at reductions, but I think we've put them forward in a responsible way that doesn't cause or shouldn't cause pain to folks," Crist said.

Also targeted is \$500,000 for the Public Services/Homeland Security training facility on IRCC's Fort Pierce campus and \$400,000 for the Human Resource Development Center in Fort Pierce.

"We have pledged everything possible to keep our doors open, but we're going to have to get some help from the Legislature to continue to do that," said IRCC President Ed Massey.

The cut for Harbor Branch, scheduled to become an official part of Florida Atlantic

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INSIDE: Hundreds of residents protest potential cuts to Agency for Persons with Disabilities. B7

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St. Lucie County Schools Superintendent Michael Lannon welcomed the news that Crist's proposal would not touch K-12 funding.

Crist, House Speaker Marco Rubio, R-West Miami, and Senate President Ken Pruitt, R-Port St. Lucie, all seem to understand education is an investment in the future, Lannon said.

"At this point, my 40 years in the business says, 'Breathe easy, people have given you the promise that they're going to hold you harmless,'" Lannon said. "Until that isn't the fact, that is the fact."

Staff writers Henry Stephens and Jeremy Ashton contributed to this report.

Chittum is preparing for a 4 percent to 10 percent reduction in funding.

The health department plans to deal with the cuts by delaying some purchases, cutting back on staff training, and being selective about which vacant positions to fill. Those measures would not affect the level of service Martin County residents receive, but that could change if the Legislature waits too long to hold the special session, Chittum said.

Meanwhile, St. Lucie County Administrator Doug Anderson said further unfunded mandates from the state, or changes to how much sales tax and grant money the state will distribute, could lead to reductions in services or force local governments to move money from other projects.

Crist's proposal came a day after legislators canceled a special session scheduled to begin Sept. 18 because they couldn't reach a consensus on trimming the state's \$71 billion budget.

"I respect the fact that it really is the members of the House and Senate to appropriate money, but we need all hands on deck," Crist told reporters in Tallahassee. "What occurred yesterday illustrates that more help is a good thing."

The looming state fiscal crisis is already being felt on the local level, where officials are concerned more programs will be pushed to the city and county levels.

Martin County Health Department Administrator Mark

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University in January, is proposed to be \$8.5 million, which could delay the start of FAU's programs at the Fort Pierce facility for a year.

FAU and Harbor Branch officials released a joint statement saying they have already spent \$2 million of that money and are closely reviewing the potential impact of the governor's budget recommendation.

To stimulate the state's economy, Crist wants to speed construction along Interstate 95 and of public schools. He also called for an increase in money for first time homebuyers, by providing up to \$10,000 in down payment assistance.

Region may be spared brunt of \$1B cuts

BY MICHAEL PELTIER
Staff writer

TALLAHASSEE — Lawmakers returning this week to plug a \$1 billion shortfall say they can do their job with minimal impact on the Treasure Coast and other parts of the state by using one-time and unspent money, creating a temporary patch that will have to be reworked next year.

Hampered by a sluggish real estate market, lawmakers have been called back into special session that starts Wednesday to tweak the state's \$71 billion budget. Local delegates say they hope to avoid making direct cuts to services.

Legislators say the separate House and Senate proposals, along with the Gov. Charlie Crist's request list, also minimize the impact on public

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SPECIAL SESSION

The Legislature has a special session from Oct. 3 to 12. Here is a look at the plans:

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- Plugging a \$1.1 billion shortfall in state revenues
- Clamping down on cities and counties that defied the legislative order to roll back property taxes

NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Property taxes ballot proposal
- No-fault auto insurance expiration

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Medical providers and nursing home operators who received increases in Medicaid reimbursements will have to give some of that back as budget builders proposed almost \$433 million in reductions.

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school students, the elderly and the developmentally disabled by making cuts and one-time transfers from environmental programs and trust funds.

Although most taxpayers would not notice, it will be more painful for others who treat the state's injured, elderly and most vulnerable citizens.

Medical providers and nursing home operators who received increases in Medicaid reimbursements earlier this year will have to give some of that back as budget builders proposed almost \$433 million in reductions to health care and social service funding.

"In order to cut the budget you have to cut spending," said Rep. Stan Mayfield, R-Vero Beach, and vice chairman of the House Fiscal Council.

On the education front, Indian River Community College will feel the lumps like other community colleges, but the college was spared more drastic cuts, in part by higher tuition rates for the spring semester. Both proposals call for raising tuition by 5 percent.

"This will allow us to provide access when we need it," IRCC President Ed Massey said.

Massey was pleased with some of the cuts that weren't made. Gov. Charlie Crist proposed cutting \$1.25 million in matching grants for IRCC's joint medical facility with Florida State University and \$1.2 million for library construction on the Mueller campus.

Crist also targeted \$500,000 for IRCC's Public Services/Homeland Security training facility on the Fort Pierce campus and \$400,000 for the Human Resource Development Center in Fort Pierce. Neither the House or Senate proposals contain the cuts.

Also saved from the budget ax was \$8.5 million earmarked for Harbor Branch, which in

January is scheduled to become part of Florida Atlantic University. Crist's proposal would have delayed for a year the start of the program at the Fort Pierce facility. FAU officials had already spent \$2 million on the campus.

"In these difficult times, the legislature has really given positive consideration to community colleges and education in general," Massey said.

Sen. Mike Haridopolos, R-Indian River, and chairman of the Senate Finance and Tax Committee, said the proposals are conservative responses to the state's budget woes that don't raise taxes and preserve funding for those who need it most.

"We tried to find a way to make the cuts without taking money out of people's pockets," Haridopolos said. "That leaves them with more money to spend, which helps the economy recover."

Although leaders anticipate a relatively noncombative budget session, there could be a debate of no-fault automobile insurance next week.

The item was left off the session's agenda, but House Speaker Marco Rubio has asked Gov. Crist to officially include the issue and a discussion of property taxes in the upcoming session. Rubio has scheduled a hearing on the auto insurance issue for Tuesday.

Still up in the air is whether lawmakers will revisit a proposed property tax amendment to raise homestead exemptions while phasing out Save Our Homes protections. A circuit judge in Tallahassee tossed out the proposed constitutional amendment that was supposed to go to voters Jan. 29. The state has appealed.

Senate President Ken Pruitt said he's satisfied with pursuing the issue in court. Rubio wants the option to take up the issue during the 10-day session.

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Charlie, say it ain't so

Devastating.

That's how officials described the potential impact of Gov. Charlie Crist's proposal to cut Florida community college budgets to balance an expected shortfall of \$1.1 billion next year.

Fort Pierce Mayor Bob Benton, County Commissioner Joe Smith and Fort Pierce Police Chief Sean Baldwin were reacting specifically to the news that \$400,000 worth of Indian River Community College funding for the new Human Resource Development Center on Avenue D in Fort Pierce might be at risk.

The center is the brainchild of Fort Pierce City Commissioner R. "Duke" Nelson, who has battled for the project over the past 10 years. Now that the building finally is coming out of the ground, its very reason for being may be under threat.

The \$5 million project on the corner of Avenue D and 29th Street involves the construction of a 26,800-square-foot community center/gymnasium and a 11,472-square-foot classroom block.

While a community center (paid for and operated by the city) will be a valuable addition to the neighborhood, it's the IRCC component that really makes this project exciting.

IRCC is planning to offer vocational classes that will directly benefit those living within walking distance of the center. The intent always has been to place within easy reach the tools residents need to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps.

Leaders believe the center could be key to changing the dynamics of Avenue D. Crime, poverty and blight persist here despite a patchwork of aid programs applied over the years. One offer will be nursing, computer science, security officer and building trades classes as well as instruction in basic adult education, GED preparation and English for speakers of other languages.

IRCC President Ed Massey said that even if Crist's cuts are enacted, classes still will go on. However, the availability of certain courses or the number of slots available in them might have to be sacrificed in the short term. The building can accommodate up to 450 students. Far fewer might be able to do their learning if the cuts go into effect.

"It could have a devastating impact on the community," Baldwin said. "We've been trying to help people succeed; to give them some hope. We can't expect things to change — especially crime — unless we attack blight. The Human Resource Center was intended to change all that. It's disheartening that a project the community's worked so hard on for so long is in jeopardy."

Smith was emphatic in his criticism of the Crist plan.

"If we're targeting educational opportunities in a community like this just to balance the budget, then nothing is sacred. It doesn't matter how many police officers or firefighters you put on the street, if we can't provide education then nothing else matters. (Cutting funding to the Avenue D center) isn't going to solve anything. This will create a huge mass of problems for the future."

Smith's right.

We don't need this knee-jerk reaction to balance the budget. Don't do it, governor.



Sept. 13

New Front in Florida's Budget Wars

In Florida, where budget shortfalls are hitting higher education particularly hard, the public universities are going to battle with the Legislature over the power to raise tuition and freeze freshman enrollment.

Community colleges have stayed out of the ring so far, but not because they won't be affected. In a widely expected move, Gov. Charlie Crist, a Republican, proposed last week to reduce their state funding by at least 4 percent, or about \$43.5 million, at a time when enrollments increased some 7.2 percent across 28 campuses this fall.

But where the 11-campus public university system has been asserting itself under the guise of the Florida Board of Governors, the community colleges — which are under the authority of the state Board of Education — have been without a chancellor since July.

"We have the same issues that the universities have with the budget cuts, but we've had nobody to speak up for us," said E. Ann McGee, the president of Seminole Community College.

Their options are currently limited by the governor's veto earlier this year of any tuition increases for public universities and community colleges, which effectively threw out a 5-percent rise passed by the Legislature. The state budget covers 66 percent of community colleges' funding, and "if the cut starts to approximate 10 percent, you're talking about shutting programs and releasing people," said McGee, who implied that the lost tuition increase combined with the budget cuts could approach that significant an impact.

The cuts — a direct result of the housing downturn that has hit Florida particularly hard, producing a broader economic slump and lower-than-expected tax revenues — are also colliding with a fact of life at community colleges: Their enrollments are counter-cyclical. When the economy is humming, people work and enrollments flatten. But "when the economy softens ... that's right at the time that the state says, sorry, but we don't have any money to support you," McGee said.

At Seminole this fall, enrollment is up 10 percent. Indian River Community College saw an 11-percent increase. But, unlike K-12 education and universities, the colleges aren't forward-funded to predict increases; allocations are based on a rolling average of the previous three years' enrollments.

Community college leaders only expect the problem to get worse after the Board of Governors' vote, despite the Legislature's opposition, to freeze freshman enrollment at four-year universities at this fall's level in the spring. As the number of new high school graduates increases and the number of public university slots remains the same, two-year colleges may be the only choice left for some students. The rapidly-growing university system had a total enrollment of 282,134 in 2005.

The impact at different colleges varies. The budget shortfall has already led to layoffs at Florida Community College at Jacksonville. At Seminole, McGee said she wasn't sure if she would be able to open a new campus being built to double nursing enrollment.

"People who are out of work who then are coming back to community colleges to either train or retrain, they see us as their way back into the job market," McGee said. "Cutting our budgets and cutting off enrollment for those students just doesn't make any sense."

Meanwhile, the colleges will do what they always do in a budget crunch: cut administrative costs, siphon as much funding into the classroom as possible and put a freeze on full-time hires. The colleges will also rely more heavily on instructors to teach additional courses and hire adjuncts to take on more students, according to Edwin R. Massey, president of Indian River Community College and the chairman of the Florida Community College Council of Presidents' Policy and Advocacy Committee.

The colleges are already short on instructors, said Tom Auxter, president of the United Faculty of Florida union and a professor of philosophy at the University of Florida. "Our community colleges have been growing rapidly as the Florida population has been growing rapidly, but the appointment of faculty members has not been keeping up with the growth of students," he said. Auxter pointed out that instructors might have to teach subjects they didn't specialize in, and that "to pack them in like this ... when things are already tight, creates damage that's not within an acceptable level."

For its part, the community college system is lobbying the governor and the Legislature to seek alternative sources of funding. "Our main thrust is to provide access, so we're working with them to lobby for taking non-recurring dollars and buying out the tuition losses that we experienced due to the veto of our tuition," Massey said, essentially asking lawmakers to tap a portion of Florida's budget as a one-time expense to cover the expected 5-percent tuition increase. Anticipating cuts, the Council of Presidents passed a unanimous resolution in July, additionally committing them "not to cap enrollment at any of our 28 community colleges" and remain open to students affected by the university enrollment freeze.

The Florida Department of Education submitted a requested budget reduction plan that suggests administrative costs and programs with indirect impact on students as the priority for the cuts, including, for example, distance learning. But the impact of the cuts would probably be more complicated because of the way funding is allocated to the community college system, in a lump sum. The system uses a complex, agreed-upon formula intended to distribute the state allocation equitably, according to factors such as college size, the mix of programs, class size and technology, Massey said. The colleges' preference is that the cuts be distributed by the same formula.

The Legislature's planned September 18 special session to discuss the budget has been delayed until October or November while lawmakers and the governor plan how to address an unexpected \$1 billion hole in the state budget.

The governor's office did not respond to multiple calls for comment.

— Andy Guess

The original story and user comments can be viewed online at <http://insidehighered.com/news/2007/09/13/florida>.

Fed grant to help students in math and science

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FORT PIERCE — Indian River Community College officials hope a new program will raise interest in science and math among high school students.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded IRCC a \$250,000 federal grant to start the Upward Bound Math and Science program with St. Lucie County high

school students. The program will start in January and 50 participants will be selected from Fort Pierce Central and Fort Pierce Westwood high schools.

"We're going to be putting a lot more emphasis and rigorous attention on math, sciences and technology," said Adriene Jefferson, IRCC's associate dean of minority affairs.

Upward Bound helps high school students from low-income families whose parents lack college degrees and is geared toward helping students pursue higher education.

The new program's focuses on math and sciences. It is designed to help students increase their grades and scores on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test,

the SAT and the ACT.

Students in Upward Bound spend three afternoons a week and Saturdays with teachers and counselors in tutorials to learn about the college entrance exams they'll take. They also spend six weeks each summer living on IRCC's campus taking college courses and getting a taste of life after high school.

Hastings, Mahoney Announce \$250,000 Grant for Upward Bound Math and Science Program at Indian River Community College

the program helps high school students excel in math and science

(Washington, D.C.) – Congressmen Alcee L. Hastings (FL-23) and Tim Mahoney (FL-16) today announced that the U.S. Department of Education has awarded a \$250,000 federal grant to launch a new Indian River Community College Upward Bound program with special emphasis on math and science. The Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) program will prepare high school students for postsecondary education programs that lead to careers in math and science.

Expanding upon IRCC's 12-year record of success improving student achievement through Upward Bound, the new program will provide multi-faceted educational services and opportunities to inspire interest in math and science among first generation in college and low income students in St. Lucie County. Fifty participants will be selected from Central and Westwood High Schools.

Beginning in January, the students will engage in exciting projects linking math and science to real-world experiences. Working in teams, they will replicate the conditions for a "hurricane" through laboratory experiments, monitoring and predicting its path and evaluating the extent of damage that would be caused at different levels of strength.

Gaining exposure to scientific research, the students will work with mathematicians and scientists at IRCC and scientific organizations such as Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, USDA Labs, and Smithsonian Institution. Classroom reinforcement will focus on academic achievement, and the students will be paired with IRCC science majors who will serve as peer tutors.

"America's strength rests on its ability to compete on a global scale, and this program is an essential tool for our nation's high school students to advance academically and professionally in the all important fields of math and science. IRCC's Upward Bound Math and Science Program will help to train our region's future research scientists who will find cures for diseases and ailments, engineers and architects that will improve our environment and overall way of life, and teachers that will make our country stronger in the areas of math and science," said Congressman Alcee L. Hastings.

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America needs a scientific and technologically-capable workforce in order to compete in the global economy. IRCC's Upward Bound Math and Science Program will help students develop critical math and science skills through intensive training and mentoring. This is especially important in light of recent reports that American math and science students are lagging behind many of their international counterparts. Upward Bound creates the opportunity for more students to succeed in these subjects. By building a bridge between the classroom and the workplace, this program will help peak student interest in math and science and guide more young people toward these fields," said Congressman Tim Mahoney.

"As we develop our region into a hub for science, math and technology, it becomes increasingly important that we inspire interest and achievement in math and science at the high school and college level. By motivating students and generating enthusiasm for the fascinating uses of math and science, the Upward Bound Math and Science program will help students succeed in the classroom, eager to develop the high-tech skills needed for our workforce," said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRCC President.

A six-week summer session will include rigorous academic studies in math and science, as well as cultural activities. During the academic year, UBMS participants will meet each week to participate in instruction and enrichment activities in math and science. These activities will reinforce the summer session and ensure that participants remain focused on courses that will lead to careers in math and science.

The Upward Bound Math and Science program is a federally funded TRIO program, fostering academic achievement and preparation for post-secondary education among student participants who are low-income and/or first generation college students.

IRCC has participated in TRIO programs since 1995-1996, serving 837 9th through 12th graders through the Upward Bound program in St. Lucie County and the KAPS/Upward Bound program in Indian River County. Other TRIO programs at IRCC include Educational Talent Search, serving over 900 6th through 12th graders since 2003 and Student Support Services serving over 700 college students since 1997.

For more information, contact Adriene Jefferson, IRCC Associate Dean of Minority Affairs at 772-462-7606.

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**IRCC receives grant for
math, science program**

Indian River Community College received a \$250,000 federal grant to launch a program that could raise interest in science and math among St. Lucie high school students.

The Upward Bound Math and Science Program is scheduled to begin at IRCC in January. The U.S. Department of Education gave IRCC and three other Florida schools grants for the Upward Bound program.

The Upward Bound Math and Science programs provide summer intensive math and science training, year-round counseling and advisement, contact with mathematics and science research faculty members, computer training, and mentor-guided/participant-conducted scientific research, according to a news release.

Fifty participants will be selected from Fort Pierce Central High and Westwood High.

"As we develop our region into a hub for science, math and technology, it becomes increasingly important that we inspire interest and achievement in math and science at the high school and college level," IRCC President Edwin R. Massey said in the news release.

"By motivating students and generating enthusiasm for the fascinating uses of math and

science, the Upward Bound Math and Science program will help students succeed in the classroom, eager to develop the high-tech skills needed for our workforce," Massey said.

County approves budget

**\$103.8 M budget
adopted by
commissioners**

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

At the conclusion of a public hearing on Sept. 18, the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners adopted a \$103.8 Million budget for fiscal year 2007/08.

The budget was adopted af-

ter budget planners wrestled with a state mandated tax reduction. Okeechobee County was ordered, under recently passed laws, to bring in 3 percent less in ad valorem taxes than were brought in this year.

Budget planners had to balance requests for more services with less revenue.

Commissioners approved a millage rate of 5.3377, as compared to this year's millage rate of 5.8468. One mil equals \$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed value.

According to figures released by county administrator George Long, the total ad valorem taxes on a house in the county assessed at \$100,000 with a \$25,000 homestead exemption would be \$1,067.90. That figure includes South Florida Water Management District, Children's Services Council and school board taxes.

The \$103,847,935 budget is based on revenues from ad valorem taxes, grants, sales and use taxes, charges for services, licenses, permits, franchise fees

and interest. The largest single line item in the budget, public safety, is \$26,743,136. General government is slated to receive \$18,109,892.

At the Sept. 18 hearing, commissioners considered a request from Indian River Community College for funding for the college's planned public safety complex. According to the letter from the college, Okeechobee County's prorated share of the cost is \$188,113.41 which could be appropriated over a three

years period. Commissioners voted to transfer one third of the requested amount from reserves into the new budget.

Commissioners voted to carry forward funds earmarked for parks and recreation projects that have not been completed.

In the light of reduced revenues, commissioners made a concerted effort to reduce expenses.

Salary increases for county

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employees were handled differently this time. Employees will be given cost of living and merit increases. However, those increases will not be added to their base salary. They will be awarded to the employees in four installments. That way, the increase will not be a recurring expense as an increase in base salary would.

Even Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May did his part to help reduce the budget. His original budget request was for \$18,757,375.

He cut that back to \$18,261,864. That amounts to a 4.84 percent increase over the present budget. He had originally requested a 7.66 percent increase. This request includes four additional persons, two in law enforcement and two in corrections.

The board tried to reduce the number of new positions whenever possible.

The clerk of the court had requested two new positions in information technology. However commissioners only authorized one new position.

Originally, the board had budgeted \$100,000 for contract ser-

vices. Since it is anticipated that all of that money will not be necessary, that amount was cut back to \$50,000.

The general fund was reduced by \$450,000 based primarily on projected spending for the current years. Utilities and communications at the road department were reduced by \$12,600. The road department equipment line item was reduced by \$192,536 due primarily to the deletion of a requested road grader.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Pete Gawda may be reached at pgawda@newszap.com.

Future teachers will benefit from IRCC center

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Some students learn best working in groups while others perform best in a traditional classroom with desks in neat rows.

Now, students studying to become teachers will experience different learning styles in a specially designed classroom at the new Schumann Center at the Indian River Community College Mueller Campus in Vero Beach.

"It's to help future teachers realize that not all students learn the same way," said David Sullivan, provost of the IRCC Mueller Center.

The teacher-training lab is one of the new services and classrooms that opened this year

as part of the center, made possible through a private donation from former Press Journal owner and publisher John Schumann Jr. and his wife, Kathi. The \$7.4 million center, which opened earlier this year to students, was dedicated Tuesday.

Desks in the teacher lab are arranged in one area of the classroom in rows facing the teacher. Those desks can be pulled apart and grouped together for other activities, said instructor Sandra Van Vorst.

In the back of the room, students can sit on soft, couch-like chairs to listen to the lesson. Computer stations are arranged in other areas of the room to illustrate another style of learning.

In addition to the lab, the Schumann Center will allow students to register for classes, buy books, apply for financial aid and get career classes in one place.

More than 100 people attended the dedication, which also paid tribute to a donation from Sid and Donna Sue Banack, which supported the new Banack Student Success Services area.

The IRCC teacher program helps train those professionals who have a bachelor's degree to become certified teachers so they can go directly to the classroom.

More than 400 students are enrolled in the institute on all four IRCC campuses to prepare for teaching, Van Vorst said.

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Indian River County Commissioner Sandra Bowden, second from left, shares a laugh with John Schumann, second from right, his wife Kathi, right, and Indian River Community College president Edwin Massey after the official dedication of the Schumann Center at IRCC in Vero Beach on Tuesday afternoon.

IRCC offers one-stop educational services

With the start of the 2007/2008 school year, hundreds of Indian River Community College students took advantage of the college's new approach to student services with one-stop convenience.

Students are able to obtain educational and career counseling, apply for financial aid, take the college placement exam, register and pay for classes and purchase textbooks all in one place. With the help of "Student Success Advisers" each student develops a customized plan to meet his or her specific educational and career goals.

The era of one-stop student services was launched earlier this year with the opening of Crews Hall at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce and the Robert Morgade Administration and Student Services Center at the Chastain Campus in Stuart.

The Schumann Center in Vero Beach opened in August at the Mueller Campus and will be dedicated Tuesday at 1 p.m. From building layout to an array of student services, all aspects of the spacious new facility support and enhance student success. The theme of

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the dedication ceremony is "Expanding Educational Opportunities in Indian River County," and area residents are invited to attend. The dedication will include self-guided tours of the facility at 6155 College Lane, off 58th Avenue and State Road 60, just south of Home Depot.

In addition to multifaceted student services facilities, the 30,000-square-foot Schumann Center features new biology laboratories, a high speed computer lab for instruction in graphics and design, an interior design laboratory, teacher training center, interactive distance learning classroom, computer labs and multi-purpose classrooms.

Continuing the expansion of the Mueller Campus as a full-service college campus, the \$7.4 million Schumann Center is named in honor of Kathi and John J. Schumann, Jr., dedicated supporters of IRCC and Indian River County.

For more information about student services and programs at IRCC, call the Information Call Center toll-free at (866) 866-4722.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Indian River Community College will offer nine bachelor's degree programs beginning in January, and students are encouraged to apply before the Oct. 19 priority deadline.

Following an extensive survey of community needs, IRCC developed proposals to offer bachelor's degrees in areas of high workforce demand, including nursing, organizational management, public safety administration, health care management, and education in middle school and high school science, middle school and high school math and exceptional student education.

The proposals were fully approved by the Florida Department of Education. In June, the IRCC Bachelor's Degree programs were accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the nationally recognized regional accrediting body for higher education in the 11 Southern states. IRCC has a history of outstanding accreditation reviews by SACS.

Earlier this month, the IRCC District board of trustees unanimously voted to change IRCC's name to Indian River

College. The name change reflects IRCC's expanded programs offerings at the baccalaureate level, and maintains Indian River's long-standing commitment to excellence, open access and responsiveness to community needs. The name change will be submitted for legislative approval and become official pending the governor's approval. The college anticipates that it will begin phasing in the new name during summer 2008.

The IRCC bachelor's degree programs will be offered within driving distance for Treasure Coast residents and online at a cost of \$75 per credit for Florida residents, about one-third less than the cost at Florida public universities.

Anyone interested should plan to attend a Bachelor's Degree Open House at the nearest IRCC Campus at 6 p.m. Oct. 9, 10, and 11. Call (866) 866-4722 for the Open House schedule. Visit www.ircc.edu to apply online and for more information.

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1927 building is a school again

IRCC's new Sebastian campus is in a historic building on Main Street that was a former school and City Hall

BY ED BIRSCHENK
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SEBASTIAN — When Indian River Community College's Sebastian campus opens its doors to its first students today, it may be like walking back in time.

The college will be offering about 20 different courses in four classes at the Main Street building, which served as a school from 1927 until 1982, when city offices moved in. City offices vacated the building after the new City Hall opened in November 2004.

Michael Loggins, project manager with EDC Services of Savannah, Ga., said his company restored stair railings and other portions of the second floor to what they were like when the building was constructed in 1927.

It does have some modern upgrades, including

an elevator and upgraded wiring needed for the computers. The largest room will be able to hold up to 36 students, which is the number enrolled in the most popular class being held at the old City Hall: "Introduction to Ethics."

There also will be cohort groups for business, health information management, and early childhood classes. Students in the cohort groups attend classes together and lend each other support.

David Sullivan, provost of IRCC's Mueller Campus in Vero Beach, said he was talking to city officials about starting the college facility since the early 1990s.

"We see this as a long-term relationship and we have from the beginning and so does the city," said Sullivan.

Sebastian Mayor Andrea Coy, who also teaches at the college, said she would eventually like to see the college open its own building in Sebastian. Sullivan said there are no current plans for such a facility.

Sullivan thinks teachers are excited about being able to be the first ones to teach college classes at the renovated building.

"I think they feel it's historic," he said.

THE SEBASTIAN CONNECTION

- About 120 students will be attending some of the 20 Indian River Community College courses on the second floor of the historic Sebastian City Hall building on Main Street.
- The City Council last year approved an \$854,000 contract with EDC Services, Inc., of Savannah, Ga., to renovate the building. It also received a \$250,000 state grant.
- The building also is home to the Sebastian Area Historical Society Museum.
- The college pays \$35 for every class conducted at the building, which would mean a \$70 weekly payment if an American history class was held twice a week.
- The maximum the college will pay is \$4,000 per semester or \$12,000 per year.
- Call (772) 226-2500 for enrollment information. For more information about IRCC courses offered in the Sebastian area, including at Sebastian River High School, visit www.ircc.edu/pdf/rivernews/sebastianclasses.pdf

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Education in skilled trades leads to good jobs

BY DONNA D. RIVETT
BJ guest columnist

When people think about going to college, vocations such as lawyer, doctor, teacher, and other "professions" come to mind. Individuals who do not see themselves in one of these traditional occupations often think they aren't really cut out for college.

However, 90 percent of the fastest-growing jobs in the United States require some education beyond high school, often in a technical field, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Here on the Treasure Coast, job growth in skilled trades such as air conditioning and automotive continues to be strong. More than one-fourth of the occupations listed on the State of Florida Demand Occupations List are in the trades.

Workers in these skilled trades have seen rapid workplace changes. In fact, workers who began their careers 25 years ago are now using new technology in terms of tools and equipment. Workers new to these careers must also keep pace. Global competition forces companies to demand that their employees keep up. No longer does the average worker leave high school, take a

job, and never go back to school for additional training or improvement of skills.

Continually updating its programs, Indian River Community College provides training to launch a career, upgrade skills, re-train for another career, or to prepare for industry certifications and licensing. The industrial education division provides programs for individuals seeking hands-on education, focusing on occupations in the skilled trades. Among the offerings:

- Automotive department. As long as Americans love their cars, students trained in the latest automotive technologies will have jobs. Courses lead to a college degree or part-time, evening certificate program. Both programs prepare students for the highly regarded Automotive Service Excellence certification. Now, ASE certification test preparation is offered on-line to prepare students for various ASE exams.

- Air conditioning, heating and refrigeration department. Air conditioning technicians are in great demand throughout the state. The department



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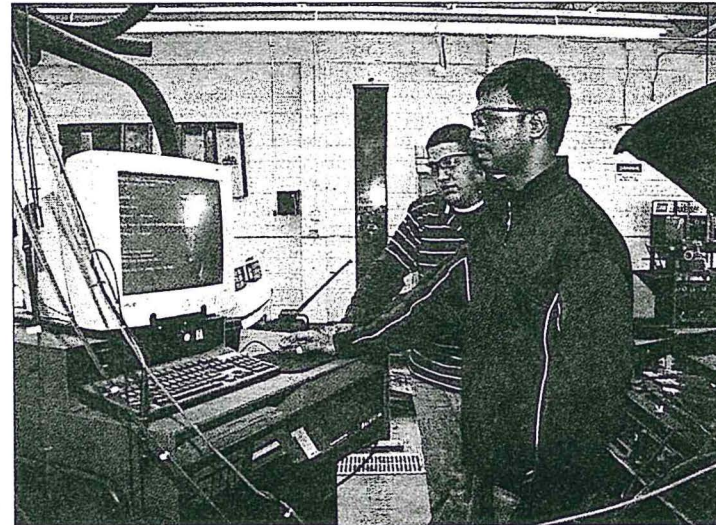


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Indian River Community College students Paulo Landaverde and Veejay Dowlat learn computer operations related to their automotive training.

provides training in residential and commercial cooling and heating, along with training in commercial refrigeration. Courses can lead to a college

credit certificate or degree, or the open-entry career training program.

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- Cosmetology. The program offers instruction and training in cosmetology and barbering as well as in the cosmetology specialties of facials and nails. Students are prepared for licensing exams and Florida registrations. The required AIDS/HIV re-certification classes are also available throughout the year.

- Commercial truck driving. It's one of our newest programs, designed to help fill more than 3,000 annual openings for truck drivers in Florida. The

eight-week training program prepares the students for entry-level employment in local or over-the-road commercial driving.

- Apprenticeship programs. IRCC offers state-registered programs in fields such as air conditioning, electrical, plumbing and masonry. These three- or four-year programs combine knowledge and understanding with on-the-job skill development and training.

For information on these programs, call IRCC at (866) 866-4722 or the industrial division at (772) 462-7655.

Donna D. Rivett is assistant dean of industrial education at IRCC.

IRCC may offer credit for flight training

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The school is teaming with FlightSafety International to give college credit to students interested in becoming pilots

BY ED BIRSCHENK
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VERO BEACH — A partnership between Indian River Community College and Vero Beach-based FlightSafety International, giving students college credit for the flight training they receive, could be a local way to help combat the nation's commercial airline pilot shortage.

Jacqueline Carlon, a spokeswoman for FlightSafety Academy, is hoping that pending final approvals, the program could start in the spring. FlightSafety International turns out a few hundred pilots annually at its academy at Vero Beach Municipal Airport. It currently has about 220 students.

"(The partnership) is still in the preliminary planning and discussion stages," said Michelle Abaldo, a spokeswoman for the college.

Carlon said some FlightSafety students have asked about the ability to obtain college credits for the training they receive, which led to the discussions.

The thought is that more students will be interested in

being pilots if, along with their training, they can get a college degree. FlightSafety Academy is a private school that only trains pilots.

"Having a clearly defined way to get college credit for training received here will motivate people," she said.

The IRCC degree could prove especially important if for medical reasons someone is no longer able to be a pilot and needs to transition into another career in the aviation field, she said. Immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, some of the major airlines froze hiring pilots.

The long-term impact of that on the Vero Beach academy was some airlines' decision to stop hiring pilots, which created a backlog for FlightSafety. The company generally has jobs lined up for its students prior to graduation. The ability to have these jobs waiting for them is critical for the students who are paying about \$75,000 for the training that lasts 1½ years.

Six years later, the aviation industry is facing a shortage of commercial pilots, and airlines are recruiting.

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FLIGHT TALK

Watch FlightSafety Academy student Mike Kaveny operate a simulator and talk about his experiences at the Vero Beach training center. Also, see some examples of pay at airlines based on years of service.

A subsidiary of Delta, ASA, is coming to FlightSafety on Tuesday with one of its jets on a recruiting mission, Carlon said.

The 1,123 pilots hired nationwide in July is more than double the number hired during the same month last year, according to Aviation Information Resources, of Atlanta.

The aviation industry anticipates needing more than 320,000 new commercial pilots within the next 25 years, according to statistics from Boeing Aircraft, based on aircraft sales, pilot retirement, attrition, and projected growth.

In addition to major airlines and their carriers, there are also a number of regional carriers, package delivery services, and private companies, such as Wal-Mart and Home Depot, that employ pilots.

Starting pay can be in the \$40,000 range with experienced pilots making up to \$250,000 annually while working 15 days a month, said Kit Darby, president of Aviation Information Resources.

IN NEED OF PILOTS

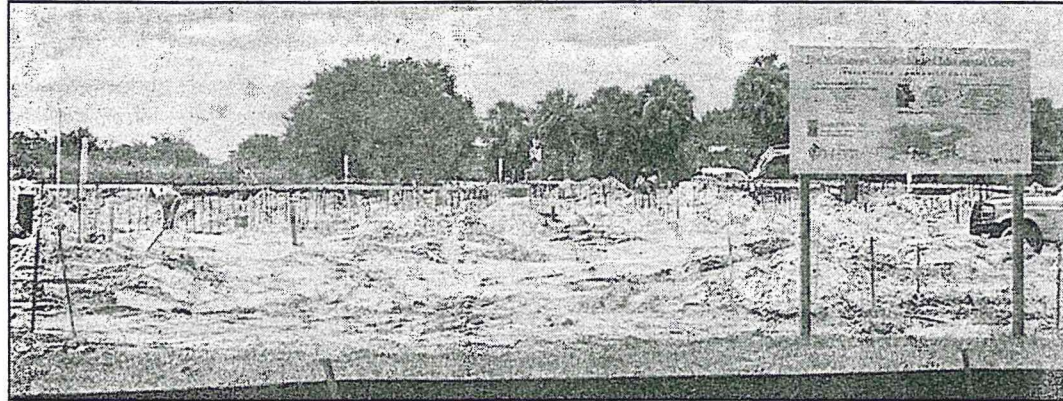
- According to the Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association, which focuses on general aviation, the overall pilot population has declined 25 percent, even as the general U.S. population has expanded by about the same percentage.

- When it comes to commercial pilots, the aviation industry anticipates a need for more than 320,000 new pilots within the next 25 years, according to statistics from Boeing Aircraft, based on aircraft sales, pilot retirement, attrition, and projected growth.

- North America and Canada need about 8,000 new pilots per year or 144,000 by 2025, according to the Boeing number.

- According to the most recent economic report from the Airline Transport Association, which represents most of the national carriers, the number of pilots and copilots at U.S. airlines dropped from 74,478 in 2005 to 69,181 in 2006.

Carlon said the Vero Beach flight school is affiliated with five subsidiaries of major airlines: American Eagle (American); Pinnacle (Northwest); ASA (Delta); TransState (Delta and American) and Express Jet (Continental).



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IRCC construction

The Williamson Conference and Educational Center at the Dixon-Hendry Indian River Community College Campus is under construction. The center is scheduled to open in fall of 2008.

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College provides opportunities geared to help area businesses

Indian River Community College provides resources to help area businesses. Whether providing the assistance to help launch fledgling companies to success, providing the facilities needed for off-site conferences and strategy sessions or hosting seminars that feature regional business leaders and topics, Indian River continues to be a key partner for Treasure Coast businesses.

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR

Entrepreneurs looking for the help and resources they need to get a new business up and running may consider working with the IRCC Business and Technology Incubator in Stuart.

The Incubator helps early-stage entrepreneurs grow by providing a variety of support services in a professional working environment.

The Incubator serves a wide range of mixed-use technology focused businesses and encourages new businesses that can provide cross-fertilization with other Incubator clients.

In addition to firms directly involved in technology, the Incubator is open to businesses

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including accounting and financial services, human resource consulting, marketing, business consulting and training, language interpretation and translation and investment companies.

The Incubator offers furnished offices with computers and complementary T-1 Internet connection. In addition to providing the physical space to help small businesses grow, the IRCC Incubator offers its clients business and technical support services, on-site business classes, networking opportunities and business seminars.

Incubator clients have the availability of the Johnson Auditorium and Strategic Planning Center at the IRCC Chastain Campus in Martin County.

For more information about the IRCC Business and Technology Incubator, contact Karen Schreiner at (772) 419-5690 or visit www.ircc.edu/incubator.

PLAN MEETINGS OFF-SITE FOR BEST RESULTS

In concert with its mission

to support business, industry and entrepreneurship, IRCC operates three Conference facilities. Each center offers a high-tech setting for educational, entrepreneurial, community and economic development activities.

The Richardson Center in Vero Beach, the Schreiber Conference Center in St. Lucie West, and the Wolf High Technology Center in Stuart allow IRCC to provide professional level facilities for multiple purposes, from employee training and yearly strategic planning meetings to board retreats and awards dinners.

Each auditorium is equipped with a computer-assisted Smart Podium, multiple LCD projection, wireless Internet connectivity and other multimedia equipment.

Each center has an auditorium capable of holding job fairs, banquets, or employee training for 160-200 attendees. Basic meeting rooms with seating for eight to 32 attendees are available.

For information and availability of the Richardson Center, located on the IRCC Mueller Campus at 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach, contact Judy Riley at (772) 226-2690.

For information and availability of the Schreiber Conference Center, located on the IRCC St. Lucie West Campus, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie, contact Betty Mulvihill at (772) 336-7741.

For information and availability of the Wolf High-Technology Center, located on the IRCC Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart, contact Bernadette Serafin at (772) 419-5700.

LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES EXPANDS OFFERINGS

The IRCC Business and Technology Incubator partners with the Entrepreneur Development Institute to offer regularly scheduled "Lunch and Learn" seminars. A grant from the Coleman Foundation sponsors the free Lunch and Learn seminars.

Due to the popularity of the "Lunch and Learn" series hosted at the Chastain Campus in Stuart, the EDI is expanding the series to the Mueller Campus in Indian River County.

Seminars at the Wolf High Technology Center, at the IRCC Chastain Campus in Stuart:

Tuesday, noon: "The Importance of Creating a Vision for your Business" with Arlene Green. IRCC assistant professor of business and recipient of the Dan K. Richardson Endowed Teaching Chair in Entrepreneurship.

Oct. 17, noon: "Strategic Planning of Your Organization" with Kerry Bartlett, strategic planning consultant and owner of the Bartlett Group.

Seminars at the Richardson Center, at the IRCC Mueller Campus in Vero Beach:

Oct. 9: noon-1 p.m.: "What is Bio-Tech?" Dr. Robert Shatters is the lead scientist in the Subtropical Research Insects Unit at the U.S. Horticultural Research Lab, in Fort Pierce.

Oct. 25, 11 a.m.: "Getting Started: Where Do I Begin in Government Contracting" with Donn-Miller Kermani from the National Center for Small Business at FIT.

Snacks, beverages and dessert are provided at these free "Lunch and Learn" seminars. Seating is limited. To register for an upcoming seminar, go online to www.ircc.edu/ccti the Corporate & Community Training Institute Web site. Go to the "TrainingMatrix" and click on EDI Lunch & Learn. Follow the directions to complete your registration.

For more information on the EDI or other Business Solution and Employee Training opportunities, call the CCTI at (888) 238-1177. For more information about the IRCC Business and Technology Incubator, contact Karen Schreiner at (772) 419-5690 or by e-mail at kschrein@ircc.edu.

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Students get to 'Earn and Learn'

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These students get on-the-job training, literally.

George Smiley's high school classroom is far from typical.

The Earn and Learn Academy, conducted by St. Lucie County Schools, is onsite at Aegis, a major employer in Port St. Lucie.

And, instead of losing some kids as they drop out, the Academy is helping dropouts graduate, working for a paycheck and an associate degree as they work their way through high school.

"The Earn and Learn Academy is the only satellite school in the St. Lucie County School District," said Smiley, instructor of the program. "It's an extension of performance-based alternative education at Fort Pierce at Central."

"When we started the program in 1999," he said. "Aegis was working 24

hours a day and there were a lot of St. Lucie County students who already worked here."

Aegis graciously gave them space to offer school onsite at the workplace for those students.

Even though Aegis has many fewer students in its workforce, the company continue to support the program, Smiley said.

The Earn and Learn Academy is for students 16 and older who are employed, said Smiley.

"It's for students who want to earn and learn," he said.

"That includes students who have dropped out and want to come back to school," he said.

"And students who just need to work to help their families or support their own children," Smiley said.

Two of the Earn and Learn Acade-

my students work for Aegis, he said. And the others work in a variety of jobs including child care and senior care.

Smiley doesn't call himself a teacher. "I'm a facilitator; it's almost as if I'm their tutor," he said. "It's more one-on-one. It's kind of neat what I do."

"There are no class changes," he added.

"And the students are dual-enrolled at Indian River Community College," he said.

"An IRCC instructor comes over to teach their elective business classes like business management and entrepreneurship for which they get college credit," he said.

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Between IRCC, their employers and Smiley, the students learn and practice the soft skills required by employers, like showing up on time and calling when you are going to be absent.

"And they also get college credit for on-the-job training," he said.

"I have students who come back and tell me they are so grateful for the credits they earn through dual-enrollment," he said. "It saves them a lot of money and time."

"The kids love it because they work at their own pace on a computer," he said. "It's performance-based so the more they put into it, the more they get out of it."

The performance-based classrooms like Smiley's were the first to adopt computer-aided instruc-

tion, he said. Now, there are more classes and even a virtual school using these software programs.

"And my students say they learn a lot more than in a typical classroom," he noted.

The program at Aegis meets mornings and the students head off to their afternoon or evening jobs.

But what about students who work mornings?

They are in classes from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in an extended day pro-

gram that Smiley teaches at Fort Pierce Central.

Like their counterparts at Aegis, students are 16 or older, they work and they are dual-enrolled in high school and college.

"Students, on average, can complete two years of class work in one year," he said. "And some even faster than that."

Students who once had no hope now see their opportunity to complete school and college.

"They start to see the light at

the end of the tunnel and they just go for it," he said.

These programs keep Smiley going, too.

At a time when some long-time workers would be facing burnout or coasting to retirement, Smiley is still energized by his work.

It's not uncommon to catch him at work into the evenings or teaching math at IRCC as an adjunct professor.

"This is my 39th year as a teacher and the last few years have been the best," he said.

"This program has won national awards as one of the top drop-out prevention programs," he said.

"Aegis is the only business that allows a classroom on-site," he said. "And they have remained committed to it."

And so has Smiley who, even after 39 years, speaks with enthusiasm about his programs.

"I tell my students, if you want to control your own destiny, you need a good education," he said. "Otherwise, other people will control you."

Resident earns environmental degree

BY ROBIN KOESTOYO

Posted on YourHub.com

Born in El Pao, a small village situated in the Orinoco-Amazon watershed in Venezuela, the area's natural and industry resources defined Miguel Mozdzen's future career.

In the 1970s, his father, Walter Mozdzen, an electrical engineer, helped construct the Guri Hydroelectric Plant, the world's second largest hydroelectric plant and Venezuela's largest supplier of hydroelectric power.

There he witnessed the dependence of both nature and industry upon water. Like his father, Mozdzen has a similar calling:

"I want to help protect and conserve the aquatic environment, so all life forms including humans can continue to use this vital resource for many years to come."

After Miguel Mozdzen's family returned to the United

States, he continued his fascination for nature and specifically "the Aquatic Environment."

To begin his academic career, Mozdzen selected Auburn University where he earned a technical degree in aquaculture.

Later, Mozdzen enrolled in Indian River Community College to participate in its aquaculture program offered in conjunction with the renowned Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute. When he learned the University of Florida offered degrees at IRREC, he began pursuit of a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticultural Sciences.

He completed the bachelor's degree in 2003 and decided at once to pursue a higher degree, focused on environmental science related to the proper use and management of water resources in agriculture.

His graduate research was directed by IRREC Associate Professor and Agricultural Toxicologist Chris Wilson, Ph.D.

Mozdzen devoted two years to the research. His goal was to characterize nitrate-nitrogen runoff at typical plant nurseries and to develop a biofiltration system. The new model could be utilized by plant nurseries, and also be adopted by other agriculture industries such as aquaculture.

Last month he completed his master's degree with a presentation before his graduate committee. He graduated UF for a second time with a perfect grade point average, and a Master of Science degree in soils and water sciences with a concentration in environmental sciences.

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University of Florida students making their mark in citrus industry

BY ROBIN KOESTOYO
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Each morning Cody Hoffman and Zach Langford start their workdays in the composed, crew-cut repeated rows of citrus trees.

Among the trees and the groves' grassy alleys, they greet deer and birds as they work their way through fresh spider webs strung up overnight. Within their workspace, one could well understand their beliefs that the Indian River region citrus industry is here to stay.

Hoffman, 23, and Langford, 24, have had parallel career interests, since they became

friends as young boys. The two Port St. Lucie residents started working in agriculture as teens in their native Winter Garden.

There, Langford's first job was on a fern farm; Hoffman's, at a fertilizer plant. During summers they both worked for agricultural chemical manufacturers. After high school they attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga. and then to Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce. While attending college, they worked together for Lambeth Groves, shipping fresh orange juice.

Today, they have University

of Florida bachelor's degrees, and have served internships for Syngenta Crop Protection, a prestigious national agricultural pest control firm.

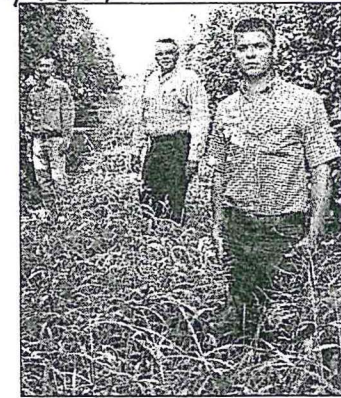
Hoffman and Langford graduated the UF Indian River Research and Education Center, both with bachelor of science degrees in agribusiness management. The pair were distinguished students, having garnered multiple scholarships and excellent grades.

With Syngenta, they care for about 4,000 acres of citrus groves in Indian River and St. Lucie counties. In the groves they work as mite scouts and collect soil samples.

Hoffman said their main task is to scout for rust mites before and after sprayings of Syngenta-produced Agrimek, a miticide that protects grapefruit from mites.

And according to Premier Citrus Inc. Grove Supervisor Ed Jarvis, the interns are a valuable asset to the local industry. While the two perform customer service tasks for Syngenta, they also have an opportunity to monitor groves for the company's customers, who are among the region's largest citrus producers.

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Zach Langford, Ed Jarvis and Cody Hoffman stand in a citrus grove west of Fort Pierce.

3 NAMED TO IRCC BOARD

Gov. Charlie Crist has appointed **Gerald Roden** of Vero Beach and re-appointed **Werner Bols** of Stuart and **Samuel Patterson** of Port St. Lucie to the Indian River Community College District Board of Trustees, the governing body responsible for establishing and overseeing policies for the College.

A former assistant attorney general and public defender for the state, Roden is an attorney representing clients in legal matters at the state and federal level. He has served as a congressional staffer for the U.S. House of Representatives, 15th District, and as a legislative adviser. He is chairman of the Early Learning Coalition for Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee counties.

Serving as board chair from August 2005 to July 2007, Bols was first appointed to the IRCC board to represent Martin County in 1999. An engineer and general contractor, Bols has operated Bols Construction for 35 years and is president of Heritage Trust Inc. He is a member and past chair of the Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast and the Martin County Construction Licensing Board, past president of the Kiwanis Club of Stuart and the Palm City Chamber of Commerce.

Patterson has represented St. Lucie County on the IRCC Board of Trustees since 1999. Patterson is business development officer for First Peoples Bank and formerly served as business community coordinator for TTI America. He has served on the boards of the St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Council and the AIDS Research and Treatment Centers.



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Cheryl Kirton Elected Chair of IRCC Board of Trustees

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news release

Cheryl Kirton of Okeechobee was recently elected Chairman of the Indian River Community College District Board of Trustees.

A member of the IRCC Board of Trustees since 1999, she served as Vice Chairman of the Board for the past two years and as Chair of the Legislative Committee. Kirton was recently reappointed to the IRCC Board by Governor Charlie Crist.

A physical therapist, Kirton holds an Associate in Arts degree from Palm Beach Community Col-

lege, a Bachelor's Degree from Florida A & M University, and a Master's degree in Health Services Administration from Nova University.

"Cheryl Kirton's sincere commitment to education and knowledge of IRCC gained through eight years' experience on our Board combine to make her an excellent selection as Board Chairman," said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRCC President.

As IRCC's governing body, the nine-member Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing and overseeing policies for IRCC.



THE EDITOR'S VIEW

Mark Tomasik on education coverage

Your homeroom for school news

Covering all aspects of Treasure Coast schools is one of our most important missions.

We devote considerable newsroom resources to covering education.

We think it's money well spent.

Our education reporters are Keona Gardner, Kelly Tyko and Colleen Wixon.

"Our goal is to provide the most important and most interesting stories for parents, students and educators," said Mike Canan, the local news editor who oversees education coverage.



Tomasik

Among the exclusive education articles we published recently:

- How a growing number of Treasure Coast public schools are teaching girls and boys in separate classrooms (studies show test scores, especially for girls, improve in same-gender environments);

- How some Treasure Coast schools have eliminated hallway lockers, or have placed restrictions as to when students can use the lockers (schools cite safety as the reason);

- How the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program continues to receive strong support from schools in the region despite state threats to cut its funding.

Most of our education reporting — from elementary school to higher education — is done from inside the classrooms rather than just from the school board meetings.

Each Sunday, we also use several pages of our Today section for news and information provided by the schools. These pages are called School Zone. If your school isn't included in the School Zone pages, call the principal and ask that the school participate.

The journalists who produce the School Zone section — Cindy Dougan, Beth Hilbig, Sue Starkweather and members of our Yes Desk — are encouraging schools to submit photos as well as text. We're also offering to publish an article and photo produced by a student each Sunday.

GET INTERACTIVE

Submit School Zone stories and photos: A school may submit its 150-word item and photos each week via e-mail by 3 p.m. Monday. Additionally, any student may submit an article, or photo, on any school-related topic for publication consideration. The student should include his or her age, grade and school. All submissions should be e-mailed to yesdesk@scripps.com.

Read school stories online: From the TCPalm.com homepage, click on the word "News" near the top. From there, click on the subject header "Schools."

Suggest an education article: E-mail Mike Canan at mike.canan@scripps.com or call him at (772) 223-4743.

Last week, we received this e-mail from Sandra Rohn of Rivers Edge Elementary in St. Lucie County: "Kudos for a school page worth its weight in gold ... You are presenting a school page to the public that makes me proud to be a teacher."

Each school is given a 150-word limit. Most offer a diverse amount of information about what's happening in the schools. Some recent examples:

Bayshore Elementary: "Students enjoy participating in calendar math and creating transportation graphs to compare how students get to school."

St. Lucie Elementary: "First-graders participated in a hat parade in celebra-

tion of their first reading story. Students enjoyed creating their own hats and marching around the courtyard."

Fort Pierce Westwood High School: "Dr. Keith Brown, new Westwood principal, is a Florida A&M graduate and comes to (Westwood) from Jensen Beach High, where he was assistant principal. His enthusiasm ... has energized parents, students, faculty, staff and administration."

Indian River Charter High School: "Thanks to a donation from the Schumann family and other grants, the television production department received two Canon GL 2 camcorders, a digital video mixer and a DVD publishing system."

Palm City Elementary: "Congressman Tim Mahoney visited us to learn more about our solar panels from students, staff."

Clark Advanced Learning Center: "We are pleased to welcome our full-time digital media instructor, Mrs. Mobley."

Reading these reports from the schools each Sunday almost inspires one to re-enroll in school, doesn't it?

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it," said Marian Wright Edelman, an American activist for the rights of children.

That's a compelling summary for why this news organization will continue to cover education as one its franchise issues.

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GOOD FOR YOU

FPRA AWARDS

The Treasure Coast Chapter of Florida Public Relations Association hosted their year-end chapter awards and board installation Sept. 11 at the Schreiber Conference Center on the St. Lucie West campus of IRCC. Awards were presented by 2006-07 President Karen Brown, APR of HCA Healthcare.



Kamm

Rising Star Award to **Dorothy Kamm**, regional vice president, Yates and Associates Inc., Jensen Beach.



Corbin

Shining Star Award to **Ann Corbin**, community and corporate relations assistant for the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority

Members of the Year Award to **Bryan Beaty**, executive assistant to the president at IRCC. And, **Linette Trabulsy**, lead community outreach/media specialist for the Martin/St. Lucie Service Center of South Florida Water Management District since September 2006.



Trabulsy



Brown

Karen Brown, APR was presented with a plaque of appreciation for serving as chapter president for the second time.



Florida Public Relations Association Treasure Coast Chapter, Board of Directors 2007-2008 are, from left, Debra Banta, Catherine Whitaker, Judy Roberts, Karen Brown, Ann Corbin, Bryan Beaty, Dorothy Kamm, Adrienne Moore, Beverly Jones, Linette Trabulsy, Cynthia Warren and Kathryn Treadwell.

Teaching & Club Professionals in 1994 and was nominated LPGA Teacher of the Year in 2005 and 2006. She has participated in more than 50 LPGA T&CP sanctioned tournaments throughout the United States, including the LPGA Futures Tour from 1998 to 2001.

Zamboni is a certified personal fitness trainer, an officer and board member for USGA/LPGA Girls Golf Club at LPGA International, and is the author of a Golf Academy Instruction Handbook used for golf schools and extended programs.

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① Rebecca Rudoff, Carol Wilson, Joan Dodds, Irene Wood and Tena Sigmon, members of the Pilot Club of Fort Pierce, at the Club's bike helmet give-away. More than 100 helmets, that were donated by the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida, were given to local students.



② Dr. Edwin Massey, IRCC president, presents Judy Martin-Hall with the Anne R. Snyder Department Chair Excellence Award.



③ Port St. Lucie Police Chief John Skinner with Toyota of Stuart's marketing manager Barry Grant on stage at the recent National Night Out celebration.

④ Kristin Watson, of Target at Tradition, presents Michelle King of United Way of St. Lucie County with a \$100 gift card.

⑤ Dr. Raymond Considine, Maria Seidel, Veronica Tempone and Dr. John Southall, are the IRCC Endowed Teaching Chair award winners; made possible through donations to the IRCC Foundation.

⑥ Diana Baker (in pink in front row) accepts a check for \$700 from employees of McKesson Corp. in Port St. Lucie, who have chosen Hibiscus Children's Center as one of its charities of choice.



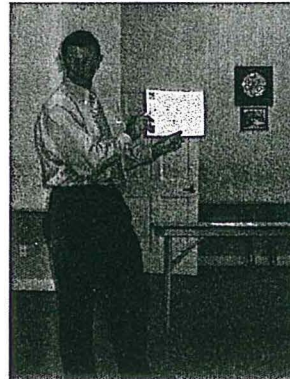
Photo Gallery



Supervisor of Elections answers questions at the NAACP Home Fest event



Terri & Kherri accept two Judge's Awards on behalf of the elections staff at the Florida Public Relations Association



Dr. E. Massey, President IRCC, presented communication protocol to the elections staff

Presidential Trivia

Question:

Who was the last United States president that was not either a Republican or a Democrat?

Answer:

Millard Fillmore
The 13th President of the United States, Fillmore was a member of the Whig Party which was the party of four out of five Presidents between 1841 and 1853. Beginning with Franklin Pierce, every President between 1853 and the beginning of the 21st Century was either a Republican or a Democrat.

Poll Worker Updates

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the recent information update postcard. We had a great response and we now have current contact and email data that will be very helpful in the coordination of the upcoming elections.

We anticipate poll worker trainings will take place during December and January for the Presidential Preference Primary.

Additional training information will be sent to you during the last quarter of the year.

Online poll worker training will be made available prior to the 2008 Primary and General Elections.

Call Terri at 288-5637 ext. 8052 whenever you have poll worker questions, she will be happy to speak with you.



The newly unveiled logo created for the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections

Top Notch Volunteer!

Former student advisory board member, David Kilgore, generously volunteered 100 hours at the Elections Center. David, a Palm City resident and sophomore at the University of Florida, offered his services while home on summer break.

"David's enthusiasm and willingness to tackle any

type of job assignment was greatly appreciated; he easily became part of our office team," commented Ms. Davis.

At a recent Sunrise Rotary Club meeting David became the first student selected to be honored for his volunteer services.

Another highlight during his

internship was having the opportunity to meet Governor Crist at the opening of the Emergency Operations Center.

David plans on returning to the Elections Center as a volunteer during the 2008 elections.



L-R: R. Kjellstrom, D. Kilgore, A. Ballantyne

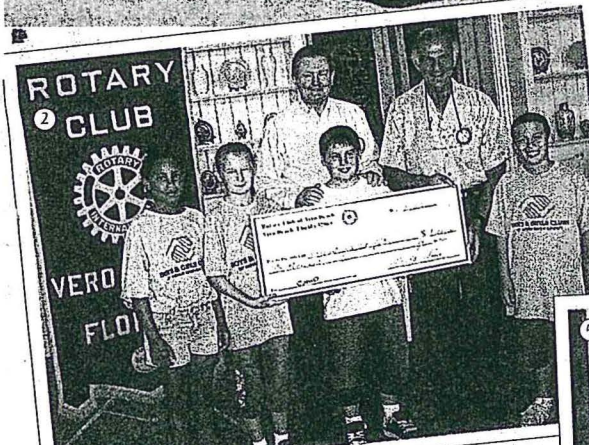
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① (Back) Glenn Schubert, Dick Hesse, Lt./C Bill Heimbaugh, Shirley Kemigan, Lt./C Bob McCurdy, Catherine Riley, Sandy Dierdorf, Terry Green, Harold Leh, Joseph Walsh, Joanne Walsh, (middle) Lt. Sylvia McCurdy, Alice Riley, (front) Lt. Edna Hitzel Schubert, Shae Riley and Lt. Jim Dierdorf, members of the Vero Beach Power Squadron proudly participate in the Vero Beach Jaycees Labor Day parade.



② (Front) Brianna King, Alexandria Morcillo, Nick Cardone and Darcy Seymour hold the check for \$1,000 presented to Boys and Girls Club director Ronnie Hewett (back row left) by Vero Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation chair George Barkett.

③ Jan Laurier, immediate past chair of the American Cancer Society, with newly elected chairman Dr. William McGarry.



④ Sam's Club membership manager Ursula Manning, presents a check for \$1,000 to Boys & Girls Club member Corey Hurst, president and CEO Ronnie Hewett, club members Austin Cordero and Trent Smith as Sam's Club manager Julie Angle looks on.

⑤ Karl Steene (left), Rotary assistant district governor, and Phil Lustig (right), Rotary district governor, present a past president's plaque to Joe Falezzone for outstanding service as president of the Sebastian Rotary Club.



⑥ IRCC's Lifelong Learning Institute advisory committee member Ms. Alma Lee Loy, along with Lecture Series advisor Dick Yemm and Lifelong Learning member Ouida Wyatt, have helped grow the membership to more than 700 members.



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① Children love face painting, one of the special events at the Sun Up Center's 4th Annual Barbecue coming up from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13.

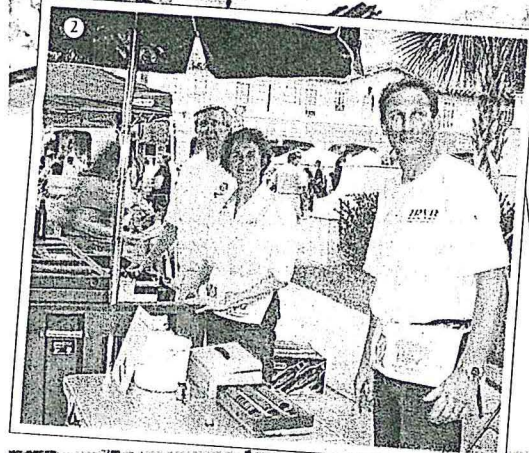
② Charlie Harvin, Sue Hight and John Keiler take tokens at the recent Bike Night at Downtown Friday.

③ Rosie Harper, Beth Ratliff, Danielle Vogel, Jenny Peshke, Carrie Canfield and Leslie London, all from the Junior League of Indian River, participate in the Wisdom Walk to benefit the Education Foundation of Indian River, Inc.

④ USTA trainer Susan Allhouse, Bert Brown, Natasha Seeram, Ed Hall, Bob Keim, Raphael Garcia, Allan Klotzsch, Elaine McCloud and Jayne Cortez are volunteers training to become members of the TEAM (Tennis Education and Mentoring) program through Big Brothers Big Sisters.

⑤ Let the race begin! Participants get set for the First Walk/Race for Literacy scheduled for Feb. 8, at Pointe West to benefit Literacy Services of Indian River County.

⑥ Vero Beach Distinguished Lecture Series Advisory Committee chairman Ed Golden with Lifelong Learning Institute at IRCC Membership Coordinators Patricia Weber-Schmidt and husband, Robert Schmidt, MD.





CASTLE presents

Stomp Out Child Abuse
26th Annual Fort Pierce
Exchange Club
Chili Cookoff Kickoff



Rob Schweiger, Michael Dillman, Jan Pagano, Joe DeRoss, Shaun Plymale, Thom Jones, Jim McKenzie, Paul Hiott and David Rieger, CASTLE board members and "Stomp Out Child Abuse" committee members.

The Purpose:

This year CASTLE will touch the lives of more than 10,000 individuals who are in some way at risk for child abuse and neglect. Funds raised from "Stomp Out Child Abuse" will be used towards the CASTLE mission, which is focused on the prevention of child abuse and to break the cycle of abuse by equipping parents for success through counseling and teaching.

The People:

Committee members for "Stomp Out Child Abuse" include the dedicated board volunteers: David Rieger, board president, Rob Schweiger, Michael Dillman, Jan Pagano, Joe DeRoss, Shaun Plymale, Thom Jones, Jim McKenzie and Paul Hiott. Sponsors of this first-time event, which acts as a kick off to the Oct. 12-13, 26th Annual Fort Pierce Exchange Club Chili Cookoff include: Kimberly & Co. Jewelers, Harley Davidson of the Treasure Coast, Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers, TCPalm.com and Treasure & Space Coast Radio. Acting as emcee for the evening will be on-air radio personality Hamp Elliott.

The Party:

"Stomp Out Child Abuse" begins at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Tradition. It's a family-fun festival that includes a 5K Run and 2.5K Walk. There will be a bounce house, face painting, food and on-going entertainment. And, remembering so that others will never forget, there will be a dedication of the Memory Field of Flags at 5 p.m. For additional information, call Gundula Hargraves at (772) 567-5700 or Kristi Scottaline at (772) 465-6011.

HIDDEN TREASURES

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A cache of undiscovered nonprofits

Tykes & Teens



(Front) Pam Jett, Jeanne Ralicki and Hope Jochem, (back) Marjie Jordan, Lynn Flynn, Linda Gentry and Laura Haase are some of the Tykes & Teens board members.

Agency offers children the chance to live happier lives

By Jackie Holfelder
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Lots of wonderful people have children with substance abuse, anger or mental health problems. Lots of wonderful children live lives plagued by these problems. The wonderful news is that Tykes & Teens is a program formulated to help both these groups find reasonable solutions to these situations.

Since 1996, this not-for-profit has been dedicated to enriching the lives of children and their families through mental health counseling and substance abuse prevention and treatment. They actually worked in conjunction with Hibiscus Children's Center (then Hibiscus House) from 1996-2000, but have been on their own since then.

Founded by mother and son team Jeanne and Jeff Ralicki, the Martin County-based agency provides a variety of services that deal with everything from depression to ASAP (Adolescent Substance Abuse program) to a grandparents' support group. They also provide a unique program for students who have been suspended from school. Called ALTOSS (Alternative to Out-of-School Suspension Program), it is a practical way of giving children a safe, supervised learning experience while

they are fulfilling school-mandated suspension.

Doors at Tykes & Teens are open to virtually everybody, regardless of ability to pay.

Jeff Ralicki is executive director of the not-for-profit, and he's the first to tell you how vital volunteers are to its day-to-day success. He and Lynn Flynn, volunteer coordinator, are realistic in dealing with the time constraints and comfort level that folks feel today.

Towards that end, in addition to the more traditional opportunities, they've developed a "Once in a While Volunteer Guild." This means that you can work for as little as one day on a specific project, if it fits in with your schedule. You simply sign up to be a "Once in a While Volunteer," and when your services are needed, you'll get a call from someone at Tykes & Teens. If you can make it, great. If not, they'll give you a call next time. This is also an excellent option for students who wish to get involved with a community service project.

Many current volunteers have experienced for themselves just how much of a difference Tykes & Teens can make in clients' lives. For more information, call (772) 220-3439 or visit www.tykesandteens.org.

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- ① Jack Kelly, Rachel Heddings, Judi Miller, Brad Gould, SueEllen Sanders, Paul Hott, Melanie Pool, Norm Penner, Melodee Daniello, (seated) Jane Rowley and Sherry Terpening - the 2008 Taste of St. Lucie committee. Taste is scheduled for March 26, 2008.
- ② TEAM St. Lucie County Appraiser's Office will be part of CASTLE's "Stomp Out Child Abuse" 5K Run/2.5K Walk and Chili Cookoff Kickoff on Sept. 29.
- ③ Scott VanDuzer, owner of Big Apple Pizza & Pasta, presents a check for \$500 to Dr. Carole Noon of Save the Chimps in Fort Pierce.
- ④ John Drondoski, Jasmine Wimes, Ronesha Howard, Nidhi Patel, Miloni Savalia, Amanda Rider and Anna Hayes are Teen Volunteers at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center & Heart Institute.
- ⑤ Herbert Utile, Nilufar Khan, Sara Crum, Edward Drondoski, Stephanie McInnis and Alison Schmeer are Teen Volunteers at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center & Heart Institute.
- ⑥ Cris Adams (in blue) of the Port St. Lucie Business Women presents a scholarship check to Megan Starr as Malissa DePriest of the Indian River Community College Foundation and other members of the professional club look on.



FORT PIERCE

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Proceeds from new book to benefit scholarships

Local writer and ecologist Camille S. Yates and landscape artist Rick Kelly have teamed up with the Indian River Community College Foundation to produce a book called "Treasured Waters - the Indian River Lagoon."

Kelly, who studied under Florida artist A.E. "Beanie" Backus, is painting almost 100 new paintings for the book, which will be released this winter. Yates describes the history and ecology of the 157-mile-long lagoon from New Smyrna Beach to Jupiter.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will support IRCC scholarships and Indian River Lagoon conservation and education efforts.

For more information, visit www.treasuredwaters.com or www.pioneerriver.com.

Parishioner's legacy lives on in scholarships

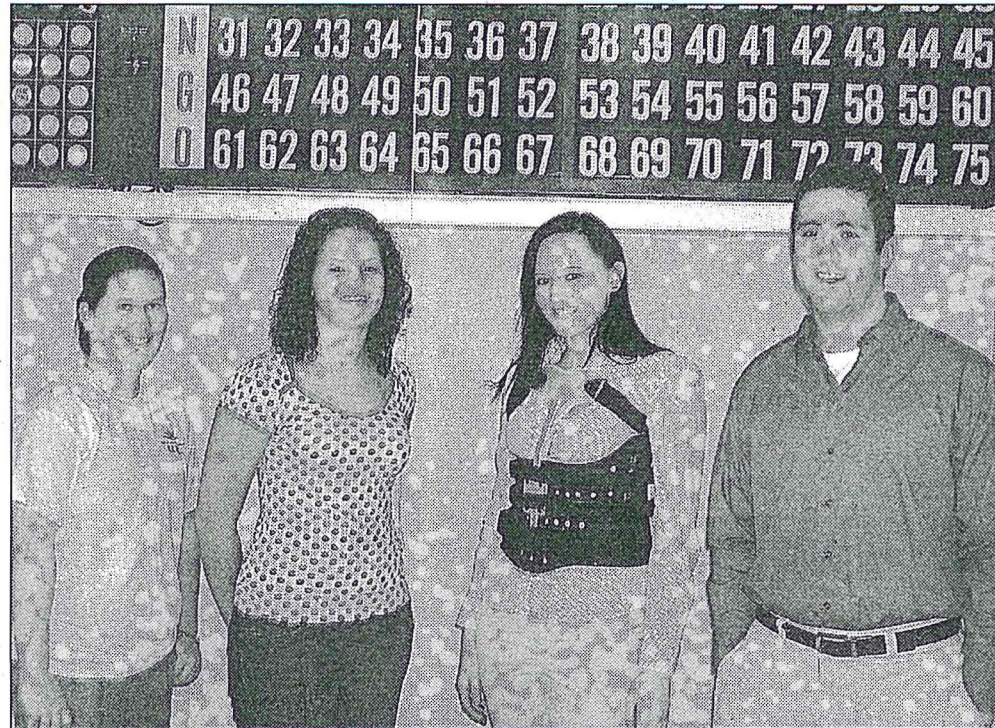
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Bob Burdon was a man on a mission all of his life. Mr. Burdon proved it by his education, serving as a submarine commander in the Navy, his dedication to St. Luke's Church, and being one of the first callers at church bingo.

Following his death, the Bob Burdon Scholarship Program was established. On Aug. 5, the program awarded four scholarships; each recipient was given \$1,000.

Mr Burdon's son, Capt. John Burdon, donated one of the scholarships, as did Fran Behling, of St. Luke's Church, in honor of his son.

The recipients are planning to continue their education or already are attending college, community college, vocational or technical school.



From left: Crystal Cooper, Florida Culinary Institute; Lauren Valle, Indian River Community College; Christine Darleson, University of South Florida; and John Sabo, Florida State University

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① Team captains for CASTLE's Stomp Out Child Abuse come together to discuss details for the Sept. 29 event. (standing) Doris Hollins, Gary Osirus, Theresa Duke, Paula Buncy, Melissa Aycock, Audrey Anzalone, (kneeling) Karen Lynn-Ferguson, Ginny Hooks, Michelle Franklin and Vikki Mitchell.

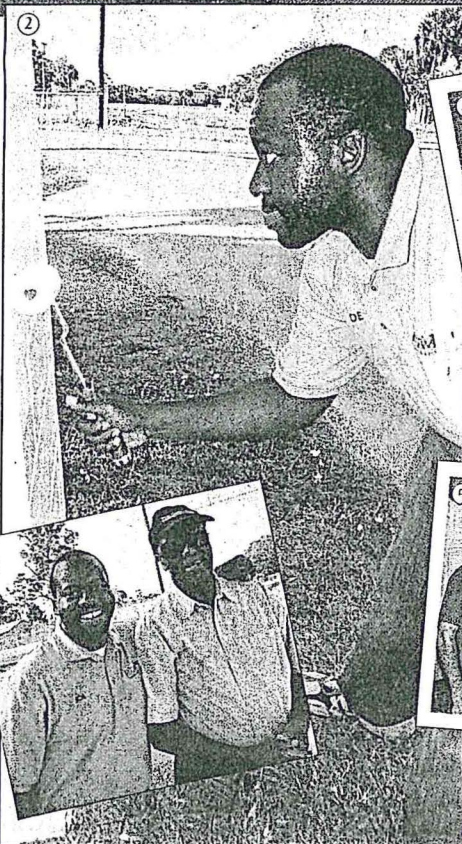
② St. Lucie County Commissioner Joseph Smith works to remove graffiti along Angle Road as part of the St. Lucie County's Neighborhood-Team program.

③ St. Lucie County Commissioner Joseph Smith and his father James Smith celebrate a job well done as part of St. Lucie County's Neighborhood-Team program, which removed graffiti from more than a dozen locations.

④ Members of Port St. Lucie Association of American University Women (AAUW) have supported scholarships through the Indian River Community College Foundation for more than 15 years. Here, Jane Vanek (right) and Beth Gessner (left) of the PSL-AAUW present student Allison Bundy with a \$500 scholarship.

⑤ Yves Gallet, president of the Port St. Lucie Sunset Rotary Club, St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara, Port St. Lucie Mayor Pat Christensen and Jeanne Evans, president of the Port St. Lucie Rotary Lunch Club make plans for the coming year's charity partnerships.

⑥ Local volunteer Andy Aiello of St. Lucie Medical Center was recently recognized with the American Cancer Society's highest honor for volunteers, winning the 2007 Hope Award. Andy is pictured with Florida State Representative Gayle Harrell, who was also recognized as the Legislator of the Year.



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FELLSMERE RESIDENT PENA
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Indian River Community
College student and Fellsmere resident **Belinda Pena** was awarded the Frank Campano Memorial Gift for the State of Florida. This gift goes to farm workers to assist in furthering their education. Pena participates in the Farmworker Jobs & Education Program with Indian River Community College.

Pena grew up in Fellsmere, where her family were employed as farm workers for the former Fellsmere Farms. Pena plans to continue her education with office systems technology classes at the Whispering Pines Community Center in Fellsmere.



Pena

The Frank Campano Memorial Fund is named in honor of Frank Campano, who sought educational opportunities and scholarships for migrant farmworker children and youths in Florida. The Frank Campano Memorial Fund supports two awards for children, youths and adults who have participated, or participate, in the Title I, Migrant Child Education Program or the Farmworker Jobs and Education Program, offered through IRCC.

United Way of St. Lucie County



New officers for United Way of St. Lucie County are Laura Maloney of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Dennis Corrick, Esq. of Dean, Mead, Minton & Zwemer, Marsha Thompson of IRCC, Sharon Kelly-Brown of Sharon J. Kelly Realty, Inc., Marge Riley of First Peoples Bank and Roger Thomas of Florida Power & Light.

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Who's been hired... 8-20-07

There's been a change in leadership on United Way of St. Lucie County's board of directors. New officers and board members include: Sharon Kelly-Brown as board chair, Roger Thomas as vice president, Marge Riley as secretary, Laura Maloney as treasurer, Dennis Corrick as immediate past chair, Dave Bessette, Robert Bysshe, Candace Walker, Marsha Thompson, Gail Kavanagh, Terri Sloan-Bartz, Michael Lannon and Carol Wyatt.

Autumn in the gardens

Oct. 6 is Family Photo Day at Heathcote Botanical Gardens in Fort Pierce. Professional photographer Diane Dultmeier, who specializes in outdoor staging, will donate each of the \$150 session fees to Heathcote. The fee will include a gallery slide show presentation of your images and one 8 by 10 in. classic print of your choice. The portrait session is valued at \$295. For information, call (772) 464-4672.

Looking for something to do?

Put your passion into action and volunteer today. Or come to Luminaries' Volunteer Recruitment Fair Sept. 12, at IRCC's Strelsa Schreiber Conference Center in St. Lucie West. Details next week.

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United Way of Martin County



United Way campaign chair Patty Winterburn (center) with Jessie Brewer (left), vice president of Pirtle Construction and Mike Geary (right), executive vice president of Pirtle Construction.

A unique golf tournament

United Way of Martin County was the big winner in its Community Leaders Golf Outing held at Martin Downs Country Club. The event was sponsored by Pirtle Construction and drew 67 golfers from 56 companies. The outing was not held as a traditional tournament, but to offer an unusual networking opportunity to connect business and community leaders of the past, present and future. Seven businesses pledged to run new workplace campaigns this year.

The event was part of United Way's observance of its 35th anniversary in Martin County. Business and community leaders were instrumental in founding the organization, and the agency seeks to promote that tradition. The host of the outing was Martin Downs Country Club, which has two championship golf courses boasting 36 newly refurbished greens. This year's campaign chair is Patty Winterburn, IRCC provost for Martin County.

Community Leaders' Golf Outing a winner for United Way

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BY DIANE TOMASIK
Posted on YourHub.com

United Way of Martin County came up a winner in its free Community Leaders Golf Outing held Aug. 17 at Martin Downs Country Club.

The event, sponsored by Pirtle Construction Co., drew 67 golfers (99 for lunch) from 56 companies. The intent of the outing was not to hold a traditional tournament but to offer a unique networking opportunity to connect business and community leaders of the past, present and future.

In this regard, the golf outing was deemed a success, as seven businesses pledged to run a new workplace campaign this year, and United Way received leads on more

than a dozen.

That's important because of the great needs in the community. United Way continually works to find new ways to reach out and encourage more people to support the common good.

The event was part of United Way's observance of its 35th anniversary in Martin County. Business and community leaders were instrumental in founding the organization, and United Way is seeking to promote that tradition.

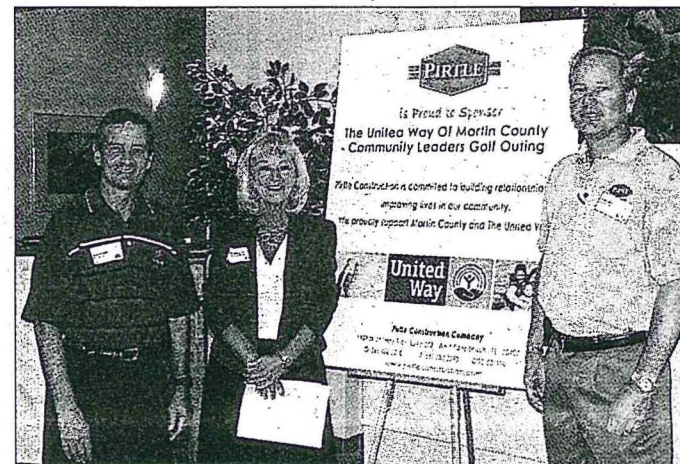
The host of the outing was Martin Downs Country Club, which has two championship golf courses boasting 36 newly refurbished greens. The club, in Palm City, is also home of the Honda Classic Pre-Qual-

ifier event.

The next big event for United Way of Martin County is its campaign kickoff on Sept. 28. The breakfast and festivities start at 8 a.m. and will be held in the auditorium of the Wolf High-Technology Center on the Chastain Campus of Indian River Community College, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.

This year's campaign chair is Patty Winterburn, IRCC provost for Martin County, and she will announce the United Way of Martin County campaign goal during the event.

For more information, please contact United Way at (772) 283-4800 or visit www.unitedwaymartincounty.org.



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United Way Campaign Chairwoman Patty Winterburn, center, stands with Mike Geary, right, executive vice president of Pirtle Construction, and Jessie Brewer, left, vice president of Pirtle Construction during the United Way Golf Outing.

United Way pep rally to kickoff campaign

United Way of Martin County will hold its campaign kickoff at Indian River Community College (IRCC) on Sept. 28 with breakfast, a pep rally and a salute to the business community.

United Way is marking its 35th anniversary in Martin County this year (it was originally founded as The United Fund), observing the milestone with a nod to its founders and the business community.

During the kickoff, United Way will honor its founders – including Larry Buchanan and Ken Ferguson – and recognize the Stuart/Martin County Chamber for its leadership.

And in the spirit of the kickoff and pep rally theme, United Way has invited former Notre Dame and NFL football player Autry Denson to address the attendees.



Patty Winterburn, Indian River Community College provost and United Way campaign chairwoman, with Curtis Coulter, store manager of the Publix on Cove Road and a United Way volunteer on the Campaign Cabinet. Publix baked up some United Way cookies for a recent meeting to plan for the United Way campaign.

Denson, who was born in Lauderdale and is now a Treasure Coast resident, is a well-regarded speaker and youth leader.

For information about United Way of Martin County, visit www.unitedwaymartincounty.org, or call (772) 283-4800.

Recognizing people who care about their community

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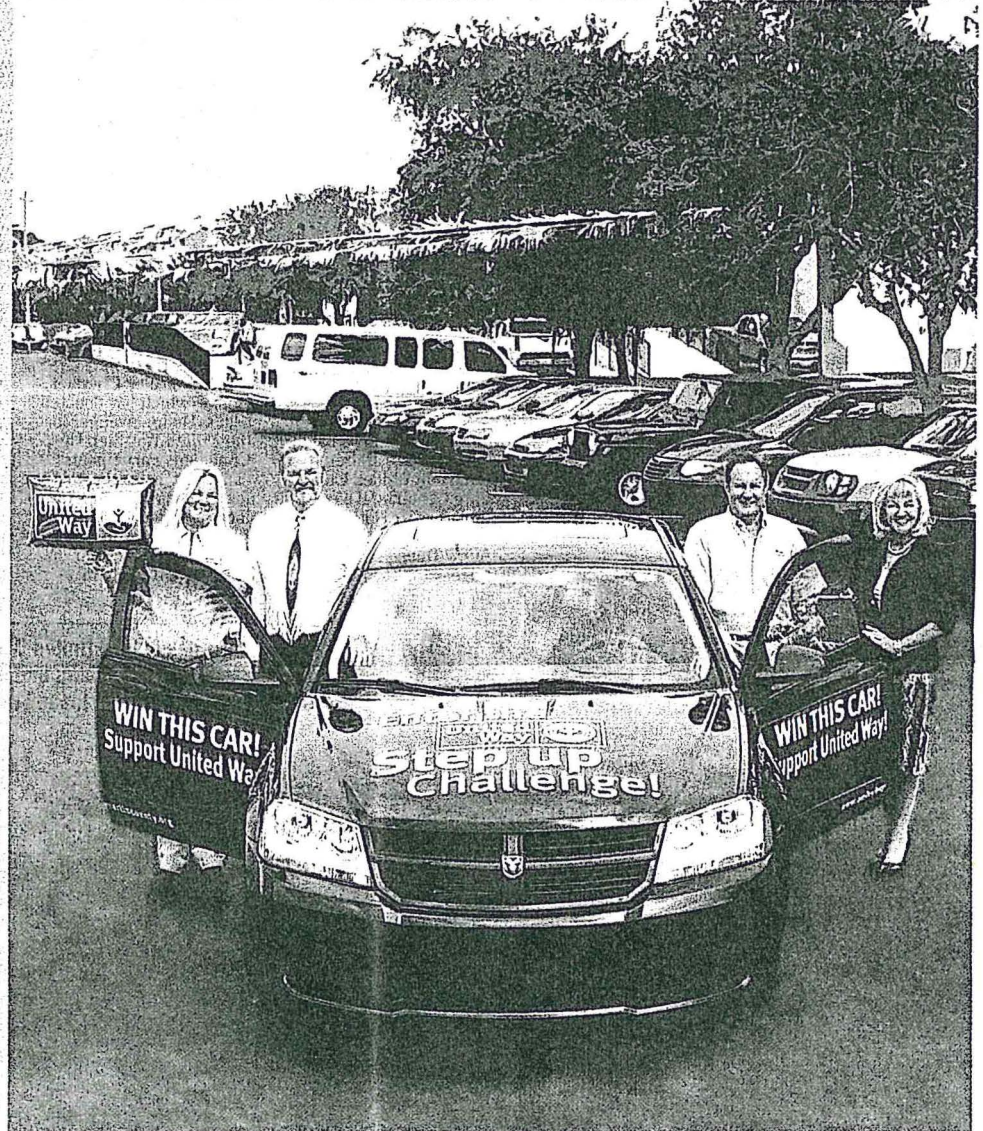


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United Way 'pep rally' Sept. 28

BY JOE CRANKSHAW
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STUART — As a high school, collegiate and professional football player, Autry Denson, 31, of Port St. Lucie, has attended a few pep rallies and a lot of kickoffs.

So, he says, he will be right at home as the speaker for the Sept. 28 campaign kickoff billed as a "pep rally" for the United Way of Martin County.

Denson, who holds the University of Notre Dame rushing

record of 4,318 yards and touchdown record of 43 on 854 carries, played for professional teams in Miami, Chicago, Cleveland, Indianapolis and the National Football League's European franchises. He said he knows about pep rallies.

"You do it as a member of the team. You keep it fun, light-hearted, so everyone has a good time and goes away feeling good," he said.

The goal Friday will be to inspire everyone to work toward the

United Way goal, which will be announced at the rally by Indian River Community College Provost Patty Winterburn, this year's campaign chairwoman.

Marking its 35th year, United Way representatives also will recognize its founders, including Larry Buchanan and Ken Ferguson, and the business community at Friday's rally.

For more information about United Way of Martin County, call (772) 283-4800 or visit www.unitedwaymartincounty.org.

UNITED WAY FACTS 2006-2007

Raised: \$2.2 million for distribution to more than 35 agencies, and four special programs.

Administration costs: Less than 15 percent of the total raised goes to administrative and operational costs.

What: Kickoff for the 2008 United Way of Martin County fundraising campaign.

Where: The auditorium of the Wolf High-Technology Center on the Chastain Campus of Indian River Community College, 2400 Salerno Road.

When: 8 p.m. Friday

COVER STORY

Teamwork drives United Way to next level

United Way of Martin County kicks off its annual campaign on Sept. 28, offering participants a chance to win a new car and join a winning team.

The kickoff festivities – including breakfast and a pep rally – will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Wolf High-Technology Center on the Chastain Campus of Indian River Community College, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, in Stuart.

The kickoff will feature music by the IRCC band, cheering by children from Gertrude Walden Child Care Center, and a pep talk from former Notre Dame and NFL football player Autry Denson. Denson is a Treasure Coast resident,

public speaker and youth leader.

This year's campaign chairwoman is Patty Winterburn, IRCC provost for Martin County. Winterburn will announce the United Way of Martin County campaign goal during the event.

Helping to boost the campaign for the second consecutive year is Massey-Yardley Chrysler Dodge, which has donated a 2008 Dodge Avenger for the United Way Step Up Challenge. Participants can enter the sweepstakes for the car with a new or increased donation of \$52 per year (\$1 per week). Last year, the Step Up Challenge brought in

more than \$70,000 in new donations. The deadline is March 7, 2008.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of United Way in Martin County. During the kickoff, United Way will observe the milestone with a salute to local United Way founders and the business community.

The business community has helped United Way thrive because company representatives join the teams of volunteers that manage workplace campaigns through the "loaned executive" program. Loaned executives assist workplace campaigns, as well as scout out potential

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new ones.

"United Way is always looking for new companies to run a campaign to help the common good," Winterburn said. "About one-third of all workers likely have been helped by a United Way agency at one time or another. This is a good opportunity for companies to find a way to help others, as well as themselves."

For information about United Way of Martin County, call (772) 283-4800, or visit www.unitedwaymartincounty.org

The business community has helped United Way thrive because company representatives join the teams of volunteers that manage workplace campaigns through the 'loaned executive' program.



United Way of Martin County 'loaned executives' with the 2008 Dodge Avenger donated by Massey-Yardley Chrysler Dodge

United Way sets goal at \$2.3M

BY RANDY PORCH
Correspondent

STUART — The United Way kicked off its 35th year in Martin County with a bang Friday and a fundraising campaign goal of \$2.3 million.

The annual campaign kickoff breakfast event at Indian River Community College's Chastain Campus featured the IRCC Rivercorps Pep Band, former Notre Dame and NFL football player Autry Denson and children from Gertrude Walden Child Care Center leading cheers.

Fundraising campaign chair and IRCC Provost for Martin County Patty Winterburn announced the 2007-08 campaign goal of \$2.3 million, up from \$2.2 million last year.

"The United Way is very broad reaching," Winterburn said. "With nearly 90 agencies,

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a dollar reaches so many people and so many parts of the community."

Publix grocery store employees are leading the way towards the goal, contributing \$175,000 so far, a \$22,000 increase over their support last year. Florida Power & Light Co. employees are also among the top contributors. Both Publix and FPL also give corporate gifts to United Way.

For the second year in a

row, Massey Yardley Dodge has donated a new car to the United Way Step Up Challenge. Anyone who makes a new or increased gift of \$1 a week, or \$52 a year, by March 7, 2008, has a chance to win a 2008 Dodge Avenger.

Last year, the event ended in January and raised \$72,000.

To celebrate its 35th year, the United Way of Martin County honored two of its founders, Larry Buchanan and Ken Ferguson.

Buchanan, a founding partner of the Crary Buchanan law firm, was the organization's first president.

Ferguson was the owner of ERK Manufacturing, now TurboCombustor Technologies. He is now business services manager at the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce.



IRCC CLASSES EXPANDED

Join your neighbors with convenient and close-to-home classes now offered in Sebastian through Indian River Community College. Fall registration has started, and classes begin the week of September 4, 2007.

Busy individuals in the workforce may consider joining an IRCC cohort class where students stay together as they move from class to class achieving the requirements for a certificate or degree. Apply to IRCC today, either online at www.ircc.edu or by visiting any branch campus. Start by sending your transcripts to IRCC and meeting with a guidance counselor to select the best cohort class to fit your life and for your educational needs.

Do you have a full-time job and are looking for classes that fit your schedule? Earn 7 college credits attending classes one night a week in Sebastian at Historic City Hall by joining the Business cohort class on Monday nights, starting with Introduction to Business (GEB1101), along with Mid-Management Seminar (MKA1303).

Do you have interest in a health care related field? Also offered in Sebastian at Historic City Hall, you can begin to earn your Medical Coder/Biller Certificate with Introduction to Health Information Management (HIM100) on Monday nights and Medical Terminology (HSC2531) on Wednesday nights. You can jump right into the health career field by registering for Phlebotomy (MLT1040C), on Tuesday nights.

Child Care classes are offered in Sebastian at Historic City Hall this fall: Basic Childhood Nutrition (HUN1410) on Tuesday nights and Personal & Career Development (SLS1421) on Monday nights. For students looking to gain their Child Development Associate Equivalency (CDAE), you can begin with Introduction to Child Development (CHD1220) on Monday nights and Early Childhood Practicum (EEC1946) on Thursday nights, both at TLC Preschool in Sebastian, starting the week of August 23.

You can achieve progress towards your **Associate of Arts degree** by attending classes either morning or nights with a variety of General Education classes.

Daytime and nighttime classes are available for students who are earning their prerequisites for their **Registered Nurse degree (ADN)**.

For high school and college credit, **high school students** who want dual enrollment can also register for the General Education classes through their high school guidance counselor.

The General Education courses include: English Composition I (ENC1101); English Composition 2 (ENC1102); American History: Reconstruction to Present (AMH2020); World History to 1500 (WOH2012); Introduction to Ethics (PHI2630); Student Success (SLS1101); Intermediate Algebra (MAT1033); College Algebra (MAC1105); American Government (POS1041); Principle of Physics (PHY1020); and Introduction to Psychology (PSY2012). Check the fall schedule for available class locations.

Additionally, the Academic Support Center (ASC) and General Education Diploma (GED) staff will be available for tutoring on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. to assist students with any tutoring needs.

Basic computer skills are offered two nights a week: Introduction to Computer Usage (CGS1000) on Tuesday nights and College Computing (CGS1060) on Monday nights. For students who want to develop their computer skills, the Office Skills lab will be available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Conversational Spanish (SPN1000) will start this Fall on Wednesday nights. All computer classes are held at Historic Sebastian City Hall.

Begin the registration process by contacting any IRCC Campus or register online at www.ircc.edu or call toll-free: 866-866-4722 today.

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Strategic Planning seminar

The Entrepreneur Development Institute at IRCC in partnership with the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce is launching their Lunch & Learn series with a free seminar titled "Strategic Planning for your Organization."

This seminar will focus on why it's important to define your company's mission, perform an internal analysis, and evaluate the external environment and implementation of the strategic plan.

The Lunch & Learn seminar is Friday, Sept. 28, at the Richardson Center, IRCC's Mueller Campus in Vero Beach.

Seating is limited. Call Connie Gifford at (772) 462-7631 or e-mail cgifford@irc-c.edu.

What is BioTech?

In Martin County, the Lunch & Learn seminar defines "What is BioTech?"

It will be explained by multiple award-winning USDA research scientist Dr. Wayne Hunter of Fort Pierce.

Join him on Thursday, Sept. 27, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Wolf High Technology Center at IRCC's Chastain Campus on 2400 SE Salerno Road in Stuart.

Seating is limited. Call Connie Gifford at (772) 462-7631 or e-mail cgifford@irc-c.edu.

The educator

Frank Watkins
Assistant Dean of Business
Technology at Indian River
Community College

"During the dot com boom everyone thought 'If I have a Microsoft certificate I'll be fine,' he said. "That turned out to not be the case."

"We went through a time that was similar to now," said Watkins. "But now we are more resilient."

"This college has expanded and more institutions of higher learning have expanded onto the Treasure Coast," he said.

"Look at IRCC and the number of campuses and our new buildings," he said. "Look at our baccalaureate programs."

All of this expansion is in response to the needs of employers and the workforce who have also grown on the Treasure Coast.

"The lessons learned back then help us to get through the new challenges," he said.

The college has added more short-term training in response to the needs of the workforce.

Maybe workers want a course that's just a couple of hours to learn new skills, he said. Or IRCC

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offers certificate programs where they can learn new careers.

"And, once they go out into the workforce, they can come back for additional training to become managers and eventually to get a degree," he said.

The great thing about current educational opportunities is that people can learn skills that will apply to jobs they can take now and jobs available in the future.

Students taking up several scientific courses of study are in demand for jobs available today. But they are also trained to fit right into biotechnology jobs that will develop here in the near future.

"It (biotechnology) is a small field that's going to bloom and people who are getting in now can carve a niche for themselves," he said. "That's real economic diversity. Making certain individuals' skills are suited to jobs to come."

Survival Guide: "One, take an inventory of yourself and your personal and professional goals," he said.

"Two, look at your skill sets," he said. "If you say 'I graduated in 1972 and I haven't had any continuing education or additional classes', maybe it's time. If you have a passion for a particular industry or position, you may need advanced skills to succeed."

"And, three, take that first step," he said. "Maybe you need to take a training class."

"We have open houses on the different campuses," he said. "Come and learn about the jobs and educational opportunities available."

"Or just call the college and say 'I want to learn more about ...' whatever it is that interests you," he said. "We'll find someone you can talk to who can help you find the right path."

"Attend symposia and other events where you can learn about an industry and have the chance to network with people in the industry," he said. "A lot of folks involved today may be setting policy for the future."

You get to pick the brains of industry leaders, learn what they want and sometimes talk to educators who are creating the courses that will fill their needs.

"And read up on what's coming up in the industries that interest you," he said. "Ask yourself 'Is that a future for me? What do I need to do to get there?'"

"And remember, not all change is bad," he concluded.

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Corporate & Community Training Institute

When the going gets tough, the tough sometimes go out on their own. If you are considering self-employment, freelancing, returning to your old job as a contractor, starting a business or growing a business find out how, online.

How To Start (or Grow) Your Own Business: Planning the Entrepreneurial Venture (PEV), from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and Cisco Learning Institute (CLI) is now available online through the Corporate and Community Training Institute at IRCC.

The course is online and you will have access to an IRCC Business Instructor.

The *Planning the Entrepreneurial Venture (PEV)* course takes you on a journey through the key elements of entrepreneurial success.

Upon successful completion, you will have a business and financial plan. And you may be eligible to receive four college credits.

For more information call the CCTI toll free at 1-888-283-1177.

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Jan Pagano
Associate Dean of the Corporate & Community Training Institute at Indian River Community College

During the last downturn, Pagano had just purchased the second of three Treasure Coast radio stations and advertising revenue fell partly because advertisers' revenue fell. But also because people were afraid to spend money.

"I remember it well," aid Pagano. "And I'm sure the same thing is happening now."

"History repeats itself, good, bad or indifferent," said Pagano. "But some people are not affected by the downturn."

"People are going to continue to come here for vacations," she said. We will still have a traditional season this year.

Many people are still going out to eat and shopping in stores, she said.

"This downturn is going to go away," she said. "And businesses need to prepare for the future."

Survival Guide: "If you ask

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business people to name their most important asset, they'll say it's their people," she said.

Employers should see if they are allocating the proportionate amount of funding to that asset.

Some will find they are spending on other assets but letting training for their workforce slide.

But they can make their businesses more competitive by training their people in customer service, Spanish language or any subject that gives them an advantage.

"And now is the time to invest in your people, especially if it's slow," she said. "Employees have the time to practice and perfect what they have learned. Make your employees the best they can be."

program at IRCC's Chastain Campus in Stuart, which explored the relationships between our natural and man-made environments, social issues, and our local economy and history.

Thanks to volunteer presenters: John Wakeman from the Environmental Studies Center, Scott Berry from the Children's Services Council, Dan Martinelli, from the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center, Nicki Van Vonno from Martin County Growth Management, Gary Roderick from Martin County Office of Water Quality and Brian Powers from Indiantown Gas Co. Special thanks to Carol Cloud Bailey, landscape consultant and SMA board member, who moderated.

SMA thanks sponsors: Martin County Board of County Commissioners, Waste Management, Florida Power & Light, Hartman Real Estate, Elliot Paul & Company, Captec Engineering, Ellyn & Ray Stevenson, Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers and The Firefly Group.

The Sustainable Martin Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing neutral and balanced information about all the parts of Martin County. For information on the next Martin County 101 programs or the SMA, call

(772) 287-5272 or email sma@fireflyforyou.com.

David Girlinghouse
President, Board of Directors
Sustainable Martin Alliance
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was a success

The Sustainable Martin Alliance thanks the sponsors, board members, and volunteer experts for the outstanding effort involved in making the Aug. 23 "Martin County 101 — It's Different Here" a success.

More than 40 attended the



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Illiteracy isn't confined to the 3rd World

"If You Can Read This, Thank a Teacher," was the message on a popular bumper sticker a few years back.

There are an awful lot of people, both in this country and abroad, who aren't able to read such simple messages — 860 million of them to be exact, two-thirds of them women.

On Friday, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) celebrates International Literacy Day. UNESCO sponsors reading celebrations and appoints a jury to award international literacy prizes. These include awards for the encouragement of mother tongue languages in developing countries, prizes aimed at developing literacy for rural adults and out-of-school youth, especially women and girls.

So, what's this got to do with you in rich, well-educated America?

Well, poor reading skills aren't limited to the Third World. A shockingly high percentage of Americans either cannot read at all or function at a low level of literacy. In technical terms, this second group is described as functionally illiterate. Their numbers include both United States-born natives and immigrants, but around 20 percent of the population is functionally illiterate.

In St. Lucie County, the figure tends to hover around 24 percent. These people have problems following simple written directions, reading maps or deciphering the labels on medicine bottles.

In fact, it was an incident with a medicine bottle that prompted volunteer Dorothy Brennan to found Learn to Read St. Lucie more than 20 years ago.

Dorothy was horrified to read about a young mother whose child was hospitalized because the mother failed to understand the correct dosage of drugs prescribed to her child.

Today, Brennan still sits on the board member of Learn to Read and the organization pairs up learners with tutors one-on-one, all at no charge. Other local literacy efforts are underway, too — notably at Indian River College — but Learn to Read's service is unique because it does not involve a classroom setting, something that can intimidate adults with reading problems.

If you know someone who has problems with reading, or if you'd like to volunteer to be a reading tutor, call Learn to Read at (772) 464-2747.

While Learn to Read works exclusively with adults, most reading instruction is geared toward children. Another local service organization has a long history of helping to improve literacy standards.

Every year, Rotary clubs in Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce have bought and distributed dictionaries to third-grade students in St. Lucie public schools. Rotary members will be at it again during September. I've seen firsthand the looks of wonder and joy on kids' faces when they receive their very own dictionary. Often it's the very first book they've ever owned.

While International Literacy Day will be celebrated this year on Sept. 11, you can tune in to radio station WIRA 1400 AM on the next three Mondays between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. to listen to well-known local folks talk about the importance and joy of reading.

St. Lucie County Libraries Director Susan Kilmer, County Commissioner Doug Coward and others will be talking with me on the air about why reading is important to them, and they'll be reading from some of their favorite books, too.

I hope you'll join us.

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IRCC Lifelong Learning Institute announces fall offerings

Treat yourself to membership in a "health club for the brain." The Indian River Community College Lifelong Learning Institute celebrates men and women 50 and older.

Members come together in learning environments that encourage participation on a shared topic of interest. Among peers, group leaders may begin with a presentation or point of view and engage the group in lively discussion. Facilitators are all members and have enjoyed a variety of careers, interests and hobbies they are eager to share.

The fall 2007 sessions provide a wide range of offerings at IRCC campuses in Fort Pierce, Vero Beach, Stuart, Port St. Lucie and Okeechobee.

In Vero Beach, The Novel and the Novelist with Sena Jeter-Naslund is offered in partnership with the Vero

Beach Book Festival. Members will join in a discussion of the award-winning works of Sena Jeter-Naslund and her most recent book, "Abundance, a novel of Marie Antoinette." The session will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 5 at the Richardson Center at the IRCC Mueller Campus. An author lecture and luncheon will be conducted Nov. 16.

Other Vero Beach offerings focus on handling photos on the computer, and beginning, intermediate and advanced computer use.

Members may read a book each month, exchange impressions and then view the film of the book in 20th Century Classic Novels and their Film Adaptations. Members will read "Elmer Gantry" by Sinclair Lewis, "Random Harvest" by James Hilton and "The Man in

the Grey Flannel Suit" by Sloan Wilson. Sessions are held Tuesday afternoons at the IRCC Main Campus in Fort Pierce beginning Oct. 2.

Ask about the LLI's own version of "Dancing with the Stars." Choose Tuesday afternoons or evenings to Learn Ballroom Dancing and stay mentally and physically fit as you learn the foxtrot, waltz, swing, mambo, salsa, cha-cha and more.

Also at the Main Campus, Morris and the Mystery will focus on Bob Morris mysteries, including "Bahamarama" and "Jamaica Me Dead." Don't miss the chance for lunch with the author Nov. 9. This session is held in conjunction with the visit of the Florida College English Association to IRCC.

An Experience in Design: Art & Architecture will be enhanced with a visit to histori-

cal landmarks in downtown Fort Pierce and the Backus Museum of Art.

IRCC's Schreiber Conference Center at the St. Lucie West Campus will be the site for Communicating with Computers beginning Oct. 4. The popular Afternoon Tea and Broadway Composers will meet at the St. Lucie West Campus, or choose "more" Broadway composers at the Chastain Campus in Stuart or Dixon Hendry Campus in Okeechobee.

Step back in time to enjoy the history and artwork of our area's maritime past with the Elliott Museum and Whitticar Boatworks at the Chastain Campus in October, followed by a reception featuring the marine and historical paintings of Curt Whitaker at the Elliott Museum on Nov. 1. Al-

so in Stuart, Pathways to Wellness: A Holistic Approach will help members choose the right pathway to health from a myriad of alternatives.

At the Okeechobee campus, The Upside of Aging: A Lunch and Learn Series will look at all aspects of well-being, featuring group discussion and guest health professionals. The session is presented with Raulerson Hospital and facilitated by Dr. Beverly Whiteley, a frequent presenter and advocate on mental health issues at the local, state and national levels.

Call now to register. You may reach the Lifelong Learning Institute at IRCC by calling

toll-free (866) 866-4722, ext. 7880. Visit www.irccfoundation.org to find out more.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MARTIN COUNTY

The IRCC Business & Technology Incubator, in partnership with the Entrepreneur Development Institute at IRCC and the Economic Council of Martin County will present a free seminar, "Economic Development in Martin County and How it Benefits You" on Tuesday, at noon at the IRCC Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road in Stuart. For more information, call (772) 419-5690.

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IRCC offers events for the over 50 crowd

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a wide range of offerings at IRCC campuses in Fort Pierce, Vero Beach, Stuart, Port St. Lucie and Okeechobee.

The offerings at the IRCC Dixon Hendry Campus in Okeechobee will be:

"The Upside of Aging a Lunch and Learn series" with Dr. Beverly Whiteley in partnership with Raulerson Hospital Wednesdays Oct. 24 and 31 and Nov. 7 and 14 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in building B at the IRCC Dixon Hendry Campus.

In this four-part presentation examine your own biological, psychological, spiritual and sociological well-being through

group discussion, presented reference and resource material, as well as guest health professionals.

Develop a social portfolio over lunch with other lifelong learners aimed at reducing stress and aging with greater understanding. Dr. Whiteley holds her Ph.D. in adult learning and is a frequent presenter and advocate on mental health issues on the local, state and national levels.

Also to be presented is "More Broadway composers" with peer leader Ian Nairnsey on Oct. 12, 19 & 26 and Nov. 2 & 16 from 5:30 until 7 p.m. in building B at the IRCC Dixon Hendry Cam-

pus.

Kick off your weekend with a listen and a look inside the lives and music of Jule Styne, Frank Loesser, Jerry Herman, Arthur Schwartz and Rodgers and Hart. Ian R.B. Nairnsey is a retired London attorney who lives in Okeechobee and enjoys sharing his love of musical theatre and his more than 35 years of collecting the history and music of Broadway's great composers.

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Local library offers IRCC talk

BY ERICK GILL

Posted on YourHub.com

Come learn about the Lifelong Learning Institute at Indian River Community College at the Fort Pierce Library on Friday, Sept. 14 at 3:30 p.m.

The peer-led and peer-directed membership program delivers non-credit offerings on a wide variety of topics including current events, books and film, music, wellness, history, art and more. Designed for men and women age 50 and old, the Institute now has more than 700 members interested in learning, simply for the joy of learning.

Program Director Laura Kelley will preview the 2007 Fall Session of the Lifelong Learning Institute that will begin in October at all five Indian River Community College campuses. Join Kelley to learn more about IRCC's new "Health Club for the Brain."

Refreshments will be served.

Registration is not required. For more information, please call Vicki at (772) 462-2787 or e-mail cookev@stlucieco.gov.

The Fort Pierce Library is located at 101 Melody Lane.

IRCC Lifelong Learning Institute Announces Fall Offerings in Okeechobee

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*Fee includes lunch. *Evening Tea & More Broadway Composers with Peer leader Ian Nairnsey*

"MORE BROADWAY COMPOSERS" with peer leader Ian Nairnsey

Oct. 12, 19, & 26 and Nov. 2 & 16**, Fridays, 5:30-7 p.m., IRCC Dixon Hendry Campus, Building B

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*Fee includes *Devon Tea by King Charles Tea Shop & Bakery.*

**Please Note: NO MEETING November 9, 2007.

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Think-Write! Workshops for Women: For women interested in journaling and/or writing. Meeting Room D, Port St. Lucie Community Center, 1195 S.E. Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie, 6:20 p.m. registration, 7-8 p.m. class, Sept. 20. \$12. Reservations: (772) 359-3791.

IRCC National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration: Guest speaker Carlos Mahecha of WPTV NewsChannel 5. Folkloric dancing, 6 p.m.; presentation, 7 p.m., Sept. 21. Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, IRCC Main Campus, Fort Pierce. Free. (772) 462-7610, ircc.edu.

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Sept. 26 is a 12:30 p.m. Early Release Day for **CALC** classes. Students are expected to attend **IRCC** classes. Students will need to make their own transportation arrangements.

Martin Memorial Health Systems continues to be a valuable resource for our school. In this semester, **Rachel Raos** has successfully placed our interns in departments ranging from Nuclear Medicine to Ultrasound.

Congratulations to our Martin Youth

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Martin County need high school volunteers to mentor at elementary schools. High school students will be matched with an elementary student for 12 sessions. High school students will receive community service hours for mentoring. Contact guidance.

As a reminder to parents: Any student needing medication must have a Physician's Authorization of Medication form filled out and signed by his/her doctor. The form is available in the clinic and it was sent home in the beginning of the year information with your child. The medication will be kept in the clinic and administered to the student by school personnel.

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Wednesday is a 12:30 p.m. Early Release Day for **CALC** classes. Students are expected to attend **IRCC** classes. Students will need to make their own transportation arrangements.

School picture retakes are on Oct. 29.

The next Red Cross meeting will be Wednesday in the Knowledge Room from 2:40-4:00 p.m.

Student Government elections will be Tuesday and Wednesday. Be sure to vote for your candidate!

The Heart Walk is Saturday. See Ms. Hutcheson for more information.

The PSAT will be administered to all sophomores on Oct. 17. Juniors interested in testing must provide Mrs. Guyton the \$14 fee before Oct. 12.

Seniors: Important Senior Class Parent Meeting to discuss financial aid and graduation requirements will be Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. in the CALC Knowledge Room. See Mrs. Mazzouccolo for information.

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The success of our internship program is due to business partners like Martin Funeral Home & Crematory. Mr. David Seyffart provides students with the opportunity to learn about the medical and counseling aspects of this profession. **CALC** intern **Myranda Ens** will gain knowledge of procedures and counseling in this career field.

CALC students and staff helped to clean up the Stuart Causeway Sept. 15: **Alyssa Dolan, Janine Farro, Shanna Hermsen, Phylcia Lewis, Elizabeth Potter, Justin Ratell, Maria Mosley, Terry Mosley, Hilary Bunch, Ron Bunch, Haley Bunch, Catherine Bunch, Beth Mazzouccolo, Marisa Mazzouccolo, Tara Mazzouccolo, Gloria Sherry.**

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Seniors: College Fair Night to learn about colleges, scholarships and jobs is Oct. 22 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Treasure Coast Mall.

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Street Smart to help teens on road

A program called Street Smart that will be presented to Treasure Coast teens in three sessions on Oct. 2:

- 9:30 a.m. at Southern Eagle Distributing — Victory Forge Military Book Camp
- 12:30 p.m. at Indian River Community College — IRCC Students
- 7 p.m. at Port St. Lucie City Hall Council's Chambers — PSL Town Hall Meeting — open to the public (co-sponsored by Port St. Lucie Police Department Crime Prevention Unit).

Street Smart takes teens into the real-life drama experienced by firefighter/paramedics as they work to save the lives of youth who have made

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poor choices when it comes to underage drinking or using illegal drugs.

Street Smart is presented by members of Stay Alive From Education, a nonprofit organization created by firefighter/paramedics in Miami-Dade County, dedicated to reducing teen injuries and fatalities.

Street Smart is one of more than two dozen community-based alcohol awareness and education programs sponsored by Anheuser-Busch and its more than 600 independent wholesalers across the country to help discourage drunken driving and underage drinking and promote responsible drinking among adults who choose to drink. To learn more, visit www.beeresponsible.com.

From staff reports

Capron Lakes discussion Friday

A report on the proposed Capron Lakes subdivision — 5,000 homes and 1.6 million square feet of business space in St. Lucie County — will be discussed by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council during a meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. Friday. The meeting is at the Wolf High Technology Center, Chastain Campus, Indian River Community College, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. For more information, call (772) 221-4060.

Here are other things going on this week that you should know about:

MEETINGS

Teen credit cards today

Here is a chance for youths or their parents to learn about getting credit cards for the first time. A free, two-hour workshop will be at 2 p.m. today at the St. Lucie County Extension's South County Office, 1664 S.E. Walton Road, Port St. Lucie. To register or get more information, call (772) 337-5684. Participants will learn how to compare credit card offers and use credit wisely.

Home building plan Tuesday

A proposed 40-home development on Okeechobee Road comes up for discussion during the St. Lucie County Commission meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The 82-acre Creekside Reserve is to be built south of Okeechobee Road and west of Gordy Road. Commissioners meet in the commission chambers, 2300 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

Veteran issues Tuesday

St. Lucie County's Veteran Services Director Paul J. Hiott speaks about a number of veterans issues — health care, property tax exemptions and how to obtain military records — during an 8 p.m. meeting of the Council on Social Agencies on Tuesday at the Fort Pierce Branch Library, 101 Melody Lane. Call (772) 462-2787.

Code Enforcement revision Thursday

Amid complaints, the Port St. Lucie City Council is discussing revamping the Code Enforcement Department during a special meeting 1 p.m. Thursday in Council Chambers, City Hall, 121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie.

FUN THINGS TO DO

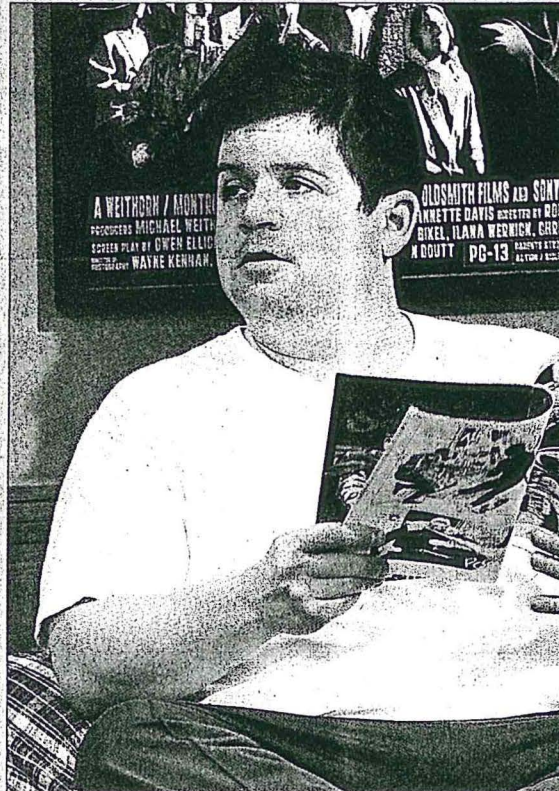


Photo provided by CBS
Standup comic and "King of Queens" co-star Patton Oswalt performs at 6 and 9 p.m. Friday at the Lyric Theatre, 59 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Tickets are \$42 and \$38; call (772) 287-7827.

Words and pictures

Author/illustrator Tony DiTerlizzi and author Holly Black introduce their latest fantasy book for young people, "Beyond the Spiderwick Chronicles: The Nixie's Song" at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. They're also scheduled to visit the Vero Beach Book Center, 2145 Indian River Drive, Vero Beach, at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Both events are free.

Hispanic Heritage

There'll be dancing, instrumental music, singing, traditional handicrafts at Thursday's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at the Fort Pierce Library, 101 Melody Lane, from 4 to 6 p.m. It's free.

A new tradition

Music by Soul Rebel and others perform at Friday's free WestFest, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Town of Tradition, Interstate 95 in Port St. Lucie. Admission is free.

Drama in Fort Pierce

Troy Shearer's drama "Dyin' Free" is presented by the Indian River Community College's theater students at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday (plus 2 p.m. Saturday) in the Wynne Black Box, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Tickets are \$12; call (772) 462-4844.

PSL News 9/11/07

Recruitment fair addresses need for volunteers

Luminaries will host the event, scheduled for Wednesday at IRCC center in St. Lucie West

BY WENDY DWYER
Correspondent

Although recent figures indicate the spirit of giving back is strong in America, Florida is 48th among states in the percentage of adult volunteers.

On the 'Treasure' Coast, volunteers some 2,000 strong have long meant the difference between opening and closing the doors for many nonprofit organizations. With the dollar value of a volunteer hour at \$18.77, volunteers provide skills and resources many nonprofit organizations otherwise could not afford.

To attract more volunteers, Luminaries will host a free Volunteer Recruitment Fair 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday at IRCCs Schreiber Conference Center, 500 N.W. California Blvd., St. Lucie West.

According to Cris Adams, vice president at United Way of St. Lucie County the caliber of volunteers are improving. Incoming helpers, many employed during the day have "lots of skills and experiences."

Adams said programs such as the Bright Futures Scholarships, and the Service Learning Project through Indian River Community College encourage young people to become involved in volunteer activities.

"We implemented Tuesdays with Martin Volunteers," said Carol Hodnett of Martin Coun-

FLORIDA VOLUNTEERS BY THE NUMBERS

- 32.6 percent of volunteers do so with religious organizations
- 27% are with educational or youth service (double the amount in 1989)
- 13.9 percent are in social or community service
- 432.8 million hours of service in 2006 from volunteers
- 30 percent of women and 23 percent of men volunteered in 2006
- People ages 35-54 most likely to volunteer; early 20s least likely
- 21.7 percent of teens volunteer
- Fundraising and tutoring are most common volunteer activities
- 4 in 5 charities, or 80 percent, use volunteers
- About 70 percent of volunteers became involved only after being asked, usually by a member of the organization. 30 percent became involved on their own initiative

nationalservice.org, volunteerflorida.org

ty United Way. "Every Tuesday morning we have people come in and learn about volunteer opportunities, and we place volunteers in all non-profit organizations in Martin County, not just United Way agencies. Right now we're in

the middle of our fifth class certifying volunteer managers who come from as far as Indian River County to participate in the class."

"Volunteering is one of the few things in our lives over which we have control," said

Adams. "We need to volunteer someplace that really appeals to us and about which we are passionate."

Agencies and organizations participating in the fair include United Way of St. Lucie County; Humane Society of St. Lucie County; Learn to Read of St. Lucie County; HPS - Helping People Succeed; Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County; Council on Aging of St. Lucie; Alzheimer's Community Care; American Red Cross; Project Response; St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity; Heathcote Botanical Gardens; Children's Home Society; Smithsonian Marine Station; Lawnwood Hospital Auxiliary; Florida Oceanographic Society; American Cancer Society; and New Horizons.

For more information on the recruitment fair and a list of participants, call Luminaries at (772) 409-1357.

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St. Lucie County

Only 3 prep weeks 'til Chili

Something a little different is happening at the Fort Pierce Exchange Club's 26th Annual Chili Cook-off this year. Ray Isenburg, historian for the enthusiastic civic club, tells *Glamour & Grit* that in response to years of requests, there will finally be an opportunity to sample a variety of award-winning chili recipes. Chili sampling coupons will be sold at the Exchange Club Welcome Booth for those interested in taste-testing the recipes from several prior winners, along with finalists from the 2006 Cook-off. Never to let a good thing go, there's more. The coupons will be retained by the teams and submitted for tabulation. The team with the most coupons will be declared the winner of the People's Choice Award for "most popular" chili at the Oct. 12-13 Chili Cook-Off. See you there.

News of a new organization

In last week's edition of *Luminaries*, we introduced you to "Friends of the 440" with a photo from its scholarship presentation. Here's a little more information about the new-to-us organization made up of attorneys, judges, doctors and other business professionals who donate their time and treasure to promote social and educational charitable causes connected with the Workers' Compensation system in Florida. Charlie D'Agata, communications chair, tells us that "440" is the Florida statute number for Workers' Compensation. Friends of the 440 help injured workers and their families get back on their feet after an injury — especially providing scholarships to children of injured workers. And, this 501c3 nonprofit has been around for 12 years. Who knew? Want more information? Call Charlie at (772) 335-5888.

Keep on Keepin' on...

...after a disaster, that is. St. Lucie County Community Services, United Way of St. Lucie and IRCC, in partnership with Volunteer Florida, the Gov. Christ's Commission on Volunteerism & Community Service, recently offered "Keep On Keepin' On," a workshop on disaster recovery. More than 80 people attended from more than 20 organizations. Speakers Merilee White and De Flounacker led interactive training for developing plans to continue services after a disaster. Some of those attending included Karen Knapp of United Way, Tara Martin of 211, Kris Krueger of Mustard Seed Ministries, Angel Gillette of St. Lucie INTACT,

Olive Wedderburn of the American Red Cross and many others. For more information, call (772) 461-5930.

Books for bikes

Erick Gill, St. Lucie County's public information officer, tells us that Morningside Library, in cooperation with Cornerstone Masonic Lodge No. 386 F&AM, is sponsoring a "Books for Bikes" contest, starting today. Students in first- through third-grade can earn raffle tickets to win a bicycle and helmet by reading books from the Morningside Library. When students read 10 books on the list from their grade level, they will receive a raffle ticket. With each five books they read thereafter, they will receive another raffle ticket. The more they read, the better their chances to win a new bicycle and helmet. The contest continues through Dec. 12, with the drawing and an ice cream social on Dec. 15. For more information, call (772) 337-5632.

Bowl for Kids' Sake

My husband and I bowled in the annual Bowl for Kids' Sake to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters and we had a great time. It's been years, actually more like decades, since we bowled, and aside from a stiff neck and a blister on a thumb, there were no serious injuries to our old bodies. Suggestion — if you're ever looking for some great family-fun, remember this event. You'll have a good time. Look for an update on the fundraiser in next week's column.

On the horizon...

★Storm warnings now in effect for St. Lucie County. Latest advisory: Staci Storms to be roasted for SafeSpace, Inc. Projected landfall: 5:30 p.m. Oct. 11, at the Pelican Yacht Club, Fort Pierce. Chance of rumbling accusations: 99 percent. Roasters include: Anthony Westbury, Arlene Brown, Cathy Norvell, Diana Livingston and Don Kryak. Tickets are \$65 per person and available by calling (772) 465-6080.

★Get your motors runnin'...head out on the highway. The 9th Annual Bikers for Babies Halloween Poker Run to benefit the March of Dimes is slated for Oct. 27. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at both Service Chevrolet in Vero Beach and Treasure Coast Harley Davidson in Stuart. Both routes will end in conjunction with the Port St. Lucie Fall Festival at Tradition Field. Call (772) 562-0115.

Hub News

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Annual Chili Cook-Off to heat up October

BY RAY ISENBURG

Posted on YourHub.com

Initiated in July 1982, the Annual Chili Cook-Off has developed into a highlight for residents of the Treasure Coast.

The event was actually conceived by a group of patrons who frequented the "Rodeo," at the Holiday Inn on Okeechobee Road in Fort Pierce.

The manager of the Holiday Inn in 1982, Will Jansen, was a member of the Fort Pierce Exchange Club and thought the Cook-Off would be an excellent method to raise funds for the civic organization.

The proposal to organize the Cook-Off coincided with a National Exchange Club initiative directed toward the prevention of child abuse, and the local Exchange members quickly decided to earmark the funds raised to support the national project and help establish a Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse for the local community.

The first Chili Cook-Off was conducted in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn and 33 teams participated. The team comprised of members of the Crystal Restaurant and Town and County Hair Salon won top honors in the preparation of chili.

Today, the award for best

What: Annual Chili Cook-Off

When: Oct. 12 and 13

Where: St. Lucie County Fairgrounds, Fort Pierce

Contact: (772) 971-2653

chili is named in honor of Jim Lamb, the winning chef at the inaugural event.

The Cook-Off was conducted for its first few years of existence at the Holiday Inn. When the event outgrew the parking lot, the festivities were moved to the St. Lucie County Civic Center in the mid-1980s.

The fact that the Cook-Off was conducted in July occurred simply because of tradition. However, in 2004, the Civic Center was devastated from hurricanes Frances and Jeanne resulting in the move to the current location at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds. The date of the Cook-Off was also changed to October in an attempt to minimize the impact of inclement weather at an outdoor facility.

This year's theme is Leisure Time U.S.A., and the Cook-Off will be challenged to surpass the 2006 fundraising total of \$218,000. Teams may select any type of leisure activity, which should result in another spectacular display of creativity and originality by the teams



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Last year's team from the Fort Pierce Elks Lodge 1520 competes in the Annual Chili Cook-off, sponsored by the Fort Pierce Exchange Club.

Do you have photos from the Annual Chili Cook-off from years past you would like to share? Please post them on YourHub.com and they could be included in a future issue.

entered and competing. The Cook-Off is scheduled for Oct. 12 and 13.

Friday evening will feature the band Burnt Biscuit, along with a gourmet dinner prepared by the Indian River Community College Culinary

Arts Department. Contestants will also compete for the coveted awards associated with "Miss Chili Pepper" and "Mr. Hot Sauce."

Several new elements have been added to Saturday's festivities including a boat show,

a "Poker Run," and an opportunity to sample award winning chili recipes from prior Cook-Offs.

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Fine arts season shows depth, talent

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BY ROBERT LANE
Posted on YourHub.com

Tickets for Indian River Community College's Fall/Spring 2007-2008 Fine Arts Season are now on sale.

This season offers dance, music, drama, comedy, a full-scale musical, stargazing, and the visual arts in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center, Wynne Black Box Theatre, Hallstrom Planetarium and IRCC Art Gallery. Series in the 2007-2008 season include:

MainStage Production

Series: "Smell of the Kill," Oct. 18; "And the Musicians Played On," Nov. 1; and "Just Dance," Nov. 28.

Wynne Black Box Production

Series: "Dyin' Free," "Falling from Trees" and "Teaching a Dillo to Cross the Road."

IRCC Art Gallery Shows: The free shows start on Oct. 18 with "From the Heart of..." a portfolio of prints. Other gallery shows open on Dec. 13, Feb. 26, and the IRCC Student Show and Annual Auction on April 9.

Performing Arts Academy

Shows: "A Dickens of a Christmas," Dec. 7-8; and "Mulan, Jr. (Disney)," April 25-26.

Special Performances: IRCC students will present "Tour 2008 — And the Music Played On!" on the IRCC campuses in Stuart, Vero Beach, Okeechobee and St. Lucie West. Other special productions in-



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IRCC Dance students perform for a dance recital at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center at the IRCC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

clude: "Mudcats," "Dancin' in the Aisles," and our "Dance Composition" recital.

Purchase tickets at the IRCC Box Office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby, on IRCC's Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Call the IRCC Box Office today at (772) 462-4750 or toll-free at (800) 220-9915.

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Performing arts 2007-08 series showcases national performers

The Indian River Community College Performing Arts Series brings professional entertainment to the Treasure Coast, and the 2007-2008 Series offers four nationally acclaimed performances.

The series begins Nov. 19 with "Five Guys Named Moe." Known as the "King of Jukebox," Louis Jordan helped pioneer American jazz, blues, R&B and swing music. "Five Guys Named Moe" re-creates Jordan's greatest hits and inimitable style in a dynamic, upbeat musical review. The cast involves the audience with their infectious energy as they perform classics such as "Saturday Night Fish Fry" and "Caldonia." In their multicolored zoot suits, they harmonize and joke their way through 27 Louis Jordan hits. They perform the show-stopping "Choo Choo Choo Boogie" and the sentimental "Don't Let the Sun Catch You Crying."

The series continues Dec. 18 with "The Manhattan Transfer — Holiday Concert." The group is famous for harmoniously mixing jazz, big band and pop musical genres to create a fresh, distinctive sound. This concert will feature traditional and pop selections such as "Let it Snow" and "Santa Baby" from the quartet's best-selling Christmas albums.

On Jan. 28 Rita Coolidge joins the Performing Arts Series for the season's third show. Coolidge began her singing and recording career while majoring in art at Florida State University. Following production of her first single, "Turn Around and Love You,"

she re-located to Los Angeles to harmonize with contemporary performers such as Joe Cocker, Eric Clapton and Leon Russell. Her first solo hit, "(Your Love is Lifting Me) Higher and Higher," went platinum around the world, and set the stage for more hits to follow: "One Fine Day," "We're All Alone," "I Don't Want to Talk About It" and "The Way You Do the Things You Do." In 2004, she released "Delta Lady," an anthology.

The Performing Arts Series will conclude March 3 with Emmy Award-winning comedienne Vicki Lawrence, who made her mark in television and in theatrical and comedy stage performances, achieving early acclaim as part of the cast of the "Carol Burnett Show." At age 24, Lawrence developed the comedic personality of Thelma Harper or "Mama" as she is better known, which led to a starring role in the television series "Mama's Family." This multitalented performer also earned a gold record for her 1973 hit, "The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia."

All performances will begin at 8 p.m. at the IRCC McAlpin Fine Arts Center. Tickets for the four-performance series are \$85. Purchase tickets at the Box Office in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center at the IRCC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with credit card. Call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center Box Office toll-free at (800) 220-9915.

FOLKLORIC MUSIC, DANCING FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE

Music and folkloric dancing

will begin the celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month at IRCC on Friday at 6 p.m. The entertainment will be followed by speaker Carlos Mahecha of WPTV NewsChannel 5, all at the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

Mahecha produces the popular Spanish magazine show "Hablando con la Comunidad." "Hablando" airs every Sunday and includes news, interviews and information on special events. Mahecha co-anchors the show with Radio Fiesta host Helman Ruiz.

The College's National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration will reflect the national theme for Hispanic Heritage Month: "Hispanic Americans: Making a Positive Impact on American Society." The event will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. with entertainment by The Grupo Folklorica de Guadalajara, Xavier Alejandro, Salsa Express Productions and Zenia Ventura and the Sabor Latino Dancers. IRCC students will perform salsa dancing.

Local organizations active in the Hispanic community will be recognized for their support of students. The Latin Chamber of Commerce and the Puerto Rican Association For Hispanic Affairs Inc. will be acknowledged for their support of scholarships through the IRCC Foundation.

For more information about the IRCC Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Friday, contact the IRCC Minority Affairs Office at (772) 462-7610 or call IRCC toll free at (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

Compiled by IRCC staff

IRCC announces fine arts season

Tickets for Indian River Community College's 2007-2008 Fine Arts Season, including subscriptions to the MainStage productions, are now on sale.

This season offers dance, music, drama, comedy, a full-scale musical, stargazing and the visual arts in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center, Wynne Black Box Theatre, Hallstrom Planetarium and IRCC Art Gallery at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

This season's series of nine MainStage shows opens with the comedy "Smell of the Kill," Oct. 18. Bebop to the rhythm of "And the Musicians Played on" Nov. 1. Launch the holiday season with "Just Dance," starting Nov. 28. This performance will include excerpts from the "Nutcracker Suite."

Subscription tickets for all nine MainStage productions in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center are \$90. Individual ticket sales for MainStage shows start Oct. 1 and are \$12 per show.

WYNNE BLACK BOX THEATRE

The Wynne Black Box Theatre will host three dramas this season, including "Dyin' Free," written by IRCC Theatre Program alumnus Troy Shearer. This production is an entry in the American College Theatre Festival.

Other Black Box productions include "Falling from Trees" and "Teaching a Dillo to Cross the Road." Subscription tickets for all three Wynne Black Box productions are \$30. Individual ticket sales are \$12 per show.

Be sure to put IRCC's Art Gallery Shows on your cal-

endar. The free shows start Oct. 18 with "From the Heart of ..." a portfolio of prints. Other gallery shows open Dec. 13, Feb. 26, and the IRCC Student Show and Annual Auction on April 9. Find out more information at the IRCC Box Office.

PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

The IRCC Performing Arts Academy provides performing arts instruction to elementary through high-school-aged children. Each year students share their talent in two productions. Dec. 7 and 8 they will present "A Dickens of a Christmas." This classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge is brought to life with a powerful score and a Dickens-style script. On April 25 and 26 you can travel back to the legendary, story-telling days of ancient China with the action-packed "Mulan, Jr. (Disney)." Tickets for each production are \$8.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

In addition to the regular production series, special performances are scheduled throughout the season. IRCC will take the show on the road with "Tour 2008 — And the Music Played On!" IRCC instrumental students will perform at IRCC campuses in Stuart, Vero Beach, Okeechobee and St. Lucie West. Other special productions include: "Mudcats," "Dancin' in the Aisles," and "Dance Composition" recital April 22 and 23. Check with the box office for ticket pricing and availability.

IRCC also presents multimedia shows exploring the stars and planets with the "Halls-

from Planetarium Starlight Series." Tickets to Starlight Series shows are \$3. Don't forget the free Oct. 6 "Star Party Open House," hosted by the Treasure Coast Astronomical Society.

Purchase tickets at the IRCC Box Office in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby, on IRCC's Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with credit card. Call the IRCC Box Office at (772) 462-4750 or toll-free at (800) 220-9915.

ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

The IRCC Performing Arts Academy Open House/Registration will be 4 p.m. Tuesday at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on IRCC's Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce.

The academy offers a variety of programs including dance workshops for all ages; a drawing studio for young artists ages 10 to 15; a make-up magic class where students 11 to 17 learn the basic techniques and application of stage make-up; private and group music lessons, including vocal and private instrumental lessons; theater workshops and production workshops for ages 5 to 10 and 11 to 17, and youth musical theater for ages 9 to 15.

For fine and performing arts information, call the IRCC Box office toll-free at (800) 220-9915. For more information about IRCC programs and services, call the Information Call Center toll-free at (866) R866-4722.

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OUR PICK

The drama “**Dyin’ Free,**” which takes place on a Maryland farm during the time of slavery, opens at 8 to-night at Indian River Community College’s Wynne Black Box theater. The cast includes: back row standing from left: Lisa Stewart, Bertrand Laidler Jr., Gary Burnette. Front row from left: Shayna Awong and Quintin Smith. Tickets are \$12; call (772) 462-4844.



Photo provided by IRCC

AROUND TOWN

IRCC puts on locally written play about 19th-century slavery

By SHEAON REID
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Dyin' Free, 8 p.m. Wednesday through Sept. 21 and 2 p.m. Sept. 22 at Indian River Community College, Wynne Black Box Theatre, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

Dyin' Free is a play written by IRCC theater program alumnus Troy Shearer. It takes place on a small Northern Maryland slave farm in 1859. Both the slave owner and the enslaved are in search of different forms of freedom. When the slave's plan of escape is found out, drastic measures must be taken.

The cost is \$12 and tickets can be purchased at the box office 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday or by phone at (800) 220-9915.

WHAT A WEEKEND! MARTIN COUNTY

Stuart News
9.20.07

Get out and enjoy this weekend's offerings!

"Dyin' Free": Written by Troy Shearer, an Indian River Community College theatre program

alumnus, 8 p.m. through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday at the Wynne Black Box, IRCC, Fort Pierce, \$12.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Concert: Hosted by Hispanics In Action Inc. and featuring Shazkya D. Fernández, a pianist and flutist,

at 7 p.m. today, North Stuart Baptist Church, 1950 N. U.S. 1, Stuart. Free. (772) 337-5139.

Along the Cattle Trail Exhibit:

Featuring re-enactors, games and music from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the St. Lucie County Historical Museum, 414 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce. \$5 per family. (772) 462-1891.

WHAT A WEEKEND! ST. LUCIE COUNTY

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From comedy to music, there's plenty to do

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Yom Kippur observances: Kol Nidrei, 7 p.m., Friday; morning service, 9 a.m. Saturday; Yizkor, 11 a.m., Saturday; Neilah, 6:15 p.m., Saturday; children's service, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday; break-the-fast, 7:53 p.m. Saturday. Chabad Jewish Center, 2809 S.W. Sunset

Trail, Palm City. Reservations suggested. (772) 288-0606; www.chabadmsl.com.

Classical Concert: Featuring baritone John Hardee Slivon and soprano Sandra McNiff at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2655 S.W. Immanuel Drive, Palm City. \$15-\$25. (772) 287-8188 or immanuel-elca.org.

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THERE'S LOTS TO DO, SO GET OUT AND HAVE A GOOD TIME

The temperature's still in the 80s and the showers still come in the afternoon, but there's a real feeling of fall in the air, so head out and enjoy what the Treasure Coast has to offer this weekend.

- Go west, young man — and all you women and kids, too — for **West Fest**. The festival will feature music by Soul Rebel, kids' activities and vendors from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Friday at Tradition, Interstate 95 at Gatlin Boulevard, Port St. Lucie. Free. (772) 201-0129.
- Learn about Latin American cultures at the **Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration** with a talk by

Carlos Mahecha of WPTV News-Channel 5, singer Greta Berlin Goldstein, violinist Frank Tomaszewski, flamenco dancer Roberta Linares and folkloric dancing beginning at 6 p.m. Friday at the Kight Center, Indian River Community College, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Free. (772) 462-7610.

- Find out what's coming up at

the Sunrise Theatre during an **open house** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the theater, 117 S. Second St., Fort Pierce. Free. www.sunrisetheatre.com.

- Have fun and honor our nation's veterans at **Vets Fest**. Hosted by American Legion Post 318 to benefit the Heroes to Hometown program, there'll be food, a car show and music by Sha-Boom, Sal and the Flashbacks and Bruce Boss-

hard from 4 to 10 p.m. Saturday at Tradition Field in St. Lucie West. Parking/admission \$10 cars; \$5 motorcycles; buses \$2 per occupant. (772) 579-0053.

- **Hispanic Heritage Month Concert**: Hosted by Hispanics In Action Inc. and featuring Shazkya D. Fernández, a pianist and flutist, at 7 p.m. today, North Stuart Baptist Church, 1950 N. U.S. 1, Stuart. Free. (772) 337-5139.

MORE EVENTS, A13

Other

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Eco-Cruise: See alligators, turtles and birds on the St. Lucie River Aquatic Preserve. One-and-a-half hour cruise. Cost \$18/78 adults, \$15 children. Boat leaves from River Park Marina, 500 S.E. Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Bird-watching cruise, see several hundred nesting birds. Boat leaves from Rivergate Park, 2200 S.E. Midport Road, Port St. Lucie. Reservations (772) 489-8344.

IRCC National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Guest speaker Carlos Mahecha of WPTV NewsChannel 5. Folkloric dancing, 6 p.m.; presentation, 7 p.m., Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, IRCC Main Campus, Fort Pierce. Free. (772) 462-7610, ircc.edu.

Lawn Maintenance Operator

Training: University of Florida Indian River County Extension Service, Indian River County Annex Building, 1028 20th Place, Vero Beach, registration 8-45 a.m., training 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m., \$35 includes lunch. (772) 770-5031.

Seniors: Agape Senior Recreational Center at 809 N. Ninth St., Fort Pierce; open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch, numerous activities. \$20 per month. (772) 468-9090.

Sunrise Theatre Open House

Staff members will provide tours of the theatre, discuss membership opportunities and give information on the 2007-08 season schedule. Sunrise Theatre, 117 South Second St., Fort Pierce, 5:30-7:30 p.m., www.sunrisetheatre.com.

Planetarium director to speak at Fort Pierce library

PSC News 9/12/07

BY ERICK GILL

Posted on YourHub.com

Jon U. Bell, director of the Hallstrom Planetarium and associate professor of astronomy at Indian River Community College, will be at the Fort Pierce Library Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. to discuss upcoming planetarium shows and sky events being hosted by Indian River Community College and the Hallstrom Planetarium.

The presentation will also include some of the latest and most beautiful images of outer space. Bell will be providing details about a 50-year retrospective on the space program this fall, as well as some of the upcoming Treasure Coast Astronomical Society events.

Jon U. Bell has operated the Hallstrom Planetarium since it opened in 1993. He teaches astronomy, geology and earth science to college students. As planetarium director, he writes, produces and presents high quality educational astronomy programs to college classes, elementary and secondary schools, as well as the public.

Additionally, Bell writes and hosts "Skywatch," a daily astronomy program on WQCS 88.9 FM. He is the "Singing Astronomer" with his Astronomer's Songbook, the most comprehensive collection of space and astronomy-related songs in the world, with many

entries written by Bell. He also created and conducts the international "Constellation Shootout," which has been honing and identifying the star-identifying skills of planetarium lecturers and operators since 1966 with competitions held at major planetarium facilities.

Bell holds a BS in earth science and a MS in science education. His work experience includes a two-year internship as scientific assistant at the Hayden Planetarium in New York and 14 years as the planetarium and observatory director at Virginia Living Museum in Newport News.

For more information, call (772) 462-2787.

Discussion on sky events, IRCC Planetarium: Hosted by Hallstrom Planetarium director Jon U. Bell. Fort Pierce Library, 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce. 6 p.m., Sept. 12. Free. (772) 462-2787.

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Star Party and Open House: New season of Sky Shows. IRCC Hallstrom Planetarium, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Open house 7-9 p.m. Oct. 6. Free. (772) 462-4750.

50 Years in Space: Follow the progress of NASA and space exploration through this 50-year retrospective. IRCC Hallstrom Planetarium, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Fridays 7 and 8 p.m. Saturdays 2 and 3 p.m. Oct. 19 and 20, Nov. 2 and 3, Nov. 16 and 17. Tickets \$3. (800) 220-9915.

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Community College in Fort Pierce, will talk about the upcoming planetarium shows at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Fort Pierce Branch Library on Melody Lane.

Bell, who has operated the Hallstrom Planetarium since it opened in 1993, will also present some of the latest images from outer space. Bell's programs and lectures are always entertaining and educational (he's also a fine singer), and his Skywatch astronomy program is broadcast on public radio station WQCS 88.9FM from IRCC.

To share your news about people or events on the Treasure Coast, call Jeri at (772) 223-3552, e-mail her at jeri_butler@pbpost.com, or write her at The Palm Beach Post, 2101 S. Kanner Highway, Stuart, Fla. 34994. Please include any photos.

Planetarium presentation

He'll promise you the moon. And lots more. **Jon Bell**, the director of the Hallstrom Planetarium at Indian River



MEGHAN MCCARTHY/Staff file photo

Jon U. Bell is the director of the Hallstrom Planetarium at Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce.

Adrienne Moore to retire from radio station, college

Adrienne Moore, a familiar figure in Treasure Coast media and public relations circles, will retire Sept. 24 after 25½ years with public radio station WQCS (88.9 FM) and Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce.

Moore, 60, of Stuart, is the station's membership and special events specialist.

"I've learned a lot from the many friends I've made at the college, enjoyed the adventures, and even with the good, bad and the ugly, it's been a great experience and a good place to work," she said.

"I made the decision to retire because three dates came together this year: 25 years at the college, 60 years of age and 50 years living on the Treasure Coast."

Moore is not leaving the area. She plans to open a small public relations firm to assist organizations with media releases, newsletters and other projects.

Her successor is Michele Calvo, former membership director at Riverside Theatre in Vero Beach.

**CALVO TAKES ON
POST AT WQCS**

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9-16-07*

Michele Calvo will be the
new membership/special

events specialist
at public radio
station WQCS
88.9 FM. She
leaves her three-
year post as the
director of mem-
bership at River-
side Theatre in
Vero Beach.



Calvo

Calvo will succeed Adrienne
Moore, who is retiring after 25
years at the station and Indian
River Community College.

Calvo will take over the gen-
eral membership and fund-
raising activities and special
events. She started with River-
side Theatre in 2004, working
on the theater's \$20 million
capital campaign and coordi-
nating multiple campaigns.

WQCS Oral History Project

—Receives State Historical Award

Public radio station WQCS / 88.9 FM is the recipient of the Florida Historical Society's Hampton Dunn Broadcasting Award for its outstanding radio programs expanding its listeners's knowledge of the history of Florida. The programs are part of the WQCS Oral History Project.

The Historical Society presented the award at its annual conference at the end of May in Clearwater. Janie Gould, facilitator of the project which kicked off in January 2006, coordinates the Oral History interviews and programs on WQCS.

During the past year, Gould has collected more than 250 interviews with area residents, broadcast more than 40 Community Focus public affairs programs and attended a variety of community events promoting the Oral History Project and collecting interviews. The oral history pieces include such topics as pioneer families, military events during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, personal family stories, and career backgrounds and successes.

Gould also interviewed a number of residents

in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties who contributed significantly to the development and growth of the area. For example, Gould conducted the last interview with former Lt. Gov. Tom Adams before he died in a traffic accident. Adams, living in Fellsmere at the time,

served as Florida's lieutenant governor under Governor Reuben Askew in the late '70s.

Gould's interview was distributed by Florida Public Radio for statewide broadcast. The Florida Senate Archives asked for a copy to be played at a memorial service in Tallahassee and a copy of the unedited interview for the state

archives.

Gould is a native of Florida and a graduate of the University of Florida. She has a lengthy journalism career and came to WQCS about four years ago to cover Indian River County news stories. She was later assigned to the Oral History Project.

The award is named for long-time journalist Hampton Dunn, who worked in newspapers and television. He pioneered efforts to preserve Florida history through photographs and a series of well-known books.



Janie Gould

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Local players steer Indian River's flow

Three of the top high school players from 2006 are suiting up for the Pioneers this fall

BY LISA RIDDLE
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Indian River Community College has kicked off its women's volleyball season with a starting lineup including three of last year's best high school players on the Treasure Coast.

The Pioneers have John Carroll graduate Emmalee Luther, Okeechobee grad Kelley Smiley and Vero Beach alumnus Casey Dunn on board as freshmen this season. Luther and Smiley were both named to the 2006-07 Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers All-Area Volleyball Team.

New coach Susan Bradley found Luther and Dunn through the Indian River Volleyball Academy, which she coaches. Smiley originally was interested in IRCC for its well-reputed softball program, and decided also to play volleyball there.

"Those three have been my core this year as new players," said Bradley, who played middle blocker for Florida State University from 1994-98.

Dunn, Luther and Smiley are three of nine freshmen on the 12-person roster. The team captains are sophomores Jessica Culligan (Tallahassee) and John Carroll grad Merritt Henderson.

"We're young. A lot of them are learning that it's a different speed of play at the college level. They have to get used to that," Bradley said. "I'm trying to work with them about their technique. I pay attention to the small details and try to get



Bradley

2007 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

6: At South Florida CC (7 p.m.)
11: Palm Beach CC (7 p.m.)
20: At Broward CC (7 p.m.)
21-22: At Pasco-Hernando
Tournament, TBA
25: Brevard CC (7 p.m.)

OCTOBER

2: At Miami Dade (7 p.m.)
4: At Palm Beach CC (7 p.m.)
9: Miami Dade (7 p.m.)
11: Broward CC (7 p.m.)
12-13: At Lake-Sumter
Tournament, TBA
16: At Brevard CC (7 p.m.)
19-20: At FCC-J Tournament
(Jacksonville), TBA
23-24: Southern Conference
playoffs, TBA

NOVEMBER

1-3: State tournament, TBA

ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Pos.
1	Merritt Henderson	5-1	DS
2	Emmalee Luther	5-9	O-M
3	Brittany Cairnie	5-6	DS-L
4	Christy Camero	5-6	DS-L
5	Jessica Culligan	5-7	S
6	Danielle Bryant	5-5	O
7	Alyssa Filippi	5-11	O-M
8	Kelley Smiley	5-9	O
9	Casey Dunn	5-11	O-M
11	Lindsey Jemison	5-3	S
12	Isabela Costa	5-7	S
13	Alison Pridgeon	5-11	O-M

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

2006 STANDINGS

Team	Conf	All
x-Miami-Dade	8-0	19-5
Palm Beach	6-2	14-9
Indian River	3-5	13-21
Brevard	2-6	2-12
Broward	1-7	2-23

everyone a little more game-oriented."

The Pioneers are 3-5 and play at South Florida Community College in Avon Park tonight. IRCC opens Southern Conference play Saturday at home against Palm Beach.

Vero Beach High grads to play for IRCC

BY ROBERT LANE
Posted on YourHub.com

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Indian River Community College has announced that two former Vero Beach High School basketball players have signed scholarships to play on the IRCC men's basketball team.

The first addition to the team is Jamarkus Holt, who is 6-foot, 8-inches tall and weighs 220 pounds. He was named Most Valuable Player of the Treasure Coast High School Senior Showcase. Holt also led Vero Beach to the state tournament. IRCC coach Mike Leatherwood said, "Jamarkus is a talented athlete, who could transfer to a Division I University after one year."

Also named to the IRCC team is Aaron Lofton, who is 6-foot, 4-inches tall and weighs 215 pounds, a star athlete who was injured his senior year.

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Vero Beach

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ICE HOCKEY

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College scholarship is goal for PSL's Wolfe

Goal-scorer Dean Wolfe traveled to New York in hopes of attracting attention from college coaches

BY LISA RIDDLE
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Port St. Lucie ice hockey player Dean Wolfe scored 65 goals for the Palm Beach Ice-Hawks last season, but college

THE WOLFE FILE

Residence: Port St. Lucie
High school: Graduated from South Fork in December 2006
Team: Elmira (N.Y.) Junior Jackals, season began Friday

coaches and scouts weren't there to see it.

Unlike New England and the Midwest, South Florida isn't exactly a recruiting hotbed for ice-hockey players.

So Wolfe came up with a plan. He would try out for semi-pro teams up north until he made a roster in hopes of attracting attention from college coaches. He graduated early from South Fork in December to facilitate his tryout schedule. Wolfe missed the cut for two teams in Michigan, one in Boston and another in Philadelphia before making the Elmira (N.Y.) Junior Jackals roster in June. The Jackals are one tier below the highest level for semi-pro teams.



Wolfe

"I got frustrated, but I knew that eventually it would pay off," Wolfe said.

Money will be tight for Wolfe as he tries to earn a scholarship to play college hockey. His team only covers equipment costs and travel and eating expenses for games. Wolfe's season will last from September (the season opener was Friday) until the end of May.

"I just knew I had to get up there if I ever was going to realize my dream," Wolfe said.

Wolfe has three years of eligibility remaining in the junior semi-pro system. The league accepts players age 21 and younger.

Wolfe hasn't said which colleges he hopes will look his way. He plans to take online courses through Indian River Community College while competing for the Elmira team in upstate New York.

Baseball

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LOCALS IN THE MINORS

Ouellette adjusts to role as reliever

The former IRCC player works his way up in the Orioles' organization this summer

BY ERIC PFAHLER
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Former Indian River Community College and Martin County pitcher Ryan Ouellette has come a long way in establishing himself as a professional prospect.

Ouellette, who switched from starter to reliever before this season, has pitched well in the South Atlantic League and New York-Penn League, giving up just 10 earned runs in 42½ innings between the two leagues. The 21-year old has 41 strikeouts to 18 walks

for three teams in the Baltimore Orioles organization this season and has allowed just two home runs.

He also has added velocity to his fastball — which now averages 93-95 mph and tops out at 97 — since moving to the bullpen.

"My velocity has definitely improved since last year," said Ouellette, who is in his second minor league season. "As far as pitches, my slider has improved."

Ouellette, a 5-foot-11 right-hander, has spent most

of his time this season throwing for the Delmarva Shorebirds in the Single-A South Atlantic League.

"As a smaller, max-effort guy, (pitching in relief) takes a lesser toll on my arm," he said.

Ouellette said it's easier to know how to pitch to a batter after having watched the starting pitcher go through the lineup a few times.

"Your starter sets the tone for how you pitch," Ouellette said.

NOTES: Fort Pierce Central graduate Michael Brantley appears set for the postseason with Double-A Huntsville. The Stars won the first half of the season and Brantley has remained on the roster, while

hitting .261 with 17 stolen bases for Huntsville. ... Former IRCC first baseman Steven Pearce is hitting .331 with Triple-A Indianapolis — a Pittsburgh Pirates minor league team — and has six home runs in 118 at-bats since making a midsummer move. In all three of Pearce's stops this year, the right-handed slugger has hit better than .330, and altogether he has 31 home runs. ... Former Port St. Lucie and IRCC player Jon Coutlangus was promoted again to the Cincinnati Reds. The left-hander must be thought of highly because the Reds already had four lefties in the bullpen before the addition.