

Hobe Sound

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Martin County Commission Candidates line up for a primary election August 12 that will determine the new commissioner for Districts One and Five and the candidate who will face no-party candidate Craig Woll for the District 3 seat representing Hobe Sound in November. **Pg 6**

Cato's Bridge Beach saved!

The thousands of people who have reveled in the natural beauty of the clear turquoise waters of the Intracoastal Waterway at the Jupiter Inlet, picnicking on its sandy western shore and snorkeling with manatees and fishes nearby, will be allowed to continue to do so, thanks to the efforts of Martin County Commissioner Patrick Hayes and Jupiter activist Walter Franklin. **Pg 4**

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Plans for the Extreme Water Sports park at the intersection of Bridge Road and I-95 crossed two more hurdles on its way back to the Martin County Commission for a final hearing July 10. **Pg 16**

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Two election precincts closed in Hobe Sound

Lots of changes took place recently regarding voting precincts, according to Vicki Davis, supervisor of elections. As a result, Davis and her staff have been busy spreading the word throughout the county.

"We want all voters to be 'Election Ready,'" she says. "We don't anyone to be surprised or confused when they go to the polls on Election Day."

The number of precincts have dropped from 46 to 31, so 15 voting locations countywide have been eliminated, including the Community Center in Zeus Park and the Boys and Girls Club on Lares Avenue. Davis and her staff have made an extra effort over the past few months to ensure that no one is surprised to find their former voting location closed on Election Day.

"If you voted at either one of those places last time in Hobe Sound, you'll need to either go to our website, MartinVotes.com to find your new voting location," she says, "or just call us, so we can help you locate your precinct."

Most registered voters received a "voter information" packet in the mail several weeks ago, Davis says, which explained that voter registration cards will no longer be issued and providing the voter's new precinct number and location.

Important dates also were provided, including the July 16 deadline to register or to change any voter information, including party affiliation, prior to the August 14 primary election.

"It's important for people to remember, too, that Florida is a closed primary state," Davis adds, "meaning that you may not select or change a party on Election Day, and you will be restricted to voting for candidates only from the party for which you're registered."

Something different this election season is that early voting will be available only at the Supervisor of Elections Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning August 4 and ending August 11.

Voters can check their voter registration status at MartinVotes.com by clicking on the "Access Your Voter Information" tab. To locate your precinct click Precinct Finder. (Hint: If you only provide your house number and street

name, it will be easier for the program to locate your precinct.)

Precincts will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, August 14, and voters should bring signed, photo identification, such as a driver's license, with them when voting in person; otherwise, they will need to vote a provisional ballot.

"Voting by mail is also a viable option," Davis adds, "which you also can request from our website; however,

ballots are not forwardable. They are mailed approximately 30 days before an election, or if you wish, you may just call our office and ask for one. Many voters choose to vote by mail, because mail is easy and convenient."

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--Barbara Clowdus

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Vicki Davis, Supervisor of Elections

Cato's Bridge Beach: public's voice heard

The timing for fireworks this month couldn't be better. Independence Day celebrations coincide with many local residents celebrating the June 26 compromise by the state Florida Department of Environmental Protection that will ensure continued public use of the popularly called Cato's Bridge Beach on the Intracoastal Waterway north of Jupiter Inlet.

"We won!," was the subject line of an email broadcast throughout the area from activist Walter Franklin, a Jupiter resident who dug in his heels at the prospect of a rock and concrete breakwater barrier that would effectively bar all public access to the sandy shoreline.

Joining Franklin in the effort to develop "a reasoned approach" to limiting the federal government's "over-reaching" plan to bar public access to Cato's Bridge Beach was Martin County Commissioner Patrick Hayes, a Tequesta resident, who railed against the plans formulated by the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area (JILONA) working group, in conjunction with the Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management (ERM) firm, to stabilize the eroding shoreline near the Jupiter Inlet lighthouse.

He, along with hundreds of local residents, objected to the permit application that had been submitted last summer to the DEP, which resulted in a status of "heightened public concern" that threatened to put the permit application before Governor Rick Scott and his cabinet.

"After a thorough investigation by top DEP officials prior to the trustee review," Franklin explained, "a possible compromise was offered and accepted."

The negotiations throughout June involved DEP, JILONA, and ERM officials, as well as Commissioner Hayes, who represented the hundreds of citizens organized by Franklin objecting to the potential barricade of what had become an historically significant recreational opportunity for local citizens.

"Three-quarters of the breakwater designed to block boaters and swimmers from using the beach was unnecessary (for shoreline erosion control)," said Hayes. "We didn't get all of it; we got half of it removed, and I thought that was a reasonable compromise."

The original plan called for construction of a 1,375 linear-foot breakwater of

rocks and concrete that would rise approximately three feet above the water's surface, in addition to a 15' high, industrial grade vinyl sheet pile system on shore to stabilize the eroding bluff.

The compromise eliminates 645 feet of the barrier at the north end of Cato's Bridge Beach to allow unobstructed boater access, and retains the vinyl sheet pile system on the southernmost shore.

"No one questioned the need to stabilize the eroding parts of the shoreline," Hayes added, "but we did not want an 'armored' shoreline all the way north to the bridge where there is no erosion, with its sole intent of preventing boaters from enjoying one of the most scenic, most outstanding natural areas in the state."

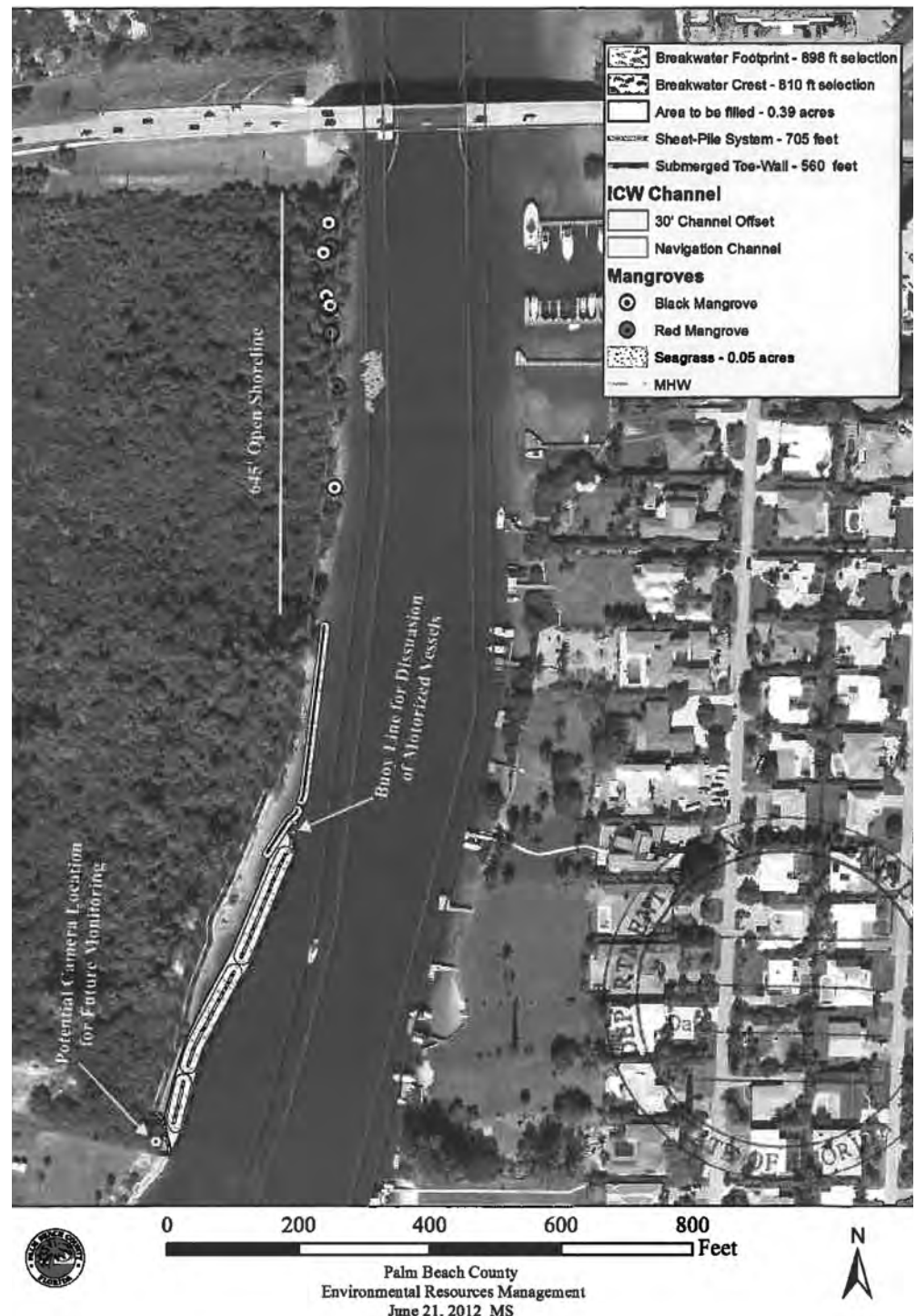
Directly across the waterway to the east of Cato's Bridge Beach is the tony Jupiter Inlet Colony community of approximately 360 residents, three of whom are members of the JILONA committee and were the most vocal about ridding the shoreline of boaters, whom they blamed for littering and for excessive noise. They favored "passive recreational pursuits" such as paddle boarding and kayaking, but with no access to shore in order to prevent social gatherings.

The new permit issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection calls for construction of a 705 linear-foot, four-tiered sheet wall system, and an 826 linear-foot breakwater. The original plans for planting mangroves and sea-grass beds have also been withdrawn, allowing a natural beach and swimming area behind the breakwater. That area will also be accessible to kayakers and paddleboarders through an opening in the breakwater.

"We were not able to reach a compromise with regard to (the retaining wall system) that will severely mar the appearance of the southern half of the area in question," Franklin said, who contends that the design is flawed, as well as unattractive, "but half a loaf is better than none."

The Florida DEP has no jurisdiction with regard to federal land use, Franklin explained, and the land is owned by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior.

"This remarkable compromise was achieved through the conscientious and dedicated effort of a small group of people who attended meet-



Alternative JILONA Shoreline Stabilization and Restoration Project

ings, wrote letters, solicited support, and engaged the community through newspaper articles, radio broadcasts, and the Internet," Franklin said, giving considerable credit to the efforts of Commissioner Hayes, "the point man in Tallahassee."

"More than 1,825 people joined the effort," Franklin added. "That collec-

tive voice earned the consideration of the Department of Environmental Protection and ultimately delivered this compromise."

A public notice that a permit has been issued will be published in Palm Beach County allowing the public an additional 30 days to comment. ■

--Barbara Clowdus

Burglaries continue to plague Hobe Sound

Two burglaries, one in Hobe Sound's Zeus Park neighborhood and the other in a gated community off Gomez, happened during the last week in June, adding to a growing total of burglaries over the past 12 months numbering more than 40 break-ins.

"Some arrests have been made in some of those burglaries," said Rhonda Irons,

public information officer for the Martin County Sheriff's Department, "but it's really too early to tell if the latest ones in Hobe Sound are related in any way to any of those previously."

The Zeus Park break-in was Tuesday, June 26, on Saturn Street, where access was gained through the sliding glass doors at the rear of the house. Three televisions were taken some time

between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the homeowner returned.

Access apparently was gained to another home on SE Windjammer Way through the front double doors by prying open the door near the bolt and striker plate, according to the sheriff's department report. The owner was away for only an hour, and returned to find his family room

television set at the head of his driveway. Another TV was missing, as well as small valuables. He had a small dog in the house during the burglary, which was unharmed.

The sheriff's department continues to urge residents to keep their doors locked, and to call them whenever they see any suspicious vehicle or activity in their neighborhoods at 772.220.7170. ■

Post Office Alley now wears asphalt coat

Some Hobe Sound residents like the freshly paved Old Post Office Alley in Hobe Sound, and some don't.

"I don't like the HOT black asphalt alley," said one Zeus Park resident, who frequently walks to town. "I miss the cool sand road, silver/white in the moonlight, similar to the islands. Tiny raccoon, dog, fox and snail tracks for children to discover. Quiet to walk down and used by more walkers than cars. A bit of charm and uniqueness to Hobe Sound." Gone.

"Are you kidding me? I've always hated the dust when it doesn't rain and the mud when it does," said another resident, whose home borders the alley that runs parallel to A1A from Bridge Road to Venus Street. "I love, love, love this new alley. It's about time the county paid attention to us."

Others, like Community Redevelopment Agency member Mike Dooley of Hobe Sound worry about possible collisions at the busiest intersections, such as Mars and Olympus, since there are no stop signs.

"There should at least be yield signs," Dooley said at the June 20 meeting of the CRA. "Drivers, especially strangers in the community, are likely to think that now, with the roadway so smooth and straight, that it's a thoroughfare street, not just an alley."

Kevin Freeman, director of the Community Development Department, told CRA members that "there's a fine line between an alley and roadway," and the standards for each are set by the engineering department.

"Alleyways don't have stop signs," Freeman added, "but I believe that the

question of stop signs should probably be taken up directly with the engineering department."

The fact that this was an alley, not a bona fide roadway, is what allowed the joint project of the Martin County Engineering Dept. and the CRA, to use pervious asphalt for paving. It is a "demonstration" project that will be evaluated over time for appropriateness for use in other CRAs.

"There was no engineering requirement...this was just essentially a grading project," Erfurt added. "We did not need to build a base under the road. All that was required was to put the asphalt down and smooth it out on the road that was already there."

The alley right of way is 20', but only about 16' of it was used, because that's what essentially what was already there. The whole project took only about four days to complete.

The biggest advantage, Erfurt said, in addition to the fact that its porosity allows rainwater to percolate through it, is that the asphalt can be taken up in a few years, reheated, and used over again. It's initial cost is higher than regular asphalt, but regular asphalt cannot be reused.

"I love this road," said Frank Wacha Jr., CRA chair. "We have high hopes for this...We have a lot of need for a simple solution (to our roadway issues) so we're going to be watching closely how this road holds up." ■

--Barbara Clowdus

Next Hobe Sound Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting will be Thursday, July 19, at 6 p.m. at the Hobe Sound Community Center. All residents are urged to attend.



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The District 1 and District 3 commission seats, currently held by incumbents Doug Smith and Patrick Hayes, will determine which Republican candidate will face off against either a write-in candidate (Alex Majka) in District 1, or against no-party candidate Craig Woll in District 3.

The important thing to remember is that citizens elect all the commissioners—including in this case, the ones for Jensen Beach and Palm City, as well as Hobe Sound—not just the one from their own home district.

The county commission candidates

were given their choice of answering one or both of two questions posed by Hobe Sound Currents. The first question was to determine if they would support (or have supported in the past) the Extreme Sports Water Park at the intersection of I-95 and Bridge Road, and to explain their reasons behind their decision.

The second question pertained to the Martin County Growth Management Plan and the urban services boundary, as to whether or not a law should be enacted to prohibit changes to either one. Short essays were prepared by all the candidates.

District 3 – Hobe Sound, Indiantown and south county

INCUMBENT PATRICK HAYES, REPUBLICAN

You voted in May in support of the Extreme Water Sports Park at the intersection of I-95 and Bridge Road. Please explain the reasons behind your decision.

Had this been a DRI (Development of Regional Impact) out there, or a major amusement park complex like Busch Gardens or something like that, my vote would be totally different, but this water sports park is not. It is a small, rural development with open spaces that fits the rural landscape.

It does not require that the urban services district be moved, because the zoning established right after I-95 was built—and after those exit ramps were built—already determined that a gas station, restaurants, and hotel could be built there, and will be built there—and that's already included in our Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. The zoning was created for those intersections along I-95.

The change sought (by the water park) just adds the lake and less than 10 acres north of the lake to be included in that zoning in order to add what I believe will become an asset to the county. There are also about 30 acres of wetlands and beautiful cypress domes, which will remain protected.

What is driving my decisions—all my decisions—over the past three-plus years on the county commission is the answer to this question: Is it rural? Rural is rural, and urban is urban. Anything out there has to be developed in a rural way, but if we say “no” to everything, “no” to anything at all regardless of how well it fits, then I know what's going to happen: Somebody along the way is going to be saying, the county's not doing anything, we're not doing anything, we're not doing anything, then boom—the old commission gets swept out, a new one swept in, and suddenly we'll have massive DRIs taking over all our rural lands. Then it's



too late to make sure our rural areas are developed in such a manner that they'll forever remain rural.

Would you support a law to prohibit changes to the growth management plan or moving the urban services boundary?

No, because that, in effect, would remove the input of the people. The plan was designed to accommodate change because it's impossible to predict the needs or the desires of the people 10, 20 or 30 years in advance.

DISTRICT 3 CHALLENGER - ANNE SCOTT, REPUBLICAN

If I were a sitting County Commissioner of Martin County, I would have rejected this project at the outset. I am an enthusiastic supporter of recreational activities for youth in Martin County.

However, I am unalterably opposed to the uses proposed for this location. Having observed the progress of this project with dismay, I believe that the three commissioners who approved this project did so with total disregard for the laws of the county and in violation of the public trust.



In voting to approve this project, my opponent, Patrick Hayes:

- Disregarded Growth Management's recommendation to reject the project finding no basis whatsoever to make any of these changes to our growth management laws.

- Ignored the Health Department warnings that the project poses serious and possibly fatal health risks.

- Disregarded a Department of Transportation report which concludes that the proposal fails utterly to address the significant regional traffic impacts.

- Voted to ignore the report of the staff of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and the objections of representatives of the Towns of Jupiter, Stuart, Palm Beach and Indian River County who voiced concerns about the negative regional impact of proceeding with the project without a plan for the area.

- Acknowledged being contacted by hundreds of constituents who overwhelmingly urged denial of the proposal and decided to ignore them.

In voting to approve this project, Patrick Hayes violated the public trust by:

- Promising his constituents at a town hall meeting that he would not vote for the project and in voting for it anyway explaining that he did not mean his promise.

- Voting for at least two amendments to the Comprehensive plan that were not subjected to public review in compliance with the rules he is sworn to uphold.

- Engaged in an attempt at “spot zoning” for the parcel in question which is against the law.

- Concluded that RV parks, hotels, restaurants, theatres, sports arenas, skating rinks and water sports parks are a “rural use” appropriate for agricultural land.

As a resident who spoke against this project on May 8th, I imagine that the hundreds of residents who also voiced their objection must have felt as disenfranchised and discouraged as I did.

However, I believe we Martin County residents who made our voices heard did, indeed, make a big difference. Yes, the three commissioners who voted for this project ignored our will - but they could not ignore our voices and we should not forget their betrayal.

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DISTRICT 3 OPPONENT CRAIG WOLL, NO PARTY AFFILIATION

(Mr. Woll was on vacation out of the reach even of the Internet when the Currents questions were asked, but readers will have ample opportunity to hear his views between the August primary election to determine the Republican candidate, and the general election in November.)

District 1 – Jensen Beach

INCUMBENT DOUG SMITH, REPUBLICAN

I am more than happy to discuss my decision regarding my vote in May for the water park transmittal (for state review) with anyone, but I cannot discuss how I will vote regarding the water park coming before the commission on July 10.

I believe that there are some broad issues relevant to the discussion that we need to talk about, particularly regarding the urban services boundary, which actually is not an immovable boundary. It is part of, a portion of, an overall planning strategy established more than 25 years ago to serve as an indicator about how we should grow and where we should grow. In fact, creation of the secondary urban services district was established because there was a recognition that there would come a time that the primary services district will fill up, and there needs to be a transition to an area to accommodate that overflow.

The state growth plan requires that of us, and there components built into our comp plan to address changes that may at some point be required. Projects

on occasion come along that push the envelope, but I believe that, based on, if nothing else property rights, that applicants and property owners should be entitled to use the comp plan as it exists or to challenge the comp plan as it exists. They should avail themselves of the process. It doesn't always work for them, but it is the process.

The dialogue, the conversations we have with the property owners, with the objectors who oppose those projects, the questions we ask of our county staff, our discussions with the people who live there, that whole collective process that gives us guidance... the discussion itself that helps us form what we hope is good policy, that's the collective process I believe in.

Should we have a better, long-term strategy for rural Martin County? Absolutely, I think we should. I do not think that the 20-acre ranchette (zoning) that's out there serves to balance the needs of the people who live in this county, with the exception of those who want no growth at all.



That is a disservice by the state, because it does not require growth plans be developed in 25-year increments. We could do that, we should do that ourselves, if Martin County could get its collective hands around that idea; however, it would require a collective discussion among landowners, and the people who typically oppose such a discussion, and the general public.

If that were to happen, it would take some of the concerns and the issues that are continually present about agricultural lands and open space and turn those into good policy and a solid plan for rural growth in Martin County.

DISTRICT 1 CHALLENGER - TOM FULLMAN, REPUBLICAN

It is imperative that we all understand why the Urban Services Boundary is important to the local economy and insures our quality of life here in Martin County.

I will not vote for the Extreme Water Park specifically because it will open the door for the development of new cities west of the USB. We need to take care of local business first, local economics first, and not continue to make the same mistakes we have made in other counties like Palm Beach and St. Lucie.

Let's examine some of the more important "economic reasons" for maintaining

the Urban Services Boundary by deferring the Extreme Water Park.

1. Excess Housing Inventory

We still have an extensive inventory of residential housing and commercial property to manage.

We need to concentrate on solving this problem. Does it make sense to open the door for new cities when we have excess housing and commercial inventory?

2. Taxes Will Increase

Building west of the USB means extending infrastructure beyond the USB. It is more economical to focus on infrastructure such as roads, utilities, water, police and fire protection inside the USB than to expand out west. Does development pay for itself? Expansion will guarantee increased taxes.

3. Small Business Recovery

Small businesses inside the USB are suffering. We need to focus on creating policy that will build small local businesses inside the USB. This will create jobs. As long as commissioners continue to threaten breaking the USB to build cities out west, there will never be serious policy making that focuses on creating jobs for local small business. It is time

for a less expensive "Economic Conference Board" representative of all local small business, rather than support a favorite and costly select few members of the current Business Development Board. Are "rooftops and recreation" the only game in town?

4. Economic downturn along the coast
Learn from the History of Florida. When Floridians built west beyond the USB, it created an economic drain along the coast. This scenario can be avoided considering there is less than a full economic recovery from the recession. Do we need history to repeat itself here in Martin County?

5. The Cost of the Expansion Of Government

People want limited government. Martin County's government is manageable at this point in time. Do not support new development that will build government and raise taxes. Let's shift our economic policies to focus on economic growth inside the USB, not for more government expansion beyond the USB. Is it time for policies that finally manage the future of Martin County and maintain our quality of life?

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CRA welcomes two new members to agency

Both Port Salerno and Hobe Sound have new representatives on the Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency, recently elected by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mike Dooley, of Hobe Sound, and Catherine Winters, of Port Salerno, attended their first CRA meeting June 20 in the commission chambers of the Martin County Administrative Building on Monterey Ave.

"I'm here, ready, willing and able to listen and to learn," Dooley said, as he greeted some familiar faces from his

days on the Martin County Local Planning Agency. He owns the Illustrated Properties real estate brokerage firm in Hobe Sound and is a long-time Hobe Sound resident.

Winters, also in the real estate business, is a long-time resident of Port Salerno and the former chair of the Port Salerno Neighborhood Advisory Committee, which she had to resign in order to accept the position on the CRA board.

"Although we're sad today to see the doors of Finz (Waterfront Grill restaurant) close this week," Winters said, "we hope



Mike Dooley,
Hobe Sound



Catherine Winters,
Port Salerno

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we can pull together and go forward. Thanks for allowing me to be here."

Among the topics discussed are the freshly paved Post Office Alley in Hobe Sound, (story on Page 5), the upcoming presentation by SDI to the Board of County Commissioners regarding an update to add an economic revitalization element to the Rio Community Redevelopment Area, which then can be adapted to the other CRAs, and the renovation of an existing building in Port Salerno to house the expanded Blue Water Editions arm of Southeastern Printing, including an art gallery to display and sell artist's artwork for which Blue Water makes fine art prints.

The next CRA meeting is Wednesday, July 18, at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers of the county administrative building. ■



Frank Wacha Jr.,
new CRA Chair,
Jensen Beach



Rick Zurich,
Vice-Chair, Rio



Bill Hannah,
Indiantown



Stacy Ranieri,
Old Palm City



Saadia Tsafarides,
Golden Gate

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DISTRICT 1 CHALLENGER - HENRY COLEMAN, REPUBLICAN

Apparently, District 1 incumbent (Doug) Smith objected to Currents' publisher about answering a question he will likely face as soon as July 10, as though this is not allowed (note: no such prohibition exists). But Smith's previous vote in favor of the Extreme Water Park (EWP) is already on record, along with his generally unsound support defying the express will of an overwhelming majority of residents (also voters) who oppose it for a variety of sound reasons.

As County staff clearly indicated, the proposed project lies outside the urban services boundary and simply does not comply with the Comprehensive Plan. Its very isolation will minimize any positive economic or tourism impact and contribute to sprawl, with the likelihood of serving as precedent others will argue to bootstrap even more inappropriate urban and commercial development outside the USB on nearby intersection corners, possibly presaging the "return of the dreaded Hobe Sound DRIs" (like a horror movie)!

Comp Plan manipulations redefining and extending the Expressway Orient-

ed Transient land use to accommodate destination visitors are fundamentally inconsistent and incompatible with the site's current two permitted uses. FDOT has issued a highly critical letter citing numerous problems and significant planning deficiencies requiring and asking for up to a year of advance planning before that agency weighs in definitively, and reminding that FDOT permitting is required.

Then there's the potentially fatal threat of the PAM bacterium to EWP users. I explained to my 9 year old why she will never be allowed to use such a facility. I could go on, but readers get the point. According to Mr. Smith, we live in perilous times and he thinks he deserves to remain on the BOCC because we can't afford to elect someone who will need to learn on the job! His position to-date on the EWP illustrates precisely why we need fresh leadership with respect for the law, residents, Martin County's resources and quality of life, and disciplined decision-making. Effective leaders always learn on the job.

Messrs. Smith, Hayes and Ciampi have already shown their willingness to defy our law, sound planning, and fiscal and health issues just to satisfy the "gotta have one" impulsive desires of a small group estimated at 42 daily EWP users, many of whom aren't even our residents. Smith didn't bring much into his position almost 12 years ago, and he sure hasn't shown much beneficial on-the-job learning since!

As far as Question 2: Should a law be enacted that would prohibit any change to the Martin County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan as it stands today and to the boundary that defines the current urban services district?

NO. Let's be clear that such prohibitions would likely be fatally flawed from a legal perspective. Nonetheless, it isn't too hard to imagine several ways to change the way Comp Plan changes occur. Anyone remember "Hometown Democracy" (Amendment 4 in 2010), the failed proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution designed for "putting people back in charge of the places where they live"? Although related and still relevant, this

is another topic for another day. Unbeknownst to many, Florida statutes and the Comp Plan already wisely include provisions for change. The latter contemplates expansion of urban service boundaries as specified conditions warrant. Based on their actions thusfar, Mr. Smith and colleagues on the self-described "majority" need a refresher course (that's learning on the job, Doug), and all of Martin County could benefit from this discussion as well.



District 5 – Palm City

CANDIDATE BRANDON TUCKER, REPUBLICAN

The success or failure of any group, business, organization or government is determined by its ability to plan well, and more importantly, execute well. One of



the keys to a successful long-term visioning process is the ability to be flexible and make appropriate changes when forces outside of one's control arise. I have heard it said that: "The best way to not get bent out of shape is to remain flexible"; I like that and try to apply it in my business and personal life.

The Martin County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan is a 30-year-old document that set a long-term vision for the future of Martin County. All successful businesses set times within their long-term visioning document to reevaluate and ask the hard questions about what has changed since the inception of their vision and how they will seize opportunities to do things better, more effectively and more efficiently. The Comp Plan is

no different in this aspect, and clearly instructs its users to modify and change it according to market driven trends and community needs. If the board of directors of Apple Computer voted to permanently freeze their long-range visioning plan, never changing or adapting to future consumer demands there would be, in the short term, no new iPhone 5, 6 and so on. Eventually there would be no Apple, Inc., as the company would eventually fold and go bankrupt.

I hear so many candidates talk about running government like running a business; I agree. If they really believe this then they would also equally agree that our company, Martin County, Inc., and its shareholders, the citizens of Martin County, need to have a solid long-term vision that will lead

to prosperity for all, but at the same time remain flexible enough to fulfill unforeseen future needs and demands.

In the event an absolute necessity arises to extend water and sewer services to a location in order to bring a truly needed opportunity to the citizens of Martin County, then why would we not revisit our visioning document in order to make it happen?

I will only vote to approve changes that are absolutely necessary and needed, not ever to appease any special interest group or land speculator. I have the private sector experience to truly distinguish between a pretender and a contender when it comes to ideas proposed for economic development opportunities and I will use these skills to protect the interest of my shareholders, the citizens of Martin County.

CANDIDATE JOHN HADDOX, REPUBLICAN

On two separate occasions I have voiced my opposition to the County Commission and the public regarding the Extreme Water Park. I also contributed a guest column to the Stuart News. It is a precedent setting decision which can open the door to similar requests that promote sprawl from the owners of the other 3 corners of that intersection.

Now an additional problem must be addressed. The Health Department reports that lakes throughout Florida such as the one proposed for the Extreme Water Park may contain *Naegleria fowleri*. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) states that this is a rare but extremely deadly disease. The following are quotes from the CDC web site:

"*Naegleria* is a microscopic amoeba (single-celled living organism) that can cause a very

rare, but severe, infection of the brain. The amoeba is commonly found in warm freshwater (for example, lakes, rivers, and hot springs) and soil. Only one species (type) of *Naegleria* infects people: *Naegleria fowleri*.

Naegleria fowleri infects people by entering the body through the nose. This typically occurs when people go swimming or diving in warm freshwater places, like lakes and rivers. In very rare instances, *Naegleria* infections may also occur when contaminated water from other sources (such as inadequately chlorinated swimming pool water or heated tap water <47°C) enters the nose. Once the amoeba enters the brain, it causes a usually fatal infection called primary amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM).

How can I reduce the risk of infection with *Naegleria fowleri*?

Naegleria fowleri is found in many warm

freshwater lakes and rivers in the United States, particularly in southern tier states. It is likely that a low risk of *Naegleria fowleri* infection will always exist with recreational use of warm freshwater lakes, rivers, and hot springs. The low number of infections makes it difficult to know why a few people have been infected compared to the millions of other people using the same or similar waters across the U.S. The only certain way to prevent a *Naegleria fowleri* infection is to refrain from water-related activities in or with warm, untreated, or poorly-treated water."

As a career military officer I have been required to make decisions regarding acceptable risk.

These are the most serious decisions that a leader must make. In 1980 four Florida children lost their lives to this disease. The possibility of losing one

child's life is an unacceptable risk. It is also an unnecessary risk for the county to accept in terms of litigation. I would vote no on July 10th.



EDITORIAL

Just in time for voters to make up their minds—or to change their minds—we are beginning to see some clear differences in the Board of County Commission candidates. These differences are important, because although commissioners represent particular districts, they are chosen by voters at large. Your vote is important to each one of them—and to all of us.

Take Republican Anne Scott and no-party candidate Craig Woll, for instance, both running in hopes of unseating Republican Patrick Hayes in the District 3 race, who both have blasted the Sailfish Splash Water Park as a colossal waste of and potential drain of taxpayer money.

Woll announced at the Banner Lake political forum June 25 that he was “not afraid” to say that he probably had been wrong about the Sailfish Splash water park, at which he had spent a “most enjoyable” day with his family recently. “In fact,” he added, “I believe this will become an asset in Martin County.”

How refreshing to hear such an admission from a political candidate, especially in the face of what surely will become criticism of a stance shared by Ed Ciampi (running for Clerk of the Court), Woll’s potential District 3 opponent Patrick Hayes, and District 1 candidate Doug Smith, who all said the park will be an asset to Martin County long before the park was constructed.

The more contentious issue, however, is the commission’s policy toward development of our western lands. Sailfish Splash is a minor issue in comparison, but views among the so-called “slow-growthers,” which some call “no-growthers,” also differ markedly, and they’re the kind of differences that voters must pay attention to carefully.

District 1 Republican candidate Henry Copeland, in a second bid to unseat Doug Smith, and Tom Fullman, also a Republican running in District 1, both have made residents’ fears of massive cities out west the hallmark of their campaigns, even to the point that both have said there is no reason ever to move the urban services district or to amend the growth management plan. Even Anne Scott and Craig Woll back away from such an extreme stance, both conceding that time and circumstance would dictate their consideration of possible changes to both.

Anne Scott and Craig Woll expressed opposite views, however, at the Banner Lake forum when talking about the role of the county’s Community Redevelopment Areas and the independently funded Community Redevelopment Agency. Woll—and we believe correctly so—says that the CRAs are an effective and necessary tool that can be and should be utilized to revitalize our

small communities, such as Hobe Sound, Port Salerno and Indian-town. Strong, vibrant communities are effective in keeping those large developments at bay.

Anne Scott says no, that the CRAs are interested in nothing more than personal “empire building,” that the funds collected within each CRA boundary should not be limited to that CRA but should be spread among them all, decided only by the commissioners, and that people should understand that the CRA is “not a substitute” for government. Her stance reflects a genuine lack of understanding of how the CRA works and why it has been so effective.

Property and business owners in CRAs are much more likely to work—including donating portions of their own property—spending their own time and resources in improving their own neighborhood if they believe that the increase in their property taxes due to their improvements come right back to their own neighborhood—as it does now—rather than “getting spread” where the county commission deems the money should be spent. That policy contradicts human nature, so the co-operation, success and progress that has been made over the past two years will soon evaporate if the incentive changes.

Tom Fullman, Henry Copeland, Anne Scott and John Haddox, a Republican candidate for the District 5 commission seat, all need to spend more of their time at the Neighborhood Advisory Committee meetings in their districts to see public input at work. They also should attend the CRA meetings in the commission chambers each month where volunteers struggle with the issues facing their communities and work with county staff to resolve them. These are the stakeholders—business people and residents—in their own communities, true, but they are not people seeking to build their own empires.

To lose the CRAs because we changed county commissioners would be tragic at a time we need them more than ever, but there are other issues as well. We have another opportunity to clarify what the candidates stand for and how their judgments will impact our lives at another political forum, hosted by the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday, July 12, at 6 p.m. at the Shmuel dining hall of the Hobe Sound Bible College on Gomez. They don’t take much time, and nothing serves better for citizens to see and hear and get to know the candidates behind the names, the posters, and the advertisements. There is more than one issue on the table. Take the time to inform your vote. ■

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The way we do politics

Psychologists use many tests to tell us something about the way each of us thinks when presented with a contrived observation. Probably one of the most well-known tests is where a glass is filled to the mid-point, and we are asked to describe the level of liquid in the goblet.

Some of us respond by saying the vessel is half empty and are labeled pessimist; some retort the container is half full and are characterized as optimists; and the standoff continues ad nauseam.

If you replace pessimist and optimist with the two most prominent political parties here in the United States, and I will leave the order to you dear reader, you find we have the same impasse, which is one of posturing rather than solution. Now you might observe that with the glass half empty/half full that there is no other answer, and if you have reached that conclusion congratulations you now join whichever of the tribes you have chosen to empathize with.

There is however a third answer, one which you might expect comes from leaving behind preconceived notions of right and wrong, black and white, Republican and Democrat, citizen and immigrant, pious and irreverent, half empty and half full. The solution is one that a scientist might deduce after careful scrutiny of the properties portrayed. The solution is that the glass is simply twice as big as it needs to be. Now we have a defining moment, an epiphany that be you pessimist or be you optimist you can revel in the bipartisan simplicity of the elucidation.

Perhaps if each of us takes the time to observe with the same dispassionate freshness of a trained scientist, we will come to a third resolution to each of our community and national problems and partisanship will go the way of the dodo bird.

Imagine that.

Bruce Duncan
1st day of summer 2012
Hobe Sound

Van Vonno is wrong

I read with some degree of bemusement Ms. Vonno’s comment (Currents June Issue, page 4) on the relationship between the Extreme Water Park and Hobe Grove, saying “One has nothing to do with the other.” I beg to differ.

I am sure you have seen the two postcards vilifying Jupiter Island and Anne Scott and the supporters of controlled growth sent out by the anonymous FuturePAC. I was able to pull aside the curtain and find out who is behind FuturePAC, one of the listed chairs is Dan Carmody, whose father Jack Carmody is the attorney for Hobe Grove. Jack’s grandson was the wakeboard champ who spoke so eloquently on behalf of the water park. The largest donor to the PAC and the only recipient of payments for services listed is none other than McNicholas and Associates, the p.r. firm for Hobe Grove.

I also have on hand the list of contributors to FuturePAC, and was curious that, with the exception of a larger gift from McNicholas, all were for \$250. Among the donors listed were the Stuart Jet Center, FPL and Scripps. All of these have rescinded their contributions, as they were made on their behalf by the Economic Council of Martin County

through chicanery on the memberships dues statement that had a box to check if the member did NOT want to support FuturePAC. \$250 is exactly 10% of the dues for the Economic Council.

It is ironic that Mr. Mullet is being used as bait for the larger developments out West, and that his water park will open the door to end the Martin County we all love, and turn our farmlands into concrete.

If the Hobe Sound Currents really cares about the residents of Martin County, the editor should ask Ms. Vonno about the Martin County Health Dept. report that the Extreme Water Park is a probable home for a freshwater amoeba which can be nasally ingested with lethal results. A number of young people have succumbed to it in other parts of our state. We have a perfectly safe, properly designed water park in Stuart, well within the urban boundary. I’d much rather see Martin County’s young people frolicking there rather than read their obituaries after they swam in a poisonous lake owned by a developer from Palm Beach.

Sincerely,
John W. Payson
Hobe Sound

Water ski park makes sense

Just read your editorial about the water park by I-95. (Currents, May 2012 Issue) You are so, so right.

Every one of your points was right on target. If we left everything up to the “tree huggers” nothing would be built.

That water park location makes much more sense than the one on Willoughby, and I have no problem with the one on Willoughby.

Again, great editorial. Keep (up) the good work. Great paper.

Here is a good one for your next issue.

CONSERVATIVE VS LIBERAL

If a conservative doesn’t like guns, he doesn’t buy one. If a liberal doesn’t like guns, he wants all guns outlawed.

If a conservative is a vegetarian, he doesn’t

eat meat. If a liberal is a vegetarian, he wants all meat products banned for everyone.

If a conservative is down-and-out, he thinks about how to better his situation. A liberal wonders who is going to take care of him.

If a conservative doesn’t like a talk show host, he switches channels. Liberals demand that those they don’t like be shut down.

If a conservative is a non-believer, he doesn’t go to church. A liberal non-believer wants any mention of God and Jesus silenced.

If a conservative decides he needs health care, he goes about shopping for it, or may choose a job that provides it. A liberal demands that the rest of us pay for his.

Jim Olsen CPA
Hobe Sound

An old friend rekindles distant memories

A recent reunion of sorts—lunch at Taste in Hobe Sound—with a junior high school classmate brought back scads of memories, aided by two high school yearbooks she had the gall to tote along with her. We talked about our school days, but also about the town of our youth.

Homestead in the '50s and '60s, as was all of Florida, a far different place than today. Its growth and changes will soon be celebrated with the city's centennial this fall with weeks of events, including parades and reenactments currently being planned by a committee of volunteers eager to contribute to rekindling memories.

Most of us born and raised there carry far more images of the place in our minds than we ever had in our scrapbooks or family albums, especially when it comes to photos of the vast acres of tomatoes, hundreds and hundreds of acres of them, and groves of avocados, limes, mangoes, kumquats, even guavas, which grew everywhere, it seemed, whether deliberately or not.

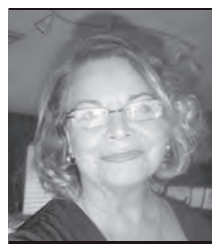
In our front yard, we had an orange tree—maybe it started life as a grapefruit tree—but my father had grafted red grapefruit, yellow grapefruit, oranges and limes all on the same tree, which perplexed, then delighted, our out-of-town visitors, but we just took it for granted.

In the '70s and '80s, many farmers began selling their properties to developers. Even our little five-acre avocado and mango grove became rooftop-to-rooftop duplexes, so many that I now have trouble even finding the little CBS-block house my dad built in the late '40s next to the Seaboard railroad tracks.

Homestead has seen more than just housing development though. In the early '60s when Kennedy was in office during the Cuban missile crisis, Homestead's roads and highways undulated with uninterrupted lines of Army-green trucks and trailers and soldiers, there to transform our farms quietly, efficiently into Minuteman missile sites, with their stark-white, pointed noses poised for launch toward Cuba in a great wide semi-circle through the heart of Homestead farmland. Nobody in the rest of the world seemed to know what was happening here, and we were both proud of it and terrified.

Homestead's "main street" then was Krome Avenue, actually the southern end of Route 27, which along with U.S. Route 1, was the only way to get out of Florida at the time. It's still the city's main street, revitalized and transformed now after Hurricane Andrew attempted to erase the entire city.

We had two drug stores, a bank, a jewelry shop, a dress shop, and Hood's



Barbara Clowdus

Unfiltered

Department Store, where we went twice a year for our school clothes and our Buster Brown shoes. The smell of Murphy oil soap on its wooden floors will stay with me forever, I think, as will my fascination with the foot X-ray machine that ensured the shoes fit correctly. Once was never enough, and my brother and I would try on shoes after more shoes after more shoes, just so we could check out our bones.

We also were a segregated place. Even my father's medical clinic was separated by a wall down the middle, with a white lobby and examination rooms on one side, black on the other. My skin was so dark at the time from the summer sun that my father always had me come through the "colored" side of the building, so as not to upset his white patients.

One time I overheard my father's farmer friend confide he was worried about getting married, considering his violent temper that had resulted in the

death of a hired hand after he'd hit him so hard with a wrench he'd split open the man's skull. He'd dumped the body on the railroad tracks, never to think about it again until the prospect of getting married arose.

That one time doesn't count, my father told him, because that was a black man, and he'd never hit a white man that way, much less a white woman.

That confused me. How could a man die and nothing happen to the man who killed him? I knew the answer lie somewhere between the layers of skin color, but since the persons my brother and I loved most in the world—our domestic help—also wore black skin, it saddened me and disturbed me deeply. It still does.

I vividly remember the signs posted throughout Homestead on the doors and the water fountains: "White Only." and "Colored." I had no problem walking through the colored doorways or drinking out of the colored water fountains. I was kind of proud my skin was so dark, which gave me an excuse to be defiant..

The end of segregation came hard, though, when our high school had to relinquish its gray, confederate soldier band uniforms and Rebel flags. No parades were organized to celebrate, but maybe the time is now. ■

No income tax in Cayman

As we know, who live here, Cayman has a relatively high international profile. Among Offshore tax-havens we are certainly in the top ten most-recognised, and in some categories in the top five. Financial scandals keep our name alive everywhere—in newspapers, novels and movies, in comic strips and late-night talk-shows. Cruise-ship tourists wear T-shirts that read "I have a secret bank account in the Cayman Islands."

In my early days here, my mother once passed on a warning from a friend of hers, that Gordon had better keep his wits about him, among all the crooks over in Cayman. The friend was a big wheel in Lloyd's of London, and when that scandal broke in the late 1980s he found himself among a whole bunch of crooks over in London—well-bred and well-spoken, but crooks by any standard. As for Cayman's clients: most big-time crooks have the sense to lose themselves in big-city crowds, rather than stick out like sore thumbs in small-town communities like ours.

Most of the world's professional politicians have secret accounts in one Offshore haven or another, and we get our proportional allocation. But we don't elect those politicians, or license their lawyers, and we don't register any bank whose parent company isn't already registered somewhere else. Barclays, Morgan Stanley, Deutsche Bank, Santander, Bank of Tokyo, Bank of China... not many of those are owned by Caymanian fishermen or taxi-drivers—or our bankers or accountants, come to that.



Gordon Barlow

Outside, Looking In

Outside the world of Offshore business, though, our tax-regime is not well known. Last month, as an idle exercise, I posted four very short (100-300 words) articles in the Cayman Islands sections of four international forums that I subscribe to. Three of the essays were titled "No Income Tax in Cayman" or similar and, the other, "Britain's favourite tax haven". Each post received as many hits in a week or ten days as any of my other posts had received in six weeks! (Those other posts were on topics such as Working in Cayman, Retiring in Cayman, and Doing Business in Cayman.) The numbers weren't high, since Cayman's sections are not frequented nearly as much as other places. But our absence of Income Tax sparked the interest of casual visitors.

We forget how lucky we are, much of the time. We also forget to honour the people and companies who set up the tax-haven back in the late 1960s, including (yes, this is true!) the British Government and its Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO). All of the promoters did it for their own selfish reasons, but selfish reasons are

what drive most economic development. Once established, the tax-haven has been kept alive for the best part of fifty years, by expat professionals, FCO clerks, and local politicians—all acting selfishly while benefitting every resident of Cayman.

The runaway success of our tax-haven brought so much money into government's coffers that a tax on wages has never been genuinely needed. Yes, our local rulers (politicians and Civil Servants) have spent Public Revenue like drunken sailors, and have borrowed to fund their extravagances. They would like to tax wages, and the FCO has strongly urged that they do; but they are well aware of what happened the last and only time that was tried. That attempt, by our Cabinet-equivalent in 1987, was routed by a ferocious outcry from voters mobilised by our Chamber of Commerce, of all people. We should honour them, too, whose efforts have kept any kind of tax on individual remuneration at bay for 25 years, and counting.

It is the Chamber of Commerce that has also kept Cayman free of any kind of tax on business profits. Government's bureaucracy plays merry hell with the private sector's productivity and profitability, but there is a line in the sand that it dare not cross. ■

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A Saturday in July...maybe, August Salerno Mullet Race

The sudden closing of Finz Waterfront Grille in Port Salerno derailed the first Salerno Mullet Triathlon Race in June, but only temporarily, according to organizers. No firm date has yet been set, but it will "definitely" be at the end of July or in mid-August, we've been assured. The information—date, time, and team registration forms—will be on the Port Salerno Community Promotions website, port-salernocp.org, the sponsors of the event to benefit the annual Port Salerno Christmas Jamboree.

"Each year, the annual Port Salerno Christmas Jamboree gets bigger and bigger," says John Hennessee, one of the organizers. "There are more and more kids, and we want to make sure we can provide for all of them who come, but each year, it also gets harder and harder."

In 2011, in addition to lighting a 50' Christmas tree, the non-profit trucked in five tons of snow for kids to play in, had a sound stage with carolers and entertainment, served hot dogs and soda, and featured Mr. & Mrs. Claus arriving at Port Salerno via fire truck. Santa's elves gave away more than 400 toys and 60 bicycles.

The Salerno Mullet Triathlon will be a race among teams of six, with a minimum of two women per team, all of whom will be expected to push (or ride in) fish vats over land, paddle them from the east end of Salerno Creek to the west end, and back again, and along the way, stop to "shot-put" six mullet into each team's vat.

Meanwhile, spectators may avoid all the fish slime and head straight to the food, beer and wine booths. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to the competitors, as well as prizes for the teams with the best team spirit and best costume.

The registration fee is \$40 per person, \$240 per team, all going to a worthwhile cause. For more information, email: portsalernocp@gmail.com.



Saturday, July 7 Reef Builders Tournament & Lionfish Round-Up

The 6th Annual Reef Builders Tournament and 2nd Annual Lionfish Round-Up, hosted by the Martin County Artificial Reef Fund Committee, will be Saturday, July 7, to help fund the artificial reef program in Martin County. The tournament targets the species attracted to the artificial reefs, including cobia, dolphin, grouper, snapper, kingfish and wahoo. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three spots.

In addition to the fishing tournament, divers are invited to participate in the round-up of lionfish, an invasive species increasingly populating reef systems throughout the Caribbean and up the East Coast of the United States. Divers will be instructed on how to handle the spiny fish at the mandatory captains/divers meeting Friday, July 6, at Manatee Island Grill in Port Salerno.

Anglers also will be required to log the location and the time each fish is caught to provide valuable data to the Reef Builders Committee.

The county dock behind the former Finz Waterfront Grille will continue to serve as the official weigh-in for the tournament on Saturday, July 7. The lionfish weigh-in will run from noon to 2 p.m. and the fishing tournament weigh-in will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Manatee Island Grill will host the awards dinner.

Divers in south county or Jupiter have the option to attend their briefing at The River Center (in Burt Reynolds Park) in Jupiter on July 6, and will be able to measure their catch there, too.

In January 2011, Martin County deployed the Kyle Conrad Memorial Reef, and this year's Top Boat Award will receive the Kyle Conrad Memorial Trophy. For more information, contact John Burke, 772-708-8881, email info@mcacreefs.org or visit www.mccareefs.org.



Monday, July 9 Plant a Butterfly Garden



The Martin County Master Gardeners' "Dig up Fun Summer Projects for Children" will host a butterfly gardening (or veggie garden) clinic at the Blake Library in Stuart on Monday, July 9, at 6 p.m. Anita Neal, St. Lucie County extension director and environmental horticulture agent, will present the program in the John F. Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road in Stuart. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about Martin County Master Gardeners visit <http://martin.ifas.ufl.edu> or call 772-288-5654.

Thursday, July 12 Political Forum at Hobe Sound

On your way home from work Thursday, July 12, be sure to stop by the Hobe Sound Bible College on Gomez Avenue by 6 p.m. in time for a most important political forum that will feature the candidates for the Board of County Commissioners, among others. The Martin County Council of Chambers, the Economic Council and the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce will host the event at the college's Shmuel Dining Hall (or just follow the crowd, if you're not sure where the dining hall is) on Gomez Avenue. Questions will be submitted in advance by emailing info@hobesound.org, or by filling out an official question note card at the event prior to the first candidate's introduction at 6 p.m. For more information, call 772.546.4724, or visit hobesound.org.

Thursday, July 12 Planetarium Comes to the Blake

The South Florida Science Museum brings its portable planetarium to the John F. Armstrong Wing of the

Blake Library on Thursday, July 12, for two sessions: 10 to 11 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Inside the dome, children will take a trip through space to learn the characteristics about planets and other objects in the solar system. The program is free, but pre-registration is required. Call 772-221-1407 to register.



Saturday, July 14 2nd Rock Blues Jazz Fest

A free concert, the "2nd Rock Blues Jazz Fest," will be Saturday, July 14, from 3-9 p.m. at Memorial Park in Stuart with lots of great music, good food and fun to create awareness of the "Traveling Memorial Wall." Good 'ole rock 'n roll will be the Jay Blue Band, the Blues Man, and Dr. O, sponsored by Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 1041 and the Veterans Council of Martin County. For more information, or for sponsorship opportunities, contact Carol at 561.317.1341, or email: cgreff@comcast.net.



Tuesday, July 17 Social Media Town Hall

Martin County's first-ever social media town hall for county commission candidates will be Tuesday, July 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Hobe Sound Cole-Clark Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs on Lares Avenue in Hobe Sound. The social media town hall is being coordinated by online magazine, The Town Mag, the Young Professionals of Martin County, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County. To date, all Martin County candidates have agreed to attend.

The public can submit questions on the local economy, the environment, and human-interest issues to county commission candidates until July 13 through the Facebook pages of The Town Mag (facebook.com/thetownmag) or the Young Professionals of Martin County (facebook.com/ypmartincounty), or through Twitter via #MCTOWNHALL. Questions can also be submitted by emailing them to mctownhall@mail.com. For more information on how to submit questions, visit thetownmag.com. The public may attend the town hall, or watch it online live on www.thetownmag.com.

Thursday, July 19 Interpret Your Dreams

Not your typical educational program at the Blake Library in Stuart, this Dream Interpretation presentation on Thursday, July 19, from 6-7:30 p.m. likely will “pack the house,” so make your reservations early. Countess Nadia Starella, local clairvoyant, counselor and mystic, will teach participants how to interpret their dreams to reveal the deeper meanings of life. The program is free, but pre-registration required. Call 772-221-1407.



Saturday, July 28 Hands-on Circus Camp in Hobe Sound

Teens wanting to learn to juggle—or maybe just to watch—will want to take part in this hands-on circus camp at the Hobe Sound Library on Saturday, July 28, from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Tweens and teens from fifth through 12 grades will have a “juggling experience” when Lizi Franzini, international circus performer, brings spinning plates, beanbags, juggling scarves, diabolos and crystal sticks to teach hands-on action. Pre-registration is required, and the class is limited to 60 participants, so call now: 772.546.2257.

Saturday, July 21 Making Zombie Masks in Hobe Sound

These masks are not intended to scare your neighbors, but to make sure you're properly attired for the big, end-of-summer blowout for tweens and teens—the Zombie Prom on August 18 at the Hobe Sound Library. The mask-making will be Saturday, July 21, from 3-5 p.m. also at the Hobe Sound Library, and all the materials will be provided. If you do not intend to go to the prom in August, that's fine. Just hang out with friends and be creative on Saturday as you make your own ghoulish mask. For more info, call 772-221-1407.



Tuesday, August 7 Mystery Night

The conclusion of the Hobe Sound Library's mystery writers' challenge, which begins July 10, will be Tuesday, August 7, at the Hobe Sound Library at 6:30 p.m. The mysteries are set in the U.S., and the clues begin with a map posted at the library with flags denoting only the locale of a writer's character.

The program concludes with an evening of “Who Am I?”, where everyone who attends will wear an author's name on their back, and figure out who they are by asking other players. There will also be a key to the quiz in order to see how well players have done. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, August 18 Wine Tasting & Cook-Off

The 8th Annual “Hot Caribbean Night” Wine Tasting/Celebrity Chef Cook-off event to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will be at the Mansion at Tuckahoe on Saturday, August 18 from 6-9 p.m. Ken Coe and the Treasure Coast event planning team are making plans for the best event yet! Cool down on a hot summer night on the picturesque banks of the St. Lucie River.

Saturday, August 4 Super Paddle Fest

The first annual Super Standup Paddle Fest will be August 4 at Indian RiverSide Park in Jensen Beach. Festivities include a four-mile race, a kid's race, cash prizes, gear raffle, live music, a relay race, lessons, demos and games. All skill levels are encouraged to sign up for what is sure to be one of the best events of the summer. Register now through August 3 for \$35 per person or \$40 the day of the races. Registration includes a T-shirt and lunch. Proceeds benefit the Maritime & Classic Boat Museum's “Rocking The Boat” program. Call the Maritime & Classic Boat Museum at 772.692.1234 for more information or to register.



Sunday, August 5 Kids Triathlon at Sailfish Splash

Kids ages 5 to 12 are invited to test their endurance at a Kids Triathlon on Sunday, August 5, at 7am at Sailfish Splash Waterpark on Willoughby Blvd. in Stuart. The cost is \$35 for those who pre-register before July 30. Day-of-race registration is set at \$45. Registration includes water park admission for the day for the participant, with a 20% discount for triathlon families for the day. There will be awards for 1st through 3rd in each age group, as well as finishers medals.



Saturday, August 25 Dancin' in the Street

Downtown Stuart will again host the ever-popular Dancin' in the Street festival on August 25 from 6pm to midnight. Mark your calendars now, so you won't forget. For more information, call 772.286.2848.

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning Open Tennis in Hobe Sound

Free “pick-up” tennis for intermediate to advanced players happens every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Hobe Sound tennis courts (south of the baseball fields) on Hercules Avenue off Bridge Road in Hobe Sound from 8

a.m. to approximately 10 a.m. Organizer Eric Buetens asks only that players occasionally bring a can of tennis balls to share. For more info, call Buetens at 772.546.6633 or go to: <http://tctennis.blogspot.com>.



Monkey's Produce won't be same without her

Hobe Sound lost one of its friendliest spirits June 4 with the accidental death of Sandee "Monkey" Perry, 65, the long-time manager of Monkey's Produce on Federal Highway in Hobe Sound.

She died at her home from head trauma after a fall, according to employees. Born in Bradley, Fla., she moved here

from Daytona Beach 31 years ago.

She also had been a contractor administrative assistant and had worked for Dickerson Construction of Stuart and B&B Properties of Indiantown. She attended In His Love Ministries of Hobe Sound.

Survivors include her husband of 14 years, William "Bill" Perry of Hobe Sound; son, Don MacCallum of Ruskin,

Fla.; mother, Laverne Hughes, of Lakeland, Fla.; and sister, Carolyn Howell of Lakeland.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Durell Hughes.

Memorial contributions may be made to A.A. Intergroup of Martin County, 828 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart, Florida (772) 283-9337 or <http://www.martincountyaa.org>



◆ **RONALD LEE WOOLFENDEN, 78**, died June 28 at Martin Hospital South in Stuart. Born in Washington, DC, he had been a winter visitor to Hobe Sound for 13 years, moving to Hobe Sound in 2006 from Chambersburg, Pa. He was a retired owner of C. W. Telecommunications in Chambersburg and retired sales director for Stauffer Chemical in Chicago, and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He received a bachelor of science degree in business management from University of Buffalo in 1961. He was a member of the Lost Lake Golf Club and former member of the Chambersburg Country Club.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Flavia Woolfenden of Hobe Sound; daughters, Cheryl Lee Zandy of Palm Beach Gardens; Brenda Jo Hennessy of Chambersburg; Sandra Sue Ranalli of Stuart; brother, Robert Thomas Woolfenden or Annandale, Va.; sisters, Jeanne Guidi of Annandale, Va.; Joan Oliver of Annandale, Va.; and Betty

Sue Guilietti of Tennessee; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth Donald Woolfenden.

◆ **RALPH JAMES SCHEIDT, 78**, died June 8 at his residence in Hobe Sound. Born in Chicago Heights, Ill., he moved to Hobe Sound in 1986. He retired from the Internal Revenue Service as a criminal investigator. He was a member of St. Christopher Catholic Church. He received his bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University, was a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict, and received the United Nations Medal; National Defense Medal and Korean Defense Medal.

He was past executive vice president of National Treasury Employees, Chicago, member of Palm Beach County Crime Prevention Officers Association and Federal Criminal Investigators Association. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Mary McCloskey Scheidt of Hobe Sound, and brother, Paul Scheidt, of Maricopa, Ariz. Contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, FL 34997.

◆ **HOWARD TIDY, 83**, of Hobe Sound, died June 5 at Martin Memorial Hospital South. He was born in Culpmont, Pa., and moved to South Florida in 1968. He was a quality control technician at Pratt Whitney. He served his country during the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife Bonnie Tidy, sister, Judy Franz of New York City, Linda Burns of Roslyn Pa., and a host of nieces and nephews.



◆ **KATHERINE COLEAN ETHERINGTON, 83**, of Hobe Sound and Old Lyme, Conn., died Sunday, June 24, at Jupiter Medical Center in Jupiter. Kathy, or "Mrs. E" as she was sometimes called, passed peacefully in the presence of family and loving care-givers after struggling with a long illness. Born in Peoria, Illinois, she spent most of her childhood in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Smith College. She cherished her marriage of 47 years and her role as mother to her four children. Her friends will recall her talent as a painter, her impromptu singing at social gatherings, her importance as a friend. She is predeceased by her husband, Edwin "Ted" Etherington; her son Ken Etherington; her daughter Marion "Mimi" Etherington. She is survived by her son, Deac Etherington, of Santa Cruz County, Ariz.; her son, Bob Etherington, of Nashville Tenn, their daughters Lanie and Teddy Jean Etherington, Kristin Coulter and son Lee Rowland. Memorial donations may be made to

The Lymes Youth Service Bureau, PO Box 589, Old Lyme, Ct., 06371, and The Hobe Sound Child Care Center, 11580 SE Gomez Avenue, Hobe Sound, FL, 33455.

◆ **LORETTA CLARK, 89**, of Stuart, the mother of Ron Naylor of Cottage Cache in Hobe Sound, died June 22, at Treasure Coast Hospice, Hay Madeira House, in Stuart. Born in Marshall, Mich., she came to Stuart from Jackson, Mich., in 1985. Mrs. Clark was a homemaker and a member of Mariner Sands Country Club. Survivors include her husband George B. Clark of Stuart, sons Ronald A. Naylor and Linwood "Woody" Naylor both of Stuart, daughter Patricia A. Harrell of Jackson, Mich., 6 stepchildren, 19 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. She is predeceased by her first husband Elwood "Al" Naylor. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, and FL. 34997




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Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce members dressed Hawaiian for its monthly breakfast in honor of Phil Algozzini's memory. Photo: Images of Paradise

Chamber members say good-bye to an old friend

Not often do we realize how integral someone may have been to a place until he or she is gone; then we reminisce, feeling grateful to have spent time in their presence. So it is with Phil Algozzini, who died May 26. One of the founders of the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce decades ago, Algozzini was its most ardent cheerleader and seldom ever missed a meeting, a social, or any chamber event.

At the June monthly Hobe Sound Chamber breakfast, many chamber members honored Phil by wearing Hawaiian attire, in honor of the style of shirt he made so famous, not only by wearing them often, but by selling them in the family's shell and gift shop on Federal Highway in Hobe Sound.

A few members also recounted some of the stories about the man who could tell a tall tale without cracking a smile, could sell wool caps to a sheep herder, and never tossed a street map in a trash can regardless of how old and outdated it became.

"A few years ago Rich and I happened to mention to Phil that we were going to a DJ conference in Atlantic City," recalled Jan Otten, the chamber's membership director. "Phil related that he was 'conceived in Atlantic City' and then he proceeded to give us a photocopy of the business card from the motel where his parents stayed."

At the time, Algozzini was nearing 80. Jan and Rich Otten tracked down the address in Atlantic City, right off the boardwalk, she said, but the hotel was gone, a parking lot in its place.

"I don't have to tell you," she added, "Phil was very disappointed that the motel was no longer there."

Guest speaker at the breakfast was Nancy Kline, current Martin County Superintendent of Schools, a candidate in this election for another four-year term as school superintendent.

"We have a great school system," she said. "Our schools exceeded the state's average scores in ALL FCAT subjects and grade levels. We rank number one in the state for middle school FCAT writing scores, and third highest in the state for total number of FCAT points earned."

She said that Martin County schools also have the second highest graduation rate in the state at 95.2%, an all-time high for the district, and its SAT and ACT (college entrance exams) are above state and national averages.

She said that she is particularly pleased with the new initiatives to increase vocational training to high school students, so they have skills necessary to obtain jobs right out of high school, but she was obviously most pleased with the fact that she was able to navigate the state governor's massive budget cuts without cutting teaching positions.

"We did not take one teacher out of one classroom," she said.

The district also earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting in 2010 from the Government Finance Officers Association for the fifth consecutive year, and she provided copies

of the district's balanced budget reports.

"We have a great school system," she said, "because we have great students, great staff and great teachers all working together." ■

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Cable water ski park project goes to commission July 10

Plans for the Extreme Sports Water Ski Park project jumped two hurdles in June on its way to the final public hearing July 10 before the Martin County Board of County Commissioners.

With an 11-7 approval vote by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council members, the two Comprehensive Growth Plan amendments that would allow construction of a cable-driven water skiing and wake boarding facility at the intersection of I-95 and Bridge Road also soared through the state's Department of Economic Opportunity's review.

The state's planners found "no adverse impacts" to state resources or facilities as a result of the growth plan amendments requested by developers Marcel Mullet and Jennifer King of Palm Beach Gardens in their notice to the county's Growth Management Department.

The plans for the 111-acre site also include an indoor/outdoor skate park, a recreational vehicle park, a 250-room hotel, some summer cottages, a gas station, restaurants and shops selling gear and equipment to be used at the park.

Although Planning Council Chair

Kevin Foley, a gubernatorial appointee to the council, called the project "probably the absolute perfect use for this location," others at the Treasure Coast meeting did not, reflecting the controversy expressed by Martin County residents from fear that the water park approval will lead directly to approvals for the still-active Hobe Grove and defunct Harmony Ranch developments of regional impact (DRIs).

Those two projects combined would bring potentially 8,000 homes and an estimated six million square feet of business and educational space to what are now agricultural lands in western Martin County.

Comprised of elected and appointed officials from Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie and Indian River counties, the Treasure Coast planning council debated for nearly two hours as to whether or not a new long-range plan for Martin County's rural lands should be developed first, prior to approving the water park.

The debate ensued following the staff recommendation that a new plan be developed since the previous one was written in 1944, which the council had been

using to evaluate the DRIs proposed in western Martin County near to where the water park project is now; however, the council decided to vote on just the two growth plan amendments instead, after Martin County Commissioner Patrick Hayes insisted that the amendments do not require moving the urban services boundary, the park itself is small, and will draw only about 40 to 50 people a day.

"If this isn't an appropriate rural use, I don't know what is," Hayes said.

Donna Melzer, a former Martin County commissioner and president of the Conservation Alliance, told the planning council a technical issue related to Bridge Road seems to block all commercial development at that intersection, because the comp plan requires that commercial projects be on arterial roads. She said that Bridge Road does not have that designation.

The Martin County Commission will need to adopt the two amendments at the July 10 meeting, then approve a site plan for the project before construction could start. ■

--Barbara Clowdus



Jennifer King and Marcel Mullet who hope to develop a cable water ski facility at the intersection of I-95 and Bridge Road in Hobe Sound.

CDC: Risk of drowning far greater concern than amoeba

Just as all oceans have sharks, all freshwater lakes probably have amoeba swimming through them, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta; however, the chances of dying from a shark attack are about three times greater than dying from the *Naegleria fowleri* amoeba, according to statistics compiled by two state universities.

"The problem is that just about every infection (by amoeba) is fatal," says Jonathan Yoder, of the CDC. "It's a very tragic disease that, thankfully, is very rare."

A Martin County Health Department memo sent to the Growth Management Department in January as part of the review process for the proposed Extreme Cable Ski Water Park's Planned Unit Development (PUD) site plan has added another layer to the on-going controversy.

Developers plan to use the 24-acre, man-made lake between I-95 and Florida's turnpike for cable water skiing, wake boarding and wake skating.

Proponents of the park claim that the memo was intended only to spark fear regarding the possible presence of *Naegleria fowleri* in the freshwater lake to fuel public opposition, since the rates of infection are so rare.

Opponents of the park claim that the memo was intentionally "buried" in the 300+ page growth management staff report to the county commission, giving evidence of a dire threat to the county's children that the commission ignored.

"Once forced up the nose, (amoeba) can travel to the brain, where it digests brain cells," Yoder explains,



Naegleria fowleri
in its flagellated form

adding that the threat of drowning is far greater than the threat that comes from *Naegleria fowleri*, since there were over 36,000 drowning deaths in the U.S. in the 10 years from 1996 to 2005. By comparison, according to CDC data, 32 cases occurred from *Naegleria fowleri* infections between

2001 and 2010 in the U.S., averaging from one to four cases a year.

From 1937 to 2007, there were 121 reported cases, with four deaths occurring last summer from the amoeba, including one in the St. John's River in Florida, one in Kansas, one in Virginia, and one in Louisiana from the use of a neti pot.

The county's DOH memo states: "Because of this risk, all visitors who enter the cable ski pond should be told to use nose plugs to reduce the chance of infection. If they do not use nose plugs, they should sign a statement that they are aware of the risk. In addition, a sign should be posted that states that the amoeba may be a risk."

The Florida Department of Health and the CDC concur that use of nose clips is advisable, especially during summer months, but they do not advise posting signs, because the water cannot be tested in a timely manner with available testing methods. The amoebae also can change its body form and move to other locations, and they often are in the muddy, sediment lake bottoms.

According to the CDC, "Recreational water users should assume that there is always a low level of risk whenever they enter warm freshwater (for example, when swimming, diving, or water skiing) in southern-tier states. Posting signs is unlikely to be an effective way to prevent infections. This is because the location and number of *Naegleria fowleri* in the water can vary over time. In addition, posted signs might create a misconception that bodies of water without signs are *Naegleria fowleri*-free."

Both the Florida DOH and the CDC advise swimmers to "hold your nose, or use nose plugs when jumping or diving into water," and to refrain from stirring up sediment from the bottom of lakes or rivers.

--Barbara Clowdus

New development in Hobe Sound on track to construction

Planners for the new assisted living facility, The Palms at Hobe Sound, on Federal Highway met with Martin County Growth Management Department officials in June as the next step on its road to actual construction.

The original plans, a 120-unit condominium project to be called Sunset Ridge, had already been approved by planners and the county commission to

be constructed at the site of the former Bloomfield Meadows mobile home park next to and behind the Catfish House restaurant in Hobe Sound.

The 2009 economic decline prompted developer Arthur Palma to seek an extension of time on his permit applications, which was granted, and now is seeking to build a 270-bed assisted living facility that will provide multiple-phased

care and living accommodations for residents, ranging from totally independent living to comprehensive assistance for residents with memory disabilities.

The 12-acre parcel will be developed in four phases, Palma told county staff, and eventually will contain two three-story residential wings; a one-story residential care and common area; a pool; and five one-story, two-bedroom living units.

The first phase consists of the residential common area, one residential wing and a wetland buffer with a retention pond.

Palma estimated the project's cost at \$45 million.

The project falls within the Hobe Sound Community Redevelopment Area, which should help provide more tax increment financing dollars used for redevelopment within the Hobe Sound CRA. ■

Finz Waterfront Grill closes

Finz Waterfront Grille, which had been part of a growing night spot in Port Salerno, closed in June in spite of its popularity. Business owner Frank Kilian blamed the poor economy, adding that the restaurant "couldn't keep operating at a loss."

The restaurant, which included the Red Eye Grill at the Fish House Art Center next door, was on the Manatee Pocket boardwalk in a building owned by an Arizona-based company, of which John Hennessee of Port Salerno is a business partner. Finz had been operating for approximately eight years..

The Salerno Mullet Race, a Fish Vat Triathlon, sponsored by Hennessee's non-profit Port Salerno Community Promotions, originally scheduled on June 23 in the Finz parking lot, was postponed.

"Finz unexpectedly closed on the Monday before the event," said Hennessee, "so we elected to postpone the race.... We're still going to have it, because it's for a good cause, the Port Salerno Christmas Jamboree...We have not yet rescheduled, but will probably plan on late July or mid-August."

The 10,300-square-foot waterfront building which housed Finz has been listed for sale with restaurant broker Jim Traina since December 2011. ■

Two more forums slated

Two forums are sponsored by the Martin County Council of Chambers and the Economic Council of Martin County in July. The first, featuring the candidates for school board and superintendent of schools, will be at 11:30 a.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palm City and includes lunch with the Palm City Chamber. The cost is \$25 for Palm City Chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

The same day, July 12, at 6 p.m. at the Hobe Sound Bible College's Schmul Dining Hall on Gomez Avenue in Hobe Sound will be a forum that will include candidates for property appraiser, sheriff, state senator for District 32, state representative for District 82, and the Martin County Commission candidates. The Hobe Sound political forum is free and open to the general public. ■

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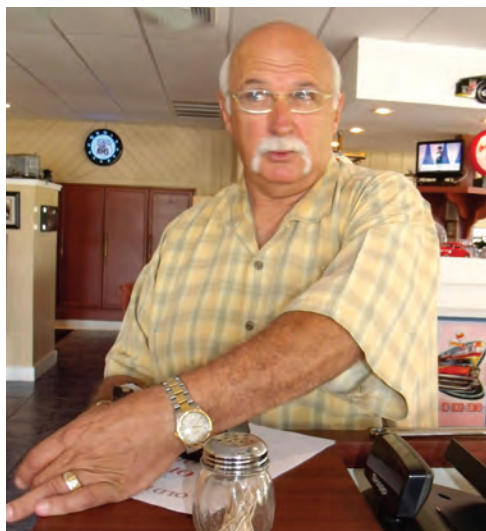
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New cafe opens in Hobe Sound: the Old Dixie

With the closing of the Cabana Bistro Café on Federal Highway in Hobe Sound came an opportunity to open an Old Dixie Café North, said proprietor Terry Rose, who also owns the Old Dixie Café in Jupiter, which is actually on Old Dixie Highway.

"I didn't come here to hurt any other business, any other restaurant," he says, on hearing the news of the recent closing of yet another restaurant in Hobe Sound, Bridge Bagel Café in the Winn-Dixie Marketplace Plaza.



Terry Rose, owner of the new Old Dixie Café North in Hobe Sound, likes to be close to the front door, inside and outside to greet his customers.

Rose, a Tequesta resident who's been in the restaurant business for more than 20 years, he says, feels confident about his expansion into Hobe Sound.

"I really love this town," he says. "It's so peaceful here. The people here are different, too. Can you believe that two ladies sat in a car out front and prayed that I'd be successful. They told me that, that they prayed for me. I've never been any place like Hobe Sound."

Not only are the people different, he says, but so too is the traffic—not the cars and trucks traveling north and south on the highway out front; he's talking about the people as they come and go inside his restaurant.

"In Jupiter, we're jam-packed, then we're empty, then we're full again," he says, "but here, people come and go all day. Two or three tables fill up, then as they're leaving, two or three more come in. It's unbelievable; it's just perfect."

The people who've already discovered the new Old Dixie Café consider it pretty close to perfect, too, they say, with its '50s décor dominated by classic car posters and old diner memorabilia, comfort-food fare, and welcoming atmosphere, led by Rose himself—most often found at a table outside the front door.

"That was a fine breakfast, sir," said a visitor from Georgia, as he and his wife and relatives were leaving. "We appreciate it."



The Old Dixie Café North is in the former Cabana Bistro restaurant building on Federal Highway.

Rose continues to banter with the group of four, teasing the wives for paying the tabs for their husbands.

"They tell me the secret is to be good, really good to your wife," Rose adds, with a characteristically broad grin, as he reveals that he's about to celebrate his own 29th wedding anniversary. "I can't believe I've put up with her that long." Under his breath, he adds, "Actually, the

truth is that I can't believe she puts up with me." And you know that's the more likely truth, as he orders bacon and hash browns for breakfast because he's got an upset stomach—"Nothin's better for an upset stomach than bacon," he says—and pulls out a cigar in anticipation of an after-breakfast smoke.

Rose modeled the new café on his café in Jupiter—often seen with long lines of

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■ Smith now opposes the Hobe Grove (on hold) and Harmony Ranch (withdrawn) DRIs, but is he credible?

■ Smith has already voted once for the Extreme Water Park outside the urban services district despite staff's strong negative report and overwhelming opposition from residents. If he'll defy residents and the sensible guidance of our Comp Plan for such a problematic project benefitting so few, it seems he'd do whatever developers whisper in his ear. But he's supposed to work for us, not them!

■ Smith claims to be a fiscal champion, but after almost 12 years he leaves us with a growing funding crisis of many millions needed for ongoing Inlet maintenance, beach renourishment, Medicaid reimbursement disputes, and a growing backlog of unfunded capital and maintenance projects. He has not stabilized our budgetary situation!

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customers waiting to get inside—with everything from similar décor, to similar dishes, to similar hours. The Jupiter café opens at 4:30 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m. after lunch. Hobe Sound's opens at 5:30 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m. Both are open seven days a week.

"You cannot keep the hours that are convenient for you," he says. "You've got to be open when your customers want you to be open, or else you're just sending them someplace else; you would not believe the number of cars and trucks going by here at 5:30 a.m., and I'm going to be open for them."

The diner serves breakfast all day with its homemade biscuits and sausage gravy that's "loaded with sausage" as one of its most popular breakfast dishes, as well as the Old Dixie cinnamon nut french toast with a crust of sliced almonds. A host of breakfast omelets that range in price from \$6.95 to \$8.75, with your choice of home fries, hash browns, grits or even oatmeal and toast, as well as the standard breakfast fare of eggs, pancakes, and waffles.

Daily lunch specials include roast turkey on Mondays, ham steak on Tuesdays, pork loin on Wednesdays, meatloaf on Thursdays, and fish and chips on Fridays.

"The only complaint I've ever gotten," Rose says, "is that I don't take credit cards. It's cash only, because, you know, it's the restaurant business. You gotta watch every penny."

Tucked away on a back wall, however, is an ATM machine, just in case a customer comes in carrying nothing but plastic. "Most people understand," he says.

Cash-only is a philosophy of business



The inside of the Old Dixie Café north is bright and cheerful, just like the servers.

that works for him, so too is the belief that your business can be only as good as the people you hire.

"I don't know how I got so lucky to have such good employees," he says. "They're great...they're great in both places, and I'm not just kidding. They're really, really good at what they do."

His overriding philosophy, though, comes down to "being good to people," which is why he spends so much time at a table outside his front door. He wants to talk to each customer as he or she comes and goes. He does not want to be an owner who just walks through a restaurant to see if a meal is okay; he wants to engage his customers as a friend.

"Remember the theme song from the TV show, Cheers," he asks. "Everyone wants to go to a place where everyone knows your name. That's me. I believe that, and that's what I want for my customers. A place where everyone knows your name."

For more information, call 772.245.8587, Old Dixie Café North, 11189 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound. ■

--Barbara Clowdus



A U-shaped bar in the middle of the Old Dixie Café north and booths along one wall round out the seating options that also include tables and chairs on the other side of the café.

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Swing into summer with a great party

Now that everyone has settled into their summer routines, it's time to add a little flair to summertime. Your friends and family would appreciate a festive party to relax and enjoy the company around them—a simple BBQ in the backyard, a beach gathering, pool party, or a block party for all the neighbors. You want your guests to feel comfortable and carefree, so keep it simple and fun, just the way summer should be.

Start with an invite and choose the color scheme, which sets the tone so everyone knows exactly what kind of party they can't wait to come to. Get as much pre-prep done as you can. Gather all your supplies and decide on your menu. If you happen to be holding onto your favorite BBQ recipe, this is the perfect time to show it off and let your guests rave about it.



Serve fresh fruit
in sugar cones
as a surprisingly
healthy treat.

Even if you're not crafty, invites can be simple—thanks to the sticker section in your local superstores. Start with your standard paper lunch bags and fold them down to the last bottom flap, which will be about postcard size. This will be where your addresses will go.

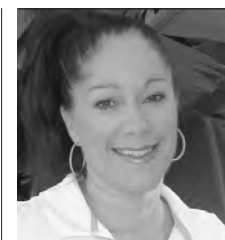
From there, decorate to your heart's content with stickers, paint, stamps or simply print all your GOOD GRUB BBQ information on the computer and glue it on. Fold it up and secure it with tape and add the stamp...or hand deliver.

If you're going with the standard red and white checkered theme, have fun with it and label everything from food to favors. Go with a buffet on this theme and lay everything out. Corn on the cob looks tempting standing upright on BBQ skewers. Take the time to put baked beans in individual small mason jars with a spoon attached with raffia ribbon.

If this BBQ party will go into the evening, plan ahead with outdoor lighting. A great way to use the large mason jars for lighting is to use the white lights and some thin wire. If you want your lighting hanging from the trees, lay out the strands and stuff a section into the jar and just keep adding jars along. Attach a thin wire around the neck of the jar and hang in your desired spots.

If a pool party sounds more fun, nothing says summer than the color aqua. You can mail a small pool ring with all your party info on it in permanent marker just fold it up small and put it in a padded envelope.

If you have the space to set your table outside, play with all your aqua colors from glass globes to linens. Fill all your clear containers with fruits, veggies, dips, candles, and aqua sea glass or



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stones from your local dollar store. A cute idea for the clear containers is to cut the multi colored licorice in half and label it POOL NOODLES.

If your party starts later in the day and you want some fun pool lighting, try to find blue or aqua glow sticks, crack them to get them glowing and then slip them inside white balloons. Blow them up, tie, and add to the pool. Since glow sticks last all day, this can be done first thing in the morning and you will have an instant glow with no fuss at all. The only other thing would be to add a basket of flip flops by your front door for party favors as your guests leave.

If you want to catch up with everyone over the summer but have no desire to entertain in your home, then the next two options may work for you. You can still be a wonderful hostess at your local beach or if you have a friendly neighborhood you could plan a block party.

If you haven't seen your neighbors in a while, try to pick a date later in the summer when everyone's schedules may be winding down. This invite will get everyone involved as it has to be hand delivered. Start out with a Styrofoam block which you can paint, but you want it to stay looking like a block so everyone understands it is a block party. Depending on the size of your neighborhood, you may need two or three to travel around. Start one block on each ends of your neighborhood and make sure they know they have to hand-deliver this block to their neighbor.

Turn peanut
butter sandwich
cookies into
flip-flops
with candy
decorations



Have fun with your wording so everyone will want to come. Print out the party information and glue it on your block. Find a space in your neighborhood where everyone can gather comfortably. Plan ahead if you happen to have kids in your neighborhood as you will want to keep them busy, too.

Enjoy your summer, be safe in your travels and most of all, and have fun planning a simple yet relaxing get together with loved ones. ■

Diana Cariani, a mother of three from Hobe Sound, loves to decorate homes and businesses throughout the Treasure Coast. Send her your decorating tips or questions at diana@hscurrents.com.

Mango mania strikes again

All through the neighborhood that we call Ridgeway, I see mango trees laden with “The King of Fruit.” Mangoes originated in east India, Burma and the Andaman Islands bordering the Bay of Bengal. From there they traveled to Africa with Persian traders and then on to Brazil and the New World with Portuguese explorers and settlers. The mango was introduced to Florida in the 1830s.

The mango is used extensively in Hindu religious rituals including weddings, holy days and when visiting friends and relatives. Many southeast Asian kings had their own private mango groves and grew “private varieties,” and gained prestige with finer, sweeter fruit. This gave rise to the practice of sending mangoes as gifts to important friends and honored dignitaries (a practice carried on until recently right here in Hobe Sound by Algozzini Fruit Shippers).

The mango is the most widely eaten fruit in the world, is a member of the Anacardiaceae family which includes cashew and pistachio nuts, as well as poison oak and poison ivy, which accounts for the skin rash often experienced when in contact with the sappy stem end of the fruit. (I know about that!). Mangoes are prized for their medicinal value, their nutritional value and their excellent flavor and versatility.

I have raided the mango trees in my neighbors’ yards (with permission) and created some tasty treats. I use an old peach pie recipe to make mango pie that has been praised (and once mistaken for peach pie!) by many friends. Mango salsa

is terrific on grilled fish and excellent as a dip for corn chips. Mango jam with cream cheese makes a morning bagel truly majestic.

Peeling mangoes presents a special challenge. The center “seed” is extremely tough and difficult to cut through. To avoid the threat of “mango dermatitis,” wear plastic gloves when handling the peel. Use a sharp knife and a corn on the cob holder or fork to keep the mango stable. Make a single cut to remove the round bottom of the fruit so the mango will stand on its own. With a vegetable peeler remove the peel, cutting from the

top (narrow) end slice off the fat “cheeks” of the fruit, then cut the fruit away from the pit. Cut the fruit into slices or cubes for your recipe.

Here are some recipes to try, but you’ll have to find your own mango trees to harvest, and make sure to get permission from the owners. ■



George Kleine

*Pots Pans
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MANGO BERRY SMOOTHIE

- 1 mango cut in chunks
- 1 cup red berries (Raspberries, Strawberries)
- 2 cups low fat milk
- 1 cup low fat berry Greek yogurt
- 4 ice cubes or 1 cup crushed ice
- Whipped cream for garnish (optional)

Put all ingredients into blender and blend until smooth and creamy. Pour into cold glasses and top with whipped cream.

GINGER MANGO COUSCOUS

A perfect side dish with rotisserie chicken and a salad.

- 1 ½ cups chicken broth
- 1 bunch scallions cut in 1-inch pieces
- 1 Tbls. olive oil
- 2 tsp grated fresh ginger
- 1 cup couscous
- 1 medium mango, peeled and chopped

Bring chicken broth, scallions and olive oil and ginger to a boil in a medium saucepan. Stir in couscous, remove from heat, cover and let stand 3-5 minutes.

Fluff couscous with a fork. Fold in mango, chill and dress with lemon juice and olive oil. Garnish with cherry tomato halves, or heat through and serve warm.

MANGO SALSA

- 2 mangoes, peeled and cubed
 - 1 cup canned pineapple chunks
 - 1/2 each green, yellow and red pepper
 - 1 Vidalia onion
 - 1 red onion
 - 2 (or more) cloves garlic, crushed
 - 1 small cucumber (peeled, seeded and diced)
 - 4 Tbs. cilantro leaves, chopped
- Dice peppers in large dice; coarsely chop onions. Place all ingredients in a medium bowl, toss lightly, adding salt and pepper to taste. Enjoy with grilled fish or as a dip with chips or fresh veggies.

George Kline, a retired professional chef, lives in Ridgeway, where he reads cookbooks for leisure and cooks up a storm for friends and neighbors.

Beware of the dangers of falling down

Unless it’s Jackie Gleason, Tim Conway or Jim Carey, there’s really nothing funny about watching someone take a fall. That’s because oftentimes ego isn’t the only thing bruised. Seniors are especially vulnerable to the serious consequences—which can include fatality—of a misstep.

Falls are the leading cause of injury death among those 65 and older, and the most common cause of hospital admissions for trauma, according to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2008, nearly 20,000 seniors died from accidental fall injuries. In 2009, 2.2 million nonfatal falls involving seniors required emergency responses and nearly 600,000 resulted in hospitalization.

Fortunately, seniors can get back on their feet with a hand up, as ample resources exist to assist in fall prevention. During homecare visits, the nurses, caregivers and therapists of VNA of Florida often conduct preliminary evaluations of

In addition to eliminating risk factors in seniors’ homes, such as extension cords, throw rugs on wooden or linoleum floors, even pets, fall prevention



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also includes seniors’ better understanding themselves. From regularly scheduling vision screenings to education on diseases that accentuate fall risks to learning to manage their prescription medication, medical providers can help seniors greatly reduce the risk of falls.

The injuries falls inflict on seniors can drastically diminish their quality of life. Serious lacerations, head trauma and fractures—to the spine, ankle, leg, wrist, forearm, pelvis and hip—can limit mobility for months. Seniors are all too aware of this reality. In fact, FDR’s time-honored phrasing, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself,” best describes one of the most insidious fall risks robbing seniors of a full life. A profound fear of falling leaves many seniors electing self-imposed limita-

tions on their mobility, eroding healthy routines of exercise and socialization—while inadvertently flirting with an onset of depression.

A senior interviewed in the 2003 New York Times story, “For elderly, fear of falling is a risk in itself,” captures the near-paralysis that can result. “You don’t know when it’s going to happen. It starts affecting you emotionally, mentally and everything else. Eventually you get paranoid. You’re afraid to do anything. So I’m living with this terrible fear of walking. If you stay home, you go crazy. If you go out, you’re in fear. Where’s your life?”

This is why the best methods of fall prevention tap the strengths seniors themselves possess, enlisting, and thereby encouraging, their sense of determination. While many balance-oriented exercises work great, Tai Chi—a low-impact Chinese martial art comprised of slow, deliberate movements coordinating with breathing exercises—is increasingly offering an exercise outlet that helps seniors restore strength and balance. It’s also associated with fewer aches and strains. Even with-

out weights, Tai Chi acts as a weight-bearing exercise, as its adherents learn to simultaneously pit muscle groups against each other, playing the parts of agonist and antagonist—and creating controlled resistance.

Ultimately, Tai Chi teaches the steady-ing of center points in the body—primarily your core or torso—and increases blood circulation. With a more grounded center of gravity, Tai Chi practitioners maintain stability in movement.

Although Tai Chi is often described as “slow-motion kung fu,” this discipline is anything but easy and learning it fills seniors with confidence, the kind of confidence that can go a long way toward silencing fear of falling. Then you can get back to living and laughing, even at falls—but only when performed by professionals. ■

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Anonymous \$25,000 gift to conserve land

The Treasured Lands Foundation recently announced receiving an anonymous donation of \$25,000 earmarked specifically to support the land trust's intents to ensure the conservation of Mt. Olympia Preserve in Hobe Sound.

"This certainly is a very generous and welcome gift," said Charles "Chuck" Barrowclough, executive director of Treasured Lands. "We're excited about how it will invigorate our effort to see Mt. Olympia Preserve put in lasting conservation."

Since its founding more than four years ago, Treasured Lands has worked toward the conservation of Mt. Olympia Preserve—commonly known in Hobe Sound as the Hamm Parcel—as well as preserving Simpson Island, managing tours of Barley Barber Swamp, and conducting additional environmental efforts around the community.

Barrowclough was quick to complement the landowner, Ted Hamm—an active partner in the effort to see the property put in preservation. Hamm reduced the initial offering price on the parcel and offered Treasured Lands an interest-free option on the purchase. This latest donation will accelerate the conservation fundraising effort, said Barrowclough, and the public should expect the acquisition effort to take on a higher public profile.

"Up until this point we've worked with the Zeus Park neighborhood and wider Hobe Sound community to garner support for preserving the property and ensuring it's deeded to an entity that will keep it in permanent preservation," said Barrowclough. "This donation really quickens our momentum—and we plan to tell more people around the county and across the broader conservation community about this one-of-a-kind piece of property. We know they'll appreciate its beauty."

Similar to neighboring Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Hobe Sound Wildlife Refuge and Atlantic Ridge, the Mt. Olympia Preserve is native Florida scrub and likely Florida scrub jay habitat. Native American artifacts also have been discovered on the property, which is among the highest elevations in south-east Florida.

"Ideally the property will be best off under the management of the Hobe Sound Wildlife Refuge, remaining in a natural, unspoiled state," said Barrowclough. "Biologists, conservationists and nature lovers will no doubt applaud this incredibly encouraging show of support." For more information, call (772) 201-9996. ■

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A trip back in time to a cherished land

Only recently have I returned from a long stay in England. The queen celebrated her 60th year on the throne, and I celebrated my 86th Atlantic crossing and 29 years of life in a remote Cotswold village. It was all wonderful!

London was in a celebratory mood: flags waving, shops displaying tea mugs, kettles and cards, pictures and memorabilia of the up-coming occasion. Pictures of Queen Elizabeth and her life were everywhere. Prince Charles gave a touching hour-long television interview about life as a child living with his queen mother. All over the land, ancient church bells rang, and a thousand boats readied themselves for the historic event down the Thames river.

In spite of icy cold rain and some gale force winds, the show went on and spirits remained high. The London symphony gave its patriotic open-air performance as the rain pelted down. Millions of devoted subjects expressed pride for their long history of royalty, uniting and pulling their country together.

I often remind myself of the differences we have here in the USA where we are citizens with rights to bear arms, etc, and we bow down to no one! Quite different!

As London readies itself for the Olympics, though, I noticed much less enthusiasm.

In my tiny village of Sherborne, there are more sheep than people. There are no leaf blowers, loud mowers, nor do cars and trucks play an important role in daily life. The children walk to a 200-year-old stone school house, where a "dinner lady" comes at noon time to cook and serve "dinner" at lunch time. The kitchen garden is filled with apple trees for pies, and often she makes shepherd pie as well.

I happily walk along the footpath, (leading to the school, post office and village shop) strewn with yellow cowslip and bluebells as far as the eye can see to do my shopping. The roadsides are filled with white Hawthorne and cow parsley reminding me of a wedding!

The village is in the AONB, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, giving it protection from any changes (the last house was built in 1951) or development. The AONB runs along some 700 miles through the area of the Cotswolds, a Saxon name for sheep and



**Suzanne
Briley**

Hopscotch

hill. All of the cottages and manor houses are built of stone from the countryside, including rooftops! Everyone has a garden....the national past time! Ancient trees are protected. My favorite yew tree, estimated at 1,300 years old, wears a protected badge.

At the foot of Sherborne a brook runs clear and open with trees carefully planted so that one has a lovely view of the adjacent hills and a family of swans. and moor hens on the river. All swans in England belong to the crown and are carefully counted each year. Fields of lavender are close by and a quilt of yellow rapeseed and blue flax give me happiness as I zoom down the tiny lanes (roads) to Windrush, the next village, on my bicycle. A fox presents itself on the other side of the stone wall, a pheasant shows its dazzling colors, or, perhaps if I am lucky, a hot air balloon may pass over my head on its way over from France.

Sherborne House, where I live, was once an ancient monastery and is 900 years old. Its thick stone walls acts as a fortress against any kind of weather and its 365 windows give it a palatial quality. It was once the home of the tax collector of King Henry VIII, Lord Sherborne. Now the house is divided into flats and its history continues. Once it housed US soldiers during WWII, was a boys school, and another time it was a school of philosophy, Beshara Trust.

Sherborne and England itself are a testament to time—to life unchanging and land loved, protected and cherished. It stands for value and quality.

While I stand in the deep silence and peace I often listen to the rooks, crows, blackbirds and magpies. They are having a convention high in the trees deciding what to do next. It reminds me of America. ■

Suzanne Briley, artist, author, entrepreneur and environmentalist, lives in Zeus Park in Hobe Sound. She may be contacted at hopscotch@hscurrents.com.



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