



March 2016 Member News

The **Indian River County Sheriff's Office** is proud to host our 22nd Annual Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches BBQ on Wednesday, March 2nd from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This open house style event features demonstrations by canine teams, special weapons and tactics (S.W.A.T.), tours of the Indian River County Jail, 9-1-1 center, and more. Pork and chicken dinners are available for \$5.00 and children under age 5 eat free. There is no cost for admission to the event, only for a meal. All proceeds raised benefit the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches. Since 1957, the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches have continued to answer the needs of troubled and neglected children. The Youth Ranches have redirected the lives of thousands of young people throughout Florida. Indian River County Sheriff Deryl Loar stated, "Our annual BBQ is a great way to meet with your friends and neighbors in the community. Our belief that the public should know us before they need us is evident at this event. Our deputies will be on hand to meet with the public, share our daily operations with them, and share a meal which goes to a great cause. We hope to see everyone next week!" Meal tickets are available at the door or can be purchased in advance by calling 772-978-6404.



New Vision Eye Center has added a new technology that allows for all laser LASIK. This level of optimal precision and control makes creating a flap safer and more predictable than previous methods. Dr. O'Brien offers complimentary consultations for LASIK and 20% off the procedure to Chamber members and their immediate family members. New Vision Eye Center is located across from Indian River Medical Center on

37th Street. Visit NewVisionEyeCenter.com or call 772-257-8700.

Local manufacturer **Girard Equipment** will be featured on the Discovery Channel's "How It's Made" in the segment Chemical Tank Pressure Vents. The program was filmed at Girard Equipment in Vero Beach last year and will air on the Science Channel on Thursday, March 31st 2016 at 9:00pm. Please check their website to double check the time closer to the air date in case there are any changes.

<http://www.sciencechannel.com/schedule/>



“Unplug, Explore, Discover” is the order of the day for the **Environmental Learning Center’s** 20th annual EcoFest, Sunday, March 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. This free admission family event features hands-on exhibits, crafts and other activities that emphasize the recreational and therapeutic benefits of nature. Wildlife will be on display and music by the River Rats. Weather permitting, canoeing and paddle boarding will be available for those 6-years-old and up. Attend workshops about outdoor photography, container gardening and nature journaling, and watch local artists do their *plein air* painting. Or just unplug for the day and enjoy the surroundings. New to EcoFest this year is a chalk art contest titled “A Healthy Lagoon: Let’s Chalk about it.” Winners in a variety of age groups will be announced at 3:30 pm on the main stage. The Vero Beach Power Squadron will provide and prepare the hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers, donating all proceeds to the ELC for the 8th year in a row. Popcorn, desserts and hot and cold beverages will also be available for purchase at family-friendly prices. All projects from the ELC’s “Making a Difference in MY World” elementary school contest will be on display in the Lagoon Room. Winners of the K-2nd grades announced at noon and winners in the 3rd-5th grades at 2:30 p.m.. Look for signs marking the free parking location at the southeast intersection of US 1 and CR510. Complimentary shuttle buses will run continuously from there to the ELC from 10:45 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. Full day’s schedule at www.discoverelc.org, [#discoverelc](https://twitter.com/discoverelc), or call (772) 589-5050 ext. 114. ELC is located north of Vero Beach off County Road 510 at the end of the Wabasso Bridge.

"A Wild Ride" is the theme of this year's **Firefighters' Indian River County Fair**, which runs March 11 through 20. In addition to all your favorite rides, entertainment, games, food, exhibits, and 4-H competitions, this year's fair welcomes the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Grizzly Bears! Favorite shows returning include the Firefighter Training Show for the kids, Marcus Magic Illusion and Comedy, Simon Sez Comedy Hypnosis Show, and the Sweeney Family Band. The fairgrounds are located at 7955 58th Avenue. For all the exciting details, visit www.firefightersfair.org or check them out on facebook!



Acknowledging community interest in the continuation of its annual Florida Humanities Series, the Emerson Center will present a new group of speakers for 2015-2016, in partnership with the Florida Humanities Council. A series of seven programs presented between October 2015 and April 2016, are lectures and performances relating to Florida history, culture and people. Admission to each is complimentary. All performances will begin at 7 p.m. on the respective Thursday evenings. Michael Francis, Ph.D. - “La Florida before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607” will be at the podium on March 10 at 7 p.m. This presentation explores the early history of European settlement efforts in Florida. It recounts the remarkably rich, yet much neglected history of

colonization in the US southeast in the 16th century, a process that began almost a century before Jamestown. This presentation will give the audience an excellent background to understand our rich Spanish history. Funding for these programs is provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities and sponsored in part by Marine Bank & Trust. The capacity of the Emerson Center is more than 800; free admission will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis for all speakers. The Emerson Center is handicap accessible and is conveniently located at 1590 27th Avenue, on the SE corner of 16th Street and 27th Avenue in Vero Beach. For more information, contact 772-778-5249.

Indian River Habitat for Humanity: Yee-haw! Get your western boots and hat ready for the Eleventh Annual Habitat Cracker Hoedown. The party will take place March 5 at 6 p.m. in the Sun Aviation Hangar, Vero Beach Airport. \$75 pp, featuring a western themed buffet, complimentary cocktail and cash bar, games, dancing and silent auction. Live music by the Dreamer. Food catered by Elizabeth D. Kennedy & Co. Tickets: call Peggy Gibbs, 772-562-9860, or visit www.irchabitat.org

The American Association of Community Colleges selected **Indian River State College** as a demonstration site for its Pathways Project, a program to help students complete college. Indian River will collaborate with 30 colleges nationwide over 2 ½ years. Students are steered to develop a plan that guides them to classes needed for graduation rather than taking classes unrelated to graduation requirements.

Other Florida Colleges in the program are Broward College, St. Petersburg College and Tallahassee Community College.



Historic Dodgertown and United Way of Indian River County have announced the Third Annual Jackie Robinson Celebration Game will take place on

Friday, April 15. The Florida State League's Brevard County Manatees will host the St. Lucie Mets at Holman Stadium at the event co-sponsored by Massey Romans Wealth Management Team of Raymond James and Route 60 Hyundai. April 15 will mark the 69th anniversary of Jackie Robinson making his Major League debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers and will be recognized nationally throughout professional baseball. Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947 to become the first African-American to play Major League Baseball. The following spring in 1948, Dodgertown became the first and only integrated spring training site in the south. "Anytime we get the opportunity to celebrate the life, accomplishments and legacy of Jackie Robinson, it is an opportunity to perpetuate his courage, vision and commitment," said Minor League Baseball President & CEO Pat O'Conner. "Baseball is the great game it is today, in large part, because of the career of Jackie Robinson. Minor League Baseball is proud to be a part of this

annual celebration in Vero Beach as we play a game at Historic Dodgertown to honor him.” Advance tickets purchased Monday, March 28 through Wednesday, April 13, will sell for \$6 each at all Seacoast and Marine Banks in Indian River, St. Lucie, and Brevard Counties, as well as at the United Way Center in Vero Beach and at Historic Dodgertown - while supplies last. Thursday, April 14, and Friday, April 15, tickets will sell at two locations, only, United Way Center and Historic Dodgertown, and ticket price is \$8. Net ticket proceeds will benefit community service programs through the United Way of Indian River County. Check www.unitedwayirc.org/jackierobinson for more details.

Businesses seeking educated and highly skilled employees are encouraged to participate in a Job Fair at **Indian River State College** on Wednesday, April 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Student and alumni job seekers from over 50 programs and industries are invited to attend to fill full-time and part-time job opportunities.



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educational goals. Now they’re ready to employ their knowledge and skills in support of local business.” There is a nominal \$10 fee for companies to participate in the Job Fair located in the Gymnasium on the Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Ft. Pierce. Interested employers are required to register online by April 1 at www.irsc.edu/careerservices. For additional information or to speak with an IRSC representative, contact Jacqueline Burke at (772) 462-7448 or jburke@irsc.edu.

At **Harbor Branch Florida Atlantic University** on Friday, March 4- Mini Brown Bag Lunch Series: You bring your lunch, we serve up the science! Dr. Matt Ajemian presents *Sharks with spectators: Global-scale tracking of marine top predator ecology*. Ocean Discovery Visitor's Center, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for more dates in the series. HBOI is located at 5600 US 1 North just south of the Indian River County line in Fort Pierce.

Treasure Coast SCORE announces the addition of Friday to their free mentoring service offering at their main office in Fort Pierce, 3220 South U.S. Highway One, Suite 2. “With this change we will be open four (4) days a week from 8:30 – 12:30, not only offering face-to-face mentoring but also our recently expanded Business Information Center to our clients, be they, dreamers, entrepreneurs or existing business clients” said George Greenstein, Treasure Coast SCORE Chapter 308 Chair. Staffing this important additional resource for the small business community will be John McGlynn, SCORE Mentor, who is an active practicing business attorney as well as a CPA. Local SCORE counselors have direct experience in business start-ups, manufacturing, high technology, insurance, public relations, retail operations, textiles, pharmaceuticals, legal, banking, finance, tax, distribution, information technology, materials, engineering, sales & marketing, customer service, commercial leasing, electrical contracting, health & nutrition, human resources, specialty retailing, hospitality, acquisitions, turnarounds,

divestitures, business valuations, public relations, turnarounds, management recruiting and non-profits. SCORE also offers free & low cost workshops in such areas as: How to Start a Small Business, Cash Management, Financial Recordkeeping, Marketing, Florida Sales Tax, All About Non-Profits, Commercial Insurance, Business Law, Commercial Credit, Business Planning, Corporate & LLC Reporting & Recordkeeping, & Personal Credit/Identity Theft. SCORE provides no-cost, confidential business counseling with expertise in a wealth of business and business-related areas. SCORE counseling is available through the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce. Call 772-489-0548 to make an appointment www.treasurecoast.score.org

Russian Pianist Sergey Belyavskiy will take the stage for a 90-minute FREE concert on Thursday evening, March 24 at 7 p.m. at **The Emerson Center**. The Moscow born 22 year-old accomplished pianist will perform concert pieces by classical and modern composers including Chopin, Mozart, Debussy, Liszt, Kapustin, and Gershwin. The Emerson Center is located on the SE corner of 16th Street and 27th Avenue. For information, 772-778-5249. No tickets necessary. First Come-First served.

Bent Pine Golf Club recently hosted the 4th annual Kenny Perry Invitational. This year's tournament was enhanced by the participation of PGA Champion Rocco Mediate. The event enabled Bent Pine to make a \$10,000 donation to the Indian River County Boys' and Girls' Club. Coming to Bent Pine in March will be the "Live Like Cole" Charity Golf Tournament. The mission of the Live Like Cole Foundation is to inspire teens to become passionate about protecting our waterways; the charity's funds will be used to protect the Indian River Lagoon. Organizers expect to host 100 golfers. Cole Coppola died as a result of injuries suffered after being hit by a car while riding his bike on the 17th Street Bridge days after his sixteenth birthday. The passionate manner in which he lived his life and the positive impact he had on many lives serves as the reminder to "Live Like Cole". Contact info is Jackie Carlon at 559-5907 or www.livelikecole.org The public is welcomed to participate in the tournament.

The Driftwood Resort announces that Waldo's is now serving food directly on the beach to a limited number of tables for weekend dining. This is a new concept to Vero and it will make it easy for beachgoers to stop and dine without ever having to leave the oceanfront. The resort is located at 3150 Ocean Drive in Vero Beach.

In recognition of National Consumer Protection Week, March 1-7, **Marine Bank & Trust** is partnering with the American Bankers Association to urge customers to take an active role in managing and protecting their money. "Marine Bank has made a commitment to educating people of all ages and backgrounds on the importance of responsible personal finance management," said Bill Penney, President and CEO of Marine Bank. "Leading this charge is our VP and Branch Manager Kim Prado, who is happy to make presentations to schools and associations. We believe good financial habits contribute to a more productive community." Marine Bank recommends that consumers follow the following financial management tips: Create a Budget, Reduce Your Debt and Save for the Unexpected and Beyond. [National Consumer Protection Week](#), observed the first week in March, is a coordinated campaign that encourages consumers nationwide to

take full advantage of their consumer rights and make better-informed decisions. For more tips and resources on a variety of personal finance topics such as mortgages, credit cards, protecting your money and saving for college, visit aba.com/consumers. Marine Bank, was chartered in 1997 and has \$193 million in assets with two full-service branches in Vero Beach and a loan production office in Sebastian. It is the only community bank headquartered in Vero Beach, Florida. The Bank is an active community supporter providing over \$200,000 to more than 125 local non-profit organizations in the market over the last five years. For more information, visit the website at www.marinebankandtrust.com.



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The work of local students conducting research on the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) will continue, thanks to proceeds from the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation's (HBOIF) highly successful Love Your Lagoon gala. The fifth annual sold-out event raised a record \$121,350 in critical funding to benefit HBOI research. Proceeds from the event will fund the 2016 IRL Graduate Research Fellows program, supporting the work of students involved in direct Indian River Lagoon research at HBOI. The

competitive process will result in support for salary, tuition, travel to present research, and/or necessary materials. Fellows will ultimately present their research at the 2017 IRL Symposium as well as the FAU Charles E. Schmidt College of Science Graduate Research Day. In addition, proceeds this year's event supported the 2016 IRL Symposium: Indian River Lagoon: Linking Research with Management. Attended by

over 330 this year, the IRL Symposium is a multi-institutional, multi-agency effort to provide a forum for discussing IRL science and its application to management of the lagoon. 2016 Love Your Lagoon Honoree is Dr. Mary Rice shown in photo on right with HBOIF President Katha Kissman and Board Chairman Michael Minton.

Indian River Medical Center (IRMC) has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™ for certification as a Primary Stroke Center after undergoing an on-site evaluation and demonstrating compliance with nationally-developed standards for stroke care. First awarded to IRMC in 2007, this designation confirms that the hospital follows a nationally-recognized regimen of best practices in the diagnosis and treatment of stroke. "This accolade reinforces the quality of care provided to patients who suffer from a stroke," said Lisa Hedenstrom, Ph.D., RN, MBA, Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer. "It's also a recognition of our specially-educated stroke team that encompasses the Emergency Room, Imaging Sciences, Laboratory, Pharmacy, nursing staff and physicians, all dedicated to providing the safest and best outcomes to stroke patients." IRMC treats about 40 stroke patients per month, said Irene Strever, RN, BSN, IRMC Stroke Coordinator, who was instrumental in IRMC's certification. The designation, confirmed in 2016, began on Nov. 15, 2015, and is valid for 24 months. The Joint Commission's Primary Stroke Center Certification is based on the recommendations for primary stroke centers published by the Brain Attack Coalition and the American Stroke Association's Clinical Practice Guidelines for stroke care. The Joint Commission launched the program—the nation's first—in 2003. Each year about 795,000 people experience a new or recurrent stroke, which is the nation's third leading cause of death. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and someone dies of a stroke every 3.1 minutes. Stroke is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States, with about 4.7 million stroke survivors alive today.



Recently retired Chunichi Dragons pitching legend Masahiro Yamamoto takes the field at Holman Stadium. Yamamoto returned to Historic Dodgertown to film Japan's prestigious nationwide show "Another Sky." The format of the Nippon TV Network program features an interview with a guest at their most memorable place in the world and Yamamoto selected Historic Dodgertown because it turned around his baseball career in 1988.

Pak Mail Beachside is proud to be recognized as Environmental Business of the Year by Keep Indian River Beautiful. This local non-profit serves as an affiliate to Keep America Beautiful and strives to educate and encourage people, businesses and families to waste less, recycle more and beautify our community whenever possible.

Pak Mail Beachside was selected based on their recycling efforts and ease for residents to participate by offering paper shredding, the reuse and recycling of packing peanuts and recycling/repurposing of old cell phones which get turned into calling cards and are inserted into every A.P.O addressed package that is shipped through the store year round. “It’s just a small part to a much bigger picture,” explained Phil DeLange upon his acceptance of the award at Oak Harbor on Feb. 19th. “We are proud to be able to help and do our part while making a difference in the lives who serve our country from the Treasure Coast area.”

