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Quarterly Issues/Programs Report

Quarter 1 - 2023

January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023



In Focus with IRSC Public Media - Quarter 1 - 2023

WQCS 88.9 FM - Airtimes:

Friday 8:00-8:30 PM (30 Minutes)

Sunday 6:00-6:30 AM (30 Minutes)

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Saturday 5:00-5:30 AM (30 Minutes)

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Saturday 7:00-7:30 AM (30 Minutes)

Monday 5:00-5:30 AM (30 Minutes)



This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers. We talk with Russ Marcham, the Tip Coordinator, about how it all works and how they're able to guarantee your anonymity when you call in a tip. Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers has made important contributions to law enforcement helping to solve dozens of crimes and Marcham reminds us, if you see something say something by calling Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-800-273-8477.

Remember, if your tip leads to an arrest you could win a reward.

Then we'll hear about the Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival, its coming up in less than two weeks, January 19 through the 22ed. We talk with Susan Adams the President of the event who assumed that role from her mother who founded the festival 32 years ago. From humble beginnings back in 1990, the event has drawn nearly 80-thousand visitors annually and its been recognized with two Guinness world records. The funds raised help pay the costs of sporting facilities and other project in the village of Fellsmere. Fellsmere has become the Frog Leg Capital of the World!

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Issues: PUBLIC SAFETY CRIME ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT		

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, design and construction lessons from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, a conversation with Valerie Slack, an architect and principal owner of Native Design Architecture here in Fort Pierce. She responded to a call from the American Institute of Architects to help survey and compile a report on the damage done by Ian. She'll tell us about what she learned from the damage, and what shoreline homeowners, or those planning to build on the coast, need to do to protect against storm surge. Important lessons for us here on the east coast in the wake of Hurricane Nicole.

Then Terissa Aronson joins us. She is the President and CEO of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce. We talk about the 37th Annual Business and Industry Awards which honor the best businesses, restaurants, non-profits, and others in St. Lucie County.

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Issues:
PUBLIC SAFETY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
WEATHER
BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, we talk with Rob Ranieri, the CEO of House of Hope, a non-profit whose mission he says is to empower those in need with the means to overcome hunger and hardship. From its humble beginnings in 1984, House of Hope has grown into a major food bank supplying 35 partners including churches, food banks, and its own food pantries with supplies that feed and provide other social services to more than 12,000 Treasure Coast residents. Then we'll hear about The Children's Museum Purse Party. It's a major annual fund-raising event for the Museum and Board Member Andy McAvoy and the Museum's Events Coordinator Dayna Miller join us to talk about it.

The Children's Museum in Jensen Beach provides all kinds of fun for kids. It's a safe place for children to learn and grow, but it's a lot more than that. The Museum has a mobile outreach program serving at risk and underserved students, and it provides camp scholarships to families in need, among other things. The Purse Party happens March 27 at the Harbor Ridge in Stuart, it's a great way to support the services the Museum provides to children.

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HUNGER
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ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

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<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, Doug Coward, Executive Director of the Solar and Energy Loan Fund known as SELF.</p> <p>It's the first local non-profit green bank, founded back in 2010 right here in St. Lucie County. SELF is now celebrating \$30-million in loans which have financed energy efficient improvements for home owners based on their ability to pay, not on their credit scores. Coward founded the bank and he is now directing a nationwide expansion of SELF.</p> <p>Then we speak with Keith Winsten, the Executive Director of the East Coast Zoological Society, the legal name for the nationally recognized Brevard Zoo. The Society is deeply involved in wildlife and environmental preservation efforts beyond the zoo, including helping to restore the Indian River Lagoon.</p> <p>Keith will also tell us about the aquarium the Society is planning to build in Port Canaveral. Fund raising is well underway and its hoped ground will be broken on the project next year, with an grand opening planned in 2027.</p>	1/27/2023	1/28/2023	1/28/2023
	1/29/2023	1/30/2023	1/30/2023
		<p>Issues:</p> <p>ENERGY</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>WILDLIFE</p>	
<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we hear from Shannon Glendinning, the Marketing and PR Director for the Humane Society of St. Lucie County. They've been through some financial turmoil recently having lost their Fort Pierce shelter, but they remain committed to carrying for the dogs and cats that come their way in Port St. Lucie. Shannon talks to us about their mission, and the various services they provide for the animals they care for. And next month is their annual fundraising event, the BlueJean Ball, coming up on March 11.</p> <p>Then we speak with Georgette Beck, the Program Supervisor for Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful, an agency of the City of Port St. Lucie. They have launched a variety of different programs to beautify the city by encouraging residents to join in the effort. Georgette tells us about the most recent campaign, the Cigarette Litter Prevention Program. There may be a lot fewer smokers these days, but Georgette tells us that cigarette butts are still the number one form of litter.</p>	2/3/2023	2/4/2023	2/4/2023
	2/5/2023	2/6/2023	2/6/2023
		<p>Issues:</p> <p>ANIMAL WELFARE</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT</p>	

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media we'll hear about the City of Port St. Lucie's new Office of Solid Waste. Marianna Feldpausch has recently been named director of the office that was just created last year in the wake of the solid waste woes in the City. She'll talk to us about the changes in trash collection and how city residents are adjusting to their new solid waste service provider, FCC.

Then we talk with Mark Green and Max Duhalde, Board members of the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society. The Society celebrated its 25th anniversary this past November. And coming up next month is the Society's annual Jazz Week, starting on March 19. It's one of a number of fund raising efforts held by the Society which offers annual scholarships to talented young musicians who want to pursue a musical education. Mark and Max will tell us how you can contribute and about their work to keep jazz alive on the Treasure Coast.

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This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, the annual Chimpathon at the Save the Chimps Sanctuary in Fort Pierce. Hundreds of sanctuary supporters will gather on Saturday February 25th for this 5K and 10K run, or 2.5K walk, around the sanctuary as the chimps cheer them on. CEO Anna Paula Tavares joins us to talk about the importance of this fund-raising event for the over 200 chimps the Sanctuary cares for. And we'll also hear from Brandon Rindchak, a runner from Vero Beach, and the 2019 Chimpathon champion.

Then we'll hear from the Curator of the Lighthouse ArtsCenter, Janeen Mason. She joins us to talk about the 10th Annual Plein Air Festival, plein air, it comes from the French meaning painting outdoors. Janeen will tell us all about this week-long festival that begins on March 5th. And she'll let you know how you can sign up to go and see 35 of the country's top plein air painters when they are at work, painting out of doors.

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This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, Martin County needs mentors, retirees who want to be a big brother, or sister. That's the plea from Angela Wiltz, the Community Engagement & Outreach Coordinator for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Martin and Palm Beach Counties. They're looking for a few good men, and women, who can spare just 4 hours a month on the weekend for kids, from all backgrounds, who are struggling with identify issues.

Then we'll hear about the Hullabaloo in Sebastian coming up the weekend of March 17, 18 and 19, brought to you by the Rotary Club of Sebastian and the City of Sebastian. Realtor Marc Gingras is the show director and he'll tell us about this three day festival of music and food and fun for the whole family at the annual River Days & Craft Brew Hullabaloo 2023. Topped off by a car show on Sunday.

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EDUCATION
CHILD WELFARE
ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we talk with Jerome Gayman, the Executive Director of Frontline for Kids, an intervention and prevention after school program based in Fort Pierce. There has been some concern about the recent level of violence in Fort Pierce. Jerome will share his thoughts on what's causing it and how for more than two-decades, Front Line for Kids has been helping to prevent it by taking care of the needs of vulnerable school children.

Then we'll hear from Linda Barker, the President of the Vero Beach Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), along with the Chapter's Director of Development, Jonnie Mae Perry. They're going to tell us about Phenomenal Women, a fundraiser featuring professional actor, and singer Ami Brabson. It's happening on Sunday March 19 at the Emerson Center in Vero Beach.

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<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we're going to hear about a landmark 1963 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that gave every criminal defendant the right to an attorney. Diamond Litty, the Public Defender for the 19th Circuit representing the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee County is here to tell us about it, the 60th Anniversary of Gideon vs. Wainwright, and why the work of public defender is so important to our Judicial System.</p> <p>Then, Shannon Maitland, the Executive Director of Literacy Services of Indian River County joins us. She'll tell us about the free services they provide to immigrants, and other adults and children in Indian River County who want to learn how to improve their chances of getting a GED, a drivers license, or a promotion at work by reading English better.</p>	3/10/2023	3/11/2023	3/11/2023
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		<p>Issues: CRIME COURT SYSTEM LITERATURE EDUCATION</p>	
<p>This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, the story of a special exhibit at the Backus Museum in Fort Pierce - 'FINE PRINT: Rediscovering the Backus Portfolio on Paper and Canvas'. The museum's Executive Director J. Marshall Adams joins us to talk about the exhibit which runs through April 30th. He'll also talk about the man after whom the museum is named, A.E. Backus. He was not only a great artist but an inspiration for an artistic movement born here in Fort Pierce whose members are now internationally recognized as the Highwaymen.</p> <p>Then we'll talk with Steve Smith, a board member of the Friends of the Kissimmee Prairie State Park and a member of the International Dark-Sky Association. The Association is leading the fight against light pollution, and Steve will explain what that is and how, in this day and age, it's caused us to lose sight of the wonders of a dark night sky that so enriched the lives of our ancestors.</p>	3/17/2023	3/18/2023	3/18/2023
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		<p>Issues: ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT HISTORY LIGHT POLLUTION ENVIRONMENT</p>	

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we welcome Sean Sexton, the poet, rancher and program chair for the Laura Riding Jackson Foundation's 12th annual Poetry and Barbeque, which this year features the poetry of two married couples. They're calling the event 'Tying the Knot, When Poets Marry'. Sean will tell us about the poetry these married couples have written and about the event itself which takes place on Saturday April 22.

Then we'll hear about some fashion, the annual Port St. Lucie Business Women Fashion Show, which this year is being called 'Putting on the Glitz'. We'll talk with Dorothy Kamm the PR Chair for the Port St. Lucie Business Women and Kathy Post, the event coordinator for the fashion show. It's their largest fundraiser and the money raised is used to support scholarships in higher education for women as well as supporting various community organizations that benefit women and children. They tell us about their good works as well as all the fun they've got planned for the fashion show on April 22.

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