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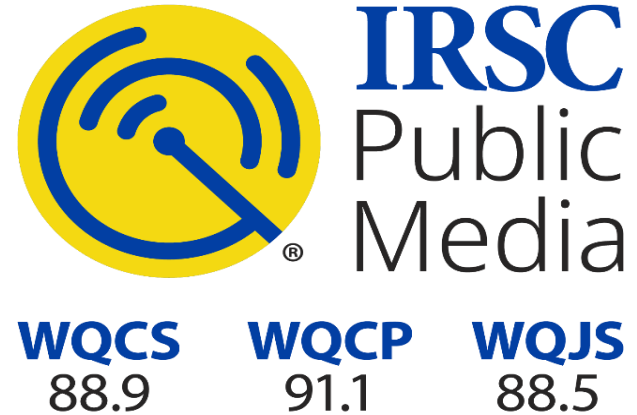


In Focus with IRSC Public Media - Quarter 3 - 2023

WQCS 88.9 FM - Airtimes:
Friday 8:00-8:30 PM (30 Minutes)
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This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we welcome Save the Chimps CEO Ana Paula Tavares. The Save the Chimps Sanctuary recently received worldwide attention from a viral video featuring a recently arrived chimp named Vanilla who spent most of her life cooped up in a cage inside a lab. She recently experienced blue skies and green grass for the first time after being set free here at the sanctuary in Fort Pierce. It brought attention to the human qualities of these remarkable animals, our closest relatives in the animal world. Ana Paula will talk about Vanilla’s story, and the sanctuary’s ongoing fundraising efforts ahead of World Chimpanzee Day on July 14th. Then we’ll hear from Cynthia Lavin of the Better Business Bureau of Southeast Florida. She’s the Vice President of Communications and Community Engagement. For more than 100 years, the Better Business Bureau has been putting their stamp of approval on reliable businesses, and helping consumers find businesses they can trust.

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Issues:
ANIMAL WELFARE
ENVIRONMENT
CONSUMER AFFAIRS

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, Florida's shrinking citrus crop. Stormy weather and disease have reduced this past season's orange crop to just 15.9 million boxes, the lowest level since 1936. But there is some reason for hope, says Doug Bournique, the Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Indian River Citrus League. Progress has been made on therapies to combat the disease, and on developing sturdier root stocks. In addition, planting of new citrus trees has increased, and some Indian River packing houses are planning expansions in anticipation of larger crops in the future. Then we'll talk about the hot water surrounding the southern Florida peninsula. NOAA, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, released a report this past week showing sea surface temperatures around the Florida Keys ranging above 90-degree Fahrenheit. Dr. Andy Bruckner, the Research Coordinator for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, will tell us about the threat those high temperatures pose to Florida's already struggling coral reefs, and to other sea life as well.

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Issues:
AGRICULTURE
ENVIRONMENT
WEATHER

This week a hand up, not a hand out, that's the motto of United Against Poverty, a non-profit devoted to improving the lives of those in need. They offer discounted grocery services, educational, career, and crisis counseling services. Here to tell us about those programs are Sean Howald, the St. Lucie County Campus Director for United Against Poverty and Development Manager Dawn Knupp. Then we'll talk with St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections Gertrude Walker. Election law has changed. If you vote by mail, you're not automatically going to get a ballot in the mail in the next election, you've got to re-new that request every year now. Even though the next election is not until next year, Gertrude joins us to let us know reminders are going out in the mail, re-new your vote by mail request now. And she tells us that there are a number of convenient ways to do just that.

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Issues:
POVERTY
HUNGER
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, who doesn't know about the Red Cross? They've been helping people in need for more than a century and on top of last year's hurricanes, this past year has been a very busy one for the South Florida Chapter of the Red Cross. Red Cross Communications Team Member Susan Brodeur is with us to talk about all the good work the Red Cross has been doing. And, if you've got some free time and want to help out, as well as help give your own life some added meaning, she'll tell us how you can become a Red Cross volunteer. Then, are you afraid of speaking in public? Many are, it's a common fear. But it can be overcome, with the help of groups like the Talking Heads of Stuart. Dr. Christine Chico is living proof, she once dreaded speaking in front of people, but not anymore. She is a retired anesthesiologist, who is now President of The Talking Heads of Stuart, an affiliate organization of Toastmasters. Dr. Chico joins us to tell us how she overcame her fear, and how you can do the same at Talking heads of Stuart.</p>	7/28/2023	7/29/2023	7/29/2023
	7/30/2023	7/31/2023	7/31/2023
		Issues: DISASTER RELIEF PUBLIC SPEAKING	
<p>This week we take a closer look at coral bleaching. The unusually warm sea temperatures off the southern Florida Coast this summer have already caused bleaching to set in around the Florida Keys. What is coral bleaching all about? And can the coral be saved? We'll talk with Shelly Krueger, a Marine Biologist with the University of Florida who serves as an Extension Agent in the Florida Keys. Shelly points out that there is still a month of hot weather ahead of us and the fear is many coral species will die off if this intense marine heat wave continues. She'll also tell us about the massive effort underway now to save the coral by moving nursery samples out of the water and into safe land-based facilities for replanting in cooler times. You may have noticed warning signs going up at your local convenience store recently, highlighting the deadly consequences of smoking. It's one of the last court ordered mandates in the federal government's long-running civil racketeering lawsuit against the largest U.S. cigarette companies. Dennis Henigan, Vice President of Legal and Regulatory Affairs for the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids joins us to talk about the tobacco lawsuit, what the signs say, and whether or not they'll make a difference in convincing young and old to stop smoking.</p>	8/4/2023	8/5/2023	8/5/2023
	8/6/2023	8/7/2023	8/7/2023
		Issues: ENVIRONMENT HEALTH/WELLNESS	

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<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, it's the weather. Soaring feel like temperatures are creating dangerous conditions. How long will it last and what's causing it? Warning Coordination Meteorologist Will Ulrich from the National Weather Service in Melbourne will explain the impact that the warm water surrounding Florida is having on us. And that same warm water has also prompted a revised 2023 Hurricane Season outlook from NOAA. We'll hear the briefing that NOAA's Climate Prediction Center Director Matthew Rosencrans gave on the updated season outlook. The forecast now calls for an above normal hurricane season. Then we'll talk with Michelle Franklin, the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser. Its tax time again, and the TRIM notices are going out next week letting you know what your proposed 2023 property tax is for the wide variety of county and city services you receive. You can dispute the amounts if you choose, you have until September 12th to do that. Expect the final bill November 1st, and you've got until next April to pay it off.</p>	8/11/2023	8/12/2023	8/12/2023
	8/13/2023	8/14/2023	8/14/2023
		<p>Issues: ENVIRONMENT WEATHER TAX ISSUES</p>	
<p>This Week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, International Coastal Cleanup Day is coming up on September 16th and the Sea Turtle Conservation group 'Coastal Connections' is organizing the local cleanup effort in Indian River County. Coastal Connections founder and Executive Director Kendra Bergman joins us to talk about the importance of this event and how her organization got involved. And Cristina Marani the Senior Conservation and Sustainability Assistant for Coastal Connections will explain how you can sign up and take part in protecting our precious coastal resources. Then we'll speak with John Maehl, the Ecosystem Restoration and Management Manager for Martin County Public Works. The County was recently faced with what the Florida Department of Environmental Protection found to be a serious toxic algae bloom in the C-44 canal along Timer Powers Park in Indiantown. But as John explains a contractor, hired by the South Florida Water Management District, was able to treat that outbreak with a chemical application that proved surprisingly effective. He'll tell us about the chemical and why it worked, although he emphasizes that the cure to toxic algae blooms is not a chemical, it's stopping the runoff of nutrients into Florida's waterways.</p>	8/18/2023	8/19/2023	8/19/2023
	8/20/2023	8/21/2023	8/21/2023
		<p>Issues: ENVIRONMENT ANIMAL WELFARE WATER QUALITY</p>	

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we're going to hear about a series of new outdoor murals that have transformed the look of the Peacock Arts District along Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce. Three young artists have transformed the facades of bland old buildings and walls into a kaleidoscope of colors and images that reflect the history and culture of Fort Pierce. They are mural artists Zoey Alyssa of Vero Beach, and Miami based muralists Samara Ash and Nicole 'Nico' Holderbaum. Nico was not able to join us in the studio but Zoey and Samara, who only recently finished their work were able to come in and talk about their art, and impact that it has had on the Arts District.

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Issues:
ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, the impact of Hurricane Idalia on the home insurance market, and on manatees. With Florida getting slammed again by another hurricane, homeowners are bracing to get hit again by another increase in their home insurance premiums. But Caroline Melear, of R Street Finance says, not so fast. Caroline is a fellow on R Street's Insurance team. She's a Florida resident and an expert on the home insurance market here. She points out that Hurricane Idalia has not done as much damage as Ian did last year, and the Legislature has finally stepped up and passed new laws that have improved the home insurance market. Then we'll hear from Cora Berchem, the Director of Multimedia and a Manatee Research Associate at Save the Manatee Club. Idalia's storm surge may have caused some manatees to travel farther upstream away from their coastal habitats to inland areas they don't normally inhabit. In the storm's aftermath, wildlife officials and organizations like Save the Manatee are concerned that some manatees may become trapped as the water recedes. Cora tells us that behavior is not unusual for manatees and she'll let us know what you should do if you see a stranded manatee.

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INSURANCE
ENVIRONMENT
ANIMAL WELFARE

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences will be hosting its second annual Fall Festival on Saturday October 21 at its campus here in Fort Pierce. Urban Horticulture Extension Agent Kate Rotindo is one of the organizers of the event. She joins us to talk about the extension office and the important research they do, as well as the important resources they provide to farmers, businesses and homeowners who are trying to figure out what they should plant and how to keep their crops and gardens healthy. Then, we'll talk about another important event on the same day, Saturday October 21 in Indian River County, the United Way's annual 'Day of Caring'. Stacy Benezra, the United Way's Community Impact Coordinator is here to talk about the event which involves more than 50 different projects that United Way's benefices have requested help with. Volunteers are needed says Stacy and you can sign up on the United way website now.

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Issues:
AGRICULTURE
VOLUNTEERISM
EDUCATION

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, Karen Deigl is with us. She is the Chief Executive Officer of the Senior Resource Association in Indian River County, a community, home based service organization for seniors. One of their major goals is to help keep seniors healthy and in their own homes, for as long as possible. And one of the programs they run that helps seniors do just that is 'Meals on Wheels'. Karen will talk about that program, and their need for volunteers to help deliver those meals to the hundreds of seniors who are on the waiting list. Then we'll talk with Nancy Turrell, the Executive Director of MartinArts. Coming up on Saturday September 23, MartinArts is hosting an open house for the 100th year anniversary of the old Stuart High School. MartinArts has big plans to convert that old high school into a center for the arts in Martin County. All the arts, says Nancy, including music, the performing arts as well as the visual arts.

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<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, two members of the Initiative for Reproductive Justice join us to talk about the current status of reproductive rights for women, Hester Bloom and Liana Urfer. They've helped organized an educational forum to provide some clarity on the issue in the wake of often conflicting rulings from the courts and new restrictions passed by Florida lawmakers. The forum takes place October 14 at the Emerson Center. Then we'll talk about the Jazz, Salas, Country, Rock and Soul music concerts at the Museum Pointe Park in Fort Pierce. The St. Lucie Cultural Alliance has organized a series of 10 free and diverse musical concerts at the park, every Sunday through the first week of November. A grant from the Levitt Foundation, and community sponsors, made the 'Levitt AMP Concert Series' possible. The Acting Interim Director of the Alliance, Dieulanie Claude, and Marking Director Grace Molina join us with details.</p>	9/22/2023	9/23/2023	9/23/2023
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<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, Jim Moir the Acting Executive Director of the Marine Resources Council joins us. He's here to give us an update on the health of the Indian River Lagoon. He has some good news to report, progress is being made. And Jim will also talk to us about the priorities the Council has set for the year ahead to address the still serious issues that remain. Then we'll talk about the return of the St. Lucie Water Champions program. Lauren Jenkins is here to tell us about it. She's the Environmental Education Coordinator for the Oxbow Eco-Center which has revived this program to help educate all the new, and long time, St. Lucie County residents about the importance, and complex role, that water plays in our region. You can take the course on line or in person, and become a St. Lucie Water Champion, and it's free.</p>	9/29/2023	9/30/2023	9/30/2023
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