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Quarterly Issues/Programs Report

Quarter 1 - 2024

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In Focus with IRSC Public Media - Quarter 1 - 2024

WQCS 88.9 FM - Airtimes:
Friday 8:00-8:30 PM (30 Minutes)
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This week on In Focus, from IRSC Public Media, BlueBird Educational Foundation President Darryl Bey. He joins us to talk about the 'Jazz Master Class and Concert' with the Melton Mustafa Jr. Jazz Quintet that will happen here at Indian River State College on Wednesday January 17th. It's more than just a Jazz concert, for a select group of high school students, its an all-day event that offers them an opportunity to learn about jazz directly from those that make the music.

Then, the Co-Chair of the Caribbean American Cultural Group's MLK Scholarship Committee, Frances Coke, will be with us. She'll talk about their annual Celebration of Equity on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday coming up on Monday January 15th. The Caribbean American Cultural Group is celebrating its 40th year, and they hold this annual event to remind the community that Dr. King's message remains as relevant today as in the past.

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EDUCATION
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, the annual John & Barbara Ferrera Ocean Science Lecture Series at FAU Harbor Branch in Fort Pierce just got underway a few days ago. This weekly series is a chance for the public to find out what the scientists at Harbor Branch have learned about the life in the waters around us. Harbor Branch Research Professor, and organizer of the lecture series, Dr. Dennis Hanisak will tell us about the speakers and their topics. You can learn about the lives of clams and sponges, the health of coral and the potential discover of anti-cancer compounds in sea life.

Then we'll hear about the 33rd annual Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival with Frogs Leg Festival Inc. President Susan Adams. The event kicks off on Thursday January 18th and runs through the weekend.

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EDUCATION
ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, the 9th Annual Chimpathon at the Save the Chimps Sanctuary here in Fort Pierce. Save the Chimps Ex Dir Ana Paula Tavares joins us, along with Race Director Brandon Rinchack. It happens Saturday February 17 and registration is still open for the 10k, 5k and 2.5k runs, but as Ana Paula and Brandon tell us, the event is about a lot more than a race.

Then the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center comes to Vero Beach, featuring four renowned chamber music artists, two of whom are with us, David Finckel and Wu Han, husband and wife. A series of 3 concerts will be performed at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero Beach, and the first happens this Monday January 22. Beethoven, Shostakovitch, and Dvorak are on the agenda.

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HEALTH/WELLNESS
ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, Melanie Trewyn, the Founder and President of 'Remember for Change' joins us. She is here to talk about the third annual 'Memorial Drive' event her non-profit has organized. Its happening Wednesday, February 7, in Fort Pierce. It's both a remembrance for the victims of drunk and drugged driving, and a rally to promote change that will help prevent such tragedies in the future. Then Nancy Turrell, the Executive Director of Martin Arts will give us the lowdown on the annual Arts Fest in Stuart, coming up on Saturday and Sunday February 10th and 11th. The festival returns to its pre-covid digs along East Ocean Blvd and in Memorial Park. On the agenda this year, for the first time, is a program of chalk art and mural painting lessons for middle school students, and a poetry slam contest .

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DRUG ABUSE
HEALTH/WELLNESS
ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, there is a crisis in mental health care in St. Lucie County and HANDS of St. Lucie County has stepped up to try and provide the care that is needed. HANDS of St. Lucie County Executive Director Lisa Hatch and HANDS Chief Medical Officer Dr. Gene Manko are here to tell us about their new program to provide mental health care for those that can't afford to pay for it on their own.

Then we'll hear about the Annual Citizen Summit in Port St. Lucie. It gets underway tomorrow, Saturday February 3rd. Port St. Lucie Creative Team Lead Melissa Yunas is here along with the City's Community Engagement Manager Stephanie Vernot join us. It's a chance for Port St. Lucie residents to provide input about the services they receive, or don't receive, as well as a chance to get feedback from City officials about their community and provide input on the changes they'd like to see.

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MENTAL HEALTH
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This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we begin with the Martin County Taxpayers Association. Executive Director Darlene VanRiper and Vice President Tom Campenni will tell us about their non-partisan, non-profit, that is made up almost entirely of citizen volunteers. Founded in 1950, the Association has been keeping tabs on the County's spending of taxpayer funds for 73 years. They're not anti-tax, they're anti-waste. Their goal is to ensure that taxpayer funds are spent wisely.

Then we'll talk about the 7th Annual Highwaymen Heritage Trail Art Show and Festival, with Kimberlee Hinton, the Community Resource Specialist for the City of Fort Pierce. It's happening next weekend, on Saturday February 17 here in Fort Pierce, and some of the Highwaymen will be there to paint new pictures. It's a festival so there will also be food and music and a kids zone, as well as lessons on how to paint, like a Highwayman.

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This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, pictures that are sometimes mistaken for painting, It's a style that has made photographer Robert Farber world famous. A retrospective of his work is now on display at the Bailey Gallery in Hobe sound. Robert joins us to talk about the development of his unique style and the diversity of his subjects, from nudes to wild horses, Americana and high fashion. The exhibit 'Robert Farber- Taste of 50 Years' is at the Bailey through the end of February

Then St. Lucie County Property Appraiser Michelle Franklin steps in to talk about the Homestead Exemption. For the many new arrivals who've just bought a home in the county, the deadline to apply for the exemption is March 1, and getting it can mean big savings on your annual tax bill.

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<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, its Juice and Jazz at the Backus museum next weekend on Sunday March 3. Backus Museum Ex. Dir. Marshall Adams is here with the details about this outdoor concert event with live music from the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society. It gets underway at 10:30 Sunday morning and lasts until half past noon. It's one of the museums signature annual events. When Juice and Jazz winds down, a raffle will be held for an original masterpiece of Florida art from Guy Harvey whose depictions of marine life are known world wide. Then it's the annual Port St. Lucie Women's fashion show. Tickets are going fast for this well known annual event. It's happening on Saturday April 27 at the Harbor Ridge County Club. The theme this year is - "Boots and Bling"! The President of 'Port St. Lucie Business Women', Christina Lofthus joins us, along with past President Devon Dwyer. The fun is all for a good cause, scholarships for women at Indian River State College, and grants for women entering business. Over the last 40 years, 'Port St. Lucie Business Women' have given more than 300-thousand dollars to help young women start their own business.</p>	2/23/2024	2/24/2024	2/24/2024
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<p>This week on in Focus with IRSC Public Media, we get an in depth look at the changes that have taken place at the Elliott Museum in Stuart. Rob Steele is in the studio, he's the President and CEO of the Historical Society of Martin County, which oversees the Elliott. The big story at the museum right now, says Rob is King Tut, a landmark exhibit for the museum which has drawn in big crowds. Rob will also talk about the history of the Elliott, and the House of Refugee, which is also overseen by the Historical Society. Both underwent an overhaul during the COVID pandemic, and re-opened with a brand new look. Then we welcome Antoinette Rolle, the Healthcare Administrator of the Homecare Program for the Council on Aging St. Lucie. The Council provides many critical services for seniors in the county, including Meals on Wheels. The Council is not a state or county agency, they are an independent non-profit and they need your support. Last year, for budgetary reasons, St. Lucie County dropped its financial support. So, the Council on Aging has now turned to fund raising. Their biggest fundraiser of the year is in September, and this year they're calling it - The 'Denim and Diamonds' fundraiser. Antoinette will tell us about their fund raising efforts and how you can help.</p>	3/1/2024	3/2/2024	3/2/2024
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This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we're joined by EagleForce Associates CEO Stanley Campbell, the owner of the Martin Downs Country Club in Palm City. In just a few weeks, on Friday March 22, Martin Downs will be hosting an important golf tournament, the Indian River State College Foundation Golf Tournament, and fundraiser, to benefit IRSC's Promise Program. Stanley is also a member of the IRSC Foundation Board and he'll talk about the importance of the Promise program for Treasure Coast High School graduates and how you can sign up to support that program. We'll also learn about his background and some big plans he has for the future. Then it's time for a hullabaloo in Sebastian! The 2024 River Days & Craft Brew Hullabaloo is on tap for next weekend. It kicks off Friday afternoon, March 15 and runs through Sunday the 17th. There will be music, and specialty brews, good food and plenty fun for children, and adults. Marc Gingras is back in the studio to tell us about the highlights of this important fund-raiser that over the years has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to help fund community programs for young people in Sebastian.

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CHILD WELFARE

This week on In Focus, from IRSC Public Media, poet and rancher Sean Sexton is here to tell us about the 13th Annual Poetry and Barbeque taking place Saturday April 13th at the Richardson Center on the Vero Beach campus of Indian River state College. It's to benefit the Laura Riding Jackson Foundation's work to foster great literature in our community. This year's event features the poetry of George Bilgere and John Balaban. Sean will read samples of their work, and one of his own as well. Then we'll turn our focus on Edwin Binny, the creator of Crayola Crayons who made his home here in Fort Pierce. The Fort Pierce Art Club is planning a celebration in his memory. Art Club President Jeanne Johansen joins us to talk about this free, family fun event, that takes place Saturday March 30 at the Riverwalk Center and we'll learn about all the important contributions Binny made to the community that became his home.

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<p>This week on In Focus, from IRSC Public Media, the Zora experience. It's a celebration of the famous African American author who spent her last days living, working and writing in Fort Pierce. The Zora Experience takes place next weekend on Friday March 29 and Saturday March 30, on Avenue D in Fort Pierce. Zora Neale Hurston Florida Educational Foundation Board members Zakiya McGhie, and Marjorie Harrell are here to tell us about the festival, and to share some of the stories of Zora's life.</p> <p>Then we welcome Treasure Coast Food Bank President and CEO Judith Cruz. This vital non-profit provides not just food, but all kinds of support services in our four-county region for roughly 250-thousand people each week, and Judy is here to tell us about the new warehouse and headquarters that they've recently broken ground on to accommodate the growing need.</p>	3/22/2024	3/23/2024	3/23/2024
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<p>This week on In Focus, from IRSC Public Media, we welcome Indian River Neighborhood Association (IRNA) President and Executive Director Dan Lamson and Gretchen Hanson, the Chair of IRNA's Outreach Committee. The Association has been around for 20 years, keeping an eye on development in the County, with a focus on the health of the Indian River Lagoon. This non-profit lobbies state and local officials on economic and environmental matters. Their weekly newsletter keeps residents informed about those issues which could impact their lives.</p> <p>Then we'll talk with Bonnie Martinelli, the Executive Director of the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Indian River County. Coming up on Saturday April 6, this non-profit will be holding its annual fund raiser, the 'Walk for Life'. The Care Net Pregnancy Center has helped families in Indian River County for 40 years. Bonnie will talk to us about the Walk for Life and how Care Net helps parents during and after their pregnancy with free parenting classes, material goods, and caring and compassionate support.</p>	3/29/2024	3/30/2024	3/30/2024
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