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School Full (4-5pm)

Jay's Hockey Practice (6-7:30pm)

Hockey champs planning meeting (7-8pm)

Jay's band practice (9-10am)

Saturday 13

Elsie's skating practice (11am-1pm)
 *DONT FORGET CUPCAKES

Tyler's Travel Basketball (2-4pm)

Peter Golfing w/ the guys (9am tee off)

Sunday 14

Tyler's Basketball Practice (10-11am)

~~NO TIME MAYBE NEXT WEEK~~
~~Church??~~
~~10/11:30am~~

Elsie bday party Kim's house (1pm)

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Another group of people who deserve a GIANT SHOUT OUT are DADS/FATHERS/PADRES/POPS! We're so grateful for his guidance. This issue celebrates that important guy.

You may be tired of hearing it, but PLEASE make sure your household is "Hurricane Prepared." We've got a checklist for necessities on page 18. PLEASE take it seriously!

Finally, we pray for every family touched by the Spectator, and every home in between. God Bless our Soldiers,

Shellie & Scott

Paternal Provisions

By Shellie Miller

What is special about fathers? When we think about our own existence, the parent that first comes to mind is usually our mom... I mean she's the one who actually gave birth to us, nurtured us, kissed our boo boos and patted our bottoms each time we stood up and attempted to take another tentative step.

No disrespect to mom, but we need to give dad some serious props for all that he's done for us...and mom. The way he's wired, according to American culture and history scholars, is to be a protector and provider. Where his instincts may be more focused on problem solving than wiping our tears, his strength and resolve to work hard for his family is something to be appreciated and commended by each of us.

My own father was not warm and fuzzy, but very intent on the bottom line. "What's the matter?" "How much is it?" "Where are you going?" and "Drive carefully," were some of his most common statements. It sounds minimal, but what you don't hear is how deeply he cared about our family. He never left the house without kissing my mother and I first. His "I love you" was heartfelt and, since his passing in 1987, my grateful thoughts of Spike always make me smile.

There are the involved dads, who are always the first to take you fishing, throw a baseball with you, kick the ball in the backyard and show you how to pull-start a mower. They coach the team, play a mean game of foosball and have no problem with the dirt you've tracked in on your cleats. Contrarily, there are the dads who spend 80 hours a week at work to ensure the bills are paid, that you've got a beautiful roof over your head and you're getting the best possible education. They love us in a way that is just as deep, but not as outwardly apparent. They trade hours for dollars, but many times we don't appreciate it as an investment in us.

And some of the dads are not super dad...they are just plain dad. And that is probably the best kind. He is human. He gets cranky sometimes. He worries to himself without worrying everyone around him. He laughs too loud, he's socially awkward and his friends are weird. He loves antique matchbox cars, collects vinyl albums and shops on eBay when he can't sleep.

Whoever your dad is, appreciate him for who he is this Father's Day. Thanks so much, Daddy, we couldn't have been here without you!



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Johnson Family



James F. Johnson III, Carmen, Jaiden, 11, Jaice, 10, and little James F. Johnson IV, affectionately known as Quattro, 4, embody the heart of what makes Coral Springs such a special place to raise children. Warm, energetic, and deeply connected, this close-knit crew of sports-loving gentlemen and their devoted parents has embraced community life since moving to Coral Springs in October 2019, just before the pandemic turned the world upside down.

James, owner of The Handy Gentleman, LLC, brings creativity and craftsmanship to local homes through custom entertainment centers, kitchen islands, closets, and artistic wall installations. His hands-on approach turns client visions into beautiful, functional spaces. Carmen serves as Director of Admissions, Marketing, and Communications at North Broward Preparatory School while running The Organized Concept, LLC, helping families declutter and create peaceful, organized homes. She's also a Senior Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay, passionate about helping women discover skincare routines that make them feel confident and radiant.

Their three boys attend North Broward Preparatory School, where each is thriving in his own way. Jaiden, a 6th grader with a passion for engineering, dreams of becoming an aerospace engineer and competes in Robotics. Jaice, in 5th grade, lights up with music; playing both electric keyboard and violin. Quattro, in Pre-K 4, loves art so much he was recently featured in the Upper School's Gallery 10. Outside the classroom, the boys stay active with golf, tennis, flag football, electric scooters, and baseball.

James takes fatherhood to the field as a dedicated flag football coach, mentoring his older sons and their teammates while teaching lessons in teamwork, hard work, and sportsmanship. "What I enjoy most about being a dad is simply being present for my boys—watching them grow, learn, and become their own people," he shares. "On Father's Day, I look forward to nothing more than time together... laughing, playing, and making memories."

The Johnsons cherish weekends at Dolphins and Heat games, decked out in fan gear and cheering together, as well as cozy Friday movie nights in pajamas on the couch.

They worship together at Coastal Community Church in Parkland, where Pastor TJ and Sheila's relevant messages make Sunday mornings something the whole family looks forward to.

Carmen tells us, "We absolutely love how family oriented our community is. There is always something fun and exciting to do... we never run out of activities." The abundance of sports programs, cultural events, and community celebrations — from Juneteenth to city-wide festivals — has made this the perfect place to raise their three boys after living in six different cities.

From Boston to Miami, the Johnsons have found their forever village here. Active in school, sports, church, and business, they represent the very best of community life — warm hearts, busy schedules balanced by intentional togetherness, and a shared commitment to faith, growth, and making memories. Coral Springs is better because families like the Johnsons call it home.



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The Ranches neighborhood in Parkland, established in 1963, is renowned for its expansive lots beginning at 2½ acres. These properties showcase unique custom homes, barns, and occasional small farms. New residents often delight in the abundant green space but feel unsure how to beautify and maximize it.

Mike Squillace, owner of All Terrain Landscaping, has spent years transforming these large estates. His expertise helps homeowners bring any outdoor vision to life—whether a small corner refresh or a multi-acre masterpiece.

A standout project illustrates Mike's capabilities. A new neighbor, referred to as CF, envisioned a backyard resort inspired by a famous Bahamas property. He wanted the largest residential pool in Broward County at the time: 145 feet long and 45 feet wide. The design also included a 20-person Jacuzzi, lazy river, bridges, waterfalls, a premium sound system, and lush tropical landscaping.



Mike eagerly partnered with top pool builders, sound technicians, electricians, and 15 other contractors to coordinate the complex build. He confidently wagered with CF that the project could be completed in just 90 days. In return, CF promised a grand opening party with Mike's choice of theme if the deadline was met.

On day 90, the backyard looked spectacular. Everything was in place except the water. Moments later, two 18,000-gallon water trucks arrived and filled the massive pool. Mike had delivered on time. The celebration featured Mai Kai fire dancers, a tropical menu, and a large gathering of friends and neighbors. It was a night to remember.

This ambitious project highlights Mike's ability to manage large-scale transformations while paying attention to every detail. Today, he continues helping homeowners throughout our area. No vision is too big or too small. Whether redesigning a back patio, adding a guest house, installing water features, or creating seamless transitions across acres of property, Mike's horticultural knowledge and project management skills ensure outstanding results.

Beyond major projects, Mike also specializes in enhancing curb appeal through custom lighting, elegant entryways, tropical plant design, irrigation solutions, and outdoor entertainment spaces. Homeowners appreciate his hands-on approach, attention to detail, and ability to blend beauty with long-term functionality. Every property is thoughtfully designed to complement the homeowner's lifestyle while creating an inviting outdoor environment for family and guests alike.

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As summer settles over South Florida, the combination of soaring temperatures and relentless humidity creates challenging conditions for pets and their owners alike. With days often pushing into the nineties and moisture hanging thick in the air, even healthy dogs and cats can face risks from heat exhaustion and related complications. Pet owners who understand these local weather patterns can take proactive steps to ensure their beloved companions remain comfortable and safe throughout the season.

The humid climate here poses a particular threat because dogs and cats primarily cool themselves through panting, a process that relies on evaporation. When the air is already saturated with moisture, this natural mechanism works far less effectively, allowing body temperatures to climb quickly. Breeds with flat faces, such as pugs and Persian cats, along with older animals, overweight pets, and those with heart or respiratory issues, are especially vulnerable. In South Florida's conditions, what feels like a routine outing can rapidly turn dangerous if owners do not adjust their routines.

One of the most important practices is adjusting exercise schedules to avoid the hottest parts of the day. Early morning walks before nine or late evening strolls after seven allow pets to enjoy fresh air without the full intensity of the sun. During midday hours, limit outdoor time to brief potty breaks in shaded areas. Pavement and sand can reach scalding levels that burn sensitive paw pads, so sticking to grassy paths becomes essential. If the ground feels too hot against your own hand, it is certainly too warm for your pet's feet.

Hydration plays a central role in keeping pets healthy through the humid months. Fresh, cool water should remain available at all times, both indoors and out, with bowls refreshed frequently to prevent bacterial growth in the damp air. Adding a few ice cubes can make the water more appealing and help lower its temperature. Some owners find success with multiple

water stations around the home and yard, encouraging frequent drinks during periods of higher activity. Dehydration can set in faster than many realize, particularly after short periods outdoors.

Creating cool retreats indoors and out makes a significant difference. Air conditioning offers the most reliable protection during peak heat, but fans combined with shaded spots in the yard can help when pets spend time outside. Cooling mats, damp towels, or even a shallow pet-safe pool provide additional relief for dogs that enjoy water. Never leave any animal unsupervised near pools, lakes, or beaches, and rinse fur thoroughly after swimming to remove salt or chlorine that could irritate skin.

Vehicle safety demands constant vigilance. Temperatures inside a parked car can skyrocket within minutes, even with windows cracked, making it illegal and life-threatening in most cases. Always bring pets inside with you for errands or leave them at home in a climate-controlled space. This rule applies no matter how brief the stop might seem.

Regular grooming supports comfort by removing excess fur that traps heat, while a summer veterinary checkup ensures heartworm prevention remains current and overall health stays strong. Watch closely for signs of distress such as excessive panting, drooling, lethargy, vomiting, or bright red gums. If any of these appear, move the pet to a cooler area immediately, offer small amounts of water, and contact a veterinarian without delay. Quick action often prevents minor overheating from becoming a serious emergency.

By embracing these mindful habits, South Florida pet owners can transform the challenges of humid summer days into opportunities for closer bonds and shared enjoyment. Simple adjustments to daily rhythms protect precious companions while allowing everyone to savor the season's warmer moments safely. With preparation and attentiveness, the months ahead can remain joyful for pets and the people who love them.

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Building a Luxury Brand: Inside Icon Realty's Rapid Rise

Over the past year, Icon Realty has rapidly emerged as one of South Florida's fastest growing luxury boutique real estate brands. Founded by Michael Longo, the company was created with a clear mission: build a recognizable luxury brokerage that delivers a high-end client experience while staying deeply connected to the local community.

"When I opened Icon Realty, I didn't want to create just another brokerage," says Longo. "I wanted to create a luxury boutique brand that people instantly recognize, trust, and want to be a part of."

That vision has translated into impressive growth in just a short period of time. Icon Realty officially launched one year ago with a team of 41 agents. Today, the brokerage has grown to 66 agents and is currently on pace to close approximately \$250 million in real estate volume this year. The company specializes in luxury residential real estate throughout South Florida and has quickly built a reputation for personalized service, strong marketing, and high-end branding.

Behind the scenes, Longo credits much of the company's success to his wife, Ashley Longo, who has played a major role in helping operate and grow the business.

"Ashley has been a huge part of this journey," Longo says. "Building a company at this level takes constant effort, and having a strong partner beside me has made all the difference."

The past year has also brought national media attention. Recently, Longo and his team launched a reality television series titled Boss of Real Estate, which premiered on the Remy Network. The five-episode series follows the real-life challenges, growth, and behind-

the-scenes moments involved in launching Icon Realty from the ground up. Ashley Longo is featured throughout the series alongside supporting cast members Stefano Galeb, Nick Grecco, and Pierina Parra.

According to Longo, the response to the show has exceeded expectations, and discussions are already underway with larger television networks regarding future opportunities and expansion of the series. The exposure has also helped introduce the Icon Realty brand to audiences outside of Florida and elevated awareness of the company nationally.

As the company celebrates its one-year anniversary, expansion is already continuing. Icon Realty is currently developing its second office location on Las Olas Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale. The office is undergoing a quarter-million-dollar luxury buildout and is expected to open in Fall 2026. The new location will further strengthen the company's presence within South Florida's competitive luxury real estate market.

Outside of business, Longo says faith and family remain central to everything he does. A resident of Parkland, he attends Church By The Glades with his family. Michael and Ashley are raising their children — Aiden, Kaylee, Zane, and Kylie — within the local Parkland community.

Looking ahead, Longo believes the company is only beginning its next chapter. "We've accomplished a lot in one year," he says. "But this is just the foundation for what's coming next."

For more information about Icon Realty, luxury listings, or career opportunities, please call (954) 551-ICON or visit www.IconRealtyAdvisors.com Follow the company on social media for the latest updates. The office is located at 2808 N University Dr, Coral Springs, FL 33065.

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Gather Emergency Supplies: Experts recommend keeping enough supplies for at least seven days, including: One gallon of water per person per day, Non-perishable foods such as canned goods, protein bars, nuts, and dried fruit, Manual can opener, Disposable plates, cups, and utensils, Flashlights and extra batteries, Portable phone chargers or power banks, Battery-powered or hand-crank radio

Stock Up on Medical Essentials: Be sure to have: At least a 30-day supply of prescription medications when possible, Over-the-counter medications such as pain relievers, antacids, anti-diarrheal medicine, and children's medications, A current list of medications and medical devices, Physician contact information, Blood type, allergies, and important medical information for all household members

Assemble a First-Aid Kit: Include items such as: Sterile bandages and gauze pads, Antiseptic or cleansing, wipes, Medical tape, Scissors and tweezers, Safety pins, Disposable gloves, Moist towelettes

Protect Important Documents: Store important information in a waterproof container or securecloud storage, including: Insurance policies, Mortgage and property documents, Vehicle titles, Emergency contact lists, Banking and credit card information, Instructions for shutting off utilities, Pet vaccination and medical records. It is also a smart idea to photograph or video your home and valuable belongings for insurance purposes before hurricane season intensifies.

For additional hurricane preparedness information including guides available in English, Spanish, and Creole, visit the official Florida Department of Health Hurricane Resources and mosquito protection and storm recovery health information at www.floridahealth.gov



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• Reef Boyz & Heart of The Hive •

Team Up to Protect South Florida's Coast and Support Local Youth

What started in May of 2025 as a grassroots environmental effort has quickly grown into a movement bringing together veterans, students, families, and community organizations across South Florida.

Reef Boyz, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on reef restoration, shoreline cleanups, and pollution awareness, recently partnered with Heart Of The Hive for a community cleanup event in Pompano Beach that combined environmental action with youth outreach and mentorship.

Reef Boyz was co-founded by longtime reef cleanup diver Mike Squillace and Florida native Justin Spute. Squillace has spent more than 40 years diving South Florida reefs and removing debris from delicate marine ecosystems, while Spute's lifelong connection to Florida's waterways helped shape the organization's broader vision of community-based conservation.

Rather than operating as just another cleanup group, Reef Boyz was built around the idea that environmental stewardship works best when entire communities become involved. A major part of that mission has been incorporating veterans and students into every event.

Veterans help lead cleanup operations while mentoring younger volunteers, bringing discipline, teamwork, and leadership experience to large-scale projects. Students gain hands-on education about marine pollution, coral reef protection, and the long-term impact litter has on South Florida's coastal ecosystems.

"If students understand the real impact pollution has on reefs and wildlife early in life, they become part of the solution," Spute explained.

That shared focus on youth outreach made Heart Of The Hive a natural partner for the recent Pompano Beach event.

Heart Of The Hive is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping underserved children and families throughout the community. Their work focuses on keeping kids involved in positive activities, providing school supplies and assistance to single-parent households, and creating opportunities that help steer young people away from negative environments and influences.

Together, the organizations hosted a cleanup event that not only removed debris from the beach and surrounding waterways, but also created an engaging experience for local children and volunteers.

To encourage participation, the event included a cleanup competition for the kids, rewarding volunteers who worked the hardest throughout the day. Winners received backpacks filled with school supplies along with diving and water-related gear.

The partnership highlighted how environmental conservation and community outreach can work hand in hand. While Reef Boyz focuses on protecting Florida's reefs and waterways, Heart Of The Hive focuses on supporting and uplifting the next generation growing up around them.

Since launching in 2025, Reef Boyz has organized cleanup events across South Florida, including efforts in Vero Beach, Dania Beach, Boca Raton, and Pompano Beach. The organization has also partnered with local schools and community groups to expand awareness surrounding marine pollution and environmental responsibility.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, more than 11 million metric tons of plastic enter the ocean every year, much of it originating from land-based litter that eventually reaches beaches, waterways, and coral reef systems.

Organizations like Reef Boyz and Heart Of The Hive are working to change that trend through direct action, education, and community involvement.





Those interested in volunteering, sponsoring future cleanup events, or supporting the Reef Boyz mission can learn more at thereefboyz.com or donate directly through the organization's fundraising page at Reef Boyz Zeffy Donation Page.


Community members interested in supporting Heart Of The Hive or assisting their outreach efforts can contact Meldonise or Nakiyah at (954) 348-5574.


As Reef Boyz co-founder Mike Squillace often reminds volunteers during cleanup events, "Many hands make light work"



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