

ON THE MOVE

Banking

Bruce Schultz, President and CEO of **Southwest Capital Bank, N.A.** announced the addition of Elsie Stearns as Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of the new Pine Island office. Stearns is a long time Pine Island resident with over 20 years experience in banking on the Island and is deeply rooted and involved in the Pine Island community. She has served as Matlacha Pine Island Fire Control District Commissioner and Steering Committee for Habitat for Humanity as well as a current member of the Bobby Holloway Memorial Board. Southwest Capital Bank will open their third branch location in a temporary facility at 10530 Stringfellow Road, Bokeelia in October while building its permanent facility nearby.

Carol Jensen has joined **FineMark National Bank & Trust** as a loan administrator. Her duties include assisting clients with loan requests, researching loan inquiries, preparing and monitoring loans and maintaining loan accounts. Jensen has 20 years experience in the banking industry. Prior to joining FineMark National Bank & Trust, Jensen served as a loan administrator for another local bank.

dent of Academic Affairs following service as the Provost and Chief Learning Officer at Macomb Community College in Warren, Michigan. Thomas began her career in education teaching business courses at the high school and community college levels, and spent 29 years as a community college administrator prior to joining Edison. Her experience includes curriculum development, learning assessments, technology, faculty recruitment and professional development, facilities expansion, student success services, and fund raising.



Nichols

Local businessman **Jerry Nichols** has won the prestigious Community Service Award from **Northwestern Mutual Financial Network** where he serves as a financial representative. Nichols, who is Chair of the Hodges University Foundation Board, was recognized as an outstanding volunteer, and presented a check for \$10,000 from Northwestern Mutual in his name to Hodges University in recognition and appreciation of his volunteer efforts. It is the third time that Nichols has won the Award.

Medical

A Lee County gynecologic oncologist will be honored for his accomplishments in the fight against cancer during the American College of Surgeon's Commission on Cancer annual meeting on Oct. 8 in New Orleans. **Dr. Phillip Y. Roland**, is a recipient of the **2006 Cancer Liaison Physician Outstanding Performance Award**, which recognizes outstanding effort made by a physician in championing the cause of their hospital's cancer program. Roland is a partner in Florida Gynecologic Oncology and has been associated with Lee Cancer Care and Lee Memorial Hospital's Cancer Committee since 2000. Prior to moving to Lee County, he was an Assistant Professor at Northwestern University Medical School, and now serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of South Florida College of Medicine.

Education

Noreen Thomas, Ed.D., has been named **Edison College's** District Provost, serving as Chief Operating Officer and providing leadership in all academic, student services and administrative areas. Thomas joined the College in July 2006 as the Vice Presi-

Real Estate



Long

The Bonita Bay Group has named **Stephen Long** the executive chef at Verandah Club, the private golf and country club at Verandah, the company's 1,456-acre master-planned community located along a 1.75-mile stretch of the Orange River in Fort Myers. As executive chef, Long assumes overall responsibility for the Jesse Fish lounge and Alligator Pear restaurant at Verandah's River House, including regular dining and special events. Long, a graduate with honors of the Johnson and Wales Culinary University, joined Verandah from the Orchid Island Golf and Beach Club in Vero Beach. He began his career at age 15 at Tangos Restaurant in Vero Beach, working his way up through the kitchen to sous chef under the guidance of top chef Ben Tench. He previously worked at Charleston Place Hotel in South Carolina and as executive sous chef for the Moorings Club in Vero Beach. Long has more than 16 years of culinary experience.



Topilyer

Izabella Topilyer has joined **RE/MAX Realty Group**, Fort Myers, as a Residential Agent. Prior to becoming a Realtor 3 years ago, Izabella was a hair replacement technician and a member of the National Hair Replacement Design Team for the manufacturer, possessing a high level of experience in sales and customer relations. She is fluent in Russian and Lithuanian and can communicate in Polish, Belorussian and Ukrainian languages. She firmly believes in customer satisfaction and professionalism. Izabella is a member of the REALTOR Association of Greater Fort Myers and the Beach, Inc.



DuBell

Lori DuBell has joined **RE/MAX Realty Group**, Fort Myers, as a Residential Agent. She has ranked in the top 1 percent of all agents and brokers in the U.S. DuBell has been a multi-state Licensed Broker/Associate, in Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York. In her 20-plus years as a Broker/Associate, her expertise includes, single family home acquisitions, development and marketing residential communities, as well as the Broker/Owner of her own real estate brokerage and development firm. Her designations include the Accredited Buyer Representative awarded by the Real Estate Buyers Agent Council, Inc. of the National Association of Realtors.

Writing



Weston

Naples-based author **M.B. Weston** will be participating as a panelist at the 26th annual Necronomicon Convention. This convention includes a wide range of events including literature, video, art, dances, trivia contests and more and will be held at the Hyatt Downtown Tampa. Weston will participate on three panels on Saturday, Oct. 6: Best Sword & Sorcery You Might Have Missed, Crafting Believable Characters, and Most Common Writing Mistakes. Weston's next book, "Out of the Shadows: Book II of the Elysian Chronicles," will be available in December 2007.

Construction



Baker

MEL-RE, announced the appointment of **Stephen Baker** as project manager for MEL-RE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC. Baker has experience in the residential, multi-family and commercial fields that dates back to 1984. He moved to Florida in 2004, from North Carolina where he originally obtained his residential contractors license in 1984. Since that time he has continued to build his portfolio with extensive experience with some of the largest local home builders. Current MEL-RE projects include offices, luxury residential villas, condominium community, industrial park, retail shopping centers, and commercial/flex space parks. The firm is a construction management and contracting company, specializing in commercial and multi-family development for its affiliated companies, MEL-RE DEVELOPMENT, INC. and MEL-RE ASSOCIATES, INC.

Hospice

Hope Hospice and Community Services President and CEO Samira K. Beckwith has appointed **Bud Stephens** to the new position of Chief of Mission Support. Stephens comes to Hope after eleven years with Lee Memorial Health System, where he most recently served as Project Manager-Community Relations. In that role, he was the community liaison for the Lee system, addressing local healthcare concerns. He was also a member of a special team that developed and implemented Lee Memorial's "Community Healthcare Visioning 2017" project, to address future health care needs. Prior to Lee Memorial, Stephens was in the ministry for fifteen years.

Computers

Michelle Galvaire has joined **InfiNetwork**, a leading supplier of IT infrastructure and managed services to small- and medium-sized businesses, as a client services manager. In this role, Galvaire will perform remote network monitoring and maintenance services, and coordinate on-site customer support. A native of New Jersey, Galvaire attended New Jersey State University and received a degree in network securities from The Chubb Institute. She has held numerous positions in the radio industry as a sound and production engineer, including AOL Radio in New York and Sony/BMG in Nashville. ■

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