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REELIN' IN DONATIONS!

COO of Boy Scouts of America Shanna Richardson, Scout Master of Troop 479 John Nielson, Bass Pro General Manager Craig Scarborough, Ashley Chelberg from Stella Maris Environmental Research, Bass Pro Assistant Manager Robert Baker, and scouts Jacob Casen, JR Martinez, Eain Martin, Owen Hoke and Masyn Riera pose with some of the fishing poles donated during Bass Pro Shops' National Donation Day recently. Founder Johnny Morris is challenging families to put down electronics and go fishing. They donated over 55,000 rods and reels to local nonprofits. The Port St. Lucie location donated over 100 fishing poles to the Boy Scouts' Gulf Stream Council and the Stella Maris-Wesley Island Eco Camp. ■

MANATEE CENTER'S 'LUNCH AND LEARN' LECTURE TO TALK UP ATALA BUTTERFLY

The UF/IFAS Extension St. Lucie County, in conjunction with the Manatee Observation and Education Center, is hosting a lunch and learn presentation titled "Florida Atala Butterflies Back from the Brink of Extinction" on Friday, July 12 from noon to 1 p.m.

During this event, UF/IFAS St. Lucie County Extension Agent Ken Gioeli will discuss the unique history of the Florida atala butterfly and its caterpillar host plant. The butterfly has come back from the brink of extinction in St. Lucie County and the Treasure Coast.

The atala butterfly, *Eumaeus atala* Poey, is a beautiful native butterfly. Its black satiny wings are speckled with an iridescent turquoise shimmer. The Florida atala butterfly was thought to be extinct from 1937 until 1959 due to overharvest of its host plant, *Zamia integrifolia*, commonly known as coontie. In recent years, ephemeral colonies of Florida atala butterflies have been discovered on North and South Hutchinson Island. During the warm Florida summer months, hundreds of these butterflies and caterpillars can be seen in large numbers in very specific locations on these barrier islands.

Gioeli serves on the faculty of the University of Florida/IFAS as the Natural Resources Extension Agent for St. Lucie County. He provides natural resource-related educational programs for Extension volunteers such as Master Gardeners and Florida Master Naturalists as well as general homeowners, community organizations, school and governmental agencies. Gioeli earned his



University of Florida M.Ag. in agricultural education and communications and a graduate certificate in environmental education.

He has been working with the Florida atala butterflies since 1995 and enjoys telling the story about this butterfly's successful comeback from the brink of extinction. ■

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New CEO taking reins at TC Hospice

Treasure Coast Hospice will welcome Jackie Kendrick as its new chief executive officer on July 1 to lead the organization's comprehensive hospice care and grief support services in Martin and St. Lucie counties.

Kendrick is currently the executive director of HPH Hospice in Pasco County. HPH is part of the Chapters Health System, which provides end-of-life care to residents in seven counties on the west coast of Florida.

Kendrick began her career at Legacy Hospice in Tyler, Texas and then served as the executive director at Heart to Heart Hospice in Lufkin, Texas. Under her leadership, the start-up organization developed into the largest hospice in the area. Kendrick holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Texas and is certified as a Hospice and Palliative Care Administrator.

"Our Search Committee did an exhaustive review of candidates for the CEO position," said Scott A. Roads, chairman of

the board. "We were determined to find someone who puts patient care as the top priority, has compassion and enthusiasm for our nonprofit mission, and demonstrates the level of strategic thinking that will allow Treasure Coast Hospice to continue as the premier provider of end-of-life care on the Treasure Coast. The committee was unanimous in choosing Jackie as the person best suited to lead our organization into the future."

Kendrick will be responsible for an organization that cares for more than 3,000 patients a year, a staff of 282, a volunteer force of more than 350, inpatient care at locations in both Martin and St. Lucie counties, grief support services, specialized pediatric care and educational programs as well as a Foundation that receives support from donors throughout the Treasure Coast.

Treasure Coast Hospice was the first hospice provider in the area, incorporating as a community nonprofit provider in 1982. ■

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