Love City Livin'



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The wedding of Veronica and Brian Woods, where Rehugh Hendricks served as ring bearer. A die-hard Cowboys fan, they pulled a little prank on him by having him carry a pillow with the New England Patriots logo on it, which he later joked gave him a rash on his hands.

Remembering Rehugh

By ANDREA MILAM

St. John Correspondent

News of Rehugh Hendricks' sudden, unexpected passing spread quickly through St. John on Oct. 2. Just weeks shy of his 46th birthday, his death was shocking due to his age, but also because of who he was as a person. The life of the party. Fun. Kind. Always laughing. Open and generous with people from all walks of life. A friend to many St. John

"Rehugh taught me how to bridge the sometimes cavernous gap between groups of people on this island and in all parts of the world," said Veronica Woods, who asked Rehugh to

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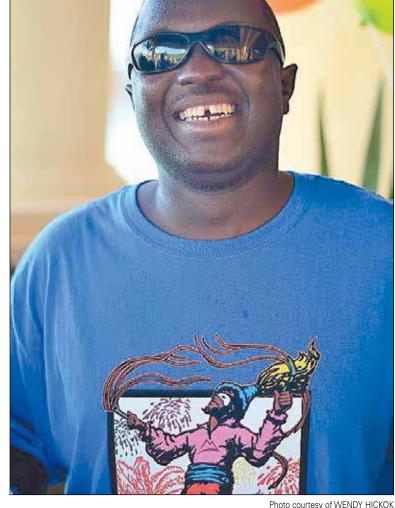
- Raymund Athanase

be a part of her wedding in 2017. "He taught me to be tolerant and accepting because we don't always know everyone's backstory. If we spread kindness and positivity, then some day it will be returned and make sense to us. Rehugh helped everyone understand that."

Rehugh's closest friend was Ray-

mund Athanase, who he became tight with in junior high. The duo ran the Drinker's Paradise booth in St. John's Festival Village each year. Raymund vowed to continue running the booth in Rehugh's memory, though he acknowledged it would be difficult to do so without his friend.

"When you see Rehugh, you see



Rehugh Hendricks as everyone remembers him — with a big smile on his face.

happiness," said Raymund. "I never met a more caring guy than him. I'm going to call him the unofficial true ambassador of St. John, Virgin Islands."

Some of Rehugh's family members flew in from the states for the upcoming funeral, including his sister, Shanett Hendricks Jones, who spoke of her brother with a smile.

"He's always living life to the fullest," she said. "Everything is just good memories from when he was little to his last days. He was just lovable."

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Thirteen Virgin Islands residents earned ham radio licenses on Oct. 6 in a class hosted by St. John Rescue. Seven earned their technician class license, five earned their general class license, and one earned their amateur extra class license. To celebrate the achievement, St. John Rescue will purchase a two-meter handheld transceiver for each of the newly licensed ham radio operators. St. John Rescue has been hosting ham radio classes since earlier this year to ensure residents have a way to communicate following any future major storms. For information on upcoming classes, call St. John Rescue at **340-693-7377**.

Technician class graduates are Kortney Hogan, Grayton Goldsmith, Tatiana Pruss, Elise Isenbek, Kenneth Brink, Michelle Bransom, Bob Malacarne. General class graduates are Matt Rasmussen, David Horner, Henry Smith, Steve DeBlasio, Brad Isenbek. Jennifer Rittenhouse Pruss earned her amateur extra license.

Planning for the future



Julius E. Sprauve School fifth-graders with their planners and the Rotary Club of St. John's Kai Frett, kneeling, and volunteer Pat Richards.



Daily News photos by ANDREA MILAM

Julius E. Sprauve School fourth-graders pose with Rotary Club of St. John president Kai Frett last week as Rotary members distributed planners to students at the school.





Turtle watch

The Virgin Islands National Park's Sea Turtle Monitoring and Protection Program continued last week with the exciting discovery of a new nest, bringing the total to 15 confirmed nests and two possible nests. Volunteers also performed a nest excavation where a live hatchling that was stranded in the nest cavity was freed, allowing it to scramble it down to the water. The program, which is funded by the Friends of VINP, runs through November.

Photos by SEA TURTLE MONITORING AND PROTECTION PROGRAM

Carolina Corral fun day nize postponed to this Saturday On

Carolina Corral's free fun day has been postponed to this Saturday due to last weekend's weather. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include a variety of games and a donkey obstacle course. There will be crafting activities and a contest to see who can take the best selfie with a Carolina Corral resident, along with food, drinks, and pony or donkey rides. Free transportation will be provided between Cruz Bay and Coral Bay.

Rotary hosts World Polio Day event Wednesday in Cruz Bay

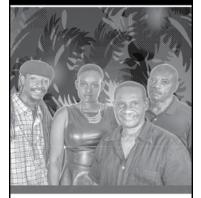
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nize World Polio Day on Wednesday. On St. John, there will be a celebration at Moonlight Serenade villa on the Great Cruz Bay waterfront beginning at 5:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share and donate \$25 per person, which will go to the Polio Plus Foundation and the Rotary Club of St. John. The event is open to the public. Please RSVP by contacting Teri Mandemaker at tmandemaker@hotmail.com.

Save the Coconuts block party set for Oct. 26

The annual Woody's Save the Coconuts block party will take place at the Cruz Bay bar and restaurant Oct. 26 from 7 to 11 p.m. There will be live music by acts like Ish and Friends and Josh Brannon, along with drink specials. All proceeds raised at the party will go to the St. John Cancer Fund. To donate items, villa stays, boat trips, or other packages to the raffle, contact Sharon Ramsey at ramsey_ms@msn. com or woody@woodysseafood.com,

or Jen Porter at c.jporter@yahoo.com, or inquire in person at Woody's.

Jounen Kweyol weekend on St. John set for Oct. 26

The St. Lucia Association of St. John will present Jounen Kweyol activities next weekend, beginning with music, games, storytelling, and country and western dance on Oct. 26 at the Sports, Parks and Recreation Center in Cruz Bay. There is an entry fee of \$5. A Creole Mass will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church on Oct. 27 at 6 p.m., and Jounen Kweyol day will be celebrated on Oct. 28 at the old First Bank parking lot with music, games, a domino tournament, local drinks, St. Lucian dishes, and a cultural exhibition. Everyone is welcome to attend and experience St. Lucia culture.

Trick or Treat, children's costume contest Oct. 31

Mongoose Junction will host trick or treating and a children's costume contest on Oct. 31. Trick or treating will

begin at 3:30 p.m., and there will be a group picture and judging for the contest at 5 p.m. in the courtyard. Categories are scariest, funniest, cutest, most original, and best couple or group. Winners will receive a St. John Scoops gift certificate.

'Hamilton' tickets on sale in arts school fundraiser

The St. John School of the Arts is selling tickets for the Broadway hit musical "Hamilton" on Jan. 26 at the Teatro Universidad de Puerto Rico. Orchestra tickets are available for \$1,500 each, \$1,161.60 of which will be donated to the St. John School of the Arts. To request tickets or to make a donation to the arts school, email ronnielee107@ gmail.com. Seats are very limited. The St. John School of the Arts is a registered nonprofit organization.

Paddle the Park on Nov. 4 with Friends of the Park

The Friends of Virgin Islands National Park's annual Paddle the Park event is set for Nov. 4. This is a family event with three courses — a one-mile short course, a three-mile open course, and an elite five and a half mile-course. The starting line for all courses is at Maho Bay. Register by calling the Friends at **340-779-4940**; in person at the Friends of the Park store at Mongoose Junction or Connections on St. John, or at Caribbean Surf Co.'s Red Hook or Havensight locations on St. Thomas, or by visiting www.friendsvinp.org/paddle. Discounts are given for early registration.

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Rotary seeking volunteers for Thanksgiving dinner

The Rotary Club of St. John is seeking volunteers for its annual Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 22 in the Frank Powell Park. Last year, they partnered with the St. John Community Foundation to feed more than 700 people. To volunteer at this year's event, contact Teri Mandemaker tmandemaker@hotmail.com.

REHUGH

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Cousin Lois Simmons, who grew up next door to Rehugh, recalled many days and long nights spent on his porch, talking and cracking jokes.

"My cousin was always happy," she said. "We spent many summer nights going to the beach with lots of other friends, and after the beach, hanging out until the sun came up. My cousin will be missed."

Rehugh's godsister, Tabitha Sprauve, worked with him at Caneel Bay Resort in the early 1990s, and she also recalled lots of good times.

"He was always laughing, really fun," she said. "He was always the level-headed one through all our craziness. We just hung out and had a whole lot of fun."

Friends and family celebrated

Rehugh's birthday on Tuesday by crowding into the Frank Powell Park, where they danced and bid on items donated by local businesses, with all proceeds going to Rehugh's family. A driver for Penn's Trucking and a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan, Rehugh's mother said his caring spirit was a part of who he was from a very young age.

"He was a loving child," said Rehugh's mother, Madlyn "Tancy" Hendricks. "He was very helpful; he just had a big heart. The outpouring from everyone makes me feel so good. I'm proud to have reared such a gem as Rehugh."

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Rehugh's funeral service on Saturday at the Nazareth Lutheran Church. Viewing will begin at 9:30 a.m., with service immediately following at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Bethany Moravian Church.



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Rehugh Hendricks and close friend Brian Woods.



