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Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Lecture Series Lineup

For the fifth consecutive year, noted wildlife expert and video producer Shawn Carey will kick off the annual Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lecture series on Thursday evenings in January and February at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House. As always, all are welcome to attend with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., and parking available at The Community House and across the street in the Herb Strauss Theater parking area. A \$10 donation per attendee is appreciated with proceeds after costs being used to promote conservation on Sanibel and in Florida.

This year's lineup also includes Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lecture favorites Ken Burgener, Rick Bunting, Bill Heyd and Charles LeBuff. The schedule is:
 January 3 – Looking Through the Lens. Wildlife photographer, educator and guide Shawn Carey kicks off the lecture season by sharing the Observations of a Wildlife Photographer. Carey will use



Hummingbirds of the Northern Andes will be the topic of the January 31 lecture
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his remarkable photos to highlight the discoveries he has made on his many trips to prime wildlife locations.
 January 10 – Ecuador: Andes & Galapagos – Where Wildlife Rules. Ken Burgener, world birder and founder of www.carefreebirding.com is back to



Atlantic puffins and other seabirds will be the highlight of discussion on February 28
 take the audience on a unique trip to discover the intriguing birds and creatures inhabiting this exotic location. Prior to this lecture, Burgener and The Community House Resident Chef Jarred Harris will host a separately charged Ecuadorian dinner for those attendees who want to get into the spirit of the program. Contact The Community House at 472-2155 for details.
 January 17 – Images to Inspire: Wonderful Wood Warblers. Sanibel-Captiva Audubon's Bill Heyd is back to

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Renowned Band Of Brothers To Play At BIG ARTS

When the city of Philadelphia jacked up property taxes in Wallace DePue Jr.'s neighborhood about five years ago, Southwest Florida gained a valuable asset.

By 2014, the professional musician had moved south and was in residence in Fort Myers.

The eldest son of Wallace DePue Sr., renowned pianist, prolific composer and professor emeritus of Bowling Green State University in Ohio, Wallace Jr. is a freelance musician and a member of The DePue Brothers Band, playing at BIG ARTS on Saturday, January 12 in Schein Hall.

Being a homeowner in Southwest Florida means DePue frequently substitutes for local orchestras including the Naples Philharmonic, the Southwest Florida Symphony and the Charlotte Symphony, in addition to being the local draw for his brothers to come here and play.

The brothers include Jason, a member of the first violin section of the Philadelphia Orchestra, as is brother

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The DePue Brothers Band

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Benjamin Miller and Jack David with the \$500 Christmas gift they received

photo by Jeff Lysiak

Holiday Spirit Shown With Unexpected Gift

by Jeff Lysiak

Ofentimes on the island, you may see Jack David and Benjamin Miller taking a stroll or dining out, singing and spreading good cheer along the way. The two have a long-lasting friendship, as the senior handyman with a keen wit and sense of humor created a bond with the blind – but very capable – 43-year-old son of Trailways Camp founders Jerry and Sharon Miller.

After the pair finished having breakfast at Sanibel Café on December 10, they

received an unexpected surprise.

“As we were leaving the restaurant and walking down the ramp, an elderly couple began following us,” said David, who serves as Miller’s companion a couple of days each week. “I turned around and the man handed us five \$100 bills. And all he said to us was ‘Merry Christmas.’”

Stunned by the generous gift, both David and Miller expressed their sincere gratitude from the anonymous couple.

“It will be put to some very good use,” said David.

“A humbling experience to receive this unexpected act of such kindness,” added Sharon Miller, speaking on behalf of her son. “Clearly a conscious choice to show God’s love in this way. Thank you is not enough. Our hearts are full.”**

Shell Artists Carry On Sanibel Tradition



Gingerbread man on the beach

photo provided

Fabio Morescalchi and Jackie Olssen have been at it again, making Christmas shell artwork on the beach. Their gingerbread man is located between Donax and Nerita

streets on Sanibel.

Creating shell sculptures on the beach is a holiday tradition for the Minnesota couple, who are avid fans of the Luminary festivities on the islands.**



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A black and white photograph of a large, multi-story wooden building under construction in a field. The building has a complex roof structure with multiple gables and is surrounded by tall grass. Two people are standing in the field in front of the building. A sign with the word "Coca-Cola" is visible on the building's facade.

Visit the Captiva Island Historical Society website www.captivaishistoricalociety.org/archives/research to view many more images to bring you closer to Captiva. ✨

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Four Christmas Eve Services At Sanibel Community Church

On Monday, December 24, Sanibel Community Church will provide four opportunities to celebrate Christmas Eve. At 4 p.m., there will be a contemporary worship service, featuring traditional carols with a contemporary flare and will include a special time for children as well as a visit from the shepherds with their sheep. At 6 p.m., a second contemporary service will be held. Then at 8 p.m., there will be a traditional Christmas Eve service with full choir in the main sanctuary. The shepherds will make their final visit of the evening with the flock at the 8 p.m. service.

In keeping with tradition, the church will host an 11 p.m. service in the historic chapel that will conclude at midnight with sharing of the Lord's Supper.

An offering will be received at all four services for Community Housing and Resources (CHR), which will provide a extra Christmas blessings for neighbors in need. Each service will conclude with the lighting of the candles while singing *Silent Night*.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call 472-2684 or visit www.sanibelchurch.com.✽



Pastor Daryl Donovan holding a lamb
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Shepherds Tom Mullins and Pastor Daryl Donovan

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Christmas Eve services at Lighthouse Beach on Sanibel

Church Services With Candles, Carols And Bells

A series of Christmas season services at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ – and one at Lighthouse Beach – will offer many ways to celebrate the holidays in meaningful, musical ways. Services on Christmas Eve, December 24, will be

held in both the church sanctuary and at the beach. Then, those who attend church on December 30 will get a jump on the New Year with the peal of bells.

Professional musicians will play for all of the services, and two of the services will feature guest artists. There will be opportunities to sing Christmas carols and hear the stories of the season.

The Lighthouse Beach Christmas Eve Service, which begins at 5 p.m., will feature candle lighting, music and the Nativity story related by the church senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. John H.

Danner. This year's soloist will be Deborah Marino. All are welcome to sing carols, hold candles and listen to the music. Thanks to amplifiers, the joyful sound will carry up the beach. This informal service of lessons and carols has been a traditional holiday favorite since 1979.

Transportation to Lighthouse Beach will be available by trolley from both the church, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way (across from Periwinkle Place), and the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce at 1159 Causeway Road.

Additional vans will be on hand at the close of the service. There are bike racks at the beach. Everyone is asked to bring a chair or blanket, a flashlight and insect repellent.

The offering taken during the beach service will benefit two agencies working with people in need: FISH of SanCap and The Salvation Army.

At 9 p.m., the Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight Service in the church sanctuary will feature music by soloist Anne Marie Babos, as well as carols by the congregation and readings of the Christmas story. The 12-foot decorated Christmas tree and numerous poinsettias indoors, as well as holiday lights and greenery outdoors, will add to the atmosphere.

December 30 is Bell Sunday, a tradition when everyone brings or borrows bells to ring. As on other Sundays, the 9 a.m. services is a blended service. Music is provided by the trio of Shawn Allison, song leader and saxophonist; Abbey Allison, pianist; and Dave Dust, guitarist. At the traditional worship service at 11 a.m., the choir will sing under the direction of Dr. Elwood Smith and accompanied by organist Norm Libby. There is also a 7:45 a.m. chapel service.

Worship will also be at 7:45, 9 and 11 a.m. on December 23. The trio will provide the music at 9 a.m. and cellist Susie Kelly will provide the music ministry portion of the 11 a.m. service.

All services are open to the public. For more information, call 472-0497 or visit www.sanibelucc.org.✱

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From left, Kristian Schafer, Mason Macalka and Chase Nave painting sets for the dinner theater show photos provided

Youth Ministry Gets Ready For Famine

From Wednesday, January 2 beginning at 10 a.m. through January 3 ending at 4 p.m., H2O, the Sanibel Community Church youth ministry, will be participating in an event called 30 Hour Famine. Students will grow closer to Christ and each other as they fast together for 30 hours and raise funds to fight hunger. The purpose of

the event is to raise awareness for world hunger and poverty, and to help teens understand by firsthand experience what it feels like to be hungry.

By participating in the famine, teens are challenged to be part of something bigger than themselves: to take action for God's kingdom; to help save the lives of hungry kids; to permanently change the way the students see the world.

For the entire 30 hours, students will be fasting and doing service projects focused on helping, or learning about



From left, Jessica Chavez-Santana, Katie Haas, Rachel Nave, Summer Santoro, Mariah Haas, Lilly Doster and Lauren Macalka building a cardboard city for their sleeping quarters

hunger and poverty. During the event, there will be games, guest speakers, worship, a movie, a city built out of cardboard boxes and other activities.

On January 3 from 4 to 5 p.m., the teens will have a dinner together to end the fast. All monies raised will be sent to World Vision International, an Evangelical Christian humanitarian aid organization. Contact Pastor Kevin at kevin@sanibelchurch.com for more information.

H2O Student Ministries is a youth ministry program for sixth grade through

12th grade young men and women. The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. for middle school students, 6 to 8 p.m. for high school students, and on Sunday mornings from 11 a.m. to noon in the youth center at Sanibel Community Church. All students on the island and surrounding communities are welcome to attend.

Sanibel Community Church is an evangelical, non-denominational congregation located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market).✱

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Business Member Spotlight

The December Business Member of the Month is The Grog Shop, which has signed on as a patron level sponsor. The Sanibel Community Association thanks The Grog Shop team for their support and encourages islanders and visitors to patronize the fine wine, spirits and cigar store in Bailey’s Center.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes have begun and are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The first class, for all levels, begins at 10 a.m.; Chi yoga follows. Cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for guests. For more information, call or visit the website.

Indoor Mini Golf

Indoor mini golf will be open Wednesday, December 26 through Saturday, December 29 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Play 18 holes for \$3 per person. Refreshment will be available.

Hole sponsors include: Maughan Law Group, Billy’s Rentals, Bailey’s General Store, Mike Kelly, John B. and Jerry’s Enterprises. Additional sponsors include: Tom Louwers, Pfeifer Realty Group, Bill Schecker, Carlos Menendez, The Timbers, Captiva Cruises, Dorado Property Management, Doc Ford’s, Periwinkle Place, Cathie Lewis, Steve and Mandy Greenstein, Jensen’s Twin Palm Marina and Jensen’s on the Gulf.

Sponsorships are still available at \$150, which gives you 20 free passes.

Documentary Film Screening

A documentary on the history of The Community House will be shown on Sunday, December 30 at 1 p.m. There are clips from the islands’ past, interviews with those who grew up frequenting The Community House and historical highlights of the birth of the City of Sanibel. Suggested donation of \$5. Popcorn and non-alcoholic beverages will be available.

Civil Rights Exhibit

The Sanibel Community Association and Circle of Community Leadership (CCL) are hosting an exhibit, Civil Rights in the Sunshine State. The exhibit will be on display from January 2 through February 11 in the Great Hall. Through



A Dine and Design workshop with Decorating Den Interiors and Resident Chef Jarred Harris will be held on Monday, January 14 photo provided

pictures, narratives and videos, visitors can explore the significant contributions Florida made to the state and national civil rights movement. The exhibit was developed in 2014 by the Museum of Florida History to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It tells the story of the actions of Floridians who courageously stood up to ensure equality.

Two events by suggested donation will be open to the public during the exhibition. On Wednesday, January 23, a presentation on the African Roots of Southern Cooking will be given by Dr.

Martha Bireda, executive director of the Blanchard House Museum in Punta Gorda, along with Jarred Harris, resident chef of The Community House.

On Monday, February 4, Dr. Anthony Dixon, professor and university archivist Bethune-Cookman College and one of the most involved advisors on the initial development of the exhibit, will deliver a lecture on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement. He will be joined by Rev. Dr. John Danner, pastor of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. Rev. Danner will speak about his experiences during the Civil Rights

Movement. Dr. Dixon said he hopes the exhibit helps visitors “examine the overall struggle for civil rights in Florida.”

The Museum of Florida History produced the exhibit in collaboration with multiple universities, organizations and individuals. Many of the photographs on display are from the State Archives of Florida. Complementing the exhibits will be videos of numerous civil rights leaders including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Patricia Stephens Due, Theodore Gibson, and Reverend CK Steele. Civil rights activists from Tallahassee, Jacksonville and other cities served as advisors on the exhibit, along with historians from Florida State University, the University of Florida, Florida A&M University and the Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network (FAAHPN).

Hands-On Cooking Class

A hands-on cooking class with Chef Jarred Harris will be held on Friday, January 4 from 10 a.m. to noon.

On the menu: spicy eggplant donuts and sweet pepper jam; heirloom tomato and sweet onion tart; and pear tarte tatin with cinnamon almond milk ice cream. Cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for guests. Sign up online.

Kids Cooking First Mondays

The next kids cooking class will be held on January 7. Classes are held on the first Monday of the month from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Additional dates are February 4, March 1, April 1 and May 6. Young chefs will learn fundamental nutritional cooking skills, basic kitchen awareness and food preparation. Students will explore different cultures using nutritious whole foods. Cost is \$50 per session or \$175 for four classes when paid in advance. Register online. Scholarships are available, thanks to the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, as well as private individuals. To help provide scholarships, call Teresa at 472-2155.

Shredding Day

A community shredding event will be held on Saturday, January 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. Visit the website for more details.

Dine and Design Workshops

The first Dine and Design workshop will be held on Monday, January 14 from

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Holly Peebles and Joe Bowers with Betty

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Joe Bowers, owner of Island Locksmith on Sanibel Island, and his partner in business and life, Holly Peebles, made it official and married on December 8, 2018 at friend Nancy Oden's beach house on Captiva Island. Karen Bell of VIP Realty Group, Inc. and Lily & Co. Jewelers officiated the ceremony. Peebles has been Bell's assistant for 18 years. A celebration followed with friends and family. ✨



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Sunday, December 23

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9 a.m. - Contemporary In The Sanctuary

11 a.m. - Traditional in the Sanctuary

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Monday Evening, December 24

Four Services Of Worship

4 p.m. - Contemporary Service
& Kids Moment in the Sanctuary

6 p.m. - Contemporary Service & Kids
Moment in the Sanctuary

8 p.m. - Traditional Service with Choir
in the Sanctuary

11 p.m. - Traditional with Communion
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From left, Martha Langbo (chair of the program), Lori Schulz, Nancy DeBenedictis, Francine Dale, Vicki Bundschu, Judy Risch, Jan Vap, Carole Larkin and Jean Halligan. Not pictured, Dottie McGovern. photos provided

Holiday Programs Under Way For Women’s Guild

Members of the St. Isabel Catholic Church Women’s Guild held their annual Christmas social on December 6 to officially begin holiday charity programs. Following a morning mass, the ladies gathered for dessert and

a holiday gift exchange. The spirit of giving continued with the parishioners assembling over 200 gift bags, filling them with toiletries to be given to the ladies of Catholic charities in the area. The guild’s annual Angel Tree project was once again a tremendous success, bringing joy to children in need. Names and gift wishes were hung on a Christmas tree at the church and parishioners took a tag to fulfill each child’s Christmas wish.✱



From left, Bob and Barbara McGarry, Donna Oberhill, Annette and Ed Hendrick, and Mike and Susie Cullen



From left, Kay and Richard Croak, Patsy and Hubie Whitaker, and Nancy DeBenedictis



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Lecture Series



Great blue heron

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utilize his remarkable photographs and research to provide entry into the intimate activities of these unique and elusive birds.

January 24 – 600 Birds the Easy Way. Discover what avid birders David and Tammy McQuade have learned about the how and where required to quickly accomplish their yearly task of viewing 600 bird species. They will include many exquisite photos of the subjects of their quest.

January 31 – Hummingbirds of the Northern Andes. From many trips to the region, Peter Hawrylyshyn will detail his experiences observing and photographing many of the over 150 colorful and unique hummingbird species that inhabit these high peaks.

February 7 – 2018 Stories from the Roadside Naturalist. Rick Bunting again utilizes his unique perspective and superb photos to visually elaborate on new activities at his favorite locations for observing nature.

February 14 – Protecting Sanibel & Captiva – The Conservation Story. Long

time island historians and authors Betty Anholt and Charles LeBuff will visually discuss the aspects and history of the islands' conservation ethics to which they have each made major contributions and is the subject of their newly published book.

February 21 – Elevate Your Bird Photography. Using many of his excellent photos as examples, Paul McKenney will give practical advice that can be used in the field to improve one's birding observations and photos.

February 28 – From Maine to Florida; My Journey with Seabirds. Adam DiNuovo, Collier Monitoring and Stewardship Program manager for Audubon Florida, will discuss his unique experiences conducting seabird research, from Atlantic puffins in Maine to black skimmers in Southwest Florida.

For more information, call Bill Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit www.san-capaudubon.org. The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. ✨



Paul McKenney will discuss bird photography techniques at the February 21 lecture

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Bailey's 2018 ornament

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Limited Edition Ornaments Still Available

In 2018, Bailey's General Store introduces the tenth in its series of limited edition collector ornaments. Memories play a major role in creating traditions and this year's depiction of

an ornate Bailey's General Store is a shining example. This year's ornament shows the store building wrapped as a package for the holidays with red ribbon and a large red bow. The package is a backdrop for the lights, greenery and other decorations in the shopping center.

The building that is currently home to Bailey's General Store dates back to the 1960s. The store is the main

building in Bailey's Shopping Center and has shared this community space with many businesses over the years; currently it includes a dry cleaner and laundry services, a clothing store, frozen custard shop, liquor store, bike shop and several restaurants.

Since the Bailey family purchased the shopping center, several additions and changes to the original building have been made, including moving the main doors from facing Periwinkle Way, adding the hardware, front end, bakery and deli areas, and putting a second floor on the building to house the business offices. The current building bears little resemblance to the original,

but is a familiar sight to islanders and visitors.

Each ornament is made of 24k gold on brass and comes in a presentation folder showing the Bailey's logo on the front. The folder contains a certificate indicating the limited edition number and giving a brief description of the significance of the design. The ornaments, certificates and folders are produced by the Charleston Mint of Brevard, North Carolina.

The ornaments are for sale exclusively at Bailey's General Store, located at the corner of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road, or online at www.baileys-sanibel.com.✱

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Community House

noon to 2 p.m. Resident Chef Jarred will prepare lunch, which will be followed by a design workshop directed by the Sanibel team of Decorating Den Interiors. There will be door prizes, studio displays and samples. The workshop topic will be High Point Review – Explore Home Furnishings Trends. Bring a photo of your design challenge and the team will offer creative solutions following each workshop. Prepaid reservations of \$30 can be made online.

Additional workshops will be held on the following Mondays: February 18, March 18 and April 15.

A Night To Remember

The Sanibel Community Association will host its 1927 gala, A Night to Remember, on Friday, January 25 beginning at 6 p.m. It will be a red carpet event with fine dining in The Community House that family, friends and neighbors built nearly a century ago.

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Bourbon Dinner

Loretta Paganini will host the Raw and Finished Bourbon Dinner with Emil on Saturday, January 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. Learn the value of finishing by comparing: Angel's Envy bourbon (finished in port wine barrels); Jefferson Reserve bourbon (raw) and finished in rum barrels; Belle Meade bourbon (raw) and sherry (finished); Whistle Pig Old World finished rye (a blend finished in Sauternes, Madeira, and port barrels). Cost is \$125 per person. Sign up online or at the office.

Shell Crafting

Shell craft lessons are held at 10 a.m. on Mondays. All ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. Shell Crafters are on site until 1 p.m. on Mondays for those who would like to view or purchase their work.

Honey For Sale

Honey is for sale, harvested from the hive on site, as well as mango chutney, made from locally grown mangoes. Holiday spiced pumpkin chutney is coming soon.

The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way. For more information, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.✱

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24th at 6:00pm

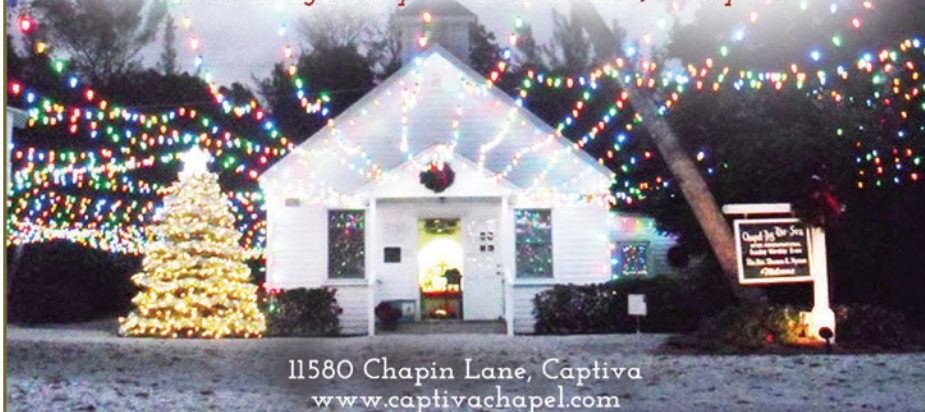
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Fourth Graders Tour Nature Center At SCCF

submitted by Richard Finkel,
SCCF Environmental Educator

The Sanibel School's fourth graders biked to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Nature Center for a day of investigative learning. Students were challenged with a scavenger hunt looking for camouflaged items along the trail and micro habitats within the interior wetlands and mid-island ridge ecosystems of Sanibel. After exploring the nature trails, SCCF herpetologist Chris Lechowicz gave a presentation focusing on interesting facts about the snakes of Sanibel. Students had time to sit by the Sanibel River and contemplate their natural surroundings. Here are a couple students' observations and thoughts:

Oh the smell of leaves and soil under my feet.

Oh the joy that brings me to this place that I love.

The sun shining on the quiet river. The trees reflecting off the water with the blue sky.

The sticks crackling as I step on the wooden bridge over the water.

The amazing green nature around



There was a scavenger hunt along the nature trails



Fourth graders explored the SCCF Nature Center

photos provided

me makes my heart warm up.

— Phoebe Stirner

SCCF is an amazing place if you love learning about Sanibel's nature and animals. When I experienced this it made me so happy. I learned so much! There is a beautiful nature trail. If you listen closely you can hear the birds chirping their own special song. If you are lucky you might get to see animals like otters, birds and many more.

You're able to see the Sanibel River on the nature trail. It is a beautiful sight you have to see! I hope you get to see and hear everything I did!

— Madison Byrne

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Native snowberry is a vine-like shrub that provides food, cover and nectar for wildlife
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Snow For Christmas

by Gerri Reaves

Native snowberry (*Chiococca alba*) is a multi-trunked evergreen shrub that usually grows to about 10 feet tall but, with support, can be as high as 25 feet.

A member of the madder family, it is also called West Indian milkberry, snakeroot, and Tears of St. Peter.

In the wild, it is found in pinelands, woodlands and coastal hammocks.

It sometimes takes an upright form but might be sprawling and vine-like, often crawling on other plants to reach sunlight.

The bark is yellowish gray and has cork deposits.

The opposite leaves are leathery in texture, smooth and shiny. Oval and one to four inches long, they bend into a slight V-shape at the mid-vein and

taper to a point.

Six to eight downward-drooping, bell-shaped flowers appear on one-sided panicles. They bloom throughout the year, turning from white to yellow.

Fragrant and five-petaled, the flowers are less than a half-inch long with protruding styles.

The clusters of white round fruit appear mostly in summer and fall. Each berry measures one-fourth to one-half an inch in diameter.

The contrast of the showy berries against the bright-green leaves is an outstanding ornamental feature.

The Latin name perfectly describes the plant's most distinctive feature: *Chiococca* means snowberry in Greek, and *alba* means white.

However, the reference to snow also applies to the fruit's fleshy pulp, which sparkles in the sun like snow crystals.

Snowberry is a moderate to fast grower and recommended for a natural garden or trellis plant.

It will grow in a variety of soils, even nutrient-poor soil, but must have

organic content to thrive. The soil should be moist but well-drained.

It prefers full sun and is very drought and salt tolerant.

Birds and other wildlife consume the fruit, and the scrambling foliage provides cover.

It is a larval host for the snowberry clearwing butterflies, possibly an alternate host for the endangered Miami blue butterfly, and is a nectar source for Julia butterflies.

Propagate it with the seeds.

It is used medicinally as a treatment for edema and for tuberculosis.

Sources: *Coastal Hammock &*

Mangrove Guide by Danial Austin et al.; *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer; *500 Plants of South Florida* by Julia F. Morton; *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau; *Growing Native* by Richard W. Workman; *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell; *The Shrubs and Woody Vines of Florida* by Gil Nelson; *Trees of Everglades National Park* by George B. Stevenson; www.fnps.org; www.plantbook.org; www.regionalconservation.org; and www.wildflower.org.

*Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.**

What To Wear On The Water

by Kealy McNeal

Winter in Florida is here, and temperatures can range from the low 40s to the upper 80s. If you are planning to head out on the water, it is important to dress appropriately.

You should take into account two factors – water and air temperature. To stay safe and comfortable, dress for both. A 70-degree day might feel great on land, but as soon as you get a bit wet, you will feel cold. And if you end up in the water, shock and hypothermia can become serious concerns. Your body can lose heat up to 25 times faster in cold water than in cold air. Also remember that smaller people lose heat faster, so if you're paddling with kids, make sure they are prepared for the conditions.

On a warm day, you might be very happy in your swimsuit, but if the weather changes, cold becomes a threat. That's why smart paddlers bring extra layers no matter how nice the weather seems to be.



Layering means bringing two types of clothing – insulation and a shell. For your insulation, bring synthetic base layers and fleece, depending on how cold you think it might get. Just make sure you're not counting on anything cotton to keep you warm, because wet cotton can actually speed heat loss. Synthetic and wool clothing will continue to keep you warm even if it gets wet. Keep those extra layers dry by carrying them in a dry bag. The most basic dry bags are very inexpensive and worth their weight in gold when you have a warm, dry layer to put on.

Remember, it's often windier and cooler on the water than it is on land. And, of course, you're probably going to get splashed when you're paddling. This is where your shell layer comes in handy by offering protection from wind and water. It could be as simple as a classic rain slicker, or as high-tech as a waterproof, breathable jacket designed specifically for paddling. It may even be necessary to bring a dry suit or dry top if the water or air is especially cold. Your local paddling shop should be able to help you choose the perfect gear for your paddling lifestyle.

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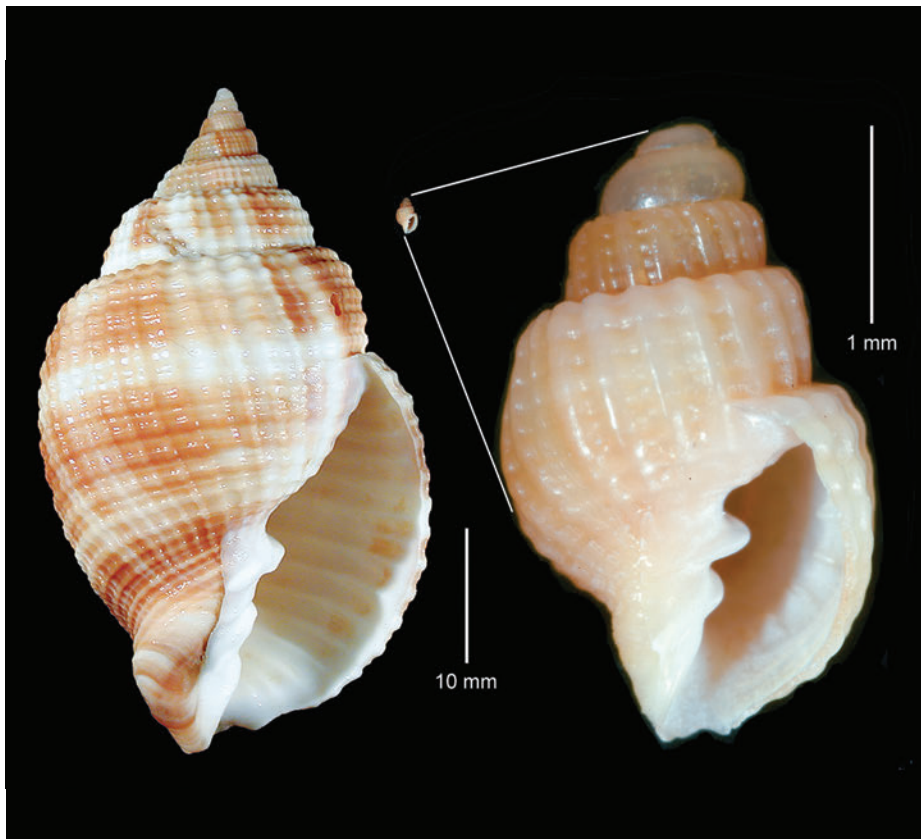
Young Nutmeg



by José H. Leal,
PhD, Bailey-
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On July 25,
2014, I
presented
the Common
Nutmeg,
Cancellaria

reticulata (Linnaeus, 1767), including a photo of the live snail. Today, I want to show a young, or juvenile, shell of that species. After settling to the bottom (in the case of mollusks with a planktonic, free-living larva) or hatching from an egg capsule (when there is no planktonic larval stage), young marine snails generally resemble pretty much adults of their species, though sometimes with different proportions, colors, or shell textures. The illustration shows, on left, a 50 mm (about 2 inches) adult nutmeg; on top-center, rendered at the same scale as the adult shell on left, a 3 mm (0.12 inch) juvenile (collected by Kimberly Nealon on Captiva); and, on right, a magnified version of the young shell. In the magnified version, the protoconch, or larval shell, can be seen on top of the juvenile shell. Learn more about this species and other local mollusks at www.shellmuseum.org/southwest-florida-shells and www.shellmuseum.org/blog.



The Common Nutmeg, *Cancellaria reticulata*: adult (left) and young (center and right) shells from Sanibel

photo by José H. Leal

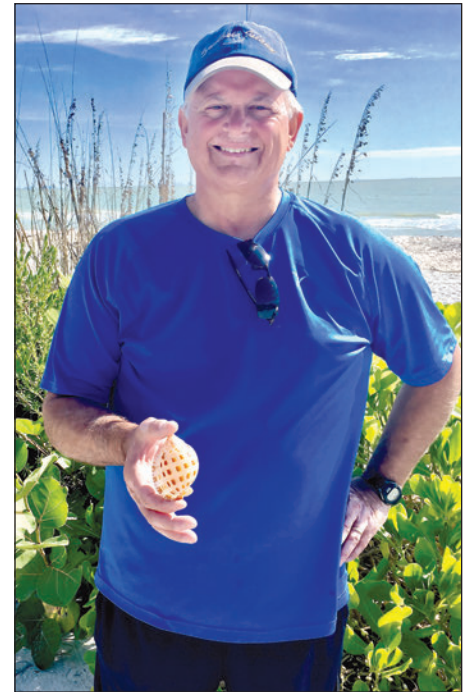
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Shell Found



Bob J. Stutzman

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Bob J. Stutzman, visiting from Naperville, Illinois, found a Scotch bonnet on the beach between Moonshadows and Sundial East while staying at Beachview Estates on December 11. He said, "We honeymooned on Sanibel at the Moorings in 1979. We've vacationed many times on Sanibel and have never seen a Scotch bonnet this large."✱✱



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Shells Found



Julie and Duane Puckett

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Julie and Duane Puckett of Troy, Ohio found two junonias, eight Scotch bonnets and a number of other shells on December 11 near Ocean's Reach condominiums on Sanibel, where they were staying.✱

Reserve Early For Fundraising Gala At 'Ding' Darling

The 7th annual fundraiser for the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) will be held on Wednesday, February 13 at The Community House. This year's Go Wild for "Ding" – Call of the Osprey theme continues a series of bird-centric events to benefit the birds, other wildlife, land acquisition, and conservation and education efforts at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

"Osprey calls are a distinct audio feature at 'Ding' Darling," said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director. "They take on different characteristics when the birds of prey are acting territorial or merely communicating with a mate, which they are known to typically stick with for life. We pay homage to this majestic and fascinating refuge icon at this year's event."

"Seating is limited and we once again anticipate a sold-out crowd," said event committee member and DDWS President Mike Baldwin. "We encourage people to reserve early."

Attendance is by reservation only. Tickets are \$150 each. To receive an invitation, call 472-1100 ext. 239 or email dot@dingdarlingsociety.org. Or visit tinyurl.com/GoWild19 to register online. For more information, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/go-wild-for-ding.

Event sponsorships are available; for more information, contact Miller at 472-1100 ext. 4 or director@

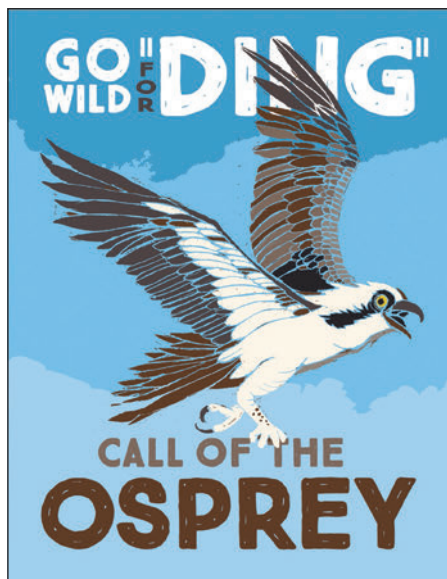


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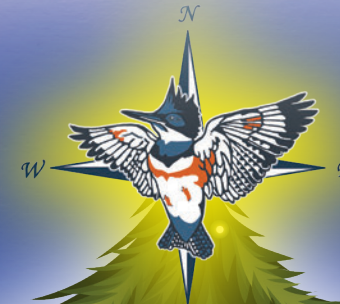
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Change Your Mindset



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Cold fronts have continued to roll through, keeping conditions cooler than normal and making it feel like winter though the official start of winter is just

now here. Fishing during the cooler periods requires both a change of bait, technique and mind set. Sheepshead, black drum and redfish have become the daily targeted species until the water temperature rises. No matter how badly you want to catch snook, it can be pretty futile during the coldest periods.

We are certainly used to fishing between the passing of cold fronts, though this year the timing on these has been much closer together than usual thus not allowing water temperatures to rebound. The winter standby of fishing chunks of fresh shrimp on a jighead low and slow has become my daily technique to catch lots of fish along with some larger pleasant surprises.

Sheepshead fishing is going really well with lots of these fish being caught all over the region including structures on the beaches, in through all our local passes and back into the mangrove creeks. Each passing cold front brings another wave of these fish in from the

gulf. With redfish closed to harvest and sea trout being close to gone from the southern sound, these sheepshead are plentiful and make clients who are looking for a fresh fish dinner happy.

Some of the places I have been catching sheepshead have also been producing both redfish and black drum. This week, while fishing docks around the passes, we also caught a few 30-inch redfish along with black drum of all sizes with the largest measuring 24 inches. These bigger-than-expected fish are a real battle on the light 2500 series spinning gear. Many of the mangrove shorelines and points that hold sheepshead have also had lots of rat redfish between 16 to 20 inches. Its great to see so many juvenile redfish around.

A drawback of sheepshead fishing around the passes is how aggressive some dolphins have become. At times, it's impossible to land or release a fish without a dolphin charging in and getting a free meal. Do your best to release your fish so the dolphins don't get them. Often this means throwing the released fish up to the shoreline or dock so it has a chance of survival. Some times, the only option is to move no matter how good the fishing is. Although people think it's cute to feed these dolphins, it is not only illegal but dolphins quickly learn this behavior and become a nuisance.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions, email captmattmitchell@aol.com.✱



Scott Faircloth from Lake Placid with a 30-inch redfish caught while sheepshead fishing in the passes with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week photo provided

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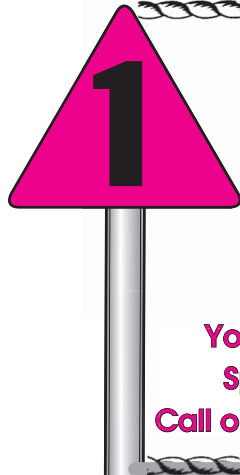


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CROW Case Of The Week:

Red-shouldered Hawk



by Bob Petcher

The red-shouldered hawk (*Buteo lineatus*) preys on mostly small mammals, amphibians, lizards and snakes or even birds such as sparrows, doves and starlings. These forest raptors hunt from perches by remaining silent until they descend swiftly, effortlessly and snatch up their target.

At CROW, a red-shouldered hawk was admitted from Captiva Island near Blind Pass. The hawk was found down on the ground in the bushes. During its intake exam, veterinarians did not find any overt signs of trauma, but noted the hawk to have a depressed mentation and that it was severely dehydrated. A sample of its blood was tested and revealed that the bird was also very anemic.

"This red-shouldered hawk was found down, cold and dull. The bird had severe anemia, meaning very low red blood cell levels, and this explains the patient's condition on presentation. When a bird or any animal has a severe anemia, the causes can be broken down into a few broad categories, including blood loss, blood destruction and poor blood production," said Dr. Kyle Abbott, CROW veterinary intern. "In this hawk's case, the most likely causes would be reasons for blood loss. Blood destruction is unlikely as we do not often see diseases that cause that in wild animals. Poor blood production is a possibility in any animal affected by chronic or body-wide disease, but this was unlikely in this hawk's case as he had a good body condition. Causes of blood loss that we are considering are anticoagulant rodenticides and trauma causing bleeding. For this hawk, an anticoagulant rodenticide seems like the most likely cause after it had



Patient #18-4536 has rebounded from an anemic state

photo by Brian Bohman

prolonged blood clotting times after blood draws."

Dr. Abbott further explained the pesticide thought to be the factor in this case.

"Anticoagulant rodenticides are used to kill rodents by preventing normal blood clotting. The anticoagulant affects enzymes that allow the body to recycle vitamin K, which is used to make blood clotting agents in the body, and ultimately results in inappropriate bleeding even without trauma," he said. "This can affect raptors as they can absorb these rodenticides from prey that

they would normally be eating. When we see patients, like this hawk, it is a reminder that rodenticides inevitably become problems for wildlife beyond the intended rodent targets."

After the hawk was placed in an oxygen chamber and given fluid therapy to maintain hydration, it was given a blood transfusion with blood donated from Talon, a red-tailed hawk Animal Ambassador at CROW.

"We often perform blood transfusions on our patients who are severely anemic. When we can, we use our animal ambassadors as blood donors. However, when performing blood transfusions we try and use animals as closely related to the recipient as possible," said Dr. Abbott. "For the past few months, many of our blood transfusions have been on sea birds, many of them affected by red tide. We do not have any sea bird animal ambassadors and, therefore, we will use other sea bird patients close to release as blood donors. When we have raptors, as in the case of this hawk, then we will use our raptor ambassadors."

After a few days of recovery the hawk has shown signs of improvement and has been moved from the oxygen chamber to a normal ICU enclosure.

"The hawk is doing very well after the therapies given to correct the anemia as well as continued therapies to treat for the suspected rodenticide toxicosis," added Dr. Abbott. "To treat the rodenticide toxicosis, this hawk is on vitamin K supplementation. The hawk continues to have difficulties with blood clotting, and the plan is to continue with the vitamin K treatment for a few weeks until the rodenticide has been cleared from the body and the hawk can produce normal vitamin K function for itself."

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our local area. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit www.crowclinic.org.✽

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CROW Calendar Of Events

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) has specialty programs available for residents and visitors. Meet the staff and learn what it takes to rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife in Southwest Florida.

For reservations, contact the Visitor Education Center at 472-3644 ext. 229 or reservations@crowclinic.org. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Daily presentations are offered at 11 a.m. only. Wildlife Walk hospital tours are offered on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The Visitor Education Center will close at noon on Christmas Eve and remain closed through Christmas Day, reopening at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 26.

Friday, December 21, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff (hospital tour).

Wildlife Walks are approximately 1.5 hours: a 45-minute presentation with a 45-minute tour. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity following the tour with an animal ambassador.

Friday, December 21, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Wildlife Rescue 101 (daily presentation).



Have you ever come across wildlife in "distress" but did not know the appropriate steps to help? Florida is home to more than 700 terrestrial animals and other invertebrates, and they all depend on our sustainable recreational practices to survive. From posturing to vocalizations, animals communicate in a variety of ways and, at times, indicate their need for human assistance. Whether it is deterring visitors from feeding birds on the beach or detaching a pelican from fishing line in the mangroves, this program will cover wildlife rescue assessment as well as handling techniques.

Monday, December 24, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – CROW Case of the Week (daily presentation).

CROW's teaching hospital offers externship, fellowship and internship opportunities for natural science and veterinary medicine students. While on site, students learn the ins and outs

of conservation medicine and wildlife rehabilitation, and share their favorite patient stories. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

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Thursday, December 27, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Patient Profiles: Owls of Southwest Florida (daily presentation).

Raptors are birds that prey on other animals in the wild to survive. Their specialized beaks and talons make them some of the most effective hunters. This presentation discusses the unique adaptations of the native and migratory raptors of Florida, specifically the five species of nocturnal hunters known as owls. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.✴

American Legion Post 123

American Legion Post 123 is serving barbecued ribs and chicken on Sunday, December 23 from noon to 8 p.m. A prime rib dinner will be served on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25 from noon to 8 p.m.

There is collection under way for non-perishable food items for FISH of SanCap. Drop off during regular operating hours.

On Tuesdays, tacos are served all day. Spaghetti and meatballs are served all day on Wednesday. On Fridays, a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich is on the menu. There are daily specials as well as half-pound burgers. Food is served from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Every Monday night beginning at 5 p.m., the 8 Ball Pool League is in play.

If you have a flag that needs to be retired, drop it off at Post 123.

American Legion Post 123, located at Mile Marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road, is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call 472-9979.✴



Sea School Offers Free Beach Walks

Sanibel Sea School will offer two free guided beach walks during the month of December. The organization's marine science educators will lead walks on Saturday, December 22 and Saturday, December 29 from 9 to 11 a.m. to explore what has washed ashore. They will talk about any interesting organisms and objects found on the beach, share some basic shell biology and answer any questions you might have.

Meet at Sanibel Sea School's flagship campus, located at 455 Periwinkle Way, at 9 a.m. These walks are free and family-friendly; no reservations required.

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Shells Found



Aimee Beaver

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Aimee Beaver from Ringtown, Pennsylvania found two alphabet cones, a Scotch bonnet and a rare colored shark's eye moon snail on December 3 and 4 at Lighthouse Beach. "My mom and I also found two dozen king's crown shells along with a large amount of tulips and lightning whelks," said Beaver. "I found a junonia last year, but I think the rare moon snail may be the favorite in my collection now."☆☆

Shell Found



Ginger Saunders

photo provided

Ginger Saunders, visiting Sanibel for the first time from Perry Hall, Maryland, found a junonia on December 10 near Sundial Beach Resort and Spa.☆☆

Shell Found



Shaleena Bonjour

photo by A. Ziehl

Shaleena Bonjour, visiting from Oak Hills, California, found a junonia north of Turner Beach while staying at West Wind Inn on December 11.☆☆

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4 Key limes, 2 zested and 2 sliced thin
2½ cups sugar
1 cup plain (whole fat) Greek yogurt
1 stick unsalted butter, softened
6 eggs, room temperature
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
3 cups all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon baking soda
Pinch of sea salt

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Zest 1 orange, 1 grapefruit and 2 Key limes into a small bowl and set aside. Slice the other half of the citrus into thin rounds and set aside. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light, fluffy, and pale yellow in color. Add vanilla and eggs one at a time, blending thoroughly after each egg. In a separate bowl combine the flour, baking soda, and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the creamed mixture, alternating with the



Citrus and Yogurt Cake

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

yogurt. Mix until combined, being careful not to over-work the batter. Gently fold in the citrus zest. Pour into a well-oiled bundt pan or two loaf pans. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 30 minutes.

Using a plate or cake stand, place the sliced citrus around the outer edges, overlapping as you go. Gently unmold the cake and place on top of the sliced citrus. Serve warm or room temperature.✱

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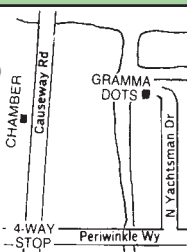
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The City of Sanibel elves have the perfect holiday gifts for family and friends photo provided

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Band Of Brothers

Zachary; and Alex, a champion fiddler who has toured with recording artist Chris Cagle, actor and singer Kevin Costner and, most recently, Mexican guitarist Miguel De Hoyos. Their combined credits include Grammy nominations, concertmaster positions, top teaching gigs and national touring with John Williams' *Star Wars* National Tour Concert Orchestra (Wallace Jr.).

The brothers' original Florida tie started with their paternal grandmother, who lived in Englewood from the late 1970s and throughout the '80s. “We’d come here at Christmas every year,” said DePue. Further incentive to relocate from Philadelphia was a good friend from elementary school who moved to Fort Myers in 2006.

DePue played his first recital at a church bazaar in rural Bowling Green, Ohio, when he was 7. His father played piano. The DePue Family Band had its first gigs in 1979, and included Wallace's mom, pianist Linda Kallman DePue, until she died in a car accident in 1986. Wallace DePue Sr. is now retired but still composes every day, his son said.

The brothers all principally learned to play violin. They were taught by university professors, but their father was the musical taskmaster. “Every day my dad would come home (from teaching at the university) and say, ‘Did you get your time in?’” DePue said. They were expected to practice two hours a day and there was never any question that they’d

obey dad's edict.

They all eventually played multiple instruments, Wallace, guitar; Alex, bass guitar; Jason, mandolin and bass vocals; and Zachary, mainly violin but also vocal harmonies.

Although the brothers are scattered throughout the country, they collaborate online and send MP3s back and forth. “We can’t play simultaneous that way,” DePue said, “but we’ll take turns and play something and say, ‘Hey, what do you think of this?’” And that suffices until they are together to rehearse.

What they play in concert is an assortment of genres, the set list being “what four neurotic musicians” can agree upon, DePue said, admitting that “It’s sometimes hard to treat each other as adult professionals” and not slip into boyhood roles.

But they make it work, playing what DePue defines as “grassical” music – a combination of bluegrass and classical that on one stage can have them playing *Orange Blossom Special*, *The Devil Went Down to Georgia*, *Little Brown Jug Theme and Variations* and a composition based on *Owner of a Lonely Heart*, a song by the rock band Yes.

“Our concerts are not monotonous,” DePue said. “We keep our audiences on the edge of their chairs.”

The brothers will be joined at BIG ARTS by drummer Don Liuzzi, principal timpani with the Philadelphia Orchestra, and banjo player Mike Munford.

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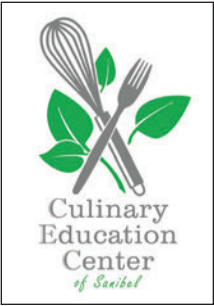
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The Community House

The Tangerine



by Resident Chef Jarred Harris

During the months of December, January and February, tangerines are abundant in our grocery stores and farmers markets. Tangerines are much smaller than other citrus fruits and are known by their reddish orange peel and also their slightly flattened shape. These delicious little oranges are actually a variety of Mandarin orange which is native to Southeastern Asia and cultivated there for over 4,000 years.

The name “tangerine” originates from the port where this awesome little fruit was originally shipped from; Tangier, in Morocco.

The first tangerines were brought to America during the early 1800s by Italians. Tangerine trees were planted on the grounds surrounding the Italian consulate in New Orleans and shortly after, the tangerine was taken to Florida, where it became a commercial

crop like other citrus fruits. Tangerines were first grown and cultivated in Palatka, Florida by Major Atway, who sold his groves to NH Moragne during the late 1800s, giving the Moragne tangerine its name.

Florida is the biggest producer of tangerines in the United States today and there are several varieties produced here that are in worldwide production. These include the honey tangerine, the Robinson tangerine and the sunburst tangerine.

Tangerines contain the same nutritional value as an orange, however, tangerines contain higher levels of vitamins A, B6 and phytonutrients, which can protect cells from damage, lower the risk of cardiovascular disease and lower blood pressure.

Here is a simple delicious recipe to try over the holidays:

Chocolate and Tangerine Tart

- Ingredients
- Crust
 - 26 Oreo cookies (chocolate)
 - 2 tangerines (zest removed)
 - 4 ozs. butter (melted)
 - Filling
 - 8 ozs. dark chocolate
 - 8 ozs. milk chocolate
 - 1 cup heavy cream
 - ½ cup butter (melted)
 - ¼ cup powdered sugar
 - 1 tsp. vanilla

Method

To make the crust: Place the Oreo cookies and tangerine zest in a food processor and pulse until finely ground. Transfer the crumbs into a bowl and

add the melted butter.

Mix until combined. Press crumb mixture in a pre-buttered 9-inch tart pan or six individual tartlet pans. Refrigerate for 15 minutes.

To make the filling: Place all the filling ingredients in a metal bowl. Place the bowl on top of a pan of simmering water. Stir until all ingredients are blended together. Pour the chocolate mixture into the tart shell and

refrigerate overnight or in the freezer for two hours. Garnish with tangerine segments and ice cream.

Resident Chef Jarred Harris heads the Culinary Education Center at The Community House on Sanibel. For volunteer opportunities or questions, contact him at kitchen@sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.✪

Seafood And Music Festival Set For River District

The inaugural Fort Myers Seafood & Music Festival will bring a unique blending of seafood and music, seasoned with a small marketplace of arts, crafts and select fine products to the River District on Friday, January 4 from 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, January 5 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, January 6 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

General admission is free. VIP tent admission is \$75, which includes an open bar with staff serving premium drinks. The location of the tent provides optimal viewing of the live music performances.

All food (available at additional cost) will be cooked on-site by local restaurants and food purveyors,

incorporating fresh ingredients. Grouper, mahi mahi, stone crabs, oysters, shrimp and soft-shell crabs are used in preparation of the entrees with all the seafood ingredients being local, sustainable ocean resources from Florida’s coastal waters. A variety of vegetarian and rice dishes will also be offered. Alcoholic drinks (beer, wine and mixed-drinks) and non-alcoholic drinks (water, sodas and blended fruit drinks) will be available along with a variety of side dishes and dessert items.

While enjoying your meal, sit back and relax to musical entertainment consisting of live on-stage performances by creative and talented musicians from both the local and regional circuits. Genres of music will vary from soul, rock, R&B, jazz, reggae and Caribbean. Performers will soon be announced.

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Programs At Sanibel Public Library

As Sanibel Public Library continues the next phase of its remodel project, parts of the library are being renovated as the facility is open for normal operating hours.

Shell Islands Garden Club members donate their time and talent to add beauty to the library. In addition to their monthly floral display at the circulation desk, club members have also decorated a birdhouse-themed Christmas tree at the library.

The weekly children's schedule runs through January 24:

Geared specifically for children in fourth through sixth grade, the After-school Clique will meet on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. The group will be crafting, building, and playing, with books and a snack provided.

Storytime for preschoolers and their caregivers will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. This program helps develop pre-reading skills through songs and stories.

Holiday craft programs for children in kindergarten through sixth grade take place at 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 27 and January 3. Learn about books, create something new, plus a snack provided.

If you love dogs and books, you can read to Bessie, a bearded collie and trained reading education assistance



From left, Barb Wilgus, Nancy DeBenedictis, Kathy Veratti and Mimie DiRico of the Shell Islands Garden Club with their birdhouse-themed Christmas tree

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dog. At 3:45 p.m. on rain-free Thursday afternoons, sign up on-the-spot; program finishes by 5 p.m.

Weekly children's programs are listed on the library's online calendar. No registration is required for children's

weekly library programs.

The library will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday. The digital collection is available 24/7, through several e-reader apps; including

Hoopla for downloadable eBooks, movies, music, and audiobooks as well as Overdrive Libby. Downloadable magazines are available through the RB digital app. Library cardholders can also use the popular on-demand video streaming service Kanopy. The newest service allows users to download or stream millions of songs with the Freemusic app.

On Friday, December 28, experience the *Apollo 11* Lunar Mission in Virtual Reality, a recreation of the events which took place in the summer of 1969. Registration is required due to session length. This 10- to 20-minute VR experience is for ages 10 and older. Call 472-2483 to set up a time between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The library will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1 for the New Year's holiday.

This season's Author Series begins with Hampton Sides, bestselling author of *On Desperate Ground: The Marines at The Reservoir, the Korean War's Greatest Battle*. Sides will speak at Sanibel Public Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 31. Online ticket requests begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, and will be accepted for 24 hours. To submit your ticket request, go to the homepage of the library's website.

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Book Review

The Perfect Couple



by Di Saggau
Elin Hilderbrand's fans get a twist with her new book *The Perfect Couple*. Known for her Nantucket-based novels, this one dives into a new genre, murder. On *CBS This Morning*,

Hilderbrand said "It is my 21st book, and I was looking for some new material and I thought to myself, 'I'm going to try to write a murder.'" She succeeds with a clever whodunit that begins with a wedding on Nantucket that is canceled when the bride finds her maid of honor floating facedown in the Atlantic on the morning of the big day. Up to this point, the perfect couple expected to have the perfect wedding.

The Otis-Winbury wedding was planned to be an event to remember. The groom's wealthy parents spared no expense to host a lavish affair at their oceanfront estate. Imagine finding La Prairie White Caviar Illuminating Moisturizing Cream in every guest room. It retails at over \$300 for a 1.7 oz jar. Their Island Fare clambake has three kinds of butter for the lobster and a sophisticated twist for every item. The

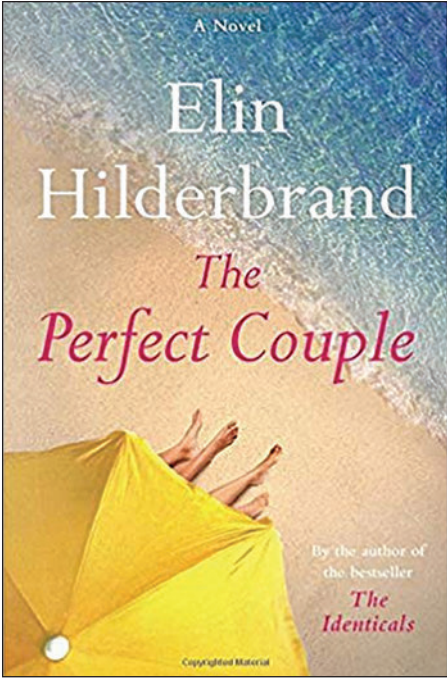


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sliced hothouse tomatoes drizzled with a thick, tangy blue cheese dressing and sprinkled with chopped green onions and crispy bacon, is something I plan to try. Unfortunately the whole affair is memorable for all the wrong reasons after a body is discovered and everyone in the wedding party is suddenly a suspect. There are many memorable characters. Greer Garrison, mother of the groom is a well-known novelist who can't find her muse. Her latest manuscript is about to be rejected. Hilderbrand also honors

the community of cancer survivors by creating a mother of the bride with Stage 4 cancer who lives an active and full life. *The Perfect Couple* delivers everything we expect, terrific clothes and food, smart humor and a great plot. The victim, Merritt Monaco, was an Instagram influencer and publicist for the Wildlife Conservation Society. The bride-to-be,

Celeste Otis, would rather be anywhere but on the beautiful isle of Nantucket, marrying the handsome, kind and utterly smitten Benji Winbury. You'll love the relationships in this novel, including that between the chief of police and his wife. *The Perfect Couple* made the best seller list for good reason. I suggest you pick up a copy.✧

School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Readers, As you know, our children from kindergarten to college are experiencing stress at record levels that are often destructive for them. This is a

problem that we as parents must help our kids handle, and it can be difficult to do. I'm passing along a kindness practice for families developed by a psychologist, Dr. Christopher Willard, who helps kids and their families deal with stress.

Dr. Willard reported that recent research indicated that of 10,000 middle and high school students surveyed, 80 percent reported personal achievement was more important to them than caring for other people and that empathy in young people had declined. Two causes emerged for this decline of empathy and compassion for others: too much screen time and too much stress.

Dr. Willard says that, "It's neurologically impossible to be both stressed out and really loving and kind at the same time." The hormone oxytocin, responsible for connecting and bonding us to our kids, giving us that warm, fuzzy feeling during caregiving, works on the same receptors in the brain as cortisol, the stress hormone. And therein lies the tension: It's neurologically impossible to be both stressed out and really loving and kind at the same time."

Given that, he advocates for teaching kids mindful, kind practices that help to increase one's capacity for compassion and empathy. Below is a simple practice that you can use with your children, either individually or as a family.

"This is an informal mindfulness practice; the kind wishes practice that you can do with your family. It's the basis of most compassion and empathy training. You can do this practice on birthdays, or when other opportunities to make wishes come around. You can also use this practice to wind down before bed.

"To begin, find a comfortable sitting position. You can even place a hand on the heart. Allow your eyes to close or lower your gaze toward the floor.

"Bring to mind someone who you really respect and look up to, and who really loves you in return. Notice how you feel as you bring this person to mind.

"Make a kind wish and send it their way. What would make them happy?" "Next, bring to mind someone else

you love and care about: A family member, a friend, a beloved colleague. Just bring this person to mind, sending this person a kind wish.

"We'll move from here to a more neutral person – perhaps someone you don't know very well – (like) a parent you see occasionally in the pick-up line, a person who delivers your mail, or makes your coffee in the morning. Just bring this person to mind and imagine yourself sending them some kind of kind wish.

"Lastly, bring to mind someone who has frustrated you lately, someone who is a little difficult. Send this last person a kind wish – something nice for them in their life.

"Check in with your mind and body as you conclude this practice. Allow your eyes to open if they've been closed. Notice if there's any shift".

Dr. Willard has this salient message for parents: "We don't have to be perfectly loving beings at all times. We don't have the psychological, financial, or genetic resources to literally treat everyone as we treat our own child – let alone treat our own child as we'd always like to. Instead, we strive to do our best and aim for that middle path: loving, caring and acts of kindness because compassion, and even self-compassion, runs in families. I encourage you to find ways to practice compassion. What you do now will make a difference for future generations"

Shelley Gregg is adjunct faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also a nationally certified school psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.✧

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Becoming* by Michelle Obama
 2. *Fifth Risk* by Michael Lewis
 3. *Ninth Hour* by Alice McDermott
 4. *One Day in December* by Josie Silver
 5. *Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah
 6. *Target Alex Cross* by James Patterson
 7. *Past Tense* by Lee Child
 8. *All the Best, George Bush: My Life in Letters and Other Writings* by George HW Bush
 9. *Whiskey in a Teacup* by Reese Witherspoon
 10. *Breakdown* by BA Paris
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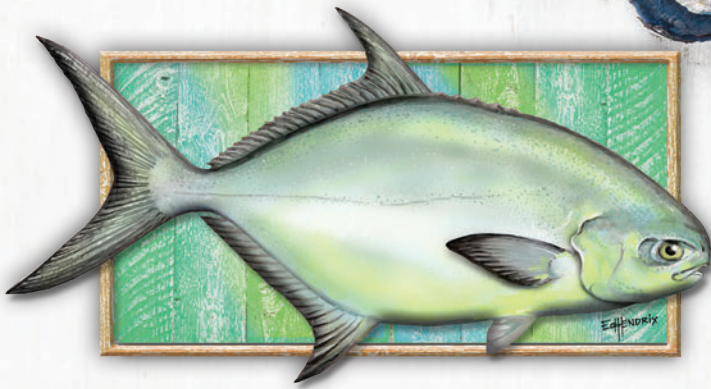
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January Programs At Captiva Library

The Captiva Memorial Library is offering the following free programs for adults and children in January. Normal operating hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adult Programs

Checkers – January 2 to 31. Available during normal operating hours. Play classic checkers or try other versions such as Fox and Geese, Give Away, Shifting Pyramids, Corner Checkers or Goban. Instructions included. Alternatively, reverse the field and play Tic-Tac-Toe or Super Tic-Tac-Toe.

Coloring for Grown-ups – January 2 to 31. Available during normal operating hours. The repetitive motion involved in coloring has a calming effect and adults have found this childhood activity a refreshing way to reduce anxiety, create focus or bring about more mindfulness. Participants may bring their own materials or use those provided.

Great American Composers Presented by Dave DeLuca – Wednesday, January 9 at 3 p.m. This sampler program presents a handful of songs from each of the Great American Composers: Harold Arlen, the Gershwins, Irving Berlin, Rodgers Hart, Cole Porter, Harry Warren and Johnny Mercer. Sponsored by the Captiva Memorial Library Board.

Registration is required.

Creative on Captiva Presented by Linda Benson, Pen & Ink Drawing: Tropical Birds – Wednesday, January 23 at 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their own sketchbook and black art pen but a mini six-page workbook and black sharpie with appropriate handouts will be provided. Sponsored by Captiva Memorial Library Board. Registration is required.

Alligators, Sharks & Panthers or How to Avoid Being Eaten – Wednesday, January 30 at 3 p.m. Based on his book *Alligators, Sharks, Panthers: Deadly Encounters with Florida's Top Predator* – Man, Charles Sobczak combines his unique sense of eco-humor with deadly serious science to explore how humans can avoid putting themselves in harm's way. He will also explain how statistically unlikely it is to be attacked by any of these creatures. Registration is required.

Children's Programs

Wonderful Wintertime – January 4 to 12. Available during normal operating hours. Browse the wintertime activities book display and make snow people out of paper doilies.

It is Snowing – January 15 to 19. Available during normal operating hours. Browse the book display about snow and experience the snow playdough sensory bin.

Animals in Winter – January 22 to 26. Available during normal operating hours. Browse the book display about animal winter survival methods and make a snowy owl.

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BIG ARTS Corner

Workshops And Seminars

BIG ARTS is offering the following workshops and seminars.

Experimental Mixed Media with Bea Pappas – Wednesdays, January 2 to 23, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open Studio: Decorative Painting, with Sally Parsons – Wednesdays, January 2 to March 27, 9:30 a.m. to noon (will not meet January 16, February 20 or 27).

Experimental Mixed Media with Bea Pappas – Thursdays, January 3 to 24, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Photography, Beginner, with Denny Souers – Thursdays, January 3 to 24. First class runs from 9 a.m. to noon, following classes run from 7 a.m. to noon.

Intermediate Tap with Bobby Logue – Fridays, January 4 to 25, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Hip Hop/Jazz with Bobby Logue

– Fridays, January 4 to 25, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Life Drawing, Open Studio, Non-Instructed with Carol Rosenberg – Fridays, January 4 to 25, 9:30 a.m. to noon or 12:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Paint with Friends, Open Studio, with Jane Hudson – Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m.

Call 395-0900 or stop by the BIG ARTS Center at 900 Dunlop Road to enroll. Preregistration is recommended. For complete course descriptions and the full season's workshops and class schedules, visit www.bigarts.org/workshops, or email info@bigarts.org.✱

Continental Women's Club Luncheon

The Continental Women's Club will hold a luncheon meeting, entitled Seniors Versus Crime, at The Hideaway Country Club on Thursday, January 3 at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$22 and includes lunch.

Learn about this state of Florida project with the primary goal of reducing victimization of senior citizens who are often targeted for specific crimes based on their age.

Club members will hold their annual fundraising fashion show at Heritage Palms Golf & Country Club on March 18.

The Hideaway Country Club is located at 5670 Trailwinds Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, call 691-7561.✱

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Items available for purchase include fresh-picked produce, seafood, cheese, freshly-cut flowers, native plants, prepared foods, soaps, candles, smoothies and organic meats.

Confirmed vendors include:

Angelica Bakery

Bente Designs – handcrafted jewelry

Catherine's Art Corner – handmade pottery

Chef Robert's Mediterranean Foods – hummus, baklava, olives and tapenade

Currie's BBQ – Barbecue prepared on-site

Dynasty Guacamole – guacamole and salsas made on-site

Ernesto and Luigi – sauces, lasagna, meatballs and sandwiches

Farmer Mike – fresh produce and flowers from Bonita Springs

Foot Spa – hand-loomed Turkish towels, blankets and robes

Heritage Honey – raw, local honey, including Captiva honey

Holi Cow – boho-chic handmade clothes

Island Seafood – Pine Island seafood vendor

Jimmy's Java – coffee

LuLa Bags – hand-loomed cotton boho-chic bags from Colombia

Madagascar Hats – hand woven sea grass hats from Madagascar

Moringa Tea – Moringa farmer who sells products made with Moringa

Mr. Fun Guy – organic mushroom farmer

Paradise Soap – handmade soaps, lotions and candles

Pasta Machine – fresh pastas and raviolis

Pilar's Empanadas – various freshly made empanadas

Savory Spoon – made-to-order grilled cheeses, waffles, smoothies and pressed juices

Steff and Andre – Tagua nut jewelry

Twelve Seasons Farm

Twisted Acres – decorative air plants

On Friday, December 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., just a few days before the opening day of the market, South Seas Island Resort will play host to the Captiva Island Art Walk. Taking place in the same location as the farmers market, those perusing the Art Walk will find pottery, handmade cards, paintings, hand-loomed Tunisian towels and bags, glass art, polymer clay jewelry, handmade hair accessories, hand-poured candles, tie-dyed clothes, aprons, aromatherapy bracelets, "upcycled" wooden jewelry and other unique items for sale.✽



A bicycle filled with fresh picks from the Captiva Island Farmers Market photo by Betsy Ventura

Tickets Available For Wine Tasting Friday Night

A limited number of tickets remain for the LUX Wines Tasting on Friday, December 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the The Community House.

The LUX Wines team brings American wine enthusiasts some of the world's most intriguing, sought-after and iconic wines. The wine list for the tasting is highlighted by Allegrini Palazzo Della Torre, made using an innovative take on the "ripasso" technique, and

Argiano Brunello, one of the world's most famous red wines. Guests will also sample several other luxury Italian wines including Pieropan Soave, Jermann Pinot Grigio, Renato Ratti Barolo and Poggio Al Tesoro Sondaia.

Hosted by Bailey's General Store, Johnson Brothers Liquors and LUX Wines, there will be light hors d'oeuvres, discussion by a wine industry expert and discounted wine prices. Tickets are \$10 per person and reservations can be made online at www.baileys-sanibel.com. For more information, contact Calli Johnson at cjohnson@baileys-sanibel.com.

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Artist Of The Month At Congregational Church

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Caldwell, a lifelong artist, said that her work has always taken on new dimensions as her surroundings have changed. Living in a tropical paradise entices her to “spend day after day sketching and painting the pristine beauty of a splendid environment.”

Seascapes and landscapes are her predominant themes. Caldwell works primarily in oils, and occasionally uses acrylics or watercolors. She delights in creating vivid, lifelike canvases that, she said, “capture not only the place, but the experience of being there.”

It is said that in looking at a CC Caldwell painting, you can feel the warmth of



CC Caldwell's vivid paintings will be on view at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ throughout December

the sun or the breeze that rustles the palm fronds or hear the lap of waves against the island beach.

Caldwell also does commission work for hospitals, medical offices and homes. She creates prints and greeting cards as well.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way. The paintings are for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the church. The exhibit may be seen during office hours when Fellowship Hall is not otherwise being used and on Sundays after the 7:45, 9 and 11 a.m. services.

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Community Housing and Resources (CHR) held a Give Back Wednesday fundraiser on December 12 at Dante's Coal Fired Pizza. Portions from the day's sale went to support the low cost housing program on Sanibel. In attendance were, from left, Doug and Sherry Gentry, Greg and Diane Cortese, and Jayne Lumley. The next Give Back Wednesday will be held on January 9 at Olde Sanibel Shoppes. photos provided



From left, Jean Baer, Karen Bell, Dan Schuyler, Frederic Sage and Melissa Rice

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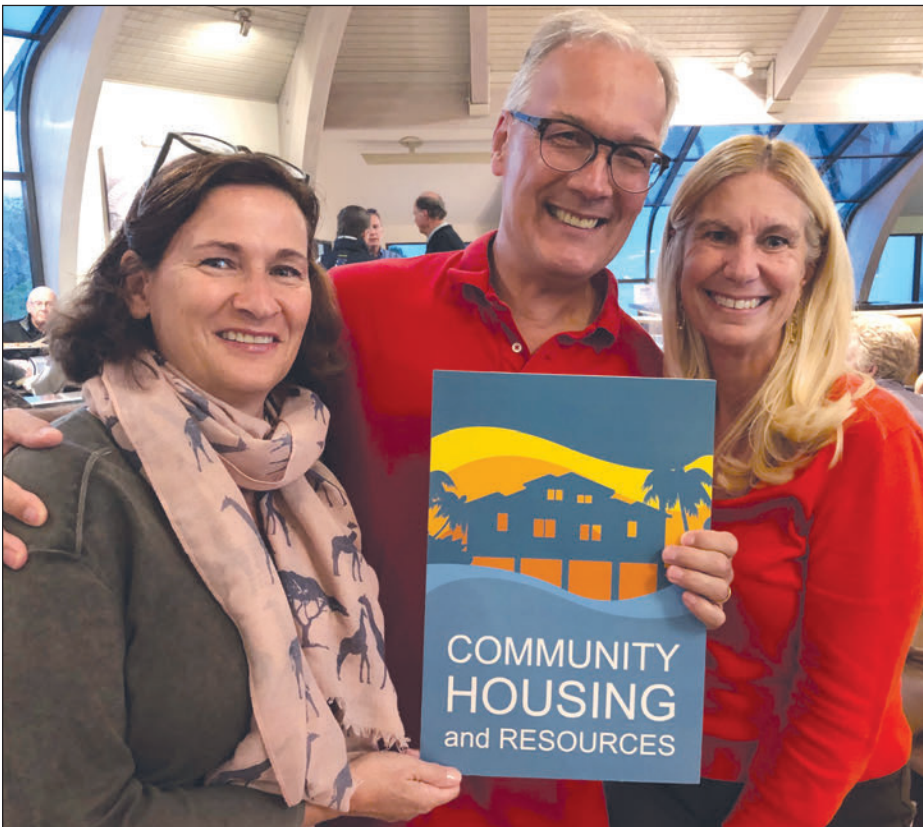
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Transition Going Smoothly For Foundation CEOs

by Jeff Lysiak

Back in October, when the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Board of Trustees announced that Ryan Orgera would be taking over as the organization's new chief executive officer, replacing longtime leader Erick Lindblad, the foundation's staff and supporters took a collective deep breath.

That's understandable, since Lindblad had served in that capacity – quite successfully – for more than three decades. Under his leadership, the foundation acquired more than 1,190 acres of wildlife preserve areas on and around Sanibel and Captiva. In recent years, SCCF completed a successful capital campaign to acquire and restore the Bailey Homestead Preserve, expanded the Native Landscapes & Garden Center, constructed a new,



Ryan Orgera, incoming CEO for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, with outgoing CEO Erick Lindblad

photo by Jeff Lysiak

state of the art marine laboratory and built additional intern/visiting scientist housing.

But after a long and exhaustive

search for Lindblad's successor, SCCF's governing board chose Orgera – a native of Southwest Florida – who will officially take over as the foundation's CEO on

January 2, 2019.

"The reality of retirement hasn't fully set in yet," said Lindblad, who came to SCCF in 1986 after serving as the director of Newfound Harbor Marine Institute at Seacamp on Big Pine Key, Florida. "Kristie Anders, who also worked at Seacamp, was working at the (JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife) refuge. She called and told me about the position here. And at the time, I didn't know Sanibel at all."

During his tenure, Lindblad coordinated and participated in land management activities, served on Conservation 20/20, Lee County's Conservation Land Acquisition and Stewardship Advisory Council and the Land Management Subcommittee. He also was appointed by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners to serve as the county's representative on the first Babcock Ranch, Inc. board.

In addition, he served on the board of the International Osprey Foundation, the Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association and the Babcock Preservation Partnership, the Technical

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The Algiers being towed by tugboat

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Historical Village Gala Highlights Famed Riverboat

The Sanibel Historical Village February 19 gala will highlight the interesting story of *The Algiers*, the riverboat that almost became Sanibel's first mansion. The theme is

An Evening on the Old *Algiers* and will take place at The Community House from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$135 each and can be purchased online at www.sanibelmuseum.org or by calling 472-4648.

It all began in 1925 in a Cincinnati shipyard where a workhorse boat was built to haul automobiles across the Mississippi. Named *The Algiers*, the boat had been a car ferry for 25 years



The Algiers prior to its demolition in 1982

until a wealthy Boston couple with a fondness for quirky fixer-uppers bought it at an auction in 1958.

Lathrop and Helen Brown brought the 155-foot boat to Sanibel in 1959 to the 25 beachfront acres they had bought after vacationing on the island. They were no ordinary vacationers, though, as Helen was a shipping heiress, and Lathrop was a New York congressman and Franklin D. Roosevelt's college

roommate and best man.

They gave the rather plain boat a glamorous makeover, retrofitting the exterior with antebellum trimmings, a huge paddle wheel, feathered smokestacks and vintage gingerbread. Inside, they created a palace with Italian terrazzo tiles, French marble countertops, and sinks inlaid with gold seahorses and gold-plated dolphin

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Members of the Wolanin family, from left, Victoria, Michael, Whitney, Jack, Illona and Vincent, taken at Christkindmarkt in Dresden, Germany

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by Jeff Lysiak

Applications for scholarship assistance are currently being accepted through the Rockin' Christmas Fund to help students who have suffered the sudden loss of a parent, impacting their ability to pay for college or university tuition.

Founded by Sanibel residents Vincent, Illona, Victoria and Whitney Wolanin, Rockin' Christmas Fund is a 501(c) nonprofit endowed fund, where 100 percent of all donations go towards the cause of helping students who suffered the unexpected sudden loss of a parent.

"Since the original funds were founded over 25 years ago, the funds have raised more than \$1,000,000 in scholarship and assistance money for college students and children," said Vincent Wolanin, who noted that in Florida, the fund has aided students attending Florida Gulf Coast University, Ave Maria University and the University of Florida. "The money we've raised helps high academic achievers who have been impacted by some sort of sudden tragedy in their lives."

Applicants should email the required information in a letter to be considered via email to scholarships@rockinchristmas.com.



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net or by postal mail to Rockin' Christmas Fund, P.O. Box 1515, Sanibel, FL 33957-1515. The following information should be provided:

The story and circumstances behind the financial need;

The school being attended, grade point average (GPA), major, expected year of graduation;

Extracurricular activities at school or in the community;

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To make a donation to the fund, mail a check to Rockin' Christmas Fund, P.O. Box 1515, Sanibel, FL 33957-1515.

All donations are tax deductible, and the Wolanin family and Wolanin affiliated companies match all donations, thereby doubling all donation two times.*

board_answer/attachment/50844/Planning_Commission_Legislation.pdf to review the City of Sanibel Charter Section 3.16 applicable to the planning commission and the relevant code.

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The deadline for submission is noon on Wednesday, January 2. If you have any questions, call 472-3700.*

Planning Commission Positions Open

Sanibel City Council is currently accepting applications to fill two planning commission seats: one seat is a full-term appointment commencing January 15, 2019 and expiring January 10, 2022; and the second is a partial term appointment beginning January 15, 2019 and expiring January 12, 2021.

Responsibilities include attending commission meetings held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 9 a.m. at Sanibel City Hall, located at 800 Dunlop Road.

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Hospital Receives Donation Of Children’s Books

On December 12, author Dan Perkins of Sanibel and Admiral Scott Logan donated 2,000 copies of the new book, titled *Timmy and the Little Red Wagon*, to Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida. The Logan Family Foundation funded the printing of the book.

The hospital has a library and book give-away program for children during their stay. The books help give children a break from boredom and provide a pleasant distraction – and the patients can take them home when they are discharged.

“It’s our goal that every child who is admitted to the hospital will receive a copy of this book,” said Perkins.

To learn more about *Timmy and the Little Red Wagon* or how you can support Golisano Children’s Hospital, contact Jeff Muddell at jeff.muddell@leehealth.org.



A donation of 2,000 storybooks was delivered to the children’s hospital last week

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Foundation CEOs

Advisory Committee of the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program as well as various City of Sanibel committees.

Of the work he completed as CEO for the past 32 years, Lindblad pointed to the amount of land that will be preserved on the islands as the accomplishment he is most proud of.

“I’m blessed to have worked with such a dedicated board and passionate staff,” he said. “Even though I’ll be retired, I still plan on staying in communication with Ryan and the staff as needed. I’m not fully closing that door.”

However, he also reiterated that in his mind and in his heart, it was time to retire.

“I’ve been telling people that I’ve got this formula: 66-32-5,” explained Lindblad. “What that means is I’m 66 years old, I’ve been working at this job for 32 years, and I’ve got five grandsons that Ellen and I want to spend time with.”

Since the start of November, Orgera has been working alongside Lindblad, learning the ropes of his new position while observing his predecessor’s day-to-day routine.

“The amount of respect (Lindblad) has for this community is something I aspire to,” said Orgera, who grew up on Lemon Bay in Charlotte County. “I’m incredibly excited to come home to Southwest Florida.”

Orgera holds a bachelor’s and master’s degree in romance languages and literatures from the University of South Florida and a PhD in geography and environmental sciences from

Louisiana State University. Before becoming a conservationist, he taught French and Italian at the university level.

Before starting with SCCF, Orgera worked on the Ending Illegal Fishing Project and Global Shark Conservation teams with The Pew Charitable Trusts. He is also a member of the Federal Marine Protected Area Advisory Committee, which advises the U.S. Secretaries of Commerce and Interior.

In the six-plus weeks since he began working at the foundation, Orgera has developed an instant love for the islands. “This is probably the most welcoming place I’ve ever been,” he said. From the beginning, it’s incredibly obvious that (SCCF) is an extraordinary institute. For being such a small size, their accomplishments are second to none. I think that’s a testament to both the staff’s dedication and Erick’s leadership.”

Speaking about his short-term and long-term goals, Orgera explained that he would like to see SCCF continue to be devoted stewards of land conservation.

“I’m still getting to know the staff and learn from them what’s made the foundation so successful over the years,” he added. “But one thing I really want to do... we have to find a way to ‘move the needle’ when it comes to promoting water quality. That’s a big problem right now.”

Lindblad expressed confidence in Orgera attaining his goals.

“The board and search committee did a terrific job in finding Ryan, and I’ve really enjoyed working side-by-side with him,” said Lindblad. “He has the knowledge, passion and sense of humor it takes to do a great job here.”



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Island Seniors, Inc. offers a thank you everyone who generously donated to the Trash & Treasures Sale in November. Thanks, too, to all the volunteers who helped advertise, price items, work the event and assisted in clean up. It was another successful sale. More than \$8,000 was raised to help underwrite events, purchase kayaking equipment and assist in maintaining quality programs. For more information about Island Seniors, Inc. membership or activities at the Center 4 Life, call 472-5743 or stop by the center, located at 2401 Library Way on Sanibel.✱

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Members of Island Seniors at last month's Trash & Treasures Sale

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Current Events
Annual Seminar



Dick Pyle



Dr. Larry Davidson

The Current Events annual seminar will be held on Tuesday, January 8 from 10 a.m. to noon in Phillips Gallery at BIG ARTS. The topic, Outlook for the Economy, will be presented by the following speakers:

Dick Pyle, president of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company – Pyle has been a member of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Asset Management Committee since 2003. His 47 years of investment research and portfolio management experience includes being co-founder, director, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Winslow Capital Management, Inc. in Minneapolis from 1992 to 2003. From 1982 to 1992, he served as managing director and research analyst at Piper Jaffray in Minneapolis. The discussion will lead off with a summary of his company's forecast for economic growth in 2018.

Dr. Larry Davidson, professor emeritus of business economics and public policy at Indiana University – Dr. Davidson's research interests focus on the measurement and impacts of globalization. He has a blog and regularly comments on economic policy. Dr. Davidson has conducted courses in economics at the

BIG ARTS Winter Academy for the last seven years. He will comment on the forecasts and the effects of monetary and fiscal policy and trade negotiations on the economy.

Dr. David Blanchflower, labour economist and professor of economics at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire – Dr. Blanchflower is also a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He was an external member of the monetary policy committee of the Bank of England from June 2006 to May 2009. He now lives on Sanibel. Last year, he suggested that a recession might occur within two years; by the end of 2019. Dr. Blanchflower believes there is considerable underemployment in the United States and that things are not going as well as they appear for workers, and that expansionary fiscal and monetary policies (including interest rate restraint) are still appropriate. His new book, *Not working: Where have all the good jobs gone?* comes out in June of 2019.

A \$10 contribution at the door is suggested. Attendees are asked to arrive by 9:45 a.m. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.✱

Pet Safety
Program Offered

Lee County Domestic Animal Services will host a Pet Safety Program for children of all ages on Friday, December 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. The program will be held in the conference room at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers.

This is an opportunity for parents to learn along with their children how to safely interact with a dog and read its body language. The program will teach things such as socialization, responsible pet ownership and avoiding risky situations. It will be interactive for the entire family, so parents are asked to stay with their child.

There will be games that will allow for fun learning over the holiday break. Seating is limited to 35 people on first-come basis.

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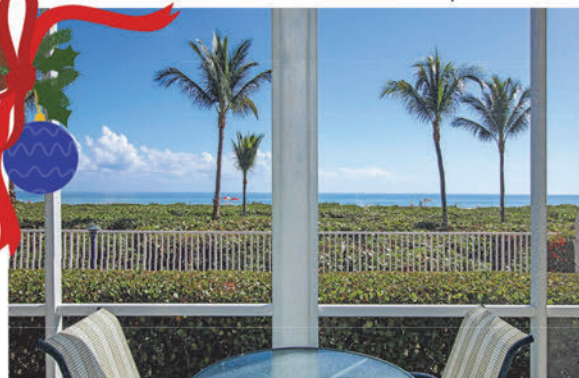
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Many Volunteer Opportunities At Historical Village

If you are looking for something to do after the holidays, consider volunteering at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. The next training classes will be held on Friday, January 14 and 21 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

"The museum couldn't operate without its volunteers. We need volunteers to staff the museum in a variety of ways, from serving as docents to helping with mailings," said Emilie Alfino, executive director. "We have a devoted group of volunteers now and hope to add more in the coming year."

Volunteers work either from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or from 1 to 4 p.m. Other tasks, such as decorating or mailings, are done as scheduled by a team leader.

New volunteers are always needed. There are opportunities to lead tours or welcome visitors in just one of the historic buildings. Some volunteers like to work in the museum store. There are also opportunities to help with event planning, decorating and administrative tasks. Those interested can call Emilie Alfino at 472-4648 or email info@sanibelmuseum.org.

"It's easy to find something you like to do and enjoy. We're a friendly family here," Alfino added. If the training dates are inconvenient for someone, the museum will gladly offer additional training.



Historical Village volunteers and board members, from left, Ellen O'Neill, Blair Wyatt and Sherry Halleran

photo provided

Volunteers are offered special educational opportunities and lectures, as well as a 20 percent discount at the museum store. Several social gatherings are held each year.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

at no additional charge, depending on docent availability. The Sanibel Historical Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access to the buildings. Admission is \$10 for adults over 18. Members and children are free. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.

A Neighbor's Story: FISH Was My Lighthouse

Chloe's story is one which many students looking to pay for school can relate to and gain inspiration from. Like many, she found herself in the all-too-common conundrum of having college ambitions without the finances to make her dreams a reality.

Chloe's story begins last year when her father, with whom she lived, was diagnosed with cancer. Chloe, a high school junior, was beside herself with fear; she had already lost her mother and had been helping raise her siblings for most of her teen years. She was strong and determined, though, to help her family as best she could through her father's treatment. Through it all, Chloe continued to excel in school while working part time, and she celebrated her graduation and her father's remission the following year.

It wasn't easy during that time, and that is when Chloe became known to FISH of SanCap. At first, she requested assistance from the food pantry to help offset grocery expenses, as her father's medical bills were hefty. FISH later assisted with rent and utility payments due to her father's inability to work. Chloe enrolled her siblings in the backpack program, which helped tremendously while she was working, and since her father was unable to cook, due to

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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

It was a jam packed meeting on December 14.

First off, we had the election of club officers for Rotary year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Results of that election will be included in an upcoming press release. Is it just me or does projecting forward to the year 2020, boggle the mind?

The club also had the pleasure of welcoming our newest Sanibel-Captiva Rotary member, Dr. Bruce Neill, co-founder and executive director of the Sanibel Sea School. Dr. Neill was sponsored by Rotary's past president, John Grey. After a few words about Rotary International and the reach Rotary has in the world through its commitment to "Service Above Self," San-Cap Rotary membership chair Eldon Bohrofen presented Dr. Neill with his Rotary International membership certificate and pin.

For the Rotary membership process, a membership committee verifies the candidate's reputation both in business and in the community and then presents the application to the local Rotary club's board of directors for approval. The approval is then brought to the entire club membership in the form of a posting in the club's weekly bulletin. If no objection to



James Wineinger

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this candidate is expressed, the candidate is approved for membership.

To switch gears from club business to the serious business of mental health, our guest speaker last week was James Wineinger, executive director of Hope Clubhouse. Hope Clubhouse is a place that is bringing hope of normalcy to a segment of society that faces a daily struggle of living with mental illness. Hope Clubhouse is not a medical treatment center. It provides a safe non-judgmental, caring and respectful environment to service its members. They are not considered patients or clients but members of the club. At Hope Clubhouse, members are provided

a home base to help build self-esteem and work skills, volunteer work, and assistance in setting and reaching educational goals in order to return to paid employment and find affordable housing.

Hope has a course of positive steps that lays a blueprint for entry or re-entry into normal life. Education and employment are the building blocks of that plan, along with showing the members that their personal wellness helps with their overall well-being.

Hope helps members gain confidence through educational workshops that may enable members to apply for and earn educational certificates or college credit toward degrees. The clubhouse also provides educational opportunities by utilizing the talents and skills of the members and staff to provide in-house training in a variety of areas.

Hope Clubhouse provides an internal training ground for future employment opportunities. It educates with on-the-job education and training in its business, culinary and horticultural units. Hope also partners with several outside companies, providing members a hand-up approach for their re-entry to employment in the workforce.

Wineinger discussed Hope's newest training program in horticulture. The program is based on the ECHO horticultural concept of teaching sustainable growing methods and creating small edible gardens for use by the growers or to be sold at farmers markets. In turn, Hope members are partnering with some Lee County schools to help students do this same kind of planting on school grounds.

Hope Clubhouse now serves

approximately 250 members (18 years and older) a year with financial help from federal government grants, which provides half of their yearly budget of \$500,000. Lee County human and veterans services, state vocational training grants, The United Way, fundraising events and donors help provide the rest of the financial resources that support this amazing nonprofit facility.

Plans are in the works to expand the Hope Clubhouse reach further into the community by opening space beyond its Fort Myers location, which would provide services to many more individuals with mental health issues. Additionally, an informational outreach program directed to high schoolers has been introduced to schools, giving those ages 18 or older a place of hope if they are experiencing mental health issues.

Hope Clubhouse is founded on the belief that, with the help and support of their community, members can overcome the effects of mental illness, attain recovery and lead satisfying, productive lives. The clubhouse gives everyone the chance to form friendships, gain respect through work, improve social skills and reduce the stigma so commonly associated with these illnesses.

An need exists today in our society for places like Hope Clubhouse. Beyond the medical help for those with mental health issues lies a need for a rebuilding of the human spirit and the feeling of contributing to their own well-being by finding their place in society.

*The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets Friday mornings at 7 a.m. at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. Guests are welcome.**

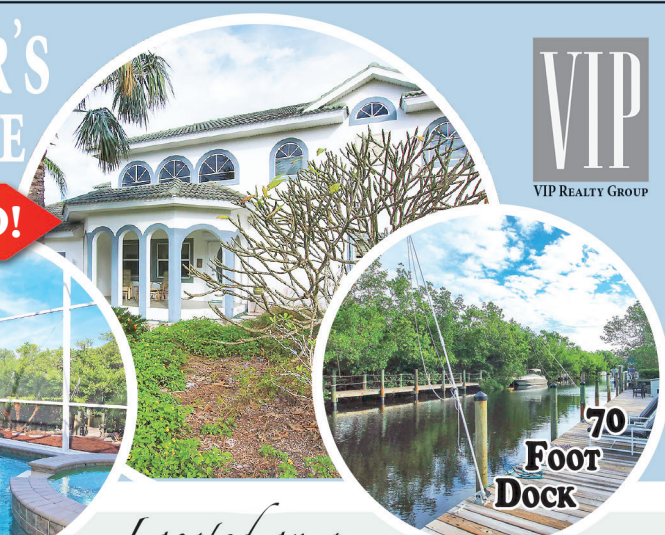
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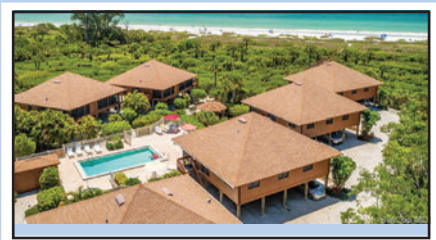
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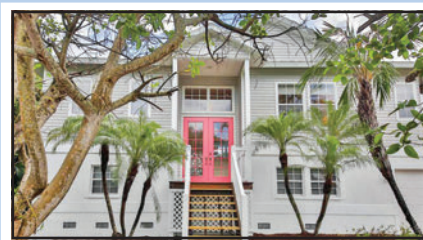
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Volunteers Hear From Speaker On Sanibel Plan

Sanibel Historical Village volunteer Barbara Freeman spoke to a group of village volunteers about her experiences working for the firm that crafted the Sanibel Plan. "I was with Wallace, McHarg, Roberts, and Todd (WMRT) while the Sanibel Comprehensive Land Use Plan was in the works," Freeman said. In her talk, she introduced the gathering to the people behind the plan, as well as an overview of the plan itself.

"People don't talk about the Sanibel Plan because they don't know much about it," Freeman said. The firm she worked for from 1972 to 1977 was renowned throughout the United States, and consisted of urban and ecological planners, landscape architects and architects. They took an interdisciplinary approach to the Sanibel Plan, as well as to their other projects, such as master plans for Hilton Head and Amelia islands and The Woodlands in Texas. Freeman admitted she had never heard of Sanibel before WMRT began work on the plan.

The firm occupied three floors of a downtown Philadelphia office building, and Freeman was the assistant to the four managing partners. "I got to spend a lot of time with some very interesting people, and I'm still grateful for that,"



Barbara Freeman

photo provided

she said.

The firm's mission was "to design with nature," an approach to environmentally sound design developed by Ian McHarg, who was known as "the Father of Modern Ecology."

"For their initial presentation, Dave Wallace, Ian McHarg and Bill Roberts packed their briefcases full of papers and tubes full of plans – this was before

the digital age – and headed to Sanibel. They met with the town fathers and gave what they called their 'dog and pony' show. They must have been convincing, because they were hired," Freeman said.

The firm's experts in various disciplines examined all aspects of the island, from animal life to social culture. They created detailed descriptions and hand-colored maps, and drafted the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. "It was a very intense process that seemed to go on for a long time," Freeman said. "Everyone in the firm was involved in one way or another. It was a big deal, and they cared very deeply about it. The partners met with politicians, committees and the public; and they attended hearings. When they came back from trips, they dropped little piles of gorgeous seashells on my desk."

Freeman said that when she first came to Sanibel in 1983, she was struck by the contrast between Sanibel and other parts of Florida she had visited. "I was impressed with the restrictions on height, density, and especially the regulations about buffer zones and native plants. People who spend time here get used to the way Sanibel is, but when you see it for the first time, it's extraordinary," Freeman said. "We are so lucky to live here."

The final Sanibel Plan was approved in 1976, and it was amended five times: in 1985, 1989, 1997, 2007 and 2013. It consists of two volumes with a comprehensive table of contents. Volume One is 257 pages of mostly

text; Volume Two is 126 pages and consists almost entirely of maps with the island divided into 36 segments such as ecological, commercial, wetlands, residential housing, etc.

"I thought it was fitting that the first prologue to the plan is an excerpt from *Gift from the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh," Freeman said. "That is something very special and unique to Sanibel. They knew they wanted it to be a sanctuary island."

The plan can be viewed at www.mysanibel.com. Click on Departments, then Planning & Code Enforcement.

The historical village hosts these speaker programs for volunteers, called Volunteer Updates; they are held the first Monday of the month at the historical village. On January 7, the speaker will be Teresa Schober on the Calusa; February 4 will be Ralph and Jean Woodring; and March 4 will be Mariel Goss to speak about the formation of the shared-use paths.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no additional charge, depending on docent availability. The Sanibel Historical Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access to the buildings. Admission is \$10 for adults over 18. Members and children are free. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.✱



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Should Sanibel Ban Fuel-Powered Leaf Blowers?



by Barbara Joy Cooley,
Committee of the
Islands (COTI)

In the summer of 2017, the Village of Key Biscayne decided to ban fuel-powered leaf blowers within their town limits. Why did they do this? Here

are reasons listed in their village council's ordinance:

The Village seeks to further enhance and protect the Village's environment by eliminating the use of these blowers that can emit pollutants;

Small gas engines, such as those used in many leaf blowers, contribute ozone-damaging emissions to the environment and it is anticipated that ozone-contributing pollutants from small gas engines will exceed those same emissions from vehicles around 2020;

The Village Council finds that this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Village's residents.

While the official reasons stated for banning fuel-powered leaf blowers in the Village of Key Biscayne are related to air pollution, the discussions held in the

village council chambers clearly included concerns about the loud noise (noise pollution) produced by this kind of leaf blower. Council members noted that the village received many complaints about noise from leaf blowers.

Contractors were given six months to comply with the ban, replacing their fuel powered blowers with rakes, brooms and/or battery-powered leaf blowers.

Battery-powered leaf blowers are expensive – costing around \$300 to \$900 – and the batteries last for about 12 hours per charge. But since the ordinance took effect this past February, there have been practically no complaints about the ban from contractors or others in Key Biscayne.

According to village council member Katie Petros, who spearheaded the ordinance, the workers actually like the change. The electric battery-powered blowers are lighter, quieter and better for their respiratory health.

Elsewhere in Florida, bans on gas-powered leaf blowers have been and are being considered. Palm Beach recently banned fuel-powered blowers on properties of less than one acre. Key West is reportedly drafting a proposal. Groups in Miami, South Miami and Coral Gables are interested in banning these blowers.

Here in Sanibel, our code requires that blowers have mufflers (which are ineffective in stopping much noise), and the code only limits their use to the hours of 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week. In Sanibel, there is no decibel limit placed on blowers or other lawn equipment.

Decibel limits are difficult to enforce, anyway; code enforcement officers would have to catch the perpetrators in the act.

Many people claim that mufflers on leaf blowers are ineffective. But even if they were effective in reducing noise pollution, they do not help reduce the air pollution caused by these devices.

What are your thoughts about leaf blowers on Sanibel? Are they a significant problem? Should they be better regulated by the city? We'd like to know what you think.

COTI invites your input on this and other issues affecting our island. Send an email to coti@coti.org. Mail may also be sent to COTI, P.O. Box 88, Sanibel, FL 33957. To read our past commentaries on island issues, visit www.coti.org. Or visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook.✱

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My Lighthouse

weakness from treatment. Chloe became friendly with the FISH volunteers and staff and welcomed the smiles and conversation during her weekly visits.

Post-graduation, Chloe thought of attending college. She wanted to become a financial planner to help people reach their dreams. She was torn between continuing to work to help her own family with finances and following her college dream. Figuring she could do both, Chloe began researching colleges and quickly realized she could not afford the expense. Knowing she

had missed most scholarship deadlines, Chloe turned to FISH for guidance. Through the Continuing Education program, Chloe was able to receive a partial scholarship to help defray college expenses for her first year. She applied for student loans and additional scholarships to finish college, and graduated last year with a bachelor's degree in finance.

Thanks to FISH, Chloe is on her way to reaching her goals. She is currently employed with a bank and is getting ready to take certified financial planner courses of study. In her spare time, Chloe gives back to the community by facilitating financial workshops for FISH and other local agencies. "Thank you, FISH, for your assistance over the years, and for helping me navigate some rocky roads as my 'lighthouse.' I'm so happy to be working toward my goals and to be working with FISH to help others do the same. Thank you, thank you!"

Based on need and eligibility, limited scholarships are available through FISH of SanCap. Scholarship assistance is evaluated on a case by case basis. The social services department determines eligibility for need-based financial assistance through a review of income and expense documentation. Scholarship amounts vary depending upon finances. Available funding is limited and scholarships will cover only a portion of the program cost. For more information or to see if you qualify, contact Kathy Y. Monroe, program director, or Nitza Lopez, case manager, at 472-4775 For additional information, visit www.fishofsancap.org.✱

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Members of the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society and staff from the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge attended the annual volunteer appreciation luncheon and holiday party, held at The Community House last Friday photos by Jeff Lysick



Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik and Marilyn Kloosterman, who began volunteering at the refuge in 1987



Doris Hardy and Iver Brook



From left, Carol Strange, Jeff Combs and Terry Baldwin



Tarpon Bay Explorers co-owner Wendy Schnapp



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Party guests looking over tables filled with gifts and prizes that were given away



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Doris Hardy with fishing lures collected by the Monofilament Busters



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Estate Planning Fails



by Craig R. Hersch, Florida Bar Board Certified Wills, Trusts & Estates Attorney; CPA

Rather than write about the many public figures and celebrities who fail to put a solid estate into place (Stan Lee, Aretha Franklin, Michael Jackson, Prince, John Denver, Thurgood Marshall, Heath Ledger, Sonny Bono and Howard Hughes among them), I’m going to write about some of the top estate planning fails that you haven’t heard about, pointing out the main reason for the fail. The names, dates, genders and other associated facts have been changed, but the idea behind each of the fails remains as a pertinent example.

Family Business Economics

Consider Stan, who is in a second marriage to Brenda, but she is not the mother of his two sons. His main income is from a family business where one son serves as the CEO. The other son is not in the business, as he is a doctor. Stan’s will (not a trust) puts everything into a testamentary trust after Stan’s death that sprinkles the income among the three beneficiaries; wife, CEO and doctor. While Brenda needs the income from the business to pay her monthly bills, and she had been told that the income would be there for her, the will didn’t specify that her priorities came first.

Further, there were no shareholder agreements governing how the business would be run going forward. The CEO son choked off the income the business generated, and consequently how much income would be distributed by the trust, by taking a high salary and reinvesting profits for business growth. Doctor son wasn’t too happy with the arrangement either, as the trust didn’t distribute anything to him. The parties ended up in court arguing over how the business should be run, as well as how the trust should distribute any business profits.

Probate Here And Probate There

April owned a residence in Florida as well as one in Boston, Massachusetts. Massachusetts has a high state-level estate tax. When the attorney advised April to create a revocable living trust that contained state-level estate tax planning and probate avoidance, April scoffed at the idea. She thought a simple will would do her just fine. Her estate was not above the federal estate tax exemption level, after all.

When April died, her family was shocked that two probate estates would have to be opened: the domiciliary estate here in Florida as well as an ancillary

administration because she owned real property in Massachusetts. Further, Massachusetts imposed an estate tax on her residence there because its value was above the Massachusetts state-level estate tax exemption. Proper planning could have avoided both probates and the Massachusetts estate tax altogether.

IRA Fail

Grandfather wanted to leave part of his IRA account to his grandchildren, who were minors. His estate planning attorney counseled that a special Retirement Plan Trust could be used to benefit the grandchildren and stretch out the IRA distributions over the course of their lifetimes or, at a minimum, be used for higher education, like college and graduate school.

Rather than create this special trust and prepare proper beneficiary designations (that must comply with the five federal income tax “identifiable beneficiary” rules, or else suffer adverse income tax consequences), Grandfather named his minor grandchildren directly on the beneficiary forms. Then Grandfather died. To get the custodian to make distribution to the minors, a court-ordered guardianship was required, including annual accountings filed to the court by the guardians (the grandchildren’s parents). The Retirement Plan Trust would have avoided these unnecessary expenses.

Another IRA Fail

Similar to the situation above, but this Grandpa named his Revocable Living Trust as the beneficiary to his IRA and named his grandchildren as beneficiaries to the Revocable Living Trust. Grandma, however, was also a beneficiary. Grandpa did not want to create a separate Retirement Plan Trust. He thought it was “too complicated and costly.”

Because Grandma was the oldest beneficiary to the Revocable Trust, and because the trust and the IRA beneficiary designations otherwise did not comply with the five identifiable beneficiary tax laws, the IRA had to be distributed under Grandma’s life expectancy table. This resulted in much higher Required Minimum Distributions than the family otherwise would have wanted to take, also resulting in the application of higher marginal income tax rates.

Attorney Fail

In yet another classic IRA example, an attorney advised his client to name the client’s estate as the beneficiary to his IRA. The client’s will divided his estate among several beneficiaries, including client’s wife.

When one names one’s estate as the beneficiary to a qualified plan, such as an IRA, all of the untaxed income is realized in the year following the client’s death. The wife could not roll over the IRA and defer her share of it and the income taxes.

Very bad result.

Estate planning is more complicated than what many people realize, and although many attorneys say they practice estate planning, very few are actually board certified. In some of my examples above, the clients created the problem by not following sound advice. In my last example, the attorney failed the client. In every case, I’m sure the clients believed their situation to be “simple.” I hope these examples provided some insight into what can go wrong in even “simple” situations.

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Native Grasses Donated To City Of Sanibel

RS Walsh Landscaping and In The Garden have donated 600 native grasses to the City of Sanibel for installation in the Jordan Marsh Water Quality Treatment Park being established along Casa Ybel Road. These grasses will be planted along with other native and aquatic plants to help clean the water and improve the water quality and wildlife habitats in the Sanibel River basin.

"We are happy to donate these grasses to help with the water quality in and around Sanibel and Captiva islands. It is also another opportunity to educate our clients on the use of rain gardens in their own landscapes to help clean their water before it enters the island water stream. We continue to look for ways to incorporate environmental stewardship on all the properties we design and install," said Robert Walsh, owner of RS Walsh Landscaping and In The Garden.

As an example, RS Walsh recently designed and installed a landscape for the new bank on Sanibel that contains 100 percent native trees, shrubs and groundcovers. This plant selection will help reduce any fertilizer and water requirements for buffer plantings.

The primary goal of the Jordan Marsh Water Quality Treatment Park project is to improve water quality in the Sanibel Slough to help meet Florida water



RS Walsh Landscaping crew with native grasses donated to the Jordan Marsh Water Quality Treatment Park photo provided

quality standards. Secondary goals of the project are to enhance existing wildlife habitat on the site, provide recreational

opportunities, and educate visitors on the various best management practices used to improve water quality.*

Storybook Ball To Benefit Ronald McDonald House

NBC-2 anchor Kellie Burns will be the honoree at the 25th annual Storybook Ball benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities Southwest Florida at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point on Saturday, February 23. A Mariachi band will entertain during cocktail hour and there will be a silent auction at 6 p.m. Dinner and dancing to Karibbean Groove will follow, along with a live auction.

Guests are asked to wear resort evening attire to the theme evening that will be an interpretation of *Coco*, a celebration of family, music and Mexican culture.

"We are delighted to be honoring Kellie at our Storybook Ball," said Laura Ragain, executive director. "Kellie has volunteered her time and talent hosting numerous events over the years and helping to raise millions of dollars for Southwest Florida charities. We want to recognize the positive impact her kindness and generosity have had on our community."

All proceeds support Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida.

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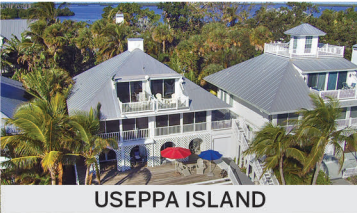
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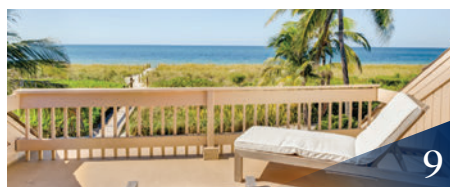
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- 4 BR/ 4 BA luxury beach home just 120ft from the Gulf of Mexico
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10. Shell Seekers – Captiva

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11. Sea Oats-Short Walk to Beach

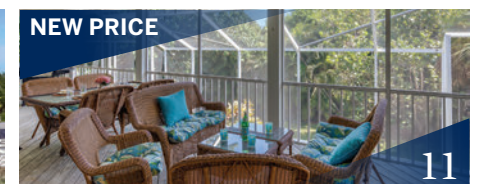
- 3BR/ 3BA home located in Sea Oats community on Sanibel's west end
- Enclosed pool, large screened lanai perfect for entertaining, volume ceilings, custom millwork, and fully mitigated

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12. Direct Access Canal home with Boat dock & Lift – Sanibel

- 3 BR/3 BA home located on 100 feet of canal frontage with direct Gulf access
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1. 3 Bedroom Gulf Front Penthouse – Sanibel

- 3BR/ 2BA Gulf front penthouse with private rooftop deck offering 180degree views of the Gulf of Mexico
- Remodel & redesign completed Dec 2018, tastefully designed in coastal contemporary style, enclosed garage and ground level cabana

• **\$1,449,000** EUR € 1,274,409

2. Gulf Ridge home directly across from the Beach– Sanibel

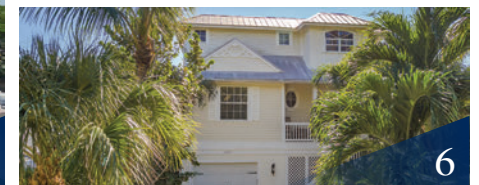
- 3 BR/ 3.5 BA on over an acre of lush land, home features custom details throughout
- Hand-stained wood ceilings with clerestory windows and multiple outdoor spaces

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3. Fully remodeled in Sanibel Shores – Sanibel

- 3BR/2BA remodeled and redecorated home with a modern coastal style.
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8. Heron at Sanctuary – Sanibel

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Red Tide Disaster Dominates COTI Discussion

The impact of Sanibel's recent red tide and blue-green algae catastrophe dominated discussion at COTI Conversations, held December 7 at The Community House. Sponsored by the Committee of the Islands (COTI) and offered to COTI members, it is the first such gathering in the organization's history, and it drew a capacity crowd.

Opening the discussion, moderator and COTI President Mike Miller cited statistics that were guaranteed to disturb. As he reported, the calamity left 248 sea turtles dead or stranded on the islands' beaches, and over 1,000 dead in all of Southwest Florida. In total, 425 tons of dead sealife covered the island shores, and over 2,000 tons were removed in all of Lee County, marking the largest cleanup in the county's history.

"The impact on sealife has persisted into the dry season," Miller said. "As recently as late November, 40 dolphins were discovered having washed ashore on Lee and Collier county beaches."

Drawing attention to the impact on the islands' economy, Miller also reported that Sanibel and Captiva businesses suffered lost revenues of almost \$27 million. "Our accommodations businesses lost \$4 million in bookings," he said, "and restaurants lost \$1 million, which translates to \$100,000 in gratuities lost to servers."

Among the proposed solutions, the



Panelists from left, Barbara Joy Cooley, Mike Miller and Larry Schopp field questions at the first COTI Conversations forum photo provided

Minimum Flow Level (MFL) rule, adopted by the South Florida Water Management District and challenged by several municipalities – including Sanibel – was greeted with skepticism. "What is the rationale for not increasing the MFL to the needed 750 cubic feet per second?" one attendee asked.

According to Miller, the district's rationale is based on insufficient reservoirs to handle the increased load, "but my take is that they don't want to reduce water for agriculture, preferring agricultural users over us," he said. "The district must establish to the court that the rule is not unreasonable or capricious," he added.

The challenge to the district's proposed MFL rule was heard in October. The court will hand down a decision later this month.

Attendees also expressed concern about deep-injection wells as a solution to the water crisis. Miller described the concept as a system whereby water from Lake Okeechobee or the Caloosahatchee watershed is injected, by means of 50 wells, 3,000 feet below ground. "The advantage is speed," Miller said. "These wells can be constructed in under 10 years, and some perhaps could be online in fewer than two years."

"Putting holes in the earth doesn't make sense to me," one concerned attendee said. "Are there any data that would record the impact of deep-injection wells?"

While COTI board member and forum panelist Barbara Joy Cooley did not express outright opposition to the concept, she remarked that "for deep wells, data must be site specific. I think the priority should be moving the water south."

Water storage options reported by Miller include the C-43 reservoir, to be built in Hendry County at a cost of over \$800 million, and the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) reservoir passed in 2017 by the Florida legislature (Senate Bill 10).

Of the C-43 reservoir, Miller said, "It is too small, and it provides for no water purification. It could do greater damage to the estuary by virtue of the nitrogen and phosphorus content."

According to Miller's report, the EAA

reservoir requires double the amount of stormwater treatment areas being planned. "But in conjunction with other existing and planned projects, it should reduce the number of damaging discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers by 63 percent," Miller said.

Sanibel's Mayor Kevin Ruane pointed to the importance of COTI's advocacy role. "Advocacy is important. Take each (water quality proposition) and pick it apart," he said, adding, "the water management district board members have to go. We have a new administration coming in, including a new commissioner of agriculture (Nikki Fried). So things may change."

The question of short-term housing rentals beyond the island's resort district fueled lively discussion among attendees. COTI board member and panelist Larry Schopp reported that Sanibel has experienced a resurgence in such illicit rentals.

"Transactions take place between homeowners and Airbnb, HomeAway or Vacation Rental By Owner," Schopp said. "For the moment our regulations are safe, because they are grandfathered, but these companies will aggressively press state legislators to eliminate our ability to regulate, by preemptive state legislation."

Speaking for many in the audience, one attendee pushed for strong enforcement of the regulations. "Some people spend only three weeks here, and rent their place out the rest of the year," he said. "We should publish names of violators. They are thumbing their noses at us."

Schopp acknowledged that violations are "hard to track. The city is considering tools, but they cost money," he said. "Software programs or outside monitoring agencies are very expensive, but city council is anxious to address the issue."

Councilwoman Holly Smith affirmed that short-term rental regulation "is one of city council's key projects. I plan to write a guest opinion editorial, to educate citizens about rules and what can be done to assure that the rules are followed," she said.

The Committee of the Islands will hold a second COTI Conversations forum on Monday, February 11 at 10 a.m. at the Community House.

For more information on COTI Conversations or other activities, contact Mike Miller at 395-0593 or visit www.coti.org.



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Island Seniors At Center 4 Life

Meet your friends and make some new ones at the Center 4 Life. Browse through the following activities, then stop by to sign up.

The Center 4 Life will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday, as well as Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1 for the New Year's holiday.

Page Turners with Louise Fitzgerald & Ann Hartman – If you are not on the Page Turners list and wish to be, email oceannc@comcast.net or contact the center. The featured book for discussion on Wednesday, January 9 at 2:30 p.m. is *The Great Alone* by Kirstin Hannah.

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Learn to Play Mahjongg with Katie Reid – January 7 to 11, 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members. Class is limited to four or eight students (to fill a table to practice). You must be able to attend all five classes. All supplies are provided. You must register in advance to participate.

Line Dancing Classes – Tuesday, January 8 at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Join the group for an hour of fun. The instructor will review dance steps then turn up the music for dancing. Bring a friend.

The Magic of the Keys – Tuesday through Thursday, January 22 to 24. Cost is \$574 for members (per person,



Island Seniors Lifetime Members with Vice Mayor Mick Denham, back right, at the annual members meeting on December 7

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double occupancy); \$844 single. Non-members are \$599 (per person, double occupancy); \$869 single. Includes round trip transportation, two nights at the Hyatt Place in Marathon, five meals (two breakfasts, two lunches and one dinner), Schnebly Winery tour and tasting, and lunch, full day in Key West with private tram tour and all-day hop-on/hop-off privileges, and tour of Dolphin Research Center. Advance registration required on

a first come basis.

Games

Cost for all games is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes will be awarded.

Bridge – Monday and Wednesday. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.; the game begins at 1 p.m.

Mahjongg – Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Hand & Foot – Thursday at noon.

Hearts – Friday at 12:30 p.m.

Kayaking on Tuesdays – January 8 at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting). There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and limited space for those who own their own kayaks. Island Seniors, Inc. will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Bring water, a small snack, sun screen, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, hat and change of

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Registration Open For The Sanctuary Charity Classic

The Sanctuary Charity Classic committee has been busy planning the Saturday, January 26 golf tournament. The tournament begins at 10:30 a.m. with a brunch, followed by a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Afterwards, golfers meet at the clubhouse for drinks and hors d'oeuvres, an awards presentation and the popular helicopter drop.

There are numerous sponsorship opportunities ranging from the \$7,500 Diamond Partnership, which includes additional rounds of golf, lunch and dinner at The Sanctuary Golf Club to a \$250 Hole Partnership. All proceeds go to the Charitable Foundation of the Islands, which in turn distributes the funds to assist island nonprofit organizations, island residents and workers who have experienced hardships such as medical and financial emergencies.

Event chairman John McCabe said, "Islanders should come on out and participate in The Sanctuary Charity Classic. The Sanctuary Golf Club is the majority supporter of the Charitable Foundation of the Islands and with your help, we can increase the donation and help people in need, on the islands, throughout the entire year. It's a fun, fantastic event for an amazing cause."

To participate, become a sponsor or for more information, contact Jim DiMarino at 472-6223 or jdimarino@sanctuarygc.net.*



The Sanctuary Charity Classic committee, from left, Tom August, Chip Roach, Al Hanser, Steve Peltzman, John McCabe, Jim DiMarino, Steve Brown and Ken Kouril. Not pictured, Gordon Coons and Steve Greenstein.

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Big Money For The Four Teams In The College Football Championship



by Ed Frank

It's big, big business – a multimillion dollar business – when it comes to the four college football teams that will play for the National Championship.

And when you examine the payouts, it once again raises the question that while these schools pocket millions as a result of the gifted athletes on each team, the athletes themselves do not share in the rewards.

In recent weeks, there have been strong suggestions that the college playoffs should be expanded from four to eight teams. We reported two weeks ago that the legendary Lou Holtz spoke out in favor of an eight-team playoff, and just last

week Brian Kelly, coach of undefeated Notre Dame, said the same thing.

However, it cannot occur until the present 10-year television contract expires, and it has another five years to run.

But let's look at the hefty sums the four teams in the upcoming playoffs – Notre Dame, Alabama, Clemson and Oklahoma – will receive. While it is a somewhat complicated formula, basically each school will receive \$6 million plus added expenses. However, there is a big difference how the money is dispensed.

Alabama, Clemson and Oklahoma will see their shares go to their conferences to be divided among their members, while Notre Dame, a football independent, will keep the entire \$6 million.

Here is the breakdown:

Alabama – As a member of the Southeast Conference, Alabama will keep about \$2 million for playing in the semifinals and another \$2 million plus should they reach the championship games.

Clemson – Atlantic Coast Conference does not award any additional money for reaching the playoffs with all 14 members sharing evenly in the bowl revenue. However, all four teams do receive additional funds for travel expenses, lodging, meals and other related costs.

Oklahoma – As a member of the Big 12, Oklahoma will keep \$2 million of the \$6 million payout plus travel expenses.

Notre Dame – The Irish will keep the entire \$6 million plus an estimated \$2.34 million in travel expenses.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the first African-American pitcher in the major leagues?
2. Name the last Texas Ranger before Neftali Feliz in 2010 to win the American League Rookie of the Year Award.
3. What was the last school outside a current Power Five conference to win a national championship in college football?
4. Who was the only person to win championships in his first two seasons as an NBA head coach?
5. Beginning in 1991, Pittsburgh and Washington have met 11 times in the NHL playoffs. How many times have the Penguins won the series?
6. In 2018, Italian speedskater Arianna Fontana became the second woman to win short-track medals in four Olympics. Who was the first?
7. How many consecutive men's golf majors were won by Americans before Francesco Molinari won the British Open in 2018?

ANSWERS

1. Dan Bankhead of the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. 2. Mike Hargrove, in 1974. 3. BRYU, in 1984. 4. John Kundra of the Minneapolis Lakers in 1949-50. 5. Nine times. 6. Canada's Tania Vicent (1998-2010). 7. Five.

There are other intricacies involved in the complex payoff schedules, but this will provide you the basics why the National Football Playoffs are a richly awarded business.

Everblades Surge To First In Division

After a slow season's start, the Florida Everblades hockey team has reversed course and began the week atop the ECHL South Division with a season record of 16-6-4.

The Everblades face the Orlando Solar Bears in three games this weekend – tonight, Thursday and Friday – in Orlando and a 7 p.m. game here Saturday at Hertz Arena in Estero.✪

ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Royal Shell Real Estate



McMurray and Nette



Tracy Walters



Cindy Sitton

The top producers at the Royal Shell Real Estate Sanibel/Captiva office for the month of November were: McMurray and Nette, top listing and top sales producers team; Tracy Walters, top listings producer individual/partners; and Cindy Sitton, top sales producer individual/partners.✪

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Center 4 Life

clothing. Cost is \$5 for members and \$20 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

Fitness Classes – Island Seniors, Inc. members pay \$4 per class, visitors pay \$10 per class. Annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership card to attend. Fitness class schedule is as follows:

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Keep your brain fit and your heart, lungs and muscles strong. Hand weights, stretch cords and your body weight will be used. The format is 40 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of balance exercises, core strength, flexibility exercises and mat work. Athletic footwear is required. Connie DeCicco is the instructor

Essential Total Fitness – Monday,

Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Athletic footwear is required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

Power Hour Fitness – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords, stability balls and mats are used. Improve core strength and balance. Athletic footwear required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

Gentle Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Bring a towel. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

Chair Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. Similar to gentle yoga but all poses are done in a chair. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

For more information, call 472-5743 or stop by the Center 4 Life, located at 2401 Library Way on Sanibel.✪

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Paddleboarding Course Offered At Rec Center

The Sanibel Recreation Center is offering a basic paddleboarding course where students will learn to paddle efficiently and safely in a variety of flat-water conditions. Students will become confident reading the local water, wind, tide, and identifying hazards while familiarizing themselves

with stand-up paddleboard (SUP) equipment, how it's made and its care.

Cost for members is \$320; non-members are \$400. Course dates and times include Monday, January 14 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. (meet at Sanibel Recreation Center), Wednesday, January 16 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. (meet at Causeway Island A) and Friday, January 18 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. (meet at Causeway Island A)

Prerequisites include: course registration and payment; completed waivers; age 18 years or older, however,

ages 14 to 17 may participate but must have a parent/guardian also registered; comfortable in the water; ability to swim 25 yards, tread water for 60 seconds and move unassisted from kneeling to standing on a paddleboard.

Participants must provide their own water and snack, sunscreen, hat and long-sleeve shirt, and water shoes (optional).

The instructor, Wil Compton, brings decades of local "on the water" experience in paddling, surfing and sailing. He holds a 50-ton United States Coast Guard (USCG) Masters' Boat Captain License and is a Southwest Florida Academy of Surfing Instructors (ASI)/American Canoe Association (ACA) Level 2 Certified Instructor. Compton's passion is teaching and sharing experiences in Sanibel's vast waters.

If you have specific course questions, email Compton at wilcompton@earthlink.net.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.✪

Holiday Youth Volleyball Clinic

The Sanibel Recreation Center will be holding a Holiday Youth Volleyball Clinic Wednesday through Friday, January 2, 3 and 4. The clinic is for both boys and girls. Participants will learn skills such as

passing, setting, serving and other fundamentals while having a great time and making new friends. Clinic hours are from 1 to 2 p.m. for third and fourth graders and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for fifth through eighth graders. Clinics will be held in the gymnasium.

The fee is \$32 per child for Sanibel Recreation Center members and \$42 per child for non-members. Registration for must be made by December 21. Players will receive a shirt. For more information, contact the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345, located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road.✪

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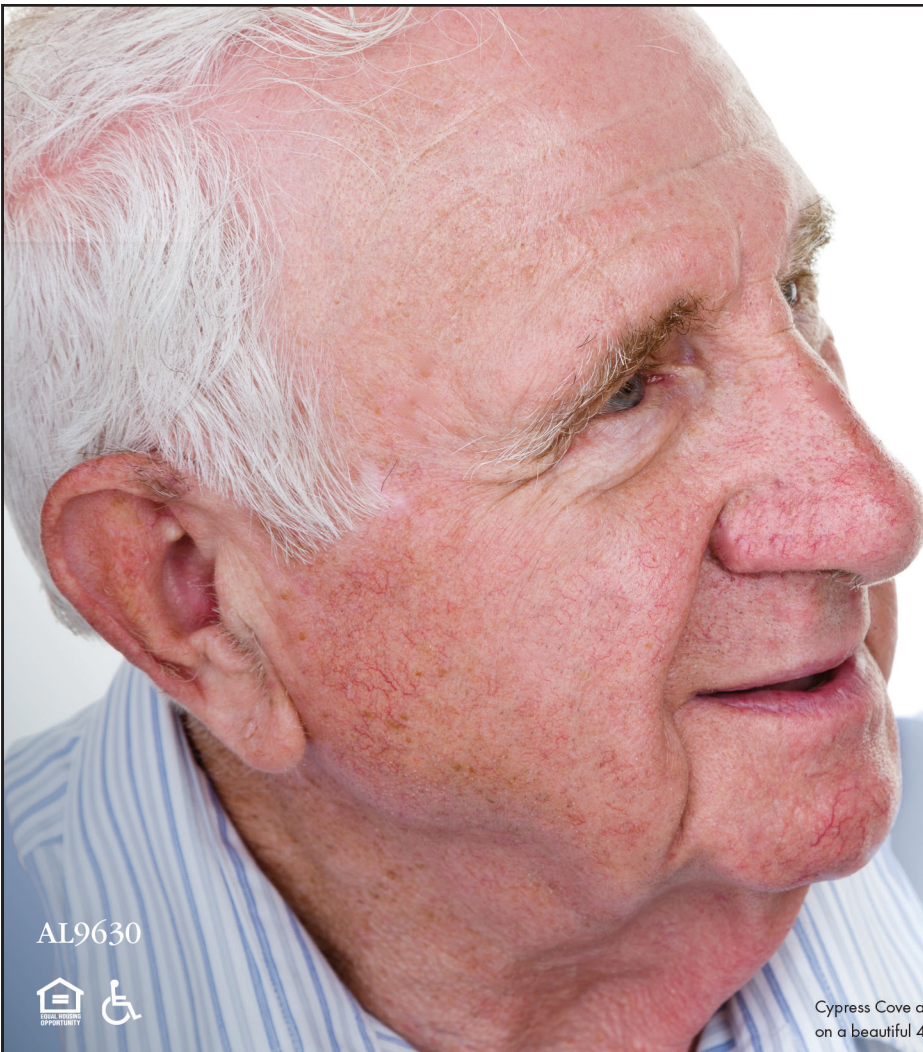


Kerri Maw



Lisette Hitt

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Barre Fitness classes begin Monday, January 7 photo provided

Registration Open For Barre Fitness Classes

Registration is now open for the January/February sessions of Barre Fitness classes at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Cost is \$55 for members and \$73 for non-members for the full six-class session. Class size is limited to 10 participants. If space is available, a drop-in rate of \$10 per class for members and \$13 per class for non-members will be offered. Register in advance.

January/February Session:
Mondays, January 7, 14, 21 and 28,
February 4 and 11 at 8:30 a.m.
A barre workout combines functional strength, dance, Pilates and yoga concepts into a series of movements designed to strengthen the entire body. Participants will primarily utilize bodyweight for resistance while focusing on alignment and posture with the goal of enhancing body awareness, coordination, balance and strength.
The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly and annual memberships are available. For more information, call 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.

Lions Club Reports Increase In Donations

The Sanibel Captiva Lions Club continues to collect used prescription eyeglasses as part of its Recycle for Sight program. Donated glasses are cleaned and processed by club members for distribution in needed areas of the United States and throughout the world. Donations for November were 238, up by 5.5 percent over October, which included 151 clear glasses. The July-to-date total is at 1,265 items. Donations of prescription glasses, reading glasses, prescription sunglasses, cases and hearing aids can be made in any of the Recycle for Sight boxes or to a neighboring Lion. "Your donation of old glasses will make a difference in someone's life," said Lion Rick Wagner, program coordinator. "We greatly appreciate our community's support of this valuable program." Recycle for Sight boxes can be found at the following island businesses: Sanibel – Ace Hardware, Bank of the Islands, Bailey's General Store, Island Pharmacy, Sanibel Captiva Community



Recycle For Sight donation box photo provided

Bank (on Library Way and Periwinkle Way), Sanibel Community Church, Sanibel Public Library, Sanibel Eyecare, Senior Center/Center 4 Life. Captiva – Bank of the Islands. The Sanibel Captiva Lions Club meets on the first and third Wednesday at 6 p.m. for social hour at The Community House. Meetings feature a guest speaker and dinner catered by Sanibel Catering Company by Bailey's. Those who wish to attend a meeting and have dinner should contact Lion Steve at 233-6261 or Lion Jeff at 302-521-1158.

Foundation Seeks Donations For Cancer Patients

Donations are being sought by 21st Century CARE, 21st Century Oncology's not-for-profit charitable foundation, for the 2018 holiday season. The foundation provides cancer patients with financial assistance for incidental expenses related to cancer treatments, enabling them to put their focus where it belongs – on beating the disease. CARE stands for cancer assistance, research and education and was established in 1996 by Dr. Charles Thomas. Supported solely by donations and fundraising events, 21st Century

CARE assures that all funds remain local to the area in which they are raised. "Every year more than 800,000 Americans are diagnosed with cancer and due to financial constraints, many of them experience challenges meeting the out-of-pocket expenses related to the treatment and care they need," said Kathy Tolentino, director, 21st Century CARE Foundation. "CARE exists to relieve some of the financial burdens and assist with the incidental expenses so that patients can focus on getting better. By donating, you're not only giving back, but you're also helping to save a life." Gifts to the CARE Foundation are tax-deductible and welcomed year-round. To donate, visit www.21stcenturycare.org/cancer-donations or call 936-3756 or 888-850-1622.

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Healthcare CEO Named To State Advisory Group

Hope Healthcare President and CEO Samira K. Beckwith has been named to the Transition Advisory Committee on Health and Wellness by Gov.-elect Ron DeSantis and Lt. Gov.-elect Jeanette Nuñez.

Beckwith will serve alongside 50 health care experts from a variety of medical fields on the committee that will be co-chaired by Nunez and Alan Levine, the former secretary of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration.

"It's a privilege to work with Governor DeSantis and this group of knowledgeable leaders to help set the course for Florida's future in health care," said Beckwith. "The transition team's focus aligns with Hope's vision of transforming the experiences of illness, aging and dying for all Floridians."

Hope Healthcare, which includes Hope Hospice and Hope Kids Care programs, is a not-for-profit health care organization



Samira K. Beckwith photo provided

dedicated to providing care and comfort to every individual and their loved ones as they fulfill life's journey. For more information, call 482-4673 or visit www.hopehcs.org.

Evening With The Red Sox

This year's 14th annual Evening with the Red Sox will take place Tuesday, February 19 at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. and include an extended cocktail reception with complimentary heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, autograph signings from Red Sox players, and silent and live auctions that will include trips to major cities, sports memorabilia packages, theme park passes and golf outings. A raffle for a Red Sox fan experience with a trip for four to Boston will also be available. The package includes a two-night hotel stay and tickets for four to two games at Fenway Park including seats on the famed Green Monster, a private VIP tour of the ballpark and on-field access. Only 200 raffle tickets will be sold at \$75 each with all proceeds going to support the Boys

& Girls Clubs of Lee County. Tickets are available at www.loveleekids.org.

"We are so excited to be bringing the event back to JetBlue Park, the Spring Training home of the Boston Red Sox, this year," said Rodney Ford, general manager for Coca-Cola Beverages Florida and this year's event co-chair. "This year's autograph session and Q&A will be extra special coming off the Red Sox 2018 World Series win."

Last year's autograph session included manager Alex Cora, catcher Blake Swihart and pitchers David Price, Robby Scott and Joe Kelly.

This year's presenting sponsor is Ted Todd Insurance.

Sponsorships are available from \$1,500. Individual tickets are \$150 per person. Donations for auction items are also being accepted.

For more information, raffle tickets, to register, sponsor or donate to the event, visit www.loveleekids.org or contact Shannon Lane at 334-1886 or slane@bgcl.net.

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Historical Village

faucets. There was an elevator and a restaurant-equipped kitchen boasting a fairly new-fangled invention: the microwave.

To get *The Algiers* to its Sanibel destination, the Browns had it pulled by tugboat. They hired crews to cut a channel through the island's interior which they filled in behind themselves as they went. The Browns had borrowed the volunteer fire department's pump truck to help move water in the canal, but someone had parked it in high grass, where it caught fire and burned to a crisp. The Browns bought the department a brand new one.

There was just one remaining detail before they could move in. They owned a house in Fort Lauderdale and wanted to sell it before moving to Sanibel. Helen sent Lathrop to Fort Lauderdale to sell the house. According to the story, he went to a pizzeria while there, came back with indigestion, and died the next day.

Broken-hearted, Helen returned to Boston, never to return to Sanibel and never to sleep in her "dream boat." Eventually, she put it up for sale for \$550,000 and in 1979, when the newly incorporated city of Sanibel was looking to acquire more beachfront land, it was suggested they consider the Brown property. The deal closed in 1981, but by then, the boat was dangerously dilapidated.

Though there was talk of using it as city hall or leasing it for a restaurant, it was beyond repair. After everything salvageable was stripped and auctioned, the city had *The Algiers* demolished in 1982. The one building left standing was the servants' quarters, which were converted into the restrooms at Sanibel's Gulfside City Park, also known as Algiers Beach.

From the boat itself, just a few things remain: the captain's wheel, the anchor, and the bell, all of which are on display at the Sanibel Historical Village. If anyone has additional artifacts from *The Algiers*, the historical village would love to hear about it; call Emilie Alfino at 472-4648.

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Beautifulife:
Tradition



by Kay Casperson

Some of the memories that made the most impact on my life growing up in Minnesota were the traditions that my parents put in place or even carried on from the generations

before them. We had simple everyday traditions like eating dinner together every night at around the same time, blessing our food and discussing the highlights of everyone’s day, as well as special meals we looked forward to on specific days of the week. We had weekend traditions like going to church as a family on Sundays followed by out to eat for brunch. Our summer weekends were always spent going up to the lake to our cabin and seeing our cousins and friends.

There were always holiday traditions, from summer holiday picnics to winter holiday dinners, and celebrations that all family members near and far would look forward to and try to attend if at all possible. Decorating for Christmas was always so much fun, from the way the stockings were hung to the specific places my Dad would put certain ornaments on the tree, since he was very particular about that. Traditions like these kept our family and relatives connected from past years and into new generations as the memories continued to be engraved into all of our hearts.

Now as an adult with children of my own, I have even a more profound sense of appreciation for tradition.

Not only have I kept some of the traditions that I knew so well growing up, but I also continue to create new and lasting traditions of my own for my family and hopefully for theirs to come. My daughters already look forward to our evening meals together, our time at church and our weekend getaways. I have also built tradition into my business, and at the end of the year, my staff looks forward to our annual Christmas Karaoke celebration, Bootcamp and Christmas party, where we have fun gift exchanges and lots of laughs.

At Christmas time and as I enter a new season of winter holidays, I once again reflect on the traditions that made a lasting impression on me and realize how they have woven their way into my family. Of course, things are different since I live in Florida with my immediate family and do not have relatives close by. We don’t have the big family celebrations and dinners, and of course, there is no snow on the ground. We do, however, love to decorate for Christmas and when my Dad comes to visit, he will move the ornaments to where he thinks they should be. We open a present from each family member on Christmas Eve, and then we look forward to the red tissue-wrapped gifts for each of us from Santa under the tree on Christmas morning – just like when I was a little girl growing up.

Whether you are starting a new family, have a blended family, or your kids are now adults with their own children and families, I encourage you to keep your traditions alive and well and take the time to create new ones that may be a better fit for your lifestyle and surroundings. I know that sometimes it can be hard when your spouse has different ideas about tradition, or you lose a loved one,

and they were instrumental in helping to keep those traditions going. I do, however, firmly believe that maintaining tradition will make a positive, lasting impact on you and your loved ones now and in generations to come, and can only help to enhance the beautiful life you are creating.

Merry Christmas and may your hearts and life be filled with love, joy,

peace and everything beautiful!
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Superior Interiors
Blue: The Go-To



by Barb Cacchione

The home fashion industry often suggests what the new hot color statement is. Some come and go, and some seem here to stay. One constant that has appeared yet again

at High Point Home Furnishings Market is blue. Blue seems to hang on and be a color that can always be infused into comfortable home interiors or eye-catching accents.

Classic but current, that is always a good combination. These days, this dynamic-duo can be represented by blue and white. Blue seems to have remained a constant throughout time (see the timeless combo of a navy blazer and white shirt or denim jeans and a white

shirt). Are either ever wrong?
Blue can be used as both a blast of contrast or as a neutral in soft saturation to theme a room or entire home around. Hues of navy, cobalt and sea glass in every shade, tint and tone can be woven into existing designs or be introduced as the common thread throughout many rooms within a home.
Accessorizing is an easy way to incorporate this color, but the use of blue in draperies or upholstery can bring a new element to a room. Manufacturers are not holding back in branching out from the safe grey or tan sofa, as there are many new releases using blue in an edgier application with abstract prints. Blue can even be seen in the wood tones of cabinetry and other case goods, creating beautiful statement pieces.
It is a welcome element in coastal environments. Consider popping blue in here and there for an easy spruce up and fresh, yet classic appearance.
Barb Cacchione is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at barb@coindceden.com.✧

Doctor and Dietician
Holiday Season
Weight Gain



by Ross Hauser, MD
and Marion Hauser, MS, RD

With all the wonderful holiday party dishes, Christmas cookies, treats people bring into work and the plentiful in-store samples that often make a meal on their own, these delicious indulgences often bring an unwelcomed surprise the next time we step on the scale.

To avoid spending early 2019 fighting off the weight gain from late 2018, try to be aware of how much food and drink you consume during these festive gatherings. Yes, we can enjoy ourselves, but we should be aware of what we’re consuming because it doesn’t take long for those calories to add up. Choose foods that you think are “worth” the calories and kindly

decline the rest.
What’s the plan if we’ve already overeaten? Cut back on your next meal and exercise. Did you know, in order to lose one pound, we must burn 3,500 more calories than food we consume? In other words, to lose one pound per week, we must reduce our caloric intake by 500 calories per day. Is this easy to accomplish? Well, a 500-calorie reduction might mean cutting out soda and sweets; or drastically reducing added fat; or cutting back on wine/beer; or even cutting portions by one-third. On weeknights, cook lighter vegetable-based dinners if you find yourself snacking more during the weekdays.
The best way to speed up metabolism and burn off what we consume is sticking to a regular exercise program. The benefits of exercise are huge during the holidays. Exercise may be the top “holiday survival tip.” It keeps mental and physical energy levels up and helps burn off all the delicious, high-calorie holiday feasts. Try working out for one hour, 5 days per week. It is a reasonable goal for many people, even with busy holiday schedules. Your waistline will thank you in January.
This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Caring Medical Regenerative Medicine Clinics has two locations: one in Oak Park, Illinois, and one in Fort Myers. It was established in 1991 by Ross Hauser, MD, and Marion Hauser, MS, RD. They can be reached at info@caringmedical.com.✧

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Gift Ideas For Comfort And Healing



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: For those of us who still have our health and energy, it's hard to imagine how others feel with a chronic illness. They don't want the same gifts we might. So, if you know someone

who is uncomfortable, struggling, keep in mind they might experience the holidays with more discomfort and melancholy than at other times of the year.

They don't want the typical gift you might traditionally get. Maybe I can help you figure out what they really want, or at the very least give them more comfort. I have a much longer version of this article which I can email to you if you'd like. Just sign up for my newsletter at www.suzycohen.com, and you'll receive it on Tuesday via email.

Essential Oil And Diffuser – This is a nice gift, especially if you can find a pretty color-changing diffuser to keep by their bed and a bottle of lavender or neroli. These two oils impact the GABAergic system, to induce your tranquilizer hormone called GABA.

Physical Help – There's probably no greater gift than just asking a person who is not feeling well, "How can I help?" These four words will probably bring tears to their eyes as they are likely feeling disorganized, overwhelmed and tired. You can do the simplest things for a few hours, or arrange their needs. You could stop by and take their packages to the post office, or help clean up around the house, or teach them how to use Skype so they can see their grandchildren.

Weighted Blanket – It's calming. This gift is a good idea for someone who feels anxious, or can't sleep very well at night.

Bed Wedge Pillow – This is usually made of memory foam and it's a wedge to elevate the top of your bed where your head is. Fantastic for people who need to sleep a little more upright, as in the case of acid reflux.

White Noise Machine – I think this type of gift would make a great gift for someone with tinnitus, or someone who needs a little background noise to feel calm and secure.

Blue-blocking Glasses – A pair of these removes blue from the device/screen so it's great for gamers, computer workaholics and anyone prone to insomnia, tension headaches or migraines.

ieGeek Tablet Phone Stand For Bed – This locks a device into position so you can watch it, or read it while in bed, hands-free. Full disclosure, I have this and we love watching Hallmark movies in bed sometimes.

Sound Amplifier To Help With Hearing – Some people are stubborn, or they refuse (or can't afford) a real hearing aid. So a sound amplifier goes a long way to improve someone's interpersonal relationships.

Electric Kettle – This is a convenient. If you know a tea lover, who is a little forgetful (and might leave the oven on), buy them one of these.

I hope my ideas have given you a jumpstart to think of thoughtful healing gifts. Happy shopping!

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.SuzyCohen.com.✱

Memorial Scholarship Fund Named

Cypress Cove at HealthPark Florida has received an endowed gift for establishment of the Betty Haskell Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship fund, part of a flourishing staff scholarship program that began 18 months ago, has been established to honor former Cypress Cove resident Betty Haskell who, with her husband Frank and their family, have been active in Southwest Florida philanthropic efforts. Betty, married for 65 years to Frank, passed away in September.

In 1995, following their 36-year-old daughter's death from breast cancer, the Haskell family dedicated their lives to fighting cancer by creating The Barbara's Friends Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Fund. Their philanthropic efforts have included many other important and needy causes including gifting to Cypress Cove's building of its assisted living memory care facility, The Cottage at Cypress Cove.

Cypress Cove Philanthropy Specialist Z. Allen Abbott, PhD, said, "The Betty Haskell Scholarship Fund is a continued extension of efforts by Cypress Cove to assist an employee's pursuit for advanced educational studies. Scholarship awards to staff are a way of easing some of their financial burden. Betty Haskell's influence on future generations (through educational assistance) will have ripple effects for good."

Individuals interested in donating to the Betty Haskell Endowed Scholarship Fund can do so by calling 415-5100.✱

Overeaters Anonymous

If food is a problem for you, Overeaters Anonymous can help. Meetings are held in Room 132 at Sanibel Community Church on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays at 4 p.m.

For more meeting information, visit www.southwestfla.org.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way.✱

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: What causes a trauma bond with someone?

A: We know now that trauma does have effects on the brain. According to Bessel Van der Kolk, MD, a

leading authority on the effects of trauma, trauma can live in our bodies and minds for many years, sometimes an entire lifetime. Traumatic reactions are individualized and every reaction is valid based on the trauma situation and its impact on the individual. The same brain circuitry activated when we experience physical pain can be activated when we experience emotional pain and heartbreak.

Heartbreak causes a surge of adrenaline, causing us to respond to an emotional threat as though it were a physical threat.

These symptoms include: increased heart rate, breathing, blood pressure and stress hormones such as a rise in cortisol levels.

When one reacts to trauma, it is through the limbic system, our emotional center of the brain, and reptilian part of the brain, where

emotions are stored and processed. Hypervigilance, one criteria of PTSD, is a result to resemblance of already experienced trauma. When we develop a biochemical bond with someone, it becomes difficult to break. It causes something we refer to as cognitive dissonance, which is a defense mechanism where the victim sees two sides of the person or partner, thus creating cognitive dissonance. One side is seeing someone they love and care for who wears a false self, and the second side is seeing the person or partner for whom he/she really is. Because this biochemical bond is so entrenched, it can be difficult to detach from him/her.

Upcoming event: Katie Gardenia will join me in leading a workshop, titled Disempower Energy Vampires Who Surround You and Reclaim Yourself Through the Art of Resilience, on Saturday, January 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 'Tween Waters Island Resort and Spa on Captiva. Cost is \$195 before January 10, which includes lunch and beverages. The admission fee can be mailed to: Constance Clancy, P.O. Box 82, Snowmass, CO 81654. RSVP to: drconstanceclancy@gmail.com.

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Sanibel Shoes for Homeless Veterans



We kicked off year two of Sanibel shoes and socks for homeless veterans and, within the first week, we added additional drop-off sights.

Below are places that offer a drop-off box to deposit shoes and socks.

THE ORIGINAL CENTERS:

**Bailey's General Store • The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club
American Legion Post 123**

NEW ADDITIONS:

**The Community House • 2173 Periwinkle Way
Sanibel Fire & Rescue District on Palm Ridge Road
Sanibel Public Library • 770 Dunlop Road
FISH of SanCap • 2430-B Periwinkle Way**

We will continue to collect shoes and socks from now until the Sunday before Christmas. If you want to give veterans the opportunity to get a job, bring dress shoes, work boots or sneakers and socks to one of the drop-off centers.

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Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
Chamber of Commerce	472-1080
City of Sanibel	472-4135
Administrative Office	472-3700
Building Department	472-4555
Planning Department	472-4136
Library - Sanibel	472-2483
Library - Captiva	239-533-4890
Post Office - Sanibel	472-1573
Post Office - Sanibel (toll free)	800-275-8777
Post Office - Captiva	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association	472-2155
Center 4 Life - Senior Center	472-5743
ARTS	
Arcade Theater	332-4488
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Gulf Coast Symphony	277-1700
Lee County Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic	597-1111
The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
Sanibel Music Festival	336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League	sancapart.com
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Symphonic Choral of SW Florida	560-5695
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
ABWA - American Business Women's Assoc . .	http://abwasanibelcaptiva.org
American Legion Post 123	472-9979
Angel Flight SE	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Audubon Society	472-3744
CHR Community Housing & Resources	472-1189
Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva	274-5900
COTI Committee of the Islands	coti@coti.org
CROW - Clinic For The Rehabilitation of Wildlife	472-3644
Democratic Club of the Islands	Demclubislands@gmail.com
Disabled Am Vets #108 (San-Cap Rep Ted Tyson) Help 211	984-5920
FISH OF SANCAP Neighbors Helping Neighbors	472-4775
FISH. OF SANCAP 24-hr service	472-0404
Sanibel Island Fishing Club	472-8994
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Lions Club, Jeff MacDonald	302-521-1158
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Newcomers	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida	768-0417
Optimist Club	472-0836
PAWS	472-4823
Rotary Club	472-7257 or 472-0141
Sanibel Bike Club	sanibelbicycleclub.org
Sanibel Beautification Inc.	470-2866
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron	www.usps.org/localusps/sancap
Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus	395-1202
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United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline 24 hour	211 or 433-3900
Zonta Club	728-1971
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum	395-2233
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
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SCCF Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation	472-2329

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PETS OF THE WEEK

photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Joe And Prancer

Hello, my name is Joe. I am a 3-year-old male domestic shorthair who is no joke in the snuggle department. I am the epitome of a lap cat. It is hard to get any work done with me around – all everyone wants to do is hang out with this handsome guy. We need someone to adopt me so the productivity level of the staff can resume. I am not just looks either, as I have personality for days. I will charm my way into your heart in no time.

My adoption fee is between \$15 and \$50 for me and another cat. Pick an ornament.

Hi, I'm Prancer. I am a 1-year-old male hound mix who has only had a year's practice of being a best friend, but I am an expert. A few of my favorite things are playtime, people and cuddling. I am learning sit and shake and would love to find my home before the holidays. The staff and volunteers are waiting to show off my wonderful personality to you.

My adoption fee is between \$15 and \$50. Pick an ornament.

LCDAS is reducing pet adoption fees for the lucky families that find their perfect match this month. Just pick a door on the Countdown to the Holidays calendar to reveal a reduced adoption fee ranging from \$50 to as low as \$15.

The adoption fee for all pets includes: spay/



Joe ID# A762541



Prancer ID# A762812

neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, deworming, heartworm test for dogs six months or older, feline aids and leukemia test for cats, a Lee County license for pets three months or older, microchip pet ID, and a 10-day health guarantee. The total adoption package is valued at more than \$500.

The shelter is open to the public Monday through Saturday at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. Adoptions are available 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information, visit Lee County Domestic Animal Services at www.leegov.com/animalservices or call 533-7387.✪

Haven on Earth Animal League

Lily And Sylvia

Hi, I'm Lily! I'm a beautiful 2-year-old female tabby with a white bib. I have been fully vetted and brought up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$100. Come see me at Petco in Gulf Coast Town Center.

Hello, I'm Sylvia. Aren't I just adorable? I'm only 6 months old and a very sweet little girl. I'm currently staying with a foster family and would really like a home to call my own! My adoption fee is \$100 which includes vaccines and spaying.

We are being cared for by Haven on Earth Animal League. For more information, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.✪



Lily



Sylvia

PAWS Of Sanibel

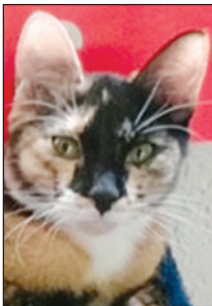
Brava And Lucy

Two very unusual and beautiful sisters are up for adoption. One is tortoiseshell cat with white or calico features, while the other is a dilute tortoiseshell.

These photos do not do them justice, as they are much more adorable in person. Adopt one, or keep them together and adopt both. They are four and five months old. They come with complete vet check-up, all shots, tests, wormed, treated with flea preventative and spayed. Call Pam at PAWS at 472-4823 to adopt one or both.✪



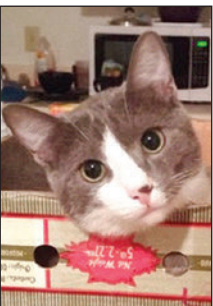
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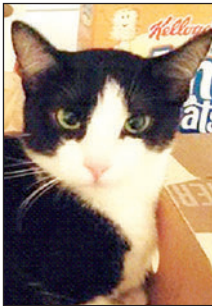
Lucy

Sonny And Cher

This is Sonny and Cher. Some of you may remember them. Three years ago, four kitties, the momma and three kittens were trapped between the Sunset Beach Resort and Lantana condominium on West Gulf Drive. All were adopted (Lana, Tanner, Sonny and Cher) to lovely people. However, Sonny and Cher's mom has reached a time in her life when she feels she must move in with family over on Pine Island. Unfortunately, in addition to her granddaughter being allergic, her son operates a business out of his home that is directly on Pine Island Road and the doors are always opening and closing, so it's not safe for kitties. These are very special kitties, and need to be together forever. Call Pam at 472-4823 if you can give these sweethearts a new home.✪



Sonny



Cher

BEFORE THE BRITISH INVASION

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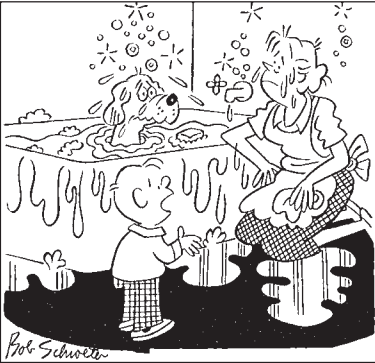
MAGIC MAZE

WORDS OF A CERTAIN TYPE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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"Can we trade him in for a cat?
They're self- _____."
answer on page 39B

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the CAPITAL letters below to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word to complete the gag!

Blend
LEMING

Blunt
TRICED

Invent
TRACEE

Sniff
HEALIN

TODAY'S WORD

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		8	6			4		
	5				8			7
		1			9			8
8				1		2	5	
	6		2				9	
9	1		8			6		
		6		5				2
7					3		8	

SUDOKU

To play Sudoku:
Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

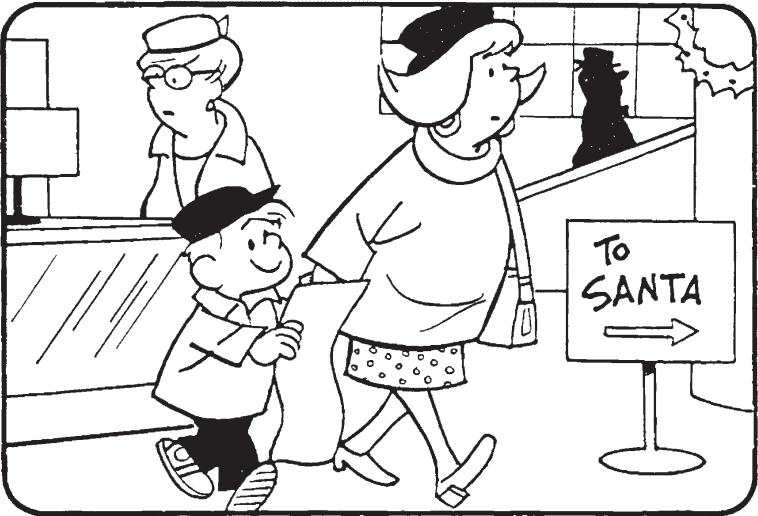
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Jewelry rack is missing. 2. List is shorter. 3. Feathers are missing. 4. Pendant is missing. 5. Skirt is different. 6. Sign is different.

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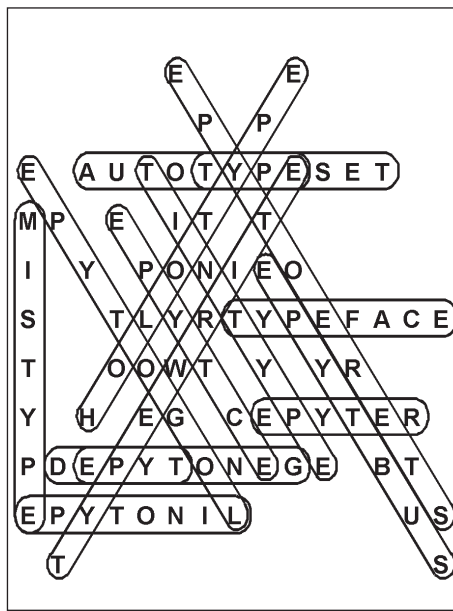
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Shore Fishing: Don't Harm The Fish



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landing a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you're going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish.

Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.

The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.

If you want a picture with the fish, support it as

you lift it out of the water - and do it quickly.

Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.

Florida just recently changed the regulations on fishing from shore. Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.

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THE RIVER
WEEKLY NEWS
FROM THE BEACHES TO DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2018

Aries (March 21 to April 19) The arts are a strong part of the Arian aspect, with music becoming more dominant. An important decision looms as a longtime relationship takes an unexpected turn.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Surrounding yourself with beautiful things helps restore the Taurean soul. Enjoy an art exhibit, for example. Or redecorate your personal space with something truly splendid.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Some colleagues might try to talk you out of what they insist is a risk, but which you consider an opportunity. As usual, follow your own good sense when making your decision.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) A workplace change you might have worried about soon proves to be highly favorable for the clever Crab who is ready to take advantage of new opportunities opening up.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. Your Leonine pride is polished to a dazzling new brilliance thanks to your success in winning support for your new project from even the most doubtful of detractors.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) An unsettling rumor about a colleague's apparently regrettable behavior is soon proved groundless, allowing you to enjoy the upcoming end-of-year festivities in a happy mood.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Your success in helping to create a harmonious environment out of a chaotic situation earns you the admiration of someone who could become an important new presence in your life.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) Your Scorpion's sense of loyalty could find you leading a passionate defense of a loved one you feel is being unfairly treated. The week's end brings long-awaited family news.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) Your keen instincts are once more on high alert as you find yourself being pressured to make a quick decision about a certain matter. More facts come to light by week's end.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) An unexpected workplace development could disrupt some family plans. A full explanation, however, averts domestic discord. A financial matter continues to need attention.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Spend time away from distractions to reassess some recent moves that might not

have worked out as you had hoped. What you learn could be invaluable for future decision-making.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) A recent act of kindness is a reminder of how important your friends are to you. You might want to show your appreciation by hosting a special pre-New Year's party just for them.

Born This Week: You always try to do your best, which sometimes causes you to be critical of those who don't live up to your standards.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was *New York Times* columnist Maureen Dowd who made the following sage observation: "The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than you settled for."

- A law in Memphis, Tennessee, states that it is illegal for a woman to drive a car unless a man walks in front of it to warn approaching motorists and pedestrians.

- Martha Stewart got her start in business by catering from her home.
- It takes 40 gallons of maple sap to make one gallon of the maple syrup you put on your pancakes.
- The Tom Thumb locomotive and Jell-O were invented by the same person.

- Ancient Egyptians often were buried with opium, boats and artificial limbs for use in the afterlife. And it wasn't unusual to have a model of the deceased's home included, as well – just in case shelter was needed.

- England's Prince Philip was born on a kitchen table in Greece.

- The word "widget" was coined by an American humorist in the 1930s and referred to an imaginary gadget or machine. In the 1990s, however, widgets moved out of the realm of fiction when the makers of beverage cans invented a device that releases carbon dioxide to make foam after a can has been opened – and they named it a "widget."

- In its entire lifetime – four to six weeks – a single worker bee produces a sum total of about 1.5 teaspoons of honey.
- North Carolina once outlawed cats and dogs fighting with each other.

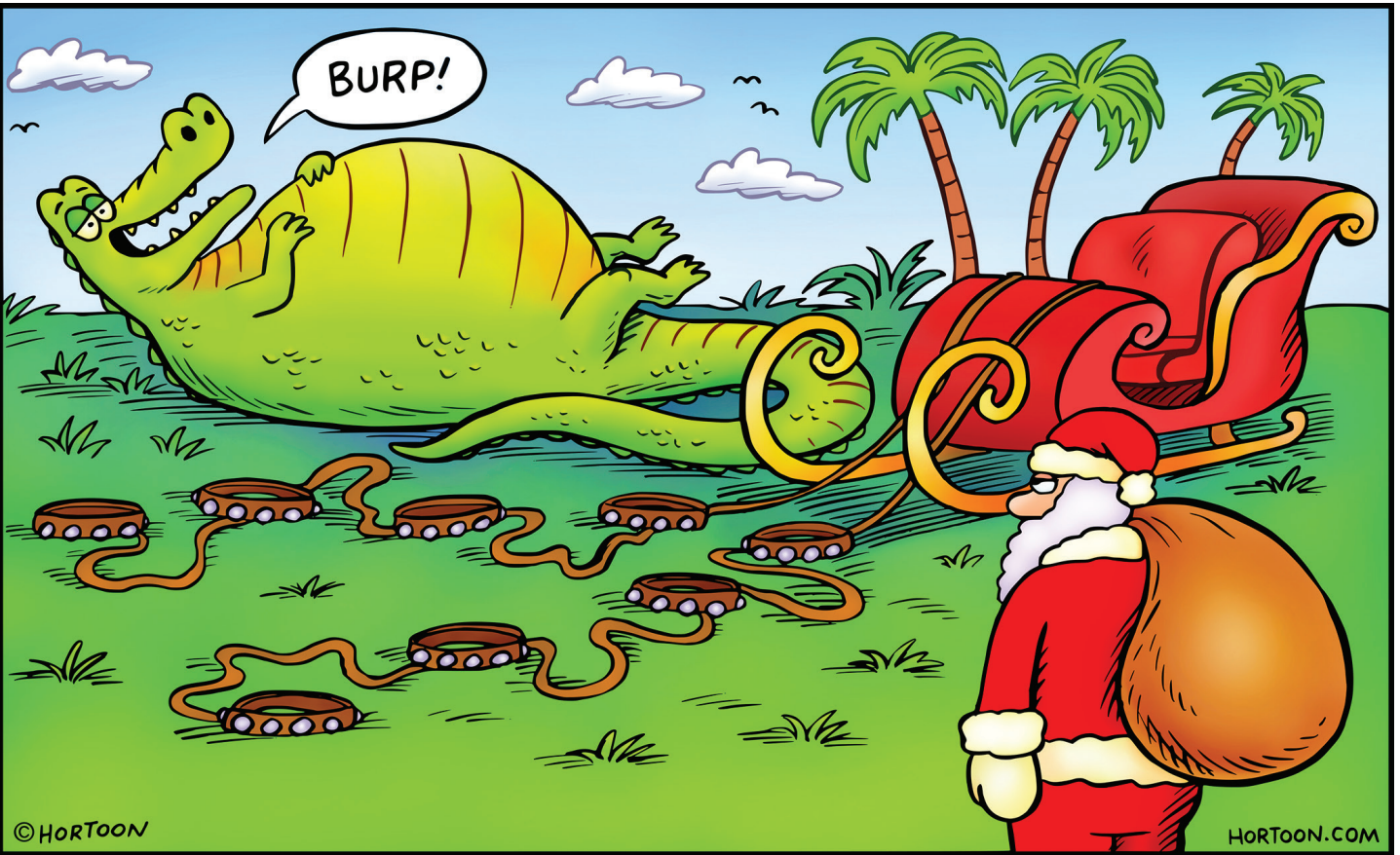
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"No matter what side of an argument you're on, you always find some people on your side that you wish were on the other side." – Jascha Heifetz

SCRAMBLERS

1. Mingle; 2. Direct;
3. Create; 4. Inhale
Today's Word
CLEANING

HORTOONS



Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Iona Shores	Fort Myers	2006	8,009	\$2,995,000	\$1,410,000	66
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2002	4,445	\$1,795,000	\$1,700,000	136
Gores A M Subd	Captiva	1980	2,080	\$1,499,000	\$1,400,000	20
Lake Forest At Shadow Wood	Estero	2001	3,554	\$1,295,000	\$1,225,000	160
Shell Harbor	Sanibel	1970	2,354	\$1,295,000	\$1,255,000	27
Sea Oats	Sanibel	2001	2,453	\$1,250,000	\$1,150,000	145
Chartwell	Estero	2002	3,289	\$1,189,000	\$1,085,000	29
Beachview Country Club Estates	Sanibel	2018	2,483	\$1,100,000	\$1,025,000	86
Whiskey Creek	Fort Myers	2005	3,068	\$1,000,000	\$963,000	77
Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	1997	2,016	\$995,000	\$970,000	238



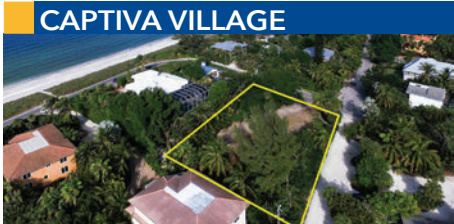
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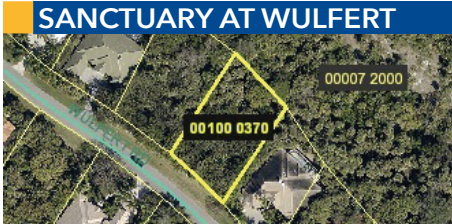
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