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ACT Gallery Opening Exhibit Artists Reception

oin Arts for ACT Gallery, located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers on Friday, October 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. for the opening reception and Art Walk. This month, ACT Gallery will feature The Hall Family Plot featuring the creative Hall Brothers in the main gallery; Jean Crenshaw, mixed media artist, will exhibit off the main gallery; and Alisha Kovanis will exhibit 3D Black Light Boxes and other works in the white gallery room. The Family Plot: The Art of the Hall

Brothers.



Swamp Angel

The trio were born in New Hampshire but grew up in Fort Myers. They learned the art of drawing at a very early age from their father. While all three of the Hall Brothers are self-taught, Tyler, in his words, "was unable to completely avoid an education in the arts," having taken art courses in college.

D. Jay Hall began his artistic pursuits with drawing, cartooning and ceramics. In 1989, he attended a local carving show and soon after discovered a natural talent for working with wood. Jay was drawn to aboriginal sculptural styles, particularly Native American and Jay's work ranges from strict interpretations of traditional forms to whimsical variations. Over the years, his work has been featured in several nationally known galleries.

Bruce Tyler Hall (1953-2005) was also influenced early on by comic book art and later by surrealism and fantasy art. He called his style "synapse phantasm," representations of continued on page 5



Cooking for the Arts in 2014 Chef Stirs Up A Taste Of New Orleans For This Year's Cooking For The Arts

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC) brings culinary excitement to downtown Fort Myers with Cooking for the Arts, an intimate cooking and dining event for all, directed by local chef Mike Gavala. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located in the historic downtown River District, at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers.

Cooking for the Arts is an exciting interactive dinner experience of culinary excellence. Enjoy a full four-course gourmet meal from this year's themed menu, Taste of New Orleans, prepared by chef Gavala of G3 Catering in Fort Myers, but finished by your own hand. Guests will be seated at tables of eight surrounded by friends and fresh, nostalgic ingredients to use to create an unforgettable meal.

Wear your own chef's hat and apron as Gavala walks you through step-by-step cooking continued on page 20

Actors Bare Their Souls For Friendship And Cancer Research

The Laboratory Theater is opening its season with *Calendar Girls*, an international sensation. It's based on the true story of 11 Women's Institute members who posed nude for a calendar to raise money for the Leukaemia Research

Fund. It opens Friday, October 2 at 8 p.m. at the Laboratory Theater in Fort Myers. This group of homemakers focuses mainly on the arts of jam-making, flower-pressing and crafts until one of its members loses her husband to lymphoma. The ladies have photos of themselves taken for a calendar to raise money for the local cancer ward. This charming and "cheeky" play shows slightly-prudish women doing whatever it takes to

help a friend in need. In a delightful twist, the *Calendar Girls*' cast is creating a calendar of its own. It will be for sale, starting on opening night, Friday, October 2. Local celebrity and photographer Mila Bridger conducted the shoot. Proceeds will benefit a cancer foundation to be announced.

Director Brenda Kensler, whose directing credits for Lab Theater include *Cabaret* and *Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays*, identifies with the women in this story. "It shows what true friendship is," she said. "And it's wonderful because of all the roles for mature women and because it brings more awareness to the fight against cancer."

Performances will be on October 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and on October 11 and 17 at 2 p.m. at the theater, 1634 Woodford Avenue in the Fort



Calendar Girls calendar shoot

Myers River District. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available online at www. LaboratoryTheaterFlorida.com or by calling 218-0481. There will also be an opening night reception, starting at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for students and \$25 for adults at the door. The theater also offers Thursday night discounts to seniors and military, at \$18.50 per ticket. Seating is limited. \ddagger

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Ups And Downs At the Morgan-Dean Corner



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

his circa-1960 photo captures the last days of Shrem's in the Morgan-Dean Hotel.

The going-out-of-business sale offering up to 75 percent off was the last bargain to be had at the gift shop that had moved from another First Street location not long before. At that time, the boom-time hotel retained some of its more

notable Mediterranean-Revivalist architectural features that make the large window sign seem all the more anachronistic. Note the ornate columns and tile work framing the main entrance (right). Other details in the historic photo speak of mid-20th century

downtown: the parking meter, a window air-conditioning unit, the wooden-slat sidewalk bench, and the catty-cornered store entrance.

A glance down Dean Street (left) reveals not only vintage cars but a view of the river and two commercial buildings. Harborside Event Center and the expansion of the riverfront park were still years in the future.

John Morgan Dean had built the hotel in 1923 on a spot with hotel history going back to pioneer days, with the Windsor Hotel followed by the Cottage Home Hotel.

Dean also was granted permission by the city to create Dean Street so the hotel could have entrances on two streets. It started with a mere 22 rooms, but expanded greatly and added amenities over the succeeding years.

Businesses opening and closing is nothing new, but the photo of Shrem's going out Shrem's gift shop occupied the corner storefront in the Morgan Dean Hotel circa 1960 of business has a certain resonance, since it took place at the beginning of the decade when downtown Fort Myers - and indeed traditional downtowns across the nation suffered the economic drain caused by suburban malls and shopping centers.

In the 1960s, many Fort Myers businesses either went out of business or migrated south along the Cleveland corridor.

Some locals say the first sign of the phenomenon was the opening of Boulevard Plaza on West First Street in 1959. That shopping center – later known as Edison-Ford Square – was only blocks from the main businesses district, but nevertheless had

a negative economic effect on core downtown. The opening of the Edison Mall in 1965 was the crowning blow, when major department stores that had been on First for many years – such as JC Penney's and Sears Roebuck - moved to the mall.

Like the rest of downtown, the Morgan-Dean Hotel had its ups and downs. Soon after this photo was taken, it was sold again and the name changed to Hotel Dean.

Later, the building's very existence was threatened - the "redevelop or demolish" question. It was vacant in the early 1990s - but it has been successfully reinvented again and is now part of a thriving downtown, with a restaurant on the ground floor and apartments and offices on the upper floors.

Walk to the Morgan-Dean corner and ponder the history of the corner storefront. Then, continue your historical musings at the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street, where you can learn more about the countless businesses that came and went through downtown history.

Call 321-7430 for information, or go to museumofhistory.org. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Learn still more at the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

The all-volunteer non-profit organization is open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m. Call 939-4044 or visit swflhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society.



photo courtesy American Legion Post 38



Today, the boom-time hotel is a restaurant, apartments and offices

photo by Gerri Reaves

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Fort Myers Art: Yesterday, It Was Sunny At FGCU



by Tom Hall

The Art Galleries at the Bower School of Music & the Arts presents Yesterday, It Was Sunny: A solo exhibition of work by TL Solien on Thursday, October 8. An artist talk with reception to follow will be held beginning at 5 p.m. at the main gallery in the arts complex. Solien has gained national attention

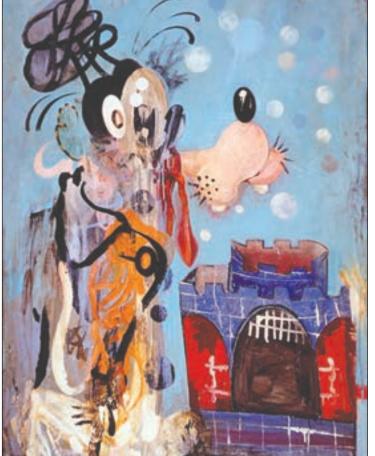
Solien has gained national attention for painting, sculpture, and works on paper that combine surreal, cartoon-

like imagery exploring his life, mind and emotional states as a man, artist, husband and father. Solien has appeared in numerous national group and solo exhibitions, including the Whitney Museum of American Art, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Walker Art Center, Des Moines Art Center, Madison Contemporary Art Museum and the American Center in Paris.

This exhibition runs through November and is sponsored in part by Gene and Lee Seidler and WGCU.

The gallery is in the arts complex on FGCU's main campus at 10501 FGCU Boulevard South. Parking is available in Lot 7 for gallery visitors. Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Tom Hall is both an amateur artist and aspiring novelist who writes art quest thrillers. He is in the final stages of completing his debut novel titled Art Detective. A former tax attorney, he lives in Estero with his fiancé and their four cats.



The solo exhibition of the work of TL Solien opens on October 8

Lee Republican Women Meeting

The Lee Republican Women Federated next dinner meeting will be held on Monday, October 12 at

Pinchers The Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 West 1st Street in Fort Myers. The event will begin at 5:15 p.m. with a social hour, with dinner and the program to follow. October's



program will KrisAnne Hall feature guest

speaker KrisAnne Hall, Constitutional attorney, author, speaker and radio host.

Cost to attend the dinner and program is \$25. As always, all members of the public are invited to attend.

Reservations can be made by visiting http://leerepublicanwomen.com/event, by emailing rmh738@aol.com or by calling 432-9389.*

Tax Collector Offers Community Education Sessions This Fall

Learn of experts at one of many community education seminars. These sessions are designed to provide information and answer questions. Learn about real property taxes, non-ad valorem assessments, Florida vehicle registration, concealed weapons license applications and renewals and more. All sessions are held at

Lee County Library locations; reservations are not necessary. Thursday, September 24, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Fort Myers Regional Library, 2450 First Street

Wednesday, October 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at East County Regional Library, 881 Gunnery Road North

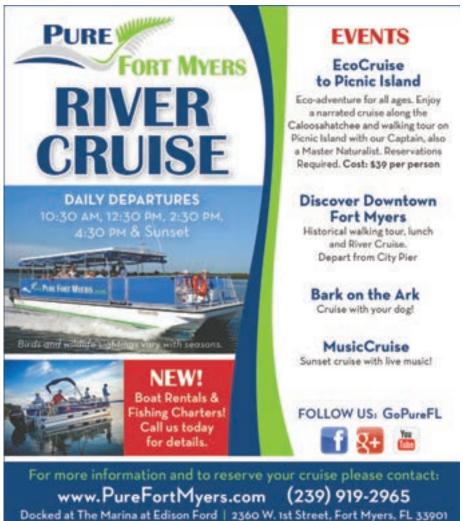
Tuesday, October 27, noon to 1:30 p.m. at Bonita Springs Public Library, 26876 Pine Avenue

Wednesday, November 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Lakes Regional Library, 15290 Bass Road

Monday, November 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Cape Coral Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace



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Santa will be on hand to meet with youngsters

Sponsorships Available For Festival Of Trees

mbrace the spirit of giving by being a sponsor of Goodwill's Festival of Trees, while getting your business in front of thousands of attendees. The festival aruns December 2 through 6, and just like gifts under the tree, sponsorship opportunities abound in all shapes and sizes.

Torah Study At Temple Judea

n Thursday, October 1 at noon, Temple Judea Rabbi Sack begins a onehour Torah study that includes an open discussion of Torah and Judaism where all levels of background and all questions are encouraged. The session is held on the first Thursday of the month at the office of Myers, Brettholtz & Company, 12671 Whitehall Drive in Fort Myers. Bring a chumash if you have one. Rabbi Sack will bring the text for the session.

Temple Judea is located at 14486 A&W Bulb Road in Fort Myers. For more information, call 433-0201 or send an email to tjswfl@gmail.com.*



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Vendors are also needed for Santa's Block Party. The event is a day of fun consisting of arts and crafts, entertainment, a brunch with Santa, and activities. Santa kicks off the celebration by arriving by fire truck and marching band.

Vendor tables are \$50. Vendor and sponsorship information are available at www. tuxandtrees.com.

Volunteer opportunities are also available. Visit www.tuxandtrees.com/volunteer to see how you can help.

For more information, contact MadisonMitchell@goodwillswfl.org or call 995-2106 ext. 2213

The Festival of Trees and

the Tux & Trees Gala are the signature events of The

Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation. All events are held at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First Street in the Fort Myers River District.



Laura Ingraham Ingraham To Headline Tiger Bay Club Gala

iger Bay Club of Southwest Florida presents its annual gala in partnership with the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers & The Beach on Thursday, October 29 at the Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers. Registration and networking begin at 5:30 p.m., with the dinner and program starting at 7 p.m.



One of the themed trees from a previous festival

Open to the public, the event will be moderated by NBC-2's Kellie Burns and will feature New York Times best-selling author Laura Ingraham, who will share her special brand of political analysis.

Ingraham is nationally recognized as a political consultant, regular Fox News contributor, and is the most-listened-to woman in political talk radio in the U.S. Since its launch in 2001, The Laura Ingraham Show has expanded to hundreds of stations nationwide. Ingraham can also be seen as the principal substitute host on The O'Reilly Factor and has published five No. 1 New York Times best-sellers. Her latest venture includes the recent launch of political website, LifeZette.

One of the most widely recognized conservative voices, Ingraham will provide insight into the 2016 elections and address many concerns Americans face today about the impacts of popular culture on political conversation and the great divide between the two parties.

Early registration for club members and the general public is \$125until October 9, and includes dinner. Sponsorships are also available by contacting Alexis Crespo at alexisc@waldropengineering.com.

Visit www.swfltigerbay.org for more information and to register for the October 29 event.

Tiger Bay Club of Southwest Florida is a non-partisan organization that provides current information about civic, governmental and political issues important to Southwest Florida at the local, state and federal levels.X



Poodle 3D From page 1 ACT Exhibit Opening

"the biochemical bridge between psychology and magic." Tyler had several well-received one-man shows in the years prior to his untimely death in 2005.

In addition, Tyler taught art to the handicapped, a pursuit for which he won the prestigious Rauschenberg Foundation Award in 2000. He was also nominated for the Angels of the Arts Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.

Gary Alan Hall was influenced more by illustrators than by fine artists. For many years, he preferred drawing to painting, working in pastels and pen & ink, and only began painting in the 1990s. Gary worked in the graphic arts for over 40 years. He also worked for Art of the Olympians from 2006 to 2012. His work has previously been shown in ACT Gallery, the Alliance for the Arts Gallery and Art in Public Places.

"The name 'The Family Plot' for our show just sort of popped into my head. I thought it was a great name for an October, that is to say, a Halloween show, and it's a great double entendre... or even a triple entendre. Art is the plotline of my family's story." Gary said.

Jean Crenshaw is a mixed media artist who tries to create paintings that have a stoic feeling and have a darker beauty to them. There are times that a certain subject or object is present in numerous pieces, not to tie several works together but because of the feeling the object gives the painting. She paints to invoke an emotion in people. There may not be much emotion in the faces of the women, she paints but there is a sense of emotion, whether it is feeling calm, feeling over it or that someone is there and waiting for what is next. She would like others to understand that her art is a moment in time when it was made of a feeling, a bad day, a song that played while painting, it cannot always be pinned down to one specific thought. She uses many materials to create pieces from pastels, oil pastels, watercolor, images from old dictionaries, lots of spray paint, acrylics and normally water is not used, she has found that brush cleaner and other paint additives



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can create beautiful effects.

Alisha Koyanis Her mother, who fed her creative imagination full of colorful, whimsical creatures, raised Alisha in Rhode Island. This is seen in her work today. She relocated to Southwest Florida after attending Florida State University. Alisha is a full time artist and co-owner of local business Twisted Acres with her fiancé Anson, specializing in air plants, creative gardens, wall hangings, art and more. Koyanis' work is best described as a skittles bag explosion of color. Not a traditional artist, her inspiration is drawn from comics, tattoos, childhood adventures, found materials, family and friends. Each piece does not follow a constant theme. However, each piece is bright and eye catching in hopes of bringing happiness to the viewer. The use of canvases in Koyanis' work is a rarity. She prefers using wood, records and found materials allowing her imagination to shape the canvas. Her newest series is 3D Black light boxes, inspired by her fiancé. Each piece is meticulously done from start to finish by her including the cutting, assembling and resin overlay. All doodles from this series are inspired by Koyanis' favorite holiday – Halloween.

Come view these creative artworks and support ACT Gallery. These exhibits continue through

Monday, November 2.5

Racing For Rotary To End Polio Event

The Rotary Club of Cape Coral is building a ChumpCar to race at Sebring International Raceway on Saturday, September 26 to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation and End Polio fund.

The Mazda RX7, worth \$500, is being rebuilt with all parts, roll cage and fittings for the vehicle being donated. Members of the Rotary Club of Cape Coral are volunteering time to rebuild the ChumpCar and get it ready for the race. A ChumpCar was originally developed for people who love driving and driving fast. A throw-back to the era when racing was fun and cheap.

"We are not only raising money for the fight against Polio; we are also raising awareness of the positive impact Rotary has throughout the world all while having fun and fellowship," stated Thomas Burt, Racing for Rotary committee chairman.

The Rotary car can be displayed at area clubs as well as special and local events to help raise funds for the Rotary Foundation and End Polio. The Rotary Club of Cape Coral is reaching out as a fund raiser to anyone that would like to commit a donation amount per lap the rebuilt car will make at the race. This fun project is all to raise awareness and money to End Polio. Donations can be made online at http://www. capecoralrotary.com/store.html#!/ Racing-4-Rotary/c/14527001/ offset=0&sort=normal.

The 14-hour event on September 26 is at Sebring International Raceway as part of the ChumpCar World Series. The Optima Batteries ChumpCar World Series is a series of automotive endurance races held on paved road race courses across North America. The races range in length from six to 38 hours. The name is a parody of Champ Car, a defunct open wheel professional racing series. Races are sanctioned throughout the United States, as well as in Canada and Mexico. Teams are encouraged, but not required, to decorate their cars with themes.

Rotary is an organization of business, professional and community leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. In more than 160 countries worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary clubs. The organization is especially dedicated to ending polio in our lifetime. Rotary members have persevered in this fight since 1979 and have now helped eradicate polio in all but three countries worldwide.

Issued its charter by Rotary International in 1964, the Rotary Club of Cape Coral, Florida is a not-for-profit organization of approximately 75 men and women who meet for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. every Wednesday at the La Venezia Ballroom in Cape Coral, to enjoy fellowship and a meal, to hear an informative program and to discuss and continued on page 18

Undiscovered Opportunities North Fort Myers, FL

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Calendar Girls with Mr. H. and guide dog Chief Birthday Surprise

That do you give the man who has everything? For his 90th birthday, Mr. H. was surprised by the Calendar Girls, along with

HORTOONS

Southeastern Guide Dog in training Chief at Lake Kennedy Senior Center on Friday, September 18.

For more information on the Calendar Girls, visit www.calendargirlsflorida.com or call Katherine at 850-6010.举



Calendar Girls Calendar Girls Visit Myerlee

he Calendar Girls brought their America the Beautiful show to the residents of Myerlee Manor in Fort Myers on Saturday, September 19. Along with the girls, the Southeastern Guide Dogs puppies in training were in attendance. One of the sponsored puppies, Cadence, made his last appearance before going back to school for his formal harness training.

Since 2006, the Calendar Girls have sponsored 15 world-class guide dogs for veterans.

For more information about the Calendar Girls, www.calendargirlsflorida. com and Southeastern Guide Dogs at www.guidedogs.org.☆

Lake Kennedy Senior Center Bus Trip To Florida Aquarium

he Kennedy Kruisers are off to beautiful Tampa to explore the wonders of the sea on Wednesday, September 30. Bus trip participants are asked to arrive by 7:45 a.m. prior to departing at 8 a.m. The approximate return time is 6:30 p.m. or before.

The Florida Aquarium is rated in the top 10 best aquariums in the country. Be prepared to be mesmerized by the unusual creatures of the sea and the aweinspiring plant life that live in this underwater paradise. There will be a multitude of exhibits and touch tanks where you can feel many amazing sea urchins. After visiting the aquarium, get ready to set sail on an incredible wild dolphin cruise.

The cost of this aqua adventure, including a 75-minute wild dolphin cruise, is \$61 per member and \$66 per non-member. Lunch will be Dutch treat. Preregistration is required.

Lake Kennedy Senior Center is located at 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard in Cape Coral. For more information, call 574-0575.公

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Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Provides 100 Students With School Supplies



Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis members Todd Adams, Anne Marie Hopkins, Barbara Hartman, Ada Trapanese, Kim Berghs and Jennifer Molnar stuff backpacks with school supplies

The Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis club donated 100 backpacks that were filled school supplies to local students in Southwest Florida. The following agencies received backpacks to distribute: Children's Advocacy Center, McGregor Clinic, United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee- Family Mentor Program, Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) and Catholic Charities. Additional supplies went to Destiny Ministries of SWFL, SIYA (Supporting Independent Young Adults) and Littleton Elementary on behalf of K-Kids (a service leadership branch of Kiwanis for students age_6 to 12). Founded in 1915,

Founded in 1915, Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis and its family of clubs, including Circle K International for university students, Key Club for students age 14 to 18, Builders Club for stu-



Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Treasurer Heather Chouinard delivers backpacks to Jennifer Benton of Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT)

dents age 11 to 14, Kiwanis Kids for students age 6 to 12 and Aktion Club for adults living with disabilities, annually dedicate more than 18 million service hours to strengthen communities and serve children. The Kiwanis International family comprises nearly 600,000 adult and youth members in 80 countries and geographic areas.

The Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club is looking for more service-minded individuals and business professionals who would like to make a direct impact on the community through volunteering. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in Fort Myers. For details on joining the Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club, call club president Diane Connell at 443-9337 or email deconnell0913@gmail.com. The Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club can be found on Facebook or online at www.metro-mcgregor.com.*

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Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis members prepare 100 local students by supplying them with backpacks for school. Back from left is Diane Connell, Harris Segel, Ada Trapanese, Barbara Hartman, Barb Segel, Todd Adams, Pam Grabe and Tom Thornquist (seated).





Take a moonlit guided tour of the Edison Ford gardens on Sunday at 7 p.m. during the Lunar Eclipse Moonlit Garden Tour

n Friday, September 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shell Point Retirement Community presents its Trinkets & Treasures Sale. There is no cost to attend.

Don't miss this eclectic mercantile shopping event, featuring a sea of interesting treasures sold by Shell Point residents. From books to buttons, this sale has it all. Find great deals on an incredible assortment of unique, previously used items.

The Trinkets & Treasures Sale is held at the Social Center on The Island at Shell Point, 15020 Shell Point Boulevard in Fort Myers. Call 454-2057 for more details or





Cool cars and classic rock rule at the River District Car Cruise-In on Saturday

go to www.shellpoint.org

On September 26 at 10:30 a.m., have Saturday Morning Tea with Mina Edison and Clara Ford at the Edison Ford Winter Estates.

Join "Mina Edison" and "Clara Ford" for iced tea and cookies in the Edison Caretaker's House as they reminisce about family and friends, living part-time in Florida, as well as their helpful hints for their marriage, gardening and menu interests. This delightful program features two seasoned Edison Ford docents and living history characters who will greet the audience and welcome them into their conversation. The Edison Caretaker's House is air-conditioned and set in the beautiful Edison gardens.

Reservations are required by calling Leeanne Criswell at 334-7419 or emailing her at lcriswell@edisonfordwinterestates.org. The cost for Edison Ford members is \$\$ and \$12 for non-members. Groups may schedule morning tea at other times and dates and substitute lunch or other refreshments. For group reservations, call 334-7419. The Edison Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort

Myers. For more information, go to www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

On Saturday night, the **Car Cruise-In** returns to downtown Fort Myers' historic River District. The monthly event is scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Saturday and is free to the public.

All classic cars and show cars are welcome. A DJ spins classic rock with trivia. Heavy rain or bad weather will typically cancel the outdoor event. Light rain will not. For more information, go to www.myriverdistrict.com.

On Sunday, September 27, the Edison Ford Winter Estates presents a Lunar Eclipse Moonlit Garden Tour.

The Harvest Moon on September 27 and 28 will be guite a phenomenon this year, appearing larger and brighter than usual immediately before and after passing through a total lunar eclipse (during which it will appear dark red). The Edison & Ford Winter Estates will present a Moonlight Garden Walk on the riverside of the estates to include the spectacular lunar activity and also the nighttime flower and pollinator activity. Telescopes, cameras and binoculars are encouraged.

Registration is required by calling 334-7419.

Also on Sunday, the Southwest Florida Astronomical Society (SWFAS) is holding a free public lunar eclipse observing from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at Centennial Park.

The SWFAS is following up International Observe the Moon Night with a public observing of the Harvest Moon Supermoon total lunar eclipse the night of September 27. The moon will begin to enter the umbra (noticeable start of the eclipse) at 9:07p.m. SWFAS will be set up for lunar observations in Centennial Park from moonrise on (after 7 p.m), but the overall eclipse will be from 9:07 to 12:27 p.m., with the blood moon" phase (total eclipse) falling in the middle of that time, from 10:11 to 11:24 p.m.

Centennial Park closes at 10:30 p.m., but the moon will already be in full eclipse by that time.

Centennial Park is located at 2000 W First Street, near the intersection of McGregor Boulevard and U.S. 41, just up McGregor from the Edison-Ford Winter Estates.

Did you know that the Fort Myers Beach Shrimping fleet is the largest commercial fishing fleet in the Gulf of Mexico? Shrimping, known as pink gold, contributes millions of dollars to the local economy.

On Wednesdays, the Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center offers a three-hour guided tour. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 for children over six years of age. Reservations are required.

Learn where the shrimp that is served at Shrimp Fest comes from and how the boats are unloaded, the trawl doors are built, the shrimp nets are hand-sewn, the seafood is processed, and other important factors used in this unique industry.

Ostego Bay Foundation is located at 718 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-8101 or go to www.ostegobay.org.炎

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DOC FORD'S RUM BAR & GRILLE

Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille is named for the Doc Ford character in local author Randy Wayne White's bestselling mystery novels.

It's a well known gathering place with indoor and outdoor patio seating. The combined menu offers all the lunch and dinner items from 11 a.m. until closing. It includes cedar plank salmon topped with a mango chipotle glaze or a marinated grilled chicken sandwich, and there's a well provisioned raw bar. Tropical drinks are a specialty, notably the signature rum drink, Island Mojito. 708 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers

Beach. Call 765-9660.

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Ichiban is a downtown favorite for Chinese and Japanese cuisine. The name means "Number One" in Japanese and offers its customers the perfect balance of great quality and affordable prices. Ichiban has been family owned and operated for 10 years and its enduring popularity is a testament to its exceptional, friendly service

1520 Broadway #106, Fort Myers. Call 334-6991.

ISLAND COW



Sip a cool, refreshing mojito, a traditional Cuban highball, at Doc Ford's on Fort Myers Beach

Where can you go when you're in the "moooood" for some great cookin', local fun and prices that won't make you lose the farm? Try Island Cow on Sanibel. Island Cow is an airy bistro with

French doors leading out to the front and back patios. It is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Dine under the stars while you listen to live music on one of Sanibel's only al fresco eating porches.

2163 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Call 472-0606.

NERVOUS NELLIE'S

Nervous Nellie's is a casual, family-fun restaurant that boasts a large selection of appetizers, fresh seafood, over-stuffed sandwiches and entrées. Dine in airconditioned comfort or outside on Nellie's

expansive waterfront patio. Happy hour is all day. Grab a bite to eat or drink and swing to the beats of live reggae, rock and island music from the area's premier musical talent.

Just upstairs from Nellie's is Ugly's Waterside Bar, the place where everyone gets prettier, and happy hour is all day, every day.

Parking for your car or boat is free for patrons. The GPS coordinates are 26"27'23.41" N • 81"57'15.18" W.

1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach at the Fort Myers Historic Seaport at Nervous Nellie's Marina. Call 463-8077.

SS HOOKERS

Get hooked on great cuisine and spirits at SS Hookers. The restaurant pays tribute to the rich history of Punta Rassa, the home of big game fishing. It serves American cuisine with a Cajun twist. Waterfront dining is available daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

After a triumphant day of fishing, bring your catch to the restaurant: "If you hook it, our chef will cook it.'

A late night bar features live music nightly. A fresh seafood market, bait shop and gifts are also on site.

17501 Harbour Pointe Drive, Fort Myers. Call 466-4377.3



Churches/Temples ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION (UUA)

2756 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Sunday Services 9 and 11 a.m., Adult Education Workshop 10 a.m., Reverend Margaret L. Beard, Minister. 226-0900.

www.allfaiths-uc.org ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE **RITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

10291 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers Divine Liturgy Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Rosary begins 10 a.m. Lenten services (Presanctified Liturgy) will be on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. starting February. Very Reverend Peter Lickman, 305-651-0991. Church of the Eastern Catholic or Byzantine Rite, 1.5 mi. east of

Interstate 75. ANNUNCIATION GREEK **ORTHODOX CHURCH**

8210 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers Reverend Fr. Dean Nastos, Proistamenos Orthros Service Sunday 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy Sunday 10 a.m., www.annuncia-tion.fl.goarch.org, 481-2099 BETH SHILOH MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

15675 McGregor Boulevard. Rabbi Judah Hungerman. Friday Service, 8 p.m., Saturday Service, 11 a.m. Shabbat School Saturday Morning, Adult Hebrew Classes. Call for information 437-3171 **BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES**

CHURCH OF GOD

16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166 Just past the Tanger Outlet Mall. Pastor Barry Lentz, 281-3063. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m. CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX

5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz. 433-7708, rabbi@ chabadswf.org. www.chabadswf.org. Friday service 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Kabbalah class 9 a.m.; Shacharit 10 a.m.; Kiddush at noon. Minyan Monday and

Thursday 7 a.m. CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

10200 Cypress Cove Circle Fort Myers 850-3943, Located at Cypress Cove Retirement Center on HealthPark Campus An ecumenical non-denominational community of believers. Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m. Reverendt Ted Althouse, Pastor revtedalthouse@aol.com

CHURCH OF THE CROSS

13500 Freshman Lane; 768-2188. Pastor Bud Stephens; A nondemonimational church emphasizing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Sunday Service: 9:15 a.m. Traditional, 10:45 Contemporary. **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** 1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers. Just off McGregor across from the Edison/Ford Winter Estates 334-4978, Pastor Douglas Kelchner, Worship times Sunday's 9 and 10:30 a.m. Website: www.taecc.com COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937 Reverned Dr. Jeffrey DeYoe, Senior Pastor Reverend David Dietzel, Pastor Emeritus. Traditional Sunday service 10 a.m.

Nursery available **CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH**

8400 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-5442 Randy A. Alston, Reverend. Sunday Services: Bible study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Evening Worship, 7 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m. CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-3233. www.clpc.us. Clint Cottrell, Pastor. Prayer Service 8 a.m., Praise 9 a.m., Children's Church 9 a.m., Traditional 11 a.m. Summer Prayer Service 8 a.m.

Combined Traditional/Praise 10 a.m. CYPRESS LAKE UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH** 8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,

482-1250, 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Praise Service Sunday School all times. FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

6111 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers, 278-3638. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Voice of Faith, WCRN 13.50 AM Radio, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m.; Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m. Nursery care for pre-school children and Children's Church ages 5 to12 available. FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 15690 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 482-2030. Pastor David Stauffer.Traditional Service Sunday 8:45 a.m., Contemporary Service Sunday 10:30 a.m. Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The church is 1/2 mile past the intersection of Gladiolus and San Carlos Boulevard on the way to Sanibel FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST 2390 West First Street, next door to Edison Estates. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Child care provided at all services. Visit our Reading Room for quiet study at: 2281 First Street, River District. www. time4thinkers.com, www.christiansciencefortmyers.com. www.christianscience.com FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 13545 American Colony Boulevard off Daniels Parkway in the Colony, Fort Myers, 936-2511 Pastor Reverend Joey Brummett

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Downtown Fort Myers River District, 2466 First Street, 332-1152. www.fumcftmyers. org. Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Blended Church Service; 5:30 p.m. Youth Group. FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CONGREGATION 5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 437-4330 Pastor Reverend Mark Condrey. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Church School 9:15

a.m FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST: 8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers. 482-3133. Philip White, pastor. Morning

Worship: 10 a.m., Church School: 10:15 a.m., Adult Forum: 11:30 a.m. IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION

9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 454-4778. Reverend Ray Buchanan Rector. Saturday 5 p.m., Eucharist with Healing; Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite One; 9:30 a.m., Family Eucharist with Healing and Church School. Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer (in Spanish); Wednesday 9:30 a.m., Eucharist with Healing. Child care available Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. services. JESUS THE WORKER

CATHOLIC CHURCH 881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, 481-1143 Masses Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH 2154 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 218-8343. Pastor Randy and Anita Thurman. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service. LAMB OF GOD CHURCH A few federated Lutheran (ELCA) and Episcopal Congregation. 19691 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers. 267-3525. www. lambofgodchurch.net. Reverend Dr. James

Reho. Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday's Cool for Children 10 a.m. **NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER**

New Home Church, 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, North Fort Myers, 656-0416. Weekly Friday meeting meet and greet 6:30 p.m. Kingdom Teaching 7 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments. nbcministry@embarqmail. com, www.facebook.com/nbcministry. Alex and Patricia Wiggins, Ministers NEW COVENANT EYES CHURCH

See Clearly. Meeting monthly at 9 a.m. at the Elks Lodge. 1900 Park Meadows Drive, Fort Myers. 220-8519. Pastor Alan Bondar. www.newcovenanteyes.com. LIFT Kidz program, free coffee and donuts. **NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**

OF FORT MYERS 16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10.

985-8503. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 11 a.m Sunday Morning Worship. 7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study. NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 3825 McGregor Boulevard. Fort Myers. Pastor Eddie Spencer. 8 and 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship. 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship. 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School. Youth and Children's programming runs concurrent to Sunday services. Nursery care provided at all services. 274-1230. www.newhopefortmyers.org PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Fort Myers Beach Masonic Lodge 17671 Pine Ridge Road. 267-7400 Pastors, Gail and RC Fleeman. Adult Discussion Classes 8:45 a.m. Countdown to Worship 10:10 a.m. Amazing Grace Worship:10:30 a.m. www.peacecommunitychurch.com.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Peace a member of ELCA. Weekly communion with traditional liturgy, organ and choir. 15840 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, on the way to Sanibel. 437-2599, www.peaceftmyers.com, peace@peaceftmyers.com. **RÉDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH** 3950 Winkler Ext., Fort Myers, 274-0143 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Services Daily early learning center/day care. RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 21580 River Ranch Road, Estero. 495-0400, Senior Pastor Todd Weston. 8 and 9:45 a.m Services; 11:30 a.m. Legacy

Service, multi-generational. SAMUDRABADRA BUDDHIST CENTER Meditation classes. Guided meditations, methods to relaxe body and focus mind on virtuous objects. Bring peace and hap-piness into daily activity. 567-9739. www. MeditationInFortMyers.org. SAINT COLUMBKILLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH 12171 Iona Road, Fort Myers, off McGregor and north of Gladiolus. 489-3973 Father Joseph Clifford. Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. Saturday 3 and 5 p.m.; Sunday 7, 9,11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation Saturdays 12 noon and by appointment. ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC

CHURCH

2157 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, 334-2157 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, 334-2161. Masses: Mon.-Thurs. 6:45 a.m.; Fri. 6:45 & 11 a.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun 6:45, 9:30 & 11 a.m., 12:15, 4 Creole & 6 p.m. SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH 3049 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers,

344-0012. Pastor Reverend Steve Filizzi. An Affirming and Inclusive Congregation Sunday Services 10 a.m. SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN

CHURCH & SCHOOL (LCMS) 3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, 939-1218, Worship: Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10:45 a.m. Bible Study for adults and children Sunday at 9:15 a.m. SAINT PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH 3751 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, 463-4251, www.stpeterfmb.com Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m.

SAINT NICHOLAS MONASTERY

Church and Bookstore. 111 Evergreen Road (southwest corner of Evergreen Road and Gail Street.) Liturgical services conducted in English and Church Slavonic; following the Julian (Old) Calendar. Liturgical Services Sundays and Holy Days 9:30 a.m. Holy Liturgy 0 a.m. Call to confirm service schedule: 997-2847; Bookstore 691-1775. www.saintnicholas-

monastery.org. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

13031 Palm Beach Boulevard (3 miles east of I75) East Fort Myers (across from Fort Myers Shores) 693-0818. 9 a.m. Tuesday through Friday. 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH

16940 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 454-3336. Robert G. Kasten Pastor. Sunday 11 a.m. Nursery 9:45 a.m. Sunday School all ages. Junior Church grades one

to five. Wee Church Pre-K to K. Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednsday Service 6 p.m. TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE

16225 Winkler Road Fort Myers. 433-0018, www.templebethel.com. rabbi.barras@templebethel.com. Rabbi Jeremy Barras, Cantor Victor Geigner, Religious School Director Dale Cohen, Learning Tree Director Jesyca Virnig, Office Manager Inna Vasser. Union For Reform Judaism

Shabbat Service Friday 7:30 p.m., Torah Study Saturday 9:30 a.m. Religious School Wednesday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. Learning Tree Monday through Friday. **TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)** 14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers, 433-0201, Rabbi: Rabbi Marc Sack Minyan: Monday at 0 a m. Policious Education Monday at 9 a.m. Religious Education: Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Services Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. www.tjswfl.org. THE NEW CHURCH

The New Church of SWFL, 10811 Sunset Plaza Circle #401, behind Zoomers. Reverend Gabriella Cahaley. Sundays 11 a.m. during the season. Other worship events on Fort Myers Beach. http://www. newchurchflorida.com. 481-5535. UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

CHURCH FORT MYERS

13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75). Minister The Reverend Allison Farnum. Sunday services and religious education at 10:30 a.m. 561-2700. www.uucfm.org

UNITY OF BONITA SPRINGS

28285 Imperial Street, Bonita Springs. 947-3100. Family Service 10 to 11 a.m. Healing Circle 11 a.m. Hospitality and Fellowship, 11 a.m. Inspiring lesson, uplifting and dynamic music, meditation in a

loving environment. UNITY OF FORT MYERS

11120 Ranchette Road, Fort Myers Sunday Services 9:15 and 11 a.m. Children's classes 11 a.m. Reverend Jim Rosemergy. 278-1511, www.unityoffort-myers.org. Our God is Love, Our Race is Human, Our Religion is Oneness **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN**

CHURCH

9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers, across from HealthPark Hospital, 481-2125. Senior Pastor Robert Brunson. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 11 a.m. Blended Worship. www.westminsterfortmyers.ord

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

2120 Collier Avenue, Fort Myers. 274-8881. Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Bishop Gaspar and Michele Anastasi ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. 481-4040. Pastor Curtis Deterding. Sunday 8 a.m. Traditional, 10:45 a.m. Blended, 9:30 a.m. Eductional Hour. www.zionfm.org.

OBITUARY



BARBARA T. WARD

Barbara T. Ward of Fort Myers, Florida went to be with her Lord on September 19, 2015. She was the only child of Catherine and Norfleet Tyer of Norfolk, Virginia, who each preceded her in death.

It was in Norfolk where she met

and married her childhood sweetheart, Wellington Ward, in 1956. Her husband knew her for 70 years, having met her when she was only 10 years old.

Their love for one another bore them two sons, Sam and Ben. The two of them, Sam wed to Janine and Ben wed to Shawn, brought to the family five grandchildren. Tara, Andrea and brother Brad were part of Sam's family and Ben had two daughters, Jordyn and Taylor. They were always fond of Barbara because to know Barbara Ward was to love Barbara Ward.

Along with the respect and love paid to her was the fact that she was well known as an educator within the Lee County School System. After spending nearly half of her time in the classroom, she became the assistant principal at Tice Elementary School for one year and spent the next 18 years as principal at Sanibel Elementary.

She retired in 1997 but not before guiding Sanibel to Blue Ribbon School status. That, of course, was a national honor meaning that the school was considered one of the best in the country. Aside from the prestige of the award given the school by this posture, there were also other grand programs that she created and developed that kept the city of Sanibel proud.

While she was principal of The Sanibel School, Barbara was voted Sanibel's Woman of the Year. Here she was driven in a convertible along the roadway in the 4th of July Parade.

Held each year, The Sanibel Shell Fair piqued her curiosity and led her to showcase the school's children with their abilities to man the many booths needed to educate the public. Much information was released to the crowds, which was one of the highlights of the event. The school's goodwill level rose to the top of the heap.

Another tool that Barbara unleashed on her students was its own TV station. Every day, a choice of the very best of that day's happenings was announced on the screen and enjoyed by all in the school.

Another crowd pleaser was to see the principal, Barbara Ward, wearing her colorful baseball cap with its matching jacket. Each was covered with a map of the world with a destination of the day to be found and identified for a prize. Of course, Mrs. Ward would also appear on camera wearing her outfit.

Creating great feelings were the songs that she created that were learned and sung by the children. These songs were cleverly written and had a good beat with a great rhythm. They were all songs that would identify the states by name and tune. All of the states were learned by the singing of a song. Everyone enjoyed the songs while also learning the states.

Sanibel was more than just a proud community, it was also proud of its school. It was then and it still is to this day.

Barbara Ward has remained an inspiration to everyone she has ever come in contact with and she will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

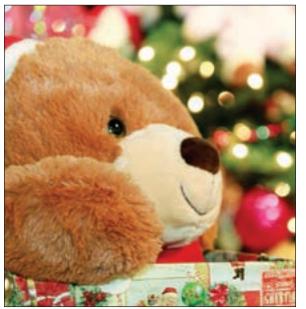
A celebration of life will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2439 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 25. Friends will be received from 9:45 a.m. until the service begins. Pastor Jeffery Deyoe will conduct the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908 or to Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2439 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901.55

Teddy Bears Wanted For 9th Annual Festival Of Trees

Join Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. in collecting new, stuffed teddy bears to decorate the A Very Beary Christmas tree as part of the ninth annual Festival of Trees. The ninefoot tree has been a staple of the organization's annual event since its inception in 2006.

Comprised of bears donated by the community, the tree is one of many beautifully decorated trees that are auctioned off at the festival's signature event, the Tux & Trees Gala on December 5. Auction guests gather around this special tree to raise money for The Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation. The tree is then traditionally donated to a children's hospital.

"Last year, we had over



Teddy bears are wanted by Goodwill

500 teddy bears donated," said Madison Mitchell, spokesperson at Goodwill. "We hope to reach that number again this year with the support of individuals and businesses in the community."

Goodwill's goal is to collect the bears by November 20, in time for the start of the Festival of Trees, which is held at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in December.

"We encourage local businesses to hold mini-bear drives of their own," added Mitchell. "To see the faces of the children and families that come through the festival and see the bear tree... it's magical."

Those interested in donating to the drive may drop their teddy bears off at the Goodwill Boutique on First, 2401 First Street in Fort Myers, or call 995-2106 ext. 2213.

If you are interested in hosting a teddy bear drive, contact Madison Mitchell at 995-2106 ext. 2213 or MadisonMitchell@goodwillswfl.org. For more information on the Festival of Trees and Tux & Trees Gala, visit www.tuxandtrees.com .

Last year's Festival and Gala raised \$90,000 to support The Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation, which provides long-term financial support to programs and services of Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida.

For more information, visit www.goodwillswfl.org.



The new Gale McBride Pavillion at The Burroughs Home & Gardens

Uncommon Friends Announces Sponsors Of Uncommon Evening

The Uncommon Friends Foundation announced, along with Jim and Ellie Newton, that the presenting sponsor for this year's Uncommon Evening on Tuesday, October 27 will be BB&T - Oswald Trippe and Company.

"This year's event highlights not only the Uncommon Friends Foundation but also the historic property that is the Burroughs Home on the Caloosahatchee River," said Gray Davis, president of the board. "The Foundation board is extremely proud to unveil the new Pavilion as well as the renovations and upgrades made to the buildings on the Burroughs property by the City of Fort Myers. It's a true private/public endeavor that helps to make Fort Myers great."

Other key sponsors this year are Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt, P.A., AFCO Premium Insurance Finance, Mrs. Berne Davis, Florida Gulf Coast University, CFS Roofing Services, Comcast, Conditioned Air, Chris-Tel Construction, Florida Weekly, and Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson & English, P.A. All proceeds will benefit the Uncommon Friends Foundation and its work to promote business ethics and character education in the community.

For the first time this year, the annual event will be held on the waterfront of the new Gale McBride Pavilion at the historic Burroughs Home & Gardens, located at 2505 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. Guests will step back in time to experience yesteryear's high society of old Fort Myers. Following food and entertainment, the Character Education Champion Teacher Award will be presented and student scholarship winners will be announced, followed by the Business Ethics award presentation to an area business that best exemplifies the highest standards of ethical behavior in its dealings with others.

Reservations and sponsorships starting at just \$100 are available until September 30 and at \$125 thereafter by contacting Executive Director Angela Melvin at 337-9503 or at angela@uncommonfriends.org. Visit www.uncommonfriends.org for full sponsorship details. Click on "Support UFF."

Rain Cooled Water Turns Fishing On



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Several days of heavy rains along with lots of the usual summertime nasty water released from Lake Okeechobee really wrecked the water clarity around the southern sound

this week. Although it's far from pretty, the brown nasty looking water has cooled off from the rain and has triggered the fish to feed. Seeing three- to four-foot fresh water gar in the middle sound really tells you how much fresh water we are experiencing.

With days getting shorter and shorter, fish are feeling that fall is on the way and now is the time to eat. Anywhere you traveled in the sound this last few weeks, you saw birds diving on schools of fry bait. Many of these same bait schools had surface feeding fish taking advantage of an easy meal. Ladyfish, mackerel and trout made up the majority of the species gorging on bait but, now and again, you will see a full sized tarpon or a large shark crash the party.

Shark fishing during the falling tide in the middle sound was on fire this week. Deeper channels that run in from Captiva and Redfish passes east towards Pineland only got better with the dirty water from the rains. Most mornings, on the low outgoing tide, you got seven to 10 shark bites in just a few hours. These sharks are mostly blacktips, bulls and lemons, ranging anywhere in size from five to seven feet. This is easy fishing for big hard fighting fish.

To target these sharks, anchor up in these six- to 12-foot natural channels setting out heavy spinning rods rigged with large chunks of fresh cut mullet. My shark rig consists of a five-foot piece of heavy 300-pound test mono leader, a swivel and a big circle hook all attached with double barrel crimps. Cast these large baits down

Lead is toxic.

Choose non-lead

weights.

Send Us Your Fish Tales

The River Weekly would like to hear from anglers about their catches. Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch, species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Drop them at the River Weekly, 1609 Hendry Street, Suite 15, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, or email to press@riverweekly.com.

CLEAR YOUR GEAR It Catches More Than Fish



Jeff Emes from Cape Coral with his first tripletail, a real monster, caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

tide and simply put the rods in the holders. It's just a matter of hanging out until a rod doubles and a drag screams. These big sharks are relatively easy to locate and a blast to do battle with.

While fishing a full day trip with Jeff Emes from Cape Coral this week, we started our day out by catching these sharks in the middle sound before moving on to catch a few trout, then our plan

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was to try for a tripletail. Fishing markers both in the sound and out along the beaches, I was lucky enough to spot a 20-pounder while riding up on my tower. Jeff cast a live shrimp to it and caught his first ever tripletail, which was a real bruiser, weighing in right at 20 pounds.

The variety of species that September offers anglers is a incredible thing. Being able to go out and just fish with no one particular species in mind lets you take what the day and the conditions give you. When one species does not want to cooperate, simply switch it up and try something else. Even during far from perfect tides, it's been easy to keep the rods bent as long as you are flexible. A September day can start off by just catching mackerel and ladyfish on jigs, then quickly change gears to tarpon fishing. When out on the water, keep your eyes open and take advantage of what unfolds, going with the flow.

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.



crow case of the Week: Predator Attacks Pelican



by Patricia Molloy arlier this

Checking and the second second second as patient #15-2613. "When he came in, he had wounds in the second s

perfect shape of a mouth," explained Dr. Molly. It was clear that the attack had come from a large predator, such as a shark or an alligator.

Right away, the severely dehydrated pelican was given subcutaneous (under the skin) fluids and a pain medication to make it more comfortable. Once its condition was stabilized, it was anesthetized so that radiographs could be taken. Remarkably, no broken bones were found. The large bird was then prepped for surgery so that its wounds could be thoroughly cleaned and closed with sutures. After the procedure, the pelican was placed in a quiet, semi-private room for recovery.

Continued care for the pelican includes oral antibiotics and an injectable antibacterial, both of which are common treatments to prevent infection. But it may surprise you what topical substance is being applied to the pelican's lacerations: honey.

"Medical grade Manuka honey has antibacterial, pro-healing and antifungal properties," explained Dr. Molly. "It's usually made in Australia and New Zealand. I'm not sure if they've proven that it has more potent antibacterial properties than other types of honey, but I know that Manuka, specifically, is typically a medical honey."

While the pelican had survived the initial attack, if it had not been rescued and treated at CROW, the severely injured seabird would have undoubtedly died a slow and agonizing death.

"He's doing really well now. His weight is up. His body condition is a lot better than when he came in. And the wound itself looks amazing compared to two weeks ago," Dr. Molly beamed. The patients at CROW do not have

The patients at CROW do not have health insurance to cover the cost of their care. If you would like to help this brave pelican – patient #15-2613 – on its long road to recovery, go to www. crowclinic.org to make a donation.

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 PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit: www. crowclinic.org.*



The brown pelican, patient #15-2613, is recovering in a large cage lined with towels. The large bandage under its right wing covers a section of the wounds it sustained in an attack by either a shark or an alligator.



Piping plover

photo by Meg Rousher

Experience One Of The Best Birding Sites In Lee County

Experience the Beautiful Birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Thursday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m. Meet on the beach, located in South Fort Myers, off Summerlin Road. Drive south off John Morris Road until it deadends. Bunche Beach is excellent for both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. There is also great viewing of waterfowl and raptors.

The bird walks is free with parking fee of \$2 per hour (tour is approximately two hours). Restrooms are available in the building at the first parking lot. This tour is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation.

Bring binoculars, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, a bottle of drinking water, your curiosity and love of nature.

For more information, vivist www.birdpatrol.org or call 707-3015.芬



Farmer's Market Returns In November

The weekly farmer's market at JetBlue Park at Fenway South, located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers, is set to return for a five-month run this November.

Beginning November 4 and running until March 30, Fenway South Drive, in front of JetBlue Park, will host the Fenway South Farmer's Market every Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market will include fresh local produce, cheeses, fresh pastas, seafood, baked breads, meats, herbs, organic vegetables, ready-to-eat meals, plants, flowers, crafts, soaps, candles and other items. Parking is free.

"Our vendors are very excited to be

returning to JetBlue Park to promote their locally produced products and wares to neighboring communities as well as to Boston Red Sox fans," said Betsy Ventura, who, along with Jean Baer, owns Local Roots, LLC and will run the market at JetBlue Park each Monday.

Ventura and Baer also operate the Bonita Springs, Coconut Point, Lakes Park, Fort Myers at Florida SouthWestern State College and Sanibel Farmer's Markets.

"We are very excited that this openair market is returning to JetBlue Park," said Katie Haas, senior director of Florida business operations for the Boston Red Sox. "This market is a great kick-off to our busy fall schedule leading into Spring Training and just another one of the unique ways Fenway South is being utilized for the Southwest Florida community."

Anyone interested in becoming a vendor or providing live entertainment can visit the website at www.BuyLocalLee. com.

For more information, call 226-4783 or email jbpevents@redsox.com.**

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Ferns and wildflowers fill space that will not need mowing Plant Smart account the

owing photos by Gerri Reaves

Lawnmower Weariness

by Gerri Reaves

A re you spending too much time pushing your lawnmower around? Has the romance of the perfect lawn completely lost its appeal, given the labor and expense required?

Would you like to see more butterflies and birds in your yard, and do you worry that the lawn chemicals you apply harm wildlife and water quality?

Reducing the turf-grass area of your yard and going "Florida-friendly" might be for you.

Start with a plan that takes into

account the size of your yard and how you want it to function after the conversion – for example, as a playground or as an area that is left to the birds and bees. Decide whether you want to simply reduce the square footage of grass or

banish it all together. As for the layout, one choice is rows of plantings, higher to lower in attractive

color contrasts. Low-growing wildflowers might have as a backdrop taller ferns, cycads or ornamental grasses. Plant wildflowers such as blue mist-

flower (Conoclinium coelestinum) and bright-red tropical sage (Salvia coccinea), or scarlet milkweed, just to name several, that have the advantage of self-seeding. If keeping the lawn more or less like

a lawn, ornamental peanut (Arachis glabrata) or sunshine mimosa (Mimosa



Ornamental peanut has become a popular local groundcover

strigillosa) might be just the groundcover. They can be walked on and even mowed, but unlike standard turf grass, they produce colorful flowers and require little maintenance.

Vines, too, can be a turf-grass alternative for a non-foot-traffic area. Native vines such as coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*), corkystem passionvine (*Passiflora suberosa*) and Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) thrive horizontally as well as vertically.

Install plants that will remain approximately the height desired, thus eliminating much time-consuming trimming and shearing in the future.

Be sure to apply mulch plentifully to preserve ground moisture and prevent undesirable weeds from encroaching.



Sprawling vines such as coral honeysuckle can be used as groundcover



Pretty muhly grass needs no mowing

The Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program of the Lee County Extension Service (lee.ifas.ufl.edu/FYN/FYNHome. shtml) and native-plant nurseries can provide step-by-step advice on how to limit your time behind a lawnmower and create a more wildlife-friendly yard.

No yard is maintenance-free, but deprioritizing turf grass can reward you with more time to enjoy that yard.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.

'Ding' To Celebrate National Public Lands Day At The Refuge



Drive, bike or hike Wildlife Drive for free on September 26. Fourth graders may pick up their free yearlong passes

N "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will celebrate National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 26 on Sanibel Island with free admission to Wildlife Drive, pictures with the Blue Goose mascot character, and issuance of free yearlong passes to U.S. fourth-grade students.

Wildlife Drive opens at 7 a.m. for free touring and closes at 7 p.m. The free "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center opens at 9 a.m. Fourth-grade students and homeschool equivalents are invited to check in at the front desk to print out and complete vouchers for their free Every Kid In A Park pass, good for admission to every U.S. national wildlife refuge, park, forest and other public land through August 2016. Fourth graders can take their completed voucher to the Wildlife Drive fee booth for their pass, which also includes free admission for accompanying siblings up to age 15, and up to three accompanying adults yearlong. From 1 to 3 p.m., the ref-

From 1 to 3 p.m., the refuge's Blue Goose mascot will be available in the Visitor & Education Center for pictures with guests. In the Refuge Nature Store, the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) is giving away a free Kick The Bottle reusable water container with a purchase of \$5 or more, upon request.

This year's National Public Lands Day celebrates the fourth anniversary of the Kick the Bottle initiative to rid the refuge of the disposable plastic bottles that are a scourge to the environment. National Public Lands Day is presented with support from DDWS. For more information about the event, contact Ranger Toni Westland at 472-1100 ext. 237.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.X



The refuge's Blue Goose will be on hand for photo ops from 1 to 3 p.m.

Fishing Tournament At Matanzas Benefits Hope Hospice



Matanzas on the Bay recently hosted the weigh-in celebration for the 2015 Fillet and Release Fishing Tournament, benefiting Hope Hospice

ocal anglers recently raised \$24,000 to benefit Hope Hospice during the 11th annual Fillet and Release Fishing Tournament, held at Matanzas on the Bay on Fort Myers Beach. A total of 106 boats participated in the competition on September 12, raising a record amount for Hope Hospice.

"This year's Fillet and Release Fishing Tournament was better than ever, with record-breaking numbers of participants and donations," said Amy Andrew, event coordinator. "We are so grateful for our wonderful host, Matanzas on the Bay, for

Beach Advisory: North Shore Park Tests High For Bacteria

The Florida Department of Health in Lee County is advising the public not to enter the water at North Shore Park, due to high levels of bacteria identified in routine testing. This park is located in North Fort Myers at the foot of the US 41 bridge and used primarily by boaters and anglers.

US 41 bridge and used primarily by boaters and anglers. Tests completed on September 17 indicated that the water quality at the North Shore Park does not meet the safety criteria for enterococcus bacteria recommended by the Florida Department of Health. Water contact may pose an increased risk of disease, particularly for susceptible individuals. This park is posted year-round as a nonswimming beach.

Enterococcus bacteria normally inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals. The presence of an elevated concentration of these bacteria is an indicator of pollution, which may come from storm water runoff, pets, wildlife or sewage.

Elevated levels of Enterococcus bacteria have been associated with an increased risk of swimming-associated gastroenteritis illness (diarrhea and abdominal pain).

This advisory will continue until bacteria levels are below the accepted health level. For more information, call 274-2200 or go to http://lee.floridahealth.gov/.‡

PAWS Of Sanibel

Sophie is a 7-year-old Shitzu. Her mom is on a walker and has just gone into assisted living. Sophie needs a new forever home. She is very sweet and has more than half of her life yet to live.

She is double coated and her hair has been kept cut. She walks well on a lead and she is house trained to potty outside, however, she doesn't know what's going on in her life at the moment. She's been in a strange home for a couple of days, and keeps going to the door, thinking it's time to go home. Dogs in this situation may have accidents during the transition period and, therefore, she will need to go to someone that understands the needs and fears of dogs.



Sophie

If you have room in your home and your heart for this beautiful girl, call PAWS volunteer Susan 239-281-8542.* continuing to hold our yearly tournament, and the local community for coming together to support the mission of Hope Hospice." The winning teams were: First Place: Team Allen Second Place: No Negativity

Third Place: Sanibel Backwater Fourth Place:

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Snook Calcutta: Coastal Climax

Female Largest

Redfish: Lake Masters Smallest Legal Redfish: Low Tide/Rhonda's Deli Mystery Fish: Builder's ETC

Winners were determined by the total weight of fish caught. Eligible species included redfish and snook, and all fish were released following the weigh-in.

Share your community news with us. Call 415-7732, Fax: 415-7702 or email press@riverweekly.com





More than 400 anglers participated in the 11th annual Fillet and Release Fishing Tournament which raised \$24,000 to benefit Hope Hospice



Paintings on display at last year's Saturday Art Fair

Call To Artists For 6th Annual Saturday Art Fair

The Downtown Fort Myers Saturday Art Fair is looking for vibrant, accomplished artists and crafters to set up in downtown Fort Myers to sell the works they create. Artists will set-up on the First Street sidewalks.

Acceptable works include fine art, jewelry, ceramics, designer wear and unique artsy fine crafts. Prints from original works are also acceptable.

Art vendors will be placed on the sidewalk at prominent businesses on First Street, starting at Jackson Street and ending at Dean Street. Vendors will be given a 9-foot-long by 3-foot-wide space on the sidewalk. Each vendor's presentation space must be approved by the Saturday Art Fair Committee jurying committee.

The Saturday Art Fair is held on the third Saturday of each month starting in November and running through January, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 2015-16 schedule includes November 21, December 19 and January 16.



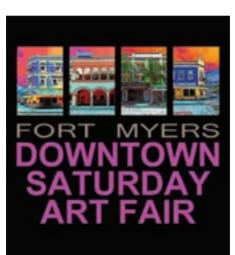
Bill Hofer's display of photographic artwork

The fee to artists for a spot on the sidewalk will be:

- One Month \$50
- Two Months \$90
- Three Months \$100

Full payment is due before October 31. For vendors who wish to pay monthly, the fee is \$50 per month, payable before the second Saturday of the month.

There are 50 art vendor spots available. For questions or more information, contact Claudia Goode at Arts for ACT Gallery at cgoode@actabuse.com or 337-5050.**





Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk Concert At FGCU

The Bower School of Music & the Arts at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) will hold its third concert of the 2015-2016 Faculty & Guest Artist Series in the U.Tobe Recital Hall o Friday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m. The concert, titled The Jewish Soul, features Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk, soprano and Isabelle Aubin, piano.

Both artists will explore the music of Jewish composers, including American Leonard Bernstein; Austrian Gustav Mahler; John Kander, the composer of the celebrated musical "*Cabaret*"; and French-Venezuelan composer Reynaldo Hahn. Also included is a set of cabaret songs by Arnold Schoenberg, an Austrian who fled Vienna during the Nazi regime and later made his home in America.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$7 for students and are available for purchase online at http://www.fgcu.edu/ CAS/Music, or at the door.

For more information, contact Joanna Hoch at 745-4268 or jhoch@fgcu.edu.*

Snow Day Coming To Fort Myers

Pediatric Dentistry of Fort Myers is a hosting a fundraiser in partnership with Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT). It is the Inaugural Snow Day 2015 and will be held at 8016 Summerlin Lakes Drive in Fort Myers on Saturday, October 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The purpose of the inaugural snow day is to get the community involved in joining ACT's cause to eradicate domestic violence.

The event will feature a flurry of activities, including a magic snow experience, snowfall special effects, Disney tribute guests Anna, Elsa and Olaf, bounce houses and slide, kid's holiday crafts, and other activities. The cost is \$5 for adults and activity bracelets will be available for children for 10.%

FGCU And TheatreZone Partner In Roller-Skating Musical Adventure



photo courtesy Tim King

The Theatre Program at the Bower School of Music & the Arts at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) and TheatreZone of Naples present the Tony-nominated, roller-skating musical adventure *Xanadu*, playing October 1 to 11 at FGCU's Theatre Lab. Based on the infamous film, *Xanadu* is a musical comedy by playwright Douglas Carter Beane; and uses songs from John Farrar's and Jeff Lynne's (of Electric Light Orchestra) film soundtrack. Tony nominated actor Eddie Mekka will star in the iconic role of Danny Maguire, played in the movie by the legendary Gene Kelly.

the legendary Gene Kelly. "The musical tells the story of one of the nine muses of ancient Greece who comes to earth to inspire the greatest of artistic achievements – a roller disco. Along the way she falls in love, bumps into an old acquaintance and for the first time, feels the desire to create herself," explained TheatreZone's Artistic Director Mark Danni.

Xanadu will be staged at the 90-seat Theatre Lab on the FGCU campus for 10 performances October 1 through October 10. Karen Molnar will choreograph and Robin Frank (FGCU adjunct) will music direct as well as play the piano.

Individual tickets to Xanadu at Florida Gulf Coast University are on sale now and cost \$45 and \$40 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, call TheatreZone at 1-888-ZONE-FLA, 1-888-966-3352 or purchase online at www.theatrezone-florida.com.**



FGCU Wind Orchestra FGCU Wind Orchestra To Play Carnegie Hall

The Wind Orchestra of Florida Gulf Coast University's Bower School of Music & the Arts has been invited to perform at New York's renowned Carnegie Hall in November and has begun fundraising to help students pay for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The 51-member orchestra will play benefit concerts on Sunday, September 27 and Sunday, November 8 at Artis-Naples, inaugurating its first performance series at the arts center. Tickets are \$15 at artisnaples.org and proceeds will help fund the trip, which is estimated to cost \$95,000 including travel and lodging for three nights.

Because the opportunity has edu-

cational value for students and enables the university to showcase its finest on a national scale, the FGCU Foundation has earmarked funds for this unbudgeted expense. The foundation seeks community support to raise an additional \$60,000 and has launched a crowd-funding website at https://nxtapp.cause.it/fgcu where gifts can be made. Contributions also can be mailed to: FGCU Foundation, 10501 FGCU Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33965. Call 590-1067 for more information about giving.

One of several student music ensembles at FGCU, the Wind Orchestra is composed of the university's finest wind and percussion instrumentalists, who are selected by audition. They will perform on Friday, November 27 in the Isaac Stern Auditorium/Ronald O. Perelman Stage as part of Carnegie Hall's Debut Series.

The Manhattan Chorale & Chamber

Orchestra, which will share the program, invited FGCU after requesting the orchestra's first commercially released CD, *Introductions*, as well as a recorded performance from the 2015 Florida Music Educators Association Conference.

"Apparently, these created a buzz within the profession," said Dr. Rod Chesnutt, Wind Orchestra conductor and head of instrumental studies at FGCU. "I am proud that we were selected for this series. We were competing with ensembles from around the country for this coveted spot. It reflects well on the university and on the development of the Bower School of Music & the Arts."

The concert marks the first time an FGCU musical ensemble will perform at Carnegie Hall and follows other recent achievements that reflect the growth and success of the Bower School of Music & the Arts as well as the breadth and depth of its programs, according to Director Dr. Cathy Albergo. Priscila Navarro, an international prize-winning pianist who graduated in 2015, played a solo recital at Carnegie in March 2013. The Chamber Singers were invited to perform at the Florida Music Educators Association Conference and had a successful European tour in 2014.

"All of these recent performances, coupled with the Carnegie invitation, show the quality of both the students and the faculty in the Bower School of Music & the Arts," Albergo said. "We are excited about this opportunity and the level of support shown by the university and the community."

The Bower School of Music & the Arts was established in 2006, nine years after the university opened its doors.

VISION SOURCE

Theatre Conspiracy Offers Discounts For All Women Under 41 This Season

Theatre Conspiracy's 2015-16 season is a celebration of female playwrights and their contribution to theatre as a whole. Ordinarily, plays written by men dominate stages in the Southwest Florida, just as they do in the rest of the country. But for the next couple of months at the Alliance for the Arts, the usual rules will not apply. That includes ticket pricing for women under 41 years of age.

As a way to engage younger audiences, Theatre Conspiracy is offering \$11 tickets to any woman under the age of 41 to any show this season. Tickets will be available at the door for each performance.

"This year's celebration of female playwrights is an important statement for us to make," said Bill Taylor, producing artistic director "We also need to attract younger audiences that will stay with us over time. The average age of our theatre-goers is over 55. We need to make an effort to encourage younger people to attend, participate and support the arts. The shows we have this year are perfect for that. Funny, poi-gnant, a little off-the-wall. We are covering the gamut."

The first play of the year, opening on October 2, will be the classic *Toys In The Attic* by Lillian Hellman. This Tony Award-winning play is set in New Orleans following the Great Depression, the play focuses on the Berniers sisters, two middle-aged spinsters who have sacrificed their own ambitions to look after their ne'er-do-well younger brother Julian, whose grandiose dreams repeatedly lead to financial disasters. When he unexpectedly returns home with an unexplained large sum of money, the sisters suddenly find that the position of power they have always held has become unbalanced, leaving their lives in chaos.

Lillian Hellman's last original play explores the destructive aspects of sibling love and uncovers dark implications that have been stored and forgotten, like childhood toys in the attic.

Toys In The Attic plays October 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and October 18 at 2 p.m.

Individual tickets are \$24. Women under 41 and students with proper ID are \$11. Season subscription packages: Six shows for \$114 (\$19 a ticket) or five shows for \$100 (\$20 per ticket) or four shows for \$88 (\$22 per ticket). Flex passes also available for \$2 extra per person. For more information you can call Theatre Conspiracy's box office at 936-3239 or visit www.theatreconspiracy.org. 🛠 **DOCTORS EYECARE CENTERS**

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Library Programs Lakes Regional Library Programs

Text month's roster of activities at Lakes Regional Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adult Programs

English Café 6 p.m. Mondays, October 12, 19

and 26 Free, informal conversation sessions for adult ESOL/ESL students

Book Discussion: All My Puny Sorrows by Miriam Toews

2 p.m. Tuesday, October 20

After her sister Elf's latest suicide attempt, Mennonite-raised Yoli must quickly determine how to keep her family from falling apart and what it means to love someone who wants to die. Registration now open.

Seminar: The Value of Searching Public Records and Online Services

1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 21 Join Linda Doggett as she guides you through the information available on the Lee County Clerk of Court website. Review civil and criminal public records, obtain passport and marriage license information, learn how to obtain copies of deeds and mortgages and much, much more. Registration is required.

Calling All Writers - NaNoWriMo Orientation

2 p.m. Friday, October 23 National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a fun, seat-of-yourpants approach to creative writing. On November 1, participants begin working toward the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59 p.m. on November 30. Orientation conducted by Casseopeia Kindrot in preparation for this event.

Storytime

Baby Rhyme Time

10 a.m. Mondays, October 19 and 26

Reading to babies right from birth stimulates their minds, develops language skills and lays a foundation for later reading success. During this special storytime, you and your baby will learn new nursery rhymes and fingerplays, interact with puppets, sing, read books and dance! It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and babies in the neighborhood.

Toddler Tales

11 a.m. Mondays, October 19 and 26

Toddlers love activity and the chance to practice their growing language skills. This interactive and active time for toddlers and their favorite caregiver is designed to advance pre-reading and social skills. They'll experience storytelling, wordplay, felt board stories, fingerplays, puppets, singing, music-making, socializing, dancing and, of course, books.

Family Storytime

10 a.m. Wednesdays, October 21 and 28

Five simple practices get kids ready to read: Talking, Singing, Reading,

Writing and Playing. Your whole family is invited to this enjoyable, all-ages storytime that encourages the development of pre-reading skills through songs, rhymes, fingerplays and stories.

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m. Wednesdays, October 21

and 28

Children attend this program independently while the caregiver waits nearby. Children who start kindergarten with pre-reading skills have an advantage. They are ready to learn to read. Your preschooler will continue to build relationships with other kids, books, and the library in a storytime designed specifically for them. The stories and activities are more complex, but just as fun

Children's Programs

After School Crew: Uncovering History's Secrets

4 p.m. Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28

Weekly stories and activities featuring fascinating historical tales. For kindergartners to fifth-graders.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration

10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 8 Celebrate all the books read so far with fun activities, crafts and games. For all levels including graduates and first timers. For ages 0 to 5. Registration began on September 17. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library.

Kids Read Down Fines

4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, October 8 Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time in the designated area of the library. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only, and applies only to charges on overdue materials.

Special Needs Storytime

10 a.m. Saturday, October 24 Books, music, and sensory experiences for children age 3 to 12 years old with special needs and their families. Registration begins October 3.

Halloween Hoots & Howls 4 p.m. Monday, October 26 Get ready for some not-so-scary fun! Get in the spirit with Halloween stories, games and crafts. Costumes welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. For kindergarteners to fifth-graders. Registration begins

October 5. **Teen Programs**

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charges on overdue materials. In The Spotlight: Create and Perform a Story for the Stage

1:30 p.m. Saturday, October 17

With the help of the Tamiami Tale Tellers, learn how to create and perform stories. The top two performers will have the opportunity to perform at Tellabration on November 21. Sponsored by the Tamiami Tale Tellers and the Friends of the Lakes Regional

Library. For sixth-graders and up. Registration begins on September 26.

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Halloween Mask Making Workshop 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 27

Unleash your creative side this Halloween. Tweens and teens will create masks using a variety of art and craft supplies. Spooky, pretty, weird... we want to see it all. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakes Regional Library. For sixth-graders and up. Registration begins on October 6.

The Lakes Regional Library is located at 15290 Bass Road in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4000. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days notice to library staff.

Check the Lee County Library System's website at www.leelibrary. net to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.⅔

Library Programs North Fort Myers Public Library Programs

Text month's roster of activities at North Fort Myers Public Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adult Programs Books & Bites

10:30 a.m. Monday, October 5 A lively chat about books and a morn-

ing snack. Chair Yoga

5 p.m. Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20 and 27

Learn the basics of yoga from the comfort of a chair. This gentle introduction to yoga is suitable for all ages and experience levels.

Book Discussion: Death in Salem by Eleanor Kuhns

2 p.m. Thursday, October 15

While traveling through Salem, Will Rees comes across the funeral procession for Antiss Boothe, whose death was not a surprise as she had been ill for some time. The following day, the small town is up in arms as Mr. Boothe has been found dead, but this time, it is murder.

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Children's Programs

Kids Read Down Fines 2 to 3 p.m. Saturdays, October 3 and

17 Children and teens earn a \$2 coupon or credit for every 15 minutes they read in the designated area for a total of \$8 in one session. Credit may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only and applies only to charges on overdue materials.

Fun Fall Stories

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 14 Celebrate autumn with stories,

rhymes, songs and a craft. All ages welcome.

Spooky Crafts For Kids

2 p.m. Tuesday, October 27

Join the fun with slightly spooky crafts to celebrate the season. Ages 6 and up.

Teen Programs

Kids Read Down Fines

2 to 3 p.m. Saturdays, October 3 and 17

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Food As Art

11 a.m. Monday, October 26 It's OK to play with your food at this program just for teens. Bring your creativity and we'll supply the rest. Middle and high school ages welcome.

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plan service projects. During its 40-plus year history, the Rotary Club of Cape Coral has counted among its members many of the Lee County area's most influential business and professional leaders.玜

Library Programs Fort Myers **Regional Library** Programs

ext month's roster of activities at Fort Myers Regional Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public: **Adult Programs**

Hatha Yoga

Noon Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Location: Amphitheater

David Anderson leads a Hatha Yoga class for all ages and abilities. Please bring your own mat.

Weave-along

4 p.m. Friday, October 2 Location: North Cornog Plaza Create a cardboard takeaway loom and learn how to weave on a pot holder loom. For all ages. Offered in partnership with the Weavers of Char-Lee. Registration is required. Decoding Your DNA Location: Meeting Room AB 9:30 a.m. Saturdays October 3: Understanding the Chromosome Browser Class October 10: Interpreting X Chromosome Data October 17: Pedigree Trees and Triangulation of Cousin Trees October 24: Understanding GedMatch as a Tool Set & Special Look at

GedMatch Admixture Tools This seminar is designed only for

people that have been tested and have received their results. Registration is required.

It's All About You

9 a.m. Tuesdays, October 6, 13 and 20

Location: Meeting Room CD

This free, research based program presented by Lee Memorial Health Center and developed by Kate Lorig, Ph.D. of Stanford University teaches individuals how to manage any chronic condition. Topics include healthy eating, physical activity, pain and fatigue management, and more.

Butterfly Castle

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, October 10

The Florida Native Butterfly Society is presenting a Butterfly Castle for your viewing pleasure. Live Monarch and Zebra varieties will be on display in the first floor alcove.

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2 p.m. Saturday, October 10 Location: Meeting Room AB National Novel Writing Month

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October Card Crafting

9:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13 and 14

Location: Meeting Room Building

Greeting cards are useful for holidays and everyday occasions. Participants will learn new techniques and take home several cards. All materials supplied. Registration is required.

October Beadwork

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 20 Location: Meeting Room CD Participants will learn new beading techniques and make a treasure to take home. All materials supplied. Registration is required.

Book Discussion: The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield

Noon Wednesday, October 21 Location: Main Library Building, Conference Room C

When her health begins failing, the mysterious author Vida Winter decides to let Margaret Lea, a biographer, write the truth about her life, but Margaret needs to verify the facts since Vida has a history of telling outlandish tales. Registration is required.

How to Apply for a Habitat for Humanity Home

10 a.m. Thursday, October 22 Location: Meeting Room AB Tanva Soholt of Habitat for Humanity explains the Habitat program and how to apply for a Habitat partnership.

Storytime Family Storytime

10 a.m. Saturday, October 10

Five simple practices get kids ready to read: Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing and Playing. The whole family is invited to this enjoyable, all-ages storytime that encourages the development of prereading skills through songs, rhymes, fingerplays and stories. Parents can model proper storytime behavior by participating and staying in the room during these programs.

Toddler Tales

9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, October 20 and 27

Toddlers love activity and the chance to practice their growing language skills. This interactive and active time for toddlers and their favorite caregiver is designed to advance pre-reading and social skills. They'll experience storytelling, wordplay, felt board stories, fingerplays, puppets, singing, music-making, socializing, dancing and, of course, books.

Preschool Storytime

10 a.m. Wednesday, October 21 Children who start kindergarten with pre-reading skills have an advantage. They are ready to learn to read. Your preschooler will continue to build relationships with other kids, books and the library in a storytime designed specifically for them. The stories and activities are more complex, but just as fun. First come, first served.

Baby Rhyme Time

10 a.m. Thursdays, October 22 and 29

Reading to babies right from birth stimulates their minds, develops language skills and lays a foundation for later reading success. During this special storytime, you and your baby will learn new nursery rhymes and fingerplays, interact with puppets, sing, read books and dance! It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and babies in the neighborhood. Registration is required.

Children's Programs

Weave-along 4 p.m. Friday, October 2 Location: North Cornog Plaza Create a cardboard takeaway loom and learn how to weave on a pot holder loom! For all ages. Offered in partnership with the Weavers of Char-Lee.

Registration is required. Parachute Games

10 a.m. Monday, October 5 Location: Amphitheatre

Toddlers and Preschoolers, join us in the Amphitheatre for parachute fun. We'll have music and games using the parachute. Registration is required.

Butterfly Castle

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, October 10

The Florida Native Butterfly Society is presenting a Butterfly Castle for your viewing pleasure. Live Monarch and Zebra varieties will be on display in the first floor alcove.

Kids Read Down Fines

2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 10 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, October 12

Children and teens earn a \$2 coupon or credit for every 15 minutes they read in the designated area for a total of \$8

in one session. Credit may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only and applies only to charges on overdue materials.

Grandmother's Day Storytime 10 a.m. Monday, October 12 Location: Amphitheatre

Whether you call her Nana, Grammy, Oma or Gram you can celebrate yours at this special storytime. Craft will follow. Registration is requested.

Great Halloween Costume Swap 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, October 16 Location: N. Cornog Plaza

Go green this Halloween by swapping your child's gently used Halloween costumes and accessories! We're accepting all sizes. Donate costumes at 2345 Union Street (Library Administration) beginning on October 1, where you'll receive a token for each costume. Those with a swap token will be invited to "shop" first on October 16 from 2 to 3 p.m. Those without a token may start shopping at 3 p.m. and all unclaimed costumes will be donated.

Scary-oke Sing Off

4 p.m. Friday, October 16 Location: N. Cornog Plaza

The pre-Halloween festivities run into Music Walk with our very own Scaryoke Sing Off for the whole family. Stilt walking and balloon-trying extraordinaire Too Tall Torrie will entertain from 4 to 6 p.m. Come in costume and don't forget a blanket.

Mr. Sun Storytime

10 a.m. Monday, October 19 Location: N. Cornog Plaza

Celebrate the sun with stories and songs. Miss Brooke, physician assistant at Florida Skin Center will talk about sunscreen and other ways of protecting our skin from the sun's rays. Craft will follow. Registration is requested.

Monster Craft and Music

10 a.m. Friday, October 23

Location: North Cornog Plaza

Make a monster pal of your own and dance to some monster beats. Registration is requested.

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Boo-K Busters Life-Sized Board Game 2 p.m. Monday, October 26 Location: North Cornog Plaza Kids are the game pieces in a life-size board game. LEGO Building Club 5 p.m. Monday, October 26

Build and share LEGO creations. LEGOs will be provided.

Teen Programs

Weave-Along

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Registration is required.

Teen Chess Club

5 p.m. Monday, October 5 Rise to the challenge. Sets provided, but players are welcome to bring their own. Check out our new 12x12-foot board used outdoors.

Karaoke Cafe for Teens

5 p.m. Wednesday, October 7 Practice your Karaoke skills at the library with friends. No registration is needed. Take turns, have fun and enjoy a drink in our teen café area!

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due materials. Teen Beading Club

5 p.m. Wednesday, October 14

Create a new beading project to take home. Instructions and supplies are pro-

vided. Registration is required. Great Halloween Costume Swap 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, October 16

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Game Night for Teens

5 p.m. Monday, October 19 Play Rock Band, Super Mario, Basketball and many other choices. Sponsored by the Friends of the Fort Myers Regional Library.

Teen Anime Drawing Fan Club 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 21 Anime drawing fans share what they have created, discover content and connect continued on page 21

Campaign To Raise Funds For Disabled Veterans Under Way

by Jeff Lysiak

campaign to raise desperately need-ed funds for local disabled military veterans living in Southwest Florida was recently launched by the committee of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) James D. Rader Chapter 108, headquartered in Cape Coral.

Between September 15 and Novem-ber 15, DAV Chapter 108 members are promoting their annual holiday season fundraising effort. With a goal of raising \$25,000, the money will allow them to serve disabled military veterans and their families as well as needy families of deployed American servicemen and servicewomen throughout the busy holiday season this fall, winter and early spring.



In Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties, needed disabled American veterans and their families, and needy families of deployed American service personnel took to the DAV for emergency aid and assistance, counseling and direction to other local veterans groups for support, both immediately and over the long-term.

'DAV Chapter 108 has the experience and ability to quickly assess the applicant's immediate needs, validate the applicant's status, and provide necessary immediate funding and support, and complete coordination with other state, local and/or national groups to assure needed continuing longer-term applicant support," a campaign flyer reads, in part.

Ted Tyson, a 23-year United States Air Force veteran and resident of Sanibel, explained that during the upcoming holiday season, the need to assist elder disabled veterans - along with their families - is greater than any other time of year.

'In Southwest Florida, there are an awful lot of disabled veterans, older veterans in particular, who have never applied for assistance," said Tyson. "For many of them, the application process is a difficult maze to negotiate. The need for assistance to help them is great."

According to Tyson, there are three key dates which will occur during the fundraising campaign: • September 18 – POW/MIA Recognition and Remembrance Day

- October 26 Day of the Deployed
 November 11 Veterans Day

"What (DAV Chapter 108) does is help veterans with the application process, making sure that everything is in order when they submit them," Tyson added. "They also help coordinate for assistance with local agencies, like FISH here on Sanibel."

The local DAV Chapter 108 – which was originally founded in 1941 – was dedicated in the memory of former Cape Coral resident James D. Rader, who was killed in action during his second tour of duty in Vietnam on December 6, 1967.

Checks in support of the holiday season fundraising effort, made payable to DAV Chapter 108 – 2015, should be mailed (along with a self-addressed and stamped envelope for an IRS donation letter, if requested) to:

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Attn: David Wright, 2475 Library Way, Sanibel, FL 33957

Meetings of the DAV James D. Rader Chapter 108 are held on the second Thursday of each month at Elks Lodge #2596, located at 4631 SE 10th Place in Cape Coral. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Ted Tyson at 823-6059, Peter Palkowski at 283-5271 or Dave Jensen at 472-5800.

See A Total Eclipse Of The Moon At FSW Observatory

Norida SouthWestern State College (FSW) invites the public to visit The Moore Observatory on the Charlotte Campus of FSW this Sunday, September 27 to view the total eclipse of the moon. This event will take place from 8 p.m. to midnight on September 27. This event is free, and no registration is needed to attend.

"During the eclipse, the full moon will move into the shadow of the Earth," said Dave Hanson, coordinator for The Moore Observatory at FSW. "We enjoy being able to share the observatory with our community, and look forward to inviting the public to our regular openings that will take place each month from now until May.

Additional events happen monthly at the observatory, including sunspottings and viewings. Visit www.FSW.edu for more information.



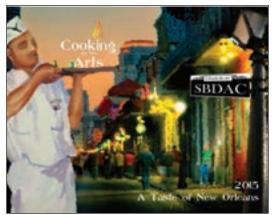
Cooking for the Arts crowd From page 1 Cooking For The Arts

and plating of each course, leaving you to enjoy your Nola-inspired creation, paired with wonderful wines of the region. In between courses, bid on silent and live auction items. Proceeds benefit the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center's Eclectic Education programs. Cooking for the Arts brings something deliciously different to the River District.

Cooking for the Arts is a special event presented by the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Saturday, November 7. Seating is lim-ited. Tickets can be purchased for \$250 per couple, or \$1,000 per table of eight. Each guest receives a

Cooking for the Arts apron and a commemorative recipe book. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.sbdac.com.



he 2nd annual Fort Myers Craft Beer Fest is set to return to the Marina at Edison Ford on Saturday, October 3 from 2 to 8 p.m. Following up on a successful first year, the festival

Fort Myers Craft

October 3

Beer Fest Returns

returns with even more unique and different offerings.

The one-day festival will feature more than 80 craft beers from around the world and live musical performances. The festivities begin at 2 p.m. with entertainment by Hatley until 5 p.m., followed by the Blues Brothers Soul Band, a tribute show to the Blues Brothers from 5 to 8 p.m.

New for this year will be Firkin tappings every hour. Firkins, a one-of-a-kind beer offering in authentic mini-kegs will be tapped each hour and include brews

from the participating craft beer participants including Cigar City Brewing, Fort Myers Brewing Company and Terrapin Brewing. Also new for the festival will be Randalling (beer infusing) of two specialty beers during the event.

There will also be food from the award-winning Texas Tony's Rib House, corn hole challenges, river cruise offerings from Pure Fort Myers as well as offerings to stroll the historic Edison Ford Estates directly beside the Marina.

There is no admission charge. All-youcan-sample tickets are available for \$35 in advance and \$40 on the day of the festival. A limited number of VIP tickets are also available for \$50 which include an extra hour of sampling from 2 to 3 p.m., a limited edition mini beer stein sampling mug, and an exclusive Firkin tapping for VIP ticket holders during the extra hour of tasting. Tickets can be purchased at www.craftbeerfestfortmyers. com or in person at the Marina at Edison Ford.

Designated drivers will receive nonalcoholic drink tickets when registering at the main entrance. Cab service will be available on site throughout the event.

The Marina at Edison Ford is located at 2360 West First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.craftbeerfstfortmyers.com.

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP ear Shelley, My child was put into special education classes (ESE) last spring.

I was completely overwhelmed by the lingo that everyone used. I have not

been able to find a list of these words. Do you have one? Help! Lorena B., Cape Coral

Lorena,

It is easy to become overwhelmed by the acronyms for different classifications, diagnoses, school team names and personnel, and professional organizations all housed within the fields of general and special education. Many parents and guardians who haven't been exposed to the jargon can find themselves intimidated and overcome in their interactions with schools (e.g., IEP meetings). Eventually, you will learn the terms, but here is a list educational acronyms for you to reference:

- ABA Applied Behavior Analysis ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act ADD – Attention Deficit Disorder
- ADHD Attention Deficit

Hyperactivity Disorder

AP – Assistant Principal

- APE Adapted Physical Education
- APA American Psychological
- Association ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder AYP – Adequate Yearly Progress BCBA – Board Certified Behavior Analyst BD – Behavior Disorder BICS – Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills BIP – Behavior Intervention Plan CALP - Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency CBA – Curriculum-Based Assessment CBE - Curriculum-Based Evaluation CBM - Curriculum-Based Measurement CBT – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy CD – Conduct Disorder CFS - Child and Family Services CPS – Child Protective Services CST – Child Study Team DD - Developmental Delay DMH - Department of Mental Health DSM – Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders EBD – Emotional Behavioral Disorder EBI/EBP – Evidence-Based Intervention/Practice ED – Emotionally Disturbed ELL – English Language Learner ESL – English as a Second Language ESY – Extended School Year FAPE – Free Appropriate Public Education FARM - Free and Reduced Meals FBA - Functional Behavioral Assessment FERPA - Family Educational Rights
- and Privacy Act FRL – Free and Reduced Lunch

GAD - Generalized Anxiety Disorder GT/GATE/TAG - Gifted and Talented ID - Intellectual Disability IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act IEP – Individualized Education Plan IFSP - Individualized Family Service Plan LD – Learning Disability IQ – Intelligence Quotient LEA – Local Education Agency LEP - Limited English Proficiency LQBTQ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Questioning LRE - Least Restrictive Environment MDT – Multidisciplinary Team MR – Mentally Retarded NASP - National Association of School Psychologists NCLB – No Child Left Behind NCSP – Nationally Certified School Psychologist NOS – Not Otherwise Specified OCD - Obsessive Compulsive Disorder ODD - Oppositional Defiant Disorder OHI – Other Health Impairment ORF – Oral Reading Fluency OT/PT – Occupational Therapy/ Physical Therapy PBIS – Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support PD – Professional Development

- PDD Pervasive Developmental Disorder PLOP – Present Level of Performance PPW – Pupil Personnel Worker PRF – Passage Reading Fluency
 - PTSD Post-Traumatic Stress

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- Disorder
 - RTI Response to Intervention SAD - Separation Anxiety Disorder
 - SAT Student Assistance Team
 - SEA State Education Agency
 - SES Socioeconomic Status
 - SLD Specific Learning Disability
 - SLP Speech-Language Pathologist SPED Special Education

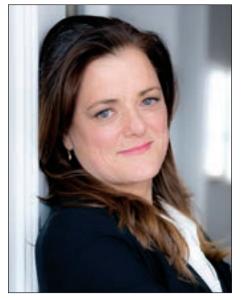
 - SST Student Support Team/Student Study Team/Student Success Team
- SWPBS School Wide Positive Behavior Supports
 - TAT Teacher Assistance Team
 - TBI Traumatic Brain Injury

Title 1 - Federal program to fund schools with high concentrations of stu-

dent poverty. WCPM – Words Correct Per Minute 504 Plan – The modifications/accommodations needed for students with disabilities to fully participate in all school activities

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Andrea Chapin

Acclaimed Novelist To Speak

he Florida Literary Arts Coalition presents a reading by novelist Andrea Chapin at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28 at the Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Charlotte Campus, located at 26300 Airport Road in Punta Gorda.

Chapin will give a reading from her first novel, The Tutor, which imagines a year in the life of William Shakespeare.

The reading is open to the public. Chapin has been an editor for art, movie, theater and literary magazines including The Paris Review, Conjunctions and The Lincoln Center Theater Review, and has written for More, Redbook, Town & Country, Self, Martha Stewart Living, Marie Claire UK and other publications. Her work as also appeared in several anthologies, and she was the co-editor of The Honeymoon's Over: True Stories of Love, Marriage & Divorce (Warner Books). Chapin taught fiction writing workshops at NYU's SCPS for ten years. She is also a private book editor and has edited over 200 books, novels and memoirs. A limited number of books will be available for purchase during the reading.

This project is sponsored in part by the Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council of Arts and Culture and the State of Florida.

For more information, contact John Pelot, FSW English professor, at jpelot@ fsw.edu.举

Wallace Enrolls At University

ameron Wallace, a resident of Fort Myers, has enrolled at Heidelberg University for the fall semester. Wallace, who plans to major in theatre and education, began the 2015-16 academic year on August 24.举

From page 19 Fort Myers **Regional Library** Programs

with other fans. Colored pencils, pens and paper supplies are provided. Sponsored by the Friends of Fort Myers Library.

The Fort Myers Regional Library is located at 2450 First Street in Fort Myers. Adult programs are held in the meeting room building located across the library campus at 1651 Lee Street. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4600. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days notice to library staff.

Check the Lee County Library System's website at www.leelibrary. net to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library,

or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.举

Library Author **Book** Discussion

oin the Friends of Lakes Regional Library on Friday, October 9 at 1 p.m. to hear author Jose Colon, MD, MPH discuss the effects of sleep disorders on the quality of life.

Dr. Colon, the author of several books, including The Sleep Diet: A Novel Approach To Insomnia, will speak on the effects of sleep disorders on factors such as weight management and neurocognitive function.

The program is free and open to all. Lakes Regional Library is located at 15290 Bass Road in Fort Myers.☆

Florida Celebrates National Library Card Sign-Up Month

n celebration of National Library Card Sign-Up Month, Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner is encouraging Floridians to sign up for a library card and explore Lthe many resources and educational opportunities Florida libraries have to offer to residents. Since 1987, libraries nationwide have celebrated Library Card Sign-Up Month each September.

Today's modern libraries offer many services to residents and having a library card is like a passport to our past, present and future," said Detzner. "A library card provides continued on page 22

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Apple's Web Browser, Safari: Part I



by Carol Rooksby Weidlich, President, **SWACKS**

pple's web browser for accessing and moving around the Internet is Sarfari. Safari is included with Apple's OS X and iOS operating

systems. It has many built-in privacy features and works with iCloud to let us browse seamlessly across all of our Apple devices.

Privacy features include:

Private Browsing – When we open "File" > "New Private Browsing," Safari keeps our browsing history private for all tabs we open in that window. Safari will not remember the pages we visit, our search history or our AutoFill information. This helps prevent websites we log into to track us as we search the Internet.

Protection From Harmful Websites – If a website looks suspicious to Safari, it will prevent the website from loading and warns us.

Third-Party Cookie Blocking Many websites we visit leave behind "cookies" that can track our every move on the Internet, giving websites we've visited information that can be used for displaying ads based on our browsing habits. Safari was the first browser to block "cookies" by default and it also prevents

third-party websites from leaving data in our cache, local storage or databases.

Sandboxing – Safari uses a built in protection called "sandboxing," which restricts what websites can do by limiting the privileges of websites and including the difficulty for malicious software and malware to compromise your operating svstem.

Password Generator - Strong passwords are made up of a combination of upper and lower case letters, punctuation symbols and numbers. For each website account you set up, you should have a different and separate password for each account. That can be time consuming and awkward to remember without the assistance of a written list (kept in a safe location) or the use of a password software application. Safari's "Password Generator" will suggest strong passwords for each account and can stored each in "iCloud Keychain." Keychain will not only store user names and passwords, but will sync them across all of your devices. When logging into an online account, iCloud Keychain will fill in your login information and can autofill you credit card information at checkout. Your personal information is protected by 256-bit AES encryption. For more information on how Apple uses encryption, visit https://support.apple.com/en-us/ HT202303.

Workshops are held the second Tuesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m., and meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. (with the exception of July and August) at Zion Lutheran Church, 7401 Winkler Road in Fort Myers.

For more information on the South West Florida Apple Computer Knowledge Society (SWACKS), visit www.swacks.org.

deaRPharmacist Holy Basil -The Elixir of Life by Suzy Cohen, RPh



feel overwhelmed. Tulsi, commonly known as holy basil, is a treasured sacred medicinal plant of India. It's known to ease pain, improve breathing (like for asthma) and reduce inflammation. It is a strong antioxidant, too.

ear Readers:

If you are

like me, I have

I don't know about you, but I feel like we have more stress nowadays than we did 20 years ago. The stress may be mental, emotional, behavioral or physical. The stress makes you feel like you can't cope with your situation. As a result, you may feel beat up, burned out, tense, irritated, overwhelmed, foggy in the brain or just plain mad. You may not (probably don't) sleep well either.

If I've described you, then it's safe to say you need some kind of stress soother before illness develops. Holy basil may just be what you need... but don't take my word for it, let's look at some science.

Researchers studied holy basil's effect on stress reduction in a recent randomized double-blind, placebo-controlled study of 158 highly stressed individuals. Participants had the classic symptoms like frequent headaches, exhaustion, heart palpitations, gastrointestinal problems, irritability and a habit of avoiding people; they also reported insomnia, forgetfulness and low sex drive.

Half the group received 1,200 mg holy basil (tulsi) extract, while the rest of them received an inactive dud pill (placebo). After six weeks, and no other variables, it became clear that the tulsi group showed symptom improvement. Depending on the particular issue, participants enjoyed 33 to 90 percent improvements as compared to the placebo group.

Adaptogenic herbs give your body an adrenal vacation. Holy basil (tulsi) in particular allows you to rest in peace (and I mean that literally, not as in death)! The internal homeostasis and ensuing "peace" occurs because adaptogenic herbs interact at the level of your HPA axis which stands for hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis.

The HPA is like Highway 66 in your body, it's a freeway that connects your adrenal glands to your pituitary, thyroid immune system and more. The HPA freeway signals your body so you can deal with a grizzly bear chasing you! Instead of thinking holy crap, think holy basil... but run like hell!

What about your brain? Research suggests that tulsi helps maintain catecholamines like epinephrine, norepinephrine, and dopamine. Serotonin levels may improve, too. All of these neurotransmitters are primary targets by prescription antidepressants. So if you have depression, a cup of tea (or supplementation) makes good sense.

Instead of coffee all day, try tea. Holy basil (tulsi) can work within minutes on those days when you've tried yoga, meditation and praying and you still want to smack someone. Try it; you'll see what I mean.

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.☆

gap" you face, and then consider options for filling it. It will be time well spent.

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Library Card

access to an invaluable collection of resources and offers something for everyone - from workforce training to educational materials and important community engagement programs. I encourage all Floridians to support their local libraries and sign up for a library card today."

Florida's 555 public libraries offer many programs and services to their local communities. With a library card, patrons can get Internet access, learn how to write a resume, search for jobs, gain new computer skills, find homework assistance resources, and so much more. Floridians can find their local public library by going to fllibraries.org and searching by city, county or address.

Join the conversation and help promote Library Card Sign-Up Month on social media with the national hashtag #LibraryCardSignUp.举

Financial Focus Act Soon To **Close** Your `Insurance Gap'



by Jennifer Basey f you work for a fairly sizable

company, you may be entering your open enrollment season, when you can add or adjust your employersponsored benefits. While you probably

should review all your benefits, you may want to pay special attention to your life insurance to determine if you and your family are adequately protected.

How much life insurance do you need? You may hear that you require anywhere from seven to 10 times your annual income in life insurance coverage, but this rule of thumb might not be appropriate for everyone; the amount of insurance you need will depend on your individual situation.

To help determine if a "gap" exists

between the amount of insurance you have from your employer and the amount you need, your first step is to identify all those expenses that your family would face alone if you were gone. Here are some to consider:

 Ongoing income replacement needs and living expenses – If you were to pass away, and your paychecks were to stop, it would likely create a gigantic hole in your family's finances. Adequate life insurance is necessary to replace the loss of your future salary and cover ongoing living expenses.

• Mortgage – If you weren't around, and your income were to disappear, would your family still be able to remain in their home? Factor in your mortgage in any calculation of life insurance needs.

• Debts – Apart from your mortgage, what other debts do you have? Car loan? Credit cards? Perhaps even some old student loans? Even if you pass away, these debts won't all disappear, especially if some of them are in the names of you and your spouse. Determine how much you pay each month on all these debts and include this figure in your life insurance estimate.

 Education – As you know, higher education comes with some high expenses: Four years at an in-state public school can easily cost upwards of \$80,000,

while the price tag can be twice as much for private schools. And these costs may continue rising. So, if you've always planned to send your children to college, you'd better pencil in some big figures for your life insurance calculations.

• Emergency funds – It's a good idea for most people to maintain an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. This fund can help with unexpected doctor's bills, costly auto repairs and so on. If you weren't there, could your family afford to contribute to such a fund? Again, it's something to think about when you estimate your insurance needs.

• Surviving spouse's retirement - If you're married, your income may contribute to your spouse's ability to put money away in a retirement account, such as an IRA or 401(k). If you're gone, your surviving spouse might well have to redirect those funds to the day-to-day costs of running a household. Therefore, include "surviving spouse's retirement funds" as one more item on your insurance estimate worksheet.

As you can see, your absence can jeopardize your family's ability to maintain both their current lifestyle and their aspirations for the future. So, take the time to figure out just how much of an "insurance

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

izzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

Dear Mom & Me,

My husband and I moved into a 55 plus community 10 years ago. Without hesitation, we signed all of the legal documents that said, "no one under the age of 18 would be living permanently in our home" – because we thought no one would.

Then our son and his wife both developed extreme health problems so we had to take their kids, ages 7, 9 and 14, on a temporary basis. That was two years ago. The kids have to play and they do make noise, and they also leave their stuff around. The older one is now driving and he needed a car to go to school, etc. It is all a big mess and now we have been given notice from the community that the children must leave. They feel that they have been very understanding (and they have), but we make too much noise, it is against the original documents to have children under 18 permanently and their patience is exhausted.

The real estate market is so bad, the kids' parents are struggling with their problems and now we have ours. What do you suggest we do? *Todd*

Dear Todd,

It seems that you are in a very difficult position with little wiggle room. If you signed a contract stipulating no minors may live permanently, you do have an obligation to meet the terms of the contract.

As an option, is it possible for your grandchildren to live with you during the week and go home to their parents during the weekend, with private duty support?

What I am suggesting is hiring a private duty individual to care for the children while they are at their parents' home since the parents are not in a position to care for them. In this way the children are not living permanently with you, and are able to see their parents while being cared for appropriately.

In the meantime, you need to explore other options to move if this interim would not be possible.

Pryce

Dear Todd,

I am very sorry that you find yourself in this dilemma.

Homeowners associations have a great deal of power and these associations are in complete control and you must obey their demands.

In the short term, I hope Pryce's suggestion might work, but I am sorry to say, you should start to look immediately for other housing options.

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.🌣

Class For Family Caregivers

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a nationally recognized, evidencebased program designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for their loved one at home, in a nursing facility or from long distance.

This class is made available through a grant from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs in collaboration with Lee Memorial Health System. The program is also partially funded by the Lee Memorial Auxiliary.

This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

Classes will be held on Thursdays for six weeks, beginning October 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the SHARE Club Computer Learning Center at Cape Coral Hospital.

If needed, special discounts for companionship care in the home are available for PTC participants during the weekly class times. For more information, about the classes, visit http://www.powerfultoolsforcaregivers.org/ or to register, call 343-9224. Class size is limited and preregistration is required.

Classes consist of six sessions held once a week. Two experienced class leaders conduct the series (many are experienced caregivers themselves, who have successfully applied the techniques they teach). Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming will help you take the "tools" you choose and put them into action for your life.

You will receive a book, *The Caregiver Helpbook*, developed specifically for the class. A donation of \$30 to help defray the cost of the book is suggested, but not required to attend the class.

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Tea At The Ritz To Benefit Make-A-Wish



Tea at the Ritz will return on December 6

A ske-A-Wish Southern Florida will hold their 5th annual Tea at the Ritz, sponsored by Fidelity Investments and chaired by Ms. Dylan Sanders, on Sunday, December 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort, located at 280 Vanderbilt Beach Road in Naples. The event is an upscale high tea surrounded by beautiful holiday decorations as only the Ritz-Carlton can do. Guests will enjoy a royal classic tea service, finger sandwiches, champagne and other delectable treats.

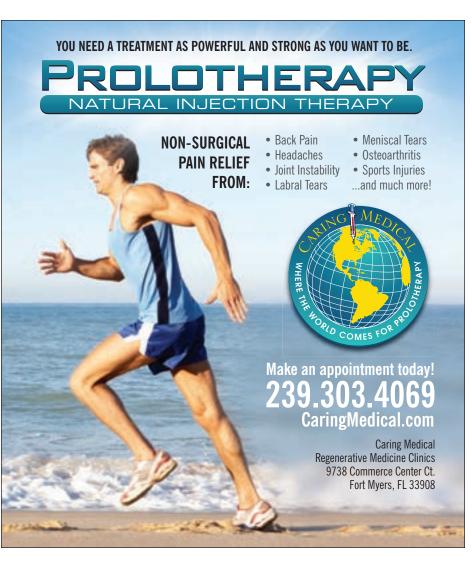
The goal for this year's event is to raise enough funds to grant three wishes to local children.

Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on fabulous silent auction items and participate in various drawings all while learning more about the mission of Make-A-Wish.

Individual tickets are available for \$125 and sponsorships start at \$500, with 100 percent of event proceeds benefitting Make-A-Wish Southern Florida. Reservations are highly recommended as this has been a sold out event in years past.

Make-A-Wish Southern Florida grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The Southern Florida chapter grants a wish every 16 hours and has granted more than 10,000 wishes since its inception in 1983. The chapter's vision is to make every eligible child's wish come true. For more information about Make-A-Wish, visit www.sfla.wish. org or call 992-9474 to get involved.

To RSVP and purchase tickets, contact Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 ext. 22 or email lcolantonio@sflawish.org. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.eventbrite.com/e/tea-at-the-ritztickets-18517569549.5





The groundbreaking ceremony for Palmview at Gulf Coast Village Gulf Coast Village Launches First

Phose In Redevelopment Project A new assisted living and memory care center is coming to Southwest Florida, part of a three-phase redevelopment project at Gulf Coast Village, a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) in Cape Coral. Gulf Coast Village has started construction of Palmview, a state-of-the-art, 130,980-square-foot assisted living and memory care support residence located next to the existing Gulf Coast Village campus at 1333 Santa Barbara Blvd. in Cape Coral. The expansion of Gulf Coast Village will add 34 new assisted living and 24 memory support residences. The project is financed through a \$79 million bond and is the first of a three-phase health care redevelopment project at the continuing care community that also includes the addition of 20 nursing suites and the conversion of existing semi-private nursing suites to private suites with shared baths, providing a total of 79 private suites.

Feeling Tired And Lacking Energy?



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

Nowadays, many people are experiencing excessive tiredness. There is no one cause of lack of energy. A combination of environmental, dietary and medical factors can be to blame. The following suggestions may be helpful:

Consider Trying A Higher Quality Multi-Vitamin – The average one-perday vitamin will usually have no noticeable benefit. We recommend a pharmaceutical grade multivitamin with ingredient quality guaranteed by the company.

Drink Plenty Of Purified Water – To help determine the amount of water you should drink daily, divide your body weight in pounds by two. This equals the amount of water you should drink in ounces per day. For example, generally speaking, a 150 pound man should drink 75 ounces of purified water per day.

Get Outside And Enjoy The Sunshine – Very often, nature is the best medicine. There are toxins everywhere zapping our energy, especially in metro areas. So take time to go to the beach or a preserve to reconnect with nature. Time in the sunshine each day can do a lot to brighten your spirits.

Talk To Your Doctor About Having Low Energy – You may have low hormone or vitamin levels, causing you to feel tired, weak or to have a low stress tolerance. Sometimes, just a few simple tests can help show why you have low energy and feeling so run down. Talk with a natural medicine minded doctor who understands you and wants to get to the root cause of your lack of energy.

Eat A Healthy Diet – Eat fresh, preferably organic, non-processed foods to give you the vital nutrients you need and avoid ingesting even more chemicals and toxins.

Get Enough Sleep – Turn your phones, televisions and computers off. Keep your room dark, cool and comfortable and get the rest your body craves.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Caring Medical and Rehabilitation Services 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.t



Excavation work on the grounds of Palmview



Artist's rendering of Palmview



Interior of Gulf Coast Village

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Inspired from the natural elements of the Florida coastline, the new assisted living and memory care residences at Gulf Coast Village is designed as a place where residents can discover a mix of engaging opportunities, encouraging an active lifestyle and enriching their daily experience.

Inside the property, botanical fabrics in a warm and inviting color palette blend with vibrant accents reminiscent of the ocean. White painted millwork, rich wood tones, and a blown glass art installation establish the feel of a relaxed seaside resort. Six distinctive dining venues assist in wayfinding and create variety throughout the community. A general store, coffee bars, and other retro details bring nostalgia as well as opportunities for new memories to be made by residents. In addition, multi-use spaces throughout the property lend flexibility, evolving over time to meet the needs of the community as it grows. Around the perimeter, large porches and lanais offer casual settings for residents and their families, while expansive courtyards provide safe spaces to explore.

"The groundbreaking of our new assisted living and memory care residence at Gulf Coast Village marks the beginning of an exciting three phase redevelopment project expanding our community to meet the growing needs of seniors," said Executive Director Kevin Ahmadi. "Palmview will provide improved access to healthcare services as well as all of the amenities and lifestyle choices desired. Our hope is this will be a place where their needs and cares are met, so they can focus on friends, family and the activities they enjoy most."

Construction began in August 2015 and is scheduled to open in March 2017. AG Architecture of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin is the architectural firm and LECESSE Construction Services headquartered in West Henrietta, New York is the contractor. For more information, visit GulfCoastVillageExpansion.com.*

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- 1. U.S. STATES: What is the highest capital city in the United States?
- 2. SLOGANS: What was Woodsy Owl's message from the federal government?
- RELIGION: When is Maundy Thursday in the Christian religion? 3.
- 4. MUSIC: Which pop singer was called "The Man from Memphis"?
- 5. DISCOVERIES: Who is credited with discovering streptomycin?
- 6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a pet badger?
- 7. SCIENCE: What has happened to a cell that has undergone necrosis?
- 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the average gestational period for a rabbit?
- 9. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Lombardy region?
- 10.LITERATURE: What 19th-century poet wrote that "the United States themselves are essentially the greatest poem"?

ANSWERS

3. Thursday before Easter, marking the Last Supper 4. Elvis 5. Selman Waksman 6. Theodore Roosevelt ("Josiah") 7. It has died. 8. 28-31 days 9. Northern Italy 10. Walt Whitman Santa Fe, New Mexico (7,000 feet above sea level) 2. "Give a hoot, don't pollute!"

My Stars ★★★★

FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although practical situations continue to dominate this week, there's time for the Lamb to indulge in the fun things in life -- like maybe taking a special someone out for a great evening.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This week favors relationships. Take time to renew old ones, and make time to go where new friends can be found. On a more practical note, expect news about a business deal.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You should be seeing some progress on that new workplace situation. Meanwhile, family matters might demand more attention, and you'll want to set aside time to deal with them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A relationship suddenly might present some challenges you never expected. After talking things out, you might want to consider taking some time to assess what you've learned.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A disappointing response to a request might dampen the Lion's spirits. But you might want to ask the reasons behind it. What you learn can be of great importance in a future undertaking.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A once-volatile situation should be settled by now, giving you a chance to refocus on a project you've been planning for. Look for an interested party to rally to your support.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business matter that unexpectedly turns into a personal situation could create complications. Best to resolve the matter now before too much harm can be done.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Emotions can run high when they involve personal matters that no one really wants to talk about. But this could be a good time to create the means to a workable outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A positive response to a workplace request could lead the way to other long-sought changes. Congratulations. A personal situation also takes a welcome turn.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Patience pays off, as that onceoverwhelming work situation continues to become easier to handle on a one-by-one basis. Look for positive news from a colleague

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

It might be a good idea to take more time to reassess your next move in working out a complex situation. You could benefit from a new perspective on the matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might want to consider making time to discuss a change of plans with everyone concerned. Be prepared to explain your actions. Also be prepared to listen to alternatives.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a strong sense of what is right, and you try to work from that foundation. Friends see you as reliable.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On Oct. 1, 1890, an act of Congress creates Yosemite National Park in California, home of Half Dome and giant sequoia trees. The act paved the way for generations of hikers, campers and nature lovers, along with countless "Don't Feed the Bears" signs.

• On Oct. 2, 1948, the first American road race since World War II takes place in Watkins Glen, New York. The New York Central railroad agreed to suspend train service for the afternoon so that the drivers could cross the tracks safely.

• On Sept. 30, 1955, actor James Dean is killed in California when his Porsche hits a sedan. Rumor has it that Dean's car was cursed. After the accident, the car rolled off the back of a truck and crushed the legs of a mechanic. When the parts were sold, the engine, transmission and tires were all transplanted into cars that were subsequently involved in deadly crashes.

• On Sept. 28, 1960, at Boston's Fenway Park, Red Sox star Ted Williams homers in the final at-bat of his 21-year career. After being booed by Red Sox fans early in his career, Williams swore never to tip his cap to the Boston fans. He never did.

• On Oct. 4, 1970, singer Janis Joplin dies of an accidental heroin overdose at age 27. Joplin, who had a No. 1 hit with "Piece of My Heart," was discovered in her Los Angeles hotel room after failing to show for a recording session.

• On Sept. 29, 1982, cyanide-laced Tylenol kills six people in Chicago, leading to a nationwide recall. The culprit was never caught, but the mass murder led to new tamper-proof medicine containers.

• On Oct. 3, 1990, less than one year after the destruction of the Berlin Wall, East and

- SPORTS QUIZ
- 1. Who holds the Colorado Rockies pitching record for most career shutouts?
- 2. What has been the most home runs hit by a Kansas City Royals player in any one season?
- 3. Name the last team before the Cleveland Browns in 2012 to select both a running back and a quarterback in the first round of the NFL Draft.
- 4. Name the last team that was a No. 4 seed when it won the NCAA Tournament in men's basketball.
- When was the last time before 2014-15 that the Montreal Canadiens made the conference 5. semifinals of the NHL playoffs two consecutive seasons?
- 6. Name the last appearance in the MLS Cup final for the New England Revolution before 2014
- 7. British cyclists have won three of the past four (2012-15) Tour de France events. Who was the only non-British cyclist to win during that time?

ANSWERS

It was 2007. 7. Italy's Vincenzo Nibali, in 2014.

HAPPENING

ASTAMINCE

1. Jason Jennings and Ubaldo Jimenez, with three each. 2. Steve Balboni hit 36 homers in 1985. 3. The Cin-cinnati Bengals, in 1979 (Jack Thompson and Charles Alexander). 4. Arizona, in 1997. 5. It was 1992-93. 6

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West Germany come together on what is known as "Unity Day." Germany had been divided since 1945.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was Che Guevara -- physician, author, revolutionary, guerrilla leader and diplomat -- who made the following sage observation: "Silence is argument carried out by other means.'

• If you've ever awakened from a dream feeling especially calm and content, you've experienced euneirophrenia.

• Sometime in July of 1518, a strange malady swept the town of Strasbourg, France, when hundreds of people were overcome with an irresistible compulsion to dance. Some believed that the only cure was to dance day and night until the compulsion ended, so city leaders hired musicians and set aside guild halls for dancing. According to eyewitness documents, people so enthralled expressed their misery but were unable to stop dancing. Those with weak hearts actually died while under the compulsion. As inexplicably as the malady struck, it ended in early September, after affecting about 400 residents.

• Those who study such things say that, on a per-capita basis, residents of Louisiana consume twice as much electricity as residents of Maine.

• Of all the works of art stolen in Europe, 60 percent of it ends up in London.

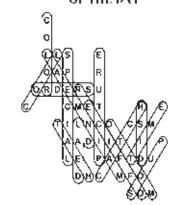
• The name Samantha is thought by some to be a combination of the biblical name Samuel and anthos, the Greek word for flower. During Puritanical times the name became associated with witchcraft, causing a steep decline in its usage. When the TV series "Bewitched" premiered in 1964 -- featuring a witch named Samantha -- the name began steadily gaining in popularity. By 2009, it was the ninth most popular name for girls born in the U.S.

• If you're in the state of Washington and decide to paint polka dots on an American flag, you should be aware that you're breaking the law.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Well done is better than well said." --Benjamin Franklin

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Florida Sweet Corn, Snap Bean and Bell Pepper Sauté 4 ears fresh Florida sweet corn, kernels cut off the cob 1 pound fresh Florida snap beans, rinsed and stems trimmed 2 large Florida bell peppers, sliced thin 1/4 cup green onion, washed and chopped fine 1 teaspoon plus more to taste seasoning blend (Greek, Latin, Cajun) Sea salt and fresh ground pepper to taste 1/2 lemon, juiced 1 teaspoon vegetable or olive oil Preheat a large sauté pan over medium heat. Add vegetable or olive oil to the preheated sauté pan.

Carefully add the trimmed snap beans to the sauté pan. Cook snap beans for 2 to 4 minutes

until they start to get some color.

Add the corn kernels and sliced bell pepper to the cooking snap beans.

Cook ingredients for another 2 to 4 minutes until the ingredients become crisp-tender.

Add the seasoning blend and lemon juice.

Stir ingredients to combine.

Add the green onion and taste.

Adjust seasoning with sea salt and pepper. Remove from heat and serve warm as a side dish.☆



Florida Sweet Corn, Snap Bean and Bell Pepper Sauté

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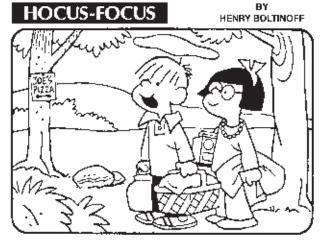
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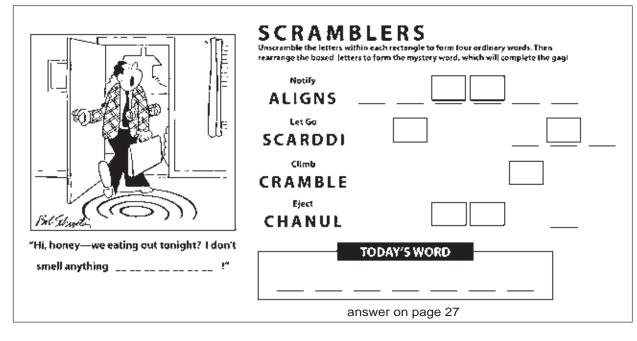
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Idlewilde	Bonita Springs	2001	3,448	\$1,275,000	\$1,225,000	19
Lake Forest At Shadow Wood	Bonita Springs	2003	3,856	\$1,275,000	\$1,147,500	59
Willow Walk	Bonita Springs	2002	3,072	\$1,150,000	\$1,061,000	76
Lakewood	Fort Myers	2012	3,275	\$1,195,500	\$1,050,000	69
San Carlos On The Gulf	Fort Myers Beach	1956	3,448	\$949,000	\$1,001,000	14
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2014	3,585	\$899,900	\$899,900	322
Sanctuary	Bonita Springs	1993	2,866	\$959,000	\$880,000	30
Gulf Shores	Sanibel	1982	1,869	\$839,000	\$815,000	18
Southwind Subdivision	Sanibel	1972	1,440	\$798,000	\$745,000	51

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Pets Of The Week

My name is Herbert and I've grown like a weed since I've arrived at the shelter. The staff and volunteers have watched me thrive on playtime and the companionship of humans and other dogs. I'm very affectionate and ready to have a real home life. My adoption fee is \$10 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' Fall In Love adoption promotion.

They call me curly and you probably want to know why you should adopt me. Well, I'm cute, affectionate, entertaining, play well with others and love people. As a solid black cat, I'm also very fashionable and always wear my "little black dress." That's it. My adoption fee is \$10 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' adoption promotion. Cats and kittens are also twofor-one adoption fee.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.☆



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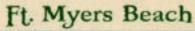
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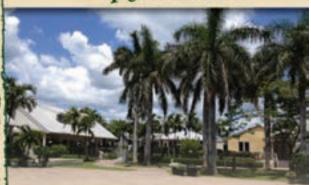
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