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Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament



Dealers for the 4th annual Texas Hold 'Em No Limit Poker Tournament

The 4th annual Texas Hold 'Em No Limit Poker Tournament will take place on Thursday, June 25 at 5 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located at 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers.

"This is a must-attend event for any poker player," said Justin Stockman, event chair and Boys & Girls Club of Lee County board member. "Registered players will get a chance to compete against some of the best poker players in town while supporting our community's youth and their futures. We're looking forward to sharing the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs with all who attend while having a good time."

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 5 p.m., followed by the tournament at 6 p.m. Players are asked to arrive early and be seated before the start of the tournament. Complimentary food and beverages will be provided. The tournament will include more than \$3,000 in cash and prizes.

The entry for the tournament will be a donation of \$100 per person if purchased during the month of May, \$125 if purchased in June and \$150 if purchased the day of the event at the door. All guests not participating in the tournament will be \$25 each.

According to Stockman, all event proceeds will benefit the Summer Enrichment Programs that address the "summer learning loss" experienced by at-risk and underserved youth. With the funds, the clubs will be able to provide academically focused activities to ensure more than 400 of its members continue to make positive gains in their education, and high-yield learning opportunities to promote creativity and participation in the arts. Free, nutritious lunches and snacks will also be provided daily during the camps, and daily recreation and sports sessions will help youth stay active and healthy.

"While our clubs are commonly known to provide positive after-school programs to the community's at-risk youth, we also continue our mission to inspire and enable these young people even through the summer months when academic retention is critical," said Shannon Lane, chief professional officer of the BGCLC. "Unfortunately, when school doors close, many children struggle to access educational opportunities as well as basic needs such as healthy meals and adequate adult supervision. Our clubs are where those kids need to be, spending their summer days engaging in educational activities and other programs that we ensure create positive outcomes for our members both in school and the community."

Space for the tournament is limited, so early registration is encouraged. To register, visit www.bgclcpoker.org. Registration will be based on a first-come, first-served basis. No player substitutions will be permitted. Players must be 21 or older to play.

This year's event is presented by Scanlon Auto Group, Encore Bank, UBS – Charlie Todd, Investors' Security Trust, Owen-Ames-Kimball Co., Chris-Tel Construction and Fireservice, Inc. Additional sponsorship opportunities for the event, ranging from \$250 to \$3,000, are still available. For more information about sponsorships, contact Shannon Lane at 334-1886 or slane@bgclc.net, or visit www.bgclcpoker.org.

Florida Virtual School Opens Enrollment For 2015-16

Plorida Virtual School Full Time (FLVS FT), a statewide virtual public school, is opening enrollment for kindergarten through the 12th grade for the 2015-16 school year. Information sessions – both in person and online – are being held for parents and students across the state to learn more about the school.

Combining Florida-certified teachers, a proven curriculum, technology tools, and community experiences, Florida Virtual School Full Time delivers a high quality education online to children who benefit from an individualized approach to learning.

"Online learning is one of the fastest growing forms of education, and students attending school in 2015 will learn and apply their education in a much more technologically advanced and dependent world than their parents. We prepare children to succeed in that world," said Lead Kindergarten-8 Principal Marcie Trombino.

For more information about specific FLVS FT services and eligibility guidelines for enrollment, visit www.connectionsacademy.com/FLVSFT or call 877-500-FLVS (3587).

"We encourage all kindergarten to eighth grade prospective families to attend an upcoming information session to get a feel for what to expect and what is involved in online learning to best determine if it would be a good fit for their student," said Trombino.

Florida Virtual School Full Time will host free in-person parent information sessions for interested kindergarten to eighth grade families to learn more. High school age children should call the school for relevant sessions. For those unable to attend an in-person session, real-time interactive online information sessions and an on-demand session accessible 24/7 are also available for families. The information sessions provide an opportunity for families to learn more about the virtual school, review the school's curriculum, and ask questions of teachers and school representatives.

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Parent Ellie Baltodano of Naples said, "'Virtual public school?' I thought to myself;

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A Tribute To America's Heroes

The Fort Myers Recreation Division, Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross, American Legion Post 38 and Lee County Veteran's Affairs will host A Tribute To America's Heroes on Sunday, May 24 at Centennial Park. The tribute will begin at 9 a.m.

Hosted by Clay Miller from NBC2, A Tribute To America's Heroes will feature guest speakers and performances by the Southwest Florida Symphony and Fort Myers "Singing Police Officer" Yvetta Dominique. A portion of the program will recognize the 40th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office will provide a Rifle Salute and Fly Over, the Fort Myers Police Department will present the Colors and U.S. Marine Corps units will be laying a wreath on the Caloosahatchee.

During the tribute, the American Red Cross will be accepting items for care packages for deployed troops such as individually wrapped pieces of hard candy. Other items may include microwave popcorn, peanuts, pretzels, drink mixes and other snack foods. Non-perishables needed are travel size wet wipes, sunscreen, lip balm and foot powder. Toiletry items such as shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste and shower soap/gel are also needed. Playing cards, puzzle books and reading material will also be accepted.

For more information, call Kelly MacDonald of the City of Fort Myers at 321-7524.

Free Admission For Active Duty Military And Their Families

The Southwest Florida Museum of History and the Imaginarium Science Center are participants of Blue Star Museums, which means that active duty military personnel and their family members receive free admission at both attractions from Memorial Day, May 25, through Labor Day, September 7. (Free admission begins at both locations on Friday, May 22.)

At the Southwest Florida Museum of History, learn about the long blues tradition in Florida with the latest exhibit, Florida's Got The Blues, curated by the Museum of Florida History. Also, delve into the role Southwest Florida played in training World War II air gunners in the permanent Buckingham Air Field exhibit.

The Southwest Florida Museum of History is located at 2031 Jackson Street in Fort Myers. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more details, call 321-7430 or visit museumofhistory.org.

There's plenty to explore at the Imaginarium Science Center, including the Animal Lab, Dinosaur Discovery, Fisheye Lagoon, Sea-To-See Touch Tanks, Windows to the Sea, Backyard Nature, the Caloosahatchee Experience and other exhibits.

The Imaginarium Science Center is located at 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more details, call 321-7420 or visit i-sci.org.

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Von Zengen's Modest Maiden



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

he two unidentified women in this circa-1926 photo are posing at one of Fort Myers' favored photo locations, the McGregor Boulevard entrance to the historic Edison Park subdivision

Behind them stands a larger-than-life Greek maiden pouring water from a vessel. She is officially named The Spirit of Fort Myers, but is also sometimes called, inexplicably, Rachel at the

The absence of foliage indicates that the photo was taken soon after Helmut L. von Zengen completed the sculpture.

The artwork had been commissioned by James Newton for

his new subdivision, Edison Park. The developer was then only 20 years old. The most widely known story about that artwork is Mina (Mrs. Thomas) Edison's objection to the maiden's state of undress - at least that was the artist's original intent.

After all, the statue was located just across the street from her winter home, Semi-

nole Lodge.

Von Zengen covered his work-in-progress with a canvas tarpaulin during the two months he worked on it, but some of Mina Edison's friends armed with flashlights investigated one night and discovered an unclothed maiden.

Newton was summoned by Mrs. Edison and, as a result, he agreed to have the statue appropriately veiled.

The artist created a flowing garment of powdered marble for his maiden, although reportedly with some protest.

It all was a big lesson in public relations for Newton, but what could have been a debacle was a great success

Mina Edison agreed to draw aside the curtain to unveil the entrance at a dedication attended by 500 people on April 8, 1926. Mr. Edison, although quite ill, insisted on attending.

Newton gave the statue to the City of Fort Myers in honor of tThomas A. Edison, and Mayor OM Davison officially accepted.



Two unidentified women pose in front of The Spirit of Fort Myers (aka Rachel at the Well) by Helmut L. von Zengen, circa

photo courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



Foliage and development has filled out the scene surrounding one of the city's most beloved landmarks

photo by Gerri Reaves

As was common with the events involving the great inventor, Pathé News filmed the ceremony. What good advertising for a new subdivision!

The affair began a long friendship between Newton and the Edisons. In fact, Thomas Edison became one of the subjects of Newton's 1989 book Uncommon Friends, which chronicles his friendships with the inventor, as well as Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Alexis Carrel and Charles Lindbergh.

But what of the artist at the center of this oft-told story? An article in The Palm Leaf published shortly after the unveiling sheds light on von Zengen's training and

He began sculpting as a child in Germany, fashioning shapes from candle wax. He enjoyed the benefits of being born into a well-off family, such as private tutor-

After studying privately with various European art masters, he spent four years at the Royal Academy of Berlin and was later associated with Berlin's Museum of Arts.

Travels throughout Europe followed, and then his arrival in the U.S. at age 21. He taught art in New York City, where he designed the reception hall of the 1825 New York House of Refuge.

Following his service in World War I, he became a teacher, but soon chose to devote himself to his own artistic pursuits.

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Fort Myers Public Art: Sun Gate



by Tom Hall

Standing 12 foot tall and across, the circular granite sculpture named Sun Gate greets commuters entering and departing the River District via Main Street. Located half a block west of Main's intersection with Monroe Street, Sun Gate is framed on either side by concrete

park benches and nestled between the Lee County Community Development building to the north and the Lee County Justice Center to the south. It was the quest of creator Robert Sindorf to "carve large granite sculptures for public places ... [that] express universal and timeless themes."

Virtually all of Sindorf's sculptures incorporate a circle as their primary geometrical shape. "It is perfect geometry and has no beginning or end," Sindorf stated. "It is a peaceful, restful form that transcends time and becomes eternal. It is a symbol of the sun, heaven, perfection and, especially, the cycle of life." Which explains why Sun Gate also goes by the name Wheel of Life.

The sculpture's location is problematic. First, Sindorf intended *Sun Gate* to be viewed from the north, meaning that commuters and pedestrians passing by on Main Street are actually looking at the sculpture's backside. (In fact, the lower portion of the side most people see is less refined and virtually unfinished.) Few people venture into the Community Development employee parking lot to look at the front of the sculp-



Sun Gate greets commuters entering and departing the River District via Main Street

ture, but even if they did, they would find their view obscured by parking curbs, signs and a four-foot hedge.

Secondly, Sindorf wanted people to be able to pass through the hole in *Sun Gate* both visually and physically.

cally. "The void allows you to move through the sculpture," Sindorf observed. "You are not blocked physically

or figuratively if there is a 'hole' through it. You can physically 'enter' the work. This geometry helps you move through the sculpture. We are all accustomed to moving through geometrical shapes like houses and larger buildings. Big sculptures with voids seem architectural and make you feel that you are part of them and not just a spectator."

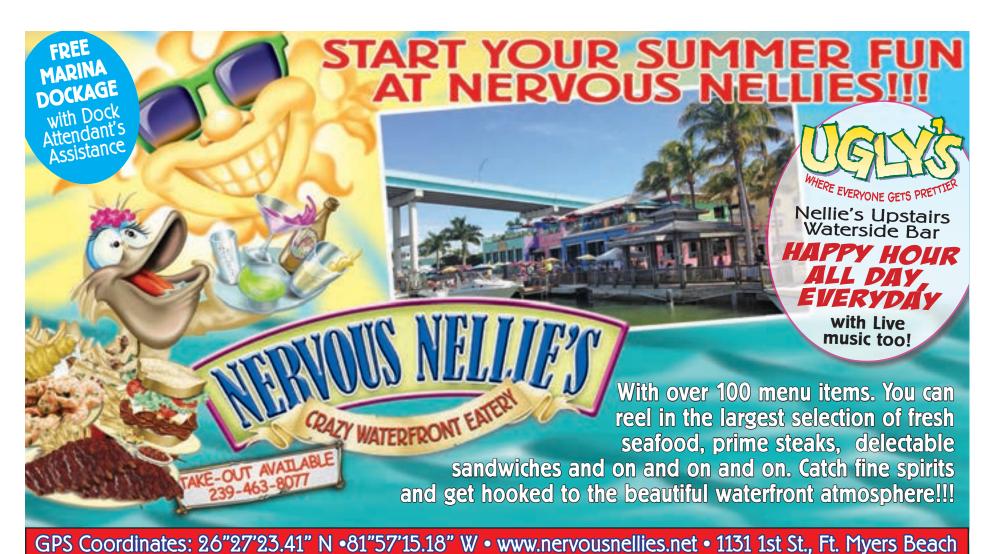
Public artists frequently incorporate interactive components into their artwork in an effort to encourage viewers to relate to the piece in a proactive, experiential manner. For example, sculptor David Black designed *Fire Dance* (in Centennial Park) so that people can walk through it and look up. "Inside the piece are four hidden spirals that create a story for your imagination," Black told the crowd who gathered for *Fire Dance*'s March 2, 2012 dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony. "I like the idea of letting people walk around the sculpture and see it from underneath. I want them to enjoy the piece from every angle."

Similarly, people encountering the art panels on the Justice Center parking garage (*Parallel Park*) can change their appreciation and enjoyment of artist Marylyn Dintenfass' abstract images by moving closer or farther away, or otherwise changing their perspective or viewing point.

But perhaps the biggest drawback associated with the sculpture's current location is that is detracts from the overall impact of the piece. "The void space is more important and potent than the surrounding solid. Defining a negative space is not always appreciated as sculptural, but like architectures it can hold the most important meaning of

tural space, it can hold the most important meaning of the work."

An arts advocate, Tom Hall guides weekly walking tours of the River District's public art collection in Fort Myers. For more information, go to truetours.



Multicultural Centre Kicks Off Adopt-A-Student Fundraiser

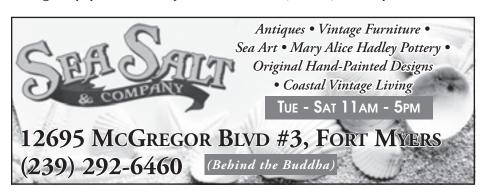


Students arrive to the BIG Backpack Event and pick out the color backpack they want prior to filling up with school supplies

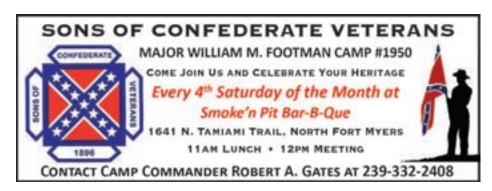
he Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida kicked off of the Adopt-A-Student fundraiser in support of the 16th annual Big Backpack Event, a backto-school festival and school supply giveaway that will be held on Sunday, August 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m at Harborside Event Center. Each \$10 donation will adopt a student for the 2015-16 school year and provide them with a new backpack and school supplies that include notebook paper, folders, crayons, glue, pencils and pens.

This annual event has become the largest back-to-school outreach program in Lee County. Last year, an estimated 15,000 people attended. Thousands of kids received free backpacks and school supplies, thanks to the support of the many volunteers and sponsors. "There are many children and families in need in our community and the more money we raise, the more help we can provide for them at the event," said Leonardo Garcia, founder of the Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida.

For the past 15 years, the Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida has been hosting this popular community outreach event that, to date, has has provided new









Dr. Parna Shenoy of Caloosa Eye Center provided free eye screenings for students



Children showing off their new backpacks



Volunteer Natalie Ramos helped distribute school supplies to students in need

backpacks and school supplies to 35,000 students over the years. The event lends a helping hand to students and families in need, as well as celebrates the diversity in Southwest Florida, bringing live multicultural entertainment on the main stage including Irish step dance and salsa.

Due to the overwhelming response, this year's event will begin at 10 a.m. The line typically begins to form around the Harborside Event Center as early as 7 a.m. The first 2,000 students ages five to 12 will receive free backpacks and school supplies. Parents or guardians must bring their school age children in order to receive the free supplies. Thanks to sponsors and vendors, students may also receive eye exams, haircuts and other giveaways, while supplies last. There will also be face painting, inflatable slide and bounce house, clowns and live entertainment.

The support we receive each year from local businesses and individuals who partner with us to help these students and families is very much appreciated," said Garcia. 'Thanks to the support of sponsors and our dedicated event committee, we hope to help more than 2,000 students with their back-to-school needs again this year.

For more information on how to adopt a student(s), or become an event sponsor, go to www.multiculturalcentre.org.☆

Sons Of Confederate Veterans To Meet



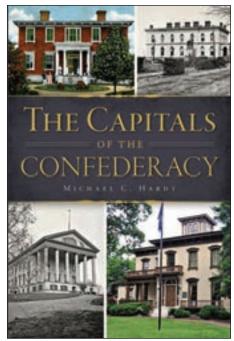
Michael C, Hardy

ivil War author and Roads Scholar will be the guest speaker at the Sons of Confederate Veterans Maj. WM Footman Camp #1950 meeting on Saturday, May 23. Optional lunch begins at 11 a.m. and the program begins at noon. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Smoke N Pit Bar B Que in North

The program will focus on Capitals of the Confederacy, Hardy's latest book.

Hardy has been interested in military history for over 30 years. A graduate of the University of Alabama, he has penned 20 books, and his articles have appeared in America's Civil War, Civil War Times, Gettysburg Magazine, and the Tar Heel Junior Historian. Hardy's works have won numerous awards, and, in 2010, he was named the North

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Carolina Historian of the Year by the NC Society of Historians. In 2013, he became a Roads Scholar for the North Carolina Humanities Council.

Hardy became a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 1994 and has served as historian for the North Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans since 2014. He will recount the history of the places that became capitals of the Confederacy: Montgomery, Richmond, Danville, Greensboro, and Charlotte. Each played a role in the story of the Confederate government, a role that became woven into the history of that place and its people.☆

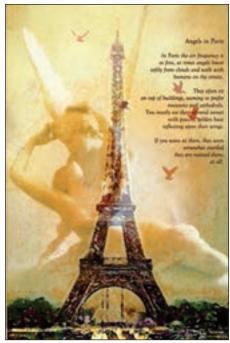
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Alliance Is Calling All Poets For Broadsides: Poetry Off The Shelf 2016

he Alliance for the Arts is issuing a call to poets who would like to see one of their original works included in the 3rd annual Broadsides: Poetry Off The Shelf event on January 28, 2016. Selected poems will be compiled into an anthology and given to visual artists who will each choose one to work with. The finished pieces will then be printed, exhibited, and sold during the event and afterwards. Finished broadsides will consist of a graphic illustration germane to the featured poem printed on one side of an 11- by 17-inch sheet of paper.

Broadsides are a form of written communication, typically designed to be posted in a public place. Traditionally, broadsides contain a mixture of text and images. From the 1600s to the early 20th century, this visual medium was used to convey information, issue proclamations, make revolutionary statements, or publish the lyrics to poetry and songs. Indeed, our Declaration of Independence was first printed as a broadside.

To be eligible for entry, poets must be able to attend the Broadside event on January 28, 2016. Poets chosen to particivisit www.artinlee.org/broadsides-2016.



Sheila Elsea and Linda Hughes Broadside art and poem from 2015

pate will be notified in early October 2015. For details, or to submit your work online,

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Modest Maiden

Specifically, he worked to invent a substitute for stone that would make the creation of large statues and monuments more affordable.

He succeeded, and the patented concept would be employed later for *The Spirit of Fort Myers*.

The process allowed for the artwork to be created on the spot, not in a studio, so it's easy to see how Mina Edison and her friends were able to spy on the artist's progress.

Von Zengen's process reduced the cost of materials and labor to a fraction of what traditionally created sculptures cost.

The stone substitute was applied in layers over a skeleton frame and then shaped, making a chisel rarely necessary.

The process could render the beautiful effects of marble or opalescent sheens by the addition of ground coal or ground glass, respectively.

His memorial statue for the American Legion, *The Survivor*, in Beaverton, Michigan, which was made of "pigmented concrete," led to other commissions and the use of a patron's laboratory for perfecting his process.

Friends of the artist invited him to Fort Myers to create what was then described as "the Greek Goddess of Water."

(Oddly enough, newspaper coverage of the dedication erroneously referred to it as a portrayal of Aphrodite.)

An enigmatic phrase in the June 14, 1926 *Palm Leaf* newspaper states that the goddess epitomized "the life giving



Von Zengen, right, poses with The Spirit of Fort Myers in an undated photo

photo courtesy of Ralph Zengen and Kevin Rooney

power of water in connection with electricity."

Perhaps that was a convenient way to connect the artwork to Thomas A. Edison after-the-fact?

The article mentioned the artist's enthusiasm for "the future of Florida and the opportunities for (his) work" in Fort

Myers. In fact, he planned to make the city his home.

After finishing the Edison Park statue, von Zengen created other works in the area, including statuary and fountains.

Do those works still survive? And if so, where?

He died at age 76 in Tampa, where

he completed sculptures in the Tampa Theater, statuary atop city hall, and the exterior reliefs for Maas Brothers Department Store, among others.

The Spirit of Fort Myers was restored in the early 1980s and has endured as a much-appreciated local landmark.

However, today's heavy traffic makes the Edison Park entrance less accessible for photo opportunities than it was in the 1920s

Walk down McGregor Boulevard to view one of the city's many works of public art. Then visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street, where you can learn more about the creative efforts that surged in the mid-1920s.

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

Do you love local history? Then be sure to visit 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 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Call 939-4044 or visit swflhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

Sources: The Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, Fort Myers Press, Fort Myers Tropical News, The Palm Leaf, and Uncommon Friends by James Newton.

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Women Build 2015 Raises \$143,000



From left, Susie Ellis, Nicole Grey-Kearns and Christina Schwinn

Teams of women raised more than \$143,000 to fund the rehab of two homes for Women Build 2015, and logged over 1,200 volunteer hours to complete the homes in two weeks. This is the fifth consecutive year the local affiliate has offered the Women Build program. The second Women Build 2015 home, located in San Carlos Park, will be dedicated at a later date.

Robb and Stucky International, the platinum hammer key sponsor of Women Build hosted a Thank You Party for supporters on May 14 at their Fort Myers store. Women Build is an initiative to encourage women to take action against poverty housing conditions by recruiting, educating and inspiring women to build – and advocate for – simple, decent and affordable homes in their communities.

For more information, call 652-0434 or visit www.habitat4humanity.org.



Women Build Superwoman Ann Arnall, Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties Board of Directors Robert Arnall, and Jeff Garvin



Women Build Superwomen Christina Schwinn and Marissa Miter

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Women Build 2015 homeowner Marisol Santiago and her three children, 13-yearold Lewis, 10-year-old Shamoni and 5-year-old Tegan



Women Build volunteers Judy Kay, Stephanie Sherman and Vicki Baldwin



Gail Markham and Anna "Boots" Tolles at the Women Build Thank You Party



Habitat president and CEO Kitty Green and Steve Lush, president of Robb & Stucky



Jeff Garvin and volunteer site supervisors Sue Garvin and Becky Brotton



Kristy Keyes of Chico's FAS, Inc., title sponsor of Women Build 2015, and Women Build Superwoman Anna "Boots" Tolles, and volunteers Mary Embroli, Max Dean and Jacqueline Wier

Along The River



Three dolphins put on a spectacular show in the wake of one of Captiva Cruises' boats. Veterans cruise for free on Memorial Day with a reservation.

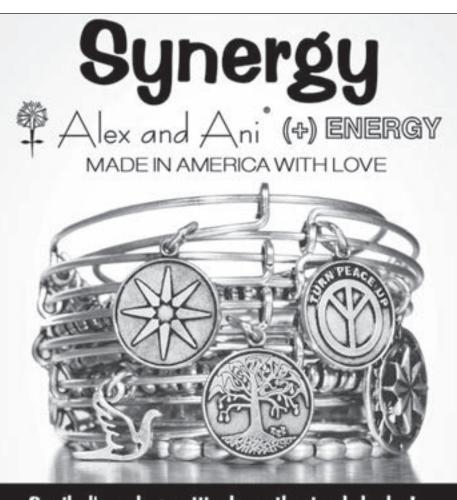
n Saturday in the River District, all classic cars are welcome to participate in downtown Fort Myers' monthly **Car Cruise-In**. The free event is held on the fourth Saturday of each month.

From 4 to 8 p.m., the historic River District comes alive with classic rock and cool cars: antiques, customs and exotics. Stroll along the brick-paved streets with friends or family and enjoy good food, music and drinks.

For more information about downtown's Car Cruise-In, call 1-855-RDA-EVENTS (732-3836) or go to www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com.

On Monday, May 25, celebrate Memorial Day with the entire family at the **Edison & Ford Winter Estates**.

Edison Ford is offering free admission to United States Veterans and their families. Free admission includes a tour of the historic homes, botanical gardens, museums and Edison's research lab. Veterans must present VA identification card or their DD214



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Registration is open for the Library System's Summer Reading Program. One lucky tween will win a VIP tour of CROW's hospital. Pictured is a baby Eastern gray squirrel being fed.

papers to receive free admission. The estates are open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates are located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 334-7419 or go to www.efwefla.org.

Veterans cruise for free on Memorial Day with **Captiva Cruises**. There are three cruises on Monday from which to choose.

Cayo Costa Beach & Shelling Cruise

Visit the secluded Florida state park beaches that are only accessible by boat. The cruise will take you to the quiet beaches on the islands of North Captiva or Cayo Costa. You will have two to four hours to shell, swim, bird watch and explore these undeveloped state park beaches.

The half-hour cruise back to Captiva is the perfect time to compare your finds while looking for dolphins surfacing in Pine Island Sound. Be sure to pack your beach bag and bring along anything you would like to eat or drink, as there are no facilities on these state park island.

Cabbage Key Cruise

Cabbage Key is a true "Old Florida" island hideaway. The main house which is now the inn and restaurant, was built in 1938 by playwright and novelist Mary Roberts Rinehart. You will find the wallpaper at Cabbage Key quite interesting. It is made up of autographed dollar bills that are taped to the wall and ceilings.

Your narrated cruise to Cabbage Key will take just over an hour, leaving you just over two hours to purchase your lunch and enjoy the scenery. It is said that Jimmy Buffet was inspired to write the song *Cheeseburger In Paradise* while visiting this rustic fisherman's pub type setting.

Your cruise back to Captiva will take just over an hour and is the perfect time to relax and enjoy the waters of Southwest Florida. Cabbage Key offers a short nature trail and a water tower on which you can climb to the top for some fantastic snapshots. Sorry there are no beaches on Cabbage Key, so swimming and shelling are not available.

Dolphin Watch & Wildlife Adventure Cruise

There is nothing more exciting than to see these beautiful marine mammals jumping in the wake of our comfortable vessel. Captiva Cruises reports seeing dolphins on about 95 percent of its cruises. You will also spot many of the birds that make Southwest Florida so special.

The dolphin watch and wildlife cruise is the perfect family cruise. The narration on board the cruise is provided by volunteers from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Captiva Cruises is located at McCarthy's Marine, 11401 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva Island. For reservations, call 472-5300 or go to www.captivacruises.com.

The **Lee County Library System's Summer Reading Program** for children and teens encourages them to read this summer to provide meals and supplies for the injured animals at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW). The program runs from June 6 through July 25.

Children who have completed kindergarten and up are invited to head to their local branch and receive their Every Hero Has A Story reading log. This year, time spent reading time equals a scoop of seed for a songbird, a cup of kibble for an otter, a cup of applesauce for a raccoon or a dollop of peanut butter for a squirrel. One grand prize winner will receive a party on the Bookmobile for the winner and six of their friends.

Teens need to register online at www.leelibrary.readsquared.com. They will have access to exciting reading lists and dozens of digital badges. One lucky tween and one lucky teen will win a behind-the-scenes tour of CROW's hospital for themselves and up to nine of their friends. The tour experience includes admission to the education center, an overview program of CROW and concludes with a VIP tour of the hospital and rehabilitation grounds. Winners will get the chance to meet with some of CROW's staff and learn what it takes to rehabilitate more than 3,500 animals a year.

Help your reader improve their reading skills and make the summer go quickly. Visit www.leelibrary.net and click on Kids or Teens to learn more about the program. Telephone Reference is available at 479-INFO (4636). $\stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{\sim}$

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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.

ICHIBAN

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.

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Cape Coral residents donated about 80,000 of food for the National Letter Carriers' Food Drive on May 9. Letter carriers and volunteers delivered donations to the Cape Coral Post photos provided by Harry Chapin Food Bank

Harry Chapin Food Bank Thanks Community For Food Donations

ee County residents donated 401,478 pounds of food during the 23rd annual National Letter Carriers Food Drive on May 9. The Stamp Out Hunger is the plargest one-day food drive for the food bank. As a lead recipient, the Harry Chapin Food Bank received 248,430 pounds of food to distribute to its partner agencies.

In Lee County, 250 Harry Chapin Food Bank volunteers sorted donated food at seven collection points, and several more volunteers helped letter carriers collect food left by mailboxes on various routes. George Sciascia of the U.S. Postal Service coordinated the food drive, and the United Way assisted in soliciting and assigning other volunteers. Publix Supermarkets provided collection grocery bags reminding residents of the food drive. Publix employees also volunteered on Saturday.

We are so thankful to the letter carriers, the U.S. Postal Service, United Way and the community for their tremendous support. In one day, they came together and made an exceptional contribution to the fight against hunger during the difficult sum-



Volunteer Amanda sorts through bags and boxes of donated food at the Cape Coral Post Office

mer season," said Al Brislain, Harry Chapin Food Bank president and CEO.

Those who were not able to participate in the food drive may still do so by taking nonperishable food items to the Harry Chapin Food Bank warehouse in Fort Myers. Checks can also be made payable to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and sent to 3760 Fowler Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank, a Feeding America affiliate, solicits, collects and stores quality food for distribution to families in need through a network of 150 nonprofit agencies in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties that provide





Publix Supermarkets employees take a break from helping to sort donated food during the National Letter Carriers' Food Drive at the Cape Coral Post Office



Letter carrier Gary Formaro, left, drops off a load of food at the North Fort Myers Post Office, where volunteer Albert Johnston helps to unload and sort the donations



Residents of Fiddlesticks Country Club's volunteer group Fiddlesticks Cares take a break from unloading and sorting food during the National Letter Carriers' Food Drive at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Post



Publix Supermarkets employees take a break from helping to sort donated food during the National Letter Carriers' Food Drive at the Page Field Post Office in Fort **Mvers**

food to more than 30,000 people monthly. Over one million pounds of food are distributed by the Harry Chapin Food Bank monthly. For each \$1, the food bank can distribute \$6 worth of food and supplies. In the past fiscal year, the Harry Chapin Food Bank distributed more than 19.6 million pounds of food and other grocery items valued at more than \$33.7 million. This is roughly the equivalent of 16.3 million meals to people in need.

For additional information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, call 334-7007 or go to harrychapinfoodbank.org. 🌣

Tarpon Patience



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

aking a little break fromtarpon fishing for two days this week, I guided some long time clients for snook. One day the action was awesome and fast paced, then

the next day we had to work at it a little harder, but both trips went well with snook caught in a variety of places.

It felt good to put clients on good numbers of fish after a few weeks of chasing the generally much less cooperative tarpon. The fastest paced catch and release snook bite, not surprisingly, was still going on in the passes during the low incoming tide.

Moving out from the congested passes by the middle of the incoming tide and into the back country, we caught more snook. Live chumming these mangrove creek snook and sight casting shiners to the pops was the fan favorite. Watching and hearing these snook explode on live

shiners is just fun fishing and has to be experienced. Most of these creek-dwelling snook are only 22 to 26 inches long but are in such tight quarters, you have to be really on your game to steer them out from the roots and overhangs.

To wrap up both mornings of snook fishing and to catch them in some other terrain, we moved on to the oyster bars in the middle sound. I like to work these bars right as the tide is topping out and pitch baits into the white sandholes against and around the perimeter of these bars. Bouncing from bar to bar, we caught a few snook here and there with no one bar being really on fire.

Early in the week, tarpon conditions were near perfect with super light east winds. Finding good numbers of rolling tarpon in the eastern sound, we set up on them for a few hours, with only two hook ups being the best I could do on a morning trip. Going one for two on tarpon two days in a row is not a bad thing but with lots of rolling and free jumping, fish action should have been much better.

Both Crystal and Martin Moulder of Sanibel caught their first tarpon while fishing with me this week. Crystal caught hers on day one, this estimated 130pound fish was our first bite of the day and took an hour and seven minutes to

bring to the boat for the leader touch. Martin caught his day two with this high flying estimated 70-pounder making some crazy jumps and an outstanding ariel display. We also caught a variety of sharks on both days that passed the time while waiting for the real deal. During both trips, we had a shot at one more tarpon but neither one stayed hooked up for long.

Tarpon fishing had been pretty consistent, with most trips at least getting a hook up or two until the weekend when the fish all but disappeared. I'm yet to have a crazy hot tarpon. A few windy days towards the end of the week did not make things any better, adding lots of floating grass to the equation. Crabs and cut baits had been what was working best for me. The amount of anglers set

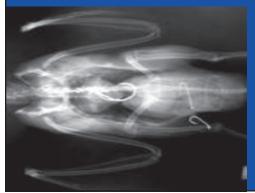
Being successful at tarpon fishing is often all about patience and being ready to my client. Before I could even get the this tarpon had crushed the crab, jumped and spit the hook within 30 seconds of the bait hitting the water. Finishing up the morning in this same location, we never had another bite. You never know when you're going to get a shot at it. Sometimes it happens fast, other times it takes much longer.

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.☆

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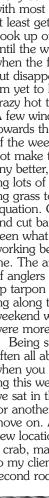
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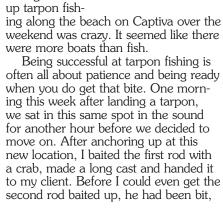
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CROW Case Of The Week:

Cottontail Attacked By Cat



by Patricia Molloy

he Eastern cottontail (Sylvilagus floridanus) is a wild rabbit found throughout North and South America. Highly adaptable, they can survive in warm and cold climates, and will simply move to a more suitable environment if food becomes scarce on its home

Cottontail rabbits are not only cute and cuddly, but quite clever as well. When a potential predator approaches, the cottontail will "freeze" in an effort to remain unnoticed. If that tactic fails and

the animal (or human) continues to gain ground, the rabbit will hop away in a zig-zag pattern. If a chase ensues, the cottontail will circle its home range, jumping from side to side, in order to break its scent tracks. Despite the ability to reach speeds up to 18 mph, they must be on high-alert at all times.

In April, a male Eastern cottontail was rescued from the clutches of a family cat. Upon presentation, the young bunny - patient #15-1099 - had multiple abrasions that were, fortunately, relatively minor. The wounds were flushed and the rabbit was treated with antibiotics to stave off any infections and pain medications to make it more comfortable.

Wild rabbits often fare poorly in captivity because they view their human caretakers as potential predators. Despite being housed in cozy hutches in one of the ICU's quiet rooms, young bunnies often experience dramatic weight losses once they find themselves separated from their mothers. Happily, this patient is an exception. "He's a fat little thing with fur," said Dr. Brittany with a laugh.

The cottontail's wounds are healing well, and when he is old enough to survive on his own, he will be released in a safer environment. Once there, it is hoped that he will find a mate and go on to be the proud papa of his own brood of fat little bunnies.

Do you ever wonder what types of critters find themselves at the wildlife clinic and why? CROW's Visitor Education Center offers regularly scheduled presentations led by the clinic's medical staff. The center also has self-guided tours, hands-on exhibits and live video footage highlighting patient stories. Call 472-3644 ext. 228 or go to CROW's website for a complete schedule.

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



Thanks to the quick response of the kitty's family, this Eastern cottontail survived a cat attack with only minor abrasions

Recreational Red Snapper Season Opens Memorial Day Weekend

he recreational red snapper season for gulf state waters opens to harvest Memorial Day weekend. Red snapper is a popular species that has a strong economic impact for many coastal communities throughout Florida.

The 2015 season will start the Saturday before Memorial Day (May 23) and run through July 12, closing July 13. This season will resume for all of Labor Day weekend (September 5 to 7) and finish with Saturdays and Sundays throughout the rest of September and all of October, with the last day of harvest being Sunday, November 1. State waters in the gulf are from shore to nine nautical miles. This results in a 70-day recreational red snapper season in gulf state waters.

In gulf federal waters this year, anglers

fishing from private boats and anglers fishing from federally permitted for-hire vessels will have different season lengths. Federal waters will open June 1 for both groups and will remain open through June 10, closing June 11 for anglers fishing from private boats. For federally permitted for-hire vessels, the season will remain open through July 14, closing July 15. Federal waters in the gulf start at nine nautical miles and extend out to about 200 nautical miles.

Anglers targeting red snapper in gulf waters off Florida (excluding Monroe County) from a private boat, need to sign up for the Gulf Reef Fish Survey prior to fishing. Sign up at a local retail store, tackle shop or tax collector's office; by calling 1-888-FISHFLORIDA (347-4567); or online at License.MyFWC.com.

For information on gulf red snapper, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on Saltwater, Recreational Regulations and Gulf Snapper. Learn more about the Gulf Reef Fish Survey, including how to sign up, by visiting MyFWC.com/Fishing and clicking on Saltwater, Recreational Regulations and Gulf Reef Fish Survey.



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Florida Pellitory

by Gerri Reaves

Plorida pellitory (Parietaria floridana) is a pretty native ground-cover commonly found in woods and lawns.

It loves shade and likes to grow near walls and rocks. It prefers moist to somewhat dry conditions and grows best in the winter months.

The lawn care industry considers it a weed to douse with herbicides, but this member of the nettle family has valuable attributes that argue for tolerating it.

For one thing, it is a host plant for the red admiral butterfly. Without a host, or larval, plant, a butterfly species cannot reproduce and survive.

The herb has many medicinal and culinary uses too.

It is also called the cucumber weed because the crushed leaves smell a bit like that vegetable.

This herb is an edible green either



Native Florida pellitory springs up in shady spots, especially near walls or rocks. This member of the nettle family is one of the host plants for the red admiral butterfly.

photo by Gerri Reaves

cooked or raw and can be used for seasoning. But be cautious. Some people do have an "itchy" allergic reaction after ingesting it.

Florida pellitory grows about six inches high and self-propagates with seeds.

The central four-angled or rounded translucent stem gives it another common name, clear weed.

The alternate light-green leaves are rather small, thin and heart-shaped, with a short rounded tip and three prominent veins visible on the undersides.

Both stems and leaves have very fine hairs

Several green bracts, or leaf-like structures, surround the small green flowers. The flowers have four stamens and appear in the leaf axil, the point at which the leaf stalk and central stem intersect.

Pellitories are wind pollinated and release clouds of pollen that cause spring-time allergic reactions in some people.

Sources: eattheweeds.com and ifas. ffl.edu.

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Fisherman's Paradise:

The Mighty Mullet



by Cynthia A. Williams

Perry C.
Williams
(1915 to
1976) was something of a legend
as a fisherman
in the waters off
Fort Myers in
the 1950s and
early 1960s.

Reproduced for you here are chapters from his unfinished Fisherman's Paradise, an account of his fishing adventures that are often hilarious and always instructional. It is presented by Williams' daughter, Cynthia Williams, a freelance writer and editor living in Bokeelia on Pine Island.

Chapter X Part I

Lee County fishermen often refer to the mullet as the "mighty mullet," not because it is powerful, but because – if there is strength in numbers – this multitudinous fish deserves the name. Probably no place in Florida is more blessed with endless acres of this school fish than Lee county.

The common variety of mullet here is the gray, with its goggle eyes, silvery scales and small mouth. Many times I've seen the rivers and bays filled with floating masses of migrating mullet swimming almost on top of the water, periodically surfacing with their small mouths breaking the surface as if to take in gentle gulps of air. At such times, they're moving slowly enough to be netted. When mullet travel this way, they'll swim almost against the side of your boat.

At other times, I've seen mullet so



photo courtesy of Federal Point Historic Preservation Society

Pop-eyed mullet on incoming tide

thick I had to take an oar and push them aside to make passage for my boat. One night, when I was fishing at the pilings at the Punta Rassa ferry slip, I'd rowed my skiff the short distance from the anchorage slips rather than be bothered with putting the outboard on the boat. While I was trying to snag an aggravating snook, a huge school of mullet came into the shallow, bay-like opening back of me between the fish camp dock and where I was fishing. They were feeding noisily and several casts of my line into their midst didn't bother them at all. When an hour's efforts hadn't produced the wily snook, I was ready to go home. The shortest route was to row against the current through the middle of their feeding ground. I expected them to scatter when started plowing my oar through them, but I was in for a surprise. They paid me no more mind that a flock of pigeons. In amazement, I stated pushing them aside with my oar as I poled the skiff back to the fish camp.

To be continued next week…☆

McCleskey Memorial Fishing Tournament Returns Saturday

reryone is invited to come out and enjoy a fun-filled day of fishing – while helping to save the lives of local children – at the 11th annual Ryan McCleskey Redfish Challenge on Saturday, May 23 at the Marina at Cape Harbour, located at 5828 Cape Harbour Drive in Cape Coral.

Tournament proceeds will once again be directed to help local children win their battles with cancer through Barbara's Friends – Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Fund. Entry fee is just \$250 per boat, with other sponsorship levels available.

Those taking part will enjoy fantastic camaraderie, wonderful fishing, outstanding prizes, live music, great food and drink, drawings, an auction and more. The night before Captain's Meeting at The Pavilion at Cape Harbour will set the stage for the Saturday tournament, which begins at 7 a.m. with weigh-in set for 4 p.m. that day.

Barbara's Friends provides lifesaving medical equipment and specially-trained physicians, nurses and clinicians needed to help young patients from across Southwest Florida win their battles with cancer and life-threatening blood disorders. All children receive services regardless of their families' ability to pay for care. The Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, supported by Barbara's Friends, is the only facility of its kind here in Southwest Florida.

Join us in honoring Ryan McCleskey who lost his personal battle with cancer but whose legacy lives on through those young patients touched by this wonderful event each year. This year, the event also honors our very own superhero Chase Johnson, who lost his fight with T-cell leukemia last year.

Visit www.ryansredfishchallenge.com for more information and to register your team online or call Kristin McCleskey at 699-7426 for more details.☆

Three Large Scale Productions Showcased In Three Counties



The Mikado production from earlier this year

ulfshore Opera announced its second season with an exciting lineup comprised of three large scale productions to be showcased in Southwest Florida. The first show of the season will be a joint production with TheatreZone of the musical Brigadoon by Frederic Loewe, November 20 to 28. From March 18 to 22, Gulfshore Opera will be teaming up with the FGCU Chamber Choir and The Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers Chamber Chorus to present the magnificent Saint Matthew's Passion by J.S Bach in anticipation of Holy Week. Gulfshore Opera's 2015-16 season will conclude with Gaetano Donizetti's comic masterpiece The Elixir of Love, running April 15 to 21. All of these productions will be presented at venues in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties. Confirmed venues include the Charlotte Performing Arts Center (CPAC) in Punta Gorda, the First Christian Church in downtown Fort Myers and the North Naples Church.

Gulfshore Opera is proud to join forces with TheatreZone to take you through the journey of two American tourists who stumble upon the mysterious Scottish village of Brigadoon, which appears for only one day every 100 years. The production will be directed by Mark Danni and choreographed by Karen Molnar. This delightful evening's highlights include hit songs like Almost Like Being in Love, Heather on the Hill and Come to Me Bend to Me, made famous by the legendary Gene Kelly.

For an once-in-a-lifetime Lent experience, Gulfshore Opera and partners will bring the Gospel of Matthew to music through Johann Sebastian Bach's sacred oratorio, Saint Matthew Passion. A grand scale undertaking never done in Southwest Florida, this performance will feature the FGCU Chamber Choir and The Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers Chamber Chorus, a core ensemble of eight soloists and the Gulfshore Opera Orchestra and Chorus. Traditionally performed as a concert and regarded as one of the masterpieces of classical sacred music since being triumphantly revived by Felix Mendelssohn, the Saint Matthew Passion will be presented as a Passion Play by general and artistic director Steffanie Pearce, following her successful staging of Mendelssohn's Elijah in 2013. In this dramatic re-enactment, the soloists will depict Matthew, Jesus, the disciples and women from the Bible.

To conclude the 2015-16 season, Gulfshore Opera will present its first fully staged Italian opera, Gaetano Donizetti's The Elixir of Love. L'elisir d'amore, Donizetti's most performed opera, is perhaps most known for the famous tenor aria, Una furtiva lagrima. Irish tenor Anthony Kearns will return to Southwest Florida to sing the role of Nemorino, a poor peasant in love with a beautiful landowner, Adina, and tormented by her utter indifference. This light-hearted comedy bubbles with effervescent arias and

charm as the elixir causes as many problems as it solves. Tickets are \$25, \$45, \$59 and \$75. The box office for 2015-16 sales will open on August 1 online at www.gulfshoreopera.org.☆

Florida's Got The Blues Exhibit

id you know that Florida has a long blues tradition? Many notable blues artists had roots in Florida, and they are featured in the latest Southwest Florida Museum of History exhibit, Florida's Got The Blues. Curated by the Museum of Florida History, the exhibit brings to life the early blues, Florida female musicians, blues clubs and juke joints, the Depression era, WPA recordings and more.

Florida's Got The Blues will be featured now through August 7 at the Southwest Florida Museum of History, 2031 Jackson Street in Fort Myers. Admission is \$9.50 for adults and \$5 for students; some discounts may be available. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about the museum, call 321-7430 or visit www.museumofhistory.org. Like the SWFL Museum of History on Facebook for the most up-to-date

Offshore Rodeo & Reggae Party

ish, beware. The 3rd annual Offshore Rodeo & Reggae Party will be making a splash in Southwest Florida the weekend of June 5 and 6. A benefit for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, the fishing tournament launches at 6 a.m. on Saturday, June 6 from Salty Sam's Marina. Anglers will spend the day catching a variety of species for a chance to hook the top prize and enjoy their fresh catch for dinner compliments of the Bootleggers Waterfront BBQ. Attendees will also enjoy silent and live auctions, live music and an exciting

"The Offshore Rodeo Fishing Tournament is sure to be a great time for families and for anyone interested in fishing," said Jeff Miloff, event organizer. We even have a fun event for the kids. Best of all, it supports families in need at the Ronald McDonald House of Southwest Florida.

Registration is \$250 per angler, which includes a guest to attend the dinner festivities. To register, visit www.rmhcswfl.org. For more information, contact Jeff Miloff of Miloff Aubuchon Realty Group at 565-0831. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Fucillo KIA of Cape Coral has gifted RMHC with a 2015 KIA Soul as a part of the annual Offshore Rodeo Fishing Tournament. Tickets for the drawing are \$100 each and no more than 400 tickets will be sold. Those living outside of Florida are also eligible to enter the drawing (void where prohibited). A person or entity may purchase a maximum of 25 tickets. The drawing will be held at Fuccillo KIA of Cape Coral on Saturday, June 13 at 2:30 p.m. The winner need not be present to win.

The chance drawing winner will be responsible for any applicable taxes. The chance drawing winner shall accept the property in "as is" condition and must claim the prize within two weeks or a new winner will be selected.

To purchase chance drawing tickets for the 2015 KIA Soul, or for further information on the chance drawing or the tournament, call RMHC at 437-0202 or visit www. rmhcswfl.org.☆

Yacht Club To Observe Memorial Day

submitted by Capt. Chris Christensen

or the 22nd consecutive year, members of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club will observe Memorial Day with their annual Memorial Day Service at Sea Ceremony. This will take place on the waters of the Gulf of Mexico at green lighted buoy #3, approximately two miles south of the northern tip of Fort Myers Beach bearing 220 degrees. Boats will rendezvous at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 25 in front of the Bowditch Point Park docks in Estero Bay. They will then head out to buoy #3. VHF channel 72 will be used

for coordination.

The memorial service will pay respect to all who were lost at sea, with a special tribute to all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great country. For everyone to hear on the boats, the service will be broadcast over VHF radio channel 72. After the reading, flowers will be placed upon the Gulf waters by participants from all boats, during which Taps will be sounded over the VHF radio, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Clubs, organizations and individuals interested in participating are welcome but should contact FMB Yacht Club event leader Tim McClure at 765-8280 or bonmcclure@hotmail.com for logistical coordination and possible last minute itinerary changes. You would need to provide your own boats and flowers. Please, for the sake of our environment, no plastic or other non-biodegradable flowers or

material. A luncheon will follow at 11:30 at Parrot Key Caribbean Grill and Bar, a waterfront restaurant on San Carlos Island at 2500 Main Street in Fort Myers

Visit the club's website at www. FMBYachtClub.org for more information.

Virtual School Enrollment

'What is that?' I was certainly curious. My thoughts: high quality, home-based, accredited and free. It seemed too good to be true. Would it have the challenging curriculum that we were looking for? We are in our sixth year with FLVS FT, and we plan to remain in the program until graduation day. Does the program give

our children a challenging curriculum? The answer, of course, is an overwhelming yes!'

Learning from home, all FLVS FT students work closely with a parent, or another "Learning Coach" and a certified Florida teacher using detailed daily lesson plans that can be personalized to meet individual student needs. Interaction between teachers and students at FLVS FT is frequent. Accountability is central to the school's mission and students must meet the same levels of accountability and complete the same state standardized tests as they would in traditional public school. FLVS FT serves a wide range of Florida students, including those who are significantly ahead or behind in the classroom, students who would benefit from more individualized instruction or those who require a flexible school schedule.



Holdings LLC is the title sponsor for the 2016 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest. Celebrating the announcement were, from left, 2016 event co-chair Sandy Stilwell, Elaine Hawkins, Richard and Vicki Pitbladdo, and Dorothy Fitzgerald.

Wine & Food Fest Names 2016 Title Sponsor

Pitbladdo Holdings, LLC is the 2016 title sponsor for the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, the signature event of Southwest Florida Children's Charities, Inc.

Principals Richard and Vicki Pitbladdo are SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. trustees and have actively supported the Wine & Food Fest for many years. The two-day fundraiser includes Friday evening chef/vintner dinners in private homes throughout Southwest Florida, followed by the Grand Tasting & Auction on Saturday afternoon. The Pitbladdos hosted a chef/vintner dinner in their South Fort Myers home this year.

"Richard and I have been actively involved with SWFL Children's Charities for the six years we have lived in Fort Myers, and we are proud to continue our community support. It gives added meaning to our work and energizes us to achieve even higher goals for our businesses," said Vicki Pitbladdo. "It's awe-

some seeing how much can be accomplished with a dedicated group of committed and generous people. Seeing the Golisano Children's Hospital being built is especially rewarding, but we know there is much more to be accomplished."

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida is the primary beneficiary of the event, which also lends support to Florida SouthWestern State College's pediatric nursing program and Florida Gulf Coast University's music therapy program

therapy program.

SWFL Children's Charities President Elaine Hawkins said, "The Pitbladdos' commitment epitomizes the bigheartedness and dedication of so many people who support the Wine & Food Fest. Their corporate contributions are significant, and their ideas, energy and time help shape the event and are critical to our ongoing success."

Dorothy Fitzgerald, a member of the SWFL Children's Charities board of trustees, added, "The generous support of our trustees and sponsors allows every dollar raised during the auction to fund programs that benefit our children and strengthen our community."

The 2015 auction raised \$3.35 million. Fitzgerald and Hawkins co-chaired

both the 2014 and 2015 events.

"This latest sponsorship represents a continuation of our personal and business support of this great community effort," said Richard Pitbladdo. "Every year the bar is set higher, and somehow everyone pulls together to set a new fundraising record. It's inspiring to Vicki and me, and inspiring to our employees as well."

The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest has raised nearly \$15 million in the past seven years, making it the most successful fundraising event in Lee County and one of the top-grossing wine fests in the country. *Wine Spectator* ranked the event No. 6 on its list of Top 10 U.S. Charity Wine Auctions of 2014.

Pitbladdo Holdings LLC is a closely held private equity company. Portfolio companies include PB&J Group, 2015 Wine & Food Fest Title Sponsor LTC Global, and Specto Automated Window Cleaning. In addition, Pitbladdo Holdings holds a value-based portfolio of public equities that serves to hedge its private holdings.

The 2016 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest is scheduled for February 26 and 27. To learn more, log onto www. swflwinefest.org.☆

Call To Artists For Open Themed Summer Exhibit

rts for ACT Gallery is in need of professional and emerging artists for its open themed group exhibit that will open on Friday, July 3 at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. The exhibit opening will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. that evening.

Artists will choose from three themes. Themes may be mixed. Acceptable works include fine art, jewelry, ceramics, fiber and designer wear and unique artsy fine crafts.

The themes are:

1. Tiny Art – 2D or 3D any medium but created work cannot be larger than 40 cm or 15.75 inches in any direction

2. National Identity – Any medium, inspired by your country. National colors, icons or flags could be used.

3. Anything Goes With A Feather – Any medium works, but you must incorporate a feather(s) in the work.

Artists entry fee for a single piece of artwork is \$10, two pieces are \$15 and three pieces cost \$20.

Cash awards for first place is \$100, second place is \$75, third place is \$50 and an honorable mention is \$25.

Judges will be announced soon.

Exhibits will be showcased in the three exhibiting gallery rooms.

Artists may drop off works to be juried from Monday, June 22 through Saturday, June 27. Art rejected must be picked up on Monday, June 29.

A 40 percent commission from any artwork sold during the exhibit will be retained by Arts for ACT Gallery, with proceeds benefitting the ACT Shelter.

Artist will pick up unsold art on August 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact Claudia Goode at cgoode@ actabuse.com or call 337-5050 for additional information.**

Junior League's Taste Of The Town

wenty-nine local restaurants have already signed up for the Junior League of Fort Myers, Inc.'s 33rd annual Taste of the Town. This year's event will once again be held at JetBlue Park, the Boston Red Sox's 106-acre Spring Training and Player Development Complex located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers, on Sunday, November 1.

The Junior League's Taste of the Town is Southwest Florida's original "taste" event and one of the largest outdoor food and entertainment festivals. The 2014 event attracted nearly 15,000 attendees.

Funds from this one-day annual event benefit the JLFM, whose volunteer mission provides thousands of dollars annually in volunteer services and donations to programs supporting women and children in the region including the Junior League's national program Kids in the Kitchen to help fight childhood obesity, the ongoing work with at-risk girls in the juvenile justice system, as well as work throughout the community in partnership with many organizations through the League's Helping Hands program, which provides volunteer woman-power to organizations such as Big Brother Big Sisters, the Abuse Counseling & Treatment Shelter, Early Learning Coalition, the Supporting Independent Young Adults organization and many more.

Last year's event raised the second highest tally in the history of the event, bringing in \$133,000.

According to Junior League Taste Chairs Karen Hutto and Shirley Snyder McLaren, interested restaurants and vendors have until Friday, September 4 to reserve a spot at this year's event by calling 277-1197 or emailing totrestaurants@jlfm.org. Space is limited to 50 restaurants.

Restaurants who have already committed for the 2015 event include Bahama Breeze, Ben & Jerry's, Bice Grand Café, Bubble Room, Burger 21, BurgerQue, Cabana's Beach Bar & Grill, Connor's Steak & Seafood, Cru, Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, Edible Arrangements, Fathoms Restaurant & Bar, Fort Myers Ale House, Iguana Mia, Kona Ice, LongHorn Steakhouse, Matanzas on the Bay, Marker 92, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Parrot Key Caribbean Grill, Pho Vinh, Pinchers Crab Shack, Rosalia & Ashley's Zeppoles, Reuben's Smokehouse & Catering, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Stevie Tomato's Sports Page, Ted's Montana Grill, Texas Tony's BBQ Shack and The Melting Pot.

"We couldn't believe the line of people that reached farther than we could see who were waiting to eat our food," said Arvey Krise, owner of Reuben's Smokehouse & Catering and Taste of the Town participant for the past three years. "This event is an economical way for us to be exposed to 15,000 people from every walk of life from miles around while benefiting a great cause. New customers will come into our restaurant months later and tell us they saw us at Taste of the Town, and that's why we sign up for the next year before we tear down our booth."

A member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., the Junior League of Fort Myers, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization made up of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. JLFM memberships are open to all women aged 21 and older of all races, religions and national origin who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism. For more information, call 277-1197 or visit www.jlfm.org.

For more information about Taste of the Town, call 277-1197 or email tasteofthetown@jlfm.org. For ongoing updates, visit www.jlfmtaste.com.\(\displae\)

Dress For Success Tickets On Sale



Deborah Haas, Courtney Hawley and Megan Kahler

ress for Success SW Florida is ready to roll out the red carpet for its annual signature event A Fashion Night in Black & White on Wednesday, April 29 at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Naples.

Wear your finest black and white cocktail attire for an evening of fashion, hors d'oeuvres, champagne, dinner, a silent auction and other surprises to support Dress for Success SW Florida in its important work of promoting the professional development



Dress for Success SW Florida Executive Director Barbara Dell with President of White House Black Market and founding President of Dress for Success SW Florida Donna Noce

of women in Collier and Lee counties. The guest speaker will be Donna Noce, president of White House Black Market and founding president of Dress for Success SW Florida. ABC-7 anchor Amy Sedlacek will be the master of ceremonies. Guests will get an up-close look at White House Black Market's Summer 2015 collection. The fashion show will be produced and directed by the White House Black Market corporate team headquartered in Southwest Florida.

"We are very excited to once again host a fashion show and feature our 2015 summer collection for attendees of this special event," said Noce. "We believe there is no better organization than Dress for Success to help make a difference in women's lives. White House Black Market could not be more honored to support this incredible cause.



Anita Peeks walked the runway to support **Dress for Success SW Florida**

As supporters of Dress for Success SW Florida, attendees will receive star treatment, including the red carpet illuminated by paparazzi flash bulbs. Dress to impress and you may be subject to impromptu questions such as, "What label are you wearing?" Bring a little extra enthusiasm and flair and you may make the evening's Best Dressed list.

All donations support the continued advancement of Dress for Success SW Florida's programs for women in Collier and Lee counties, including personalized job interview suiting with a personal shopper; Dress for Success boutiques in Naples and Fort Myers; and encouraging and mentoring women who are unemployed, underemployed and starting their own business.



Amy Sedlacek, Eileen Qualtrocchi, Lauren Wilson, Michelle Prange, Beverly Kahn and Diana Vacca



Cathy DiBenedetti, April Kelly, Jodi Huntoon and Terrie Sobeck

CEO Barbara Dell said, "We're thrilled that our annual event has earned such a prominent place on the community's social calendar. We finally have a boutique and office in Naples to provide clothing and services for underprivileged women in Collier County. It's gratifying that so many of our supporters look forward to the glitter and fun of this special evening as well as the opportunity to promote our life-changing mission."

Tickets are \$125 and sponsorship opportunities and table sales are available. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 689-4992 or email swflorida@dressforsuccess.org.☆

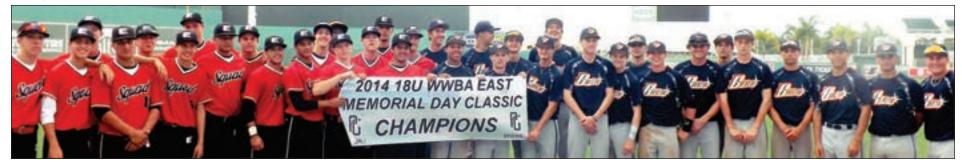


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Florida Burn Pennant and Elite Squad Prime, two of the top travel baseball teams in the country, competed in the Perfect Game WWBA East Memorial Day Classic Championship in 2014 at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers. This year, the East Memorial Day Classic will bring about 200 teams in three different age groups to Lee County over Memorial Day weekend.

Lee County To Host Perfect Game Memorial Day Classic Events

uring Memorial Day weekend, May 22 to 25, Lee County will host about 200 baseball teams from across Florida during the Perfect Game WWBA East Memorial Day Classic. Events will include tournaments for 14-and-under, 16-and-under and 18-and-under teams. Games will take place at JetBlue Park, the Lee County Player Development Complex, the Cape Coral Sports Complex, the CenturyLink Sports Complex, City of Palms Park and Terry Park, along with Charlotte Sports Park in Charlotte County.

The Memorial Day Classic is expected to have a significant economic impact for Lee County, with 8,000 room nights, \$35,000 in resort taxes collected and \$2.9 million in total economic impact, according to Jeff Mielke, executive director for Lee County Sports Development. Last October, Lee County hosted Perfect Game's WWBA Underclass World Championship, which brought 230 teams from around the country.

"We're excited to host Perfect Game's Memorial Day Classic," Mielke said. "With top-quality facilities like JetBlue Park, the newly renovated CenturyLink Sports Complex, the Lee County Player Development Complex, City of Palms Park and Terry Park, along with great hotel options and an endless number of activities for visitors, Lee County is among Florida's best locations for high school and college baseball tournaments."

Games begin at 4 p.m. Friday, May 22. A daily pass, with admittance to all games

during that day, is available for \$10, and an All-Tournament Pass is available for \$25. Children 14 and younger are free. For more information, visit www.perfectgame.org.

FSW Baseball Summer Camps

Baseball players of all skill levels from ages 5 to 17 can get expert coaching and guidance to improve their game during the Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Summer Baseball Camps.

"Baseball players will have the chance to improve their fundamental skills on the same field that the world champion Boston Red Sox played for Spring Training (City of Palms Stadium)," said Jamie Corr, FSW head baseball coach. "These camps are designed to challenge players of all abilities."

Summer camps will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 8 to 11; June 15 to 18 and July 13 to 16. Prices per player are \$150 for one camp; \$275 for two camps; and \$375 for all three camps. All campers receive a camp T-shirt. All camps will be held at the City of Palms Stadium in Fort Myers.

Additional coaches at the camp include Steve Singleton, FSW assistant baseball coach, in addition to current and former FSW players, other college coaches, professional scouts and local high school coaches.

For registration information, visit www.fsw.edu/camps or call 432-6700. The FSW Buccaneers will kick off their inaugural season in the fall at City of Palms Park in Fort Myers. For more information and updates, visit www.fswbucs.com.

Winning Baseball Mientkiewicz Brought To Fort Myers Repeating At Chattanooga



by Ed Frank

If you're a local fan of the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team, you will remember just last season when Doug Mientkiewicz managed the Miracle to their first Florida State League Championship in the franchise's 22-year history.

That title came in just his second year of managing experience, but obviously Minnesota Twins general manager Terry Ryan recognized the baseball smarts of this former Major Leaguer when he plucked him from a low-level job in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization for the Miracle managership.

In fact, when Ryan fired Twins manager Ron Gardenhire at the end of last season, Mientkiewicz was a finalist for that job

that ultimately went to Paul Molitor. Instead, Mientkiewicz was promoted to manager of the Twins Double-A Chattanooga, where several of the Twins top prospects are playing, including their top two: third baseman Miquel Sano and centerfielder Byron Buxton.

And Mientkiewicz already has his Chattanooga Lookouts atop the Southern League's North Division with a 23-15 season record early this week.

This is the first year in Chattanooga for the Twins Double-A farm team, having moved there from New Britain, Connecticut. Chattanooga is rich in baseball history as professional baseball has been played there for nearly 130 years. Its alumni include some of baseball's greatest such as Rogers Hornsby, Ferguson Jenkins, Harmon Killebrew and Satchel Paige.

At least four first round draft selections of the Twins are under Mientkiewicz's tute-

lage at Chattanooga: Buxton, pitchers Jose Berrios and Alex Wimmers and second-baseman Levi Michael. Buxton was recently named Southern League Player of the Week and Berrios Pitcher of the Week.

Both Buxton and Sano missed major portions of the last two seasons due to injuries and, according to Brad Steil, director of minor league operations, they will require significant time to return to top form. Sano and Buxton have played in nearly every game this season for the Lookouts.

Two additional names familiar to local fans are Max Kepler and Adam Brett Walker, who played starring roles in the Miracle's 2014 championship, and both are now playing for Mientkiewicz in Chattanooga.

Kepler, a native of Germany, attended Fort Myers South High School, and is the son of two professional ballet dancers in Berlin. The centerfielder was batting .326 with a .500 slugging percentage for the Lookouts as the week began.

Walker, with a .519 slugging average, leads the team with nine home runs.

Yes, there are close ties between the Miracle, Chattanooga and Mientkiewicz – and the importance of Mientkiewicz's job to the future of the parent Minnesota Twins.

Many feel that one day in the not-too-distant future Mientkiewicz will be managing a Major League team, if not the Twins then another.

Miracle Nearing .500 Record

The Fort Myers Miracle began the week winning two in a row and improving their season record to 18-20, a fourth place standing in the Florida State League South Division.

The team began a six-game home stand on Tuesday hosting Bradenton for two games and Brevard County Thursday through Sunday.

A Memorial Day Weekend fireworks show will follow Saturday's 6:05 p.m. game at Hammond Stadium.

An early season star for the Miracle is pitcher Chih-Wei-Hu from Taiwan, who leads the team – and the FSL – with a sparkling 4-0 record and a tiny 1.03 ERA. If he continues that pace, he will likely move up to Double-A Chattanooga sometime during the season.

High School Students Benefit From Financial Empowerment eBus Visit



Fifth Third Bank's eBus visit to the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers

ifth Third Bank's eBus, a mobile classroom providing financial services, hosted more than 50 high-school students and their families at the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers' onsite Boys & Girls Club Renaissance Preserve Unit on April 21.

During the educational event, local representatives from Fifth Third Bank provided attendees with access to offer banking services, credit counseling, affordable-housing counseling, small-business training, savings and budgeting advice, and financial empow-

The event also hosted the \$53,000 Financial Literacy Challenge, sponsored by New York Times best-selling author and nationally syndicated radio talk show host Dave Ramsey and Fifth Third Bank, for high-school students to test their personal financial knowledge. Any student who scored 100 percent on the online financial literacy quiz offered during the workshop will be eligible to win prizes including one \$36,000 college scholarship for a high-school senior, a \$5,000 scholarship, a \$2,500 scholarship and Toshiba 13.3-inch Chromebook 2 laptops. Winners will be announced later this month.

Fifth Third Bank's eBuses, also referred to as Fifth Third Financial Empowerment Mobiles, travel throughout the Bank's markets to directly provide quality financial services to individuals and neighbors in lowand moderate-income areas and empower them to take control of their financial future. The eBuses are 40-foot retrofitted city buses equipped with onboard computer workstations and Internet connectivity through satellite technology. They are staffed with Fifth Third professionals who are available at tour stops to provide financial education, one-on-one counseling, and access to products and services, if desired.

The first eBus began its tours in 2004. Since then, the number of cities it has visited has increased every year, and nearly 100,000 people have boarded the bus to gain access to financial education and services. In 2011, Fifth Third Bank facilitated the retrofit of a second eBus to reach an even greater number of individuals. The eBus enables Fifth Third to deeply pen-



Fun aboard the Fifth Third Bank eBus

etrate and serve low- and moderate-income communities and align even more closely its efforts to meet its obligations under the Community Reinvestment Act. In 2014, Fifth Third enabled the public to access online job search and training modules called the Job Seeker's Toolkit.

For more information, call 332-3825 or visit www.hacfm.org.

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Fifth Third Bank's eBus visit last month to Fort Myers



Aboard Fifth Third Bank's eBus on April 21 in Fort Myers

Republican Women June Dinner Meeting

he Lee Republican Women will hold their next meeting on Monday, June 8 at The Edison Restaurant Bar & Banquet Center, 3583 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. Social time will begin at 5:15 p.m. followed by dinner and the program. Cynthia Henderson, president of the Florida Federation of Republican Women, is the guest speaker.

Henderson is a lawyer and lobbyist. She She is past president of the Tallahassee Republican Women's Club Federated and state committeewomen from Leon County. She practiced land use and environmental law throughout the state of Florida before she was honored to serve in Governor Jeb Bush's cabinet as secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation then secretary of the Department of Management Services. She is active in community interests and organizations such as Dress for Success and the Carson Springs Wildlife Foundation.

The meeting is open to the public. Cost



Cynthia Henderson

is \$22. RSVP online at http://www.leerepublicanwomen.com/events/reservations/, email rmh738@aol.com or call 432-9389.☆

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Fort Myers Fare **SUNSHINE GRILLE**

Formerly known as the Sunshine Seafood Cafe and Lounge, Sunshine Grille serves all of your favorite dishes for lunch and dinner. In addition to its previous menu, the restaurant is also serving gourmet flat breads prepared in a wood fire stove with fresh oak. Wood-fired steaks fill out the menu, including a ribeye and a porterhouse, to go along with our famous wood-fired filet mignon. Happy hour and live music are featured daily.

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by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Readers,
I have
received many questions lately from
parents of preschool
aged children who
have been concerned about their
child's readiness for

kindergarten. Many of you are wondering if your child has the maturity, the preparation and the skills to be successful in today's more academically rigorous kindergarten. In the next few weeks, I will be addressing these questions through a series of articles focusing on what school readiness really means. I hope you find the information helpful.

Shelley

School Readiness For Whom And When And Is My Child Ready?

Most states designate a specific, arbitrary cut-off date to have uniformity in school entry practices. If a child reaches a certain age by the cut-off date (typically 5 for kindergarten and 6 for first grade), a child may begin school. However, cut-off dates vary considerably across states and research tells us that age is not the most accurate measure of how well a child will adjust to school. However, these policies are relatively fair because all students are treated equally. Often, school districts and communities hold kindergarten screening programs designed to help parents determine if their child is ready for school and to identify problems in development that might warrant attention or extra services.

While much of the data collected by these kindergarten screening programs, is helpful for understanding a child's readiness for school, but we must remember

that young children are very difficult to evaluate accurately given their rapid development, short attention spans, and often inconsistent performance on demand. Children also may be entering the school system with varying linguistic abilities, varying cultural heritages and varying levels of both personal experience and cultural exposure. So while it is reasonable to expect that children enter kindergarten as active, curious, and motivated learners it is not reasonable to expect that all 5-year-olds have the same level of preparation needed to acquire early reading, math and social skills, or have the same attention spans or motor dexterity. Children learn different skills at different rates.

Deliberation of school readiness must take into account the range and quality of children's early life experiences. Research has suggested that many aspects of children's lives influence their preparation for formal school learning, including cognitive, social, emotional and motor development, and – most importantly – early home, parental and preschool experiences.

School readiness then signifies the child's attainment of a certain set of emotional, behavioral, motor and cognitive skills needed to learn, work and function successfully in school. School readiness means that a child is ready to enter a social environment that is primarily focused on education.

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College Hires Two New Deans



Dr. Martin McLinton

Plorida SouthWestern State College (FSW) has hired two new deans. Dr. Martin McClinton is the new dean of the School of Pure and Applied Sciences and Dr. Larry Miller is the new dean of the School of Education. Both will begin at FSW on July 1.

"Dr. McClinton has a wealth of experience in higher education leadership and is well versed on the Florida College System. His background as a research chemist, grant writer and published scientist will assist the School of Pure and Applied Science continue its evolution into a unit actively involved in assisting students gain valuable student-faculty research and out-of-class learning experiences," said Dr. Denis Wright, provost and vice president of academic affairs at



Dr. Larry Miller

FSW

"Dr. Miller will lead the efforts to forge even closer partnerships and secure collaborative grants with the five school districts (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee) associated with the college. We are fortunate that someone of the caliber of Dr. Miller wanted to join our administration," said Wright. "He is clearly someone who is able to build on our highly successful teacher education programs and take the FSW School of Education to a new level of prominence in state and national education circles."

Dr. McClinton is currently dean of academic affairs at the State University of New York (SUNY) – Adirondack. Previously, he previously spent 19 years in the Florida College System at Brevard College and Broward (now Eastern Florida State) College as faculty member, department chair, dean, and district director of academic affairs. Dr. McClinton has

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FGCU Event Recognizes High School Seniors

ore than 150 high school seniors from the local area were recognized during a special Parent and Student Workshop on May 5 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. The students are members of the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Office of Outreach Programs: College Reach-Out Program (CROP) or Scholars Program. Both programs focus on preparing students for college.

Over 95 percent of students in attendance indicated that they have post-secondary plans in place. Twenty-four of the students plan to attend FGCU in the fall with another 68 heading to Florida SouthWestern State College. Thirty plan to enroll at other public institutions across the state, including the University of Florida and the University of South Florida. With the help of the Outreach Programs, four seniors have been accepted at highly selective schools: Duke, Cornell, Princeton and Notre Dame. Other seniors will be attending private or out-of-state colleges or universities.

This year's event provided a venue where the seniors, parents and staff could interact and share their experiences. Many of these students have been in the FGCU Outreach Programs since elementary school. All of the seniors in attendance who plan to enroll at FGCU in fall 2015, or transfer in at a later date, qualified for a \$250 book scholarship.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of kente scarves, academic stoles which the Outreach students wear during their high school graduation ceremony. The FGCU Outreach Programs' Scholars Advisors and CROP Coordinators representing the public school on-site programs were given the honor of placing the kente scarves on their seniors. The event closed with a performance by members of the community-based Nations Association Scholars Program.

The Scholars Program enrolls minority and "at-risk" students at public elementary, middle, high schools and local agencies. Membership is open to all students who embrace the Scholars Program's philosophy and ideals of academic excellence, leader-

ship, service and citizenship. The Scholars Program is funded through FGCU and local grants. There are currently 25 programs covering a five-county area, serving over 450 students from fourth to 12th grades.

The College Reach-Out Program was established by the Florida Legislature in 1983 in order to identify, motivate and prepare disadvantaged middle and high school students to complete post-secondary education. The purpose of the program is to increase the number of low income, first generation college attendees across the state. The College Reach-Out Program is funded by a grant from the Florida Department of Education through the Office of Post-Secondary Education and Florida Gulf Coast University. The CROP program is currently active in 25 middle and high schools in Lee, Hendry, Collier and Glades counties, and serves over 600 students throughout the year.

Literacy Foundation Awards Grants

Recently, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded Lee County Library System and The Heights Center grants in the amount of \$2,500 each to support local literacy programs. These local grants are part of over \$5.8 million awarded to approximately 720 schools, nonprofits and organizations across the 43 states the company serves. The grant announcements bring the total impact of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's to over \$100 million in grants to assist nearly six million people improve their lives through literacy and education since the foundation's inception in 1993.

"It is exciting to see the impact grants from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation make throughout the country, especially as we cross the \$100 million threshold in overall donations and the difference it has to nearly six million people," said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO. "The Dollar General Literacy Foundation truly embodies the company's mission of Serving Others throughout the communities we serve."

The funds will be used to support programs aimed at enhancing summer, family and adult literacy programs. $\overset{\sim}{\sim}$

Law & Order Ball Title Sponsors

reighton Construction & Development along with Ada's Natural Market return as the Title Sponsor for the Law and Order Ball, presented by Rotary Club of Fort Myers South on Saturday, September 19 at 6 p.m. at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

This gala event honors the law enforcement agencies and officers who go above and beyond the call of duty, and includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a sumptuous din-

ner, a silent and live auction, entertainment and some very special surprises. All proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South Foundation and Lee County law enforcement youth programs.

The inaugural Law and Order Ball, held in October 2014, drew more than 400 local dignitaries, law enforcement representatives, business owners and residents and raised \$84,000. Many levels of sponsorship opportunities are available, with major sponsors being honored at a special VIP reception.

For information about in-kind donations and the many different sponsorship opportunities, visit www.lawandorderball.org or contact Lori Cook North at lori@eventfulinc.com.

Kids And Teens Can Be Heroes This Summer

The Lee County Library System's Summer Reading Program for children and teens encourages them to read this summer to provide meals and supplies for the injured animals at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW). The program runs June 6 through July 25.

Children who have completed kindergarten and up are invited to head to their local branch and receive their Every Hero Has A Story reading log. This year, time spent reading time equals a scoop of seed for a songbird, a cup of kibble for an otter, a cup of applesauce for a raccoon or a dollop of peanut butter for a squirrel. One grand prize winner will receive a party on the Bookmobile for the winner and six of their friends.

Teens need to register online at leelibrary.readsquared.com. They will have access to exciting reading lists and dozens of digital badges. One lucky tween and one lucky teen will win a behind-thescenes tour of CROW's hospital for themselves and up to nine of their friends. The tour experience includes admission to the education center, an overview program of CROW and concludes with a VIP tour of the hospital and rehabilitation grounds. Winners will get the chance to meet with some of CROW's staff and learn what it takes to rehabilitate 3,500-plus animals a year.

Help your reader improve their reading skills and make the summer go quickly. Visit leelibrary.net and click on Kids or Teens to learn more about the program.

The Lee County Library System serves Lee County with books, downloadable e-books, digital content, Books-by-Mail, a bookmobile, e-sources, music and films, programs and meeting space. Don't have a Lee County Library System library card? Getting one is free and easy. Visit leelibrary.net to apply online, or stop by any branch. Information about Lee County Library System is available for your convenience 24/7 at leelibrary.net where you can find out about library services, programs, locations, view an online events calendar or place a hold on library

items. Telephone Reference is available at

Free Autism Screening For Young Children

479-INFO (4636).

olisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, offers a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to 5 years of age.

The next screening on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be held on Friday, June 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Family Health Center, 2256 Heitman Street in Fort Myers.

It is estimated that one in every 68 children is diagnosed with some form of Autism Spectrum Disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined.

Medical consultants for the project stress that an early diagnosis can make a vast difference for toddlers and their families. They say early intensive behavioral intervention can make

The ASD screening is conducted by the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The screenings are administered by an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders.

A physician referral is not required. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.



Rotarian Mark Loren, center, presents a plaque of appreciation to Creighton Construction & Development along with Ada's Natural Market. From left, Tom Misotti, Lauren Evans, Heather Kiesel, Brent Evans, Mark Loren, Dan Creighton, Kim Hauser and Vicky Wilson

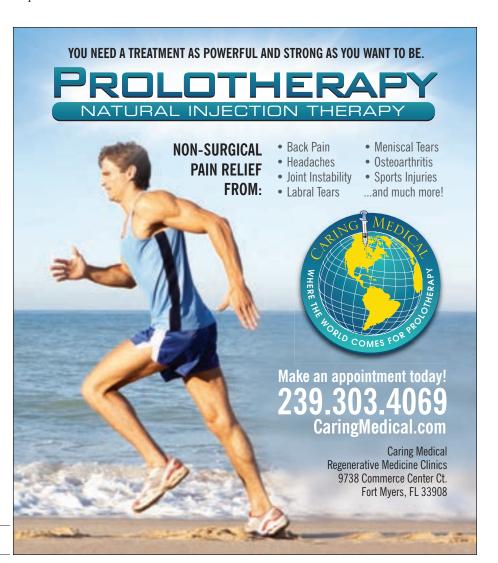
Clerk Of Courts Recognizes Internal Audit Awareness Month

ee County Clerk of Circuit Court Linda Doggett is spreading awareness that May is International Internal Audit Awareness Month to emphasize one of the critical roles of the Clerk's office.

The Internal Audit Services Unit provides an independent, objective and comprehensive auditing program for Lee County Government and for the Lee County Clerk of Court's Office. The program advances accountability through the provision of assurance and consulting services; and proactively works with the County and Clerk in identifying risks, evaluating controls, and making recommendations that promote economical, efficient and effective delivery of services.

As the sentinel of public funds, the Clerk also serves as Comptroller, and the office performs financial internal audits and serves as the custodian of financial records to ensure that expenditures are legal, meet a public purpose and are accurately reported. Internal auditors also make recommendations to improve efficiencies in operations and cost-control measures.

Audits of the Board of County Commissioners' expenditures may also involve external entities that receive county money, such as federal and state grants. Internal audits are available for public review online at leeclerk.org under the "Internal Audit/Inspector General" link.



Health System Announces New Leadership Roles



Dave Cato

ee Memorial Health System is proud to announce the promotions of Kevin Newingham to Chief Strategy Officer, Dave Cato to Chief Administrative Officer of Outpatient Services, and Sharon MacDonald, RN, to Chief Administrative Officer of Oncology and Home Health Services.

'These adjustments help align senior executive talent to provide leadership clarity and accountability as our organization continues its evolution from a hospital system to a broader health system focused on developing a more coordinated health care delivery system for the citizens we serve," said Jim Nathan, President and CEO of Lee Memorial Health System. "These adjustments are also intended to help further align ambulatory services into an organized team focused on strengthening clinical integration to improve coordination of care, patient experience and access to services in our community."

Newingham will serve as the health



Sharon MacDonald

system's Chief Strategy Officer. Along with leading the system's strategic planning efforts, Newingham has senior leadership responsibilities for marketing and communications; media, government and community relations; physician relations and sales; and market research and also serves as the system's link to Lee Community Healthcare. Newingham also chairs the System Strategy Council and the planning for the South Lee medical village project, Lee Memorial at Coconut

Cato will serve as the health system's Chief Administrative Officer of Outpatient Services. With the growth of outpatient services and the need to strengthen coordination of care, Cato will have senior executive leadership responsibilities for all outpatient services as well as system wide rehabilitation therapies, centralized scheduling, imaging, surgery and property

As MacDonald relinquishes her chief foundation officer responsibilities later this year, she will assist in efforts to grow, expand and improve coordination of ambulatory services in a new role as Chief Administrative Officer of Oncology and Home Health Services. MacDonald will maintain her senior executive duties



Kevin Newingham

with inpatient and outpatient oncology services, cancer navigators, genetic counseling, breast health centers and will add new leadership responsibilities for home health services and effectively linking these services into continuum of care and population health initiatives.

Visit www.leememorial.org for more

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,

I am a very active senior woman who is involved in a number of social groups at church and in the community.

One of my jobs involves phoning members to remind them of our meetings and other activities.

I have a problem that is very annoying and I want to share.

No matter what time of day I call, they are not available. Many do not have answering machines, so it requires extra calling. But the ones that are truly annoying are the husbands who refuse to take messages or the ones who take the message and forget or won't pass it along.

Why are some husbands so mean and miserable or irresponsible? It makes my volunteer job very time-consuming, always having to return so many calls?

Dawn

Dear Dawn,

Most men are not accustomed to taking messages and they refuse to take messages in retirement, even for their wives. Others who are willing just seem to get the facts mixed up. Others don't hear, hate to use phones and other senior men may just have forgetfulness due to medicines they are taking, or maybe some have dementia. Living in the senior world is a little different, but younger people also forget to give messages, but they are forgiven because "they are just so busy."

Lizzie

Dear Dawn,

Annoying, yes... irresponsible, maybe... mean and miserable, not so sure.

From kids to grownups and from business to homes, many phone messages are not given to the appropriate person. It seems to me that it is an occupational or vocational hazard. Focus on the positive; at least you can enjoy a great group of friends and an active social life, unlike

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is

Read us online at IslandSunNews.com

Lee Memorial Hosting National Senior Health And Fitness Day

ee Memorial Health System (LMHS) will join the 22nd annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day celebration on May 27, titled If You Keep Moving, You'll Keep Improving. The goal of this annual event is to inspire and help keep older Americans healthy and fit. LMHS will host the following free events:

Wellness Center - Cape Coral

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Members are invited to bring guests free of charge
- Cardio Dance demonstration
- Pickleball demonstration
- Senior FIT classes (land and agua) highlighted all day
- Raffles

• Free fitness testing, including: Step up fit test (cardiovascular) Chair sit and reach test (flexibility) Agility and balance (sensory, motor and cognitive)

Wellness Center - Fort Myers

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Members are invited to bring guests free of charge
- Demos of senior fitness classes
- Free fitness testing, including:

Step up fit test (cardiovascular)

Chair sit and reach test (flexibility)

Agility and balance (sensory, motor and cognitive)

SHARE Club at the North Fort Myers Recreation Center

- Special presentations, including:
 11:30 a.m., The Wonders of Walking presented by Lindy Smith, Pole Proprietor,
- 12 p.m., The Basics of Balance and Fall Prevention, presented by Nathalie Grondin, physical therapist
- 12:45 p.m., Complimentary exercise class with Sandy Kerr, group exercise

Health and fitness information, and snacks will be available. All older adults are encouraged to attend, regardless of fitness level. Visit www.leememorial.org for more

deaRPharmacist

If You Think Lyme Is Bad, Meet Babesia



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Readers: Would you tell a friend or colleague that you thought they had an infection that is almost impossible to cure?

This is what happened to me while

driving to a conference in Orlando, Florida with a colleague who has been suffering with strange and uncomfortable symptoms for many years. Her doctors all continue to misdiagnose her. She shared symptoms which I recognized as hallmark of a protozoal, parasitic infection called Babesia. It infects your blood cells and almost never do conventional docs detect

Pressure, pressure. I knew what was wrong with her. I can spot Babesia very quickly because my husband has had it for over 20 years. Tell or don't tell?

Babesia is contracted from bug bites,

I'm encapsulating a 30-minute conversation into this little article.

During the ride, she had a "hot flash" so severe, it fogged my window. She had been told to "not worry" about this, that "it's just menopause" which she went through four years ago. She shared many other symptoms (and FYI, she has allowed me to share her story).

Babesia causes an array of symptoms that change over time. Due to space considerations, I must exclude other common symptoms and treatments for Babesia. For that reason, I've written a more comprehensive version of this article on Lyme and Babesia. To receive that, sign up for my newsletter at SuzyCohen.com. Here are some hallmark symptoms:

Sweats. You might just get forehead droplets, or drench your clothes. This is not a hot flash! The sweats happen anytime, especially at night.

Headaches. Often these occur in the frontal region, or behind the eye and you might get diagnosed with a "sinus headache" but it's not.

Air hunger. Seriously frightening, you think you are dying. Often misdiagnosed as a "panic attack" or "asthma." It may also show up as shortness of breath, or frequent yawning.

Thermal dysregulation. It's like you can't get comfortable, you're simultaneously hot, clammy and cold. Deja vu.

Heart palpitations.

Feeling drunk, termed "Babesia drunkenness" or severe brain fog.

Neuropathy.

Visual disturbances and blurry vision. Tests for Babesia rarely catch it

because the species aren't all detectable. Only the best doctors can spot this, and offer you a treatment protocol based upon your symptoms and your history. Have you been exposed to ticks through your pets, picnics or camping trips? They don't rely on blood tests.

I don't know of a way to completely eradicate this stealth organism, but I can tell you this: It's much easier to get better if you know you have it!

• If you're dismissed with "menopause" or "hot flashes," you are given hormones which don't eliminate the

• If you are given albuterol for "asthma," it won't help that much. Scary.

Sleep drugs prescribed for insomnia just make you feel like a zombie.

Heart palpitations? No medication will put your heart back into perfect rhythm for long. And pacemakers mask the underlying infection.

You can treat all these symptoms palliatively all you want, but you will find that they are very unresponsive. The discomfort continues. So please make it your goal to reduce Babesia load, and open detoxification pathways. Doing this will allow you to enjoy many years of happiness, comfort and a good life.

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.

Department Of Health Launches Clean Up Project

he Florida Department of Health in Lee County launched its Florida Health Cleans Up! project May 13 in support of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) roadside litter prevention media campaign called Drive it home...Keep Our Paradise Litter

Twelve employees from DOH-Lee are participating in the Terry Park and Garden Clean Up. About 12 times per year, Terry Park and its Community Garden will be swept by this team.

"We are very excited to join our Lee County Parks and Recreation partners to increase the beauty of Terry Park and help maintain a healthy environment for all Lee County residents to enjoy," said Kevin Kirkwood, health promotions and wellness manager for DOH-Lee.

Florida Health Cleans Up! is a venture of Healthiest Weight Florida, a publicprivate collaboration bringing together state agencies, not-for-profit organizations, businesses and entire communities to help Florida's children and adults make consistent, informed choices about healthy eating and active living. The department's goal is to encourage physical activity and walking while emphasizing how small choices affect your health and environment.

Doctor and Dietitian

What Is Texting Thumb?





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

he thumb is controlled by nine individual muscles and three nerves that innervate both the hand and the wrist. When compared to the fingers, the thumb moves in a more complex and unique way. The thumb has been called upon by many for its specialized movement abilities to email, find directions, search the Internet, play games, select music and last - but not least - text on our mobile phones. With this unique movement, also comes

Due to excessive cell phone usage, the repetitive stress on the thumb causes an injury called Texting Thumb. Individuals with this condition may experience thumb pain and popping. The thumb can be

very tender to palpation or touch. Grip strength and thumb range of motion can even decrease.

It's not so much the clicking of buttons on the phone that causes pain or injury, but the constant moving of the thumb back and forth, even though that movement is only about an inch at a time. Continuous cell phone usage can lead to injury of the small tissues that surround

While thumbs aren't the most common joint injury we see in our clinic, it is becoming more frequent. You may even know someone experiencing thumb pain or discomfort due to the use of electronics. Texting Thumb is quickly and easily treated with Prolotherapy, a natural injection therapy. Regenerative Medicine techniques provide a great way to stimulate the body to repair by using natural substances that attract blood flow carrying healing cells to areas that otherwise have very little capability to repair once injured. Helping to relieve thumb pain can make a huge difference in someone's life, especially if they work on a computer or do manual labor.

'In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God's existence." – Sir Isaac Newton

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.

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Goodbye Child Care Costs, Hello College Savings Opportunities



by Jennifer Basey

If you're a working parent, you know firsthand about the difficulties of finding quality, affordable care for your children. But eventually, your kids head off to school, and those child care bills go away, or at least

diminish greatly. When that happens, you could start putting away money for another one of your children's milestones: college.

Just how expensive is child care? Costs vary greatly among the 50 states, but the national average for a 4-year-old at a child care center is approximately \$7,880 per year, according to Child Care Aware of America, a child care resource and referral agency sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. What could you do with this money once your child enters kindergarten?

Of course, not all schools provide allday kindergarten, so you still may have some child care costs. For the purposes of illustration, let's presume you can finally say "goodbye" to child care costs when your child is in first grade, and let's also assume your child is attending a public school. If you invested that \$7,880 every year for 12 years, until your child reaches 18, you could accumulate more than \$150,000 in a taxadvantaged college savings account, such as a 529 plan — assuming the money was placed in a hypothetical investment that earned 7 percent per year. (Keep in mind, though, that the word "hypothetical" means exactly that, because whenever you put money in any variable investment, there are no guarantees.)

Actually, earnings in a 529 plan accumulate and are distributed tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10 percent IRS penalty on the earnings.) Also, your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes. However, 529 plans vary, so be sure to check with your tax advisor regarding deductibility.

A 529 plan offers other benefits, too. For one thing, the lifetime contribution limits are generous; while these limits vary by state, some plans allow contributions well in excess of \$200,000. And a 529 plan is flexible: If your child decides against college or vocational school, you can transfer the unused funds to another family member, tax and penalty free.

A 529 plan is a widely used choice for college savings, but it is not your only option. You could also consider a Coverdell Education Savings Account, which, like a 529 plan, can generate tax-free earnings if the money is used for

higher education expenses. You can typically only put in a maximum of \$2,000 per year to a Coverdell account, but it lets you use the funds on K-12 and college expenses.

Whichever college-savings vehicle you choose, it will take discipline on your part to continue investing in it, year after year. And after freeing yourself from those child care bills, you can certainly think of other ways to use this "found" money. That's why you might want to automatically move money from your checking or savings account to your 529 plan, Coverdell account or other investment earmarked for college. As your income rises over the years, you can increase the amount of these automatic transfers

In any case, once those child care bills stop, you can put that money to work on your children's behalf. Make the most of this opportunity.

Jennifer Basey is a financial advisor in Fort Myers. She can be reached at jennifer.basey@edwardjones.com.☆

Lake Kennedy Senior Center

Summer Camps For Big Kids At Lake Kennedy

The Lake Kennedy Senior Center in Cape Coral is offering Summer Camps for Big Kids (ages 9 to 14), with morning and afternoon sessions available. Camps offer early drop-off (8 a.m.) and late pick-up (4 p.m.) as well as snacks provided.

Morning Sessions

Sing through the summer with the Big Kid Chorus Camp. Campers will learn a series of songs and create a show that will be performed during the last week of camp. All levels of singers are welcome.

Chorus Camp runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. from June 15 to July 2. Cost is \$100 for residents and \$105 for non-residents (three weeks).

Afternoon Sessions

Designed and facilitated by certified teachers, these weekly camps are designed to refresh and reinforce a variety of academic skills in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Campers should bring a lunch. Snacks will be provided.

Topics & Dates:

Week 1 – Study Skills – June 15 to 19 Week 2 – Math – June 22 to 26

Week 3 – Reading/Writing – June 29

Camp runs from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. daily. Cost is \$75 for residents and \$90 for non-residents (per week).

Brain Builders Camp

This two-week camp is geared toward children who will benefit from having math, reading, writing and organizational skills training and practice each day.

Camp runs from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. daily. Cost is \$150 for residents and \$155 for non-residents (two weeks).

Pre-registration for these camps is required and space is limited. Note: Online registration is not available for these camps. Call 574-0575 for more information or to sign up.

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

AppleJuice

How Do You Use Your Apple Device?



by Carol Rooksby Weidlich, President, SWACKS

That was the question asked at a recent SWACKS meeting and the answers we heard were all a little different.

Mac computer the oldest Apple device - is a multi-functional part of our everyday life. Members use word processing, spreadsheets and graphic applications that can edit photos and videos, create cards, slideshows and photo books, answer email and search the Internet. Members also told us their computer was used for other functions: read books; play games; watch videos; play music; connect to their smart TV with AppleTV; have video chats with family and friends with FaceTime or business meetings with Skype; receive and make telephone calls; use as part of their home security system and multitask with multiple windows open on their monitor

at the same time.

iPads/iPhones – you can do all of the above on iPads/iPhones with the exception of multi-tasking with multiple windows open on your screen at the same time. You can have apps open, but you must jump in and out of them. We did learn of a few other ways to use your iPads/iPhones. Use as a second monitor for your computer and as a cash register for your business using Square.

iPads/iPhones may be more portable, but screen dimensions are smaller than computer monitors. Many users are not comfortable working with their finger to edit an image or move an image on a page. What many of our members who have multiple Apple devices do is create a document, spreadsheet or slideshow on their Mac computer and transfer it to their iPad through iTunes.

A couple of other things to think about. Currently you'll find greater storage capacity on a computer than either the iPads/iPhones. Computers are less restrictive on file formats you can use. For example, if you want to watch a video on your iPads/iPhones, it must be in an MP4 format while on a Mac computer you should be able to view videos with the following extensions: MOV, MPEG-4 (mp4 or m4V), MPEG-2, MPEG-1, 3GPP, 3GPP2, AVCHD, AVI and DV. On a computer, you can create folders where you can store documents and other information. On iPads/

iPhones, you can place multiple apps together in a folder, but you don't have folders where your documents are stored. The documents become part of the app until you remove it.

Bottom line, there are multiple reasons to use and enjoy each of Apple's devices.

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.**

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College Hires New Deans

undergraduate and PhD degrees in chemistry from the University of York (England) and was a Fulbright Scholar (from England) at SUNY-Albany.

Dr. Miller has a PhD in public administration with a concentration in education finance from Syracuse University. His specialties are in education reform and school funding. He has taught for Syracuse University, University of Washington and Rutgers University. His most recent appointment was at the Center for

Reinventing Public Education at the University of Washington. Dr. Miller has a national reputation in educational reform, especially at the K-12 level.

Holiday Collection Schedule

The City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division will observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 25. The Solid Waste and Utility Billing Offices will be closed. City Hall and City Offices will also be closed.

There will be no residential or commercial trash or recycling collection on Memorial Day Monday, May 25. Residential and commercial customers will be serviced one day later, Tuesday May 26 through Saturday May 30.

All regular collection schedules will resume on Monday, June 1.

If you have any questions concerning your service, call the City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division at 321-8050.

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DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: The island of Sardinia is part of which nation?
- 2. LITERATURE: Which poet won a Pulitzer Prize in 1948 for a long poem called "The Age of Anxiety"?
- 3. U.S. STATES: What state's nickname is "The Evergreen State"?
- 4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the former name of the United Arab Emirates?
- 5. HISTORY: During which century were Papal Swiss Guards first posted in the Vatican?
- 6. MOVIES: Who wrote and directed the movie "La Dolce Vita"?
- 7. MYTHOLOGY: Tyr was a Norse god of what?
- 8. INVENTIONS: Which English agricultural pioneer invented a seed drill that planted seeds in a neat row?
- 9. LANGUAGE: What's a fedora?
- 10. ENTERTAINERS: What French entertainer's most famous character was clown named Bip?

ANSWERS

I. Italy 2. W.H. Auden 3. Washington 4. Trucial States 5. 16th century 6. Federico Fellini 7. War 8. Jethro Tull 9. Hat 10. Marcel Marceau.

SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. Between 2003 and 2014, only two National League pitchers tossed more than 250 innings in a season. Name them.
- 2. In what year did Hank Aaron hit the first of his 755 career major-league home runs?
- 3. How many seasons has New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees thrown for 5,000 yards?
- 4. When was the last time that the University of Virginia men's basketball team reached the NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight?
- 5. How many combined Stanley Cup titles did Montreal's Jean Beliveau win as a player and a team executive?
- 6. In 2014, Germany's Miroslav Klose set a World Cup record for most career goals (16). Who had held the mark of 15?
- 7. Two horses hold the modern North American racing record of 16 consecutive victories. Name them.

ANSWERS

I. Montreal's Livan Hernandez (255 innings in 2004) and Philadelphia's Roy Halladay (250.2 in 2010). 2. It was 1954. 3. Four times (2008, '11, '12, '13). 4. It was 1995. 5. Seventeen Stanley Cups. 6. Brazil's Ronaldo. 7. Citation (1948-50) and Cigar (1994-96).

My Stars ★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MAY 25, 2015

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might not like some people's idea of a surprise. But you could be in for a pleasant shock when someone finally sends a reply to a request you made so long ago that you almost forgot about it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a time to expect the unexpected. So don't be surprised if a decision that just recently seemed final suddenly opens up and leaves you with another chance to make an important choice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking a different tack on a work project might rankle some colleagues. But the positive results of your innovative course soon speak for themselves. Celebrate with a fun-filled weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Meeting new associates can be awkward, even if you're in a high positive phase right now. Best advice: Make them feel comfortable, and you'll soon forget your own discomfort.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you social Lions to blow-dry your manes, polish your claws and look like the Fabulous Felines you are as you make new friends and influence the influential.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Expectations run especially high this week, and you should feel confident in your abilities to take advantage of what might be offered. A colleague has some advice you might find helpful.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent flurry of activity leaves you in need of a little breathing space, and you'd be wise to take it. Close family members should have an explanation about an emergency situation that just passed.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
An insensitive act makes a difficult situation more so. But try not to waste either your physical or emotional energies in anger. Move on and let others fill the clod in on the facts of life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's a good time to look into that training program or college course you've been considering. You might have a good place to use those sharpened skills sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Education dominates much of your aspect during this week. You might want to start checking out those summer session courses that could help advance your career plans.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Progress often comes in fits and starts. But at least you're moving straight ahead with no backsliding. You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be wary of a deal that gives confusing answers to your questions. Remember: It's always risky swimming in unknown waters, so you need all the help you can get to stay on course.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing people together and creating close friendships wherever you go.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On May 30, 1806, Revolutionary War veteran and future President Andrew Jackson kills Charles Dickinson in a duel for printing libelous comments about his wife, Rachel. Jackson had married a woman who was not technically divorced, even though her husband had abandoned her.
- On May 28, 1902, Owen Wister's "The Virginian" is published. The book was the first "serious" Western and one of the most influential in the genre. It became a sensation almost overnight, selling more than 1.5 million copies by 1938 and inspiring four movies and a Broadway play.
- On May 26, 1927, Henry Ford and his son Edsel drive the 15 millionth Model T Ford out of their factory on the final day of production. The Model T had a 20-horse-power, four-cylinder engine and could travel up to 45 mph.
- On May 29, 1953, Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa of Nepal, become the first explorers to reach the summit of Mount Everest. News of their achievement broke around the world on June 2, the day of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation.
- On May 31, 1962, in Israel, Nazi SS officer Adolf Eichmann is executed for his crimes against humanity during World War II. Following the war, Eichmann was captured by U.S. troops, but escaped before having to face the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal. Eichmann fled to Argentina, where he was found by agents of the Mossad, Israel's intelligence service.
- On May 25, 1977, the first of George Lucas' blockbuster Star Wars movies hits U.S. theaters. Star Wars was soon a pop-culture phenomenon. Over the years it has spawned more feature films, TV series and an entire industry's worth of comic books, toys and video games.

• On May 27, 1994, two decades after being expelled from the Soviet Union, Nobel laureate Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn returns to Russia. In 1945, Solzhenitsyn was sentenced to eight years of hard labor for criticizing Stalin in a letter to a friend. Foreign publication of his "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich" led to his expulsion from the USSR in 1974.

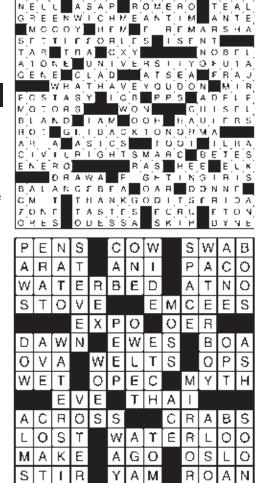
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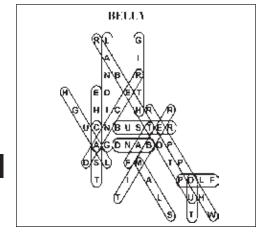
- It was noted educator and civil-rights activist W.E.B. DuBois who made the following sage observation: "The theory of democratic government is not that the will of the people is always right, but rather that normal human beings of average intelligence will, if given a chance, learn the right and best course by bitter experience."
- Before he became famous as the creator of "Star Trek," Gene Roddenberry was a beat cop for the LAPD. He even wrote speeches for legendary Los Angeles police Chief William H. Parker.
- In a recent article in medical journal The Lancet Psychology, researchers claim that listening to hip-hop music can help alleviate symptoms of depression. It seems that aspirational lyrics that speak of overcoming hardship and picturing a better future, such as owning expensive cars, can provide an uplift to listeners.
- The U.S.S. Iowa holds the distinction of being the only American naval ship to have a bathtub.
- You might be surprised to learn that light doesn't always travel at the speed of light. When traveling through an atomic gas that is approaching absolute zero in temperature, light can move as slowly as 38 mph.
- Domestic diva Martha Stewart has been struck by lightning three times.
- A law in Hawaii forbids a person to put a coin in his or her ear. There's no word on the legality of performing a magic trick that simply makes it appear that a coin has been put in an ear.
- If you're one of those people who slows down to see a car accident or can't resist watching scary movies, you suffer from cacospectomania -- the compulsive desire to look at something that horrifies you.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." -- Thomas Alva Edison

PUZZLE ANSWERS







Cucumber, Tomato and Radish Salad with Citrus Dressing

2 tomatoes, seeded and chopped fine
2 cucumbers, peeled, seeded,
and chopped fine

3/4 pound radishes, trimmed
and chopped fine
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 clove garlic, mashed to a
paste with 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup virgin olive oil

1/3 cup cilantro finely chopped,

or to taste

6 scallions, sliced thin

In a large bowl, whisk together the juices and garlic paste, add the oil in a steady stream, and whisk the dressing until it is emulsified.

Whisk in the chopped cilantro and salt and pepper to taste.

Add the tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, and the scallions, toss the salad to combine it well, and garnish the dish with the leftover cilantro sprigs.

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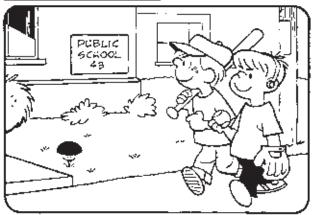
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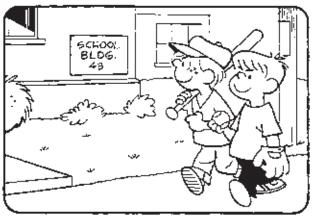


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HENRY BOLTINOFF







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"He called me a lousy cook, so I hit him with one of my _____."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gagt

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TODAY'S WORD

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SCRAMBLERS

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1. Narrow; 2. Rouse;

3. Tackle; 4. Large

Today's Word

CAKES

Shore Fishing: Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

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

- Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.
- The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.
- If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water and do it quickly.
- Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.
- Florida just recently changed the regulations on fishing from shore. Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.

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SUDOKU

To play Sudoku:

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

answer on page 27

Pets Of The Week

Ivian is an elegant name but I'm a simple girl. If you've never had a Chihuahua, I just might be the perfect starter dog. My breed is comical, entertaining and loyal. You will find that I'm confident, social and peppy, but quiet. Try me, you'll love me. My adoption fee is \$75.

Hi, my name is Romeo and now is a great time to add a kitten or two to your family. Lots of us little ones are arriving at the shelter and, needless to say, we are all adorable but have unique personalities. If you adopt any cat or kitten, you can take home a second one free. Adoption fee is \$75 (get \$20 of the fee when you donate an item for kitten care during Animal Services' Spring Fever adoption promotion).

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.

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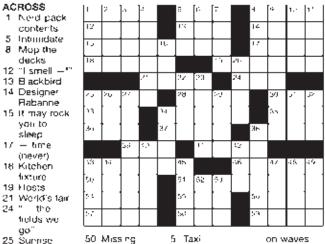
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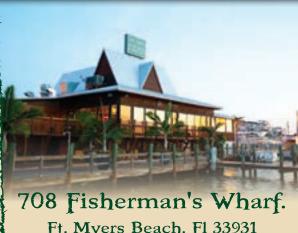
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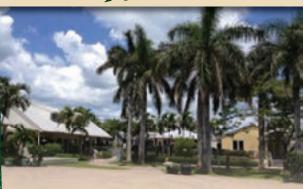


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