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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Stormtrooper

Symphony To Perform Family Concert

n Sunday, June 12, the Gulf Coast Symphony will present a *Star Wars* Summer Family Concert at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 FSW Parkway in Fort Myers. At 1 p.m., children and adults can try

At 1 p.m., children and adults can try out orchestra instruments in the Musical Discovery Zone, meet symphony members and show off their *Star Wars* and spacerelated costumes.



Anna as Princess Leia

At 2 p.m., the concert begins, featuring music from *Star Wars* and other works that explore space and the universe. The program includes: *Star Wars Suite, Star Wars Epic 1, Phantom Menace Selections, Ewok Parade, Star Trek Through the Years, Superman March* and *The Planets-Mars.*

The Star Wars Summer Family Concert is sponsored by Physicians Primary Care and Boost Creative.

Tickets are \$10. Seating is general admission. For reservations, call the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall box office at 481-4849 or buy online at GulfCoastSymphony.org.*

Bluegrass Music Returns June 12



Swinging Bridge

almgrass, a nonprofit supporting bluegrass and acoustic music, will welcome Swinging Bridge to the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts on Sunday, June 12.

The Venice-based, five-piece band will play two sets from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available online at ArtInLee.org/tickets or at the door. Seating is open and on a first-come, first-served basis. Children 12 and under are admitted free if accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 1 p.m.

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Summer Concerts At Shell Point



The Stardust Memories Big Band

photo courtesy of Shell Point Retirement Community

Tickets are now available for Shell Point Retirement Community's 2016 Summer Concert Series, which features three performances plus a bonus concert. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in The Village Church on The Island, 15100 Shell Point Boulevard in Fort Myers. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Kicking off on Tuesday, June 14 with The Stardust Memories Big Band, the concert series also featues Ethan Uslan, ragtime pianist on Thursday, July 14 and Gulfshore Trio on Thursday, September 15. A bonus concert will take place on Thursday, August 25 featuring the Southwest Florida Chamber Symphony Orchestra.

"The Shell Point Summer Concert Series is back with an engaging lineup of

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Free Urban Farming Workshops

The Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket is in its seventh year this month. To mark the milestone, there will be a series of free Urban Farming Workshops, cooking demonstrations and tastings featuring local vegetables, spices and fruits.

The workshops start at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday, led by Millisa Bell De Choch, a native Floridian, environmental studies graduate, master gardener and local farmer. Gina Ortiz, a Mexican cook specializing in traditional methods and ingredients from her native land, will give a cooking demonstration. Visitors can sample her cooking and ask questions.

The first workshop, titled Growing It and Cooking It, will be held on Saturday, June 4. The session includes an introduction to the Southwest Florida environment, a discussion about climatic and soil conditions that can hinder or aid gardening efforts, and what can



Millisa Bell De Choch

grow in the summer heat in a yard or in containers, all using organic methods.

Ortiz will prepare a vegetarian dish known as Pico de Gallo. While normally continued on page 14

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now: Ever-Transforming Mini-Arcade



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

Then this 2005 photo was taken, you could walk down to the convenience store in the Courtyard Shops on Hendry Street and buy a lottery ticket, a snack and heaven knows what all.

In the 11 years since, the historic arcade and the block have experienced the tumult of the streetscape project – in 2008, to beautiful effect – not to mention name changes and a rotation of businesses.

And when the arcade was painted a basic black and white not long after the photo was snapped, the coral-pink color and cascade of native Virginia creeper disappeared too.

This diminutive arcade is a bit overshadowed by the larger and more stylish Post Office/Collier Arcade on Broadway and the Theatre Arcade opening onto both First and on Bay.

But it dates to the same boom-time era and has its charms too. It's certainly housed plenty of businesses since it was built circa 1924, from tailors, realtors, and candymakers, to gift shops, clothiers and restaurants.

It had its Prohibition-era moment of notoriety, too, in 1933, when illegal moon-



The circa-1924 arcade is now called Peeples Court, its fifth name

photos by Gerri Reaves



In 2005, a convenience store occupied a front space in this historic arcade on Hendry Street between First and Second

shine was confiscated from a hiding place in the arcade.

Several names have graced this often-overlooked arcade that is nearly a century old. In the planning stages, it had a fittingly exotic boom-time name, Alcazar Arcade. It was first known as Starnes Arcade for Charles L. "CL" Starnes, who built it, and was called that in the 1950s.

Most "old-timers," however, remember it as the Reynolds Arcade. More recently, it acquired the name visible in the 2005 photo, Courtyard Shops.

Several years ago, the arcade became Peeples Court.

After the convenience store closed, the storefront was a dining area for the Bar Association Bistro, which had its primary space on the opposite side of the arcade. For a short time, it was a wig shop.

It is now part of another bar that occupies the former bistro storefront.

The photos emphasize other prominent changes next door. The popular Hendry Street Station closed by the time the streetscape project started in earnest, and the former Coley Westbrook Men's & Boy's Wear was renovated into office space, complete with a sign paying homage to the business so many locals fondly remember.

Walk down Hendry Street and through downtown's "other" historic arcade and contemplate how many changes have occurred in so few years.

Then travel a couple of blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about downtown's boom-time arcades.

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

Learn more about the scores of businesses that made the arcade a buzzing place for more than nine decades at the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

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

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Haunted And History Tours Offered

tay in step with history this summer with True Tours, and discover local visions or visionaries.

Haunted Tours, lasting 90 minutes, offer a glimpse into the unseen, with stories of those who will not, or cannot, leave the building in which they lived or died.

Stroll from evening into night through the historic Fort Myers River District, Wednesday and Saturday from 8 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$13 per person. Private group tours (minimum

of 10) are available upon request. History Tours, also 90 minutes long, share insight on the founders of Fort Myers. This walking tour is offered at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays. The cost is \$12 per person. Private group tours (minimum of 10) are available upon request.

Tours begin at Franklin Shops, located at 2200 First Street in Fort Myers. Reservations are required by calling 945-0405 or 800-979-3370.

Taste Of The Town Set For November

he Junior League of Fort Myers, Inc. (JLFM), will hold its 34th annual Taste of the Town on Sunday, November 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year's event will be held at JetBlue Park, 11500 Fenway South Drive, in Fort Myers.

Restaurants already committing include: Connor's Steak & Seafood. Fathoms Restaurant & Bar, Kona Ice, Love Boat Ice Cream, Matanzas on the Bay, Mona Lisa Italian Restaurant, PDQ, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Tijuana Flats and The Melting Pot.

Taste of the Town is Southwest Florida's original taste event and one of the largest outdoor food and entertainment festivals.

Funds raised benefit the JLFM's volunteer programs and services.

Interested restaurants and vendors may reserve a spot by calling 277-1197 or emailing totrestaurants@jlfm.org. Space is limited to 50 restaurants. The deadline to reserve is Friday, September 30

Find out more by visiting ilfmtaste. com or facebook.com/jlfmtaste.芬

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Bluegrass Music

The Alliance for the Arts campus is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. Visit ArtInLee.org or call 939-2787 for more details. To learn more about bluegrass and acoustic music in Southwest Florida, visit Palmgrass.org.举



CSI Camp starts on June 27 Mad Scientist, CSI Camps Offered

C ummer camps for elementary and middle school students are sure to spark creativity in Mad Scientist and CSI camps this June at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers. Limited space is available.

Mad Scientist/STEM Camp Open to elementary school students, ages 7 to 10, the weeklong camp runs from June 20 to 24. Cost is \$320 for one student, \$280 for additional students. Minimum six students, limit 16 students.

Mad Scientist camp for elementary students offer a daily combination of inclass discovery and exploration, games

Hollis Jeffcoat - Mangrove Island I, oil on canvas

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Mad Scientist Camp starts on June 20

and hands-on applications of the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) principles. Campers create a variety of take-home projects and participate in team competition while exploring how science and STEM affects the world around us.

CSI Camp

Open to middle school students, ages 11 to 14, the weeklong camp runs from June 27 to July 1. Cost is \$320 for one student, \$280 for additional students. Minimum six students, limit 16 students.

The CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) Camp for middle school students was developed to give beginning hands-on experiences to students who love puzzles and science. This one-of-a-kind experience allows students to participate in the practical use of biology, chemistry and mathematics to examine evidence left

behind at the crime scene and attempt to identify the suspect. Campers will work in small groups to analyze mock crime scenes around the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, as well as participate in crime scene sketching, note-taking, fingerprinting, finding trace and biological evidence. Students will use their new skills to gather information, draw conclusions, and present their findings.

Both summer camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, with all instructional materials provided. Transportation must be provided to and from camp. Kids must bring lunch and plenty to drink. After class extended care is available until 5 p.m. for \$10 per hour per student. Registration can be completed online at www.sbdac.com/ summer-camp.☆



Fort Myers Art: ArtFest Fort Myers Now Accepting Applications For 2017 Festival



by Tom Hall ArtFest Fort Myers is currently accepting applications from professional artists for participation in its 2017 juried show. Featuring the work of 200 artists, ArtFest

Fort Myers will bring 85,000 art lovers and collectors to the largest outdoor gallery in Southwest Florida on the first weekend in February.

Creating an artwork-selling festival for artists is the focus of our year-round professional staff, with 17 vears of consistent management," said an ArtFest press release in its call to artists. "Targeting art buyers throughout Southwest Florida and beyond - from Marco Island to Sarasota and east to West Palm Beach – our promotional campaign includes all forms of media. We also understand the importance of providing great artist amenities over festival weekend to ensure that our artists are stress free and ready to share their work with our dedicated attendees

Each October, ArtFest Fort Myers brings together a panel of professional



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artists who view submitted images and score each applying artist on a range of one to seven points. The artists with the highest scores are then invited to participate in ArtFest.

"Our jury panel varies each year but always represents a broad base of expertise with regard to artistic mediums – theirs is the difficult task of evaluating who is the 'best-of-the-best' from the hundreds of artists who wish to join ArtFest Fort Myers," the ArtFest release also noted. "Our jury process is open to artists and patrons – please contact us for more information."

ArtFest Fort Myers works year-round to produce a creative community celebration that also includes Publix Art Yard, an interactive arts/crafts area for children, including a "children only" shopping gallery and youth stage performances; Art Under 20, an exhibition and competition for Lee County high school students, offering cash awards (sponsored by Suncoast Credit Union); Chalk Block, a weekend high school sidewalk chalk competition mentored by professional chalk artists (sponsored by Truly Nolen Pest Control); and VIP Experience for loyal art patrons who wait all year to make art purchases with us (sponsored by Ron Bucher, Raymond James).

The deadline for submissions is September 13. ArtFest takes place



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Crowds at a past festival

in 2017 on February 3, 4 and 5. For Artist Application information, contact ArtFest Fort Myers at 768-3602 or info@ArtFestFortMyers.com, or visit ArtFestFortMyers.com.

ArtFest Fort Myers Receives Chrysalis Award

On May 20, ArtFest Fort Myers received the highly-coveted Chrysalis Award for Cultural Achievement by the Visitor & Convention Bureau and the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Chrysalis Award for Cultural Achievement.

The other nominees in the Cultural Achievement category were the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Gulf Coast Leisure Movement, the Lee County Alliance for the Arts, Painting with a Twist and the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra & Chorus Association. Chico's FAS (Business Development) and Florida Gulf Coast University's Colloquium program (Education) also won Chrysalis Award honors for their positive impact on the local community.

"We are very proud to be recognized for our efforts in bringing residents, visitors and fabulous artists to our community," said Sharon McAllister, ArtFest Fort Myers executive director. "Art and cultural experiences are an important and integral part of this area's quality of life and our event clearly brings a diversity of people together in celebration of the arts.

"We could not have won this honor without the support of local companies who are also dedicated to our community," McAllister continued. "We worked closely with Jaxi Builders to bring the Allure Your Senses Exhibit, featuring 23 sculptures throughout downtown Fort Myers and with David Anderson, the Technology Management Guru, to provide the new App Fort Myers River District. These were two of this season's projects, in addition to our fine art festival, that we are most proud of. The success of our efforts is the result of the teamwork of many dedicated community members."

In all, 43 area attractions, accommodations, retailers, educational institutions, arts and cultural organizations, transportation companies and other local businesses were nominated for Chrysalis Awards in six categories. The awards are designed to foster a stronger alliance between the tourism industry and the county's business community.

Chrysalis Award nominees are judged on innovation in their respective category, how they have distinguished themselves in the community, the results of their efforts to promote the destination, their contributions to business and tourism partnerships for the overall benefit of the county, and their work to foster growth and sustainability. Honorees are recognized for their commitment to excellence in improving community growth and creating job opportunities for the citizens of Lee County.

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



Fish glasses

Workshops With Alliance Artists

A liance for the Arts launches Member Art Nights, beginning Saturday, June 4. Join fellow Alliance members in this three-part series for fun evenings by creating art and making new friends. Registration includes a glass of wine and snacks but feel free to bring your favorite beverage to share. There is an opportunity to become a member in order to participate.

Wire Sculpting begins the series on June 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. This workshop will guide you through and give you some ideas from well-known artists. You will end up with your very own unique, 3-D sculpture for your home that is either abstract or figurative.

Wine Glass Painting will be held on Saturday, July 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. A local artist will guide you through the class that features painting a set of two wine glasses, a great functional piece of art. The workshop includes instructions for curing your glasses in the oven and making them hand-washable. One design will be selected for the guided group, but there are several designs to choose from if you feel confident to work on your own without instruction.



Pointellism bowls

The Member Art Night Series will conclude on Thursday, August 11 with Ceramic Pointillism from 6 to 8 p.m. Paint your own bisque-ware bowl using a fun Pointillism technique! Use acrylic paints to design a pre-formed and fired ceramic bowl demonstrating unique designs and styles to help guide you through your project. This piece of decorative art will make a great gift or a fun conversation piece in your home.

Member Art Nights are \$35 each or \$90 for the three-part series. Space is limited. You may become a member in order to participate. Individual memberships are \$55 annually or family memberships are \$80. No experience is necessary.

The Alliance for the Arts campus and galleries are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays during GreenMarket. It's located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

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

Theme For Alliance August Show Is Habitats

Twice a year, the Alliance for the Arts invites members to contribute work for exhibition in its Main Gallery. For the upcoming August show, creations should reflect a habitats theme.

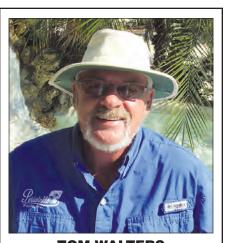
Current Alliance members may submit one piece of artwork in any medium, which must be delivered framed, wired and ready to hang on Monday, August 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibition will be on display from Friday, August 5 to Saturday, September 3, with an opening reception held on August 5 from 5 to 7 p.m.

You must be an Alliance member in order to participate. Individual memberships are \$55 annually. Benefits include exhibition opportunities and discounts on classes, camps and event tickets.

For more information, visit ArtInLee. org. To become an exhibit sponsor, email Jessica@artinlee.org or call 939-2787.

The Alliance for the Arts campus and galleries are located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.‡

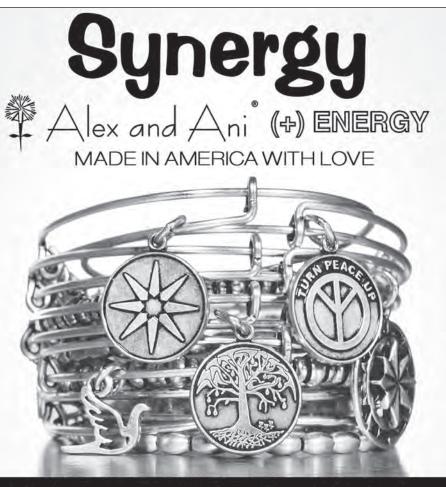


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Big Backpack Festival July 31



Children receiving their filled backpacks during last year's festival

The Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida plays host at its 17th annual Big Backpack Festival, a time to celebrate back to school with giveaways such as backpacks, supplies, haircuts, eye screening and more.

Admission to the festival – held on Sunday, July 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Harborside Event Center – is free.

The first 2,000 or more children ages 5 through 12 receive free backpacks and school materials while supplies last. Children must be present with a parent or guardian.

To date, the community outreach program has provided new backpacks and school supplies to more than 37,000 students across Southwest Florida.

In preparation, the community is asked to participate in the Adopt-A-Student fundraiser. Each \$10 donation provides a student with a new backpack and items that include notebook paper, folders, crayons, glue, pencils and pens.

The festival provides support to those in need, while celebrating diversity in Southwest Florida. Live music, face painting, inflatables and clowns round out the entertainment.

"It's the support of event sponsors large and small that makes this event a success each year," said Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida Executive



Director Leonardo Garcia. "Success is measured with each one of the thousands of multicultural students and families we support each year by lessening the financial burden placed on them with the rising cost of back-to-school needs. I am amazed every year by the generosity of the community and the gratitude of the families we serve."

For more details, visit multiculturalcentre.org.

Guide Dogs And Trainers Make Appearance With Calendar Girls



Calendar Girls, guide dogs and puppy raisers

The Calendar Girls, along with the Southeastern Guide Dogs in training and their puppy raisers, gave a performance and provided information about the Southeastern Guide Dogs program at the Fort Myers Preparatory and Fitness Academy in Fort Myers on Wednesday, May 25.

For more information, visit www.calendargirlsflorida.com.

Greeters Club Luncheon

Victoria B. Moreland, communications and marketing director for the Lee County Port Authority, will speak at the Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers' monthly luncheon on Thursday June 16 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Moreland has 38 years of experience in the aviation industry. Her department is responsible for promoting and marketing Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field.

Cost to attend the luncheon is \$20. Email greetersclub@gmail.com to make a reservation or to join the club. Provide contact information including your name, email address and phone number. You will receive a return email confirming your reservation.

Luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Colonial Country Club, located at 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. Learn more by visiting greetersclubofgreaterfortmyers.com.

Lake Kennedy Senior Center The Voice Karaoke Showcase

The Lake Kennedy Center invites you to an evening filled with local karaoke entertainment on Friday, June 17. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Emcee KJ Mike Russell will lead the finest "voices" in Southwest Florida as they grace the stage to share their talent with you. All level karaoke performers are welcome to participate. All guests will enjoy refreshments and appetizers such as sliders, fresh fruit, pinwheels, chips, cookies and more.

Fee is \$10 per participant, \$10 per member and \$15 per non-member. Each performer will receive an award for their participation. Entries are limited to 12 performers. Pre-registration required.

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

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Entrepreneur Program Grants Awarded



Stephen Berge, Dr. Sandra Kauanui and Cindy Latsko

The Frank Stern Compassionate Shark Tank for Veterans awarded two grants on May 22 during the final phase of the Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU).

The \$10,000 top prize went to Stephen Berge for BRAVO, a construction supply sourcing company. Cindy Latsko, the runner-up, received \$5,000 for her Onsite RN concept, which provides education to chronically ill patients.

Berge, from Cape Coral, served in the Marine Corps from 2000 to 2008 and has a service-connected disability. Berge was an engineer in the Marines, and after working in construction and manufacturing, is now an emergency room nurse. Berge recently moved forward on an idea for a construction material company based on drop shipments of specialty products. Latsko, who resides in Naples,

Latsko, who resides in Naples, served in the Army from 1993 to 1996 and also has a service-connected disability. Latsko served just less than four years active duty Army as a 97E (Russian interrogator) and was stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado. She has a BA in sociology, obtained a master's degree in community counseling and has an associate degree in nursing. Latsko curently works as a registered nurse in home health and hospice.

Forty-five veterans participated in the entrepreneurship program, held for three weekends in May, working with FGCU faculty, staff and mentors from the community to start, grow or revamp their companies.

"Our team at FGCU was inspired by the passion and tenacity of our veteran entrepreneurs," said Dr. Sandra Kauanui, director for the Institute for Entrepreneurship. "Each veteran was dedicated and worked hard to develop a plan to launch their startups while remaining focused on adding value to their community."

The final phase of the program concluded with the Frank Stern Compassionate Shark Tank, where the veterans pitched their ideas to local investors and business leaders.

Stern, a self-made millionaire, endowed more than \$4 million to a donor-advised fund at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation upon his death at age 95 in February 2014.

"It is people like Frank who inspire us in our work to do everything we can as effectively and efficiently as possible to create change in our region," said Sarah Owen, president and CEO of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

For more information on the entrepreneurship program, contact Dr. Kauanui at skauanui@fgcu.edu.*

Lake Kennedy Senior Center Birthday Celebrations

The Lake Kennedy Center monthly birthday celebration social will begin on Wednesday, June 15 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Courtesy of community partners Brookdale and Home Instead, the center will hold celebrations on the third Wednesday of each month, featuring a large birthday cake, coffee and a door prize drawing for all people in the community who attend.

Don't celebrate your birthday alone. Celebrate your special day with others at Lake Kennedy, where everyone is like family. Preregistration required.

Cost is \$2 per person, but birthday celebrators are admitted free.

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



Students and teachers at Goodwill LIFE Academy got in the spirit for Red Nose Day

Valuable Lesson Learned On Red Nose Day

Students of the Goodwill LIFE Academy celebrated Red Nose Day recently, with Principal Lynn Pottorf leading a discussion about the importance of charity and giving back to those less fortunate.

The LIFE Academy is a Lee County charter school for students with intellectual disabilities.**



Principal Lynn Pottorf



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Along The River



Art Walk will offer entertainment in downtown Fort Myers Friday evening

COn Friday, June 3 from 6 to 10 p.m., **Fort Myers Art Walk** returns to the **downtown Fort Myers** area. The monthly rain-or-shine event that falls on the first Friday of each month features new art exhibits within 11 art galleries. Art enthusiasts can meet the artists at most of the art galleries and see live art demonstrations throughout the River District. The evening culminates with an after party at 10 p.m.

The self-guided walking tour throughout the streets of the downtown Fort Myers River District core and the Gardner's Park area also provides a great atmosphere for shopping and dining.

Always a collector's item, new Art Walk buttons will be available at galleries. Art Walk T-shirts (in red or black) are available for a \$12 donation at the IberiaBank gallery showcase during Art Walk.

A free shuttle service courtesy of Select Transportation Inc., with stops planned near the art venues as well as parking at the Harborside Event Center, will be available for Art Walk patrons. Shuttle stops include The Oasis Condominiums, Art of the Olympians and the Patio de Leon entrance at First Street.

For more information about Art Walk, call Claudia Goode at 337-5050 or go to www.fortmyersartwalk.com.

If you would rather bike around the downtown area Friday evening, join the **Southwest Florida Critical Mass Bike Ride** on Friday, June 3. The colorful group rides each month on the first Friday of every month. Participants are asked to meet at the side lot of the downtown Publix prior to the 7 p.m. takeoff.

The slow ride through downtown Fort Myers and the neighborhoods surrounding the Edison Estates is a rolling light show of fun, friends, new friends and cyclist awareness. The ride is 11 miles long and moves at eight to 10 miles per hour with a 10-minute break at the halfway point (Edison Restaurant). Bring your helmet; front and rear lights are required. If you do not have lights, they will be supplied as well as clean, loaner helmets if needed. All riders are cautioned to ride with care at their own risk.

Alliance for the Arts opens its 30th annual All Florida Juried Exhibit with a public reception this Friday, June 3 from 5 to 7 p.m., showcasing work by 47 artists.

The exhibit runs through June 30. This year's juror is Harry Messersmith, who maintains a full-service bronze/glass foundry and sculpture atelier in Deland. He will present awards during the opening reception, including \$1,000 cash for Best in Show, a \$250 gift certificate for second place and \$100 cash for third place. Messersmith will lead a Gallery Walk and Talk on Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m. Elemental Stone and Waterworks is the exhibit sponsor.

The Alliance campus and galleries are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Also on Friday, **Arts for ACT Gallery** will host an **opening exhibit and artist reception** for its June featured artists from 6 to 10 p.m. Diana Ripoll will be showing in the main gallery, Dharma LeFevre in the white gallery and Alex Wilkinson off the main gallery. This exhibit continues through June 27. Arts for ACT Gallery is located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Arts for ACT Gallery is located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. Want to be on the water on Friday? **Salty Sam's Waterfront Adventures** on San Carlos Island just before Fort Myers Beach has two excursions to try.

From 4 to 5:30 p.m., the **Pirate Cruise-All Ages Show** is a 90-minute swashbuckling show aboard a 65-foot Spanish galleon-style ship. The *Pieces of Eight*



Picnic Island is the destination for Pure Florida's Bark on the Ark excursion

Florida Pirate Cruise offers interactive pirate fun, face painting, limbo, full-service bar, secret maps and treasure.

From 7 to 8:30 p.m., the **Pirate Party-Adults Only Cruise-21 And Over** is an evening with Captain Jack, Pickpocket Pete and crew for the rollicking adults only Friday Night Pirate Party aboard the *Pieces of Eight*. The 90-minute cruise features a fun, interactive show including a boatload of pirate shenanigans. The ship has a fullservice bar with snacks available as well.

Visit www.saltysamsticketing.com/schedule/ for scheduling and pricing.

On Saturday, get away with an island boat ride with your four-legged friends. **Pure Florida's Fort Myers** location is presenting **Bark on the Ark** from 8 to 11 a.m. Guests will have the opportunity to bring their dogs aboard the M/V Edison *Explorer* for a sightseeing river cruise to Picnic Island, an island located between Sanibel and Pine Island that exhibits the natural beauty of Southwest Florida.

Passengers will take a peaceful cruise along the Caloosahatchee followed by a playful time on the island, socializing with man's best friend. During the excursion, dogs and owners can run, swim and play catch while enjoying the sunshine, water, sand and fresh air. While Pure Florida cannot guarantee animal sightings in the wild, potential wildlife sightings include dolphins, eagles, manatee, native birds and more.

Water, Frisbees and dog treats are included for the canines. Human treats, such as soda, wine and beer, will also be available for purchase. The M/V Edison Explorer departs from The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 W. First Street in Fort Myers.

Registration for the tour is \$44 per person. Reservations are required as room is limited to 25 passengers and their pets. All dogs that can follow basic commands are welcome. For more information or to book your ticket, call 919-2965, email FortMyers@PureFL.com or visit the website at www.PureFL.com.

No pet, but want to be active on the water? The Caloosa Coast Rowing Club's **National Learn To Row Day** will take place at **Cape Harbour** on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Calossa Coast Rowing Club is joining more than 75 rowing clubs from around the nation in offering an introduction to the sport of rowing for absolute beginners. Admission is free and no experience is required for anyone age 13 and older. There will be tours of the boatyard, some practice on rowing machines followed by a row on the water. Rows are expected to last about 20 minutes and go about a mile.

There will also be a lottery where participants can win a spot in the club's regular three-week rowing class. Cape Harbour is located at the southernmost point of Chiquita Boulevard in Cape Coral.

For more information, visit www.caloosacoastrowing.club or call Julie at 918-378-6695.

Actors and actresses should be on alert this weekend as well.

On Sunday, The **Laboratory Theater** will host **open auditions** for its upcoming 2016-17 season from 1 to 4 p.m. No appointments will be made; auditions are on a first-come, first-seen basis.

Actors should prepare one comedic and/or one dramatic monologue, each not to exceed two minutes in length. Actors who arrive without a prepared monologue will be given one. Bring a resume and headshots. Actors unable to attend may send headshots and resumes to: The Laboratory Theater of Florida, Attention: Casting, P.O. Box 334, Fort Myers, FL 33902.

Call-backs for specific shows will be by invitation later this summer and autumn. The theater is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers.

For additional information, call 218-0481 or visit laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

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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 11 years and its enduring popularity is a testament to its exceptional, friendly service.

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



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Il Tesoro serves authentic Italian food "with the taste and feel of a Tuscan holiday," according to owner Chef AJ Black. He infuses flavors from the old world to the new world of cooking using only fresh seasonal ingredients to bring his dishes to life. Daily specials focus on pairing authentic meals with a bold array of fine Italian wines.

Il Tesoro (The Treasure) serves dinner seven nights a week from 5 to 10 p.m. 751 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel. Call 395-4022.

ISLAND COW

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

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

2163 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Call 472-0606.

JACARANDA

The Jac, as it is known to regulars, has been serving excellent seafood for three decades and offers the best of two worlds: dining room seating or dinner under the stars in the screened garden patio. The patio lounge is home to some of the best nightlife on the islands, seven nights a week. Bands include Renata, Wildfire Blues Band and Cruzan Vibes' reggae on the weekends.

The patio lounge menu includes a selection of "happy apps" for \$5.95 and half price drinks during happy hour, 5 to 7 p.m.

Dinner reservations are suggested. 1223 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Call 472-1771.☆





Churches/Temples

ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION (UUA) 2756 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Sunday Services 9 and 11 a.m., Adult Education Workshop 10 a.m., Reverend Margaret L. Beard, Minister. 226-0900.

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

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

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

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

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1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers. Just off McGregor across from the Edison/Ford Winter Estates 334-4978. Pastor Douglas Kelchner, Worship times Sunday's 9 and 10:30 a.m. Website: www.taecc.com COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937 Reverned Dr. Jeffrey DeYoe, Senior Pastor Reverend David Dietzel, Pastor Emeritus. Traditional Sunday service 10 a.m. Nursery available.

CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Combined Traditional/Praise 10 a.m. CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 482-1250, 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Praise Service Sunday School all times.

FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

6111 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers, 278-3638. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Voice of Faith, WCRN 13.50 AM Radio, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m.; Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m. Nursery care for pre-school children and Children's Church ages 5 to12 available. FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 15690 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 482-2030. Pastor David Stauffer. Traditional Service Sunday 8:45 a.m., Contemporary Service Sunday 10:30 a.m. Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The church is 1/2 mile past the intersection of Gladiolus and San Carlos Boulevard on the way to Sanibel. FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIŚT, SCIENTIST 2390 West First Street, next door to Edison 2390 West First Street, next door to Edisor Estates. 10:30 a.m Sunday Service and Sunday School; 12 noon Wednesday Testimony Meeting. Child care provided at services. Reading Room located in church building for quiet study and information about Christian Science. Monday and Friday noon to 4 p.m., Wednesday 1 to 4 p.m. christiansciencefortmyers.net, christianscience.com

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a.m. FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers. 482-3133. Philip White, pastor. Morning Worship: 10 a.m., Church School: 10:15 a.m., Adult Forum: 11:30 a.m. IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH 881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, 481-1143 Masses Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH 2154 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 218-8343. Pastor Randy and Anita Thurman. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service. LAMB OF GOD CHURCH A few federated Lutheran (ELCA) and

Episcopal Congregation. 19691 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers. 267-3525. www. lambofgodchurch.net. Reverend Dr. James Reho. Šunday 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday's Cool for Children 10 a.m

NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

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

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

16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10. 985-8503. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 11 a.m Sunday Morning Worship. 7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study. NEW HOPE PRESENTERIAN CHURCH 3825 McGregor Boulevard. Fort Myers. Pastor Eddie Spencer. 8 and 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship. 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship. 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School. Youth and Children's programming runs concurrent to Sunday services. Nursery care provided at all services. 274-1230. www.newhopefortmyers.org PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

peacecommunitychurch.com. PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Peace a member of ELCA. Weekly communion with traditional liturgy, organ and choir. 15840 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, on the way to Sanibel. 437-2599, www. peaceftmyers.com, peace@peaceftmyers. com

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

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2157 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, 334-2161. Masses: Monday through Thursday 6:45 a.m.; Friday 6:45 and 11 a.m.; Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 6:45, 9:30 and 11 a.m., 12:15, 4 Creole and 6 p.m. SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH 3049 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 344-0012. Pastor Reverend Steve Filizzi. An Affirming and Inclusive Congregation Sunday Services 10 a.m.

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL (LCMS) 3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, 939-1218, Worship: Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10:45 a.m. Bible Study for adults and

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Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. SAINT NICHOLAS MONASTERY Church and Bookstore. 111 Evergreen Road (southwest corner of Evergreen Road and Gail Street.) Liturgical services conducted in English and Church Slavonic; following the Julian (Old) Calendar. Liturgical Services Sundays and Holy Days 9:30 a.m. Holy Liturgy 0 a.m. Call to confirm service schedule: 997-2847; Bookstore 691-1775. www. saintnicholasmonastery.org. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH

16940 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 454-3336. Robert G. Kasten Pastor. Sunday 11 a.m. Nursery 9:45 a.m. Sunday School all ages. Junior Church grades one to five. Wee Church Pre-K to K. Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednsday Service 6 p.m. TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE 16225 Winkler Road Fort Myers. 433-0018, www.templebethel.com. rabbi.barras@ templebethel.com. Rabbi Jeremy Barras, Cantor Victor Geigner, Religious School Director Dale Cohen, Learning Tree Director Jesyca Virnig, Office Manager Inna Vasser. Union For Reform Judaism Shabbat Service Friday 7:30 p.m., Torah Study Saturday 9:30 a.m. Religious School Wednesday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. Learning Tree Monday through Friday. **TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)** 14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers, 433-0201, Rabbi: Rabbi Marc Sack Minyan:

Monday at 9 a.m. Religious Education: Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Services Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. www.tjswfl.org. THE NEW CHURCH

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

CHURCH FORT MYERS 13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75). Minister The

Reverend Allison Farnum. Sunday services and religious education at 10:30 a.m. 561-2700. www.uucfm.org. UNITY OF BONITA SPRINGS

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

UNITY OF FORT MYERS

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

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

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

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

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

Songwriter Fest Returning For 10 Days This Fall

he Island Hopper Songwriter Fest brings music back to the beach with new artists and new events in 2016. The free festival takes place over 10 days on Southwest Florida's barrier islands and offers a wide range of performances.

The festival kicks off on Captiva Island from September 23 through September 25 and wraps up from September 30 through October 2 on Fort Myers Beach. Historic downtown Fort Myers will once again feature midweek performances. There will be a limited number of ticketed events for special performances.

The festival brings back fan favorites Bob DiPiero, Even Stevens and Frank Myers as well as new artists such as Helen Darling.

"Each year, we pack more fun into the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest experience," said Tamara Pigott, executive director of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau. "This festival gives the audience a unique opportunity to hear the stories behind the songs in small, intimate venues. It gives the songwriters a platform to

meet other artists and enjoy getting to know their fans.

There are 52 confirmed songwriters to date. This year's festival brings some different songwriter experiences, including house parties, sunset cruises, pool parties, a dinner and wine pairing, and a songwriting workshop.

"We look forward to surprising fans with some high-profile acts," said Louis Kaplan, senior vice president programming, iHeartMedia. "The Island Hopper Songwriter Fest is one of our favorite events of the year.'

Participating venues on Captiva Island include The Crow's Nest at 'Tween Waters Inn, Key Lime Bistro, Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille Captiva and South Seas Island Resort. Those in downtown Fort Myers include Barrel Room at the Twisted Vine Bistro, City Tavern and Hotel Indigo. Fort Myers Beach locations include Matanzas on the Bay, Cabanas Beach Bar at DiamondHead Beach Resort and poolside shows at the Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina.

Island Hopper is presented by Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau, iHeartMedia, Cat Country 107.1 and BMI.

For more information, visit islandhopperfest.com.

Our email address is press@riverweekly.com

June 4 Dinner Supports Science Center Camp



Last year's fundraising dinner held at Bonita Bill's Waterfront Cafe

oceeds from a Hawaiian-style dinner at Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café on San Carlos Island and Matanzas Pass will go toward the Ostego Bay Marine Science Center's Summer Camp.

The dinner, scheduled for Saturday, June 4 from 3 to 7 p.m., features dancing, music, a silent auction and meals available for purchase. Prizes will be awarded for best tropical attire. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.

Every summer the center holds the camp for children (kindergarten through age 16) to expose them to Southwest Florida's marine environment through touch tanks, exhibits, aquariums and local field trips. Campers are introduced to sea grass communities, plankton populations, mangrove tangles and bird nesting areas.

For more information, visit ostegobay.org or call 765-8101 or 470-4993.



12 | THE RIVER - JUNE 3, 2016 Finicky Tarpon



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

> arpon fishing over the last week was frustrating at times, to say the least. Trips for a few days went one of two ways: either just no fish to be found or lots of fish but none

would play and take a bait. Running over 50 miles one morning during a tarpon trip this week, we finally did locate lots of tarpon. But, along with roughly 30 other boats, we sat in these rolling fish for hours with not a single boat hooking up. There is a whole list of reasons and

theories why these fish don't want to eat and just disappear. Some include we had a big full moon, cooler than usual mornings or just a bad morning tide pattern along with hill tides in the evenings. While tarpon fishing, I usually text back and forth with a handful of other fishing guides who are fishing for tarpon everyday too. The phrase of the week between guides was "lockjaw," as

all of us have been experiencing the same tarpon torment.

Watching daisy chains of tarpon is an awesome thing to see. Often when these fish are getting ready to spawn, they simply just don't want to eat. Most of the fish I did locate this week out on the beaches seemed to be sitting in just one place with no movement at all to the pods. Guides fishing Boca Grande on the big outgoing hill tides had better results with reports of hundreds of fish coming into the pass from offshore right around sunset time.

On a few trips this week, we simply switched it up from tarpon fishing and went shark fishing, not only to bend the rods but to get over the frustration these tarpon where causing at times. Areas around the passes and natural deep channels through the grass flats all held a good variety of sharks. In the bay, the majority of the sharks were four- to fivefoot blacktips. Around the passes, there were sharphose sharks and spinners. Chunks of fresh-cut mullet quickly got picked up once you found an area with a

We had a big shark surprise while fishing Captiva Pass last week. Pam Murray, while celebrating her birthday, caught lots of the sharpnose sharks before hooking into a 5-1/2-foot spinner

Send Us Your Fish Tales

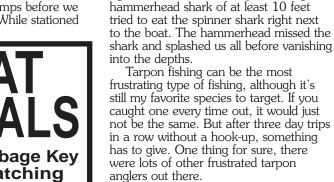
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The River Weekly would like to hear from anglers about their catches. Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch, species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Drop them at the River Weekly, 1609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



Pam Murray with a four-foot shark caught and released unharmed while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

shark. This shark ran all over and made some crazy corkscrew jumps before we got it close to the boat. While stationed



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.举

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Pure Florida Offers Cruises For Father's Day

Pure Florida is celebrating fathers on June 18 and 19, offering free cruises for dads when accompanied by paid adult or child admission. The Father's Day weekend cruises will set sail from Pure Florida's Naples and Fort Myers locations at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., with sunset cruises departing one hour before sunset.

Pure Florida's Father's Day cruises are available for \$35 per passenger during the day and \$37.50 for the sunset cruise at its Naples location, and \$32 per passenger at its Fort Myers location.

Narration on local history, wildlife and ecology is provided by Coast Guard-certified captains, also master naturalists. Passengers cruising from Pure Florida's Naples location will sail the Gordon River aboard the *M/V Double Sunshine*, and guests visiting Pure Florida's Fort Myers location will cruise the Caloosahatchee aboard the *M/V Edison Explorer*. Aboard the vessels, guests are invited to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of Southwest Florida and observe the wildlife native to the region. While Pure Florida cannot guarantee animal sightings in the wild, potential wildlife sightings include dolphins, eagles, manatee, native birds and more. Drinks will be available for purchase onboard the vessels, and snacks will also be available for purchase aboard the *M/V Double Sunshine*.

"Enjoying the day with dad at a lighthearted sightseeing cruise is the perfect activity to celebrate Father's Day," said Harry Julian, co-founder of Pure Florida. "Pure Florida cruises offer the community a wonderful opportunity to share their love and appreciation for their loved ones, and we look forward to honoring dads all weekend long."

The *M/V* Double Sunshine departs from the historic Tin City, located at 1200 Fifth Ave. S. in Naples and the *M/V* Edison Explorer departs from The Marina at



Pure Florida's Naples and Fort Myers locations will offer Father's Day cruises June 18-19.

Edison Ford, located at 2360 W. First St. in Fort Myers. Reservations are required. For more information on Pure Florida, or to register for a Father's Day cruise, call Pure Florida's Naples location at 239-263-4949, its Fort Myers location at 919-2965 or visit www.PureFL.com.券

Lee County Third Graders Visit Sea School



Students from Manatee Elementary School practice seining with marine science instructor Carley Todd

Sanibel Sea School hosted students from three Lee County schools in May. Third graders from Manatee Elementary, Allen Park Elementary and Rayma C. Page Elementary visited Sanibel to participate in a variety of field-based activities designed to supplement their classroom learning. The Sea School's marine science instructors led participants through a squid dissection, surfing lessons, seining in the seagrass beds, and snorkeling.

Students had a chance to hold small organisms like juvenile fish and crabs before releasing them back into the water, and for many, the squid dissection offered a first look at the inner anatomy of a living organism.

"I was so impressed by how quickly the kids began to understand the squid's adaptations," said Nicole Finnicum, Sanibel Sea School's director of education. "They grasped concepts like camouflage and jet propulsion right away."

Along with their new knowledge, students returned home with plenty of stories to share with their families.

"I am sure that my house was not the only one filled with stories of pin fish caught and squid ink tattoos," said Allen Park Elementary chaperone Heather Dowling.

These field trips were funded in part by contributions made to Sanibel Sea School during their annual fundraiser, Octifest on the Causeway, and provided an opportunity for some students to experience Lee County's coastal areas for the first time. "Several of the children told me this was their first time at the beach," said

Dowling. "Can you imagine living this close to paradise and never enjoying it?" Through a scholarship program, Sanibel Sea School is able to ensure that no stu-

dent is every turned away from their marine education programs due to cost.

"Our goal is to inspire as many people as possible to connect with the ocean," added Finnicum, "and we believe that money should never prevent that from happening."

Sanibel Sea School is a 501(c)3 nonprofit whose mission is to improve the ocean's future, one person at a time. Learn more at www.sanibelseaschool.org.





Look up at a rough-barked tree and you might glimpse a cardinal airplant's inflorescence this time of year photos by Gerri Reaves

On The Verge Of Summer

by Gerri Reaves

It's late spring in South Florida, and deep summer looms ahead. It's the time of year when many of us are enthrall to the stunning flowers of non-natives trees like the Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*) or Caribbean trumpet tree (*Tabebuia aurea*).

But don't let them get all the attention. Native plants have their own springtime displays, albeit more understated ones. And, they offer benefits to wildlife that exotics simply haven't evolved to offer.

For example, glance up at a roughbarked tree like the slash pine (Pinus



A zebra longwing butterfly (top) explores a budding gumbo limbo

eliottii) in the photo, and you might see one of Florida's most common tillandsias, the cardinal airplant (*Tillandsia fasciculata*), a member of the bromeliad family that is listed as endangered in the state of Florida.

It is not parasitic, but uses a tree as a growing platform, gathering nutrients from the debris and water that collect in a cup at the base of the leaves.

The cardinal airplant sports stiff narrow downward-curving gray-green leaves and spikes with tiny violet tubular flowers. The more noticeable red color comes from the bracts, leaf-like structures under the spike.

The gumbo limbo (*Bursera simaruba*) goes through a lovely transformation in spring as its graceful bare smooth limbs acquire burst of greenish yellow flowers and new foliage.

It's not only low-maintenance – wind



A wasp (center) seeks nectar amid seagrape flowers

resistant and salt- and drought-tolerant – but wildlife-friendly. It is the host for the rarely seen dingy purplewing butterfly and a nectar plant for other butterflies, like the zebra longwing in the photo. The summer and fall berries are a bounteous food source for birds, too.

Gumbo limbo's peeling reddish bark makes it easy to identify and gives it the alternate name, "tourist tree."

Check out a seagrape (*coccoloba uvifera*) tree in spring and you might see a bee or wasp feasting on the spikes of tiny white flowers.

This common landscape plant is protected by law because of its ability to prevent coastal erosion. It's also stormresistant, wildlife-friendly and beautiful

 just look at those big round red-veined leaves.

The grapes are loved by both wildlife and humans.

Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) will thrive just about



These unripe clusters of Virginia creeper berries will ripen into blue-black fruit that many bird species love

anywhere. It isn't typically sold in nurseries because it self-propagates so well, even in poor conditions.

This woody vine loses it leaves in the winter, but leafs-out with pretty reddish foliage right away, followed by tiny yellow-green flowers, and then clusters of blue-black berries that numerous bird species love.

Consider leaving it alone if it shows up in your yard, and avoid confusing its fiveleaflet pointed leaves with those of poison ivy, which have three shiny oval leaflets.

Enjoy those ultra-showy imported flowering trees and shrubs, but don't overlook the subtle late-spring displays of the natives.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.🌣

From page 1 Urban Farming Workshops

comprised of basic ingredients such as onions, tomatoes and chilis, Ortiz will share her own recipe, which features nopales, an edible cactus, easy to grow locally.

The market is located on the Alliance campus, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, in Fort Myers. Call 939-2787 to learn more.☆



Gina Ortiz



Bureau Offering Hurricane Guide

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) and the Florida Department

and the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) noted National Hurricane Preparedness Week by encouraging Floridians to create a plan that outlines what to do before, during and after a hurricane.

In the event of a natural disaster, any repair work performed on a home or business should be completed by a licensed professional. Unlicensed contractors will often travel from out of state to a disaster area in attempt to take advantage of uninformed consumers. The best way to prepare is to be proactive in selecting a properly licensed contractor and to use good judgment with sales calls, door-to-door pitches or low prices that appear too good to be true.

Both BBB and DBPR have online resources to prepare consumers.

Find BBB's Florida Hurricane Guide by going online to bbb.org/ west-florida/hurricanes. It provides a one-stop resource page to help Florida's consumers, businesses and nonprofits prepare for hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to November 30. Get tips on disaster preparedness, recovery and repair, how to avoid storm chaser scams, giving wisely to disaster relief charities and additional government resources.

BBB also offers information on how to find a properly licensed professional, including an easy-to-use checklist. Resources to help businesses build trust in the marketplace are also available at bbb.org/west-florida/licensing.

Consumers can verify professional licenses that fall under DBPR's jurisdiction by visiting myfloridalicense. com, calling 850-487-1395 or by downloading the free DBPR Mobile app available in the iTunes and Google Play stores.

DBPR's 2016 Natural Disaster Guide provides steps to help prevent consumers from becoming victims of unlicensed activity after a natural disaster. Never feel pressured to make a decision by an unknown contractor, so look for the BBB Accredited Business Seal.

For information, lists of BBB accredited businesses by industry and BBB business reviews, visit bbb. org or call 727-535-5522. Always verify a contractor's license by visiting myfloridalicense.com, calling 850-487-1395 or downloading the free DBPR Mobile app.*

CROW Case Of The Week: Abducted Animals



by Bob Petcher

Tildlife rehabilitation clinics are known to treat and care for wild animals that are injured, orphaned, displaced, distressed or sick. During its stay, an animal will be fed, nurtured, provided safe temporary housing and treated medically as necessary. Once the patient is restored to a condition of good health after a successful recovery period, clinic

officials then release the animal back to its native habitat.

There are instances that an animal is non-releasable due to its condition, such as being unable to defend itself or survive back in the wild. Sometimes, in those cases, the rehabilitator may determine if the patient needs a surrogate parent or seek a permanent home like an education facility so that the animal can live out its life.

Many wildlife rehabilitators and centers are also committed to improving the well-being of wildlife though public education. At CROW, the teaching hospital also has a Visitor Education Center that is designed to connect people with wildlife that is in their care while

maintaining the privacy of the animal. CROW's mission is "Saving Wildlife Through Compassion, Care and Education."

Unfortunately, some people are too eager to help CROW officials in their quest. There are several reports of perfectly healthy juvenile birds and animals being brought to CROW because of a belief that the animal has been orphaned. CROW staff calls these creatures abducted animals.

The issue is not an uncommon one. In fact, CROW has documented 914 baby animal abductions this year alone. That breaks down to an intake of 182 every month. Based on those numbers and at this rate, CROW officials could expect to see another 1,274 before the beginning of 2017 if this course of action does not change. As of last Friday, the total number of CROW patients (including abductions) in 2016 is 1,766, so that makes 52 percent of animals cared for being

termed "abducted." Dr. Heather Barron, CROW's hospital director, has begun a program entitled "If You Care, Leave It There" in an effort to reduce the number of abducted animals entering the clinic. The message is clear, and the program offers a brochure that allows one to be educated on the difference between orphaned and abducted and what one can do once faced in a possible 'rescue" scenario.

Within the brochure, Dr. Barron offers information that everyone must adhere to:

"If you happen to see a young, wild animal, please leave it alone unless there appears to be something wrong – a clear injury or a fallen nest.

'If the nest has fallen out of a tree but the young inside the nest appear healthy, please replace the nest in the tree as high up as you can reach. If this is not possible, consider placing the nest in nearby bushes or even nailing it to the side of the tree in an area where the young will have some shade and shelter from the elements. If the nest itself is missing or damaged, an artificial nest may be created.

The brochure also educates on nestlings, fledglings, bunnies, raccoon kits, bobcat kittens and otter pups. You can pick up a hard copy at CROW's Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel Captiva Road or visit http:// crowclinic.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/lf-You-Care.pdf to view it online.

The statement on the front of the brochure is cut and

dry: "Humans are never a young animal's best hope for survival. They are its last hope.



An abducted mocking bird that CROW received last week

"A young animal should only be removed from the wild after all avenues to reunite it with an adult animal are exhausted.

"If you care, leave it there!"

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.☆



Ethan Uslan From page 1 Summer Concerts

highly acclaimed, talented musicians,' said Laura Slack, director of Resident Life. "This season focuses on the classics, highlighting traditions that include big band, jazz and classical musical numbers." The Summer Concert Series Performance Lineup features: The Stardust Memories Big Band, founded by Craig Christman of Naples, Florida, playing the original arrangements made famous by bands and band leaders including Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and others; Ethan Uslan, ragtime pianist, a three-time winner of the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest, who shifts keys, styles, speeds and harmonies to unite the sounds of the piano with the action



Maestro Nir Kabaretti

on the silver screen; Gulfshore Trio, performing classical favorites, from the chamber Masterworks of Mozart to music on the lighter side. The trio is comprised of violinist Reiko Niiya, concert pianist William Dawson, soloist with the Boston Pops and other orchestras, and cellist Shea Kole; and the Southwest Florida Chamber Symphony Orchestra with Maestro Nir Kabaretti, kicking off their 56th season with a Summer Staycation concert.

A concert series pass is \$50 - a savings of \$10. The bonus concert is not included in the pass; bonus concert tickets are \$25 each. The series pass, as well as individual tickets for all concerts, are available through the box office at 454-2067, or at shellpoint.org/ concerts.举



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Shell Point Welcomes Students To Butterfly Habitat Expedition



GLAD Center students learn about metamorphosis from Shell Point resident Lynda Freisner

Shell Point Retirement Community recently welcomed 44 students from the Gladiolus Learning and Development (GLAD) Center for a hands-on, educational visit to the Shell Point Butterfly Habitat, located on The Island. The tour coincided with the GLAD Center's study unit about butterfly lifecycles in late April.

Students listened to a lesson about metamorphosis by Shell Point resident Lynda Freisner, who described the process of cultivating an attractive garden. Children searched for winged insects from the Butterfly Habitat's shaded observation deck, while referencing photographs of frequently spotted butterflies.

The children also teamed up with residents from the nearby King's Crown assisted living facility to identify caterpillar species and chrysalises using magnifying glasses.

The GLAD Center students closed out their visit by enjoying sugar-glazed cookies in the shape of a Monarch butterfly and completing a butterfly-themed craft project with King's Crown residents. "It was rewarding to witness these intergenerational interactions as the children shared stories of how butterflies had hatched in their own class room," shared Morgan Clayman, assisted living activities supervisor.

Shell Point has partnered with the GLAD Center to facilitate monthly visits for several years. "The interactive programs have forged meaningful, intergenerational bonds between the kids and residents that are mutually beneficial," said Clayman.



Students closed out their visit by completing a butterfly-themed craft project





Assisted living resident John Eder works with a GLAD student

Assisted living resident Natalie Gudeman poses with GLAD students



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The search for winged insects from the Butterfly Habitat's shaded observation deck

2016 All Stars Coming To Hammond Stadium



The 2016 Florida State League All Star Game will be held on June 18 in Fort Myers photo courtesy of Linwood Ferguson, Captive Photons

The Fort Myers Miracle will play host to the 2016 Florida State League All-Star Game at Hammond Stadium in the CenturyLink Sports Complex on Saturday, June 18 at 7:05 p.m.

The 55th All-Star Game takes place for a sixth time in Fort Myers since 1985, with the Miracle – the Class A minor league baseball affiliate of the Minnesota Twins – hosting for a fifth time.

The stadium and sports complex recently underwent a two-phase, \$48.5 million renovation. Additions include an outfield boardwalk to provide 360-degree viewing, new seating options, open-air concession stands, two full-service bars and wider concourses.

"We are thrilled to show off this state-of-the art facility after the renovations and upgrades that have improved the fan experience the last two seasons," said Miracle Chief Operating Officer Steve Gliner. "This event will be a great opportunity not just for local fans, but also for guests from around Florida and the United States to



Fireworks light up the skies above Hammond Stadium

come and experience Fort Myers, Hammond Stadium and the beautiful Southwest Florida region."

The game features two teams with players from the South and North Divisions. The South Division includes the Bradenton Marauders, Charlotte Stone Crabs, Fort Myers Miracle, Jupiter Hammerheads, Palm Beach Cardinals and St. Lucie Mets. The North Division is comprised of the Brevard County Manatees, Clearwater Threshers, Daytona Tortugas, Dunedin Blue Jays, Lakeland Flying Tigers and Tampa Yankees.

A Home Run Derby precedes the game on Saturday, with a fireworks show erupting after the final out.

The game is presented by CenturyLink, Coors Light, Priority Marketing, Zambelli Fireworks and Lee County Sports Development.

To purchase tickets, call 768-4210 or visit miraclebaseball.com.



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As Good As The Red Sox Are Playing, That's How Bad Thé Twins Are Playing



by Ed Frank

olar opposites is the best way to describe the performances of the Minnesota Twins and the Boston Red Sox as the 2016 Major League baseball season reaches the one-third mark. We described last week the welcomed, surprising play of the Red Sox which, entering the Memorial Day Weekend, was atop the American League Eastern Division and, in fact, at 29-18 (.617), owned the best record in the league.

But then we look at our other Spring Training home team, the Minnesota Twins, and the picture is dismal, disappointing – you can even describe it as horrific.

With the worst record in all of baseball at the start of the holiday weekend, 12-34 (.261), you've got to wonder whether heads will soon roll in the Twins organization. Here was a team that just missed the playoffs a year ago and was thought to have the talent to reach post-season play this season.

Minnesota started 0-9 and went downhill from there.

Offensively, the team ranks last in the American League in runs scored and the pitching is just as bad with the second-worst ERA in the Majors.

Take a look at the American League leaders in home runs, RBIs, runs, hits, doubles, triples, stolen bases, pitchers' ERAs, wins, strikeouts and saves, and you won't find a single Twins player.

Now do you get the picture?

The dire situation wasn't helped any last week when Twins pitching coach Neil Allen was suspended following his arrest on suspicion of drunken driving.

Rheft Bollinger of Major League Baseball, who has reported on the Twins for years, wrote recently that he doesn't expect any front office or coaching changes. Twins owner Jim Pohlad has publicly stated his support for long-time general manager Terry Ryan. And, Ryan, in turn, has stated repeatedly his support of manager Paul Molitor.

Molitor is in the second year of a three-year contract and was Sporting News Manager of the Year in 2015 as a result of the Twins surprising performance. How times change!

While management may hold on for the season, that doesn't mean the Twins won't shop some players as the July 31 trade deadline nears.

Third-baseman Trevor Plouffe, who has a year left prior to his free agency, could be dealt to allow Miguel Sano to move from the outfield to his more natural position. Sano has struggled defensively in the outfield.

Then there is the repeated question when Byron Buxton, once rated the top prospect in baseball, could be called up from Triple A Rochester.

Buxton had difficulties hitting Major League pitching in his prior stints with the Twins. However, since being demoted to Rochester, he was the team's top hitter through last weekend with a .340 batting average in 25 games played. He had six home runs, 12 RBIs and four stolen bases. His on-base percentage was .398.

Most importantly, he has significantly reduced his strikeouts, which were nearly 50 percent when playing in the Majors, to 23 percent with Rochester.

Look for Buxton to return to the Twins soon.

There are still four months remaining in the 2016 season and maybe, hopefully, the Twins fortunes could improve. But any hope for post-season play is long gone being 14 games out of first place already.袋



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Father's Day Celebration

'n partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County and Lee County Black History Society, Inc., the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers will host its 6th annual Father's Day Celebration, an initiative created to strengthen families and communities by supporting dads, on Saturday, June 18 from noon to 4 p.m. at Roberto Clemente Park, located at 3265 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Fort Myers.

This year's Father's Day Celebration will be filled with a variety of fun and entertainment for the entire family to enjoy, including bounce houses, kids games, a basketball clinic, music, door prizes, food and drinks, stage performances, raffles, a Juneteenth exhibit and more.

Event attendees will



Kids at last year's Juneteenth celebration



Father's Day will be celebrated on June 18

also have an opportunity to receive free information from community businesses in the areas of wealth, health, education, job training, employment, housing, corporate and government services, and more

The HACFM will be combining its Father's Day festivities with the Lee County Black History Society's "Juneteenth" celebrations.

'It is the goal of the HACFM to encourage all fathers, especially absent fathers, to become a strong and vital part of their children's lives," said Marcus D. Goodson, executive director of the HACFM. "We hope to inspire and encourage our fathers to be a positive role model for their children by providing an atmosphere of love, support and entertainment during the Father's Day weekend and for the rest of their lives. It is our belief that with a strong family unit in place, children will thrive and become an instrumental part of the communities in which they live."

According to U.S. Census data, 24 million American children live in a home without a father. National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI), an organization created in 1994 to raise the awareness of the importance of fathers, states that children in homes without a father are five times more likely to be poor and more likely to drop out of school or be incarcerated. This is why the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children is crucial. The focus on Father's Day is meant to be a starting point - either a celebration of existing relationships or a reason to form first connections.

Sponsorships up to \$5,000 for the 6th annual Father's Day Celebration are still available. To become an event sponsor or to provide free information on social and economic resources and services, call Lori Rosado at 332-3825. For more information, visit www.hacfm.org.

SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. Three players have hit a home run for their 3,000th major-league hit. Name two of them.
- 2. In 2015, the Chicago White Sox's Chris Sale became the second pitcher to record double-digit strikeouts in eight consecutive games. Who else did it?
- 3. When was the last time the Cincinnati Bengals won an NFL playoff game?
- 4. In 2015, Steve Alford became the fourth UCLA men's basketball coach to reach the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 in each of his first two seasons. Who else did it?
- 5. Who scored the overtime goal in 1975 that gave the New York Islanders their first NHL playoff series triumph?
- 6. In 2015, Columbus' Justin Meram logged the fastest goal in Major League Soccer playoff history (9 seconds). What had been the fastest?
- 7. Which two schools have won the most NCAA Division I men's team swimming and diving championships?

ANSWERS

I. Wade Boggs, Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez. 2. Boston's Pedro Martinez (1999). 3. It was the 1990 season. 4. Gene Bartow (1976, '77), Gary Cunningham ('78, '79) and Steve Lavin ('97, '98). 5. J.P. Parise. 6. Columbus' Adrian Paz scored in 26 seconds in 1996. 7. Michigan and Texas, with 12 each.

PACE Receives National Recognition

The Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) has selected PACE Center for Girls (PACE) as an inaugural recipient of the Accelerating Change Award, an honor recognizing programs across the country that demonstrate commitment to reaching and serving diverse populations of young women and girls of color who are involved or at high risk of involvement in public systems.

"PACE is proud of the work we have done throughout our 30 years of serving girls across Florida," said Mary Marx, PACE Center for Girls president and CEO. "Our holistic program model has successfully married academics with trauma-informed practice to create bright futures for more than 37,000 PACE Alumnae and another 2,300 girls served in our centers each year. We are thankful for the recognition provided by the Accelerating Change Award, and look forward to creating more opportunity for girls as we expand our impact to Georgia and across the nation."

"Organizations like PACE Center for Girls are changing the narrative about young women and girls of color," added Tashira Halyard, CSSP senior associate and lead for Alliance for Racial Equity in Child Welfare. "Too many of our girls and young women of color are placed on a path toward negative outcomes after experiences with public systems that are meant to protect them and support them. Rather than perpetuating what is often an 'abuse-to-prison pipeline,' these organizations are lifting up and supporting our young women and girls of color as crucial to our nation's future."

In addition to national recognition, PACE will receive an honorarium to support its work, an opportunity to join a network of similar high-performing initiatives, and attend the United State of Women Summit hosted by the White House in Washington, DC in June.

Marx will be on a panel at the summit, exploring how to create opportunity for marginalized girls.

Visit cssp.org or pacecenter.org for more information.

Dress Collection Drive For PACE

Leriabank continues the "i" Gives Back community outreach program with a dress collection drive benefiting PACE Center for Girls of Lee County, now through Friday, July 29.

New and gently loved dresses, women's shoes and handbags are sought for resale at the 8th annual Love that Dress! Fundraiser, scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Estero.

Clothing and accessories may be donated at bank branches in Lee County: 2247 First Street, Fort Myers, 332-3527; 6651 Orion Drive, Fort Myers, 225-4560; 4670 Summerlin Road, Fort Myers, 985-2660; 9101 College Pointe Court, Fort Myers, 332-4440; 7580 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 481-2875; 812 Del Prado Boulevard South, Cape Coral, 985-8120; 2546 Heydon Lane, Cape Coral, 433-6000; and 23250 Via Villagio, Estero, 985-8140.

In addition to the dress collection, the bank is the presenting sponsor for the Funky Fashion Show fundraiser on Monday, June 27 from 5:30 to 9 p.m., at Cape Cabaret, 4725 Vincennes Boulevard, in Cape Coral. Started in 2014 by Iberiabank, this event raises money and collects dresses for PACE. Admission is \$30, or \$25 with a new or gently loved donation.

To learn more, contact ToniRae. Hurley@iberiabank.com or visit LoveThatDress.org.*

Renaissance Academy Classes, Lectures Offered

Florida Gulf Coast University's (FGCU) Renaissance Academy for adults announces its 2016 summer program, offering a curriculum of single lectures, short courses, day trips and special events.

Topics include iPad/iPhone, Windows 8, mah jongg, tai chi, yoga, writing programs, art history, photography, a foreign and classic film discussion series, healthy living, World War II, spies and espionage, birding, baseball, Hollywood legends and more.

There are no exams or grades.

Course fees are typically \$25 per lecture. The programs are open to everyone at the academy's many locations, such as FGCU Naples Center on 5th Avenue South, Moorings Park in Naples, Bentley Village in Naples, The Arlington in east Naples, The Brooks Commons Club in Bonita Springs and the Atrium Executive Center in Fort Myers.

Summer specials include one free lecture for first-time participants. Returning students can purchase two lectures and get the third free with a membership.

A free, complete academy program guide can be found at local libraries or by calling 425-3272. Register online by going to RegisterRA.fgcu.edu.

Beach Chamber Sets Bowling Bash Fundraiser



Hit the lanes with members of the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce at the 3rd annual Beach Chamber Bowling Bash at Beach Bowl and Pelican's Arcade on Thursday, July 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. The Bash is open to the public. Enter a team of up to five players and play from either 5 to 7 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for Winning Team, Best Score and Worst Score. This year's theme is the 1960s, so there will also be an award for Best Dressed.

Cost per team is \$150. However, if you don't want to bowl, you can still join in the fun as part of the gallery for \$10. There will be free pool, cornhole and other games for all attendees as well as free food and a cash bar. There will also be plenty of raffle prizes.

Chamber member businesses can also hang their banner at the bash for \$50. Beach Bowl and Pelican's Arcade is located at 17651 San Carlos Blvd. Fort Myers Beach, 33931.

For more information or to register, visit www.BeachChamberBowl.com or call $454\text{-}7500.\ref{scheme}$



Financial Focus Identity Theft



dentity theft is a big problem. How big? Consider this: In 2015, about 13 million Americans were victimized, with a total fraud amount of \$15 billion, according to Javelin Strategy &

Research. That's a lot of victims, and a lot of money. How can you protect yourself from becoming a statistic?

Here are a few suggestions:

 Secure your Social Security number. Identity thieves eagerly seek Social Security numbers – so don't give out yours to anyone who asks for it. In fact, as a general rule, be reluctant to give it out at all. Always ask whomever you're dealing with if he or she will accept another form of identification, or at the very least will take just the last four digits of your number. And never carry your Social Security card with you.

• Shred credit card offers and bank statements. If you're not going to apply for the credit cards offered to you, shred the offers. Identity thieves have been known to go through garbage, fill out credit card offers and take advantage of them. At the same time, shred your bank and brokerage statements along with any other statement containing personal or financial information.

• Study your credit card bills and checking account statements. Question any credit card charge or checking account activity you don't recognize as your own.

• Don't give out your credit card number unless you're initiating a purchase. Many of us shop online. As long as you're dealing with a reputable merchant who uses a secure site – i.e., one that has "https" in the web address – you should be fairly confident that your credit card information will be protected. Never give out your credit card number to people or businesses who, unsolicited, try to sell you something over the phone or Internet.

• Protect your passwords. Do you use a password to log onto your computer? If so, don't share it with anyone, outside perhaps your most trusted family members. And use a strong password - one that doesn't contain your real name or even a complete word that could be used to identify you. Also, it doesn't hurt to periodically change your password, whether it's for your computer logon or for entry to any of your financial or consumer accounts.

Even after taking these steps, you could still run into identity theft. That's why you need to watch for certain signs, such as the arrival of unexpected credit cards or account statements, denials of credit for no clear reason, or calls or letters regarding purchases you didn't make. If any of these things happen to you, you

may want to place a "fraud alert" on your credit reports and review them carefully.

Three national credit-reporting companies - Equifax, Experian and TransUnion

- keep records of your credit history. If someone has misused your personal or financial information, contact one of the companies and ask for an initial fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free, but you must provide proof of your identity. And the company you call must tell the other companies about your alert. (For more information on placing a fraud alert, visit the website of any of the three companies.)

You can help preserve your good name from those who want to misuse it so stay vigilant.

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bove Board Chamber of Florida will present two seminars, one in Fort Myers and one in Naples, for instruction on gaining exposure for your business. Panelists will share experiences, tips and strategies.

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FGCU Appoints New Director

Norida Gulf Coast University appointed Dr. John Woolschlager as the backe chair in renewable energy and director of the Emergent Technologies Institute.

Woolschlager will also serve as a professor of environmental engineering and director of engineering graduate programs when his appointment takes effect August 7. He succeeds the inaugural backe chair, Dr. Joseph Simmons, who is retiring.

"I am very pleased to have been able to recruit such an outstanding faculty member and administrator," said Dr. Richard Behr, dean of FGCU's U.A. Whitaker College of Engineering. "I believe that Dr. Woolschlager has the experience and skills needed to create successful research and graduate programs within the new Emergent Technologies Institute.

Prior to his appointment, Woolschlager was the director of the Center for Sustainability at St. Louis University (SLU), which offers sustainability-focused graduate degrees and serves as a catalyst for developing sustainability research across the university. Under his leadership, the center doubled its full-time equivalent students, developed significant funded research, added faculty positions and created academic programs. Woolschlager joined SLU as the founding

Yourself will be held Thursday, June 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe Street in Fort Myers, and on Monday, June 13, at the Hilton Naples, 5111 Tamiami Trail North.

Fort Myers panelists include: Hope Daley, co-founder and executive producer of Guerilla Media; Erica Queenie" Castner, founder of Queen of Results; Keith Grossman, Grossman Law & Conflict Management; and Barbara Langdon, Market Momentum, LLC. Connie Ramos-Williams, president and chief marketing officer for CONRIC PR & Marketing will serve as emcee.

Naples panelists include: Laurel Lofton, Waterman Broadcasting; Matthew Dykes, co-founder and CEO of Guerilla Media; Barbara Langdon, Market Momentum, LLC; and Sue Huff, E. Sue Huff and Associates. Ingrid Fuller, president of Fuller Online Solutions will serve as emcee.

The sponsor of the Naples luncheon is David M. Kover & Associates, LLC.

After June 2, registration for the Fort Myers luncheon is \$30 for members and \$33 for guests. The Naples luncheon is \$25 for members and \$30 for guests before Monday, June 6. After June 6, registration is \$28 for members and \$33 for guests.

Price includes lunch, beverage, networking and panel discussion.

To register, or for more information, visit aboveboardchamber.com or call 910-7426.举

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April Airport Traffic Down

uring the month of April, 900,594 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport, a slight decrease of 0.2 percent compared to April 2015. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 6.1 percent from the same period last year.

The traffic leader in April was Southwest with 195,573 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Delta (189,452), American (143,072), JetBlue (114,078) and United (78,521). The airport had 8,215 aircraft

movements (takeoffs and landings), a decrease of 0.5 percent compared to April 2015. Page Field saw 9,971 movements, a 3.2 percent increase from April 2015.

Southwest Florida International Airport served nearly 8.4 million passengers in 2015 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. For more information, visit flylcpa.com or facebook.com/flyRSW.举

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led that department through its initial accreditation. "I feel very strongly that with the new

Emergent Technologies Institute, FGCU is well positioned to make significant advances in sustainable energy, environmental sustainability research and graduate education programs," Woolschlager said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to lead these important initiatives.

Woolschlager held prior faculty appointments at Arizona State University and the University of North Florida. He has been involved in more than \$3 million of collaborative funding, supporting his research focus on the analysis and modeling of environmental processes. He has a doctorate in environmental engineering from Northwestern University.

As the backe chair in Renewable Energy, Woolschlager will lead the continued development of the ETI, the new 25,000-square-foot facility with an emphasis on renewable energy and environmental sustainability. He also will be responsible for enhancing collaborative external research funding with the engineering, science and business programs; leading development of new graduate engineering programs; organizing and conducting outreach activities to cultivate awareness of renewable energy and environmental sustainability in Southwest Florida; and supporting efforts to attract industry partners in various emergent technologies.

For more information, contact Dr. Behr at 590-7390.

Philanthropic Group Hosting Symposium

The Partnership for Philanthropic Planning (PPP) of Lee County will present the 2016 Planned Giving Symposium at Florida Southwestern State College on Friday, June 17 from 8

College on Friday, June 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Keynote speaker Larry Raff, president and principal of Copley Raff, Inc., will provide useful techniques, tools and strategies that will help participants rapidly build a major donor program. In addition, Raff will demonstrate techniques to more accurately scope and determine the size of a successful major gift ask. He will discuss a series of qualitative and quantitative questions designed to capture key intelligence about a potential donor.

ligence about a potential donor. Copley Raff, Inc. is a national management and fundraising consulting firm that specializes in raising the sights of nonprofit organizations and helping them to meet aspirational goals. "For more than 30 years Larry Raff

"For more than 30 years Larry Raff and his firm have served hundreds of organizations of all sizes and reach from every nonprofit sector, and have earned a reputation for achieving client objectives through both creative and rigorous application of proven advancement practices," said Marcia Hobe, president of PPP Lee County. "This is an excellent opportunity for non-profit professionals, board members, volunteers, and community leaders to have an engaging day of education and networking."

Sponsors include The Harper Foundation, The Estate Planning Council of Lee County/Leave a Legacy, Florida SouthWestern State College Foundation, Cape Coral Community Foundation, Hughes, Snell & Co., PA, the Lee Memorial Foundation, Myers, Brettholtz & Company, PA, Trevett Capital Partners and Intech Printing. Registration is \$60 and includes conti-

Registration is \$60 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register go to www.ppplee.org. $\stackrel{,}{\not\sim}$

End Domestic Violence Fundraiser

A buse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) will host the 2nd annual Together We Can End Domestic Violence Luncheon on Friday, July 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Port LaBelle Inn, 1563 Oxbow Drive in LaBelle.

The luncheon looks to bring attention to the issue of domestic violence, provide businesses with a

networking opportunity and also raise funds for domestic violence programs.

Charles Chapman, Hendry County administrator, is keynote speaker. The luncheon includes a light meal, raffle and a Q-and-A session.

The cost is \$35 per person. Seating is limited and early registration is encouraged. For more information on sponsorship opportunities or to register, contact Raquel Torres at 939-2553 or visit actabuse.com/event/together-wecan-end-domestic-violence-luncheon-atport-labelle-inn/.**

Survivors Day At Cancer Center

ee Memorial Health System's Regional Cancer Center will host a free luncheon in recognition of National Cancer Survivors Day, an annual nationwide and global celebration of life, on Sunday, June 5 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Broadway Palm Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard, in Fort Myers.

Debra Townsend-York, of Concepts of Care, Inc., known for offering messages of inspiration, humor, hope and healing, is the guest speaker.

Survivors Day is a celebration for those who have survived, an inspiration for those recently diagnosed, a gathering of support for families and an outreach to the community.

Sponsors include 21st Century Oncology, Florida Cancer Specialists, Florida Gynecologic Oncology, The Landings Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club, and the Comrie Cancer Foundation.

Reservations are required by calling 343-9557 or emailing your name, phone number and number of guests (two maximum) to Debbie.Manee@ LeeMemorial.org.

Learn more at ncsd.org or by going to leememorial.org.☆

Pets Looking For Forever Homes

ee County Domestic Animal

Services' staff and volunteers invite adopters to come in and give a pet a loving home.

Dogs 40 pounds and over have a \$50 fee. Cats six months and older can be adopted for \$30 in June, with a two-forone promotion also being offered at that price.

All adoptions include over \$500 in veterinary services such as spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, 10-day pet health guarantee, microchip, heartworm test and flea treatment.

The shelter, located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, is open for adoptions Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Volunteers can help adopters select the pet that is best suited for their lifestyle and family.

Agencies Can Apply For Emergency Funds

The United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades announced it will accept applications for funds to supplement emergency food and shelter programs through Wednesday, June 15 at 5 p.m.

The three counties have been awarded \$309,406 in federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

To be selected for these funds, local agencies must be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government; have an accounting system; practice nondiscrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and if they are private voluntary organizations, they must have a voluntary board.

Public or private voluntary agencies can apply by contacting the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades, 7273 Concourse Drive in Fort Myers or by calling Danyale Kinney at 433-2000 ext. 261 and requesting an application. Learn more by visiting unitedwaylee.

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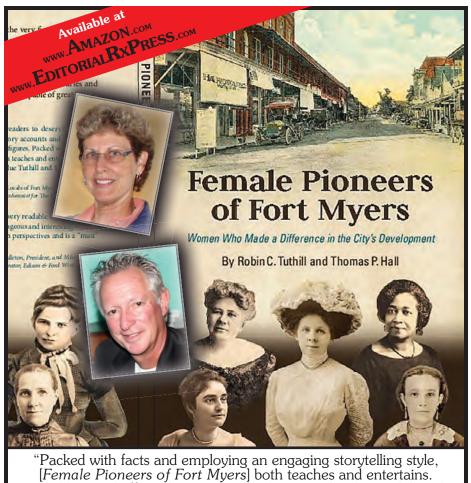
Adopt A Shelter Cat Month

The Gulf Coast Humane Society celebrates National Adopt A Shelter Cat month during June by putting a spotlight on special felines available for new homes.

Those interested in adopting multiple cats 1 year or older can take advantage of special pricing. Cats who have been at the shelter nine months or longer will be available to foster before the adoption process to ensure a perfect fit for both the cat and owner. There will also be an opportunity to win a gift basket for those who adopt a cat during the month of June.

The society is located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers. For more information, call 332-0364 or visit gulfcoasthumanesociety.org.*

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[*Female Pioneers of Fort Myers*] both teaches and entertains. Local history buffs and newcomers to history will value Tuthill and Hall's research and appreciate the accessible format, too."

Gerri Reaves, PhD, author of Legendary Locals of Fort Myers and Fort Myers, Then & Now



After You

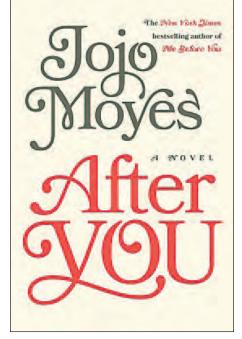
by Di Saggau

A fter You is the sequel to Jojo Moyes' bestselling *Me Before You* about Louisa Clark, a young caregiver who falls in love with her quadriplegic charge, Will, and then loses him

when he chooses suicide over a life of constant pain. And yes, you need to read that book first or at least see the movie that is out on June 3.

After You begins 18 months after Will's death, and Louisa is still grieving. She has moved out of her parents' house in the small English village where she grew up and into a flat in London. There are no personal touches in her home. She works in a dreary Irish-themed airport pub that's about as Irish as Mahatma Gandi. Those are Louisa's words. I love the way Moyes uses her sense of humor throughout the book, while wrestling with serious characters and situations. Describing her family dynamics is done with humorous affection about workingclass Brits.

After falling off her apartment roof, Louisa momentarily fears she'll end up paralyzed herself. But Sam, the paramedic who treats her, does a great job. She recovers and temporarily moves back in with her parents. When Louisa moves back to London, she finds a troubled 16-year-old named Lilly on her doorstep. Louisa is not ready to accept the baggage this young gal brings with her. She throws a fit when Lilly borrows her bumblebee



tights, and there's good reason for that. Louisa attends a "Moving On" support

group in a church basement, but she's not moving on. She dresses drably, ignoring her usual outlandish wardrobe. Sam, although she doesn't realize it at first, is Louisa's savior, but it takes her a long time to realize his worth. He's almost too good to be true. For Louisa, life after Will Traynor means learning to fall in love again, with all the risks that it brings. She finally follows the advice Will left her in a note. "You're going to feel uncomfortable in your new world for a bit. It always does feel strange to be knocked out of your comfort zone. There is a hunger in you Clark. A fearlessness. You just buried it, like most people do. Just live well. Just live.

After You will make you laugh, cry

and rejoice at being back in the world Moyes creates. She has the formula down pat for understanding family dynamics and social issues with a rollicking sense of humor. I feel her adventures may continue into another book. Let's hope so.

Foundation Awards Scholarships

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation recently granted \$550,550 in scholarships to local high school students, as well as undergraduate and graduate students from Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties.

An additional \$129,350 was awarded by outside committee and/or designated by the school. A total of 107 students received funds through 82 scholarships.

received funds through 82 scholarships. During the 2016 scholarship season, more than 1,000 eligible applications were received and reviewed by more than 70 volunteers.

"Thanks to the generous donors who established and continue to support scholarship funds, we are able to assist students entering college or training programs, and adults returning to school," said Sarah Owen, president and CEO of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

Ten new scholarships were awarded this year, including the Patricia Means Scholarship Fund for B or C students from Southwest Florida who enroll full time at a technical school, community college or four-year college or university. Five local students earned this scholarship. Each will receive a total of \$40,000 payable at \$10,000 annually up to four years, contingent upon satisfactory progress reports and continued enrollment at a postsecondary school.

The Means Scholarship is named for Patricia Means, who passed away in 2014 at the age of 88, at her home in Shell Point Retirement Community. Originally from Fort Wayne, Indiana, Means raised five children with her husband, Richard, and moved to Cape Coral in 1982.

According to the foundation, Means felt there was a need in the community for individuals who were not A students, but were motivated and showed promise in receiving a post-secondary education. In her estate documents, Means directed the foundation to set up the fund in this way.

"Scholarships like the ones honoring Patricia Means are important, and signify our work with our donors and the FutureMakers Coalition," said Owen. "We have been able to shift the way scholarships are granted to better benefit the students' ability to not only access schooling, but to complete it through vocational college. These scholarships are not just for attendance at colleges and universities."

According to Owen, some scholarships not as highly sought after include those for students with disabilities, student-athletes, individuals pursuing a specific field of study such as teaching the deaf or blind, students with church membership or community service hours in a facility like a veterans hospital, adults going back to school, individuals from particular schools or communities, and those pursuing a graduate or professional degree.

For more information, call 274-5900 or visit floridacommunity.com.

It has given parents a broader view into how their child is doing, and parents are looking at far more than a test score.

Portfolio assessment has its challenges however. It is more time-consuming than putting scan sheets through a computer. Teachers need training in how to use digital platforms and how to plan assessments so they can provide students with implementable feedback, rather than just a number or percentage from a test. There are philosophical differences as well, since portfolio assessment is designed to record student growth, encourage reflection and honor the idiosyncrasies of personal choice not to promote standardization and uniformity that is often the goal in some schools. Portfolio assessment is a better way to honor a student's learning accomplishments than just test scores.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

ear Shelley,

My kids will be going to a different school next fall where they have to keep a digital portfolio of their work. This is new to them and me. Please explain what

this is and how we can get ready to make these portfolios.

Zhandra B., Fort Myers

Zhandra,

Portfolio assessment has been (more or less) a popular way to assess children's academic growth for the past 15 to 20 years. It basically means that children are assessed using samples of classroom work to document their progress toward learning goals. It also means finding room for bulging binders stuffed with paper and keeping them intact and organized across time. Now, digital technologies are making it so much easier to collect, curate, share and store student work. The physical barriers of keeping so much paper together that once made portfolio assessment daunting have been eliminated by technology and schools are now taking another look at the practice.

With the aid of user-friendly and sometimes lower cost technology, schools are turning to digital portfolios to track assignments, communicate with parents, and help students reflect on their own educational progress. Google Tools suite is free software that is often used. It allows students to compile portfolios that include everything from essays on the Roman Empire to photos of art projects to videos of the school play or state championship sports game. And digital portfolios stay with students as they move through school and graduate, possibly providing raw material for college applications and resumes.

Typically in the elementary years, teachers snap and upload digital photos of handwritten work. In the upper grades, students accustomed to electronically documenting their school lives habitually upload essays and lab reports and record video of their oral presentations. Students learn the process quickly, and by the time they are in middle school, documenting their work digitally is just part of how they submit their work.

"When you can show parents a prod-

uct, like an essay that started as a rough draft and was really clunky and then you show the growth, it's a big win," said Marty Creel, who started a pilot program as an administrator in Maryland's Montgomery County Public Schools.

Each year, students build voluminous electronic archives out of which they curate a smaller set of required assignments, entering links to each item into a spreadsheet that teachers can access at grading time. Choosing which items to include in portfolios requires students to think about their own development in a way that traditional assessments don't. Students can then access the same links later, for a refresher on past material.

"The portfolio is really the students showcasing their work, their growth over time, telling their own story of their learning," said Helen Barrett, a retired education professor at the University of Alaska-Anchorage.

Teachers can upload photos of young children's handwritten work, audio of students reading their own compositions aloud, or video of conversations between teachers and students about their writing strengths and weaknesses. Then, parents receive electronic notifications on their smartphone or computer of the postings and can access their children's portfolios.

Beauty Queen To Speak At Symposium



Haely Jardas

Reigning Miss District of Columbia, Haely Jardas, is slated to be the keynote speaker at the Mental Health Educational Symposium at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Monday, October 24.

Jardas, a Fort Myers native and mental health advocate, will speak at the Food for Thought: Feeding the Mind, Body and Soul symposium that is being presented by Hope Clubhouse. The discussion will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the theater's 1380 Colonial Boulevard location in Fort Myers.

The theme, Food for Thought, reflects the initiative behind the Hope Clubhouse new edible Garden of Hope that promotes better nutrition and healthier lifestyles for adults living with mental illness.

In the September Miss America contest, Jardas established the platform "Mental Health Matters." Having suffered from anxiety and depression, Jardas' message to the public was that anxiety disorders and depression are common, particularly among college students. However, they are highly treatable illnesses, and help is available. She continues to encourage the public to reach out to lawmakers at all levels to pass mental health legislation.

A graduate of Cypress Lake High School and the American University in Washington, DC, Jardas is currently a program manager for the DC Statehood Initiatives Agency.

In addition to the keynote address, a panel of local advocates will discuss the state of mental health care in Southwest Florida, and what can be done to improve the quality of life of people living with mental illness. The panel for the symposium will include Judge H. Andrew Swett of the Lee County Mental Health Court, Fort Myers psychiatrist Dr. Omar Rieche and Hope Clubhouse member Cindy Bishop. News-Press executive editor and vice president of content Cindy McCurry-Ross will serve as emcee.

Continuing Education Units can be earned for qualifying professionals in attendance.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact James Wineinger at 900-4200 or email jwineinger@hopeclubhouse.org.**

Foundation Seeks Volunteers, School Supplies



Children from the Harlem Heights neighborhood receive supplies from The Heights Foundation at the 2015 school supply outreach

The Heights Foundation is seeking individuals, businesses, churches and organizations to provide school supplies and volunteer for The Heights Center's annual outreach program on Saturday, July 30 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The program will be held at The Heights Center, 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers. The program provides backpacks and school essentials for nearly 450 low-income children living in the Harlem Heights neighborhood.

"Our goal is to ensure that every child in Harlem Heights has the necessary supplies to succeed in school," said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of The Heights Foundation. "The poverty rate for children in Harlem Heights is more than twice the county average. Many parents cannot provide all the things their student will need. We want to send our students back to school ready to learn."

The center has a wish list that includes new and durable backpacks, binders, highlighters, paper, USB flash drives, scissors, folders, crayons, markers, paper and notebooks.

"We are looking for organizations whose members can band together to meet the need," said Nancy Sanchez, The Heights Center's Programs and Family Advocacy coordinator. "The 450 backpacks are the largest investment, costing more than \$6,500. A business may be able to sponsor the backpacks, a church or philanthropic organization could provide crayons, markers or notebooks. Monetary donations may also be made online at our website or mailed."

To donate or volunteer, call Nancy Sanchez at 482-7706 or nancy@ heightsfoundation.org. Make monetary donations at heightsfoundation.org/ donate or mail to: The Heights Center, 15570 Hagie Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908.[‡]

ANOTHER REASON TO LOVE FLORIDA JOINT REGENERATION THERAPY

Applications Sought For Blue Chip Awards

The 22nd annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Awards, coordinated and sponsored by BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company and BB&T Bank, takes place on Thursday, November 3 at Harborside Event Center, located at 1375 Monroe Street in Fort Myers.

The annual Blue Chip Award program recognizes successful, small business owners who have overcome adversity to achieve success.

Charlotte, Collier and Lee County for-profit businesses that have been in operation for at least three years under the same ownership and employ five to 400 people are eligible for the award. Applications must be submitted no later than September 6. Independent judges will select the winning entry.

The 2016 Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award is endorsed by the Bonita Springs Area

Chamber of Commerce, Business Observer, Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte County Economic Development Office, Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida, City of Cape Coral Economic Development Office, Englewood-Cape Haze Area Chamber of Commerce, Estero Chamber of Commerce, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida Southwestern State College, Florida Weekly, Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, Greater Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce, Gulfshore Business, Hodges University, Lee County Economic Development Office/Horizon Council, Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Florida Business Today, Southwest Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

For information on the program or to submit an application, contact Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or SMercado@ BBandT.com.☆ More and more people are choosing Prolotherapy and Stem Cell Therapy for joint *regeneration* over joint *replacement*.

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deaRPharmacist Catalase Enzyme **Reduces** Peróxide And Pain



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

ear **Readers:** When you think of peroxide, you think of those brown bottles from the drugstore. Some people use it like cheap bleach to lighten hair color, but mostly it's poured on wounds

as a disinfectant. Going grey is your sign of too much peroxide, it's a sign of "rusting," metabolically speaking. Peroxide sometimes goes by its

molecular acronym, H2O2, which means there are two hydrogen and two oxygen atoms. Last week, my autoimmune video shocked a lot of you because I said we all make hydrogen peroxide in our own body, all day long! I also said there's a lot more peroxide happening in you if you have Hashimoto's and other autoimmune diseases and that it produces pain and flare-ups. However, I want to be fair and tell you today that peroxide isn't bad. Excessive peroxide is bad.

First, I'll tell you why peroxide isn't bad. Your thyroid gland requires peroxide to make thyroid hormone. Without

enough peroxide, you can't make Thyroid Peroxidase" enzyme, or TPO. It's this TPO enzyme that forms thyroid hormones for you, so see, it's not really a bad guy. It's also a chemical messenger in your body. In a perfect world, and healthy body, the peroxide you create will rapidly turn into water and oxygen, with the help of an enzyme called catalase (you make that too). It's the oxygen coming off the peroxide which makes the bubbles and fizzing you associate with peroxide.

So we're clear now, right? You get that peroxide isn't toxic in and of itself, but it's definitely toxic in high amounts. It's like acid. It's like bleach. It destroys your cell membranes, it causes pain, it makes your hair turn grey, and it causes peroxidation in your lipids which leads to bad cholesterol ratios, diabetes and heart attack.

Millions of people have too much peroxide and not enough catalase on board to degrade it in the cells. Remember, catalase enzyme turns peroxide into water and oxygen. I have more information and a video about catalase and the connection to thyroid disease at my website suzyco-hen.com. Just sign up for my newsletter.

Controlling peroxide is critical if you have an autoimmune disease of any sort, especially one that affects your thyroid. You're probably wondering how you get excessive peroxide. Honestly, it's easy, some of you probably keep creating it all day long.

If you eat or drink junk foods, sugar, candy, soda... these things are refined

and pro-inflammatory, so within seconds you've spawned hydrogen peroxide in your body. Let the rusting begin! We can overwhelm our antioxidant systems so easily with alcohol, emotional stress and even physical workouts or all-nighters.

One more way, if you supplement with high doses of iodine, you'll make more peroxide, this is why people with Hashimoto's react badly to iodine at times. There's a balance with iodine and selenium which I've explained in other articles at my website. Remember, without catalase (and also glutathione), you can't put out the peroxide flame.

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

Free CPR Class

Tn just one hour on a Saturday morning, you could learn how to save someone's life. Save The Date – Save A Life is a free community cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class offered by Lee Memorial Health System in collaboration with local fire and rescue districts. Most anyone can learn these easy techniques that can make the difference between life and death.

"Knowing CPR for the average person is very important," said Čindy Brown, vice president of patient care at HealthPark Medical Center. "It's those

first few minutes that are critical when someone stops breathing. All too often people die because no one knows what to do before emergency help arrives.

The class doesn't require a large time commitment and is offered on a Saturday, when many people have free time. Save The Date - Save A Life will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 4 at Lee Memorial Hospital, 2776 Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Reservations can be made by calling 343-6853

According to the American Heart Association, four to six minutes is the window of opportunity for someone to act before it's too late, but less than onethird of cardiac arrest victims get CPR from someone nearby. Save The Date - Save A Life offers the opportunity for more people to learn the life-saving techniques of CPR. You do not need a medical background to take the training, and even young people can learn to administer CPR to someone who has stopped breathing.

Save The Date – Save A Life training is offered through Lee Memorial Health System and Lee County Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Rescue professionals from these organizations will instruct the community on adult CPR, choking, and automated external defibrillators (AED) – a portable electronic device that is used to reestablish an effective heart rhythm. Participants will also receive an informational book on CPR from the American Heart Association.举

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My wife has invaded my space.

I retired and looked forward to doing all of the things I could not do while employed, e.g. sleeping in after a late night, having fun for hours on my computer and leisurely walks with the dog.

My wife wanted to stay on with her job and her many social activities.

The past six years have been so much fun and I have had the time to look at the cooking shows and I always have dinner ready when she returns.

But now my wife has retired and is not so involved socially and so I cannot enjoy my fun in privacy. I love my wife but I wish she would

leave me alone. What do you suggest I do?

Harvey

Dear Harvey, This is a reversal of roles; we usually hear about men invading a woman's space.

Your wife could also be having a difficult time. I would suggest you try to have a non-threatening discussion with her or have a relative or friend be part of the discussion.

Encourage your wife to take up some of her former social activities in retirement that gave her pleasure while she was employed.

Dear Harvey,

Perhaps gender equality has made it to another layer of gender politics!

Welcome, welcome to the world of many women who have worked at home only to be invaded when their husbands retire and feel that they can run the home as they had run their office.

Sorry, no sympathy here. I would recommend you discuss with your wife and restructure the home and activities so both of you are not under foot and bothersome to one another.

Pryce

Lizzie

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

Doctor and Dietician Lacking In Energy?



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

he number of people that come to Caring Medical with the complaint of low energy is huge. In this fastpaced world we live in, it is becoming harder and harder to do everything we need to do, in the time we need to do it in, and then still have time and energy left for ourselves. It's time to find out what works for you, so that you can do the things you need to do and feel great while doing them!

So what is going to give you energy? First, simply eat as many fresh, homecooked meals as possible. Second, lessen your intake of "fake" chemical foods and eliminate excessive intake of junk,

such as sodas. This includes diet soda. It may not contain any calories, but the aspartame, phosphoric acid, potassium benzoate and other chemicals are draining your energy.

Pre-packaged meals are convenient, but are not nutritious. Have you ever looked at the ingredients in these revolutionary boxed meals? They frequently contain over 30 ingredients. If you were to prepare a similar meal at home, you would probably use 5-10 ingredients, and it would taste so much better! You don't need all of the harsh preservatives, food chemicals and hydrogenated fats that come along with those quick fix meals. Convenience is important, but your health is so much more.

Yogurt is the last one we'll touch on today. The "low sugar" or "sugar free" fruit-flavored yogurts are loaded with artificial sweeteners. Choose plain yogurt and jazz it up with some nuts, seeds and fresh or dried fruit. Greek yogurt is really high in protein and the lowest in sugar. It all comes down to choosing fresher foods so that the body is not as drained by the processed, chemical-laden foods.

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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PETS OF THE WEEK



Belle ID# 661794



Tiger ID# 264911

Hello, my name is Belle. I'm a 5-year-old female brown cathoula Leopard dog mix. I was found out in Lehigh Acres, and that's all that is known about my past. I'm too special not to have a story so here I begin. Chapter One. I'm a lovely, calm, gentle dog with a strikingly beautiful patched coat of various colors. I've had a litter or two of puppies and was an excellent mother but I can't wait to get spayed because that means my next stop will be going home to a real family who will love me and never let me go. Please be my fairy tail ending.

Adoption Fee: \$50 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' "Once Upon A Time" adoption promo.

Hi, I'm Tiger. I'm a 25-year-old spayed female orange tabby domestic short hair. I think I look pretty good for being, not just old, but really old, 25-years old to be exact. That's more than I can count in human years! My owner had me since I was a kitten but had to give me up due to his health issues. I am very much in need of a nice quiet home to live out the rest of my life. Could you give me that happy ending? Adoption Fee: \$25 for senior pets.

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

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

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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.5

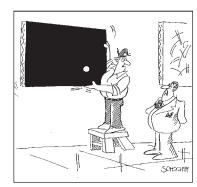
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Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre.	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light	
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts.	948-4427
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Gulf Coast Symphony	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321
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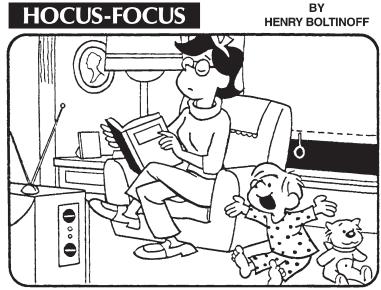
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SUDOKU

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.

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Blue Crab Salad With Avocado

- 1/3 cup red onion, finely chopped 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro,
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- 3 teaspoons fresh squeezed lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon lime zest
- 8 ounces jumbo lump blue crabmeat, picked over for shells
- 1 large ripe avocado, halved, pitted, peeled

Mix together red onion, mayonnaise, cilantro, lime juice, cumin and lime zest in medium sized mixing bowl. Gently mix in crabmeat. Season salad with salt and pepper. Drizzle avocado halves with remaining 1 teaspoon lime juice to prevent discoloration and season with salt and pepper. Arrange avocado halves, cut side up, on plates. Fill tops of avocado with crab salad. Garnish salad with lime wedges.

Yield: 2 servings.☆



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My Stars ****

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there, waiting for you to find them.

LÉO (July 23 to August 22) Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is illadvised. Control your curiosity in order to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way. **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On June 11, 1509, King Henry VIII of England marries Catherine of Aragon, the first of his eventual six wives. When Catherine failed to produce a male heir, Henry divorced her against the will of the Roman Catholic Church, thus precipitating the Protestant Reformation in England.

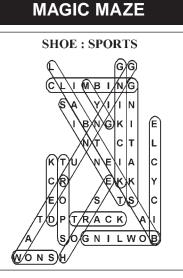
• On June 9, 1772, colonists, angered by the British Parliament's passing of the Townshend Acts restricting colonial trade, board the HMS Gaspee, an armed British customs schooner, and set it aflame. When British officials arrived to investigate the incident, they found no one willing to identify those involved.

• On June 12, 1924, the first Bush president, George Herbert Walker Bush, is born in Milton, Massachusetts. Bush served in the Navy during World War II and survived a harrowing ordeal when his torpedo bomber was shot down over the Pacific.

• On June 8, 1948, a hand-built aluminum prototype labeled "No. 1" becomes the first vehicle to bear the name of Porsche. Dubbed the Type 356, the sports car used modified Volkswagen drivetrain components.

• On June 7, 1962, the banking institution Credit Suisse opens the first drive-through bank in Switzerland. The branch featured eight glass pavilions, seven outfitted for left-hand drive cars and one for right-hand drive vehicles.

• On June 6, 1981, more than 500 passengers are killed when their train plunges into the Baghmati River in India. The rail accident was caused by a Hindu engineer who slammed on the brakes to avoid a cow, considered a sacred animal.



• On June 10, 2002, Clint Messina and Rose Houk steal a Krispy Creme doughnut delivery truck and lead Louisiana police on a 15-mile chase, leaving a trail of doughnuts behind. As it involved cops and doughnuts, the incident kept late-night comedians busy for days.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was early 20th-century Irish author Robert Wilson Lynd who made the following sage observation: "The belief in the possibility of a short decisive war appears to be one of the most ancient and dangerous of human illusions."

• If you find yourself with a dull pair of scissors, try this trick: Fold a piece of sandpaper in half, rough side out, and make repeated cuts until the blades are sharp again.

• In 1980, 16 Danish seamen issued a Mayday call and abandoned their sinking ship, leaping into the frigid waters of the North Sea. Despite the fact that the water of the North Sea is so cold that it can kill a person in half an hour, all 16 sailors, who all were wearing life jackets, survived three times that long, and all were alive when rescuers arrived 90 minutes later. The sailors were immediately taken below decks on the rescue ship, wrapped in blankets and given warm drinks. Seems like a happy ending, doesn't it? Nope. After reaching supposed safety, all 16 of the rescued sailors suddenly dropped dead.

• The word "infant" is derived from the Latin word "infans," which means "unable to speak."

• If you're a pet owner, you probably know that the epidemic of obesity is not limited to humans; many pets are overweight, too. You might be surprised to learn, though, that some pet owners choose to deal with the problem in a way that we usually associate only with people: liposuction. Yes, you can get cosmetic surgery for your pets.

• Those who study such things say that in Norway, there are 1,800 lakes that have no fish at all.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I was a late bloomer. But anyone who blooms at all, ever, is very lucky." --Sharon Olds

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TRIVIA TEST

- 1. General Knowledge: What car company makes the Rio and Sedona models?
- 2. Music: Who composed the "Wedding March"?
- 3. Geography: Where is the Isle of Wight?
- 4. U.Š. States: What is the state bird of Louisiana?
- 5. Movies: What are the names of "The Blues Brothers"?
- 6. Inventions: Who invented the tea bag in the early 20th century?
- 7. Chemistry: Which chemical element has the symbol K?
- 8. Animal Kingdom: What is a more commonly known name for the Alsatian dog?
- 9. Art: What are the top three secondary colors, obtained by mixing two primary colors?
- 10. Famous Quotes: What 20th-century first lady once said, "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people"?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

I. Kia Motors Corp. 2. Felix Mendelssohn 3. Off England's southern coast 4. Brown pelican 5. Jake and Elwood 6. Thomas Sullivan 7. Potassium (original Latin name was kalium) 8. German Shepherd 9. Orange, green and purple 10. Eleanor Boosevelt

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ANNUAL RENTAL WANTED	239-472-2311	Office & Store Maint. *RS 6/7 CC TFN	for the following INDOOR volunteer positions: - Gift Shop/Visitor Education Center - Laundry	Always be courteous
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Turtle Nesting Season Guidelines

Tith the official start of sea turtle nesting season now upon us, the City of Sanibel, in partnership with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), is asking all residents and visitors to do their part in protecting these threatened and endangered species.

On Sanibel, nesting and hatchling emergence

typically occur between May 1 and October 31. The nesting ritual of the loggerhead sea turtle is one of the most remarkable natural phenomena occurring on Sanibel's gulf beaches. This natural process has happened on Sanibel for centuries and our 11 miles of gulf shoreline have more nesting activity than any other beach in Lee County. Sought by predators and susceptible to dehydration, sea turtle hatchlings have only a one in one thousand chance of survival. Human activities can further reduce that chance.

By following these simple guidelines, you can do your part to ensure the survival of these

magnificent creatures: • Turn off or shield lights near the beaches. Artificial beach lighting can inhibit female sea turtles from nesting and disorient hatchlings. Most beachfront lighting issues can be addressed by turning off all unnecessary lights, repositioning or modifying light fixtures or closing blinds and drapes.

• Remove furniture and other items from the beach and dune area when not in use, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Items left on the beach, including beach furniture, toys and trash, may be barriers to nesting or result in entanglement and predation of hatchlings.

• Level all sandcastles and fill any holes dug during play. These are fine during the day but may pose additional hazards at night. Please leave the beach as you found it, so that sea turtles and hatchlings are not hindered on their way to nest or to the water.

• Pick up all trash. Sea turtles mistakenly eat debris, especially plastic, which results in death.

• Honor the leash law. All dogs on the beach must be on a leash and not allowed to disturb nesting turtles or hatchlings. Gulf-front property owners should

make sure that their properties are in compliance with the city's sea turtle protection ordinances and ensure that artificial lighting from the property is not illuminating the beach (Sanibel Code Section 74-181-74-183, Section 126-996-126-1002).

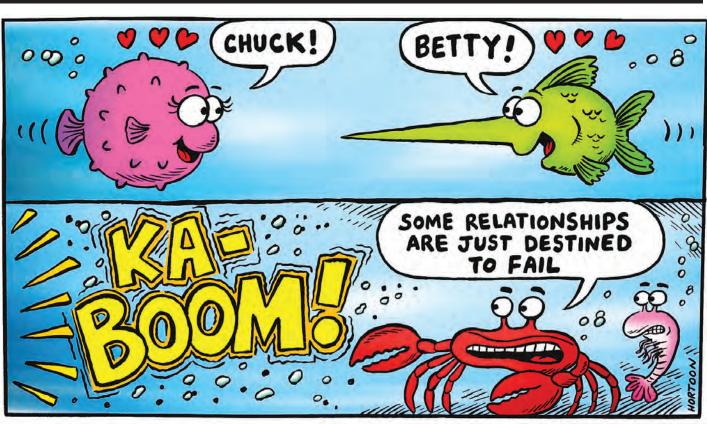
An easy way to test if your property is in compliance is to stand on the beach on a moonless night and look seaward. If you can see your shadow cast towards the water, there is too much light behind you. This light could potentially deter female turtles from nesting or disorient hatchlings as they emerge from the nest.

We look forward to another successful sea turtle nesting season and hope to uphold Sanibel's reputation as having one of the darkest and most "turtle friendly" beaches in the state. We ask for your continued compliance with city's sea turtle protection ordinances and remind all residents and visitors that violations of these ordinances may be subject to city, state, and/or federal fines and penalties. Violations should be reported immediately to the Sanibel Police Department at 472-3111, Sanibel Code Enforcement, 472-4136, or Natural Resources at 472-3700.

For more information regarding sea turtles on Sanibel, visit the City's website at http://mysanibel. com/Departments/Natural-Resources/Protecting-Our-Beaches/Sea-Turtles.☆

Kelly Sloan, coordinator of SCCF's Sea Turtle Conservation Program, holding a sea turtle hatchling photo by Jeff Lysiak





Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
River Reach Estates	Bonita Springs	2006	4,042	\$1,799,000	\$2,000,000	3
Ferry Landing	Sanibel	1984	2,397	\$1,995,000	\$1,675,000	82
Intracoastal Harbour	Fort Myers	2008	4,534	\$1,899,000	\$1,600,000	14
Venetian Gardens	Fort Myers Beach	2015	5,000	\$1,695,000	\$1,600,000	82
North Fort Myers	North Fort Myers	1974	3,560	\$1,750,000	\$1,500,000	516
Shell Harbor	Sanibel	1976	2,380	\$1,545,000	\$1,460,000	787
Shell Harbor	Sanibel	1974	2,167	\$1,395,000	\$1,300,000	0
Flamingo Harbour Condo	Fort Myers Beach	1983	2,691	\$1,395,000	\$1,200,000	51
Tidewater Island	Fort Myers	1993	6,668	\$1,185,000	\$1,100,000	161
Bokeelia	Bokeelia	1978	2,057	\$1,200,000	\$1,050,000	38

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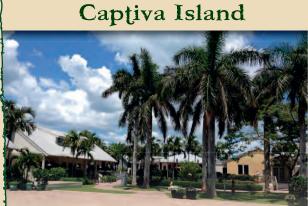


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