

Over 40 Artists Featured At ACT Gallery

Arts for ACT Gallery will host an opening reception during Art Walk on Friday, July 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, July 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This month, the gallery will feature a wide array of group artists that entered the members' themed open art exhibits. Artists were given three themes to choose from: Current Social Issues; The Year of the Rooster; and Bizarre and Surreal.

A yet-to-be-announced judge will select works for first, second, third and honorable mention awards on Thursday, July 6. Cash prizes will be awarded at the July 7 reception.

There will be a variety of eclectic, surreal, whimsical and realistic paintings, sculptures, watercolors, collage, oils and photography on view during July in the three themed exhibits. The entries are both thought-provoking and imaginative. The art ranges from professional to emerging, self-trained, and "outsider" to highly skilled.

View these creative works from more than 40 artists at Arts for ACT Gallery, located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. This exhibit continues through July 31.✧



Penny For Your Thoughts by Lisa Freidus
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Lady Liberty Resist by Kyra Belan



The Irrationality Of The Day by Katherine Boren



Heron by Al Hoffacker

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Native Wildlife Exhibit To Open

Florida's natural beauty is captured in Al Hoffacker's Strictly Native Wildlife Photography exhibit at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. The opening reception will be held on Friday, July 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. The exhibit features wildlife of south Florida, the Everglades and the Florida Keys.

Hoffacker is a retired wildlife/marine consultant and naturalist. He has lived his entire life – a span of over 60 years – in

south Florida and the Florida Keys.

After five years of retirement and being in the woods and on the water almost every day, Hoffacker decided it was time to document nature's beautiful scenes through photography for everyone to enjoy. He has received awards such as the 2016 Florida Wildlife Federation Photo of the Year and the Audubon Top 100 Photos of 2016.

The exhibit closes on Tuesday, July 25 at 4 p.m. It is free to attend. For more information, visit www.half-crackerphoto.com/ or www.sbdac.com.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District.✧

New Whimsical Collection By Local Artists



Dale and Jeff Ocasio

photo provided

D AAS CO-OP Art Gallery & Gifts will exhibit the works of Jeff and Dale Ocasio during an opening reception on Saturday, July 8. The reception coincides with the SoCo Second Saturday art crawl from 6 to 10 p.m.

The makers of the Ocasiocasa, as they dubbed their studio on the second

floor of the Edwards Building of the Alliance for the Arts campus, will display more than 30 pieces in the gallery. These include sculptures, wall hangings and art prints, all created in the artists' favorite medium of masking tape, wire, glue and acrylic paint.

The Ocasios work collaboratively to
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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Get Out The Flags! Time For A Parade



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

One thing about early Fort Myers... it loved parades. Any holiday or occasion was justification for breaking up the routine and exercising a little creativity and community spirit: Washington's Birthday, Fourth of July, Easter, the building of a new school, Armistice Day, Christmas, early festivals such as Tequesta de Florida or the Sunshine Pageant and many others.

From the town's earliest years, Fourth celebrations might include not only parades, but activities such as ball games, a barbecue, races, contests and concerts by the Fort Myers Band.

Numerous historic photos of parades and floats attest that no matter the reason for the celebration, the most popular float theme

was a patriotic one. American flags, Lady Liberty costumes, and even little Lincoln log cabins show up in the grand displays.

This circa-1926 photo of the Groceteria's flag-wrapped "float" illustrates the parade tradition. The photo is black and white, but it's safe to assume the decorative color scheme is red, white, and blue.

It's not known which particular parade the float was created for, but the photo was taken at the Groceteria's rear side entrance on Main Street.

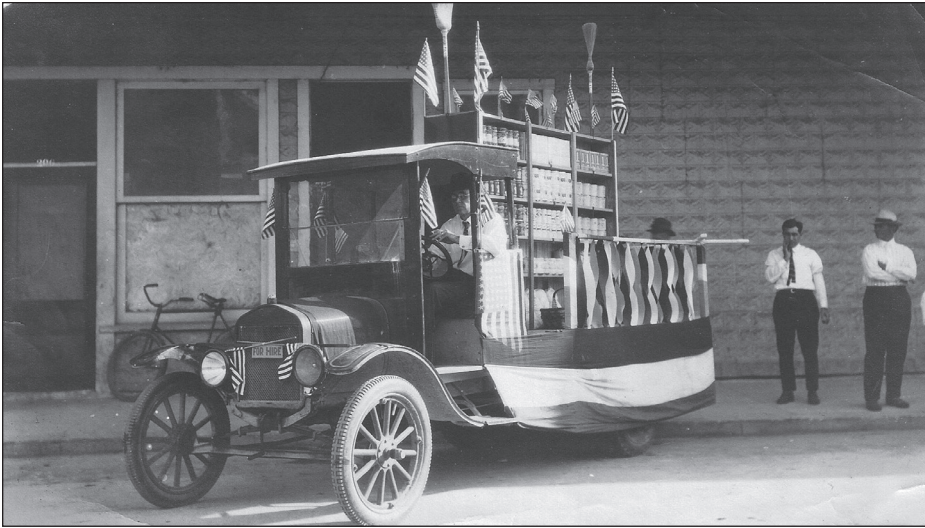
The store was located on the street level of the Carl F. Roberts Building, which had apartments above. (It might be nicknamed the "other" Roberts Building to avoid confusion with another one of that name that stood on the southeast corner of First and Lee Streets.)

That 1890s structure had been significantly remodeled in the mid-1920s after a fire, and it was perhaps then that it gained the exterior sculpted concrete blocks.

Stripes encircle the truck bed and more than a dozen American flags dot the display, as well as two upside-down brooms at front and back.

The central display might seem odd – a shelf of neatly stacked cans and boxes with brooms?

But remember, this is the Groceteria's float and creates in miniature the store's



The Groceteria's flag-themed parade "float" celebrates the business's innovative self-service. Note the turnstile (right), shopping basket and accessible shelves. Behind the float is the store's rear side entrance on Main Street. One curious detail: the small "for hire" sign on the grill.

photo courtesy SWFL Florida Historical Society

ground-breaking food-shopping experience.

Orris "OM" Davison and Isaac Perle "IP" McSpadden opened the store in 1920 on the southeast corner of Hendry and Main, bringing self-service grocery shopping to downtown. (Davison, by the way, also served as mayor of Fort Myers in 1925.)

Essential to that experience was the turnstile at the store entrance and the accessible shelves within.

Look carefully at that railing with pretty twirled streamers and you'll see a turnstile near the rear of the display. There's also a basket on the truck bed waiting for an enthusiastic parade-goer to hop aboard and search for a can of peas.

That turnstile was but one new-fangled quirk Groceteria customers encountered.

Traditional shopping involved marching up to a counter and requesting items from a clerk, who would retrieve them from vast shelving inaccessible to customers.

Wandering around the store and handling the goods, as we do today was just not an option, and sometimes shoppers even had to wait in line to place orders.

In contrast, the Groceteria's nickname and slogan said it all: the "Help Yourself Store" advertised "We help those who help themselves."

Customers entered the store through a turnstile, picked up a basket, and went in search of the groceries. In other words, they did the work themselves – and like most innovative ideas, it didn't go over well with everyone at first.

It should be noted, however, that the store's produce and meat counters maintained traditional personal service.

Not until 1926 did a national franchise, Piggly Wiggly, open in Fort Myers. Founded in 1916, it was the self-proclaimed, first true self-service grocery store in the country.

Today, the Groceteria building is long gone. In 1949, the building, which by then had become a Western Auto store, was demolished and the modern Thrifty Drug Store was constructed on the corner.

Today, law offices are located there.

Learn more about the many parade floats and celebrations of early Fort Myers at these two research centers.

The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer non-profit organization open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m.

It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044 or visit www.swflhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

The Lee County Black History Society is located at 1936 Henderson Avenue, adjacent to the Williams Academy Museum at Roberto Clemente Park.

Hours for the all-volunteer non-profit organization are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and Saturday by appointment.

For information, call 332-8778 or visit www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org.

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, the *Fort Myers Press*, *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer, and *Early Fort Myers: Tales of Two Sisters* by Alberta Colcord Barnes and Nell Colcord Weidenbach.*



Law offices are located on the site at Hendry and Main today. In the background are the upper floors of the Richards Building.
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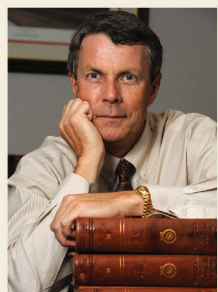
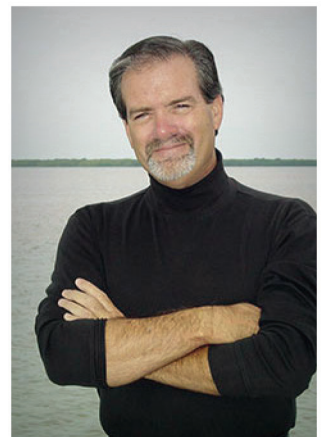


July 25

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The luau featured Hawaiian entertainment

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Campo Felice Luau Held For Future Residents

On May 31, Campo Felice Retirement Living said “Aloha!” to more than 160 future residents and guests with an exclusive luau on the downtown community’s newly finished pool terrace.

The evening included hors d’oeuvres from Fort Myers’ Global Event Marketplace, cocktails and Polynesian-inspired music and movement provided by Aloha Islanders Hawaiian Entertainment of Fort Lauderdale. Between bites and sips,

future residents got to know each other better and toured floorplans and furnished models on the 18th floor of this entirely refurbished luxury high-rise.

“The luau was our first major event at Campo Felice, and though we all had a wonderful time, it was only a small taste of what’s to come for this community and its residents,” said Executive Director Heather Battey.

Once completed, Campo Felice will boast 322 residences – with both waterfront views, city views and eight floorplans to choose from – and a wide range of amenities, including four on-site gourmet restaurants and a Starbucks Coffee, a state-of-the-art fitness center, 24/7 concierge and security, a salon and

spa, a 49-seat cinema, valet parking, a dog park, weekly housekeeping, an art studio and media center, a grand ballroom, bocce ball court and much more.

The pool terrace, Campo Felice’s most recently completed amenity, features a beach-entry salt water pool, a salt water hot tub, fire pits and pool-side food and drink service, with views of the Caloosahatchee.

“But it’s not just the residents who are excited about the future of Campo Felice,” said Rebekah MacFarlane Barney, chief operating officer of the MacFarlane

Group and the woman behind the idea and impetus of transforming the city skyline’s former eye sore into luxury senior living rentals. “Our entire team is thrilled to be a part of the renaissance taking place in downtown Fort Myers’ historic river district.”

Campo Felice Retirement Living is located at 2500 Edwards Drive in downtown Fort Myers. To learn more about independent luxury senior (age 55 and older) living in downtown Fort Myers, call 628-3163 (toll free 855-989-5000) or visit www.CampoSeniorLiving.com.✧

Bridges To Close During Fourth Of July Activities

Cape Coral and Fort Myers Beach will have bridge closures during their activities on Tuesday, July 4.

The Cape Coral Bridge will be closed for a 24-hour period during Cape Coral’s Red, White and Boom celebration. The closure is from 3 a.m. Tuesday, July 4 through 3 a.m. Wednesday, July 5. Cape Coral Parkway from Del Prado Boulevard to the bridge will also be closed at that time.

Motorists are encouraged to use the Midpoint Memorial Bridge or the U.S. 41 and Business 41 bridges as alternate routes. Lee County Department of Transportation have placed message boards out for motorists and will keep them in place through the holiday and the closing.

The Freedom 5K will take place on July 4. Onsite registration begins at 6 a.m., while the race start is 7:30 a.m. The city celebration begins at 5 p.m. with music at the foot of the Cape Coral Bridge followed by fireworks at 9:30 p.m. For race information, call 549-6900 ext. 111. For more information on Red, White and Boom, call 573-3128.

Matanzas Pass Bridge, which leads to Fort Myers Beach, will be closed for the annual Fourth of July Parade along Estero Boulevard between School Street and the Time Square area. Matanzas Pass Bridge will be closed from approximately 9:30 a.m. to noon. The parade starts at 10 a.m.

From 1 to 3 p.m., the Town of Fort Myers Beach Parks and Recreation Department will offer patriotic crafts, a watermelon-eating competition and

American themed trivia in Time Square. Contact Sarah Mayher at Sarah@FortMyersBeachFL.gov for more information.

The Beach bridge will also be closed from 9:30 to 11 p.m. to oncoming traffic for the annual fireworks display from the fishing pier.

Holiday Closures And Changes

The Fourth of July holiday will result in some closures and schedule changes for Lee County and City of Fort Myers operations. Those government offices will be open for regular business hours on Monday, July 3. The following are adjustments due to Independence Day falling on a Tuesday:

Solid Waste: All garbage, recycling and yard waste collections in unincorporated Lee County, the City of Bonita Springs and the Town of Fort Myers Beach will take place one day after the regularly scheduled collection day for the entire week beginning July 4. This means that if the regular collection day is Tuesday, the collection truck will pick up that material on Wednesday. Wednesday’s regularly scheduled pickups will occur on Thursday and so on, the rest of the week through Saturday, July 8. Regular collection schedules resume on Monday, July 10.


Lee County Solid Waste facilities and offices are closed Independence Day, including the Household Chemical Waste Collection Facility, 6441 Topaz Court, and the Resource Recovery Facility on Buckingham Road.

Offices of the City of Fort Myers, including City Hall, solid waste division and utility billing offices will be closed July 4. There will be no residential or commercial, trash or recycling collection that day. Residential and commercial customers will be serviced one day later than normally scheduled from Wednesday, July 5 through

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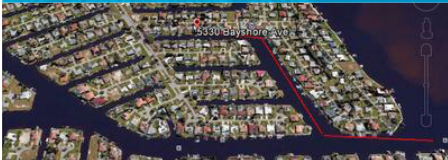
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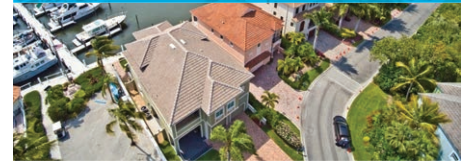
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Fort Myers Art:

Film Festival Submissions Now Being Accepted



by Tom Hall

It's been 101 days since the 7th annual Fort Myers Film Festival (FMff) closed with a champagne and dessert awards ceremony at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater. If you're also

"jonesing" for some good indie films, then you'll be happy to know that TGIM (Thank God for Indie Mondays) resumes in August.

Join FMff organizers every first Monday from August through February, and help decide which of the short indie films submitted to the Fort Myers Film Festival will make it into next year's film festival... and which do not. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the films starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students.

Mark your calendars – the relevant first Mondays are August 7; September 4; October 2; November 6; December 4; January 1, 2018; and February 5, 2018.

FMff is now accepting filmmaker submissions for the 8th annual Fort Myers Film Festival, which returns to the River District from March 21 to 25, 2018.



A film is viewed outside the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

Submissions are through Withoutabox at www.withoutabox.com/login/9514.

Photography exhibition coming to Alliance in October

Among artistic mediums, photography is a relatively recent arrival. Though invented in the mid-19th century, it wasn't elevated to an art form until the 20th century. Drawing attention to this new artistic discipline, the Alliance's upcoming exhibition, Your Best Shot, is dedicated to photographers and photography. August 26 is the deadline for entries. The show opens on October 6.

Steve Chase will judge the exhibition.

Chase has taught fine art photography at Florida SouthWestern State College since 2008. He holds degrees in both fine art photography and motion pictures. Prior to teaching at FSW, Chase was one of the founding faculty members of the undergraduate program of the School of Motion Pictures Arts at Florida State University, where he served as a full time faculty member from 1990 to 2004.

In 1997, Chase won Florida State University's highly coveted TIP award for excellence in college teaching. In 2002, he was nominated for a university teaching award and, in 2004, he was recognized for his distinguished contribution to the success

of the film school.

Chase is a recipient of a Florida Individual Artist Fellowship – 1992 – Division of Cultural Affairs, State of Florida. His photography has been exhibited throughout the state and nationally. His films have been screened at festivals nationally and internationally.

If interested in submitting work or for more information, visit www.artinlee.org/event/bestshot/.

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 With A Hero Fundraiser July 1

In its fifth year of helping wounded and disabled veterans, Fish With A Hero (FWAH) will be bringing 50 members of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF), including 15 women, to South Seas Island Resort for the fishing experience of a lifetime.

To fund this event, FWAH will be fundraising at Gavin's Ace Hardware at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 1. The organization will sell long-sleeve performance fishing shirts and raffle tickets for a 12-inch Hobie Mirage fishing kayak. All money raised will go towards travel, food and other expenses.

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Free Theater Shows For Teens

The Laboratory Theater of Florida is offering free shows for teens ages 13 to 18 (with student ID) starting Sunday, July 2 to kick off the new educational initiative, Staging Teen Success Through Theater.

Students have the opportunity to see the hit show *Whatever Happened To Baby Jane: A Parody of Horror* by Dale Gutzman at no cost. This new initiative aims to give teens the confidence and skills needed to succeed in theater - skills which easily translate into success in everyday life. There will be two events this month, each offering a free matinee for teens aged 13-18 (with student ID), a Q&A with members of the cast, a theater-related learning activity and pizza.

The July activities include:

July 2: Alyssa Lemay will be presenting a hands-on demonstration in the application of drag makeup. Lemay is the current Southwest Florida entertainer of the year and is competing for the national title at the end of July. She performs every weekend at various venues all over Southwest Florida.

July 9: Kody C. Jones will be presenting a hands-on demonstration in stage combat. Jones is the education coordinator at The Florida Rep as well as a certified stage combat director.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to the show start at 2 p.m. each Sunday and all

the activities should wrap up by 6:30 p.m.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of this show, these seats are limited. It is recommended that seats are booked in advance by calling 218-0481. You can also reserve seats or ask additional questions by emailing educate@laboratorytheaterflorida.com.✽

Children In Need Of School Supplies

Abuse Counseling and Treatment is in need of school supplies and clothing for the first day of school. More than 39 school age children from kindergarten to high school at the domestic violence and sexual assault centers serving Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Labelle areas are in need. Gift cards to WalMart, Target, Bealls, Kmart or other stores in town are also being accepted so that staff members may take the children shopping for their outfits and supplies.

To adopt a child for school supplies, call Johnnie-Mae or Stacie at 939-3112.

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. is a non-profit agency established to provide shelter, counseling, and education to victims of domestic violence and their families and survivors of sexual assault, serving Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.✽



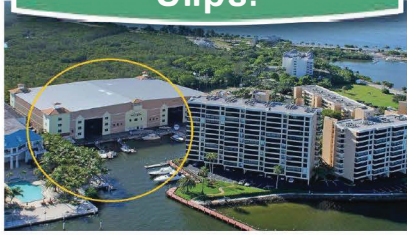
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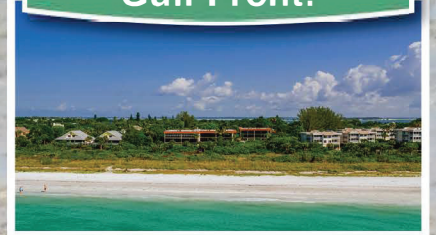
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Along The River

The second annual **Battle of the Bands** will take place at **Howl Gallery/Tattoo** this Friday, June 30 from 7 to 11:55 p.m.

Frankie Colt will host the evening that features six bands battling it out for a chance to win a single recording session at No Klue Recording Art Studio in Naples. The band line-up includes

Perfect Sequence, Autograph Moon, Bull Moose Party, Cyborg Dangerfield, Opposite States and Devils Waiting Room, performing for 30 minutes each.

Cover cost is \$5. Attendees must be 21 years of age.

Howl Gallery/Tattoo is located 4162 Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers.

Free backyard farming workshops continue this Saturday, July 1 at the **Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket**. Ken Ryan, an award-winning specialty grower and business owner, will present **Growing Edible Mushrooms Indoors**. The event begins at 10:30 a.m.

This workshop highlights the basics of involving mushrooms and how to utilize indoor spaces to set up an edible mushroom operation. Ryan, whose North Fort Myers farm, Herban Gardens, has kept top chefs and restaurants in specialty high quality produce for years. Ryan is one of the founders of the Alliance GreenMarket and a successful grower who has trained several younger people to become proficient quality food producers in our community.

Although the workshop is free, small donations are welcome, as the



Catch the fireworks after the Fort Myers Miracle game on Friday

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GreenMarket strives to support local growers, bakers and artisans. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

The **Fort Myers Miracle** will be at home all weekend long, playing against the St. Lucie Mets at **Hammond Stadium** at 14400 Six Mile Cypress Parkway in Fort Myers. This Friday, June 30, stick around for a postgame pre-Independence Day fireworks show produced by Zambelli Fireworks and presented by Beasley Broadcasting and Fox 4.

On Saturday, July 1, the Twins Class A Advanced minor league baseball affiliate

will wear their road gray uniforms at home to celebrate their silver anniversary. The first 500 fans will receive a David Ortiz bobblehead during a giveaway promotion.

On Sunday, July 2, the Miracle will feature Family Fun Day at the ballpark. Fans can go to any participating Dairy Queen in Lee or Collier county to receive a voucher for up to four free tickets to every Sunday home game. Following the game, all kids age 12 and younger are allowed to run the bases.

Join a **bird patrol** guide for a nature walk at **Lakes Regional Park** this Saturday, July 1 at 8 a.m. The easy walk along clear paths offers an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation with

experienced bird patrol guides pointing out the many species. Wear comfortable shoes and dress to be outside. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars.

Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. Meet at Shelter A7. Enter Lakes Park gate from Gladiolus and turn right. Drive to the end of the road, continue through the parking lot. Shelter A7 is located near the Train Station.

For more information, call 533-7580 or 533-7576. The tour is free with paid parking.

Independence Day this Tuesday will be rocking in **downtown Fort Myers**.

WINK Freedom Fest from 4 to 10 p.m. will feature a patriotic motor show with awards, entertainment, kids activities, vendors, the inaugural City Tavern Chili Dog Eating Competition, pictures with Captain America and fireworks.

The Chili Dog Eating Competition will be held at 6 p.m. on the corner of Dean Street and Bay Street. Participants will receive event T-shirts. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place for the most chili dogs consumed.

All proceeds from the City Tavern festivities including food and beverage items, T-shirt sales and cash donation buckets will benefit American Legion Post 38, located at 1857 Jackson Street in Fort Myers.

To become a contestant, contact City Tavern General Manager Julianne Adkins at info@mycitytavern.com.

For more information about Freedom Fest, visit www.freedomfestfortmyers.com or contact Katrina Salokar at 470-5611.✴

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Florida Legion To Hold Convention

The American Legion, Department of Florida recently announced its 99th annual statewide convention will be held at the World Center Marriott in Orlando from Thursday, June 29 to Sunday, July 2. Approximately 3,000 veterans will be in attendance as well as their spouses and family members.

Each year, the state convention offers a wide variety of leadership training available to all members for the development and betterment of their local American Legion Post. The department convention is not only a time where all posts gather to exchange ideas and reunite as a family; it is also a time where members gather to elect the leadership for the new membership year and celebrate in the success of the past membership year as it comes to a close.

When attendees arrive, they should check into The American Legion, Department of Florida Headquarters in the Royal Conference room. Here attendees can register, pickup membership materials, learn about programs, view history books, make general inquiries and shop emblem sales. Several improvements have been made in emblem sales, offering patriotic and military themed items ranging from household goods, apparel, pins, challenge coins and more. Our Florida

American Legion Centennial coins and pins are now available to commemorate 100 years of The American Legion founded in 1919. Emblem sales is open to the public, and we encourage all attendees to stop in.

The convention will offer a variety of classes to enhance posts operations, train officers and educate members at no cost. Pre-registration is not required for most classes and are open to all as space allows. The American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders will also conduct their own series of courses.

The Legion Family: The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion will host a kick-off event on Thursday night with live entertainment by Sean Holcomb, free beer, free refreshments and free admission, while supplies last.

Friday night will include a Commander's and President's Banquet with an Irish theme and menu, as a farewell to outgoing Commander Joe Magee, outgoing Auxiliary President Kelli Becraft, and outgoing Detachment Commander Steve Gordon. A cocktail hour will be served prior to the banquet. Tickets are required to attend the banquet and are currently sold out.

General session will be held on both Friday and Saturday. Friday's session will focus on Legion business, post awards and feature guest speaker, Denise Rohan, The American Legion's lead candidate for national commander.

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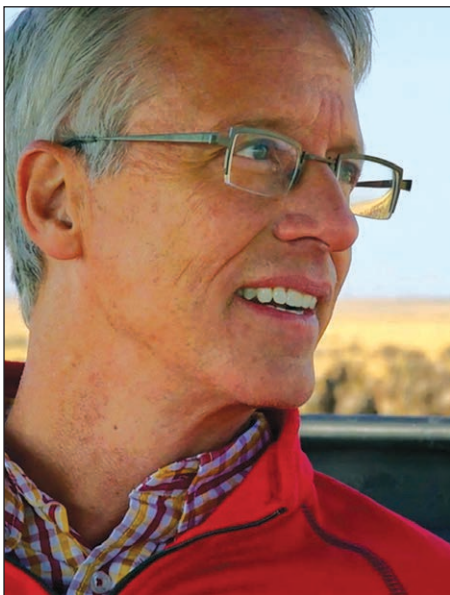
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Kevin Fenton

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Ken Wakia

New Film Spotlights Pursuit Of World Peace

When Florida State University music professor Kevin Fenton puts his mind to something, he thinks big and acts bigger.

Fenton is pursuing a unique mission to use the international language of music to help spread peace around the world. Now, a powerful new documentary spotlights his work to accomplish that goal.

The film, recently released and available for viewing at avoice4peace.org/ film, is sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi and directed by FSU graduate Bud Simpson.

The 44-minute movie focuses on Fenton's trek across Kenya in fall 2016 for an effort called AVoice4Peace. He has worked over the past couple of years to help organize the ongoing project, which challenges choirs across the globe to dedicate one day a year to talk and sing about peace.

The documentary shows Fenton, professor of choral conducting at FSU's College of Music, and Ken Wakia, direc-

tor of the Nairobi Chamber Chorus, as they prepare to livestream a "peace concert" on September 21, 2016 – the International Day of Peace.

In the film, which was recognized at the Madrid International Film Festival, Fenton said the time was right for the concert as war and suffering covered all corners of the earth.

"I think that right now people are ready for a response to the violence that's out there," Fenton said.

Wakia echoed those sentiments.

"If you see what's going on around the world, you feel like we need music now more than ever before. I've never thought of a better way we can heal the world than through music," Wakia said.

The film features the travels of Fenton, Wakia and singer Maureen Obadha, a Fulbright Scholar from Nairobi, in the days leading up to the concert. The film describes their mission as a "musical journey through Kenya in search of music and peace. Where they found one, they found the other."

The camerawork offers a captivating glimpse of the African landscape – including its wild cheetahs, leopards, elephants and giraffes – as the trio travels across dusty terrain to remote villages in Kenya's Maasi Mara National Reserve to join villagers performing traditional dances and songs.

The film offers an emotional glimpse of the Nairobi Chamber Chorus leading a performance of the traditional African hymn *Ukuthula*, which means "peace" in Zulu.

Children and adults in more than

60 choirs around the world – including Tallahassee's Kate Sullivan Elementary School; Dublin; Seattle; Tokyo; Alpharetta, Georgia; Kakuma, Kenya; and Johnson, Vermont – joined the event through a livestream.

Fenton said the documentary highlights how the thousand decisions we all make every day can move us toward tension and conflict or toward release and peace.

"That's why we're pursuing this effort so assertively," Fenton said. "We believe individual decisions are the key to finding peace."

Fenton was in Kenya for the concert as a result of a five-week residency at the Conservatoire of Music in Nairobi funded by a Fulbright Specialist grant. During the residency, he taught choirs in Kenya, Uganda and South Africa.

Now, he's planning a 2017 World Peace Day concert in Tallahassee on September 21. He will conduct the College of Music's University Singers and Chamber Choir in a performance featuring *Ukuthula*. The AVoice4Peace concert will be livestreamed so singers worldwide can join them.*

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Convention

Saturday's session includes guest speakers Florida native and National Vice Commander Paul Martel and Florida Senator Jack Latvala. There will also be program awards, a freedom raffle drawing, new officer elections and the conclusion of Legion business.*

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Monthly 9 a.m. 1900 Park Meadows Drive, newcovenanteyes.com, 220-8519.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST

Sunday 11 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. 16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10, 985-8503.

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Sunday 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. 10051 Plantation Road, www.newhopefortmyers.org, 274-1230.

PEACE COMMUNITY

Sunday 10:30 a.m. www.17671PineRidgeRoad.com, 267-7400.

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Sunday 9:15 and 11 a.m. 11120 Ranchette Road, unityoffortmyers.org, 278-1511.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. 9065 Ligon Court, 481-2125.

WORD OF LIFE

Sunday 10 a.m., Wednesday 7 p.m. 2120 Collier Avenue, 274-8881.

ZION LUTHERAN

Sunday 8, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. 7401 Winkler Road, zionfm.org, 481-4040.*

CROW Case Of The Week:

Pileated Woodpecker



by Bob Petcher

The pileated woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*) is regarded as the second largest woodpecker in the country. In fact, it may have taken the reins as the nation's biggest of its species

due to its larger cousin, the ivory-billed woodpecker, thought to be extinct.

Pileated woodpeckers are so-called due to their distinctive crest on their heads. The black-and-white bird with the striking red headdress can be seen hammering trees in search of insects, mainly carpenter ants. Interestingly, they leave behind rectangular holes in the wood that provide shelter for other birds, bats or owls.

The noisy bird has a chisel-like bill and long neck and offers a whinnying call when not drumming on wood. Its tail is sturdy enough to aid in climbing dead or dying trees that they favor for searching for food. These trees also attract woodpeckers for foraging, roosting and nesting reasons. The woodpeckers also nest in a more traditional created pile of vegetation and earth.

Pileated woodpeckers have an average

clutch size of four eggs per nest that is incubated for 12 to 16 days. When the eggs hatch, both parents will share the responsibilities of raising the young. These hatchlings begin their lives blind, featherless and fully dependent on their parents. Their diet consists mainly of regurgitated insects, and they can reach their maximum weight by day 21. By the end of the week three, the hatchlings grow feathers and will soon venture out for the first time. They can take up to a month to fledge.

At CROW, three pileated woodpecker hatchlings were admitted from Captiva Island on June 17 after their nest was destroyed during construction. The baby birds were a mere few days old and had not yet opened their eyes or grown any feathers at the time of arrival.

CROW medical staff said the young woodpeckers were in good health without any apparent injuries. They weighed only 39 grams but have been said to be eating very well and gaining weight since initial presentation. Their food intake, involving a large insect diet, includes feedings up to 12 times a day.

"They will continue to be fed a slurry of insectivore diet until they reach an age they can be weaned onto eating live mealworms and woodpecker diet," said Dr. Spencer Kehoe, CROW veterinary intern.

While most animals are returned to the area of injury or previous whereabouts, this will not be the case due to the construction site and property owner refusing permission to put a replacement nest on the property, said



Patients #17-2112, #17-2113 and #17-2114 shortly after admittance photo by Brian Bohman

Dr. Kehoe.

"Due to the area being constructed, they would have to be released in another area, but near where they were found," he said. "The parents were likely still in the area."

An update earlier last week showed progress in the patients' growth.

"After the weekend, two of the three woodpeckers have fully opened their eyes and are eating well. In the wild, it would take them approximately two months to

fully fledge and gain independence from the adults."

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Stirred-Up Water Conditions



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Tropical storm Cindy developed out in the Gulf this past week and brought a few days of windy conditions. But once it past well to the west of us, it took all the rain

with it for a few days. Once the storm passed, southerly winds gave us big high tides and had all of our beaches really stirred up and pushing dirty sandy water into the passes. This only made our summertime pass fishery a little more challenging with the tide just crazy fast at times and hard to fish.

Pass fishing continues to be the best bite going on with a great mixed bag of fish. Snook of all sizes kept my clients smiling all week, and we also caught a few bonus over-the-slot-sized redfish. When the tide was ripping, finding an eddy or moving around in the pass to locate a place the tide was not quite so fast was the toughest part of catching these fish. Once you found the right set-up and even though the water looked just nasty and stirred up, snook still had no problem finding a live bait. On one memorable trip this week, we caught and released seven snook over 30 inches and lost at least that many again all within the first hour of a tide change.

Our catch-and-release snook fishery right now can only be described as, "As good as it gets."

Working some favorite mangrove shorelines on the near-perfect high tide and south wind set-up for redfish was OK fishing too. If you moved around, it was certainly possible to get a few upper- to over-the-slot reds, but this bite took a lot more work than catching the snook that are just stacked in all of our passes. The stirred-up water from the rough conditions brought the good trout bite we have had the last few weeks to a sudden halt and also stopped any attempts for most anglers planning to tarpon fish. Tropical storms and fast-changing weather conditions are all just part of our summer fishing pattern.

Catching bait became a whole lot harder this week with wind and dirty water. Catching enough pinfish to just go fishing has become a grind and is taking a lot more time and effort than it did just a week ago. Decent-sized shiners have all but disappeared. The ones that we are catching now have become very small requiring a quarter inch mesh cast net. This is normal for our summers and was just a matter of time until it happened. Cut-bait fishing is a great option especially for redfish under the mangroves.

I cannot state enough how important it is to watch the weather and use a local weather radar app while out on the water. It's amazing how quickly our summer thunderstorms can build and how fast and unpredictable they can be. If your a long way from safety, things can get scary fast. Always keep a eye to the sky and if you are in doubt. Make



Lyle Snyder from Ohio enjoyed a great day of catch-and-release snook fishing while down for his daughter's wedding photo provided

the safe choice by having a exit plan as our lightening is no joke. Weather forecasts this time of year are very vague to say the least so look at the weather radar before heading out. We all do it.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing

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

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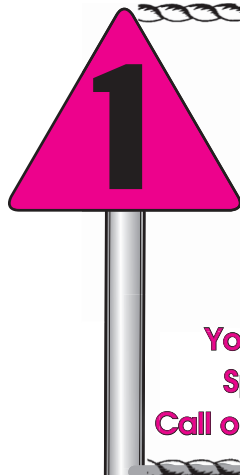
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Spurred Butterfly Pea

by Gerri Reaves

Spurred butterfly pea (*Centrosema virginianum*) is a native twining or sprawling vine found in almost every part of the state. Its natural habitat is pinelands, thickets, hammocks and coastal strands.

The showy flowers bloom all year long, singly or in pairs, and range in color from purple or pink to lavender or nearly white. However, the delicate blooms last only a day.

Unlike most pea flowers, this one's upside down, with the banner below, not above.

The largest petal, or standard, is broad and flat with a white center. It resembles butterfly wings, thus the common name.

The blunt ridge, or spur, on the rear base of the standard inspires the scientific name *Centrosema*, which means spur or standard in Greek.

This vine is a larval food for several species of skipper butterflies, so it's a

welcomed low-maintenance addition to a butterfly or natural garden. It also provides a moderate amount of food for large mammals and cover for terrestrial birds.

The alternate compound leaves are composed of three narrow lance-like or oval leaflets one to three inches long. The stems reach three to 12 feet long.

The skinny pods turn from green to brown, split open and eject black seeds.

This lovely native will grow in a variety of conditions, dry or moist, in full or partial sun. It is moderately drought tolerant, but not very salt tolerant and prefers sandy well-drained acidic soil. It will even grow in nutrient-poor soil.

Use it as a climbing plant, groundcover, or even a pot plant.

Propagate it with seeds or cuttings.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Orsorio, *Gardening for Florida's Butterflies* by Pamela F. Traas, *Wildflowers of Florida* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela, and www.regionalconservation.org.

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Native spurred butterfly pea is the larval plant for several species of skipper butterflies

photo by Gerri Reaves

Study Proves Strong Economic Activity In Arts

According to the Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 national economic impact study, the nonprofit arts and culture industry generates \$140.1 million in annual economic activity in Lee County, supporting 3,875 full-time equivalent jobs and generating \$18.8 million in local and state government revenues.

Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 was conducted by Americans for the Arts, the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education. It is the most comprehensive economic impact study of the nonprofit arts and culture industry ever conducted in the United States.

According to the study, nonprofit arts and culture organizations in Lee County spent \$34 million during fiscal year 2015. This spending is far-reaching: organizations pay employees, purchase supplies, contract for services and

acquire assets within their community. Those dollars, in turn, generated \$89.3 million in household income for local residents and \$18.8 in local and state government revenues.

"The arts provide a host of cultural and entertainment benefits. They keep us connected through picture and movement, story and song. They introduce our children to our history and the endless possibilities that lie ahead of them," said Lydia Black, executive director of Alliance for the Arts. "What is less understood is their positive economic contributions. The Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 sends a clear message: the arts are an investment that delivers both community well-being and economic vitality."

As part of the Lee County study, the Alliance for the Arts created a pop-out study for the nonprofit arts organizations residing within the city limits of Fort Myers. Within that area, the nonprofit arts and culture industry generates \$49.7 million in annual economic activity, supporting 1,389 full-time equivalent jobs and generating \$6.7 million in local and state government revenue.

The Alliance for the Arts will formally announce the results of Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 on Tuesday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m. The presentation will include a welcome from the Alliance for the Arts board of directors, brief remarks by City of Fort Myers Mayor Randall Henderson and Southwest Florida Community Foundation CEO Sarah Owen and

conclude with a Lee County arts impact overview presentation by Lydia Black. Attendance is free and open to the public, but a reservation is required.

Nationwide, the Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 reveals that the nonprofit arts industry produces \$166.3 billion in economic activity every year, resulting

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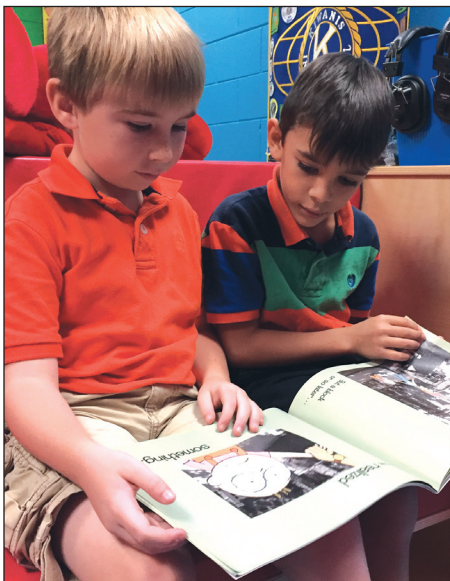


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Orangewood Elementary students look through books in a Oasis Reading Room

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Two students share a book

Kiwanis Reading Oasis Project Logs Mentor Hours

The Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis club has completed the first year of the Kiwanis Reading Oasis at Orangewood Elementary. The club unveiled the project in October 2016 and has put in 100-plus mentor hours from club members over 24 weeks. Members read one-on-one with students for 30-minutes each week.

The Reading Oasis includes 1,200 books for students from pre-kindergarten to 6th grade, as well as bookshelves, a reading-themed rug, bean bag chairs, a stereo with CDs and additional reading support products. The Reading Oasis was made possible through a donation from The Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis club of \$5,500, a matching grant from Scholastic Books and a \$250 donation



Reading is addictive

from Thrivent Financial for a total of \$11,250.

"The weekly reading mentoring has multiplied the impact of the club's initial monetary donation," said Reading Oasis project chair Stewart Ross, "We have committed to keep the mentoring going every school year along with ongoing book donations to the school."

The Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club is looking for more service-minded individuals and business professionals who would like to make a direct impact on the community through volunteering. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in Fort Myers.

For details on joining the Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club, call membership chair Stewart Ross at 507-304-1624 or club president Harris Segel at 239-939-4027. Interested individuals can also email stewart.ross@mnsu.edu or harris@pampered-pooch.com. The Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club can be found on Facebook or online at www.metro-mcgregor.com.✱

Champion Of The Year Named

BikeWalkLee, a local community coalition advocating for complete streets in Lee County, has selected Dr. Margaret Banyan, FGCU associate professor and a founding member of BikeWalkLee, as the 2017 Complete Streets Champion of the Year. Her outstanding contributions to have taken complete streets and livable community principles and placed them into action in the real world – academia, government organizations and local communities throughout Southwest Florida – for more than a decade.

"Today we honor Dr. Banyan as an outstanding champion of complete streets and livable communities in multiple capacities throughout Lee County over the past decade," said BikeWalkLee's Darla Letourneau. "As one of the founding members of BikeWalkLee, we also honor Margaret for incredible contributions to our organization since it was founded in 2009. Many of our successes would not have been possible without Margaret."

Dr. Banyan's impact on the community is considerable thanks to the various hats she wears and how she has used the synergy of those roles to introduce, educate and implement the concepts of complete streets, livable communities, a balanced transportation system, transit and transit oriented development, integration of transportation and land use planning, and community engagement. She has the unique opportunity to bring these ideas to both the future generation (i.e. her students), to government agencies and officials that make decisions on these issues, and to make them part of citizen community planning efforts.

As the lead faculty for FGCU's land use planning certificate, she has trained and mentored many up-and-coming staffers and leaders in regional governmental



Dr. Margaret Banyan photo provided

and non-governmental agencies and organizations.

As a consultant to many local cities and community planning organizations, Dr. Banyan has worked to incorporate the principles of complete streets and livable communities into the fabric of the local government policymaking. Those many consulting projects gave her an opportunity to train her students about the real world of public administration and public policy, encouraging many to continue their careers in this field and to consider staying in Southwest Florida.

From her FGCU seat, she organized many seminars and workshops with national experts to introduce new ideas to our area, bringing in the area players from academia, government, consultants, advocacy organizations, community groups, along with students.

She also played a critical leadership role on many government committees and task forces, which allowed her to move complete streets ideas into recommendations for government action.✱

Police Foundation Board Trustee

Wayne Chevalier has joined the Fort Myers Police Foundation Board of Directors as a trustee.

For the past 25 years, Chevalier has owned and operated Greentree Services with his wife, Laura. It is a company providing mental and behavioral health services to nursing homes. Prior to Greentree Services, Chevalier spent 20 years in management and marketing positions in the computer services and software industries.

He has been a resident of the Colonial Country Club community in Fort Myers since 2006 when he relocated from the Akron-Canton, Ohio area. He has been a part of the leadership team of the South Akron Youth Mentorship (SAYM), a nonprofit that mentors youth in high-poverty areas and continues his involvement as president of the advisory council for SAYM. For the past seven years, he has also led a team from Next Level Church in a mentorship program for children of the Renaissance Preserve community in Dunbar.

The Fort Myers Police Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose goal is to help build a stronger bond between the community and its local police department.

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Marketing Firm Hires Managers

Sean McIntosh and Dominic Tricase have joined Pearl Brands' creative team.

McIntosh joins the downtown Fort Myers advertisement agency and brand developing firm as web strategies manager. A native of Arizona, he graduated from Kentucky Christian University with a bachelor's degree in youth and family ministry and from Southwest Florida College with a degree in web design and development. McIntosh also serves as a music minister for Mosaic Christian Church and raises funds for the annual Ends of the Earth Cycling through distance runs from Southwest Florida to Key West.

Originally from Syracuse, New York,



Sean McIntosh

Tricase joins the agency as account services manager. Prior to joining Pearl Brands, he spent more than six years working in broadcast television sales and marketing at NBC, CBS, ABC and CW. He earned a bachelor's degree in broadcasting and mass communications from State University of New York at Oswego. He is involved with many local young professional organizations.

"We are really excited to have Sean and Dominic as part of the Pearl team," said Scott Quorllo, president and creative director of Pearl Brands. "Their combined experience in media buying, digital and social media and strategic web strategies will bring added value to our clients."

Pearl Brands is located at 2233 Second Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, call 313-6059 or visit www.pearlbrands.com.✱

Financial Focus

Diversify With Bonds, Even If Rates Are Low



by Jennifer Basey

If you've needed a mortgage or another type of loan over the past several years, you've probably appreciated the historically low interest rates we've experienced. But if you've wanted to own fixed-rate

investments, such as bonds, you might have been less pleased at the low-rate environment. Now, interest rates may be moving up somewhat, but even if they don't hit the heights we saw in previous decades, you can still gain some key advantages from owning bonds.

One of the biggest benefits provided by bonds is their ability to help you diversify a stock portfolio. Stocks and bonds often move in different directions. In fact, the same economic or political forces that can be bad for stocks might be good for bonds, and vice versa. Consequently, if you own a reasonable percentage of bonds, you may not be as vulnerable to the impact of those inevitable downturns in the stock market. Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee profits or protect you against losses.

Of course, the other major attribute of bonds is the regular income they provide through interest payments. Unless the issuer defaults – an event that's generally unlikely, assuming you purchase quality, "investment-grade" bonds – you can count on receiving the same payments for the life of your bond. Then, once your bond matures, you'll get back the original principal, again assuming the issuer doesn't default. The ability to receive regular payments may help improve your cash

flow and possibly help you avoid selling stocks to meet unexpected costs, such as an expensive car repair. And holding your bond until maturity can help you plan to meet specific goals. For example, if your child will be starting college in five years, you can buy a bond scheduled to mature at the same time, providing you with an influx of cash you can use for tuition and other school expenses.

Still, despite the benefits of diversification, steady income and the repayment of principal, you may find it hard to ignore the relatively low interest rates you're seeing on your bonds. This is especially true if market rates rise, causing the value of your bonds to fall. (Investors won't pay you the full price – that is, the face value – of your bonds when they can buy new ones issued at higher rates. So, if rates have risen and you want to sell your bonds before they mature, you'd have to offer them at a discount.)

One way of coping with interest-rate movements is to build a "ladder" of bonds of varying maturities. When your short-term bonds mature, you can reinvest the proceeds in newly issued bonds that may offer higher rates, while your longer-term bonds continue to pay you greater income. (Generally – but not always – longer-term bonds carry higher interest rates than short-term bonds.)

Even within this type of bond ladder, though, you will want to diversify your holdings among different types of bonds from different issuers. In any case, be sure to evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

Don't ignore bonds when constructing and maintaining your investment portfolio. No matter what interest rates are doing, you'll find that bonds can play an important role in your portfolio.

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City Earns Budget Award Again

For the 26th consecutive year, the City of Fort Myers has earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The honor was presented for the city's 2017 fiscal year budget, a period that began October 2016. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award reflects the city's commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the GFOA award, government entities must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. An entity's budget is required to serve as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device.

"Our budget team does an excellent job every year," said the City of Fort Myers' Director of Financial Services Maria Joyner. "It's great that they can

receive recognition for their hard work."

In addition to receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, the GFOA also endowed the city's budget manager and staff with a Special Performance Measure Recognition. To accomplish this, the budget document must provide objective measures of progress toward accomplishing the government's mission as well as goals and objectives for specific units and programs. The city's budget received outstanding ratings from the GFOA reviewers in this area.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional services association servicing the needs of more than 19,000 appointed and elected local, state and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. It provides top quality publications, training programs, services and products designed to enhance the skills and performance of those responsible for government finance policy and management.✱

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Foundational Skills Training Launched

The FutureMakers Coalition's Persistence and Progress Regional Action Team recently announced the development of a pilot project to address foundational skills, or soft skills, that were identified by local employers as barriers to hiring from the local workforce.

After unsuccessful attempts to find examples of programs elsewhere that seem to be dealing with this national problem effectively, the team decided to develop its own project based on what the employment partners are communicating they need and the type of training that is missing from the education system in Southwest Florida.

Several tactics are being developed by the cross-sector team, which includes several large employers.

"The professional effectiveness certificate is a competency-based program and designed with major employers' input, including Chico's FAS, Lee Health, Arthrex as well as CareerSource Southwest Florida," said Dr. Aysegul Timur, dean of the Johnson School of Business at Hodges University. "The curriculum will prepare individuals for the foundational skills necessary to be successful in the workplace. The FutureMakers Coalition made the connection possible, aligning the business community, educational needs, workforce development and the funding needed to respond to the need much faster."



Dr. Aysegul Timur photos provided

Hodges University has been working with the team to design a badge program that will allow students to get their feet wet in a higher education setting (possibly sparking interest in pursuing additional education), receive referrals from employers who want to see some additional professional development in an existing or potential employee, and to allow students already pursuing a degree or certificate to access needed training around the most needed foundational skills.

"This is an extremely important initiative. It will help to address a key training need that employers, Workforce Now, FutureMakers and others have identified as impacting most economic sectors across our region," said Dr. John Meyer, executive vice president of



Dr. Donald Wortham

academic affairs for Hodges University. "I am thrilled that Hodges University and the Southwest Florida Community Foundation have been able to work together with employers to help bring this desperately needed certificate program to employees and potential employees across the region."

The goal of FutureMakers is to transform Southwest Florida's workforce by increasing the number of college degrees, certificates or other high-quality credentials from 37 percent to 55 percent by 2025.

The coalition is made up of regional partners in the areas of education, government, business, nonprofit, citizen stakeholders and advocates committed to creating a cradle-to-career pathway to ensure success for traditional



Dr. John Meyer

students and adult learners.

"Hodges University is Southwest Florida's leader in workforce education," said Dr. Donald Wortham, president of Hodges University. "We are proud to partner with Workforce Now, FutureMakers, and CareerSource to provide students with an on-ramp to improved employment prospects and employers with the skilled workforce that will keep our region competitive."

The FutureMakers Coalition was one of Lumina Foundation's 75 national Community Partners in Attainment. Residents are encouraged to join and support this community-changing initiative. For more information, visit www.FutureMakersCoalition.com, call 274-5900 or email Tessa LeSage at TLesage@floridacommunity.com.✱

Center Hires Marketing Director

IMAG History & Science Center recently hired Kelly Palmer as director of marketing and development to help continue the momentum it has built, recently merging the Imaginarium Science Center and the Southwest Florida Museum of History. Palmer joins IMAG with a skill set that will serve the center well as it embarks on the next phase of its master plan, entailing a \$15-million expansion project. With 20 years of experience as a philanthropic development professional, she has led campaigns that resulted in transformational advancements.

Most recently Palmer was director of development at Boise State Public Radio (BSPR) in Boise, Idaho where she was instrumental in raising \$10 million. She successfully planned and implemented a capital campaign to create a state-of-the-art broadcast and production center, and obtained the station's largest private grant to upgrade its extensive broadcast distribution network.

Prior to BSPR, Palmer raised major gifts for two institutions of higher



Kelly Palmer photo provided

education, participating in one of the first billion-dollar campaigns ever launched by an American university. Strategically contributing to that campaign, she initiated the build-out of a 15-person major gift department, which she helped develop. The department doubled its initial goal, raising \$40 million in four years.

Palmer recently joined the

Collier-Lee Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Florida Public Relations Association. She earned a Bachelor of Science in management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

IMAG History and Science Center is a family-friendly destination offering fun interactive exhibits, an aquarium, history displays and a 3D theatre.

For more information, visit www.theIMAG.org.✱

Law Firm Receives Perennial Award

Pavese Law Firm has received Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's JA Breaking Par at Grandezza Perennial Award, a recognition awarded to sponsors of the "JA Breaking Par at Grandezza" who have been ardent supporters of the event for the past five years.

A portion of the proceeds from this two-day event will help fund Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's annual CEO Academy. Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's CEO Academy is a week-long business school summer camp held for rising high school juniors and seniors in

partnership with Florida Gulf Coast University Lutgert School of Business.

Proceeds from previous Breaking Par events have provided funding totaling more than \$200,000 in support of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's CEO Academy and additional Junior Achievement programming. The Academy offers intense interaction as well as daily hands-on activities. Teaching the value of free enterprise, business and economics has been proven to give young people a better opportunity to succeed in our global economy.✱

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Fish With A Hero

members of PHWFF to the Florida Keys and now to South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) is a national nonprofit organization. PHWFF has 3,500 volunteers that helped 7,400 military veterans and wounded members of the military last year. PHWFF helps former members of the military to connect with each other and help heal psychological or physical disabilities through fishing.

To learn more about Fish With a Hero, go to www.fishwithahero.com/ and follow Facebook page, Fish With A Hero.✱



Helena Dabrowski

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Foundation Announces New Slate Of Officers

The Uncommon Friends Foundation recently announced a new slate of officers for the coming year. Helena Dabrowski, director of finance for Sunshine Ace Hardware, has been



Kerri Goldsmith

named president. Marilyn Stout, council member for Cape Coral City Council has been named vice president. Caryn Smith, CEO of Driven By Design, LLC and Driven to Eat LLC, dba Moody River Grille has been named treasurer. Kerri A. Goldsmith, CFP, CRPS, financial planner of HBKS Wealth Advisors has been named secretary. John Albion, director of Cushman & Wakefield Commercial Property of Southwest Florida, is now immediate past president.



Caryn Smith

Other members of the board of directors are: Gaile Anthony, council member of the City of Fort Myers; Alexandra Bremner, educator at Allen Park Elementary School; Gray Davis, agency executive and senior vice president at BB&T Oswald Trippe and Company; Tom Hoolihan, Jr., Tommy Hoolihan's Resort Lifestyle Center; Carlos Kelly, stockholder at Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.; Pam LaRiviere, member



Marilyn Stout

of the Lee County School Board; Chris Patricca, member of the board of education at School District of Lee County; Joanne Robertson, director of administration and community relations at Lee County Tax Collector; and Dr. Karen Serrell, professional development and leadership specialist of the School District of Lee County.

For more information, visit www.uncommonfriends.org/ or call 337-9503.✱

Heights Foundation Hires Programs Director

Melissa Barlow was recently named director of arts and community programs at The Heights Foundation/The Heights Center in the Harlem Heights neighborhood of Fort Myers. Barlow is responsible for overseeing Gulf Coast Symphony's MusicWorks! educational partnership at The Heights Center, developing arts and community programs for children and adults in the Harlem Heights, volunteer coordination and organizing annual outreach events.

"We are thrilled to have Melissa join our team," said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of The Heights Foundation/The Heights Center. "Throughout her career, she has shared her passion of the arts and music education with many exceptionally talented students, regardless of socioeconomic status. With her experience as a musician, educator and arts leader, she will further our mission to provide access to and develop arts and community programs for children and adults in the Harlem Heights neighborhood."

A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, Barlow has a bachelor of science degree in K-12 music education and a double bass performance certificate. She earned her masters of science degree in performing arts leadership and management at Shenandoah Conservatory in Winchester, Virginia. Barlow began her professional career as a middle school string teacher and interned with Play On, Philly!, working



Melissa Barlow

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with at-risk youth as a teaching artist and administrative intern. She launched the MusicWorks! at the Gulf Coast Symphony in 2015 and was responsible for all aspects of program oversight including curriculum development, teaching and program evaluation. She also served as the symphony's community engagement director where she oversaw educational programs throughout Southwest Florida. Barlow has performed throughout the United States and internationally.

For more information about The Heights Foundation and The Heights Center's arts and community programs, visit www.heightsfoundation.org, call 482-7706 or email melissa@heightsfoundation.org.✱

Business Ethics Award Nominations

The Uncommon Friends Foundation (UFF) recently opened nominations for the 2017 Business Ethics Award. The nomination period closes after September 1.

Businesses in any of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties that consistently demonstrate a system-wide commitment to high ethical business practices are eligible. Businesses can nominate themselves or be nominated by a third party. The online nomination

form and detailed submission guidelines are available at www.uncommonfriends.org.

Independent judges will determine finalists and the winner. Finalists will be announced in advance and honored at a special business ethics luncheon hosted by Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert School of Business and the Uncommon Friends Foundation on November 1. The winner of the UFF Business Ethics Award will be revealed at the annual Uncommon Evening on Thursday, November 2 at the historic Burroughs Home & Gardens in Fort Myers.

For more information, call 337-9503.✱

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Bridge Closures

Saturday, July 8. All regular collection schedules will resume Monday, July 10.

Parks & Recreation: Lee County's parks, pools and preserves remain open on Independence Day. Offices and recreation centers are closed on the holiday and will reopen Wednesday, July 5.

LeeTran: LeeTran will not run regular bus or paratransit service on the holiday, but will provide trolley transportation to and around Fort Myers Beach, as well as trolley service through the Downtown Fort Myers River District.

The Beach Park & Ride Trolley will run every 40 minutes starting at 7 a.m. at the free parking lot on Summerlin Square Drive. It will travel back and forth to

Bowditch Point Park, with the last drop-off on the mainland at 10:50 p.m. The Beach trolley will start service at 6:45 a.m. at Bowditch Park, running every 30 minutes to Lovers Key State Park. Service will end at 11:40 p.m. at Bowditch Park.

The downtown trolley will run every 25 minutes between 6:05 p.m. and 10:35 p.m., traveling along the seasonal route of the Blue Line, which runs from the Oasis Condominiums through downtown to McGregor Boulevard and West First Street.

Libraries: All library locations will be closed on Independence Day; branches will resume regular operating hours on Wednesday, July 5.

Animal Services: Lee County Domestic Animal Services at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers will be closed for the holiday. It will reopen at 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 5.

Utilities: The customer service center will be closed on the holiday. ✱

Book Review

In Memoriam

by Di Saggau



Anne Joffe is well known on our islands. She moved here in 1973 and has been involved with many aspects of shelling as well as many organizations. She owns and operates She Sells Sea Shells

with two locations on Sanibel and just celebrated 40 years in business. Joffe told me, "I was president off and on of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club for over 40 years, and chair of the Sanibel Shell Show for the same number of years and served on the board of directors for the shell

museum for 12 years, twice as president." She said, "Porter Goss, our mayor at that time, appointed me on the Live Shell Study Committee back in the early 70s to determine the effects of taking live shells from our waters. I have served on the chamber of commerce board for many years, and also as president." Joffe has taken numerous islanders on shelling trips around the world and has written several books about shells. Her accomplishments are many. What I want to talk about is her latest book *In Memoriam*.

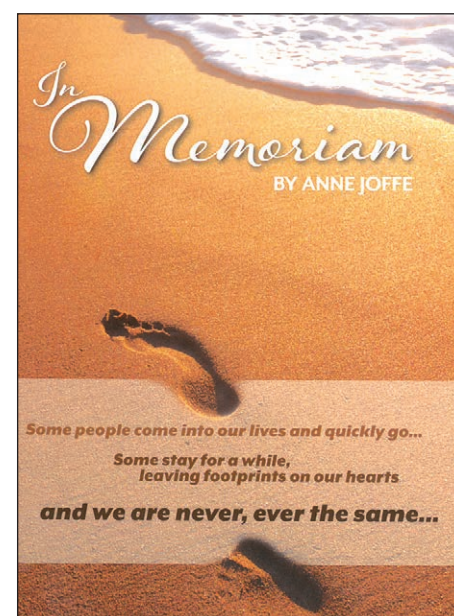
Joffe told me she started working on this book about three years ago as a remembrance to all the good friends and mentors she had over the years. She said, "I wanted to keep their memories alive and hoped this would be a fitting tribute to them. So many good people are gone." Her book pays tribute to over 180 shell collectors. On each page there is a picture of one of her good friends and also of a

shell which was special to them. Joffe said, "Some were their favorites, some were ones they gave to me as a gift. Some they named, others were named after them, and some were their area of expertise."

Here are a few of those featured in the book: Sam Bailey, who along with his brother, Francis, donated the land on which the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum was built. Sam taught Joffe to "give back" to this wonderful island; R. Tucker Abbott, who was to conchology what Audubon was to birding; Priscilla Murphy, who had a busy real estate company on Sanibel and was very active in the shell club back in the late '70s; and Betty Jean Piech, who was an avid sheller. She and Joffe spent many shell trips together. On the back of the book is a poem Piech wrote while she and Joffe were in Borneo. Joffe told me she wrote it in case she did not make it back. It's a beautiful piece for friends to treasure.

There is a page dedicated to Raymond Burr, known by most as Perry Mason or Ironside. He served as spokesperson for the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum when it was being formed.

Joffe also visited him at his home in Fiji. Elsie and Dan Malone had a shell shop specializing in the newly named, rare and exotic shells. Many of Elsie's shells are displayed in the lobby of the Sanibel Public Library. Joffe eventually bought their shop and still operates it today. Mary Nix was one of the original members of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club. Eddie Goldstein loved to create animals and characters from locally collected shells. Gertrude Ford was president of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club in the '90s, while her husband, Sam,



was the president of the board of trustees at the shell museum. These are just a few of the many dedicated shellers featured in Joffe's book *In Memoriam*.

I thoroughly enjoyed learning about everyone in the book. If you knew some of these people, and many of you did, this book will have special meaning for you. As Joffe notes on the front of her book, "Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while, leaving footprints on our hearts and we are never, ever the same." *In Memoriam* by Anne Joffe is available at both Sea Sells Sea Shells locations, 1157 Periwinkle Way and 2411 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.✱

School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP



Dear Shelley,
My kids are bored. The excitement of being out of school has died down, and they need to have some different activities. They go to a daily

camp while I work but need something extra at home. I would like some suggestions.

Tessa C., Fort Myers

Tessa,

Kids do get bored quickly in the summertime. While summer can be lots of fun, there are some negatives to having the long summer break.

Research tells us that kids do forget over the summer. Across the board, all kids lose some math skills. In reading, the middle class holds its own, but the poorer children lose reading and spelling skills, and that pattern has emerged as a possible explanation for the academic achievement gap between those who have financial resources and those who don't. Also it was found that summer learning programs have a significant positive effect, and those positive effects are greater for middle-class kids than for poorer kids.

More and more children in the United States are obese and overweight and these same children tend to become overweight or obese adults, leading to a host of health problems. Many people blame schools, but research shows the opposite. Ohio State University statistician Paul von Hippel through his research found that children gain weight three times faster during the summer months, gaining as much weight during the summer as they do during the entire school year, even though the summertime is three times shorter. And while some weight gain is considered normal, the patterns these researchers have presented are not normal or healthy for kids.

Here are some suggestions from www.summerlearning.org to keep your children learning and in shape.

Read, Read, Read: Summer reading should be fun reading! Help your child

read anything and everything that interests him or her. A great way to get started is by celebrating the end of the school year with a special trip to the library or a bookstore. Help your child set up a comfortable and quiet space with good lighting for summer reading. Encourage your child to create a schedule for daily reading and set an example by letting your child see you read every day.

Have Fun with Numbers: Find creative ways to practice math by asking your child to help you tally the bill at the grocery store, calculate time, or follow a recipe. Some children enjoy math workbooks or online worksheets – there are lots of free ones.

Turn off the TV; Turn off the screens: A little bit of screen time is OK, but too much screen time is not healthy. Monitor (and limit) screen time in the summertime just as you would during the school year.

Make Art: Kids love art projects of every kind, but they rarely have enough time during the school year to draw and paint and construct as much as they'd like. Picasso said, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain one once we grow up." Let the summer months be the time when your child discovers that he or she has the amazing ability to create through art.

Get outside. Take a hike. Play in the sun. Go for a bike ride or a run. Visit a park: Some children experience unhealthy levels of weight gain during the summer months because they get less exercise when schools are closed. It's important to help your child stay physically active all summer long.

Finally... go to sleep: Keep a bedtime routine. It's OK for your child to stay up a bit later in the summer but it's still very important to maintain a regular bedtime and routine. For example, if you read a bedtime story to your child during the school year, then read a bedtime story during the summer.

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Female Pioneers of Fort Myers

Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development

By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

"Packed with facts and employing an engaging storytelling style, [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*

College Football Great Continues His Baseball Journey In Fort Myers



by Ed Frank

Tim Tebow, the former University of Florida football great, is returning to Florida, in fact right here in Fort Myers this weekend, to continue his journey and dream to become a Major League baseball player. A Heisman Trophy winner who led the Gators to national championships in 2006 and 2008, the 29-year-old Tebow was promoted Sunday from the low Class A Columbia Fireflies to Advanced A St. Lucie that will open a four-game series here tonight, Friday, against the Fort Myers Miracle at Hammond Stadium.

Columbia and St. Lucie are farm terms of the New York Mets that signed Tebow last year in his long-shot baseball attempt.

Although he had minimal success at Columbia, hitting only .222 in 63 games, Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said, “We thought it was the right time to promote him.”

Alderson went on to explain that while Tebow didn’t “tear up the league” at Columbia, he feels he can handle the tougher competition in the Florida State League where the pitching is definitely much stronger.

He has been a big attendance draw both at home and on the road, and that is certain to be the case when he arrives here this weekend.

With Tebow on the Columbia roster, the Fireflies averaged 5,230 per game compared to last year’s home attendance average of 3,785.

The following are the times for the weekend games with Tebow as the star attraction: Friday, 7:05 p.m.; Saturday, 6:05 p.m.; Sunday, 4:05 p.m., Monday, 7:05 p.m. Fireworks will follow the Friday and Monday games.

The reports on Tebow’s first year on professional baseball have generally been mixed. He flashed some power with 18 extra-base hits among his 47 knocks, but strikeouts have been an issue for the left-handed hitting outfielder. He has fanned 28.6 percent of his plate appearances while walking 9.5 percent.

Defensively, he has committed seven errors playing primarily left field, posting a .879 fielding percentage.

The likelihood of a 29-year-old former football player who hadn’t played baseball since high school making it to the Major Leagues is extremely doubtful. But just like the hundreds of other players toiling in the minor leagues, Tebow is chasing the dream of stardom.

No doubt there will be large numbers of fans cheering him on at Hammond Stadium this weekend.

Miracle Start Second Half Of Season 2-2

After finishing the season’s first-half with a 33-35 record and a third-place finish in the

Golf Outing Raises \$25,200 For County Students

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers – Sunrise recently presented a \$25,200 check to The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools and its Take Stock in Children program. Funds were raised at the third annual Gravity Benefits Sunrise Rotary ProAm Classic on May 19 at The Forest Country Club and will provide post-secondary education for at-risk, low-income students in Lee County.

“Thanks to our partnership with the Rotary Club of Fort Myers - Sunrise, we are able to offer to even more students the opportunity to continue their education and obtain a college degree,” said Marshall Bower, president and CEO of The Foundation of Lee County Public Schools. “Special thanks to our title sponsor, Gravity Benefits, and all of the sponsors. By breaking the cycle of poverty, this is truly a gift that keeps on giving.”

Twenty-three teams of one pro golfer and four amateurs enjoyed a fun-filled day of golf to help provide college scholarships for Lee County students. The afternoon festivities featured

beverages, hors d’oeuvres, a boxed lunch and raffle prizes.

”This event is about eliminating poverty one child at a time, and we are honored to work with the foundation for Lee County Public Schools, our title sponsor, Gravity Benefits, and every one of the amazing sponsors that make this event such a success,” said Norman Lutz, Sunrise Rotary ProAm chair.

After the tournament, winning teams and field events were recognized. The \$3,000 purse for the professionals was divided among the top 10 professionals.

On Wednesday, May 17, the VIP Realty Junior Clinic sponsored by Arika Bjorkedal, realtor with VIP Realty, was held at The Forest Country Club. Approximately 20 children from the Boys and Girls Club of Lehigh Acres received mentorship from golf professionals while participating in four golf stations focused on basic golf instruction and golf etiquette.

For more information, visit FMSunriseRotary.com/pro-am-golf-classic or contact Lutz at 208-8091.

Wicker Smith captured 1st place in the Amateur Division, followed by Estate Landscaping & Lawn Management in 2nd place. In the Professional Division, Sanda Angulo Minarro, with a score of 66, placed first, followed by Stan Geer (69) in second and Chris Trout (70) in third.✱

Florida State League South Division, the Fort Myers Miracle began the second-half with a 2-2 record after splitting a weekend series with the Florida Fire Frogs.

At the end of the first-half, three Miracle players – right-hander Dereck Rodriguez, infielder Alex Perez and catcher Brian Navarreto – were promoted to Double A Chattanooga.

Five players were then moved up from Cedar Rapid to the Miracle: shortstop Jermaine Palacios, outfielder Jaylin Davis, catcher Mitchell Kranson, infielder Brandon Lopez and right-hander Keaton Steele.

Palacios hit .320 at Cedar Rapids with 11 home runs and Davis had 12 round-trippers.

Twins First Overall Draft Pick Assigned Here to Gulf Coast League Rookie Team

The Minnesota Twins have assigned shortstop Royce Lewis, the first overall pick in the 2017 Major League Draft, to their Rookie League team, the Gulf Coast League Twins.

The 18-year-old Californian signed a \$6 million-plus bonus to join the Twins organization. The Gulf Coast League Twins play their home games here at the CenturyLink Sports Complex.✱

Fastpitch Softball Championships

Top softball athletes from throughout the state are headed to Lee County for the Florida U.S. Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Fastpitch South Florida State Championships from Friday, June 30 to Sunday, July 2. The tournament will feature A-, B- and C-level teams with age bracket divisions ranging from 8U to 18U. Games will be played at Cape Coral Sports Complex, CenturyLink Sports Complex, North Collier Regional Park, Cape Coral

Northwest Softball Complex and Sam Fleishman Sports Complex.

An estimated 140 teams are expected to participate in this year’s championship tournament. The event is anticipated to bring an estimated 5,000 sports visitors to the area that will generate approximately 3,500 hotel room nights and \$1.3 million in direct visitor spending.

Admission is free for spectators. Games are scheduled to begin Friday morning as early as 8 a.m. For more information on USSSA, the event and the full schedule, visit www.floridasssafastpitch.com.✱

Medals4Mettle Opens Southwest Florida Chapter

Medals4Mettle (M4M) recently announced the opening of the M4M Southwest Florida Chapter for Cape Coral, Fort Myers and Naples.

The non-profit organization’s mission is to celebrate and reward the individual and collective courage of all human beings by facilitating the gifting of earned marathon, half-marathon and triathlon finishers’ medals to children and adults dealing with chronic or debilitating illnesses. Those with such illnesses have demonstrated similar mettle or courage in bravely facing their health challenges. The M4M nationwide network of physicians and volunteers awards these medals to those who might

not be able to run a race but are in a race of their own to continue to live their life.

Runners can donate their medals by dropping them off at Run Florida on McGregor at 13101 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers, or Coastline Cyclery at 10676 Colonial Boulevard, Unit 50, in Fort Myers. Contact information will also be needed with the donation so M4M can acknowledge the gift.

Additional drop-off locations in Southwest Florida will be listed at www.medals4mettle.org/chapters.html. Runners can also schedule a Medals4Mettle volunteer to pick up donated medals by emailing info@medals4mettle.org.

To learn more about Medals4Mettle, become a volunteer and schedule a medal award ceremony, visit www.medals4mettle.org/. Volunteers and runners can also follow news of the Southwest Florida chapter by clicking “Like” on the group’s Facebook page at Medals4MettleSWFL.✱

SPORTS QUIZ

1. How many times has Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw led the majors in strikeouts for a season?
2. When was the last time a reliever won a Rookie of the Year award?
3. Six Division I college football players have recorded three seasons of at least 1,500 rushing yards. Name four of them.
4. Who was the first Harlem Globetrotter to be enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame?
5. How many times have the Columbus Blue Jackets reached the playoffs in the franchise’s 16 NHL seasons?
6. In 2016, Stanford won its second straight NCAA Division I men’s soccer title. Name the last school to win back-to-back titles.
7. Ohio State won its second straight NCAA men’s volleyball championship in 2017, becoming the third consecutive school to win back-to-back titles. Name the other two schools.

ANSWERS

1. Three times -- 2011, 2013 and 2015. 2. Craig Kimbrel of the Atlanta Braves in 2011. 3. Tony Dorsett, Herschel Walker, Travis Prentice, Garrett Wolfe, LaMichael James and Donnell Pumphrey. 4. Marques Haynes was inducted in 1998. 5. Three times -- the 2008-09, 2013-14 and 2016-17 seasons. 6. Indiana, in 2003-04. 7. California Irvine (2012-13) and Loyola Chicago (2014-15).

Partnership To Aid College Students

As part of its ongoing commitment to provide best-in-class academic programs to its students, Hodges University recently announced its intention to formally affiliate with TCS Education System. As an affiliate, Hodges will join a select group of independent, private non-profit institutions that includes The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Dallas Nursing Institute, Pacific Oaks College, the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law, and Saybrook University.

"We are thrilled with this new partnership and see Hodges University, the students we serve, and the communities of Southwest Florida benefitting in several important ways," said Dr. Donald Wortham, president of Hodges University. "First, through partnership with TCS affiliate schools, Hodges has the opportunity to bring new academic and workforce development options to our region, and also to reach new students in the markets served by other affiliates. Second, TCS Education System sustains the mission of colleges in its network by providing best-in-class faculty development, student services and other operational support. Lastly the partnership allows Hodges to gain the benefits of scale that are so important in today's competitive higher education sector, while remaining independent."

Through affiliation with TCS, Hodges will gain access to operational support in 11 functional areas that include marketing, information technology, student account services, finance and legal services.

"Joining TCS is the right move at the right time. The support that my late husband, Earl, and I have given to Hodges University has focused on providing excellent educational opportunities so our students can achieve their career goals and improve their lives," said Thelma Hodges, namesake of Hodges University. "In the healthcare field where I worked as a nurse, it is common for hospitals to join together to share services and to collaborate, and universities should do the same. It's for this reason that I believe the affiliation with TCS Education System will greatly enhance the academic programs our university can offer to students in Southwest Florida."

"This latest development signifies an important milestone in our system's evolution and the advancement of our mission," said Dr. Michael Horowitz, president of TCS Education System. "The strategic addition of Hodges University as a TCS partner college promises to meaningfully enhance our system with both geographic and demographic diversity, and expanded academic disciplines within the TCS portfolio. We see students as change agents, and we are thrilled to add more than 1,500 agents of change to the TCS family. I see the missions of

Hodges University and the system as highly aligned as we are all dedicated to creating positive change in local and global communities through excellence in higher education."

Hodges University will seek approval of the affiliation by its regional accreditor, the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Colleges (SACS COC) and other regulatory bodies, and is hopeful for an affirmative decision by early 2018.✱

May Record For Airport Traffic

During May, 629,321 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers, an increase of 3.7 percent compared to May 2016. This number also represents the best May in the 34-year history of the airport. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 1.4 percent from the same period last year.

The traffic leader in May was Delta Air Lines with 161,356 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Southwest (139,117), American (112,631), JetBlue (78,081) and United (52,638).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 5,922 aircraft movements (takeoffs and landings), an increase of 3.8 percent compared to May 2016. Page Field saw 8,319 movements, an 11.7 percent decrease from May 2016. In addition, slightly more than 2.5 million pounds of air freight moved through Southwest Florida International Airport in May 2017, an increase of 12.1 percent compared to May 2016.

Southwest Florida International Airport served 8.6 million passengers in 2016 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. For more information, visit www.flylcpa.com or Like Us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/flyRSW.✱

Health System Vice President Promotion

Marilyn Kole, MD, MBA, has been promoted to vice president of clinical transformation for Lee Health. In her new role, Dr. Kole assumed responsibility for the clinical quality functions of the medical staff and is responsible for reducing clinical practice variation across Lee Health's hospitals by working in partnership with the medical staff and other health system leaders through the Clinical Collaboration Council. Through this new structure, Dr. Kole will establish system quality scorecards to monitor and continuously improve clinical quality.

Dr. Kole joined Lee Health in 2000 and has served in a number of leadership roles, including system medical director of intensive care services, system medical director of clinical effectiveness, system medical director of specialty and hospital-based physicians and system medical director of clinical transformation. She also worked part-time as a critical care physician with Lee Physician Group Pulmonology, Critical Care and Sleep Specialists.

In addition to Dr. Kole's leadership experience with Lee Health, she also worked as a physician and partner at Jersey Coast Pulmonary and Critical Care in Sea Grit, New Jersey; as an associate pulmonary/critical care/internal medicine physician at Internal Medicine Associates in Fort Myers; as a hospitalist; and as a physician and partner at Coastal Internal Medicine Specialists in Fort Myers.

"Dr. Kole has a passion for quality improvement," said Scott Nygaard, MD, Lee Health chief medical and clinical integration officer. "In her new role, she will further our clinical integration



Marilyn Kole

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efforts and continuously improve the quality of care we deliver by providing patients with the right care at the right time in the right place."

Dr. Kole earned her medical degree at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, New Jersey. She completed an internal medicine internship and residency – and served as chief resident – at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York. She completed a pulmonary and critical care fellowship at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and earned her master of business administration at Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts. Dr. Kole also served as a United States Navy and Naval Reserve Hospital Corpsman. She is a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and is a member of the American Association for Physician Leadership.✱

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Local Navy Man Serves In The Middle East



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Submitted by Lt. Philip Fortnam, Navy Office of Community Outreach

A Fort Myers native and 2008 Bishop Verot High School graduate is a part of Naval Forces Central Command keeping watch over one of the world’s most volatile regions at Naval Support Activity, Bahrain.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert DeMattia is an intelligence specialist

at the Manama, Bahrain Navy base, forward-deployed to the Arabian Gulf in the U.S. Navy’s 5th Fleet. The Navy’s 5th Fleet’s area of operation encompasses about 2.5 million square miles of water area and includes the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and parts of the Indian Ocean. The expanse comprises 20 countries, including three critical choke points at the Strait of Hormuz, the Suez Canal and the Strait of Bab al Mandeb at the southern tip of Yemen.

“I joined the Navy for more of a career and life,” said DeMattia. “The intelligence community is very important and interesting, but it’s not for everyone.”

DeMattia is receiving firsthand experience working in a foreign country and being part of a team vital to our nation’s defense, keeping the world’s waterways open and safe from hostile forces.

“I’m making the best of this deployment,” said DeMattia. “Bahrain has some American things which helps it feel like home, a little.”

The U.S. Naval Forces Central Command’s mission is to conduct maritime security operations, theater security cooperation efforts and strengthen partner nations’ maritime capabilities in order to promote security and stability in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.

DeMattia realizes the significance of serving his country abroad and is very proud of the work he is doing as part of Naval Forces Central Command, Bahrain.

“The Navy has given me a tremendous opportunity for civilian employment,” said DeMattia. “Plus I’ve been able to see the world. I loved Italy and its architecture.”✱

Collaboration Between Generations

For its next luncheon meeting, Above Board Chamber of Florida presents Collaboration Between Generations at Hilton Naples on Monday, July 10 and at Pelican Preserve on Thursday, July 13. The meetings are held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are required at www.AboveBoardChamber.com.

The expert panelists represent four distinct generations and will explore the characteristics of each, including its members’ distinct motivations, aversions, values and the strengths they bring to the marketplace. Generational differences and similarities will be discussed with a focus on mutual respect and managing the dynamics to benefit the organization as a whole.

The Naples meeting will be emceed by Baby Boomer Robin Larkin, principal at Performance Management Associates, and will feature a panel including Arnold Klinsky (Traditionalist), a 40-year veteran of media and

broadcasting; Brandie Dickerson (Gen X), executive vice president at Tri-Town Construction; Wotts Mercy (Millennial), special project coordinator at PACE Center for Girls, Collier at Immokalee; and Gail B. Williams (Baby Boomer), chief diversity officer and university president’s cabinet member at Hodges University.

The Fort Myers meeting will also be emceed by Larkin and will feature a panel including Bob Simpson (Traditionalist), CEO of LeeSar; Danielle Visone (Millennial), program director at Valerie’s House; Marian Klink (Baby Boomer), assistant director of the Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges University; and Dickerson.

For the Naples lunch, registration fee on or before Wednesday, July 5 is \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. After July 5, registration will be \$30 for members and \$35 for guests.

For the Fort Myers lunch, registration on or before Thursday, July 6 is \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. After July 6, registration will be \$30 for members and \$35 for guests.

Hilton Naples is located at 5111 Tamiami Trail North in Naples. Pelican Preserve is located at 9802 Pelican Preserve Boulevard in Fort Myers.✱

Local Artists



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School's out

create sculpted and digital art expressing an imaginative, storybook spirit. Sculpting with paper masking tape over wire and reclaimed objects is where their artwork begins. Many of their sculptures are documented through digital illustrations and animations.

Fin Folk is their newest collection and presents daydream-like portrayals of life forms beneath the waves. Hoping to draw attention to the inconspicuous watery world of weightless, acrobatic beings living under a glimmering surface, the Ocasios’ intentions are to remind us all to heed

Stay Safe During Storm Season

This’ the season where skies go from sunny to scary within minutes.

Preparation is key when it comes to weathering storm season in southwest Florida. Below are some tips to help you and yours stay safe during storm season:

- Always keep a battery-operated radio, flashlights and an adequate supply of new batteries on hand. These will prove to be essential items in the event of a temporary power outage.
- Have a backup source of power ready for anyone requiring life-support equipment (such as a respirator).
- In the event of a power outage, disconnect large appliances and turn



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and take to heart the well-being of our waterways. They imagine the many fins swiftly gliding back and forth are waving “hello” to all who stand at the shore. This show is the Ocasios’ wave back to them, to say: “We see you. How do you do?”

DAAS CO-OP Art Gallery & Gifts, which celebrated its first anniversary in April, is located in Royal Palm Square at 1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 84, in Fort Myers.

For more information about the artists, visit www.ocasiocasa.com. For more information on the gallery, visit www.daascoop.com or call 590-8645. For more information about SoCo Second Saturday, visit www.socoswfl.com.✱

off your lights and air conditioner. Once power is restored, having all these appliances come on simultaneously may cause a power surge that could damage them. You may want to leave one light on to let you know when your power is restored.

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- For more information on how to stay safe during storm season, visit www.lcec.net.✱

Law Students Train On The Job At Local Firm

Four law students are supplementing their law school experience by working as clerks at Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. during the summer.

Madison Allen, Andres Estrella, Kristen Schalter and Kaylee Tuck will be exposed to a broad range of practice areas and will attend hearings, trials, depositions, mediations, arbitrations and meetings with clients as part of Henderson Franklin's Summer Associate Program. They will also perform research, assist in the drafting of pleadings, discovery and analyze various legal issues. Each summer associate is paired with a Henderson Franklin attorney mentor who assists the summer associate with the transition from law student to lawyer.

Allen is a Southwest Florida native and grew up in LaBelle. She was dual enrolled at Florida SouthWestern and earned her associates degree before graduating LaBelle High School in 2012. Allen then attended Florida Gulf Coast University where she earned her undergraduate degree in 2015 and will soon enter her final year at Stetson University College of Law. While at Stetson, Allen has served as the pro bono chair, a student bar association representative and a member of the



From left, Kaylee Tuck, Andres Estrella, Madison Allen and Kristen Schalter photo provided

Florida Association of Women Lawyers. She also received the Lee County Association for Women Lawyer's Scholarship at its Judicial Reception held last month.

Estrella is a Miami native who will be

entering his final year at the University of Miami School of Law. He obtained his bachelor of science degree and masters in accounting from Villanova University. Estrella worked in public accounting for three years prior to law

school and holds an active CPA license. In law school, Estrella was one of a select few who traveled to Belgium to participate in an International Tax Moot Court Competition this past spring. He is passionate about physical fitness and, in the summer of 2015, cycled across the United States from Miami to Seattle riding 4,000 miles in just 56 days.

Schalter is from Adrian, Michigan, and attended Grand Valley State University for her undergraduate degree. Upon relocating to Florida, she taught middle school in Kissimmee and Tampa. Schalter will be entering her final year at the Florida State University (FSU) College of Law where she is the administrative editor of the *Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law* and serves on the executive boards of the business and intellectual property law societies. She enjoys watching baseball games and FSU football in her spare time.

Tuck grew up in Sebring, Florida, and will be entering her final year at Stetson University College of Law. While in law school, she is active in the local community volunteering at Gulfcoast Legal Services and recently completed an internship with the St. Petersburg's Police Department. Tuck obtained her undergraduate degree from FSU. Off the clock, she enjoys the Florida beaches, mud runs and triathlons.

For more information on Henderson Franklin or its Summer Associate Program, visit www.henlaw.com.✱

Students Learn From Ethics Case Competition

Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert College of Business and the Uncommon Friends Foundation recently co-hosted the first annual high school ethics case competition. Students from 10 schools in the region, as well as those from home school, Florida Atlantic University and Florida State University, worked in teams and studied a case in which a consultant found that a social services organization, with the best of intentions, was overcharging a state agency in an effort to maximize services for its needy clientele.

Gary Bostic, advisor for the Teen Advisory Council, noted, "The FGCU Ethics competition was an amazing and valuable learning experience for our young people. They were given the opportunity to not only find out what an ethical dilemma was, but to also realize they could be faced with the same situation in their own lives, whether in their future careers or personal lives. To me, this was more than a competition. It was a lesson in life, and the life skill they learned will give them the mental tools to make sound, ethical decisions for the rest of their lives."

Maegan Mikkelson, Ava Turner, Rokia Jones and Ava Collier along with FGCU mentor Dr. Jennifer Manegold were on the competition's winning team.

Zach Taylor, a 13-year-old home school student who was the youngest participant, said, "I hope I get to participate next year. This had an impact on me because I could see how someone has to make hard choices daily."

Amy Turner, leader of the 4-H Trail Blazers and who accompanied several students from her organization to the program, added, "After the event, the 4-H kids met and said they were surprised to learn how many people were affected by a decision. Including and defining all the different stakeholders was a really important part of the experience for our kids."

In addition to the competition, students heard brief remarks from Uncommon Friends Foundation President Helena Dabrowski and Executive Director Jennifer Nelson. Dr. Eric Dent, Uncommon Friends Foundation chair professor in ethics, coordinated the work of several Uncommon Friends Foundation members and FGCU faculty who mentored the students and judged the competition.

Students interested in participating in 2018 should contact Dr. Dent at edent@fgcu.edu.✱

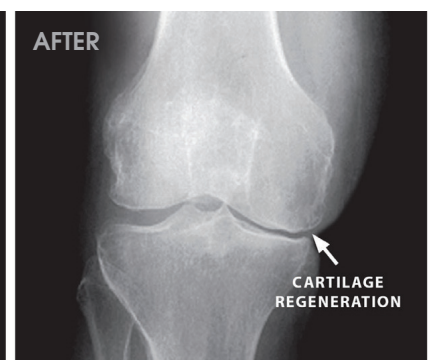
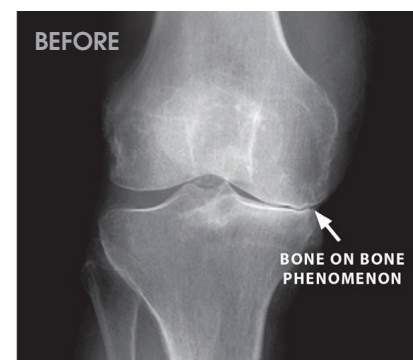
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Home Remedies For Bug Bites



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers:

You know when you have one of those awkward moments that you think could go viral if only someone had a camera on you? Well, recently, my friend was outside when a bug swooped from above and descended down her V-neck shirt. Faster than you can say “bugger,” she was stung or bit on not one but both of her breasts. The bug then dropped out the bottom of her shirt and flew away. What followed was a lawn dance the likes of which her neighbors have never seen. The chaos that ensued could’ve gone viral if someone had a phone handy.

So I said to her, “Did you apply meat tenderizer? Ammonia?” She said no, but was grateful that she had taken some Benadryl at 3 a.m. that morning to help with insomnia. She suspects (and I agree) that the inflammation and pain could have been much worse. We joked about her story and dubbed it “One Bee, Two Boobs.”

So what do you do if you are stung or bitten by a nasty little critter? There are a host of remedies for insect attacks and other summer “owwies” that you can find at your local pharmacy, or in your kitchen.

Oatmeal: Put quick-cooking or rolled oats into a food processor or coffee grinder to make a fine powder. Mix that with a small amount of water to make a paste. Apply this paste to your sting. You can also take a bath with oatmeal for all-over itch relief.

Black Tea: Put a cold tea bag on the bite site for 5 minutes. The naturally occurring “tannins” in tea are what make it bitter, but these tannins also draw the poison out and ease discomfort. English Breakfast Tea is high in tannins.

Vinegar: Use white or apple cider vinegar. Mix it 50/50 with water and use a cotton ball to dab the mixture to your sore for instant itch relief.

Meat Tenderizer: This contains papain which breaks up poisons from insect venom. Sprinkle about 1/2 teaspoon into a little cup and add some water, perhaps a teaspoon or two just to make a paste and dab directly onto the bite. The sooner after you get stung, the better.

Ammonia: Insect venom is usually acidic and ammonia is alkaline so this neutralizes the poison, and is best applied as soon as possible to the bee or wasp sting. Some people recommend to dab it on straight, others suggest to dilute

50/50 with water.

Ice cubes: It’s super effective at reducing inflammation and numbing the area. Just wrap a cube in a paper towel and apply for 5 or 10 minutes. Ice feels nice on bites!

Toothpaste: The menthol in toothpaste makes for a nice cooling

sensation while reducing swelling. Just apply a thin layer and let it dry.

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.✴

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie 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,

During my high school years, I was not a good student, not an athlete, never in a school play, no friends, never invited to a prom and not the least bit pretty. I guess by today’s standards, I was a troubled teen.

Routinely over all these many years, I have received notices and invitations to reunions, but I just threw them away without even a consideration. Then suddenly on the 50th, I decided I would do it and I would go.

I was successful in my chosen profession, married late in life and have money to spend, and this was the time to show it. All these years it has always bothered me that I was such a troubled soul in my teens, but I am successful and I am now rich.

I decided on my strategy. Plastic surgery 20 years ago helped, and I am still very trim. I consulted a fashion designer, a skin specialist, hair dresser and arranged for a loan of beautiful jewelry and a new sports car.

The makeup specialist came to my room at the hotel before the event. There was nothing I wouldn’t do and cost wasn’t even a consideration.

I planned to be just a little late and I made my entrance. All eyes turned to me

and they were stunned. The homecoming queen is now a fat slob; the handsome football star a missing-tooth jerk. I was the star of the evening.

The gals who wouldn’t be my friends all looked tired and old, and I looked 10 years younger than all of them. I made my point. I looked fabulous. They all knew it, but so did I.

All these years I have been plagued by feelings of inadequacies. I made my revenge to these people who had been so cruel, now I am on top and it was worth every dime I spent.

Molly

Dear Molly,

I am sorry you had to wait so long to get back at these slobbs. Many people have dreadful experiences during their high school years, and the treatment they receive causes severe emotional scars. Some students are severely criticized just because they get good grades, and are made to feel weird and strange.

I recently heard about a very successful TV newsman (one you would know) who had been asked many times to give the graduation address at his old high school. He has never accepted. Finally, he told them he had had such a terrible high school experience at that school that he would never go back to the school again.

Keep in touch with those pros – good hair dressers and fashion coordinators are hard to find.

Lizzie

Dear Molly,

I am struck by how long lasting childhood experiences affect people, myself included. It is interesting how the popular and mean kids do not recall the hurt and pain they caused. Those “popular” kids most likely would not remember our names, but we sure remember their names. The name-calling, pushing into lockers, tripping, trash-canning was all in fun they say. Yet the ones on the receiving end carry the pain and hurt throughout their life.

I am happy for you. I think there is reason for the term “sweet revenge.” Now you can let go of those feelings of inadequacy and live unencumbered by the cruelties of others.

Pryce

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Doctor and Dietician

ADHD And The Green Outdoors



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

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is becoming more common among children, and is actually the most common childhood neurobehavioral disorder. Children with ADHD, not only have difficulty with paying attention, they also get distracted easily, are hyperactive and are often impulsive. This disorder impinges on many areas of the sufferer’s life, including family, friends and school; and unfortunately, often continues into adulthood where it affects job performance as well.

Even though this disorder is so prevalent, treatment options fall short, especially considering its long-term involvement. Prescription medications are the frequently used, but this treatment option may result in serious

side effects. Previously, we’ve talked about the positive changes that occur in people with major depression when they hike in nature. Similarly, studies such as one in the American Journal of Public Health have been undertaken to examine the impact of nature on those with ADHD. The result? Children ages 5 to 18 with ADHD had lessened symptoms after participating in activities that took place in a green outdoor environment. Various activities were studied, including indoor and outdoor activities (green and not green), but the most significant behavioral improvements were noted with green outdoor activities. Parents raising children with ADHD, or even adults continuing to deal with this disorder, are confronted with struggles in many crucial areas of life, but nature just may provide some help. Several studies, including the aforementioned study, have consistently shown that green outdoor activities significantly reduce the symptoms of ADHD. How do you begin? Hiking is an easy and inexpensive green outdoor activity, but do what works for you. And make sure the activity takes place in the great green outdoors! Try to include some exercise and take the whole family, since benefits reach across all ages.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Caring Medical Regenerative Medicine Clinics has two locations: one in Oak Park, Illinois, and one in Fort Myers. It was established in 1991 by Ross Hauser, MD, and Marion Hauser, MS, RD. They can be reached at info@caringmedical.com.✴

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Arts Study

in \$27.5 billion in federal, state and local tax revenues. In addition, it supports 4.6 million full-time equivalent jobs.

“This study demonstrates that the arts are an economic and employment powerhouse both locally and across the nation,” says Robert L. Lynch, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts. “A

vibrant arts and culture industry helps local businesses thrive and helps local communities become stronger and healthier places to live. Leaders who care about community and economic vitality can feel good about choosing to invest in the arts. Nationally as well as locally, the arts mean business.”

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.✴



Blueberry-Lemon Corn Muffins

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**Blueberry-Lemon Corn Muffins**

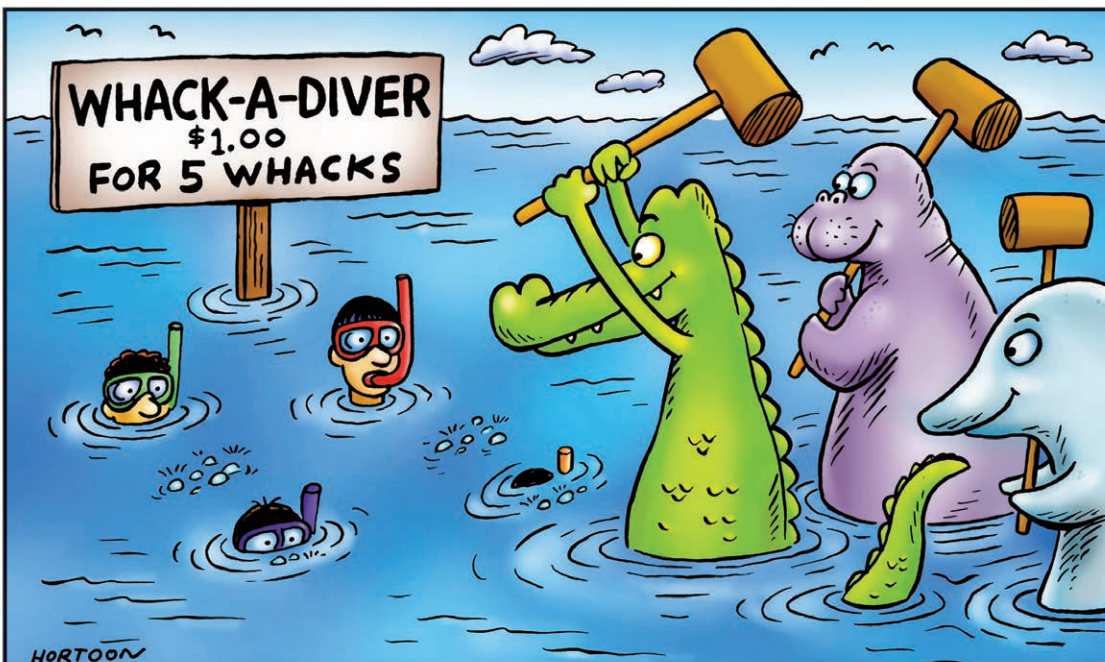
Paper muffin cup liners
 1/2 stick (1/4 cup) unsalted butter
 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
 1 tablespoon freshly grated lemon zest
 1/2 cup whole milk
 2 large egg yolks
 1/2 cup blueberries

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F and line six 1/3-cup muffin cups with paper liners. Melt butter and cool. Into a large bowl sift together flour and baking powder and whisk in cornmeal, 1/2 cup sugar, lemon zest, and a generous pinch salt. In a bowl whisk together melted butter, milk, and yolks and add to flour mixture with half of blueberries, gently stirring until just combined.

Divide batter evenly among cups (batter will fill cups) and press remaining blueberries into tops of muffins. Sprinkle tops of muffins evenly with remaining tablespoon sugar. Bake muffins in middle of oven about 15 minutes, or until tops are golden and a tester comes out clean. Remove muffins from cups and cool on a rack. Muffins keep in an airtight container at room temperature two days.

Look for Fresh from Florida ingredients at your grocery store.✱

HORTOONS



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Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR.....	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
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duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
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Garden Club of Cape Coral.....	239-257-2654
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Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
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Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
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AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum.....	395-2233
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Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
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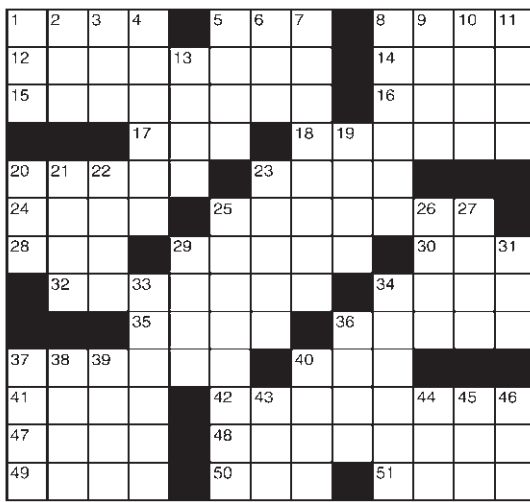
Super Crossword K-9

- ACROSS
- 1 Muslim holy city
 - 6 Krishna, e.g.
 - 12 Judges' gp.
 - 15 Shower item
 - 19 Car rods
 - 20 Juan's shawl
 - 21 Boar or sow
 - 22 As far as
 - 23 Very stripped-down rendition?
 - 26 Acne, slangily
 - 27 Legal injury
 - 28 Devoid of joy
 - 29 "Pee- — Big Holiday" (2016 film)
 - 30 Curriculum segment
 - 31 "Jingle Bells" vehicle
 - 33 Hoosiers stuffing suitcases?
 - 39 Italian automaker
 - 41 Does a pressing job
 - 42 Fly smoothly
 - 43 Muslim ascetic's caution?
 - 47 "— didn't!" (denier's cry)
 - 48 Vine-covered, as a wall
 - 49 Horn's honk
 - 50 Blasting stuff
 - 52 New Zealand aborigine
 - 57 Actor Foxx
 - 58 "Alice" waitress
 - 59 Country singer Hill soaked up the sun?
 - 62 Joule division
 - 63 Furious state
 - 64 — rod (biblical staff)
 - 66 "We have approval"
 - 67 What a curmudgeon has?
 - 71 Chews (on)
 - 73 Northern French port
 - 74 Doting affection, briefly
 - 75 Cave hanger
 - 78 Sitcom teacher who lives next to a stream?
 - 80 Some Greek letters
 - 81 Lamb-in-pita sandwich
 - 82 Keats' "— a Nightingale"
 - 83 Bladed tool
 - 84 Aleve target
 - 86 Intended
 - 87 Abbr. on a brandy label
 - 89 Loaf coated with glaze?
 - 92 Crooked
 - 95 Put in office
 - 96 Window or door part
 - 97 Primate buying things?
 - 101 Harbor ill will toward
 - 105 Big name in mowers
 - 106 Wailuku site
 - 107 Corrode
 - 109 Be too sweet
 - 110 Landed (on)
 - 111 Thick board to be used only in an emergency?
 - 117 Bed board
 - 118 Pal, in Paris
 - 119 Signify
 - 120 One-on-one pupil
 - 121 Devout
 - 122 Peach part
 - 123 Hot spots in spas
 - 124 Helps pull off a crime
- DOWN
- 1 Ship spars
 - 2 Really praise
 - 3 Writer — Boothe
 - 4 Part of CPA
 - 5 Require (of)
 - 6 Off land
 - 7 "Falstaff" composer
 - 8 Dog's cry
 - 9 Wu's "way"
 - 10 Tax Day mo.
 - 11 Sleep lab concern
 - 12 Sleep lab concern
 - 13 Arm muscle, informally
 - 14 Way back
 - 15 Japanese automaker
 - 16 Offered views
 - 17 Fine apparel
 - 18 Blog entries
 - 24 "Baloney!"
 - 25 Wheat bristles
 - 32 Encircle with a band
 - 34 IX
 - 35 IV hookup
 - 36 Tiny thing with a charge
 - 37 "Life of P" director Lee
 - 38 Of weather conditions
 - 40 iPad, e.g.
 - 43 Passion
 - 44 Say to be so
 - 45 Careful and delicate, as treatment
 - 46 Vintage Olds
 - 47 High degree
 - 50 Turner and Fey
 - 51 Crash-probing agcy.
 - 53 Off. aide
 - 54 "Fine, as far as I'm concerned"
 - 55 Rule, briefly
 - 56 Altar answer
 - 58 Pat down
 - 59 Monastery title
 - 60 Golf Hall of Famer Isao —
 - 61 Invoices
 - 63 Got better
 - 64 Set — (choose the wedding day)
 - 65 Everyone, to Hans
 - 68 "How — Your Mother"
 - 69 Outer: Prefix
 - 70 Big online music store
 - 71 — -Magnon man
 - 72 Veiled
 - 76 Region
 - 77 Figure skater
 - 79 "So that's the trick!"
 - 80 Suffix with no-good
 - 81 After-school youth program, perhaps
 - 84 Choose
 - 85 Entr' —
 - 86 Skillful
 - 88 Pool headwear
 - 89 — -mo
 - 90 Cariou of Broadway
 - 91 Not clean
 - 92 God of music
 - 93 Daytime drama, e.g.
 - 94 Intricate
 - 95 Put out
 - 97 Squirrel away
 - 98 Country singer Judd
 - 99 Hit the gas
 - 100 Gossipy sort
 - 102 Happify
 - 103 Tripled trio
 - 104 Little 'uns
 - 108 Top pilots
 - 112 Checkpoint demands
 - 113 Pro-learning org.
 - 114 Bearded antelope
 - 115 Myriad eras
 - 116 Pro-learning org.



King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 One of the Three Bears
 - 5 Unhappy
 - 8 Stare
 - 12 Exhibit "A," e.g.
 - 14 Figure-skating leap
 - 15 Give a home a makeover
 - 16 Actress Sorvino
 - 17 18-wheeler
 - 18 Toxin
 - 20 Support for a painting
 - 23 Plant with fronds
 - 24 Small salamanders
 - 25 Went back on a promise
 - 28 Put (down)
 - 29 Partners
 - 30 Churchill's gesture
 - 32 Changed the title
 - 34 Tempo
 - 35 Matterhorn's range
 - 36 Bamboo-eating critter
 - 37 Nervous system disorder
 - 40 Relatives
 - 41 Frau's mister
 - 42 Hertz deal
 - 47 Too
 - 48 Geometric
 - figure
 - 49 Farm implement
 - 50 Collection
 - 51 Isn't well
 - rotation
 - 10 Nil
 - 11 Verve
 - 13 Satan's specialty
 - 19 Raw minerals
 - 20 Moray, for one
 - 21 In the distance
 - 22 Eyelid woe
 - 23 Big parties
 - 25 "O'er the — we watched ..."
 - 26 Divisible by two
 - 27 Out of play
 - 29 Masculine
 - 31 Greek vowel
 - 33 Not wide
 - 34 One of the bunch?
 - 36 Pocket bread
 - 37 Fellow
 - 38 War, to Gen. Sherman
 - 39 Approximately
 - 40 Make a sweater
 - 43 Before
 - 44 Hollywood trickery, for short
 - 45 The whole enchilada
 - 46 In medias —
- DOWN
- 1 Apiece
 - 2 "Hail, Caesar!"
 - 3 Bowling target
 - 4 Worships
 - 5 Unseen problem
 - 6 Performance
 - 7 Intensified
 - 8 Casino doings
 - 9 Center of

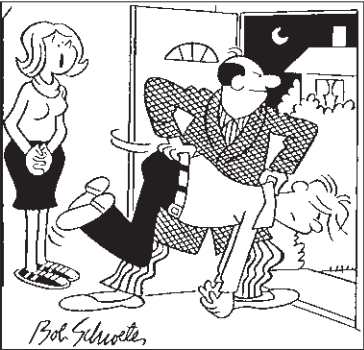


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WUTLRQMNC PNDONE
LJIGEAGTFDEUCAP
YXWYSMVOTIR RUBP
TSRREVN RUTTC PA
ONLOCATFKJISGFC

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

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| Burrito | Crepe | Omelet | Turnover |
| Calzone | Fried pie | Samosa | Wonton |
| Cappelletti | Gyro | Strudel | Wrap |
| Chimichanga | Jiaozi | Taco | |



Bob Schwab

"Please, Daddy, you're hurting his
_____!"

answer on page 29

SCRAMBLERS

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

Huge
GLARE

Abrupt
FIBER

Mistake
PLEAS

Deduce
ANGLE

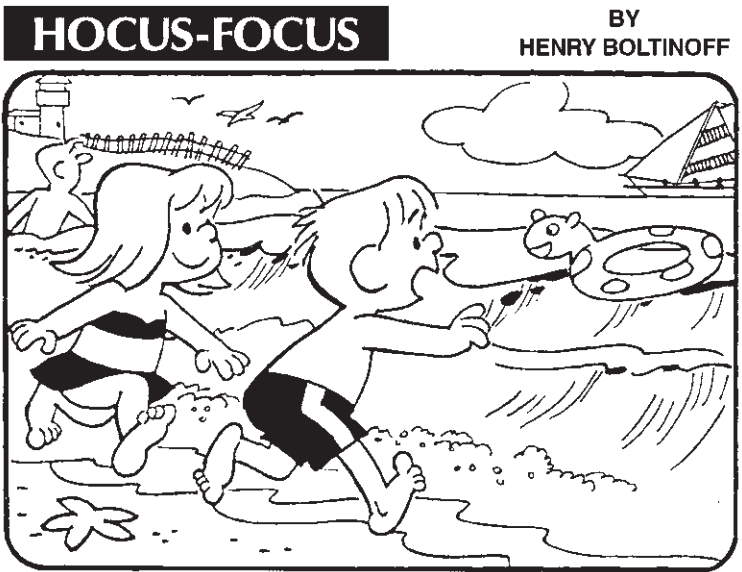
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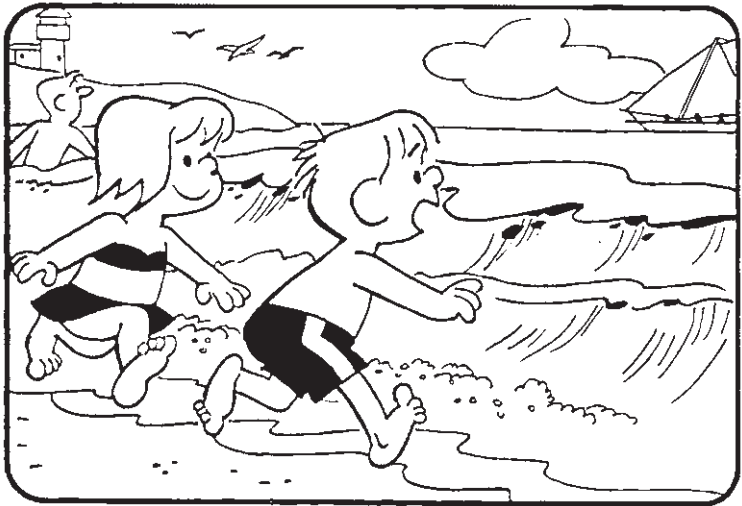
SUDOKU

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

answer on page 29



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Fence is missing. 2. Hair is different. 3. Starfish is missing. 4. Arm is missing. 5. Swimming tube is missing. 6. Sail is different.



From left: the Queen (*Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*), Honest John (*Pinocchio*), Lady Tremaine (*Cinderella*), the Queen of Hearts (*Alice in Wonderland*), Captain Hook (*Peter Pan*), Maleficent (*Sleeping Beauty*), Cruella De Vil (*One Hundred and One Dalmatians*), Ursula (*The Little Mermaid*), Gaston (*Beauty and the Beast*) and Scar (*The Lion King*) images courtesy USPS

Forever Stamps To Feature Disney Villains

The U.S. Postal Service celebrates the rich legacy of the Walt Disney Studios Ink & Paint Department by dedicating a sheet of 20 Forever stamps featuring 10 classic Disney villains.

The Disney Villains Forever stamps will be dedicated on July 15 at 1:30 p.m. during D23 Expo 2017, Disney's ultimate fan event at the Anaheim Convention Center in California. The public is encouraged to share the news on social media using the hashtag #DisneyVillainsStamps. Beginning June

22, the stamps may be pre-ordered at usps.com/shop for delivery shortly after the July 15 issuance.

Admission is limited to the ceremony that is standing room only. You may RSVP at usps.com/Disney; however, this does not guarantee admission. Additional instructions will be provided. D23 Expo 2017 ticket holders do not need to RSVP.

Each stamp showcases one of 10 classic Disney villains against a blue background.

The words "USA" and "Forever" appear in the top right corner or bottom right corner of each stamp and the name of the classic villain and the movie in which the character appears runs along the left edge.

Beginning in 1923, Disney's Ink & Paint Department helped create classic

animated films. Its artists brought life to countless memorable characters, including many iconic Disney villains.

One of the first groups of its kind, Disney's Ink & Paint Department was yet another stop on the road to creating an animated film. After the animators' pencil drawings were finished, they went to Ink and Paint. There, highly specialized artists meticulously recreated each pencil line in ink, capturing every nuanced movement and expression. At first, artists used black and white, and later shades of gray to "color" each celluloid or cel. In the early 1930s, the artists began using rich colors on the animation cels.

The last full-length animated Disney film to use the hand-painted cel process was *The Little Mermaid* (1989). *Beauty and the Beast* (1991)

and *The Lion King* (1994) were hand drawn. The original pencil drawings for those films were then scanned and painted digitally. For these stamps, the characters Gaston (*Beauty and the Beast*) and Scar (*The Lion King*) have been recreated using traditional ink and paint techniques.

Art director Derry Noyes of Washington, DC, designed the issuance.

The Disney Villains from the Walt Disney Studios Ink & Paint Department stamps are being issued as Forever stamps that are always equal in value to the current First-Class Mail service one-ounce price.

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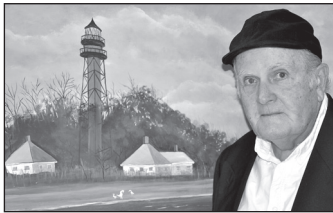
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2 story, tile and carpet. UF.
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Sanibel Christian Preschool looking to hire a full-time teacher for their 2-year-old class for school year starting August 1. Salaried position. Requires minimum DCF FCCP credential and background check. Previous experience preferred. Tolls paid by employer. For more information call Ana at 472-0497.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST CAT

Gray, medium hair. Last seen east end of island, Skiff or Yachtsman Dr. Area. May respond to name of "Prissy." Reward. Call 239-277-0058.

6/16 ★ TFN

FOUND

Boating anchor / sand auger at Algier's Beach, Sanibel on Sunday, 6/25/17. Call 361-443-1594 with description to claim.

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To advertise in the
Island Sun and *The River Weekly News*
Call 395-1213

PETS OF THE WEEK

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Milly, Lucky And Scooter



Milly ID# 672604 photos provided

This pint-sized cutie is a one-year-old female terrier mix who is perfect for apartment or condo living at just 38 pounds. She is well-mannered and walks great on a leash. Milly gets along with other dogs and loves kids. She will make a great addition to any family.

Adoption Fee: \$50
This dynamic duo are five-year-old male domestic shorthairs who are a two for one deal. Brothers Lucky and Scooter came to LCDAS after their owner passed away. They have lived together for their entire lives and would like to stay together.

Adoption Fee: \$50
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



Lucky and Scooter ID# 701795 & 701793

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.*

Haven on Earth Animal League

Curtis And Oakley

Hi there, I'm Curtis. I'm only three months old and just the cutest little tuxedo boy around. Just look at the little black spot on my nose! I'm already neutered and up-to-date on all vaccines. I am staying at the Petco at Gulf Coast Town Center, and I want to live in a real home so badly. I love sitting in laps and will purr all day while you pet me. My adoption fee is \$125. My sister was just



Curtis photos provided



Oakley

adopted, and now I'm all alone. Come see me and take me home. For more information, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email Haven on Earth Animal League at haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.
Hi, my name is Oakley. I am only 10 weeks old and just a really sweet boy who wants someone to love me forever. I have beautiful tabby stripes with white cheeks and chin. My adoption fee is \$125 and includes neutering and vaccinations. I am currently staying at the Petco at Gulf Coast Town Center. Come see me and take me home. Call Diane for

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

July Specials At Animal Services

July fireworks already have begun with a pet population explosion at Lee County Domestic Animal Services. Throughout July, adult dogs and cats are designated "red" and may be adopted for \$20; puppies and small-breed dogs are designated "white" and may be adopted for \$40; and kittens are "blue" and may be adopted for \$30. Cats and kittens are also two for the price of one.

The increase in pets entering the shelter coincides with kitten season. An average of 520 cats per month enter the shelter during kitten season, compared to a monthly average of only 280 during the rest of the year, an 83 percent increase. A drop in adoptions during summer months also adds to the challenge.

Although fees are reduced, the adoption package valued at \$500 still includes the following: spay/neuter surgery; age-appropriate vaccinations; rabies vaccination and county license for pets over 3 months; 10-day pet health guarantee; microchip ID; feline leukemia and aids test for cats; heartworm test for dogs over 6 months; flea treatment; and deworming.

Adoptions typically are available 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, at the shelter, 5600 Banner Drive, in Fort Myers. Volunteers are available to help adopters select the pet that is best suited for their lifestyle and family. The adoption center is closed Tuesday, July 4.

Photos, information about lost pets or pets for adoption with adoption applications are available at www.leelostpets.com. Anyone interested in fostering pets may also obtain an application online.*

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Metes and Bounds	Captiva	1971	4,736	\$6,245,000	\$5,250,000	841
Lake Forest at Shadow Wood	Estero	2006	4,822	\$1,999,900	\$1,475,000	102
Creskaside	Bonita Springs	2002	4,445	\$1,650,000	\$1,500,000	63
Carolands	Bonita Springs	2002	4,320	\$1,375,000	\$1,225,000	91
Shell Mound Park	Fort Myers Beach	1959	1,975	\$1,295,000	\$1,185,000	87
Glenview	Fort Myers Beach	2004	2,981	\$1,295,000	\$1,200,000	56
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2004	3,193	\$950,000	\$875,000	202
Wildcat Run	Estero	2004	3,433	\$859,000	\$822,325	118
Bonita Lakes	Bonita Springs	2016	3,778	\$809,900	\$770,000	33
Riverside	Fort Myers	1941	3,271	\$769,000	\$769,500	22



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