

Donation Brings Miss Charlotta Home To Sanibel

A recent donation from an Ohio family with strong ties to Sanibel brought an iconic figure, as never seen before, back to her home in Miss Charlotta's Tea Room at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. The donors, George and Linda Toft, came upon a photo of Miss Charlotta Matthews in an unexpected way.

The Tofts live in West Chester, Ohio and have been coming to Sanibel since 1982. As with many islanders, their one-week visits grew to two weeks and then three. Now they try to come for a couple weeks in November and three or so in the spring. Their two sons grew up with Sanibel and shells being a big part of their lives and now they, along with their wives and children, continue to make the trip south. The Tofts will be back in June with the entire family and can't wait for the newest addition to their crew to leave his little footprints in the sand for the first time.

"We had seen a segment about Sanibel on a weeknight entertainment show on a



Closeup of Miss Charlotta photos provided local television station," Linda said. "Prior to that, we had vacationed at several different beaches and loved collecting the shells. When we saw on the program how



Linda and George Toft

many shells lined the beaches of Sanibel, we knew we had to get there. During our first experience on the island, we were hooked immediately."

The Tofts have a strong interest in history and have read many books about the Sanibel area over the years. Linda said, continued on page 24



Cast members of Oliver!

photo provided

Family Musical At Strauss Theater

Creative Theater Workshop brings the musical sensation *Oliver!* to the stage at Sanibel's BIG ARTS Strauss Theater, playing December 6 to 16.

Featuring songs such as *Consider Yourself*, *Food Glorious Food* and *Where is Love?*, this family musical is great for the holiday season with large dance numbers, comedic moments and a dramatic story of a young boy searching for the love of a family.

The all-star cast features more than 50 continued on page 30

Students Aid Hurricane Victims



Students from The Sanibel School assisting in the loading of nearly 800 pounds of new and used books, which have been donated to victims of Hurricane Florence in the North Carolina region

photo courtesy Terrie Kielborn-Jennings

by Jeff Lysick

Last month, in an effort to help other youngsters in an area devastated by a natural disaster, a group of students from The Sanibel School collected more than 800 pounds of new and used books, donating the assortment to com-

munities in North Carolina struck by Hurricane Florence.

According to Libby Payne, media specialist at The Sanibel School, almost 1,500 books were collected, sorted and boxed for their journey to new homes. Members of the school's Lighthouse Team continued on page 38

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Luminary Night Festivities

The Community House will be open from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Luminary Night, Friday, December 7. Stop by for some stocking stuffers or holiday ornaments. Have a bag of popcorn and a glass of wine. Sample and purchase some of Chef Jarred's pre-made holiday appetizers, which go from freezer to oven. All proceeds benefit The Community House.

Business Member Spotlight

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

Yoga Classes

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

Cooking Demonstration

Chef Jarred Harris will lead a cooking demonstration on Wednesday, December 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. featuring carrot and ginger bisque, jackfruit and mushroom pie, and cherry and almond tart.

The next demonstration will be held on Wednesday, December 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. featuring apple endive and radicchio salad, wild mushroom and goat cheese strudel, and Bailey's crème brûlée. Call or register online.

Presentation On Birds

Justin Proctor will give a presentation on birds on Thursday, December 13 at 7 p.m. Proctor is managing editor of the *Journal of Caribbean Ornithology* and vice-president of the nonprofit BirdsCaribbean. His talk will focus on how birds and their habitats can serve as an ideal tool for promoting ideas of sustainable living, community identity, resource management and global awareness.

Suggested \$5 donation at the door. Refreshments will be served.

Indoor Mini Golf

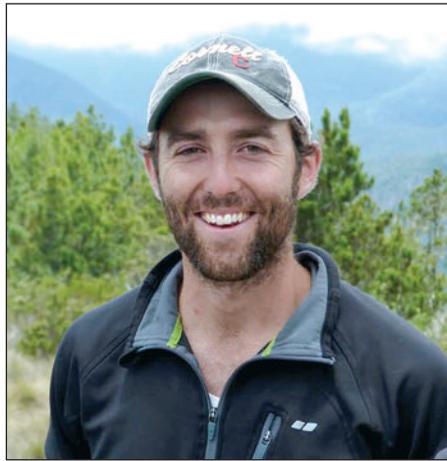
Indoor mini golf will be open Wednesday, December 26 through Saturday, December 29 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Play 18 holes for \$3 per person. Refreshment will be available.

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

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

A Night To Remember

The Sanibel Community Association will host its 1927 gala, A Night to



Justin Proctor photo provided

Remember, on Friday, January 25 beginning at 6 p.m. It will be a red carpet event with fine dining in The Community House that family, friends and neighbors built nearly a century ago.

Sponsors include: Tommy Williams, The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, Bank of The Islands, and Heidrick & Co. Insurance. Sponsorships are still available. Call or visit the website for details.

Bourbon Dinner

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

Kids Cooking First Mondays

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

Shell Crafting

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

Honey For Sale

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

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



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Captiva Island Historical Society

Landmark: Miss Fitzpatrick's Cottage



Miss Fitzpatrick's cottage photo courtesy Captiva Island Historical Society Archives

This week's image features Miss Fitzpatrick's cottage on Captiva. Fitzpatrick was the tutor for the Dickey children. This cottage is also the original building that started Tween Waters Inn in 1931 by Bowman and Grace Price.

The History Gallery, developed by the Captiva Island Historical Society, features many photos like this. All ages are welcome to step aboard a wooden replica of the old mailboat, *Santiva*, to capture the spirit of Captiva and learn through graphic and video panels about the events and people that shaped the island. The History Gallery is accessed through the Captiva Memorial Library, located on Chapin Lane and open during library hours. Call 533-4890 for more information.

Visit the Captiva Island Historical Society website www.captiva-island-historical-society.org/archives/research to view many more images to bring you closer to Captiva. ✨

Churches/Temples

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Reverend Father Dean Nastos, Orthos Service Sunday 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy Sunday 10 a.m., Fellowship Programs, Sunday School, Bible Study. www.annunciation.fl.goarch.org, 8210 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-2099.

BAT YAM-TEMPLE OF THE ISLANDS

The Reform Jewish congregation has Friday Shabbat services at 7:30 p.m. (7 p.m. from May to Sept.) in Fellowship Hall of Sanibel Congregational UCC. Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, President Alan Lessack. www.batyam.org, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 579-0296.

HISTORIC CAPTIVA CHAPEL BY THE SEA

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9 a.m. Traditional in the main sanctuary, 11 a.m. Childcare available at all services. 1740 Periwinkle Way, 472-2684.

SANIBEL CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Reverend Dr. John H. Danner, Sr. Pastor. The Reverend Deborah Kunkel, Associate Pastor. 7:45 a.m. Chapel Service, 9 a.m. Blended Worship Service, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. Sunday School and nursery care at 9 a.m., www.sanibelucc.org, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 472-0497.

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Pastor Reverend Christopher Senk, Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m., Sunday Mass 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday Mass through October 9:30 a.m. only. Daily Mass Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. Holy Days call. 3559 San-Cap Road, 472-2763.

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The Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan, Rector. Saturday Eucharist 5 p.m. Sunday Eucharist 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. (until May 20). Tuesday Morning Prayer 9 a.m. Wednesday Healing Eucharist 9 a.m. Prayer and Potluck first Wednesdays 6 p.m. Taizé Service third Wednesdays 6 p.m., www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org, 2304 Periwinkle Way, 472-2173.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF THE ISLANDS

Meets 5 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month from December through April at the Sanibel Congregational Church. A pot luck is held at a member's home on the third Sunday of each month. ryi39@aol.com, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 433-4901. ✨



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The Sanibel Community Church Chancel Choir will perform photo provided

Community Church In The Luminary Spirit

The lights of Christmas will be twinkling on the campus of Sanibel Community Church on Friday, December 7, with activities for all beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be free food and drinks. All evening, live music will fill the air from the praise team, LOGOS kids and Chancel Choir. There will be a kid's tent for the children and

for the young at heart. Throughout the evening, the powerful Biblical dramatic presentation of *A Walk Through Bethlehem* will be portrayed.

The Holly and Ivy Bazaar, presented by the Women's Guild, will be open for Christmas gifts, ornaments, decorated trees and wreaths, stocking stuffers and a bake sale. All proceeds support numerous mission organizations.

All are welcome to begin the Christmas season with the focus on Christ.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way.*

American Legion Post 123

American Legion Post 123 is serving barbecued ribs and chicken this Sunday, December 9. The following Sunday, there will be a fish fry from noon to 8 p.m.



The general meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12 at 6 p.m.

An Ugly Christmas Sweater contest and party will be held on Friday, December 14 beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a potluck, live music, prizes for best and worst sweaters, 50/50 raffle and drink specials.

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

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

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

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

American Legion Post 123, located at Mile Marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva

Road, is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call 472-9979.*

City Completes Street-Cam Upgrades

The City of Sanibel has completed upgrades to its live-stream Street-Cam system. The purpose of the city's Street-Cam system is to provide residents real-time live-stream viewing of traffic conditions at key intersections.

The upgrade includes cameras at two additional intersections. Four new cameras have been added at the Periwinkle Way/Lindgren Boulevard intersection and two more new cameras at the Lindgren/East Gulf Drive intersection. In addition to your desktop computer, the live-streaming may also be accessed from your mobile devices via a free app that is Android and Apple compatible.

The updated web page, browser recommendations and links to download the mobile apps can be found on the city's website at www.mysanibel.com/Live-Street-Cams.

Additionally, residents and visitors to Sanibel have access to real-time road conditions online at www.mysanibel.us/traffic.*



Sanibel Historical Village

Schedule of Events for 2018-2019 Season Welcome to Another Exciting Year of Programs!

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village has three events in store for you this season, one of which is our second collaboration with the Captiva Island Historical Society about our islands' accommodations through the years.

Jan. 30, 2019 The Sanibel Community House

5:30-6:00 p.m. Complimentary Refreshments, Cash Bar • 6:00-7:30 p.m. Program

This is the second joint presentation by the Sanibel Historical Village and the Captiva Island Historical Society: "Be Our Guest – the History of Lodging on Sanibel and Captiva." Enjoy a trip down memory lane with pictures and interviews about the islands' resorts through the years. Cost \$10 per person.

March 13, 2019 The Sanibel Community House

7:00-8:30 p.m. • Complimentary Wine and Refreshments

"Sanibel History Quiz." If you like the Jeopardy! game on TV, you'll love the way the game is going to be played on Sanibel. Using the Jeopardy! game format with local residents as contestants, you'll discover a treasure trove of historical information about this island. Cost \$10 per person.

April 10, 2019 The Sanibel Community House

7:00-8:30 p.m. • Complimentary Wine and Refreshments

The History of Periwinkle Park, as told by the Muench family. From hundreds of residences, to space for short-term visitors, to exotic birds, hear about the unique place on Sanibel that has been in existence since 1964. Cost \$10 per person.

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Team photo at TreeUmph

photos provided

A Swinging Good Time Had By All

On November 17, 20 members of Sanibel Community Church H2O youth program for middle school and high school students, along with their leaders, experienced Florida's most extreme "hangout" for a day of adventure and fun in the trees.

Located in Bradenton, TreeUmph is an "elevated outdoor adventure park with climbing, suspension bridges and zip line courses for all levels." There are five levels of rope climbing in the adult course. Each course gets more intense in skill and ability. Only five of the group of 20 made it through all five levels.

As they overcame the elevated challenge courses as a group, young adults created relationships and

memories that will last a lifetime, and will leave each teen inspired by the challenges they conquered with the help of their friends. The youth and leaders flew through a dense forest from tree to tree on obstacles that defied gravity.

H2O Ministries is a program for sixth through 12th grade young men and women. The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. for middle school students, from 6 to 8 p.m. for high school students, and on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. in the Youth Center at Sanibel Community Church. All students on the island and surrounding communities are welcome to attend.

Sanibel Community Church is an evangelical, non-denominational congregation, located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market). For more information, contact Pastor Kevin Schafer at Kevin@sanibelchurch.com or call 472-2684.✪



From left, Brent Patton-Roark, Lindsay Rizzo and Mason Macalka

Preschoolers Play In Cold Weather

Playing outside in the cold is something that Florida children don't get a chance to do very often. Students at the Children's Education Center of the Islands (CECI) play outside every day as long as there is no thunder, even in the "bitter cold." As the temperature dipped recently, CECI students wore hats and gloves, and had fun creating make believe snow angels.

CECI's motto is: There is no bad weather, only bad clothing.✪



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Priority List Approved By City Council

by Jeff Lysiak

During the Sanibel City Council meeting on Tuesday, a list of emerging issues – including the transportation element of the Sanibel Plan, political signage and short-term rental tracking and compliance – was prioritized for future discussion by the council.

Keith Williams, the city's department of community services director, presented a document which described in brief detail a number of subjects and their current status. They included the planning commission's goals for 2018 and planning department tasks, pending subcommittee recommendations to be addressed by the planning commission, community services-planning pending tasks as well as emerging issues, which Williams requested that the council approve for further discussion.

According to Williams, the transportation element of the Sanibel Plan is due to be discussed for potential amending/modification "especially as it pertains to non-traditional modes of transportation." These include slow-moving vehicles, electric bicycles, motor scooters and other personal transportation devices.

Revising the city's standards for temporary political signage, which is currently included in the scope of Sign Standards (one of the planning commission's top three priority issues), was also identified. Councilman Jason



During Tuesday's city council session, a proclamation honoring SCCF Executive Director Erick Lindblad, center, was read by Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane. Lindblad served in that capacity for 32 years, and will retire from the post at the end of the month. photos by Jeff Lysiak

Maughan told his fellow legislators that he would like to see clarity provided for the placement of temporary signage, noting that he received several phone calls regarding political signs that were removed during the last election cycle due to compliance issues.

Also, regarding short-term rental tracking and compliance, Williams explained that his department is considering implementing software or hiring third party services to track short-term rental compliance and a review of their fee structures. "Staff has attended presentations from third party providers that assist in tracking rentals," his report reads, in part. "Additionally, fee structures of other municipalities have been researched and compiled."

Following a brief discussion, council members voted unanimously to bring

back all three emerging issues identified in Williams' report for potential action during their January meeting.

In other business:

Council unanimously approved upholding on appeal the planning department's decision to deny a conditional use permit to Laura DeBruce and Jeffrey Blackman, who had been seeking to establish a slow-moving vehicle rental business in the Palm Ridge Road Shopping Center.

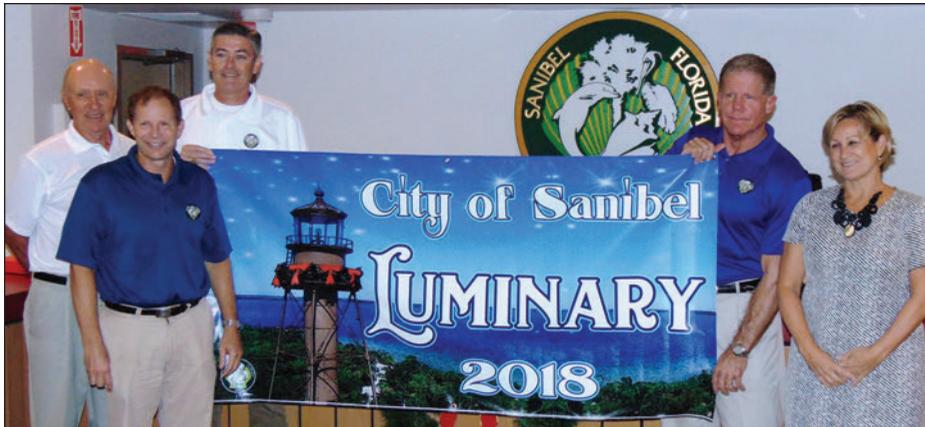
PWC Joint Venture, LLC was awarded the Donax Wastewater Reclamation Facility Process Improvement project, with a bid of \$20,132,100. Tetra Tech, Inc. was awarded the professional services proposal for the design and construction of the project, with a bid of \$430,000.

The draft proposal, submitted by the planning commission, regarding the

criteria and procedures for appropriately recognizing historical people on Sanibel was unanimously approved. Councilman Chauncey Goss, liaison to the city's historical preservation committee, did suggest that they reinstate the requirement of persons to be honored should be limited to those who are deceased. The document was approved, 5 to 0.

SCCF Executive Director Erick Lindblad, who will resign from his position of 32 years at the end of December, was honored with a proclamation. "I could not ask for a better place to work... this community is a conservationist's dream," said Lindblad, who was feted with a standing ovation from the audience filling MacKenzie Hall. "It's been a great run."

Also, Sanibel Police Department Det. John Eicher was presented the city's Employee of the Year Award.✪



Members of the Sanibel City Council, from left, Mick Denham, Chauncey Goss, Jason Maughan, Kevin Ruane and Holly Smith promoting Friday's Luminary Night celebration



From left, Mayor Kevin Ruane, Det. John Eicher and Chief of Police William Dalton, following the presentation of the city's Employee of the Year Award to Eicher

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Group Night Out For Youth Ministry

Sanibel Community Church Youth Ministry H2O teens and their leaders had a casual night out recently. Each quarter, H2O changes its weekly format; teens get to enjoy a night with their small group and leader. H2O promotes small groups because they empower the leaders by building deeper relationships with the youth. It also allows the students to grow together in their faith and provides a more comfortable atmosphere to ask questions



From left, Kate Doster, Kayce Nette and Heidi Hall

or just talk openly.

The middle school students enjoyed tons of laughter as they participated in a rollicking water balloon fight, followed by pumpkin carving, a showcasing their artistic ability. Teens finished off the night with a visit to Love Boat for ice cream.

The high school group navigated off island for a visit to Firehouse Subs and then played several games of laser tag at Head Pinz. Each group had a great time with their leader and friends.

For more information about the program, contact Pastor Kevin Schafer at Kevin@sanibelchurch.com or call 472-2684.*

Carol Sing At Captiva Chapel

The historic Captiva Chapel by the Sea will hold its annual Community Carol Sing on Sunday, December 9 beginning at 6 p.m.

The program includes many seasonal favorites, of both sacred and popular selections. Voices from the BIG ARTS Community Chorus will sing and lead in the festivities. Lynne Dugan will share her talents, and accompany the singing, while Pastor John Cedarleaf will preside.

Johnny Jensen will play upbeat Christmas themes again this year. All are welcome to attend.

The Captiva Chapel by the Sea is located at 11580 Chapin Lane on Captiva.*



Captiva's historic Chapel by the Sea

photo provided

Shop 'Ding' Holiday Event

Special lectures and free refreshments will be highlights of the Refuge Nature Store's Shop "Ding" holiday event in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center, hosted by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) on Thursday, December 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Charles LeBuff and Betty Anholt will debut their new book and present two special lectures that day at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., with book-signings to follow. Their *Protecting Sanibel and Captiva Islands: The Conservation Story* releases earlier in the month and will be available for purchase in the Nature Store, which is offering a special one-day holiday-giving package promotion -- \$35 for two books on December 13. (Regular price is \$21.99 each.)

The Refuge Nature Store will also be offering exclusive items available only that day, along with its stock of holiday stocking stuffers and other gift items. It will serve cookies and other refreshments during the event. Shoppers can also visit the DDWS Giving Tree to make a tax-deductible donation to refuge land acquisition,

education, and research.

The Refuge Nature Store carries a complete line of birding and nature books for adults and kids, wildlife toys and games, local artisan wares, wildlife holiday ornaments, gifts made from recycled materials, nature-themed jewelry and home décor, logo T-shirts and hats, and a wide variety of stocking stuffers and other gifts for men, women, and children. All profits from Nature Store purchases go directly to benefiting wildlife and conservation.

Below is a schedule of special events planned by DDWS and the refuge for the upcoming season. For more details, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org.

Free Winter Programs – January 7 to April 28

2019 Biweekly Wednesday Film Series – January 9 to April 3

2019 Friday Lecture Series – January 25 to April 12

Woodring 100th Anniversary Exhibition Unveiling – January 23

Woodring 100th Anniversary Exhibition – January 23 to March 25

Go Wild for "Ding" – Call of the Osprey Fundraiser – February 13

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 472-1100 ext. 4 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.*



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A baker in the ancient city photos provided

A rabbi greeting visitors

Walk Through Bethlehem

Celebrate the meaning of Christmas with a Walk Through Bethlehem at Sanibel Community Church, 1740 Periwinkle Way, where the historic chapel has been transformed into the ancient city of Bethlehem. Tours will be open to visitors on Thursday, December 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Friday, December 7 from 5 to 9 p.m. No pets allowed.

The tours last about 25 minutes and

depart every five minutes. To reduce time waiting in line, passes will be given out the night of each performance.

"I am very excited for all to see the dramatically changed new sets and re-written script this year," said Elaine Donovan, past producer of Walk Through Bethlehem. "This is the 11th year that we have produced Walk Through Bethlehem and it is my last, as Daryl and I retire the end of January. I am very grateful to the extremely talented and creative individuals who have stepped forward to update this Bethlehem experience for all who attend."*

Shoebboxes Filled For Operation Christmas Child



Marlow Plassard picks out something he would like for his shoebox photos provided

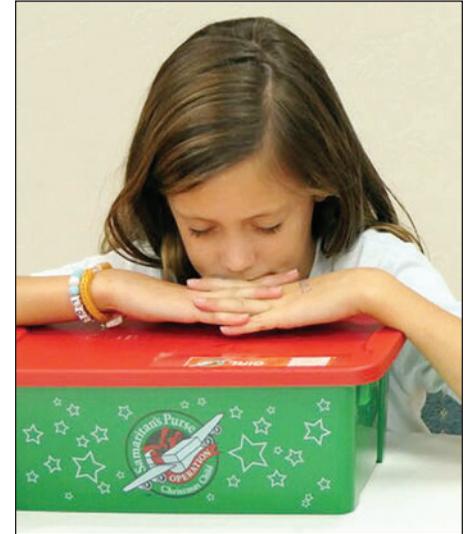


Taylor Szymanczyk is doing his best to make it all fit

Children in the LOGOS youth ministry program at Sanibel Community Church participated in an Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party recently.

The children were thrilled when they saw the abundance of goodies laid out on tables, just waiting to be packed up. Each child went up with their empty box and carefully selected what they would want to send to a boy or girl in another country as part of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. They had fun packing their shoeboxes, writing personal notes, and praying for the children who would receive their boxes.

The night was filled with fun and laughter as 120 overstuffed boxes were packed and stacked.*



Korynn Livermon prays for the girl that will receive her shoebox

SHOP DINGO HOLIDAY event



Betty Anholt

&

Charles LeBuff

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The late Theodore Cross

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'Ding' Darling High School Photo Contest Open

The 7th annual "Ding" Darling-Theodore Cross High School Photography Contest kicked off on October 1, with a deadline of January 15. High school students in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties

are invited to compete for prizes that include a Canon digital SLR camera package, chartered class trips to the refuge, and copies of *Waterbirds: Portraits and Anecdotes from Birding Adventures* by contest namesake, the late Theodore Cross.

Cross, who lived part-time on Sanibel and has family still living here, marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; advised the Johnson and Nixon administrations on anti-poverty programs; wrote the



Last year's first-place winner was Cape Coral High student Hankyeol Yang, who submitted his photograph, entitled *Dead Butterfly*

influential book *Black Capitalism*, among others; played a prominent role in President Obama's election; and created Birders United, a birding website that ranked legislators according to their record of bird protection support.

Late in life, Cross decided to indulge his love for birds and photography and traveled the world to collect stunning portraits and stories to chronicle his adventures. He shot often at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, and a number of the images in his book reflect his love for the refuge. Cross published *Waterbirds* in 2009 at age 85; he passed away shortly after that in February 2010.

NPR's *All Things Considered* called Cross' collection of 179 images and countless anecdotes "spectacular." *The New York Times* described it as "part visual encyclopedia, part memoir."

"The Theodore Cross Family Charitable Foundation has made possible this contest with a generous grant to the 'Ding' Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS)," said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director. "We couldn't be more thrilled that they wanted their donation used in this way for a seventh year."

"We are so happy to be supporting

a contest in my father's name, a contest that will get our youth involved with nature by looking at it – as my father so loved doing – through a camera lens," said daughter Amanda Cross.

Digital image entries can be shot from any outdoor venue in the state of Florida. A writing component to the contest requires entrants grades 9 through 12 to submit a 100-word description of the "moment" captured and how it reflects what nature and wildlife mean to the photographer.

Entry rules and guidelines follow. Guidelines and prize information are also posted online at www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/photocontests. Call DDWS at 472-1100 ext. 4 for more information.

All entries and personal information must be submitted in digital format to the email address ddhsphotocontest@gmail.com. Submit your full name, high school, grade, and an original photograph that you took of nature and/or wildlife in the open outdoors. Include a title for the photograph and a written description (minimum 100 words) of the "moment" captured and how it reflects what nature and wildlife mean to you. You and your entry

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Plant Smart

Narrowleaf Yellowtops

by Gerri Reaves

Narrowleaf yellowtops (*Flaveria linearis*) is a native wildflower and member of the aster family.

In the wild, it's found in pinelands, marshes, wet prairies, coastal hammocks, disturbed areas and along roadsides. A moderate to fast grower, it can form large colonies.

It grows up to three feet tall, erect or sprawling in form, and is usually wider than it is tall.

The flat flower heads consist of a dense mass of deep yellow flowers that bloom throughout the year, mostly in fall and winter.

They are usually comprised of numerous tubular disk flowers and lack ray flowers, although sometimes there is one ray flower per cluster.

A resemblance to goldenrod gives it another common name, false goldenrod.

The opposite very narrow leaves are about four inches long, single-veined and sessile, or stalkless. The species name is apt: *Flaveria* means yellow and *linearis* means narrow.

The smooth branched stems are often reddish.

This wildflower prefers full sun and some moisture, although it can also grow well in sandy or somewhat dry sites.

Drought, salt and pest resistance make it easy to grow, even grow in nutrient-poor soil.



Native narrowleaf yellowtops is easy to grow, blooms year 'round and attracts many species of butterflies photo by Gerri Reaves

Plant it in a wildflower garden or as a groundcover. It is a nectar source for a wide range of butterflies and attracts bees and other pollinators too.

The only maintenance is the optional removal of spent flowers and stalks.

Propagate it with seeds or cuttings.

Take care when cutting the plant.

The sap makes some people's skin sun-sensitive and causes blisters.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *Florida Wild Flowers and Roadside Plants* by C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *The Guide to Florida's Wildflowers* by Walter Kingsley Taylor,

Native Florida Plants by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *Wildflowers of Florida Field Guide* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela; www.fnps.org, and www.regionalconservation.org.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.✽

Fly Tying Workshop

On Friday, December 14 from 7 to 9 p.m., Sanibel Sea School will host a fly tying workshop for all skill levels. Equipment and supplies will be provided, and local experts will be available to provide instruction and tips.

"Whether it's the camaraderie, inventiveness, skill or simply a way to catch more fish, people seem to love fly tying," said Executive Director Dr. Bruce Neill. "We hope fishermen and creative types alike will join us for this fun evening."

The workshop will be held at Sanibel Sea School's flagship campus, located at 455 Periwinkle Way. No advance registration is required, and \$20 admission may be paid at the door.✽

Guest Speaker At Festival Of Wreaths Auction

The Shell Islands Garden Club is celebrating the holiday season with a Festival of Wreaths on Tuesday, December 11 at 11:30 p.m. at The Community House. The silent auction features an array of wreaths and other decorations handcrafted by club members. Everyone is asked to place their silent auction bids before the presentation which starts at noon. Bidding for the wreaths and other holiday decorations will close at 1:15 p.m.

The presentation features Carol Kolar, a retired English teacher who helped decorate the White House for Christmas in 2015. She will share her experiences and ideas on how to transform your home for the holidays. Kolar was among 100 volunteers who spent eight days decorating more than 28 trees in the White House.

Kolar said that while she helped decorate the Oval Office, a story she will talk about, her favorite room was the Diplomatic Reception Room, adorned with the beautiful wallpaper Jackie Kennedy brought from France. She said the experience was one of the highlights of her life, but it was very hard work. "We worked 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. but many of us stayed later due to the enormous amount of work," she said. Kolar will also touch on home decorating. She said, "Being creative and doing something with a theme is very much a part of my style."

Visit www.sanibelgardenclub.org for a sneak preview of the wreaths. The Shell Islands Garden Club helps fund local organizations promoting home gardening, better horticulture practices and conservation of natural resources. SCCF and ECHO have been among those receiving donations.✽

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Shell Of The Week

Crenulated Pyram



by José H. Leal, PhD, Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum Science Director and Curator

The Crenulated Pyram, *Longchaeus suturalis* (H. C. Lea, 1843), is, at 12 mm (about

0.5 inch), the largest locally occurring species of the mega-diverse family Pyramidellidae. Pyramidellids are in most cases parasitic marine snails that specialize in sucking the body juices and blood of other marine organisms, including other mollusks, worms and some crustaceans. The shell of the Crenulated Pyram is smooth, conical, with straight sides; the species is not locally common. Learn more about this species and other local mollusks at www.shellmuseum.org/southwest-florida-shells and www.shellmuseum.org/blog.

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The Crenulated Pyram, *Longchaeus suturalis*, from Sanibel

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Shell Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 395-2233 or visit www.shellmuseum.org.✧

Ocean Tribe Paddlers To Host Film Screening

by Kealy McNeal

On Thursday, December 13 at 6 p.m., Ocean Tribe Paddlers will be screening the documentary *The Forgotten Coast: Return to Wild Florida*. Following in the footsteps of a wandering Florida black bear, three friends leave civilization and enter a lost American wilderness on a rugged thousand-mile journey by foot, paddle and bike. Traversing Florida's vast and seldom seen "Forgotten Coast," the expedition team encounters stunning and rare wildlife including black bears, manatees, alligators, ancient river fish and endangered woodpeckers – all living within the fragile wildlife corridor stretching from the Everglades to the Florida-Alabama border.



The screening will be held at Sanibel Sea School's Flagship Campus, 455 Periwinkle Way, and is free and open to the public.

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Students dissected a dogfish during a shark-themed camp day at Sanibel Sea School
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Community Camp Offers Ocean Discovery

submitted by Leah Biery

On November 21, Sanibel Sea School hosted local students for a Community Camp Day, a free day of ocean fun and learning for children ages 6 to 13. The theme of the program was sharks, and participants enjoyed a variety of related games and activities.

“The idea to offer free educational camp days to kids in our community on school holidays stemmed from the Hurricane Camp we hosted after Irma last year,” said Director of Education Shannon Stainken. “Working parents expressed how difficult it can be to find

reliable, affordable childcare for just one day. We saw it as an opportunity to help our neighbors solve an ongoing challenge.”

Fun was had by all as students used dip nets to find and observe marine life in the seagrass beds, played shark tag, snorkeled and dissected dogfish, a small shark species.

Sanibel Sea School’s Community Camp Days are made possible by a donor-supported scholarship fund, which ensures that cost does not prevent children from participating in ocean education. Upcoming Community Camp Days will be announced via the organization’s Facebook and Instagram pages, and will also be shared with email list subscribers. To be added, email your request to info@sanibelseaschool.org.

More information is available online at www.sanibelseaschool.org.✳

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Photo Contest

must comply with the following requirements:

High school students attending schools in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Glades and Charlotte (Florida) counties in grades 9 through 12 may enter the contest.

Only digital images are accepted and may be taken with any camera, including smartphones.

Images must be submitted in JPEG format and must have a size of at least 2000 x 1500 pixels or resolution of 2 megabytes.

The photograph must be taken of nature and/or wildlife in the open outdoors in the state of Florida, which may include parks, refuges, backyards, and other open spaces.

Panoramic photos are not allowed.

Filters, cropping, enhancements and borders are permitted. However, adding any elements not existing in the original scene will not be allowed. Judges,

at their discretion, will disqualify any photos that appear to be manipulated beyond these guidelines.

Each participant may enter up to two photos but is eligible to win only one award.

Judging will be anonymous. Do not put your name or anything that will identify you on your photograph.

There are three judges: A refuge staff person, a professional photographer and a resident of the five-county region.

Judging criteria:

Technical excellence (sharpness, lighting, composition, exposure); Creativity; Explanation of photograph (minimum of 100 words).

All photos will become the property of the society. Photos may be used by the society in any way with appropriate credit.

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Temperature Ups And Downs Of Winter Fishing



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

We are now on what is called a seasonal roller coaster of winter fishing. Cold fronts push through almost weekly bringing us either rising or falling temperatures. Knowing what species to target depends on which side

of the cold front you are fishing and makes all the difference to your success. A general rule of thumb is the colder it is, the smaller and slower the presentation needs to be.

This was extremely noticeable this week during a few mornings that temperatures fell into the high 40s, then in just a few days temperatures began to rebound. Since the sound is so shallow, a few cold days is all it takes for our water temperature to plummet into the mid 60s, which was a major 10 degree drop almost overnight. As expected, the snook bite before this front was crazy good. After the front, it was nonexistent for a few days.

The first day after the front, the winds laid down just enough to get out for an afternoon charter. We headed up to the passes with a livewell full of shrimp, and action on sheepshead and rat redfish was really good with my clients bringing home lots of keeper-sized sheepshead. Chunks of shrimp fished down on the bottom around docks and pilings in the deeper fast-moving water is always a sure fire method to

catch fish, even during the coldest temperatures.

During this cold water fishing, I switch up to my smaller winter size rod. It makes catching these fish fun. A 2500 or 3000 series spinning reel on a light rod rigged with 10-pound braid and a 20-pound fluorocarbon leader makes casting shrimp easy and a three- to five-pound fish a battle. Many of the sheepshead and rat redfish we caught where on the small side and, at times, the bite was nonstop. While fishing with long-time client Mike Bennet from Captiva, we had a 100-plus fish trip that included 10 bigger sheepshead in the cooler to go home for dinner. Sheepshead regulations have changed for this year with the size remaining at 12 inches minimum but the bag limit now at 8 per harvester, which is reduced from what was 15 per harvester.

As cold front after cold front rolls through, snook are making that move into the warm water hangouts of winter. Although action in my favorite 'Ding' Darling creeks have not fired up quite yet, it is getting close to that time. Getting to go fishing with live shrimp and not having to throw the cast net is always a nice break. As conditions warm back up, the snook bite on shiners will go off and it will be well worth catching shiners again. Usually, this wide open snook bite happens within a few days of the next approaching cold front.

No matter how badly you want to fish for a specific species of fish, it's more productive to let the day's conditions make that decision for you. Mother Nature is in charge, and learning what species and method to fish according to the day is never more important than during our winter pattern of cold fronts.

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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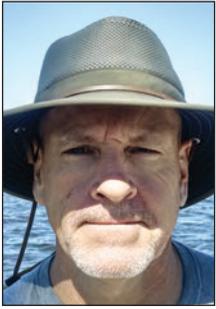
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CROW Case Of The Week:

American Bald Eagle



by Bob Petcher

The American bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) has been this country's national emblem since 1782 and a spiritual symbol for Native Americans for a greater period of time before that.

Bald eagles are the largest of the raptor family. The white-headed, heavy-bodied bird of prey is a very intimidating creature to the rest of the animal world. In fact, bald eagles are known as bullies when it comes to fishing. They would rather wait until a smaller raptor catches a fish, harass the bird until the fish is dropped, then catch the fish in midair and fly away with the meal.

In fact, for this reason, if Benjamin Franklin had his way, the wild turkey would be the U.S. national emblem, not the bald eagle. Interestingly, history reveals that Franklin called the bald eagle a "bird of bad moral character" for its thieving ways and disturbing tactics.

At CROW, an adult bald eagle was admitted from Cape Coral after it was observed on the ground and dragging its wing. Veterinarians were able to feel, or palpate, that the eagle had a fractured

right coracoid bone. The coracoid bone is comparable to a collarbone in humans.

"It was noted on physical examination that the eagle drooped the wing on the side of the fracture. The shoulder palpated slightly unstable and "crunchy" when put through its range of motion," said Dr. Malka Spektor, CROW veterinary intern. "A coracoid fracture is a serious injury for any bird. The shoulder girdle needs to be stable to allow flight, and a bird of that size needs to be able to fly to hunt, nest and defend itself."

The patient also had abrasions on its feet, leading veterinarians to believe it had been in a fight with another eagle recently, but they were unable to conclude if that is what caused its fractured bone. The eagle was given pain medication and its right wing was placed in a body wrap to immobilize it.

"The body wrap will remain in place for approximately three weeks, depending on the bone's progression," said Dr. Spektor. "Then, the eagle will have another week of strict cage rest, and then will start to rebuild its flight muscles in the outdoor enclosures. It could take a few months for the bone to heal completely."

The eagle was started on a re-feeding plan and scheduled for physical therapy, to prevent muscle contracture, every few days while the bone heals.

"A re-feeding plan is started to prevent re-feeding syndrome," said Dr. Spektor. "Re-feeding syndrome is comprised of metabolic disturbances that happen when a starved patient is given nutrition too



Patient #18-4339 will be spending the holidays with CROW medical staff

photo by Brian Bohlman

quickly for their body to handle. It can cause the electrolytes in the body to go out of whack and, in some cases, it can be fatal."

After the strict cage rest, the bald eagle will be moved to a larger enclosure to start rebuilding flight muscles, said Dr. Spektor. After arriving on Thanksgiving, it is expected that the patient will be at the clinic through the holidays and into the new year.

"It is still early in the healing process for this eagle, but its physical therapy is going well. For now, the eagle is getting

physical therapy every three days to prevent the wing from contracting," said Dr. Spektor. "Hopefully, in a few weeks, we will be able to remove the body wrap and increase activity."

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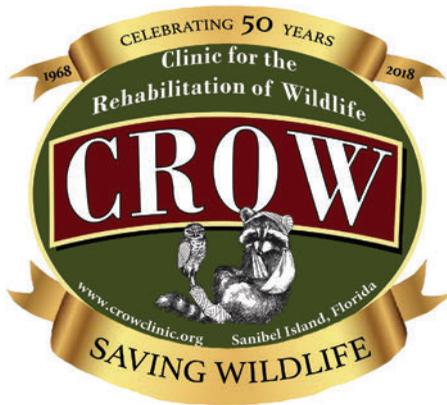
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For reservations, contact the Visitor Education Center at 472-3644 ext. 229 or reservations@crowclinic.org. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Daily presentations are offered at 11 a.m. only. Wildlife Walk hospital tours are offered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

Friday, December 7, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff (hospital tour).

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

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

CROW's teaching hospital offers externship, fellowship and internship opportunities for natural science and veterinary medicine students. While on site, students learn the ins and outs of conservation medicine and wildlife rehabilitation, and share their favorite patient stories. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will

be present.

Monday, December 10, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – CROW Case of the Week (daily presentation).

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Tuesday, December 11, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises (daily presentation).

The life of a gopher tortoise revolves around its burrow. These tortoises are found digging from southern Georgia to southeast Florida. Because of its contributions to the ecosystem, it is classified as a keystone species. CROW's presenter explains why they

are admitted and how the medical staff treats this species. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

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

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

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

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Thursday, December 13, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff (hospital tour).

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

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Thursday, December 13, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Patient Profiles: Owls of Southwest Florida (daily presentation).

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

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March 23; and Wednesday, April 10 and Saturday, April 27. The guided tours begin at 10 a.m. Walk the grounds for ideas on planting native vegetation that requires no fertilizer. See how you can plant a garden that reseeds itself with very little maintenance, is good for the environment and will attract birds and butterflies. Vegetation committee members will provide information on proper planting and care of native vegetation. The City of Sanibel encourages planting of vegetation that is indigenous to the area as it requires very little maintenance, no fertilizer and no supplemental irrigation.

Registration is not required. Attendees meet at the main entrance to city hall, 800 Dunlop Road, in front of the main staircase. The Natural Resources Department section of the city's website, www.mysanibel.com, offers information on native plants, a listing of licensed contractors, Sanibel's vegetation standards and codes, and the Environmental Reference Handbook prepared by the city's vegetation committee. The committee also offers free native plant tours. For more information, call 472-3700.*

From page 1
Miss Charlotta

"One night, I was on an online auction site and discovered a listing for an old photo album. In the description, it mentioned there were some photos of Sanibel. The auction was soon to end, and no one had bid on it, so I entered the minimum bid of \$11 and won the album." It turned out the album contains priceless treasures one could only dream of. "When the album arrived, I was delighted to find dozens of photos, of excellent quality, of Sanibel and Captiva," Linda said. "When I came to Miss Charlotta's photo, I was pretty sure it had to be the aunt of the Bailey brothers and the person who had run the tea room, which now sits on the grounds of the Sanibel Historical Village." Linda said that when she discovered there were so few photos of Charlotta, right away she decided to have the photo enlarged, framed and matted to donate to

the museum. "On our next trip to Sanibel, we would 'bring Charlotta home' to the Tea Room," she said, "so everyone that entered it would be able to see and 'meet' the actual person who ran it." Emilie Alfino, executive director of the museum, called this the find of a lifetime. "We are so grateful and thrilled to have this photo the Tofts have donated," Alfino said. "We will display Miss Charlotta at the entrance to the tea room so all of our visitors can immediately see who it was that made it possible." Alfino explained that museum volunteers have photographed and scanned 77 of the photos in the album to keep in the museum's collection. The album was then returned to the Tofts. The Tofts have come to the museum many times through the years. "There was only one building on our first visit, and it has been a delight to watch it grow. Over the years during our many visits, it has been an honor and a delight to meet Charles LeBuff, Francis Bailey, George Campbell and Eugene Gavin," Linda said. "We have read much about the people and history of Sanibel and to meet some of the folks who lived part of that history has been very special to us." "When I look at the photo of Charlotta, I see a lovely young woman, relaxed and very comfortable with herself," Linda said. "I can almost picture a day in 1932, pulling up to the dock and seeing her standing there. She's calling out a hospitable 'welcome to Sanibel' and inviting us into the tea room for a bite to eat, a cool beverage, and a place to get out of the sun and rest a bit. I hope when others see her photo in the tea room, they will feel the same way."*

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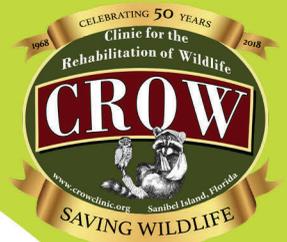
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“Each year, CROW cares for more than 3,500 wildlife patients including more than 200 species of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in its veterinary hospital,” said Lisa Walsh, owner of RS Walsh Landscaping and In The Garden. “CROW’s hospital is one of the nation’s leading rehabilitation facilities for native and migratory wildlife.”

In The Garden is located at 3889 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School. Hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Shell Found



Denise Parsons photo provided

Denise Parsons, visiting from Mississauga Ontario, Canada, discovered her personal “treasured find” – a Scotch bonnet – while shelling on Sanibel on November 28. “This rare find is my first like this since coming to Sanibel since 1990,” said Parsons. “It was found out in front of Sanibel Cottages on West Gulf Drive.”**

Shell Found



Shell found by Lynell Newmarch photo provided

Lynell Newmarch found this shell while walking along the beach at 7 a.m. on November 24. “It was a particularly low tide due to the full moon,” she said. “The shell is inscribed: Mony love Susy, 2015. It felt like message in a bottle and I wasn’t sure if I should keep it or throw it back in the water. I decided to keep it. A simple shell traveling the seas since 2015 and washed up on Sanibel.”**

Shell Found



Eric Derleth photo provided

Eric Derleth from Sutton, New Hampshire found his first junonia on the beach along Middle Gulf Drive on November 28. The Derleths were staying at Shorewood Condominiums and have been coming to Sanibel for 25 years.**

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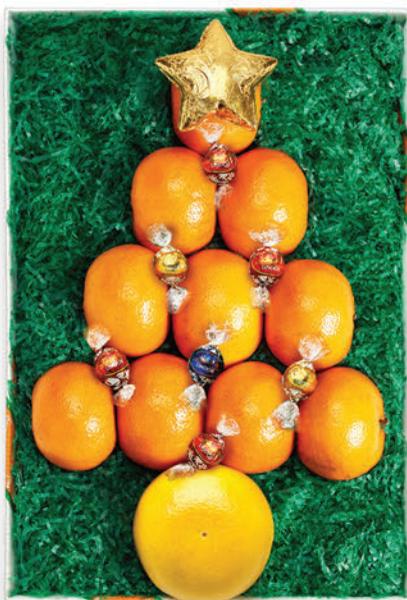
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Shells Found



Chris Kempf with his collection

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Chris Kempf, visiting from Chicago, Illinois, found a junonia in perfect condition, as well as two Scotch bonnets, three alphabet cones, four lightning welks (all over 12 inches) and a horse conch (about 16 inches). The neighbors at Sanibel Arms West named Kempf "The Shell Whisperer."*

Crocodile Fossil Added To Collection



Mary Beth Greenplate of Sanibel Seashell displaying the crocodile fossil the business recently acquired for their collection

photo by Jeff Lysiak

by Jeff Lysiak

The fossilized remains of an ancient species of crocodile, including the skull and long, narrow snout, have recently been acquired by a Sanibel businessman, who is displaying the relic at his Periwinkle Way shop.

According to Larry Strange, owner of Sanibel Seashell, the rare fossil specimen – which measures approximately 38 inches – was purchased several months ago from a collector.

"I knew this came out of Morocco, and was originally purchased by a French dealer," said Strange. "It's about 45 million years old, from the period after the dinosaurs died off some 65 million years ago. It's probably one of the few crocodile fossils that still exist, which is why I wanted to have it."

According to Strange, the crocodile specimen has been identified as *Dyrosaurus (Crocodylomorpha Dyrosauridae)*, a newly discovered species that lived during the Eocene period. The ancient reptile is defined as "a slender-snouted, fish-eating specialist adapted to near-shore marine habitats."

After acquiring the crocodilian remains,

which are presented on a bed of Saharan desert sand, Strange decided to add the museum-quality specimen to his ever-growing collection of unusual and rarely-seen natural wonders. In 2017, he purchased the world's largest recorded junonia, a shell measuring nearly six inches in length.

According to the *Registry of World Record Size Shells*, the largest junonia ever recorded – a *Scaphella junonia* measured at 154.0 mm – was collected in the Gulf of Mexico by The Hansbys in 1972. That shell became part of a collection owned by a mollusk enthusiast in Jacksonville, Florida. Strange purchased the record shell from that collector's son.

"People still come into the shop just to see the junonia," said Strange, a marine biologist and retired educator. "But the crocodile fossil is my 'wow' item for this year. It's just one of those real unusual things."

All are welcome to stop by Sanibel Seashell and see the crocodile fossil. The business – which originally opened in 1942 – is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 472-1603 or visit www.seashells.com for more information.*



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From left, Malia Island Fusion Cuisine owner/operators Jeff Samson and Malia Samson, along with Executive Chef Patrick Fitz photos by Jeff Lysiak

New Restaurant Offering Island Fusion Cuisine

by Jeff Lysiak

Sanibel's newest restaurant, Malia Island Fusion Cuisine, officially opened for business on November 27, offering diners lunch and dinner in a casual, island-themed setting.

Located at the Sanibel Island Golf Club in the space previously occupied by the Blue Coyote Supper Club, Malia is operated by Chef Jeff Samson and his daughter, Malia Samson. The Michigan natives, who moved to the island in April 2017, have been visitors to Sanibel for many years.

"We always wanted to end up here," said Jeff Samson, whose culinary career was launched in 1992 when his first venture, Malia Italian Bistro, opened in Marshall, Michigan. "We were looking for an opportunity to open a restaurant here, and we found a space in the

Bailey's Shopping Center online."

That space will soon become Spoon-drift, a "fast casual" eatery located in the former Beach Piez space. Samson hopes that venture will open prior to the Christmas holiday.

However, one of the Samson's island neighbors told them that the owner of the Blue Coyote Supper Club was looking to sell his business. "We had dined here many times... it was one of our favorite restaurants," noted Samson. "So we worked out a deal."

Following an extensive renovation of the building – which included all new lighting fixtures, artwork on the walls, brightening up the dining room and bar area and a fully renovated kitchen and restrooms – Malia Island Fusion Cuisine had a soft opening the week before Thanksgiving. One week later, they experienced their first dinner service.

"The first night we served dinner, we had a full house," said Malia Samson.

"We were not expecting that."

"And that was without any advertising," added Jeff. "Once the

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The renovated dining room has been decorated in a casual island-themed motif

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The Community House

The Orange



by Resident Chef Jarred Harris

Wintertime is citrus season in Florida and the orange crop will be at its peak in a couple of weeks. From tangerines to honeybells, Florida oranges are some of the best in the world.

Oranges originated around 4000 BC in Southeast Asia and spread to India soon after. The fruit is a hybrid of the pomelo – or “Chinese grapefruit” – and the mandarin, which means oranges, are actually a modified berry. With over 600 varieties of oranges worldwide, the orange is one of the world’s most popular fruits.

There are two general categories of oranges: sweet and bitter or sour. The most popular varieties of the sweet oranges include Valencia, Temple, Jaffa and Navel oranges. The Navel orange,

which is a seedless hybrid, is one of the world’s most popular varieties.

The bitter or sour orange varieties include Bergamot, Bitter, Lima and Seville. These oranges are often used to make jam or marmalade, and their zest is used to flavor liqueurs such as Grand Marnier and Cointreau. The bergamot orange is grown for its oils, which are used in cosmetics and flavoring.

Portuguese and Italian explorers introduced sweet oranges to Europe around the 15th century, and Christopher Columbus planted the first orange trees in the Caribbean islands in the late 15th century on his second voyage to the New World. Ponce de Leon brought oranges to Florida during the 16th century, and Spanish missionaries brought them to California around the 18th century.

Here is a simple recipe to try using oranges:

Orange Polenta Cake

Ingredients

3 large eggs
1 ¼ cup honey
¼ cup olive oil
Juice and zest of 4 oranges
¾ cup almond flour
¼ cup fine polenta or corn meal

Method

Preheat the oven to 350F. Grease and

flour 8-inch cake pan.

Cream together the eggs and honey until pale and fluffy. Add the olive oil, a little at a time and blend until smooth. Combine the zest and juice to the olive oil mixture.

In a separate bowl, sift together all the dry ingredients. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix until well combined.

Pour the mixture into the cake pan and bake for 30 to 35 minutes. Cool the cake before slicing.

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

Tea Tasting At Bailey Homestead

On Wednesday, December 19 starting at 11 a.m., join Dee Serage-Century at the SCCF Native Landscape and Garden Center for an informal gathering to taste basil and tea grown at the Bailey Homestead Preserve, located at 1300 Periwinkle Way.

There will be five species of culinary basil to taste and plants to purchase. Try a cup of Yaupon holly and Roselle tea. The native Yaupon holly is the only north America plant containing caffeine. Roselle is also known as Florida cranberry.

No reservations are required and all are welcome to attend.*

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Strauss Theater

actors ranging from ages 8 to 60-plus and includes local stars such as Robin Dawn, Michael Moran, Amy Sbarra, Eli Baldwin and Robert Barns. The orphan/youth ensemble features some of the best talent in Lee County. Students from over 20 schools are represented, and some commute over an hour to perform.

The performances include a one-night-only Cabaret on Thursday, December 13 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 to \$10. There will be free appetizers and drawings. The last Creative Theater Workshop production of 2018 will be a night of one-act performances, titled *The Audition and Selfie*. These two 30-minute shows are directed by Aaron Jackson and will feature some of the best youth talent in Southwest Florida.

Creative Theater Workshop is a nonprofit theater company, now in its 12th year, and on Sanibel for the past five years. The company has just signed the lease on a new theater space that is just five minutes from Sanibel. The space will allow the company to produce over 10 productions a year and will offer theater classes, workshops and summer camp opportunities.

BIG ARTS Strauss Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Creative Theater Workshop is still looking for sponsors and donors. For more information, visit www.ctwththeater.com, email michelle@ctwdirector.com or call 738-3525. For tickets, go to www.sanibeltickets.com.*

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Mastersingers Return To Sanibel



Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers

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In the tradition of Christmas, the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers and Orchestra will return to Sanibel Community Church for an evening of unforgettable music celebrating the season. The concert begins at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 9 in the main Sanctuary. A Christmas carol sing-along will begin at 5:30 p.m. The church will host a reception with refreshments in the courtyard following the concert.

The concert is free and all are welcome to attend. A love offering will be received for Florida Baptist Children's Homes, providing Christmas gifts for children in crisis.

Sanibel Community Church is an evangelical, non-denominational congregation with the church campus at 1740 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call 472-2684 or visit www.sanibelchurch.com.✧

Fire Is The Main Character In New History Book

Author Tom Hall's *Epic Fires of Fort Myers: How a Series of Early Fires Influenced the Town's Development, Volume I* is now available for ordering at local bookstores and on www.amazon.com.

Fire gave impetus to the formation of Lee County, fire cost Fort Myers bragging rights as Tarpon Capital of the World and, between 1903 and 1907, fire threatened to reduce the entire business district to smoldering rubble, not once, but twice. Volume 1 of *Epic Fires* is a compelling chronology covering five fires, with stories of total loss and devastation, gritty courage, larger-than-life heroics and, above all, pioneer perseverance. But as fascinating as these vignettes are on their own merits, the real charm of *Epic Fires* is its ability to transport readers back in time to experience what life was like in Fort Myers between 1886 and 1913.

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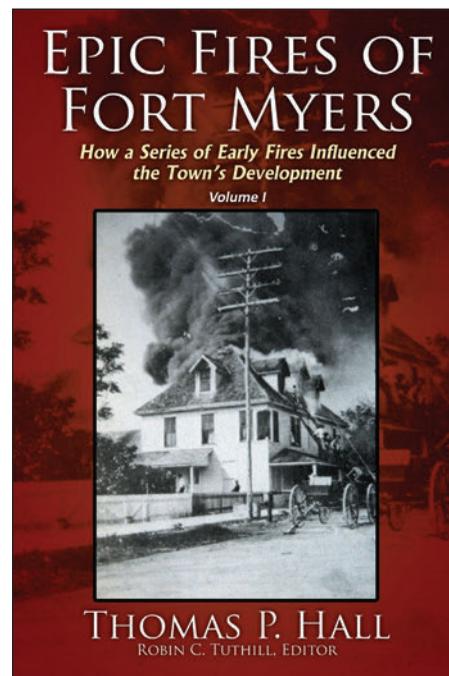


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combined with important present-day fire prevention and life safety tips that are informed by the extensive education, training and experience of the current and past chiefs of the Fort Myers Fire Department.

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Book Review

Bitter Orange

by Di Saggau



Talk about a twisty and haunting page-turner of a book, *Bitter Orange* by Claire Fuller, certainly fits that description. The book begins with the main character, Frances

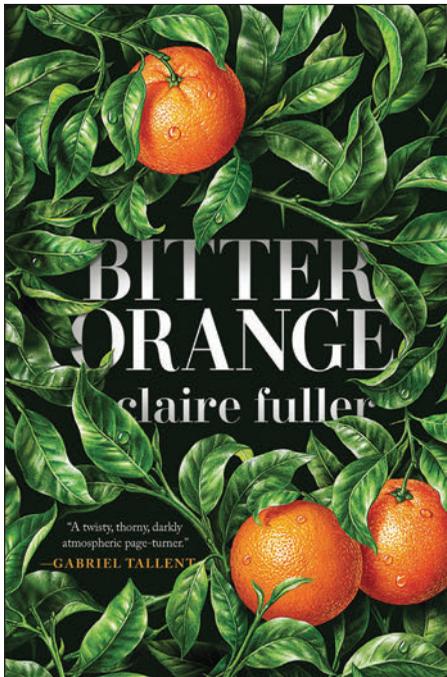


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Jellico, alone and dying in some sort of facility. As the story unfolds, we learn what happened during the summer of 1969, and why everyone has wondered about Frances ever since. Frances reveals all to her friend Victor who visits often. The plot is a seductive nightmare about loneliness and belonging with lots of suspense and odd characters. Frances flashes back to her stay at Lyntons, a decaying English country mansion where she is writing a report on garden architecture in the attic of a dilapidated country house. The estate is owned by an American investor, and is falling victim to overgrowth and decay.

Frances, who is in her 40s and dowdy, is distracted by the glamorous young couple, Peter and Cara, who are staying in the rooms below. She is delighted and surprised when the two invite her to spend time with them and eventually spend every day together, eating lavish dinners and drinking bottles of wine. Frances says, "Cara and Peter

would drink until one of them fell asleep at the table. They would be drunk but never raucous or angry. The three of us talked and drank and laughed. I have never laughed as much as during the early days of that August." Frances is having the fun she never got to have in her twenties.

Frances is socially maladjusted. She has no friends and no life of her own outside of her dead mother. She quickly becomes involved with the lying and dishonest Cara and Peter. As the

summer rolls on, it becomes obvious that not everything is right between Cara and Peter. As Frances becomes entangled in their lives, she becomes obsessed with them. Cara tells stories that don't quite add up. Every character has hidden secrets which slowly unravel, keeping the reader engaged. *Bitter Orange* is part ghost story, part murder mystery and definitely captivating. It's a seductive

psychological portrait of the dangers of longing and how far a woman might go to escape her past. As the summer rolls on, a small crime leads to a bigger one. Is Frances the witness of a tragedy that summer, or did she cause one? Every chapter is a cliffhanger, keeping the reader hooked. I found it tough to put this well-written book down.*

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My 9-year-old son has some special needs with social skills. With school and a large family, we have lots of holiday events and get-togethers.

These situations are difficult for him. Please give me some ideas about helping him navigate this social season.

Jenna B, Fort Myers

Jenna,

Holiday events are supposed to be fun but for kids with social skill issues, these events can pose challenges and create stress. Here are some suggestions for you that might make these social times easier and more enjoyable for you and your son.

It's important to practice how to say hello and good bye. The more you practice with your child, the easier it will be for him to call up the right words when he needs them. He doesn't have to say much: "Hi, it's nice to see you!" and "Thanks for having me - I had a good time" will usually do it. Remind him to look people in the eye, and that when people extend their arm, it means they want to shake hands.

Expectations! Let your child know how the day will unfold. You might say something like, "When we get there, the kids will be playing downstairs. After an hour, we'll have dinner, dessert and then we'll go home." Your child may feel more relaxed if he knows what's going to happen next. You can also brainstorm other ways he can handle certain situations.

Prepare some conversational scripts for your child to use with both children

and adults. Develop some general questions to break the ice with other kids and role play them with him. He might ask, "Do you play any sports?" or "What shows do you like to watch?" With older kids, come up with a few news items about sports or celebrities he can talk about.

It's natural for adults at holiday gatherings to ask your child what he's been up to. Kids with social issues may not like talking about school or find it easy to talk about their achievements. Set your child up to have something positive to say in response to these questions. For example, "Why don't you tell Uncle Fred about your school's challenge project or about how you volunteered with your Scout Troop?"

Help your child get settled at the event. Make sure he has found some kids to hang out with before you head off to mingle with the adults. If the kids are playing a game, help him to break in by teaching him to ask something like, "I like this game too. Do you have room for another player?" Teach him to find common interests with others.

Make sure to give your son praise on what he did correctly. If he did a nice job saying thank you, or held his own during a conversation with his cousins, let him know you noticed. Recognition from a parent is very important and means a lot plus it will give your child more confidence going into the next social event.

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Hannah Star Rogers holds an MFA from Columbia University and a PhD from Cornell University. Her writing has appeared in the Kenyon Review, LA Review of Books, Carolina Quarterly and Southern Women's Review.*

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BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series

A Fantastic Woman

by Di Saggau

The BIG ARTS Monday Night Movie for



December 10 is A *Fantastic Woman*, a film from Chile that tells a straightforward story of self-assertion and defiance, and a complex study of the nuances of identity. Marina, a young transgender waitress, has her life thrown into turmoil when her partner dies. Mourning the loss of Orlando, the man she loved, she finds herself under intense scrutiny from those with no regard for her privacy. "When I look at you, I don't know what I'm seeing. A chimera, that's what I'm seeing." These breathtakingly cruel words are said to Marina (Daniel Vega) by Orlando's ex-wife Sonia who speaks with such calm confidence, such chilling certainty, it pulls the entire film, and the problem it portrays, into sharp focus.

The moment Marina arrives at the hospital with Orlando, who has suffered an aneurysm, she is treated less as a person than a problem. She is barred from his funeral and threatened with eviction from the apartment they shared. Marina insists on her own dignity, her basic rights to respect, safety and the pursuit of pleasure. She rebels against a stubbornly patriarchal society, but she is alone and unprotected. Her experiences reveal a deeply held prejudice not limited to Chile. Marina has a charisma that defies pity and a sense of

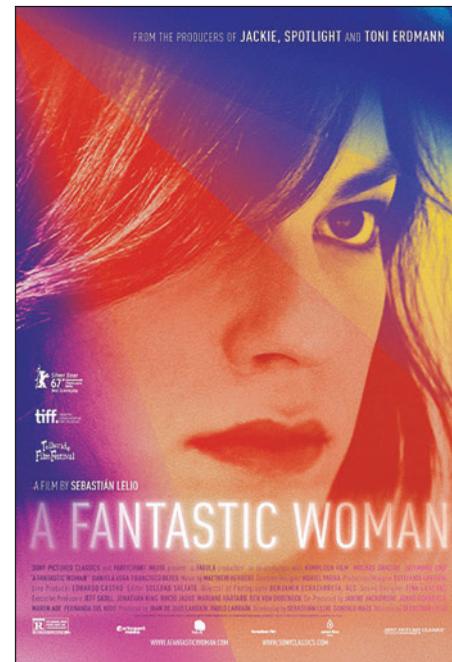


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poise that can be both intimidating and heartbreaking.

A Fantastic Woman is not only socially aware, it is also infused with mystery and melodrama. It runs 100 minutes. Moderator for the evening is Barbara Ruben. Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is \$10 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Each film is followed by a complimentary reception and discussion. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are available at www.bigarts.org, at the door or by calling 395-0900.*

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New Restaurant

word gets out there, I think we'll be full almost every night."

When it came to developing a menu for the new family venture, the Samsons explained that they relied mostly on their experience in the industry. "We've been in the restaurant business for 26 years, mostly working with Italian and

Mediterranean cuisines," the father and daughter team stated. "Here, we wanted to do something different... something that would be unique on the island... something with an international flair."

Among the signature starters offered at Malia Island Fusion Cuisine are Blistered Shishito Pepper and Pimento Cheese Dip, Grilled Octopus with Jerk Seasoning and Crispy Spicy Ahi Tuna Balls. At lunch, their Poke Bowls – featuring blue fin tuna – are already a customer favorite. On the dinner menu, Moroccan Chicken Thighs, Portobello Couscous and two Waygu beef dishes (Filet and New York Strip) are offered.

"We serve fresh, simple food with lots of layers of flavor," said Jeff, who noted that the restaurant purchased organic vegetables from local produce vendors, including Bailey's General Store. "And our beef is by far the best."

In addition to their lunch and dinner menus, a chalkboard will highlight daily features. A full service bar has high top seating and a meeting room is available

for private parties.

"Superb quality ingredients and our family-friendly environment is the motivation to make you come back for more," said Malia. "We hope to fill the community with a passion for flavorful food and give tourists a chance to try something new."

Malia Island Fusion Cuisine, located at 1100 Par View Drive, is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. For more information, visit www.maliafoods.com or follow them on Instagram @maliaislandfusion. Reservations are available by calling 472-9222.*

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny
 2. *Florida* by Lauren Groff
 3. *If the Creek Don't Rise* by Leah Weiss
 4. *Past Tense* by Lee Child
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Jeweler To Host 12 Designer Days Of Christmas

Lily & Co. Jewelers is ringing in the holidays with the 12 Designer Days of Christmas. From December 12 to 24, the festively-decorated store will be Santa's island workshop for fine jewelry designers.

On the 12th and 13th days of December – Santa brings award-winning designer Frederic Sage and the 14-karat Sanibel Wave pendant. Its design captures the alluring Gulf of Mexico in genuine blue topaz. Sage, who will be in the store, is an accomplished designer and works with uniquely-cut gems and fine diamonds, masterfully set in 18-karat gold.

On the 14th day – Santa brings trend-setting Doves jewelry, each designed as an ode to modern elegance. From blues as deeps as the ocean to golds as warm as the sun, the Doves collection is an indulgence in the refined artistry of the latest fine diamond and gemstone treasure.

On the 15th day – Santa brings the Master of Inlay, Kabana. With more than three decades of experience in the design and creation of inlay jewelry, Kabana is a master of its craft. Kabana was born from a love of fine jewelry; share that love this holiday season.

On the 16th day – Santa, along with the Lily & Co. elves, will close the store for some rest and relaxation.

On the 17th day – Santa brings The Henderson Collection of elegant necklaces,



Jewelry for holiday gift-giving

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bracelets and rings, renowned for various shades of gold including brown, black and blue. Each collection, handcrafted with diamonds and fine gold, is luxurious yet suitable for everyday wear.

On the 18th day – Santa brings the beauty of color in jewelry pieces by The Mazza Company. Designs are inspired by nature or from a natural architectural element such as a shell's shape.

On the 19th day – Santa brings sculpted jewelry by internationally-known



Frederic Sage will make an appearance on December 12 and 13

designer Charles Krypell, who has combined his beloved crafts of sculpting and intricate jewelry design. His collections are unique, versatile and generational.

On the 20th day – Santa brings pure 24-karat gold handcrafted by Turkish jewelry designer Gurhan. Each piece bears signs of his master craftsmanship.

On the 21st day – Santa brings beautifully hand-crafted gold and silver cable bracelets by The Touch. Double cable or braided cable bracelets feature diamond

or sapphire accents with a distinctive clasp reminiscent of sailing apparatus.

On the 22nd day – Santa brings the innovative, unconventional and flexible bracelet collection by Roberto Demgelo – made of ceramic with 18-karat gold and diamonds on a patented stretch coil.

On the 23rd day – Santa brings holiday sparkle in the enduring diamond pendants, earrings, rings and bracelets by Benny Sofer, representing three generations of diamond excellence.

On the 24th day – Santa brings fine pearls and diamonds uniquely set in 18-karat platinum from the JYE International collection. JYE selects only premium cut diamonds and fine gems with exceptional quality to craft pieces of wearable art.

"We want everyone to have a joyous holiday season by making gift-giving the exciting moment it should be," said Dan Schuyler, who co-owns Lily & Co. Jewelers with Karen Bell. "Our Lily & Co. team, turned elves, are happy to assist with the details, from finding the perfect piece to gift wrapping."

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American Legion Post 123 is located at Mile Marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road

IL Cielo Hosts James Beard Foundation Celebrity Chef Tour



From left, Fred and Mary Bondurant, Ryan Orgera, Alicia Tighe and Cheryl and Marc Giattini attending The James Beard Foundation's Celebrity Chef Tour, which was hosted by IL Cielo on Sanibel last Thursday evening. Participating chefs included IL Cielo's own Melissa Akin along with Andrew Zimmerman, Pat Sheerin, Ed Sura, Paul Virant and Lev Dalke.

photos by Jeff Lysiak



From left, Remo and Kitty Picchietti, Ray and Judy McCormack, Cindy Williams and Stephanie Kushner



Gaye Pigott and Richard Boehning



Waiter Dylan Payne serving wine to Jay and Lenore Friedland



From left, Jeff and Renee Savarise with Michele Vikartofsky and Steve Metts



Mary Jo Boler, center, with Shawn and Laura Shaffer



From left, Mike and Jamie Boler with Jim Boler



Scott McDonald played the piano throughout the evening



From left, Stephanie Kushner, IL Cielo Executive Chef Melissa Akin and IL Cielo Pastry Chef Lev Dalke
photos by Bob Petcher



From left, Chef Paul Virant, Judy McCormack and Chef Ed Sura



Chef Pat Sheerin and IL Cielo General Manager Marcus Preece



Housemade lamb sausage on naan bread with harissa



The JBF Celebrity Chef Tour had a meet and greet on Wednesday evening prior to the Thursday dinner



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Gallery Stroll Under The Stars

Sanibel's Tower Gallery, Suncatchers' Dream and Hirdie-Girdie Gallery will host the Art Under the Stars gallery show and sale on Thursday, December 13 from 5 to 9 p.m. Meet the artists at all three shops and see new work by some of Southwest Florida's most creative painters, jewelry designers, potters, photographers, printmakers and sculptors. There will be prizes and refreshments.

Tower Gallery is located at 751 Tarpon Bay Road; Suncatchers' Dream is in the Olde Sanibel Shoppes at 630 Tarpon Bay Road; and Hirdie-Girdie Gallery is at 2490 Library Way. For more information, call Tower Gallery at 472-4557.✧



Artists' works will be on view and for sale photo provided



Snowmen children's crafts

photo provided

Programs At The Sanibel Public Library

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

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

The weekly children's schedule runs through December 20:

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

The After-School Crew (for children in kindergarten to third grades) will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursdays. There will be books, crafts, plus a snack provided.

If you love dogs and books, you can read to Bessie, a bearded collie and trained reading education assistance dog. At 3:45

p.m. on rain-free Thursday afternoons, you can sign up on-the-spot; program finishes by 5 p.m.

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

Experience Virtual Reality Google Paint or theBlu Underwater Experience on Friday, December 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Patrons age 10 and older can explore a vivid deep sea experience or create an artistic creation in Google Paint. First come, first served, no registration required.

Witness the sinking of RMS *Titanic* in virtual reality on Monday, December 10. Users will leave with a greater understanding of the tragedy that unfolded in 1912. Registration is required due to experience length (10 to 20 minutes). Call 472-2483 to set up a viewing time between 10 a.m. and noon.

Learn about 3D printing with Makerbot on Wednesday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. No registration is required.

For more information, visit www.sanlib.org. Sanibel Public Library cards are available to all residents of Sanibel and Lee County at no charge.✧

Community Housing & Resources is excited to announce our new fundraising series GIVE BACK WEDNESDAYS #GBW

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Sanibel Students

and Sea-TV class helped load the books on November 12 into a truck headed north.

Larry Martin and his son, Patrick, hauled the books to Raleigh, North Carolina, where they were met by Kellie Bamford, media specialist at Havelock (NC) Elementary School. The Martin family was traveling from Sanibel to Parris Island, South Carolina, where their son Connor – also a Sanibel School alumnus – was to graduate from the United States Marine Corps Recruit Depot that weekend.

"I'm always proud of the generosity of our community," said Holli Martin, Connor and Patrick's mother.

Bamford made arrangements for the books donated by Sanibel children to be distributed to schools in the New Bern, North Carolina area, replacing reading materials that were lost in the wake of the hurricane.

"I am humbled and honored that a school in Florida reached out to us in Craven County North Carolina and wanted to help in our time of need," she said. "I hope to be able to pay their kindness forward some day."

According to Bamford, Hurricane Florence was a slow-moving storm which downed many trees. Severe rainfall lasted several days, which contributed to flooding throughout the region.

"Our schools were closed for weeks. Many students and staff suffered personal losses," she added. "The 1,500 books will go to students in Craven County who lost their personal property due to storm damage. Media coordinators from about 20 schools will be helping with the distribution of these books."

Earlier this year, youngsters from The Sanibel School collected more than 500 books, which were donated to Bonita Springs Elementary School to aid local flooding victims of Hurricane Irma.✧

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Library Earns National Star Award



Sanibel Public Library District Board of Commissioners, front row from left, Linda Uhler, Margaret Mohundro and Linda Kramer; back row from left, Dan Moeder, Sandy Zahorchak, Melanie Congress, Tom Krekel and Nicole Decker-McHale photos provided

For the fifth time, the Sanibel Public Library has been recognized as one of the best libraries in the country. *Library Journal's* America's Star Library award offers an overall indication of how

a library's performance stacks up to peers, measuring computer usage, circulation, program attendance and library visits.

The LJ Index rates U.S. public libraries based on selected per capita output



Sanibel Public Library staff, front row from left, Duane Shaffer, Ian Wainwright, Wendy Lambrix, Danny Hussey and Candy Heisse; back row from left, Deanna Evans, Ozzy Flores, Cathy Cameron and Maureen Tesoro

measures, from data released by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for fiscal year 2016. This year, 7,361 U.S. public libraries were scored

with 257 libraries receiving stars.

LJ Index scores measure the levels of library service delivery relative to peer

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CROW Speaker Series To Begin



CROW Hospital Director Heather W. Barron photos provided

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) has announced its 2019 Speaker Series schedule from December 31 through April 16, which covers topics ranging from

species specific programs to grassroots conservation initiatives to water quality on Sanibel.

Wildlife is the focus of the programs, featuring species specific programs about



Burrowing owls

burrowing owls, eastern indigo snakes, Florida box turtles, mollusks, butterflies and more. The popular program The Story of Ospreys will be offered four times throughout the series and is the first program on December 31.

Grassroots conservation initiatives have the potential to effect positive change around the world. On January 15, J. Bruce Neill, PhD will discuss some successful grassroots environmental

projects, including Coastal Keepers' Bring Your Own Bag and Strawless On Sanibel initiatives.

A few programs will focus on water quality, including Sanibel Communities for Clean Water presented by Dana Dettmar, an environmental specialist for the City of Sanibel on January 29. The program recommends Best Management Practices (BMPs) to improve water quality with the

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CHR Leader To Speak At Next ABWA Meeting

Melissa Rice will be the featured speaker on Tuesday, December 18 at the Women in Leadership Speaker Series presented by the American Business Women's Association (ABWA). Rice will present a program, entitled When Business and Compassion Collide. As executive director of Community Housing and Resources, Inc. (CHR), Rice has inspiring stories and lessons to share about leadership in the collision zone.

Rice built her career in south Florida on both coasts in commercial real estate investment and management, including apartment communities, land, shopping centers, warehouses and residential. She holds degrees in finance and economics, is a licensed Florida real estate broker, and a member of CCIM (Certified Commercial Investment).

She also has a strong commitment to philanthropy, and immediately began volunteer work when she arrived on the island 12 years ago. Rice has served on the SanCap Cares Committee and as treasurer for both the Sanibel PTA and CHR.

"The most important aspect of bringing philanthropy and business together is managing partnerships," said Rice. "For example, support from the City of Sanibel, community participation in Give Back Wednesdays, generous women's education grants from the Zonta Club and scholarships from Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club are critical to CHR."

CHR provides affordable Sanibel housing to those working full time on-island and longtime residents who

**Melissa Rice**

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are retired or disabled. CHR manages 88 housing units, including 74 rental properties – one of which is a 12-unit complex just for senior residents – and 14 limited equity ownership homes.

"We anticipate an inspiring discussion with Melissa on the intersection of compassion and business," said Gloria Garrett of HMG, president of Sanibel-Captiva ABWA. "CHR's amazing impact is changing lives every day, but Melissa will reveal the hard-nosed business leadership required to keep the operation alive."

The meeting will be held at Sundial Beach Resort and Spa, located 1451 Middle Gulf Drive. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch and speaker from noon to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. All are welcome. RSVP at info@ABWASanibelCaptiva.org or register on Eventbrite at <https://ABWASanibelCaptiva.Eventbrite.com>.*

SCCF Earns Top Rating From Charity Navigator

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. This is the third time that SCCF has earned this top distinction in the last eight years, including two consecutive years, 2016 and 2017. The foundation is one of only four conservation nonprofits to earn this rating in Florida.

Since 2002, using objective analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a four-star rating.

"SCCF's exceptional four-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public," said Michael Thatcher, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. "Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of our four-star rating. This adds SCCF to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world's most pressing challenges. Based on its four-star rating, people can trust that their donations



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are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation."

"We are honored to once again receive Charity Navigator's highest rating," said John Morse, SCCF board president. "This distinction gives our supporters the assurance that we practice good stewardship when applying their donations to the execution of SCCF's mission."

SCCF's rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge online at www.charitynavigator.org.*



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Christmas Trees In Limited Supply

The Sanibel Captiva Lions Club experienced a stellar first week in its Christmas tree sale at the former gas station in Bailey's Shopping

Center on Periwinkle Way. Lions have approximately 100 fresh trees left in stock. The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, while supplies last. Tree stands and fresh wreaths are also available for purchase. Delivery is available for a small fee. Proceeds benefit several Lions Club charities.*

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Speaker Series

goal that residents and visitors will adopt these voluntary, environmentally-friendly measures to improve the health of our lakes.

All programs begin at 4:15 p.m. in the CROW Visitor Education Center and are approximately one hour in length. Some programs will feature live animal encounters. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for teens (age 13 to 17) and free for children age 12 and under. Space is limited, so advance registration is recommended.

To learn more about CROW's Speaker Series programs or to register in advance, visit www.crowclinic.org/articles/2019-speaker-series-schedule.

2019 Speaker Series Schedule:

December 31 – The Story of Ospreys by Claudia Burns, International Osprey Foundation volunteer

*January 7 – Eastern Indigo Snake Project by Chris Lechowicz, director of habitat management and herpetologist for Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF)

January 15 – Grassroots Conservation Initiatives, Small Efforts That Can Get Big by J. Bruce Neill, PhD, co-founder and executive director for Sanibel Sea School

January 22 – Living with Burrowing Owls by Beverly Saltonstall, Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife volunteer

January 29 – Sanibel Communities for Clean Water by Dana Dettmar, environmental specialist for the City of Sanibel

*February 5 – Introduction to

Wildlife Photography by Kim Patmore, photographer and CROW supporter

February 11 – Butterflies of Southwest Florida by Pam Jones-Morton, PhD, Florida State Parks volunteer

February 19 – The Story of Ospreys by Claudia Burns, International Osprey Foundation volunteer

February 26 – Water Quality Issues – Challenges and Solutions by J. Bruce Neill, PhD, co-founder and executive director for Sanibel Sea School

March 5 – Wintering Shorebirds of Sanibel and Captiva by Audrey Albrecht, shorebird program coordinator for Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF)

*March 11 – Florida Box Turtle Habitat Preference & Home Range on Sanibel Island by Chris Lechowicz, director of habitat management and herpetologist for Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation

March 19 – The Story of Ospreys by Claudia Burns, International Osprey Foundation volunteer

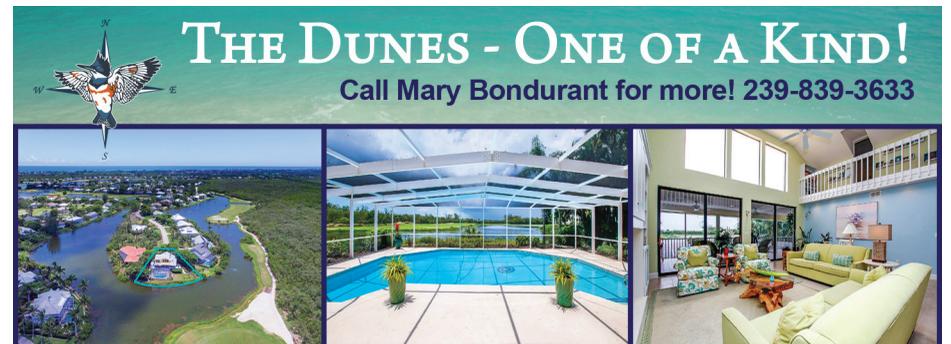
*March 25 – Mollusks of Southwest Florida by Leigh Gay, education coordinator for the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

April 1 – Paradise Lost: Impacts of Red Tide on Sanibel by Heather W. Barron, DVM, medical and research director for CROW

April 9 – Gopher Tortoises: Protecting a Keystone Species by Joel Caouette, conservation officer for the City of Sanibel

April 16 – The Story of Ospreys by Claudia Burns, International Osprey Foundation volunteer

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Real Estate Team Reveals New Brand Identity



From left, Chapin Leatherwood, Linda Von Wowern, Mike McMurray, Trevor Nette and Hillary Chen photo provided

McMurray & Nette of Royal Shell Real Estate has introduced its new brand identity – brand, logo and positioning line – as the team of 25-plus-year real estate veterans expands into the Southwest Florida marketplace.

The new brand identity will be rounded out using direct mail, billboards, print and digital advertising as joint branding with parent company Royal Shell, including its rental and property management programs.

The reinvigorated brand identity and the new logo reflect a polished brand image. Meanwhile, the revamped positioning line – Real Estate Done Really Well – recalls McMurray & Nette's local experience and knowledge, coupled with the support of Royal Shell Real Estate. The complete brand identity better reflects McMurray & Nette's leadership position throughout Southwest Florida in both the number of sales and sales volume.

Led by Mike McMurray and Trevor Nette, the team is consistently recognized as Royal Shell Real Estate's respected group of professionals, because they sell over \$100 million in real estate every year. Driven by personalized service, the number-one real estate producer in Lee County, due to over \$1 billion in sales since 2006, was founded on Sanibel and Captiva islands.

"It is Royal Shell's extraordinary real estate success in Southwest Florida that helps to make us what we are – a team who goes the extra mile by providing personalized service, despite an ever-expanding high-tech world," McMurray said. "Face-to-face communication will always be our philosophy, while only resorting to digital correspondence upon a client's request. Our new brand identity reflects this very concept, demonstrating services that return to the true roots of real estate and reflect the power of Royal Shell." ❄️

Candidates Sought For Public Affairs Award

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is looking for high school teachers – or their students – to recommend one or more young women for special recognition that carries both prestige and a cash award.

This is the Young Women in Public Affairs Award (YWPA), established by Zonta International to address a significant disparity: the representation of women in legislature. In 1995, the global average was just 11 percent. By July 2017, it had reached 23.5 percent. While this growth is impressive, many barriers remain in regard to women's political participation and gender parity across the globe. The YWPA program emphasizes that women should have equal participation in decision-making processes and is based on empowerment being most effective when started as early as possible in a girl's life. Zonta is currently seeking candidates for this award and will present a \$1,000 scholarship to the successful candidate.

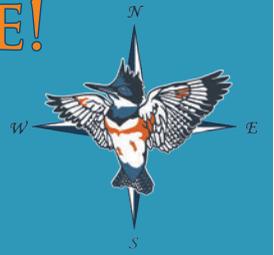
The winner's application will also be passed forward to compete at Zonta's regional and district levels for possible additional honors and awards.

Public affairs refers to all aspects of community life where decisions are made about issues which relate to and affect those communities in which people work and live. Likely candidates are Lee County students ages 16 to 19 as of April 1, 2019, who demonstrate superior leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes, plus active volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and experience in local government, student government or workplace leadership. The YWPA award also encourages young women to continue their participation in public and political life as they move into higher education and work life.

The formal application is available on www.zonta.org (scroll down to Useful Links and click on YWPA). Print the application, complete it and mail to: Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, P.O. Box 1244, Sanibel, FL 33957, to arrive no later than February 22, 2019.

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From left, Bank of the Islands' Willy Ocasio, coffee shop volunteer April Fleming, winner Darryl Donovan and bank assistant vice president Darrian Grotrian photo provided

Donation Made To Church Coffee Shop

Bank of the Islands recently made its latest nonprofit donation through its We Love Our Islands program. The winner, Sanibel Community Church Pastor Darryl Donovan, was spotted with a We Love Our Islands decal on his vehicle, winning him the right to select which local organization would receive a charitable contribution from the bank. Donovan chose to donate \$1,400 to the

Carpenter's Connection Coffee Shop at Sanibel Community Church. That donation marks \$78,800 given away to date through the program.

"Bank of the Islands is proud to be a longstanding supporter of our island community through this program, volunteering and other sponsorships," said Willy Ocasio, Bank of the Islands vice president and Sanibel-Captiva office manager. "The Community Church's coffee shop is 100 percent volunteer-operated and all of its income goes to supporting local and global missions."

Visit the bank's Sanibel or Captiva office to learn more about the program.✱

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Library Award

libraries nationally. Sanibel Public Library's expenditure category peers include the Star-award winning libraries in Darien, Connecticut; Westhampton New York; and Telluride, Colorado.

"This award is a reflection of our community's use of the library and we can all be proud of the level of quality needed in order to win this award," said Library District Board Commissioner Melanie Congress.

This year, *Library Journal* also based the star rating on circulation of electronic materials. Sanibel Public Library's eShelf was originally funded in 2010 with a grant from the Sanibel Library Foundation to fund bestseller eBooks and audiobooks. The following year, the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club provided funds for an eBook business collection. Since 2011, the eShelf usage has grown by 20 percent every year, and more than 43,000 eBooks have been checked out in the past six years, including 9,000 audiobooks. Sanibel Public Library offers several e-reader apps; including Hoopla for downloadable eBooks, movies, music and audiobooks as well as Overdrive.

The library also offers Mango, an online language learning tool. Downloadable magazines are available through the RB digital app. Library cardholders can also use the popular on-demand video streaming service Kanopy. The newest library service allows users to download or stream millions of songs with the Freegal music app.

Sanibel Public Library was the first public library in the state of Florida to offer Tech IT Out service, a kiosk where patrons can borrow MacBook Air and Dell laptops for use in the library. These eShelf services are offered to Sanibel Public Library cardholders at no extra charge.

The library, partnering with the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, is also celebrating more than a decade bringing high caliber authors to Sanibel. Past guests of the Author Series include Joyce Carol Oates, Sue Monk Kidd, Jodi Picoult, Clive Cussler, Lee Child, Dennis Lehane and Margaret Atwood. Sanibel Public Library Foundation President Ken Nirenberg was awarded the 2013 Library Advocate of the Year Award for his support and advocacy for the library. Sanibel Public Library has also won TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence every year from 2014 to 2018.

Sanibel Public Library loans cooking kits for patrons to check out and take home. The library's reference area offers general research help, as well as access to many databases, including Morningstar investment services, NewsBank, Consumer Reports and Ancestry.com.

The first phase of the Your Library Reimagined project is almost complete. The project has been in planning since 2015, with public input gathered via focus groups and public meetings. The library board has set a budget of \$5.9 million. The cost for this project will be covered by library reserves, grants and gifts.✱

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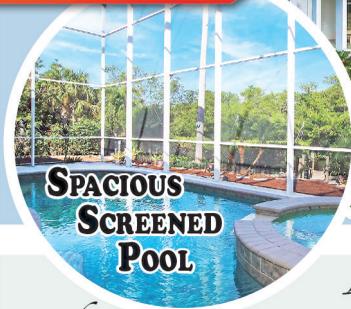
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Entrepreneur Shares Success Story At Meeting

by Jeff Lysiak

During the November 27 meeting of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Sanibel-Captiva Charter Chapter, Sandy Stilwell Youngquist of Stilwell Enterprises & Restaurant Group delivered a lecture entitled *Balancing Act: Broadening Your Reach to Others While Keeping Your Focus* as part of the club's Women in Leadership Speaker Series.

Born and raised in Lee County, Florida, Stilwell Youngquist shared that one of her earliest memories of working locally was as a dishwasher at her grandfather's diner when she was 10 years old. "I always knew that I wanted to go into business for myself," she said.

The owner and chief executive officer of Stilwell Enterprises – a group that includes several restaurants and an inn on Captiva – also shared that as an entrepreneur, "You know there are going to be bumps along the way, but you also know that this is your path and you will succeed in the end."

During her 30-minute presentation, Stilwell Youngquist talked about some of the key elements of becoming a successful businessperson: take advantage of educational opportunities, ask questions of others, get involved as a volunteer or help support your favorite charities, and follow quality time management practices.

Of the latter, she recalled a conversation



Guest speaker Sandy Stilwell Youngquist photos by Jeff Lysiak

with ex-husband Don Stilwell, former manager of Lee County, who successfully managed dozens of employees of various duties and responsibilities. When she asked how he managed to accomplish that feat, he told her, "Find really, really great people, empower them to do their jobs, and get out of the way."

Stilwell Youngquist also talked about one of the key ingredients of becoming a successful leader is searching for leadership qualities in others. "Great leaders are always looking for future leaders," she said. "I know in my life, I'm always seeking out people who are part of the solution, not



From left, Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra, ABWA 25-Year Service Award recipient Julie DeBord and Sanibel City Councilwoman Holly Smith

part of the problem."

Later, Stilwell Youngquist discussed her growing list of charitable efforts – including PACE Center for Girls, Hope Hospice, Junior Achievement and educational foundations at Florida SouthWestern State College and Florida Gulf Coast University – along with some of the people she has admired that have mentored her or became her friend over the years, including Barbara B. Mann, Berne Davis, Samira K. Beckwith and Robbie Roepstorff.

"It isn't about being all things to all people... that's why finding that balance is so important," she said, adding that it's important to take time to breathe deeply.

"If you have an attitude that no idea is a bad idea, you can always do better next time."

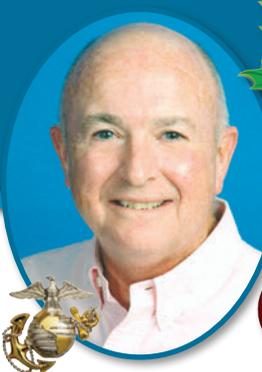
At the beginning of the meeting, Julie DeBord was presented the 25-Year ABWA Service Award from Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra and Sanibel City Councilwoman and hotel owner Holly Smith.

The upcoming schedule of guest speakers for ABWA's Women in Leadership Speaker Series includes December 18 (Melissa Rice, executive director of Community Housing and Resources). Gift cards, toys and checks

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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

Ever have a toothache? It can be excruciating. If you're lucky, you have dental insurance or can afford to be self-insured. But for a large majority of people in this country, the cost of dental care is prohibitive.



Rotary's guest speaker on November 30 was periodontist Cynthia L. Deragon, DMD in Fort Myers. She serves on the fundraising committee for Project Dentists Care (PDC), Fort Myers.

Dr. Deragon has an extensive dental resume including serving as the president of the Lee County Dental Society in both 2000-01 and 2011-12. In 2018, she served on the fundraising committee for Mission of Mercy (MOM), the Florida Dental Foundation's project, which provides free dental care to the underserved utilizing volunteer dentists and their teams around the United States, including Florida. Her committee raised approximately \$400,000 to bring MOM to the Lee County center this past March, where 2,000 patients were seen and treated for dental care. There is a need in Lee County for low-cost and free dental services for many reasons: no dental



Dr. Cindy Deragon photo provided

insurance, unemployment, low wages, drug (legal and illegal) related oral decay, and situations.

Dr. Deragon now serves with Executive Director Dr. William Truax Sr. DMD, fundraising for our local PDC, located on McGregor Boulevard. PDC treats thousands of needy adults and families in Lee County. It is a low-income dental clinic sponsored by the Lee County Dental Society and is staffed by dentists who volunteer time on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. There are currently 45

dentists that give various amounts of time to this cause during the year. The clinic has just moved to a new location at 2051 McGregor Boulevard, providing more space which allows for more patients. This clinic has the latest dental equipment and services. A full-time scheduler/secretary and dental assistant are the only paid staff. With generous contributions from United Way, Florida Department of Health - Lee County and generous donors, the PDC was able to service slightly over 2,000 patients last year.

Dr. Deragon wants to get the word out that they are here to help people who have traditionally no other place to go but the emergency rooms when they can no longer stand the pain. Emergency departments don't employ dentists, so doctors can do little more for dental patients than give them painkillers and antibiotics. This helps in the short run but not in the long run. They often refer patients to PDC, who can help get rid of pain, and give back dignity.

A person's oral health is an indicator off their physical health, but mental health is also affected. Presenting ourselves to others with a smile makes that first impression. You can't really smile if you have no front teeth, rotting or neglected teeth. The truth is, many people can't afford dental care. As time goes by, they may lose their teeth, including their front teeth. After that, a person's ability to smile is lost. People with no front teeth are marginalized and judged today in our society; they themselves are embarrassed. An employer won't hire you, so getting a job is probably not going to happen. There is real value in a smile; you need one in many situations.

Dr. Truax and his team of dedicated

volunteer dentists with PDC not only bring their patients' smiles back, they can renew a spirit. Patients renew confidence, personalities can shine again, and patients can smile again. Dr. Deragon told us of patients that cry after seeing themselves for the first time - in a long time - smile again. They regain hope for the better days ahead with a big smile.

PDC was created to meet the needs of low- or no-income patients who do not qualify for public aid. Dentists give their time, so maybe we could help in their mission to serve the underserved with oral hygiene. If you would like to make a contribution, call 561-1949.

I can remember comedian Jimmy Durante singing the song, *When you're smiling... the whole world smiles with you.*

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

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Entrepreneur

will be collected for Friends Who Care; January 22 (Kay Casperson, founder, CEO, author and lifestyle expert, BeautifulLife by Kay Casperson); February 26 (Birgie Miller, executive director, "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge); and March 26 (Robin L. Cook, executive vice president, wealth services advisor, The Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company).

Monthly luncheon meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa, located at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive on Sanibel. For more information, visit <http://abwasanibelcaptiva.org>.*

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Sanibel Islanders U-10 boys team with head coach Scott Schwartz and assistant coach Carolyn Alonso photos by Jeff Lysick

Sanibel FC Soccer Squads See Success

by Jeff Lysick

While the fall sports calendar may be winding down, one of the island's newest athletic organizations – Sanibel FC Soccer – is looking back at their sophomore season as a triumphant success. The U-10 boys team, known as

the Sanibel Islanders, sported a 7-2 record heading into last week's tournament action while the U-10 girls squad, known as the Slayers, had posted a 6-1-3 mark.

"We are extremely proud of the progress our teams have made in their initial season playing off-island," said Shawn Wolf, who helped create Sanibel's two entries in the Southwest Florida Recreation Travel League. "Our reason for creating the teams was to give an opportunity to those children that wanted to play a more broader reach of recreation soccer players while still being involved



Sanibel Slayers U-10 girls team with head coach Lexi Ignac

with the local Sanibel Rec season, but still practice on island."

According to Wolf, both Sanibel teams compete against clubs from San Carlos, North Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach. Home games are usually played at Kelly Road in Fort Myers on Saturdays, and under the Lee County Strikers banner. However, in addition to the league, the Sanibel teams are planning to play in different tournaments around Southwest Florida this spring.

"This is our first season in the league; we only played in tournaments last year,"

said Lexi Ignac, head coach of the Slayers. "But we've been practicing together since last December. Since this is a true developmental league, it's so incredible that we've got six wins already."

This coming weekend, the U-10 girls squad will travel to Bayshore Soccer Complex in North Fort Myers to compete in the County Cup Tournament. Ignac said that she has high hopes for her team, both currently and in the near future.

"I've watched a lot of these kids grow up... they've become my Sanibel family," continued on page 20B



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Sanibel Captiva Community Bank team members, from left, Sheri Prange, Colleen Seeger, Kelly Uberoy, Gabby Bell, President Craig Albert, Kirk Williams and Mona Strasser

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Bank Supports Luminary Stroll

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank is supporting the 34th annual Luminary Holiday Stroll as a Gold Sponsor. Organized by the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, Luminary has become a popular kick off to the holiday season with friends and family.

Beautifully lit paths lead to an array of activities, music and refreshments at participating businesses. Santa makes

an appearance for photos and shoppers may find holiday specials at some of the islands' unique shops.

"Luminary is about gathering friends and family for a holiday-filled evening, but highlights our wonderful shopping and dining options on the islands," said Chamber President John Lai.

"We are grateful for the support of Sanibel Captiva Community Bank and congratulate them on 15 years of serving our community."

Luminary will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, December 7 on Sanibel and Saturday, December 8 on Captiva.*

Disabled Veterans Grateful For Local Fundraising

submitted by Ted Tyson

With the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) fundraising effort only a few weeks old, the response on Sanibel and Captiva has been very good. Although the ceremonies for the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and the Thanksgiving Day festivities have slowed the receipt of donations somewhat, a flood of checks are expected from our generous donors who have donated for the past five years. We are nearing our goal, and with a later rush of checks being mailed to Bank of the Islands, we will reach our financial goal.

Through your generosity, Sanibel, Captiva and Lee County donors, many veterans will have a happier holiday season and will know that in 2019, they can again count on DAV Chapter #108 for caring support.

A note of caution to all. While the DAV and other charitable groups are out asking you for donations, there also are crooks and campaigns who have designed "fake charities" to prey on your goodwill to fill their own pockets. Those folks have absolutely no intention of giving your donations to anyone but themselves. A recent example is a \$402,000 fake solicitation to reward a homeless veteran for giving his last

\$20 to a young couple who needed to put gas in their car. These three – the man, his wife and the alleged homeless veteran – got a GoFundMe account started and collected \$402,000 from over 14,000 donors. The three allegedly had wild times and spent all the money, but because of the fact that it wasn't divided to everyone's satisfaction, they quarreled. After authorities investigated, all three are now facing charges of conspiracy and theft by deception.

Before you donate money, especially if you don't know the organization or the campaigner, and/or you don't know the safe place to send the donation, please check before you donate. A good place to check any charity group out is online at www.charitynavigator.org.

FYI DAV Chapter #108 is listed in the *Island Sun's* section of local organizations. The DAV is a charitable group established after World War I with Congressional approval, the campaigner has lived in the same house on Sanibel since 1990, and is well known by many islanders. For your safety, we ask you to take or mail your donation (checks only) to the Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957.

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Document Or Relationship?



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

In today's experience economy, transactions are commoditized. I'm old enough to remember a time when almost every neighborhood strip shopping center had a Blockbuster Video, a travel agency, a video arcade and a bookstore. Today's technology overwhelmed all of those businesses.

From our living rooms we call up movies on demand. Instead of printing out the green airline tickets at the travel agency, we book our air, hotel, rental car and other travel necessities from our smartphones, laptops or tablets. Our teenagers play video games, in real time, against others from around the globe from their Xboxes. Any book you desire can be delivered from Amazon tomorrow.

These are all advancements that none of us would want to give up. But they're transactions. Where do transactions end, however? Service industries have become commoditized as well. Why pay your stockbroker when you can invest in a low-cost mutual fund online? How about your CPA? You can prepare your 1040 for free with online tools. As for your friendly estate planning attorney, Legalzoom and RocketLawyer will create your estate plan.

What we give up when we seek transactions, however, is the wisdom of the seasoned professional who can guide you to create legal, tax and financial strategies that endure through tough times. Clients tend to underestimate the knowledge and experience that goes into creating a plan that works.

Consider who you name as your successor trustee, for example. An online program will prompt you on who you want to serve in that capacity. So you put down your oldest son, "Robert." Does Robert have any idea what his responsibilities will be in the event of your disability? In the event of your death? I have a plethora of information on my website, www.sbshlaw.com, on these very subjects.

I even wrote a book, *Selecting Your Trustee*. It's available on my website. You can have the best legal documents in the world, but if you haven't actually transferred your assets properly to your trust, or if you have selected the wrong person to act for you in the event of your illness or death, your plan still may fail.

I describe in the preface of my book the time that I had to act as a trustee for my ailing mother. My father and mother were at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, as she needed a bone marrow transplant to save her from AML, an aggressive and deadly form of leukemia. She only had a 10 percent chance of survival, and the process would take almost a full year. My sister and I set my father up

in a furnished apartment in Houston (they resided in Fort Myers) so he could be her caretaker.

At the time, my mother wasn't yet on Medicare, and her health insurance company balked at paying the \$750,000 this procedure would cost. My parents asked me to step in as their trustee during this trying time. Who better to serve than me? I am a board certified wills, trusts and estates attorney and I also hold my license as a CPA. Less than 7 percent of Florida attorneys are board certified, by the way. You can look up which attorneys in your community are board certified on the Florida Bar website (<https://www.floridabar.org/about/cert/cert-ep/>).

I will tell you that the job of serving as my parents' trustee was too much for me. I was busy running my law practice. My daughters were much younger then, and my wife and I had a very busy home life as well. My sister and I took turns flying out to Houston to check on our parents. It was an overwhelming time.

Not to mention that if I missed one of Mom's health insurance payments, or if I didn't transfer enough money from their money market to their checking account, the insurance company would drop her like a hot potato and she would have died. She survived the procedure, by the way, which gave us six years of remission. The disease came back. Back she went to MD Anderson for a stem cell transplant which gave her another four years. Sadly, my mother died two years ago.

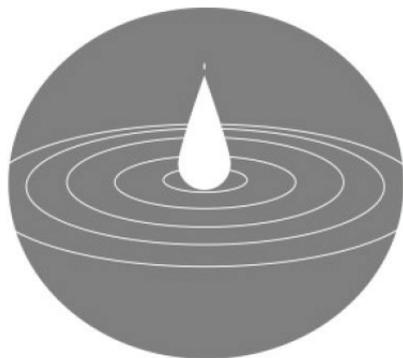
I called in a professional trust company to serve alongside me and do some of the everyday lifting that I didn't have the time to do.

I can't describe to you the trials and tribulations I encountered while serving as my parents' trustee. It was a tremendous learning experience for me being on the "other side of the desk" as the doer rather than the advisor. I learned a lot that I now use when counseling the families I serve.

What I ask my clients when we are selecting who will serve in their important roles is this: If an experienced board certified wills, trusts and estates attorney/CPA felt overwhelmed, how will your child feel? What safeguards might we include to make your adult child/trustee's life easier if she has to act for you? Will there be any conflict between her and any siblings after your death with the many decisions that must be made during a probate or trust administration? The questions go on. They take careful thought in order to create a plan that will endure.

You can't get that wisdom on the Internet, nor will you ever be able to. Almost every day in my practice, I'm helping my clients' families deal with everyday life issues that revolve around their legal, tax and financial wellbeing. I truly enjoy doing so. But that's the difference between a relationship and a transaction. You aren't buying a book or an airline ticket. These are real issues that matter. I hope you gather the difference now between something that is okay to treat as a commodity, and something else that might require your collaboration with a wise and experienced professional.

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This year four Director seats will be up for election. Paul Garvey will be retiring from the Board after having completed his third two-year term. Current Board Members Dennis Berry and Ken Kouril will stand for re-election for their second two-year terms; Jeff Springer, appointed last September to fill a vacated Director position, will stand for election to fill the remaining one-year term of that Director.

Interested candidates should contact Karen Warrick, IWA Interim General Manager at (239) 472-2113, ext. 125 or via e-mail at karen@islandwater.com for further details. All applications must be received by January 8, 2019.

Republican Caucus Party

The Sanibel Captiva Republican Caucus will close out 2018 and prepare for 2019 with a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 12 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the party room at George & Wendy's

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Refuge Awards Education Grants



Teacher grant recipients: front row from left, Lee County Environmental Education Specialist Susie Hassett; Cassandra Duke and Megan Hull, Gulf Middle; second row, Lori Shaw, Cape High; and Julie Stephens, Royal Palm Exceptional School; third row from left, Jill Whitewood, Cypress Lake Middle; and Michelle Start, Lehigh Acres Middle; fourth row, Linda Grant, Alejandra Matos and Laine Hof, Patriot Elementary; back, Sara Hallas and Wendy Kindig of DDWS. Not pictured: Barbara Lisson, Neil Armstrong Elementary; and Joanne Pavese, Edison Park Creative & Expressive Arts School. photo provided

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) recently awarded \$11,000 in grants to conservation education-related projects at nine different schools in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties for the 2018-19 school year. Teachers submitted grant applications to the DDWS Environmental Education Committee by October 31. The committee chose awards based on need and relevance to conservation.

Schools to which DDWS awarded grants this year include Cape Coral High for its Bees & Butterflies Sanctuary project; Neil Armstrong Elementary in Port Charlotte for its Our Community Garden project; Gulf Middle School in Cape Coral for its Urban Gardening project; Lee County district-wide environmental education for a Breakout of the Box learning tool; Royal Palm Exceptional School Center in Fort Myers for its Enviro-Art

project; Cypress Lakes Middle School in Fort Myers for its Inform, Educate & Inspire project; Edison Park Creative & Expressive Arts School in Fort Myers for its Creating Environmental Stewards in Kindergarten project; Patriot Elementary School in Cape Coral for its The Insect-Plant Connection project; and Lehigh Acres Middle School for its The Importance of Bees project.

“This is the 13th year the society has awarded these conservation teacher grants,” said Wendy Kindig, education committee chair. “To date, we have awarded more than \$86,000 this year’s in teacher grants. We were impressed by the wide variety of projects our teachers and their students imagined this year. The society is pleased to help the future of conservation stewards in this important way.”

Grant recipients report back on their projects to the society and refuge, sending pictures and often thank-you

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After 20 years as a professor of environmental studies and environmental education at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), Peter Blaze Corcoran retired in June 2017. He is a long-time resident of Sanibel and the former founding director of the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at FGCU.

This spring, Corcoran was privileged to be designated a professor emeritus by FGCU in honor of his role as a founding faculty member, his years of dedication and his commitment to FGCU and its mission.

Since his retirement, he continues to consult in sustainability in higher education at places such as Northern Iowa University, Miami Dade College, Methodist Theological Seminary of Ohio and Education University of Hong Kong. Corcoran inspires students and teachers with his passion for environmental education, commitment to youth empowerment and intergenerational collaboration, vision for a more just and sustainable world, and optimism for the future.

Corcoran is now a senior fellow at Forum 21 Institute in New York City, a research fellow at the Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development at the University for Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica, and a



Peter Blaze Corcoran photo provided

senior advisor at Unity Earth Center in Melbourne, Australia. Through Unity Earth, Corcoran was able to participate in the return to country of Mungo Man, a powerful spiritual journey with the Aboriginal people of the Australian Outback to return the remains of their ancestors to the original sacred burial grounds from which they had been taken. It was one of the most important experiences of his life, firming his interest in harmony and reciprocity with indigenous people and their sacred sites. Through his work with Forum 21 Institute, he's taken part in other inspiring projects at sacred places such as Mount Etna

on Sicily in Italy and Mount Blanca in Colorado.

Corcoran was also privileged to attend the Rome and Assisi Spirituality and Sustainability Conference in late May. While in Italy, Corcoran was honored to receive an invitation to Saving Our Common Home and the Future of Life on Earth and returned to the Vatican in July. This exclusive gathering of interfaith and environmental experts and activists worked collaboratively to advise the Vatican on urgent issues of climate change and sustainability. The conference was inspired by Pope Francis's groundbreaking 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, which called Christians and all faith traditions to take swift and unified global action against climate change and its social repercussions.

Most recently, Corcoran presented at The Parliament of the World's Religions in Toronto, a diverse, interfaith event that brought together spiritual leaders from nearly every spiritual tradition around the world, with about 10,000 people from 80 countries in attendance.

Corcoran has returned home to Sanibel for the season and, in an effort to implement his global learning and interfaith work on a local scale, has been involved in the development of an interfaith environmental initiative among churches on Sanibel and Captiva.*

Resort. This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items will be a water quality and Lake Okeechobee update, a workshop on the natural resources issues in the Captiva Code, an update on the ongoing Caloosahatchee levels and flows dispute, an update on the wastewater committee and the county study, plus committee reports and updates from other island organizations.

Public participation is invited and encouraged. The next meeting tentatively will be January 8. Information and background documents are available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.*

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Education Grants

notes from the students, upon project completion in June 2019.

In 2019, DDWS will again be awarding grants to districts, schools and individual teachers in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties. The grants are funded by monies received from the DDWS Conservation Education Endowment Fund, earmarked specifically for education by the late Kip Koss, grandson of Jay N. "Ding" Darling.

For information on next year's grants, contact Conservation Educator Sara Hallas at 472-1100 ext. 236 or Kindig at wendykindig@aol.com, or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/teacher-grants.

Anyone interested in supporting conservation education at "Ding" Darling can visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at director@dingdarlingsociety.org.*

Captiva Community Panel To Meet

The next meeting of the Captiva Community Panel is set for Tuesday, December 11 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Cone Rooms on Chadwicks Square at South Seas Island

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Sun	12:32 am	8:15 am	3:52 pm	6:34 pm
Mon	1:07 am	8:52 am	4:31 pm	7:15 pm
Tue	1:46 am	9:32 am	5:11 pm	8:09 pm
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Fri	1:38 pm	7:05 am	11:06 pm	5:35 pm
Sat	2:19 pm	7:41 am	11:37 pm	6:03 pm
Sun	2:57 pm	8:17 am	None	6:36 pm
Mon	12:12 am	8:54 am	3:36 pm	7:17 pm
Tue	12:51 am	9:34 am	4:16 pm	8:11 pm
Wed	1:36 am	10:17 am	4:58 pm	9:22 pm
Thu	2:28 am	11:03 am	5:38 pm	10:50 pm

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Fri	1:25 pm	7:07 am	None	6:53 pm
Sat	12:17 am	7:47 am	2:04 pm	7:27 pm
Sun	12:36 am	8:27 am	2:49 pm	7:59 pm
Mon	12:57 am	9:05 am	3:34 pm	8:29 pm
Tue	1:27 am	9:41 am	4:18 pm	9:00 pm
Wed	2:07 am	10:16 am	5:02 pm	9:35 pm
Thu	3:00 am	10:51 am	5:49 pm	10:23 pm

Cape Coral Bridge Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	1:42 am	10:19 am	4:43 pm	8:49 pm
Sat	2:11 am	10:55 am	5:24 pm	9:17 pm
Sun	2:42 am	11:31 am	6:02 pm	9:50 pm
Mon	3:17 am	12:08 pm	6:41 pm	10:31 pm
Tue	3:56 am	12:48 pm	7:21 pm	11:25 pm
Wed	4:41 am	1:31 pm	8:03 pm	None
Thu	5:33 am	12:36 am	8:43 pm	2:17 pm

Island Seniors At Center 4 Life

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

Island Seniors, Inc. Annual Meeting – Friday, December 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanibel Recreation Center. All Island Seniors members are invited and encouraged to attend. You will learn about the center's many activities throughout the year, its financial standing and representatives will provide an update regarding the Center 4 Life building. Lunch will be provided. Register in advance.

Page Turners with Louise Fitzgerald & Ann Hartman – If you are not on the Page Turners list, and wish to be, email oceann@comcast.net or contact the center. The featured book for Wednesday, December 12 is *The Widow* by Fiona Barton. There will be a book discussion at 2:30 p.m.

"The Widow is a nonlinear psychological thriller that takes place in various neighborhoods of London spanning the years 2006-2010. The novel begins with first-person, present-tense narration from Jean Taylor as she describes answering the door to a reporter from the Daily Post named Kate Waters. It is June 9, 2010, and Kate has come to speak with Jean about the recent death of her husband Glen, and Glen's involvement in a kidnapping that took place on October 2, 2006." – *Book Rags*

Line Dancing Classes – Tuesday, December 4, 11 and 18 at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Join the group for an

hour of fun. The instructor will review dance steps then turn up the music for dancing. Bring a friend.

Walking Guided Tour of ECHO and Lunch at Farmers Market Restaurant – Monday, December 10. Cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. ECHO's Global Farm tour is a fascinating guided walk of a creative working farm. Along the way, you will find unique demonstrations, plants and techniques useful to farmers and urban gardeners in developing countries. Experience the seven settings of the farm which feature crops, techniques and animals from around the world. Carpooling available.

The Magic of the Keys – Tuesday through Thursday, January 22 to 24. Cost is \$574 for members (per person, double occupancy); \$844 single. Non-members are \$599 (per person, double occupancy); \$869 single. Includes round trip transportation, two nights at the Hyatt Place in Marathon, five meals (two breakfasts, two lunches and one dinner), Schnebly Winery tour and tasting, and lunch, full day in Key West with private tram tour and all-day hop-on/hop-off privileges, and tour of Dolphin Research Center. Advance registration required on a first come basis.

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

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

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

Hand & Foot – Thursday at noon.

Hearts – Friday at 12:30 p.m.

Kayaking on Tuesdays – December 11 and 18 at 8:30 a.m.

(weather permitting). There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and limited space for those who own their own kayaks. Island Seniors, Inc. will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Bring water, a small snack, sun screen, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, and change of clothing. Cost is \$5 for members and \$20 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

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

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

Essential Total Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

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

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

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

a towel. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

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

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

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Bikers From Ireland Return

Frank and Denise Coyne are back again on the bike trails on Sanibel after missing out – through no fault of their own – last May, June and July as usual. Once again, the couple is back for two months of biking.

“Some of you may have missed us as we passed you by ringing our bike bell each and every morning on our way to the Lighthouse Cafe for a fantastic breakfast,” said the couple, who thanked the staff for looking after them. “We thought the first day on the bikes that the bikes would be programmed to head towards the Lighthouse Cafe... but no. This time, we received two ‘Rolls-Royce’ beautiful yellow bikes from Finnimore’s. These new bikes had to be trained to head towards the restaurant. Now at this stage, they know their own way there!”

“By missing last summer’s vacation here, we had missed all the wonderful mangos. But thanks to Lee Ellen, Patrick and Andy, who froze some and kept them for us when we returned this time. They were delicious and well worth waiting for.

“We have now made so many fantastic friends over the 30-odd years we have been coming to Sanibel. Many have visited us in Ireland, and hopefully, many more will visit over the coming years. We really miss one of our great friends, Merle, who has left Sanibel and gone to live in St. Louis.

“We have been doing an average of



Denise and Frank Coyne

photo provided

44 miles a day since we arrived. We hope to return next summer and finally get to 50,000 miles biking on Sanibel in a total of 1,316 days over the last 16 years, when Kevin Boone first kitted us with an odometer in 2003.

“We have noticed this year – maybe just because we are getting a little older – that there appears to be more hills on

the island.

“We were sorry to see Jack-of-all-trades without his popular van as everyone recognized this for many years.

After long days biking, a nice glass of wine and dinner in one of our favorites, the Sandbar at the Coyne’s table. And at another of our favorites, Doc Ford’s.

A quick word of caution to Sanibel

bikers: Please be safe. Stay on the correct side; warn other bikers and walkers when you are about to pass; be very wary if you are on your phone or wearing ear plugs, as you will not hear the bikers warning bell; motorists, please stop at pedestrian crossings and be very wary when reversing out of your driveway.

Keep safe and enjoy biking on beautiful Sanibel Island. See you all again in May 2019.

– Frank and Denise Coyne✧

Democratic Club Holiday Party

The Democratic Club of the Islands will hold its annual holiday party on Thursday, December 13 at Traditions on the Beach at the Island Inn, located at 3111 West Gulf Drive.

The reception with cash bar begins at 5:45 p.m. Dinner seating is at 6:30 p.m.

The meal includes a Melange Organic Green Salad. Entrée choices are Chicken Milanese Pomodoro, Scottish Salmon, Filet of Beef or a vegetarian option (upon request). Dessert choices are Chocolate Ecstasy Cake or Granny Smith Apple Tart. All members and friends are invited to attend.

The charge is \$55 per person, including tax and gratuity. To reserve your place, send your check for \$55 per person payable to DCI (with your entrée and dessert choices) to DCI, P.O. Box 898, Sanibel, FL 33957 by Friday, December 7. For more information, call 395-9078.✧

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Legendary Football Coach Expounds On Football And Life



by Ed Frank

If you've never heard legendary football coach Lou Holtz speak, you need to put it on your bucket list.

This reporter had that opportunity this week, and I've got to tell you he had an audience of about 500 at a town forum roaring with laughter while spellbound with his thoughts on life for 90 minutes.

The 81-year-old Holtz is much more than a former winning football coach. He is a comedian, philosopher, brilliant speaker, author and teacher.

His amazing Hall of Fame coaching record has been well chronicled – the only college coach to lead six different programs to bowl games, and the only coach to guide four different programs to the final top 20 rankings while compiling a 249-132-7 record.

But when you hear him speak, he'll tell you his thoughts on life are much more important than his accomplishments on the football field.

"You're always going to have problems," he said. "We had a house fire in 2015 and lost everything. We gave ourselves 24 hours to cry and then looked forward to the future. You must not look back. You must look forward. You can't live in the past."

His deep thoughts on life were sprinkled with humorous antidotes that kept his audience roaring in laughter. And while he attempted to convey that he doesn't take himself too seriously, his message was anything but that.

Holtz has three measures of life upon which he expounded:

1. Do what's right. Attitude can create positive change. When he became head football coach at Notre Dame in 1986, the team had gone 25-20 the previous four years. In two years, the Irish posted a 12-0 record and won a National Championship. They went 12-1 the next year.

2. Do everything you can to the best of your ability. Stop making excuses. Don't look at what we cannot do. Don't be afraid to make changes. Don't complicate life. When it comes to football coaching, the important thing is winning and that your players graduate.

3. Have kind words and encouragement. Why do we have to wait to say something nice until a funeral? "Follow these rules – trust, comfort and love," he said.

While Holtz coached at six colleges – College of William and Mary, North Carolina State, Arkansas, Minnesota, South Carolina, Notre Dame and a year as head coach of the New York Jets – you certainly got the feeling that his beloved Notre Dame is atop that list.

During a question and answer session, he was asked whether Notre Dame, which posted a 12-0 regular season record this year, can win the National Championship.

"Notre Dame can beat anyone," he responded.

Answering another question, he said he believes the College Football Playoff National Championship will be expanded from the present four teams to eight teams (including the five power conference champions) once the current television contract ends.

Lou Holtz was one of a kind as a football coach. And his lessons of life are thoughts we can all learn from long after he left the gridiron.✪



Lou Holtz

photo by Ed Frank

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the two major-league teams that have won 116 games in a regular season.
2. Which two former major-league pitchers won league pennants as managers during the 1970s?
3. When Penn State and Southern Cal's football teams scored the most combined points (101) in a Rose Bowl game on Jan. 2, 2017, whose mark did they shatter?
4. LeBron James holds the record for most times on the All-NBA First Team (12). Who are the players tied at 11?
5. Name the last NHL team to lose the Stanley Cup after having a 3-1 series lead.
6. When Tony Stewart won his last NASCAR season championship in 2011, how many of the final 10 races of the season did he capture?
7. Before she won her first French Open women's singles title in 2018, how many times had Simona Halep lost in the finals of the tournament?

ANSWERS

1. The 1906 Chicago Cubs and the 2001 Seattle Mariners. 2. Bob Lemon of the New York Yankees (1978) and Tommy Lasorda of the Los Angeles Dodgers ('77, '78). 3. Oregon and Wisconsin combined for 83 points on Jan. 2, 2012. Oklahoma and Georgia set a new record with 102 combined points on Jan. 1, 2018. 4. Kobe Bryant and Karl Malone. 5. The Detroit Red Wings, in 1942. 6. Five. 7. Twice -- 2014 and 2017.

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Soccer Squads

said Ignac, whose two sons never expressed an interest in playing soccer. "And I'm friends with all the moms... we hang out together. I've got a really close team here."

Members of the Slayers include Teagan Clark, Katherine Dunn, Eden Fautz, Cameron Lee, Kirby Padgett, Sophia Paulus, Karmindy Schafer, Abigail Wheeler and Lillian Wolf. Brad Johnson serves as assistant coach.

Seeing their first league action last year, the Sanibel Islanders boys team went "zero (wins) for the season," explained assistant coach Carolyn Alonso. However, the youngsters made huge developmental gains over the course of the fall 2018 season, which had created a strong brotherhood among the players.

"They've learned so much this year – foot skills, spacial awareness, team positions and speed," said Alonso. "And the team camaraderie has never been better."

Members of the Islanders include Jayden Alonso, Timothy Bloetz, Ernesto Del Valle, Kellan Hall, Dawson

Liebetrau, Joshua Schwartz, Kai Schwartz, Fin Summit, Elton Von Wovern and Andrew Wolf.

Under the tutelage of head coach Scott Schwartz, the boys squad will head into the final weekend of the season December 7 to 9, when they will compete in the County Cup Tournament at Three Oaks Park in Estero.

"It's a great family of parents and a great family of kids," said Schwartz. "It's a nice, tight knit group who loves to play with each other and have fun playing soccer. They've made tremendous strides playing together... sometimes you have to remind yourself that these are 7- and 8-year-olds."

"I've seen slow, steady development over the course of this season," added Alonso. "You can see a big difference between when the team is practicing and when they're playing a game. They play with respect for one another, and have learned to trust in their teammates. But I think the biggest skill they've gained is to support one another."

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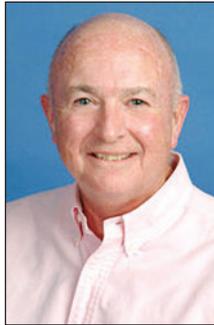
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Resident Supports FISH Of SanCap

FISH of SanCap relies on donations from the community, as well as grants and organizational/foundation support. Chuck Bergstrom, FISH supporter, said, "As a 20-year resident and business owner on Sanibel, I am proud of my community. I am equally proud of the organizations I choose to connect with and have committed to. I've been involved with FISH of SanCap for years, contributing to their holiday food program, food pantry, events and other services. Their quick response to the 'human side' of the red tide issue truly shows how in tune FISH is with our island, and the residents and workers who are the very essence of our community. FISH is a valuable and strategic partner that makes a meaningful impact and contribution to our community where we live, work and raise our families."



Chuck Bergstrom

"Chuck and I go way back," said Maggi Feiner, FISH president and CEO. "He has been a donor to our organization for many years and is one of our biggest advocates. It warms my heart to know that Chuck, and the many others like him, believe in our organization enough to commit to us and our mission to 'lend a helping hand

to those who live, work or visit here' while enriching the lives of everyone on Sanibel and Captiva islands. Thank you, Chuck, from the bottom of my heart."

For more information on the programs, services and workshops offered by FISH, or to donate, visit www.fishofsancap.org. To schedule a tour, contact Maggi Feiner at 472-4775.✳

Update On Shoes For Homeless Vets

Sanibel Shoes and Socks for Homeless Veterans has kicked off its second year, and there are now more drop-off sites. Following are locations that offer a drop-off box to deposit new shoes and socks:

- Bailey's General Store, corner of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road
- The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, 949 Sand Castle Road
- American Legion Post 123, 4923 Sanibel-Captiva Road
- The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way
- Sanibel Fire and Rescue District, 2351 Palm Ridge Road
- Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road
- FISH of SanCap, 2430-B Periwinkle Way

Shoes and socks will be collected from now until the Sunday before Christmas. To help give veterans an opportunity to get a job, bring dress shoes, work boots, sneakers or socks to one of the drop-off centers.✳

Foundation Receives Check From Charity Tennis Event



Back from left, Richard Johnson, Toni Halski and Bailie Johnson; front from left, Karen Bell (with store mascot, Lily), Dan Schuyler and Eric Milbrandt

photo provided

The Nick Bollettieri Charity Tennis event raised much-needed funds for clean water efforts made by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). Attending the check presentation ceremony last week were Lily & Co. co-owners and event hosts Karen Bell

and Dan Schuyler, Bailey's General Store owner Richard Johnson, Sanibel Catering Company's Bailie Johnson, Beachview Tennis Club owner Toni Halski and SCCF Marine Laboratory Director Dr. Eric Milbrandt.✳

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Beautifulife:

Gifts From The Heart



by Kay Casperson

This time of year is when most people are in the giving mode and thinking about what they would give to someone for a present. Regardless of whether you are giving to a friend, employee, boss or

loved one, we can all find ourselves at a loss for ideas now and then, so I decided to give you my thoughts as to how you can be more effective in your giving.

Some people are in their element because they love to give, and there are also those who have a harder time coming up with ideas as easily. Whether you are blessed with hands that freely give without thought or not, I want to express how important it is that you try to incorporate giving into your lives as often as possible. You will find that being a giver is a blessing not only to the recipient but also to yourself. Knowing that what you give will put a smile on someone's face can fill your heart and soul with much love and happiness.

Let's remember, that it's not so much what you give that matters, but that it came from the heart. What does it mean to come from the heart? It means that you have taken the time to put some thought

into what you are giving, from who and what is important to the person, to the purpose of the gift and what that might mean to someone. Gifts from the heart will be the most remembered gifts a person will ever get. I have a few suggestions for some heartfelt gifts that you may want to try out this year.

Photo gifts – This one stands out because many of you love to take pictures but because we are always doing so on our phones, they rarely ever land on our desk, wall or shelves and in a frame. Some companies offer the opportunity for you to share photos right from your phone to get them printed or framed. You are also able to create photo cards, books, mugs, ornaments and apparel easily with just a few clicks. Think about the people you are close to that would appreciate a photo gift that came with much thought and love.

Personalized gift baskets – Most companies like mine will help you sort through your list and customize a gift package for you that is sure to please and excite even the person who has everything. The opportunities to delight are endless including food, wine, coffee, tea, skin and body care products, or even a customized spa day.

Talented gifts – Many of you have a hobby or talent that could be shared with a few people on your list this year and will be sure to excite the lucky recipients. Do you draw, paint, cook, knit, sculpt or sew? How about making something special for someone who does not expect it?

Instructional gifts – What are you good at that can be taught to someone else? Can you show someone how to do something better? Think about a certificate

for you to help someone learn more about golf, tennis, pickleball, yoga or windsurfing?

Gift certificates – Of course, there is always a gift certificate that people will love. How about a handmade certificate promising some quality time, a dinner out or a future event? You can also purchase a gift card or certificate from a company for a service or product that your recipient frequents or would like to try.

There are many ways to get creative with your giving and to come up with ideas and gifts that will be sure to please, but the most important thing to remember this holiday season is that when you take a little

extra time to put love and thought into your gift, it will most certainly be received with a happy heart.

My affirmation for you this week is: "I will open my heart to become more creative in my giving to bring happiness and fulfillment to myself and to others."

Kay Casperson is a beauty and lifestyle expert, founder and CEO of Beautifulife by Kay Casperson. She owns resort spas on Sanibel and Captiva islands and manufactures beauty and lifestyle products sold across the country. To stay inspired, visit www.kaycasperson.com or follow on social media @kaycasperson.✧

Superior Interiors

Claim Your Office Space



by Marcia Feeney

The office is a very personal space.

Whether it is a dedicated room or a small desk among a public area, the needs of the owner should be met.

In 2015, the U.S. Bureau of Labor

Statistics reported that 51 percent of self-employed workers and 20 percent of wage and salary workers work remotely. With this much time spent at the home office, it is important to make a work space as functional and enjoyable as possible.

Before designating the space, get a feel

for the traffic flow of the household. The office should be in a place that is quiet and removed. This is in favor of both the occupant of the area and the potential clients that will be visiting, as well as the other occupants of the home.

A home office can still feel professional; it should! It is essential to provide ample seating for visiting clients. Create designated areas for both independent tasks and small group meetings to take place. Storage systems are essential to keep supplies accessible and orderly. Among all of these components, make sure to create a focus area. Unwelcome distractions can be avoided with careful planning and attention to details.

Finally, don't forget to enhance the work space by adding a few personal items to create motivation and encouragement throughout the workday. Try the classic picture frame, a favorite book or a quote of special meaning.

Marcia Feeney is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at marcia@coindceden.com.✧

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Doctor and Dietician

Belly Fat



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

Everyone has some belly fat. But one type of fat, called visceral fat, can build up deep inside and accumulate around the heart, lungs and liver, affecting well-being. We need some visceral fat to protect our organs, but with too much, the regular areas that store fat get used up, and the body then stores it in other areas like around the heart and organs, making us prone to diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, dementia and cancer. The extra fat also releases unhealthy substances.

The key to keeping belly fat down is staying active. Vigorous exercise is a great way to get rid of all kinds of fat. Walking works too, as long as it's brisk enough to get your heart rate

up. Building muscle is crucial, so make sure strength training is part of your exercise routine. Those who include strength training have been shown to accumulate less abdominal fat than those who just do aerobic exercise. Research also shows that bursts of high intensity exercise in the midst of any workout, by speeding up or working harder for brief periods, then dropping back to a more mellow pace, and repeating, is effective at belly fat burning. Since jogging and outdoor exercise is not for everyone, workouts on stationary bikes, elliptical and rowing machines are beneficial too. Check with your physician for fitness program suggestions if you are currently sedentary.

We understand this battle becomes more difficult as we age and experience a decreased metabolism. But, by upgrading our physical activity level, choosing more plant foods and fiber, sleeping between six to eight hours a night and decreasing mental stress, we can help to lessen belly fat and keep visceral fat from building. Plus, these changes have the added benefits of making you feel more energetic, alert and youthful overall!

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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Breathe Easier, Control Pain With Frankincense



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: Frankincense is popular around Christmastime and the resin and oil have been used for ages.

Frankincense resin is extracted out of trees that belong to the genus *Boswellia*,

and that is why you see "Boswellia" on the ingredient list of dietary supplements, essential oils and other commercial products. Like curcumin, the boswellia-derived formulas are extraordinarily popular today, especially to treat joint pain, cancer, asthma and infections.

This sticky sap that's extracted from the tree dries out and is found in supplements galore. It offers more benefits than first meets the eye. There are many species of boswellia by the way, the most common one in the states is *Boswellia serrata*.

Clinical trials show that "boswellic acids" from boswellia have anti-inflammatory properties so powerful that they rival non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). A crucial difference is that the medications have the ability to produce uncomfortable side effects like gastric ulceration and heartburn, but boswellia does not. Here are four compelling reasons to consider adding frankincense to your health regimen in some way, shape or form. It's kind of amazing:

1. It Reduces Pain – Because it acts as a potent anti-inflammatory agent, it is a powerful painkiller for many physical conditions. There are many scientific papers supporting the use of boswellia for osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis, as well as knee pain, back pain and more.

2. It Eases Asthma Symptoms – Boswellia extract is excellent at reducing leukotrienes, a class of compounds in your body that trigger annoying allergies and terrifying bronchospasm. It mitigates asthma symptoms by keeping your airways open and reducing your immune reaction to environmental allergens.

3. It Relieves Gastrointestinal Discomfort – For those with ulcerative colitis or Crohn's, numerous studies are clear and profound. Boswellia absolutely provides soothing relief and reduces flare-ups, pain and possibly even progression of GI conditions. Remember, it's a very strong natural anti-inflammatory and it pacifies your immune system.

4. Restricts the Growth of Cancer Cells – The natural boswellic acids from frankincense make it practical for slowing down the growth of cancer cells that invade the brain, breast, pancreas and blood (as in leukemia). Furthermore, acetyl-11-keto-beta-boswellic acid (AKBA) found in boswellia, has been shown to slow down the progression of multiple myeloma.

Now that you understand the health benefits of this versatile plant, how can you integrate it into your life? It's pretty easy, you can do what I do. I have the essential oil (*Boswellia frereana*), and I just

put it into my diffuser during the day or sometimes just inhale it from my hands. You can put it in your bath, and some high-quality essential oils can be taken internally (depending on the brand).

You can also take boswellia as a dietary supplement at any health food stores. It's found all by itself in stand-alone products, as well as in multi-tasking formulas that relieve joint pain. And finally, you can burn frankincense resin as incense, like wise men and women have done for ages during important ceremonies and celebrations.

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.✱

Lee Health Hospitals In Top 50 For Heart Care

Lee Health's HealthPark Medical Center is among the 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals for 2019, joining some of the most elite hospitals in the country including the Mayo Clinic, Henry Ford Hospital and Duke University Hospital.

IBM Watson Health's 50 top-performing hospitals represent the best of the best for heart care in the United States. HealthPark Medical Center is one of only two hospitals in Florida to earn the designation.

"We are humbled to be ranked among the Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals in the country," said Larry Antonucci, MD, MBA, Lee Health president and CEO. "This recognition is a testament to the commitment and dedication of our cardiovascular teams and is further proof that the processes and systems we have in place enable us to provide cutting-edge, high-quality, patient-centered care. This national recognition also furthers our vision as a health system to inspire hope and be a national leader for the advancement of health and healing."

The rankings are broken down by category, including teaching hospitals with cardiovascular residency programs, teaching hospitals without cardiovascular residency programs and community hospitals. Lee Memorial Hospital and HealthPark Medical Center are included on the teaching hospitals without cardiovascular residency program.

The annual study identifies top U.S. hospitals for inpatient cardiovascular services based on a balanced national scorecard of hospital performance metrics in the following areas:

Clinical outcome measures; Clinical process measures; Extended outcome measures; Efficiency measures; Extended efficiency measures.

The IBM Watson Health 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals study (formerly the Truven Health Analytics study) is an annual, quantitative, objective study that recognizes the nation's best providers of cardiovascular care, based on publicly available data and a balanced look at operational, clinical and financial performance metrics. The study is part of the Watson Top 100 Hospitals program.✱

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: Can you suggest some resiliency strategies for handling stress and better managing it?

A: We all go through stressful times and feel deflated. We all

have the potential and ability to rise to resilience; to bounce back if you will. Some tips below may help you to rise to resiliency while decreasing your stress:

1. See the big picture and don't sweat the small stuff.
2. Do not give your power away. Stay strong, speak your truth and don't ever let anyone control and manipulate you.
3. Validate then resolve your emotions. Your feelings are your feelings.
4. Learn to respond rather than react.
5. Separate people from their behavior and issues. You may care for someone, however, you do not accept their behavior.
6. Teach love and be love. You will set a beautiful and healthy example.
7. Cultivate a daily Mindfulness Meditation practice.
8. Practice daily meditation.
9. Decrease negativity by limiting TV, news, social media.
10. Exercise your spiritual muscles and fortify your spiritual diet with balance in

mind, body, spirit and emotions.

11. Raise your vibration with feelings of gratitude, kindness, love, joy, nature, laughing, singing, dancing, playing, forgiveness, acceptance, relaxing music, healthy foods, yoga, exercise, creativity.

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

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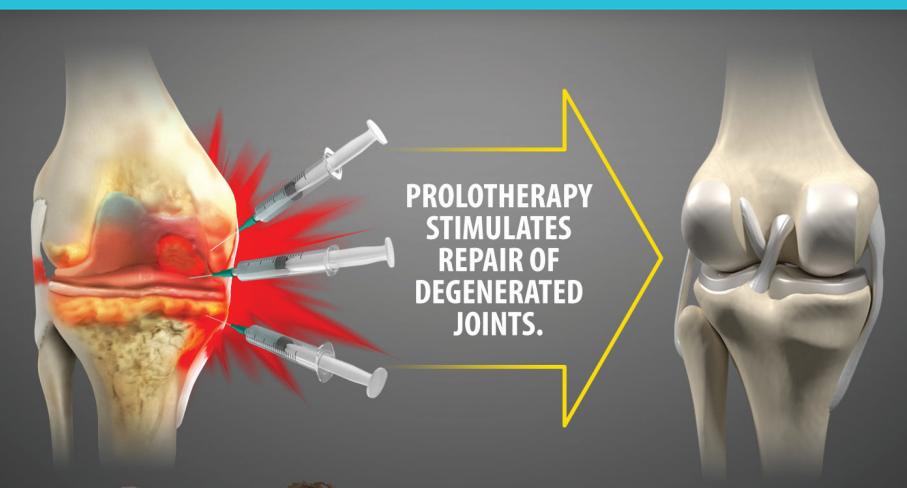
If food is a problem for you, Overeaters Anonymous can help. Meetings are held in Room 132 at Sanibel Community Church on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays at 4 p.m.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

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Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Rocket And Robby

Do you love big dogs but can't have them where you live due to weight restrictions? Look no further. Hello, my name is Rocket, and I am the perfect dog for you. I am a 4-year-old male pit bull mix who is a pocket pittie with a big dog personality. I weigh just 32 pounds and some of that is in the best ears around. I love to play and go for walks, but will snuggle up next to you as soon as you are ready.



Rocket ID# A761460

My adoption fee is between \$15 to \$50. Pick an ornament and see what your price will be.

Hi, I'm Robby. I am a 4-year-old male domestic shorthair who is long-limbed and a beautiful boy that will stretch my way around your leg and into your heart in no time. I am an undeniable flirt that loves attention from both my people and other cats. I would be happy in a home with other cats or being the king. Either way, I will be happy as long as I have someone to love.

My adoption fee is between \$15 to \$50. Pick an ornament and see what your price will be for BOGO kitties.

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



Robby ID# A761731

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

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

Haven on Earth Animal League

Trixie And Dylan

Hello, my name is Trixie. I'm a beautiful 2-year-old female calico with a very sweet personality. I am very mellow and loving and would like a home to call my own. I have been fully vetted and brought up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$55.

Hi, I'm Dylan. Aren't I just adorable? I'm only 8 months old, so I'm quite the playful kitten. I like other cats and hope I can find a home with another young kitty to play with. I'm neutered and up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$100.

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.*



Trixie



Dylan

PAWS Of Sanibel

Brava And Lucy

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

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



Brava



Lucy

Sonny And Cher

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



Sonny



Cher

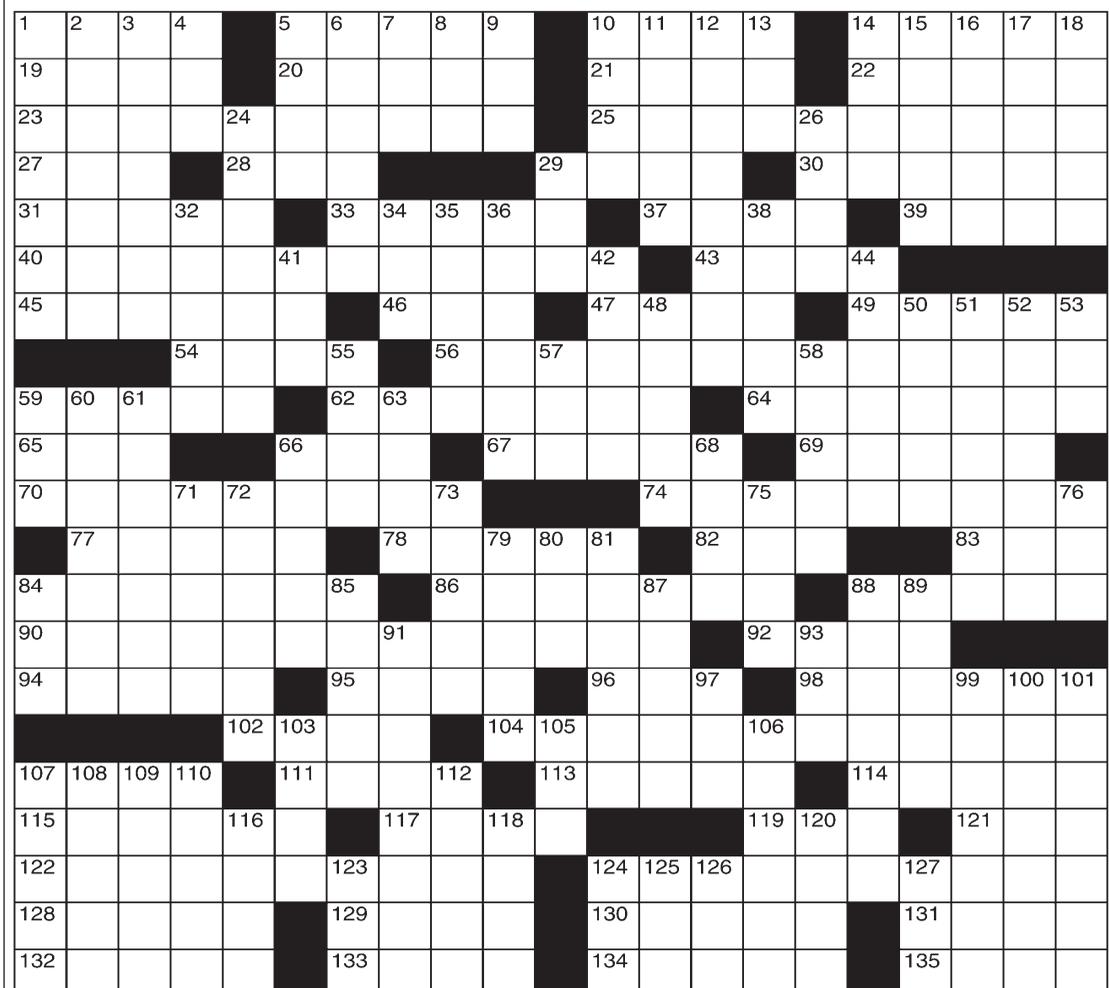
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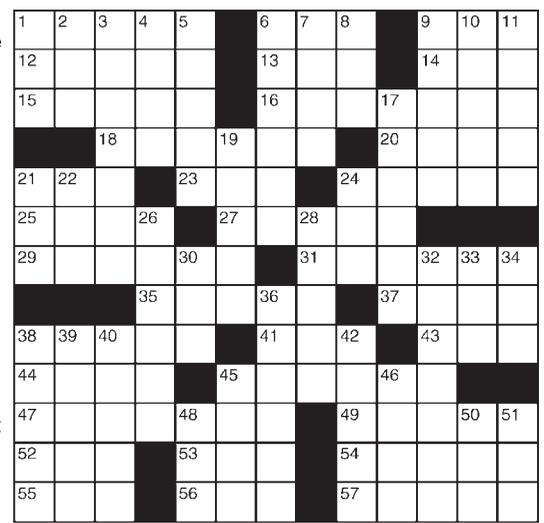
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Temporarily trendy things
 - 5 Huge chasm
 - 10 Nile serpents
 - 14 Navajo neighbors
 - 19 "Oh, gotcha"
 - 20 Flip (out)
 - 21 Mets' old home
 - 22 Blue color of the clear 9-Down
 - 23 Eau de vie applied to a head injury to reduce swelling?
 - 25 Having the same figure as Sheriff Wyatt?
 - 27 Verb suffix in London
 - 28 Vast age
 - 29 Average golf scores
 - 30 Kindhearted
 - 31 Clutch, e.g.
 - 33 Sets of two
 - 37 Gyro holder
 - 39 "Fish Magic" painter Paul
 - 40 Drink you can only get by contacting someone by beeper?
 - 43 See 8-Down
 - 45 Her cow was notorious
 - 46 Bite slightly
 - 47 Q-V linkup
 - 49 Designer Schiaparelli and others
 - 54 Jethro — (rock band)
 - 56 Strong Dutch gin that's inexpensive?
 - 59 "The gloves are off!"
 - 62 Like al fresco events
 - 64 Obedient dogs, maybe
 - 65 Rival of HBO
 - 67 Bert's bud
 - 69 14th-century Russian ruler
 - 70 Golf club for extremely long shots?
 - 74 Unit for measuring the force of some PC picture files?
 - 77 "I pass," in cards
 - 78 Cantina cooking pots
 - 82 Chast of cartoons
 - 83 The sun, e.g.
 - 84 Negatively charged, as an atom
 - 86 Banned diet-drug combo
 - 88 Major alarm
 - 90 Pie topping that originated in Edison's lab?
 - 92 Base for poi
 - 94 Lung, for one
 - 95 Mail, e.g.
 - 96 Lacerate
 - 98 Taking the middle out of
 - 102 Santa — (some hot winds)
 - 104 Surrounded by a spicy Indian
 - 107 Grungy sort
 - 111 Fierce whale
 - 113 Tatum with an Oscar
 - 114 Post office gizmo
 - 115 Sushi condiment
 - 117 Like hand-me-downs
 - 119 Altar vow
 - 121 Vitamin no.
 - 122 Gusto shown by a wild Asian ass?
 - 124 Apt alternate title for this puzzle
 - 128 Did a fall yard chore
 - 129 "I concur!"
 - 130 Circus site
 - 131 Concept, in Soissons
 - 132 Clock parts
 - 133 Org. against dogfights
 - 134 Shindig
 - 135 Unhip type
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Painter Fra — Lippi
 - 2 Predictably
 - 3 Split up, as a corporation
 - 4 Summer and fall mo.
 - 5 "Hair" hairdo
 - 6 Marlon of movies
 - 7 Appetite
 - 8 With 43-Across, tear-jerking
 - 9 Pilot's milieu
 - 10 Far offshore
 - 11 On the ball
 - 12 Soldiers on
 - 13 Undermine
 - 14 Taunting cry
 - 15 County in Missouri
 - 16 Iris part
 - 17 Dunne of old Hollywood
 - 18 Bog plant
 - 24 Trip during a kegger, say
 - 26 Eye carefully
 - 29 Chi-omega link
 - 32 1954-77 treaty gp.
 - 34 Over there, old-style
 - 35 Wonderland visitor
 - 36 Wife of Niles on "Frasier"
 - 38 Feel
 - 41 1995-2013 Arizona senator Jon
 - 42 Free of fluid
 - 44 Capital of Suisse
 - 48 Bit of parsley
 - 50 Onetime TV legal drama
 - 51 Shelled out for
 - 52 Deduced, not observed
 - 53 Mil. draft inits.
 - 55 British noble
 - 57 Stirrup site
 - 58 Big name in ketchup
 - 59 Suffix with capital
 - 60 Paint diluter
 - 61 Going it alone
 - 63 — stick
 - 66 Obfuscate
 - 68 St. Pat's isle
 - 71 Virus in 2014 news
 - 72 Ryder of "Black Swan"
 - 73 Puckish
 - 75 Courier, e.g.
 - 76 "Grimm" network
 - 79 — helping hand
 - 80 Film director Lee
 - 81 Goad
 - 84 "Ti —" (Italian "I love you")
 - 85 French film award
 - 87 Poet Heinrich
 - 88 Bragging about
 - 89 Vena cava neighbor
 - 91 Cry for help
 - 93 Wilhelm's "Woe is me!"
 - 97 Links org. since 1916
 - 99 Trespass
 - 100 Less well-off
 - 101 Whirled
 - 103 Film genre
 - 105 In vogue, in the '60s
 - 106 Customer
 - 107 Fencing tool
 - 108 Oahu porch
 - 109 Port in Japan
 - 110 Deli nosh
 - 112 Good thing
 - 116 Nap spots
 - 118 Peak in Sicily
 - 120 Attack time in WWII
 - 123 Tase, e.g.
 - 124 Road guide course
 - 125 Nest egg inits.
 - 126 Reagan-era teen, e.g.
 - 127 — Tin Tin



King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Woodsy home
 - 6 Buddy
 - 9 Lawyers' org.
 - 12 Russian pan-cakes
 - 13 "— -la-la!"
 - 14 CSA soldier
 - 15 Big name in porcelain
 - 16 Expression of regret
 - 18 Find
 - 20 Flightless flock
 - 21 E.T.'s transport
 - 23 Previous night
 - 24 Wherewithal
 - 25 Tatters
 - 27 Robin Hood's missile
 - 29 Tiers
 - 31 Big river
 - 35 Helicopter part
 - 37 Bygone times
 - 38 Go around the world?
 - 41 Wager
 - 43 Table scrap
 - 44 Gaucho's weapon
 - 45 Antenna
 - 47 Green field?
 - 49 Amorphous masses
 - 52 Reggae-like music
 - 53 Tiny
 - 54 Dutch city, with "The"
 - 55 NYC hrs.
 - 56 "Acid"
 - 57 Secret rendezvous
 - 8 Discoverer's cry
 - 9 Scent
 - 10 Started
 - 11 Big canyon
 - 17 Maneuvering room
 - 19 Sailor's "Halt!"
 - 21 Cyber-address
 - 22 Air safety org.
 - 24 Mid-May honoree
 - 26 Soap opera, e.g.
 - 28 Harder to find
 - 30 Deteriorate
 - 32 Fauna study
 - 33 Bobby of hockey
 - 34 Trawler need orders
 - 36 Followed
 - 38 Not just chubby
 - 39 Ice cubes, slangily
 - 40 Swell
 - 42 Snug
 - 45 Census data
 - 46 Winged
 - 48 Fly-by-night?
 - 50 Clear the tables
 - 51 Collection
- DOWN**
- 1 "NCIS" ailer
 - 2 Jungfrau, for one
 - 3 High school science course
 - 4 — -European
 - 5 Family girl
 - 6 Straw hat
 - 7 Lasso



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

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|---------|-------------|----------|---------|
| Barrel | Consumption | Pie | Roast |
| Belly | Knuckle | Products | Sausage |
| Butcher | Lo mein | Ribs | Steak |
| Chop | Loins | Rinds | |



"How much time do we have until the _____ gets here?"

answer on page 31B

SCRAMBLERS

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

Grade

PRAM

Gaffe

BENDRUL

Sole

NOEL

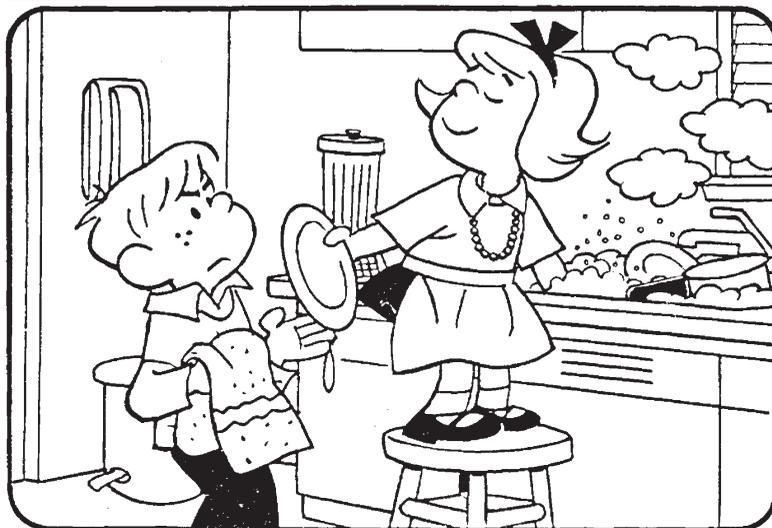
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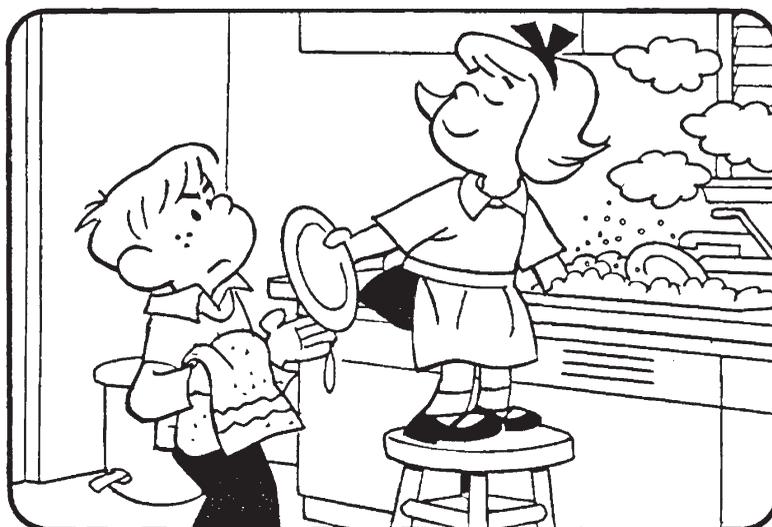
TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

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FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Phone is missing. 2. Towel is shorter. 3. Blender is missing. 4. Beads are missing. 5. Apron is different. 6. Pan is missing.

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

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 29B

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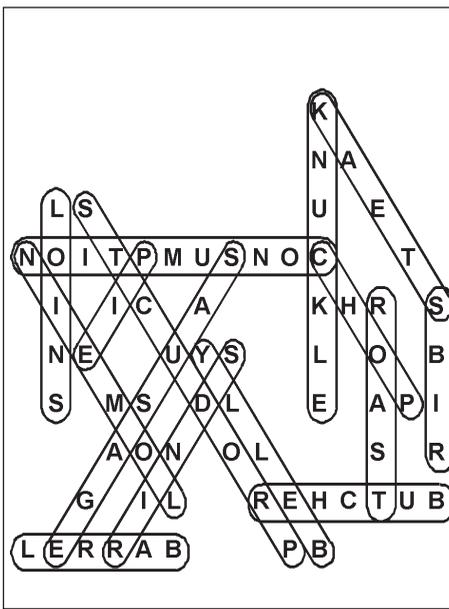
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MAGIC MAZE



SUDOKU

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3	7	9	4	1	2	5	6	8
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Available immediately by owner.
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11/30 * 12/7

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THE SANIBEL CAPTIVA TRUST COMPANY

PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT

SENIOR CLIENT SERVICES ASSOCIATE

Company Description:

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is a highly-regarded, privately-held independent trust company chartered in the state of Florida in 2001, currently with \$1.9 billion of assets under management across approximately 360 families. The firm specializes in family office and wealth management services encompassing investment management and trust administration for high net worth families, business owners, nonprofits, foundations and endowments. The firm is comprised of a highly experienced team that works within a professional and collegiate environment. Offices are located in Sanibel-Captiva, Naples, Tampa Bay, Belleair-Clearwater and Winter Haven.

Job Description:

The Senior Client Services Associate is a full-time position supporting the Director of Client Services and Trust Operations by performing an array of client administrative and operational duties; manage team of client services associates by demonstrating industry knowledge, experience and department leadership.

Job Responsibilities:

- Maintain client services side of the relationship, and professionally interact with clients and their other professional advisors; fulfilling requests for information to those advisors regarding our mutual clients' needs.
- Ability to open new accounts, set up remittances and disbursements, cash management, transaction monitoring and tracking.
- Oversee department cash procedures and ensure adherence to procedures.
- Review of daily account reports, cash movement and overdrafts and related tasks.
- Perform various trust administration services based on client needs and account types.
- Assist with all internal and external regulatory audits throughout the year.

Skills and Qualifications:

- The Senior Client Services Associate position requires attention to detail, accuracy, efficient time management, professional interpersonal skills and a team attitude.
- Must be proficient at related computer and programs to properly function and execute within the position.
- Bachelor's Degree (BA) from a 4-year college or university; and 4 - 6 years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. CTFA certification is preferable.

Benefits:

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company offers full-time employees health insurance, retirement plan and corporate ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan) and may offer additional benefits. Competitive compensation is commensurate with education, expertise and length of experience in the industry. For an expanded description of this job post, contact Lori Mobley, Director of Human Resources at lmobley@sancaptrustco.com
12/7 * 12/7

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GARAGE SALE
1243 Sand Castle Road, Sanibel. Friday 12/7 9-2, Saturday 12/8 9-3: Downsizing – Artificial 8 ft Christmas tree and decorations, pool table, treadmill, household items, tools, bike, flat screen TV, furniture and much more.
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Saturday, Dec. 8, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lots of miscellaneous inc. boating supplies, furniture, home accessories, collectibles, new ceiling fan, etc. 1125 Schooner Place, Sanibel.
12/7 * 12/7

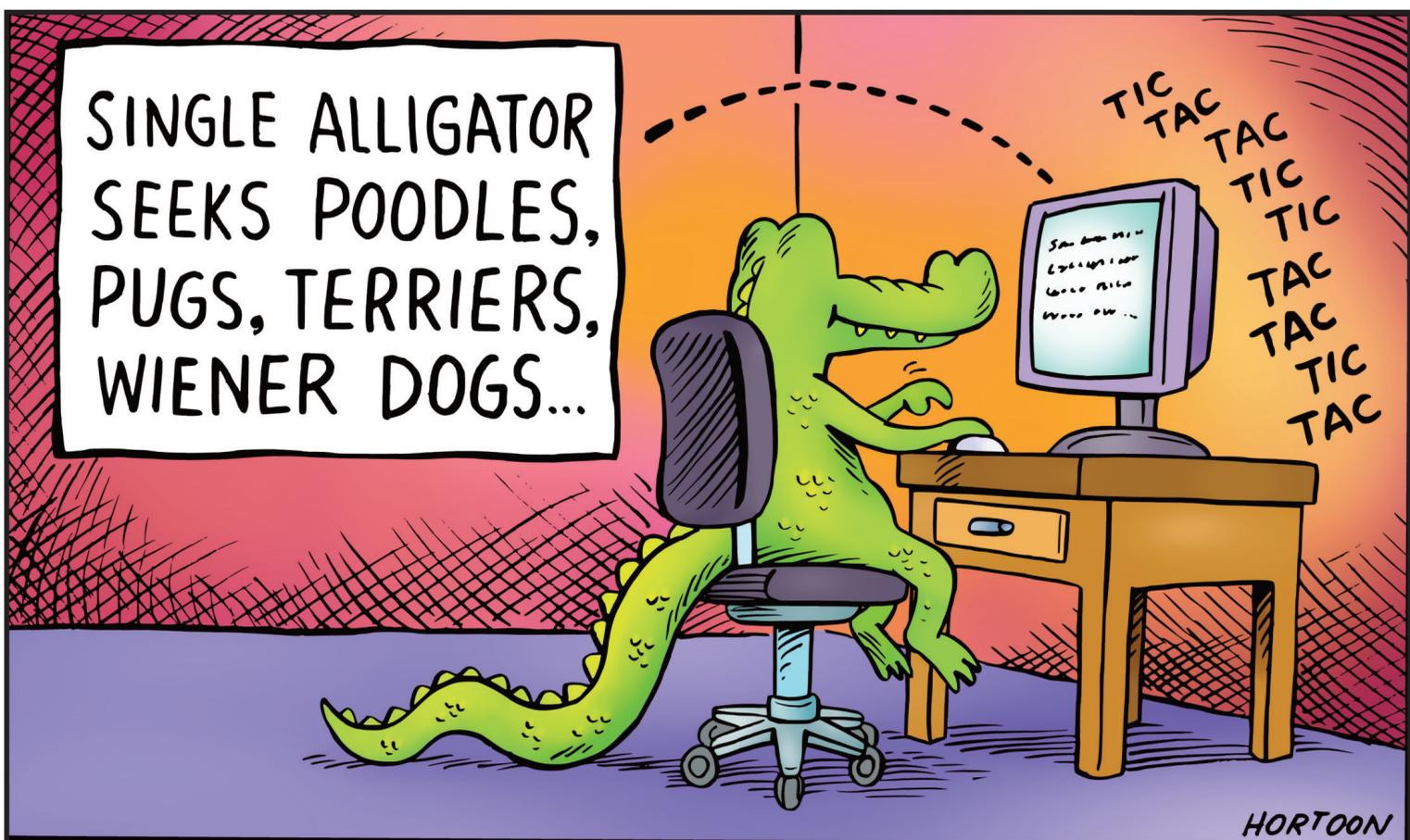
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11/30 * 12/14

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Small Inn seeking help with cleaning services. No experience required. Average 4 to 6 days per month. Variable days of the week. Hours vary between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Start at \$15. per hour. Sanibel resident preferred. Contact Darwin at 239-472-9088.
11/23 * TFN



Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Sanibel Harbours	Sanibel	1995	5,126	\$2,590,000	\$2,200,000	24
Bay Creek	Bonita Springs	1999	6,016	\$1,939,500	\$1,850,000	43
Rookery Lake	Bonita Springs	2001	4,392	\$1,895,000	\$1,895,000	8
Captiva Beach	Captiva	1997	3,465	\$1,799,000	\$1,610,000	255
Lake Forest At Shadow Wood	Estero	2006	4,641	\$1,695,000	\$1,597,000	157
Devonwood	Fort Myers	2018	3,692	\$1,312,710	\$1,254,455	308
Vittoria	Fort Myers	2011	3,578	\$1,250,000	\$1,200,000	19
Riverside	Fort Myers	1952	3,970	\$1,185,000	\$975,000	204
Sanibel Estates	Sanibel	1979	2,992	\$999,000	\$850,000	457
Town And River	Fort Myers	1973	2,372	\$929,000	\$872,500	256



BEACHFRONT

5760 ESTERO BLVD., FT. MYERS BEACH
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 • Solid Rental Income, Pool w/Spa
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 • Direct Gulf, 3 BR, 2 BA, Granite Kitchen
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 • Direct Walk-Out to Beach & Pool
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 • Phenomenal Rental Opportunity
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