



## Local Artist Retrospective At Davis Art Center

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC) will host Jonathan Kane Retrospective: 1957-2017 from September 7 to 28 to honor the late artist's one-of-a-kind work. The exhibit will open during Art Walk on Friday, September 7 from 6 to 10 p.m.

The show, curated by Heather Nigro, covers the entire range of Kane's work. The 40-year-plus time frame begins with Kane's teenage years as a precocious amateur and young staff photographer at a local Naples newspaper. It moves on to his experimentation with different styles during his years at art schools in Florida and California, and as an unhappy young urban professional. It ends with the considerable volume of experimental nudes produced upon Kane's return to Naples in the early 2000s.

The work also covers almost archival black and white photos that capture Southwest Florida of the 1970s (and echoes of it in the 2000s); humorous



Red Hat by Jonathan Kane

images provided manipulated SX-70 Polaroid images; collages; and highly inventive digital color, primarily nudes. As he stated on his website [www.jonkane.com](http://www.jonkane.com), "I strive to create images that are surreal and mysterious, but grounded in human emotion and my own experience."

Kane was born in Miami Beach in 1957, but moved at an early age with his family to Bradenton and Naples, where he attended primary and middle school,



Misdirected Temptations by Jonathan Kane

and graduated from Naples High School in 1976. He began his photography career as a yearbook photographer at Naples High. He later became a staff



Star Work by Jonathan Kane

photographer at *The Naples Star*, a local newspaper where he covered society events and shot advertisements.

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From left, Patrick Day, Rachel Burttram, Brendan Powers and Lauren Drexler

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## World Premiere At Theatre Conspiracy

by Di Saggau

**R**epossessed by Greg Lam, directed by Steve Hooper, is a play that will last in your thoughts long after the performance. This highly entertaining and thought-provoking production explores topics dealing with the ethics of implanting

artificial intelligence into humans. Who do you want to be? You can be whoever you want to be, as long as you can afford to pay for the service. That presents a problem for Gretchen (Rachel Burttram) and Rich (Brendan Powers), the perfectly matched couple living a perfect life until they can no longer afford the service.

Life Enhance is the company and the CEO is an elegantly sophisticated, icy woman named Regina (Lauren Drexler.) What a performance. She tells the couple that Life Enhance needs to uninstall

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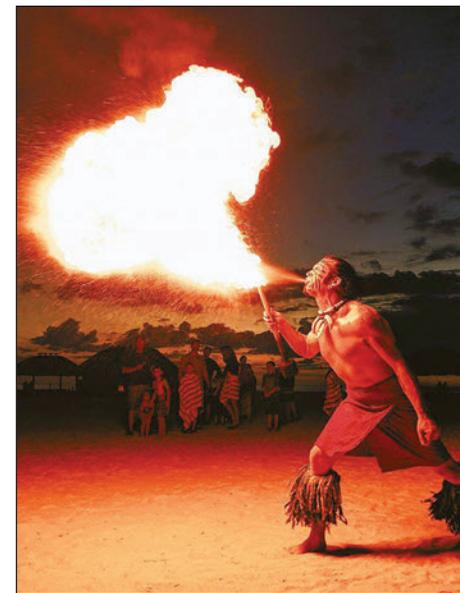
## Circus Experience For Two Nights Only At Broadway Palm



Devon Chanceric

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**B**roadway Palm Dinner Theatre will present *Circus Transformus* on Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26. Doors open for the Saturday performance at 6 p.m. with a preshow in the lobby. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7 p.m. and the performance begins at 8 p.m. There will be an after party with DJ Groove Chemist and a dessert bar



Garrett Foster

until midnight. Doors open for the Sunday performance at 4 p.m. with a preshow in the lobby. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5 p.m. and the performance is at 6 p.m.

This visually stunning, contemporary circus performance incorporates dance, acrobatics, aerial arts and other skilled acts. With dozens of talented artists,

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

## Equal Pay For Equal Work



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

Ninety-eight years ago, on August 26, 1920, the U.S. Congress gave the nation's women something to celebrate.

It ratified the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right to vote.

The women pictured in this 1922 photo represent the euphoria that still hung in the air over that historic decision.

However, while those smiling women on the auto float might look only lighthearted and fun-loving, they are also rallying behind a dead serious cause: Equal pay for equal work.

They are members of the Business and Professional Women's Club (BPWC), which counted some of Fort Myers' most accomplished and progressive women among its numbers – women who made important contributions to business, educational and cultural life.

The four members in the car are unidentified, but their names must be among those listed on the historic postcard: Alta L. Evans, Edna F. Grady, Ianthe Bond Hebel, Kate Jeffcott (likely far right), Julia Park, Kate C. Roberts, and Josephine "Josie" M. Stadler. M. Flossie Hill was also listed, but is not among those pictured.

The occasion for the "automobile float" was the July Fourth parade, always a big event in early Fort Myers.

A "spectacular parade" was planned, according to the *Fort Myers Press*. To boost participation, an ad in the newspaper read, "Wanted – A float from every town and community in Lee County."

Furthermore, it stated, a decorated float or private car was expected from every organization or business at 11 a.m. on July 4.

The celebration was held under the auspices of the Fifty Thousand Club (a booster organization), but two women's clubs, the Civic Club and BPWC, led the organization of the parade.

Those two clubs focused particularly on the success of the "float and decorated automobile sections."

Kate C. Roberts headed the BPWC's efforts, creating a float with American flags and Florida flora such as Spanish moss and palm fronds.

"Lady Liberty," a crown on her head, holds the red, white and blue erect atop the car.

Tactfully phrased slogans, such as "to encourage equal work for equal pay," and claims of the issue being nonpartisan and nonpolitical attest that the fight for economic equality wasn't won in 1922. (In fact, the fight continues today.)

When they weren't decorating parade floats, many of those savvy BPWC members dealt with pay inequality by going into business for themselves.

For example, Alta L. Evans and Julia Park founded a women's clothing shop, Evans & Park Ladies Apparel Shop, and the legendary M. Flossie Hill founded M. Flossie Hill Company. Both were successful First Street businesses that lasted for decades.

Kate L. Jeffcott, who began her career as an educator, Edna F. Grady and Josephine "Josie" M. Stadler were successful in real estate and started their own businesses.

Education and insurance were other professions in which early 20th century women found success. Ianthe Bond Hebel was a school principal. Kate C. Roberts founded KC Roberts Insurance Agency, and Harriet "Hattie" B. Courtney also worked in the insurance business.

Charlotte M. Lauth managed an auto supply store and later worked in the insurance business.



In the 1922 July Fourth parade, members of the Business and Professional Women's Club advocate "equal work for equal pay" photo courtesy SWFL Florida Historical Society

At least one BPWC member, Alta Evans, who died in 1986, lived long enough to see yet another women's movement in the mid-20th century.

She also witnessed the U.S. Senate passing the Equal Rights Amendment in 1972, 50 years after this photo was taken. It had first been proposed in 1923 by the National Woman's Party.

However, the three-fourths (38) majority of states was not met, so it had not yet become law.

Walk down First Street, imagine the 1922 parade, and appreciate the hard work and activism of the BPWC.

Then find out more about local early 20th century women at these two research centers.

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

Hours for the all-volunteer, nonprofit organization are Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday by appointment only.

For more information, call 332-8778 or visit [www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org](http://www.leecountyblackhistorysociety.org).

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

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

Sources: The Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, the *Fort Myers Press*, *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer, [www.history.com](http://www.history.com), and [www.now.org](http://www.now.org).✱

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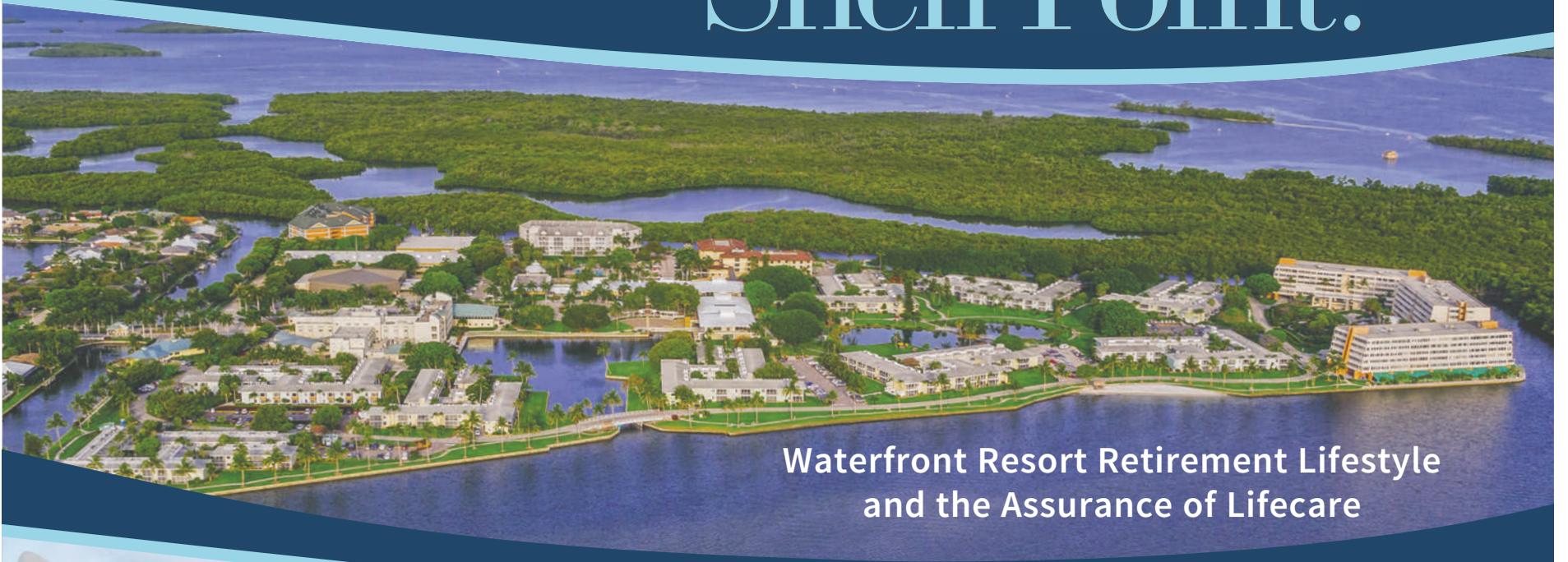
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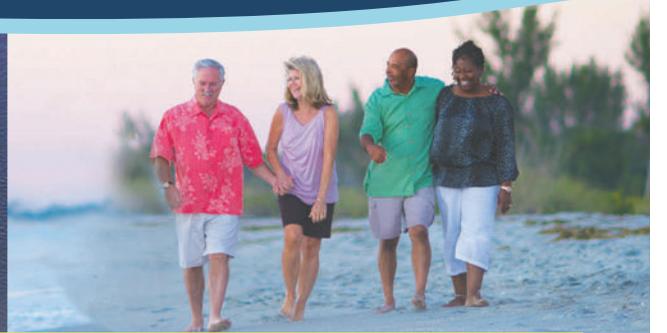
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# Sanibel Artist Donates Artwork For Environmental Cause Auctions

Sanibel-based artist Myra Roberts, much of whose educational work focuses on environmental and social commentary issues, has donated several limited-edition prints, known as giclées, to Calusa Waterkeeper. The Fort Myers-based organization is holding two fundraising events that will include silent auctions of the giclées.

The mission of Calusa Waterkeeper, which is a Waterkeeper Alliance member, is to "Protect and Restore the Caloosahatchee River from Lake Okeechobee to the Coastal Waters."

The first event takes place at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre over two days, Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26. In addition to the silent auctions, both evenings feature performances of *Circus Transformus*, which "aims to entertain and inspire its audience to rise to the challenge of healing our planet earth."

For ticket information, call 278-4422 or visit [broadwaypalm.com](http://broadwaypalm.com). For further information about the fundraiser, call Calusa Waterkeeper executive director KC Schulberg at 784-0880

The second silent auction takes place at Silverspot Cinema in Naples on Monday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m., before the 6:30 p.m. screening of the film *Toxic Puzzle*. The 85-minute documentary is narrated by Harrison Ford and is a



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"medical and environmental detective story" in which "cyanobacteria in our waters become the culprit." After the movie, longtime SWFL environmental champion John Cassani will answer questions from attendees.

For more information, call Calusa Waterkeeper Executive Director KC Schulberg at 784-0880 or Silverspot Cinema in Naples at 592-0300.

Roberts has exhibited and lectured throughout the U.S. She is working on a new exhibition titled *Spokeswoman*. Upon completion, Roberts will have about 30 paintings of remarkable women from the U.S. and throughout the world – living and deceased – who represent women's empowerment and/or the ongoing struggle for human rights.\*

## Local Musician To Compete At Blues Challenge

Anticipation is building for this year's Regional International Blues Challenge (IBC) to be held on Sunday, August 26 as musicians from all over Southwest Florida descend on the Rhythm House in Fort Myers for the chance to compete at the national IBC in Memphis in January. Among them is the Marty Stokes Band, 2016's winner for best band, who went on to represent the region at the national competition in 2017.

Led by vocalist and guitarist Marty Stokes, the band is comprised of Daryl Best on bass guitar, Jennifer Mazziotti on saxophone and keyboards, and Chicago Dave Murphy on drums. Hot off the release of their fourth album, *Down On My Knees*, with great reviews, the band is expected to set fire to the stage with originals and covers drawn from the deep well of blues history.

Stokes, an island native who was raised on Sanibel and Captiva, has been enamored with the blues since he was a kid and counts guitar greats like Johnny Winter, Eric Clapton, Alvin Lee, Peter Green, BB King and Muddy Waters among his inspirations. Stokes possesses an ear for innovation and a talent for improvising searing, original guitar riffs and deep, heartfelt vocals.

A fan favorite, the Marty Stokes Band is a three-time winner of the Southwest Florida Blues Society's People's Choice Award and has placed in competitions for the South Florida and Suncoast Blues Societies. With performance roots in Germany, Stokes and his band bring the gospel of the blues to venues all over Southwest Florida as well as numerous festivals,



Marty Stokes

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such as Ave Maria Blues Festival, the Bonita Blues Festival and the Sanibel Blues & Jazz Festival.

Stokes also lends his expertise to the Sanibel Blues & Jazz Festival as consultant by recommending talent for the event, which is set for November 4. Now in its third year, the festival has featured blues greats like Matt Schofield, Elvin Bishop and JP Soars as well as talented locals like Johnny Jensen and Florida Gulf Coast University Jazz Combo. This year's lineup has yet to be announced but promises to be stellar.

Tickets to the Regional International Blues Challenge, which is presented by the Southwest Florida Blues Society, are \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the competition, which will run from noon to 6 p.m.

The Rhythm House is located at 16440 South Tamiami Trail unit 11 in Fort Myers. For more information, visit [www.swfbs.org](http://www.swfbs.org).\*

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Fort Myers Art:

## What You'll See During Ghostbird's 2018-19 Season



by Tom Hall

Continuing its commitment to new, site-influenced theater, Ghostbird Theatre Company's seventh season will feature an Art Walk installation at The Franklin Shops on First, a return to

the Happehatchee Center in Estero, a train-themed connection of vignettes at the restored Atlantic Coastline Railway station in the downtown Fort Myers River District and Ghostbird's popular 24-Hour Festival in the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

The Art Walk installation at the Franklin Shops is tentatively titled *Windows/Stories*. A formative work devised by Barry Cavin and Katelyn Gravel, this installation piece will take place on October 5.

On November 10 and 11 and 17 and 18, Ghostbird returns to the scene of *The Chicken Play* at the Happehatchee Center in Estero with *Boxes Are For What We Keep*, a trilogy of brief plays by Barry Cavin. Three permutations of one tale plumb the interior dimensions of containers with which we hold what is dearest but also trap what we can never fully possess. These are love stories for all those old children who remember how the cherished butterfly dies.

On January 18, 19, 25 and 27, Ghostbird descends on the site of the restored ACL Railway Depot (and former home of the Southwest Florida Museum



A scene from a previous Ghostbird Theatre Company play photo courtesy www.artswfl.com

of History) adjacent to the new fire station on Jackson Street to perform *Everyone on this Train* by James Brock. This site-specific play is a set of loosely-connected vignettes that follow a Chechen refugee by the name of Ilya and her mother as they travel on a series of trains through Russia, Idaho, Manhattan and, of course, Fort Myers, encountering circus performers, modern-day commuters and old railway porters along the way. The play contains a companionable mix of original song and fantasy. (Ghostbird is producing *Everyone on this Train* in collaboration with the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.)

Ghostbird's seventh season culminates with the 24-Hour Festival on March 3 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in the downtown Fort Myers River District. Once again, Ghostbird's annual competition and celebration of creativity will pitch local visual artists, filmmakers, theatre artists, dancers, musicians and

poets in a frenetic race against the clock to create unique works based on prompts given by Barry Cavin.

Ghostbird is the only theater company in the American South devoted to site-specific work. In this regard, ever striving to partner with just the right venue for each of its productions, Ghostbird has been recognized as one of the 10 best companies in Florida for live theater.

"We continue to grow artistically with our on-site collaborations," observes Artistic Director Barry Cavin.

With shows such as *ORBS!* and *The Perfect Island of Dr Teed* (held at Koreshan State Historic Site in Estero), *Writing Shadows*, *Catastrophe* and *Ibb* (performed in the historic Langford-Kingston Home in downtown Fort Myers), *Antigonick* (staged at artist Marcus Jansen's warehouse-based art studio in Fort Myers), *No. 27* (performed at Bonita Springs' historic Shangri-La Springs) and

*The Chicken Play* (performed outdoors under the super moon and inside the screened pavilion at the Happehatchee Center in Estero), Ghostbird has taken tremendous strides in just the past three seasons in developing performances in which the play and setting converse with one another.

The experimental theatre company takes its name from a swamp-dwelling, ivory-billed woodpecker once thought to be extinct, but which has been spotted sporadically over the past two decades. Drawing upon the elusiveness, mystery and magic of its namesake, Ghostbird Theatre seeks to draw its audiences into those deep spiritual woods where they can discover loss, beauty, communion, reconciliation and hope.

### Alliance accepting submissions for All Florida Juried Exhibit

The Alliance's annual All Florida Juried Exhibition features pieces created by artists working in a wide variety of media from all over the 65,000 square miles that make up Florida. The juried entries come together for an award-winning and exciting exhibition representing today's contemporary Florida artists. The Alliance is accepting submissions online through Monday, January 28, 2019. The show will exhibit March 8 to 29, with an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 8. A conversational walk and talk through the gallery with the artists and juror will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 9.

Visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) for a prospectus or telephone 939-2787 for more information.

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

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## ArtFest Fort Myers Among Best Art Festivals In Nation

ArtFest Fort Myers, Southwest Florida's premier fine art festival, was recently notified of its honor to be among the Top 200 Best in *Sunshine Artist Magazine's* all ranking. Garnering the No. 16 spot nationwide competing against art festivals from across the country, ArtFest Fort Myers was overwhelmingly endorsed by artists regarding their experiences and sales at the local festival.

"Recognition that brings positive attention to our community is always the icing on the cake for us," said Sharon McAllister, ArtFest Fort Myers executive director. "We work year-round to bring a wide variety of talented artists to downtown Fort Myers the first weekend in February, and it is gratifying to know that we have the support of our art buying patrons. Many of our friends and neighbors tell us that they wait all year to buy original art at our festival."

ArtFest Fort Myers has also been rated as one of America's Best Art Fairs by ArtFair Calendar and in the Top 25 by Art Fair Sourcebook, in addition to earning

numerous awards from the Florida Festival & Events Association and the International Festivals and Events Association.

ArtFest Fort Myers, the annual juried fine art festival, takes place February 1, 2 and 3, 2019 in the Fort Myers River District. Join the experience with 200 artists from across the county and around the world; the largest high school art exhibit and competition in south Florida and free interactive art experiences for children of all ages.

For more information, visit [www.artfestfortmyers.com](http://www.artfestfortmyers.com). ✨

## Continental Women To Meet

The Continental Women's Clubs will meet at The Hideaway Country Club for their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 11:30 p.m.

The club's luncheon program will be Instinct, an acapella Barbershop Quartet singing in four-part harmony. They are members of a larger chorus known as the Gulf Coast Harmonizers. Cost to attend the luncheon is \$22.

The Hideaway Country Club is located at 5670 Trailwinds Drive in Fort Myers. Call 691-7561 for more information. ✨



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## Singer-Songwriter Competition On August 24

The Summer Singer-Songwriter Competition is back for its second year at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Friday, August 24. The evening of original music from local and national competitors will begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Performers will play for a chance to win recording time at Six Fingers Studios and a spot at the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest. Submission deadline is August 10.

In 2017, performers came from all over the country for a chance to shine. However, it was two local performers that took home the prizes. SWFL trio The Regulars were awarded the Grand Prize, and blues singer Millie Van Horn was awarded People's Choice.

The Summer Singer-Songwriter Competition is sponsored by Volvo of Fort

Myers, The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel, Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank and the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest.

Singer-songwriters have been invited to submit an original song to be considered for this year's competition. The most remarkable performances are pre-selected to play live at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center during the Summer Singer-Songwriter Competition. The panel of industry judges select a Grand Prize winner, who will receive recording time at Six Fingers Studios and a performance spot at the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest. The audience will also have a chance to participate when they vote for the People's Choice winner, who will receive recording time at Six Fingers Studios. The Second Annual Summer Singer-Songwriter Competition

Tickets are \$5. FSW and FGCU students can buy a ticket for free with student ID at box office.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For tickets and more information, visit [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com).✱

## Motorcycle Run Benefit August 26

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) will hold its annual benefit motorcycle run and brunch, beginning at HeadPinz Entertainment Center and concluding at Keylime Bistro, on Sunday, August 26. Registration kicks off at 8:30 a.m. Kickstands go up at 9:30 a.m., with the brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

All proceeds of the annual David Barbur Biker Brunch will go towards ACT's safe, free, and confidential programs for victims of domestic violence and their children, survivors of sexual assault and human trafficking in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. The event will be held rain or shine and those

who would like to join for the brunch at Keylime Bistro are welcome to arrive around 10:30 a.m.

Cost for the special event is \$20 per person, including riders. Attendees will receive a buffet-style brunch catered by Keylime Bistro, opportunity to win raffle prizes, and more. Sponsors of the event include Stilwell Enterprises & Restaurant Group/Keylime Bistro and HeadPinz Entertainment Group. Lee County Sheriff's Department will be escorting the bikers.

HeadPinz Entertainment Center is located at 14513 Global Parkway in Fort Myers. Keylime Bistro is located at 11509 Andy Rosse Lane on Captiva. For more information or to register for the event, contact Jennifer L. Benton at 939-2553 or visit [www.actabuse.com/event/motorcycle-run-the-annual-david-barbur-bikers-brunch](http://www.actabuse.com/event/motorcycle-run-the-annual-david-barbur-bikers-brunch).✱

## Humane Society Sunset River Cruise And Casino Night

Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) is inviting animal lovers to board the J.C. Cruise Ship at Dock C-1 from the downtown Fort Myers Yacht Basin for a Speakeasy Sunset River Cruise and Casino Night fundraiser Saturday, October 27 from 5 to 9 p.m.

With the help of sponsors and vendors, this 1920s themed event will benefit the Gulf Coast Humane Society and support its mission of finding forever homes for needy pets in Southwest Florida. Adoptable pets will also be on board the cruise ship.

"This is a very unique event for GCHS, and we are definitely looking forward to the fun it's going to bring," said GCHS executive director Jennifer Galloway. "There will be so much to do while cruising down the Caloosahatchee River, and it will all be for the benefit of

the GCHS shelter animals."

Tickets for the event are \$75 and include food, chips to play, entry for a door prize and an opportunity to win raffle prizes. Registration will commence at 5 p.m. with the cruise and dealing starting at 6 p.m. The poker tournament will end at 9 p.m. as the boat docks.

While aboard, attendees will have the chance to play casino games like blackjack, roulette, craps and slot machines, earn chips and win prizes. The poker tournament is limited to the first 50 players and includes cash prizes for first, second and third place - \$600, \$325 and \$75, respectively.

Sponsorship opportunities for the event are also available and include High Roller at \$1,000; Royal Flush, \$750; Full House, \$500; Straight, \$250; and Pair, \$100.

Fort Myers Yacht Basin is located at 1300 Hendry Street in Fort Myers. Visit [www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org/casinonight](http://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org/casinonight) to purchase tickets, become a sponsor, or for more event and sponsorship details.✱

## ENPY Nominations Now Open For Local Nonprofits

Nominations are now being accepted for the second annual Excellence in Nonprofit Performance Yearly awards, better known as the ENPYs. The Cape Coral Community Foundation will recognize outstanding local nonprofit organizations, leaders and partners at an awards luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Bell Tower on Tuesday, October 9 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A panel of judges will select as many as three finalists in each of the following categories:

Nonprofit Organization of the Year (for organizations established more than three years ago)

Nonprofit Rising Organization of the Year (for organizations established fewer than three years ago)

Nonprofit Executive of the Year (CEO, president, executive director)

Nonprofit Board Leader of the Year (board member)

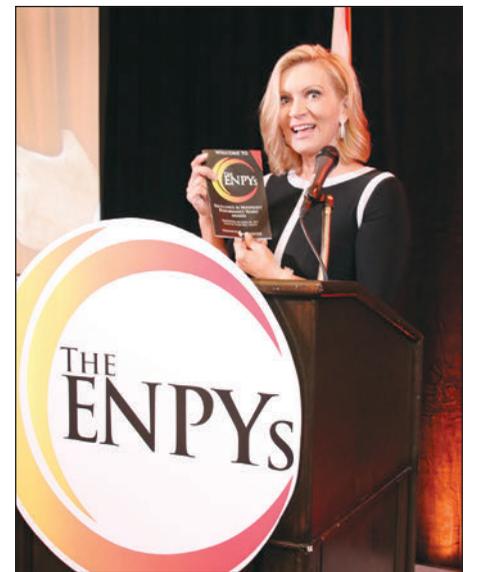
Nonprofit Employee of the year (paid staff member)

Nonprofit Volunteer of the Year (individual who serves an organization and/or community)

Nonprofit Business Partner of the Year (business that supports nonprofits and the community)

Community Impact Award (individual who makes a positive impact)

Paul Sanborn Service Above Self Award (individual who exemplifies "service



ABC7 Anchor Krista Fogelsong presenting at the 2017 ENPYs photo provided

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Elmer Tabor Generosity Award (individual who shows exceptional generosity)

The Cape Coral Community Foundation will award grants to the Organization of the Year and Rising Organization of the Year.

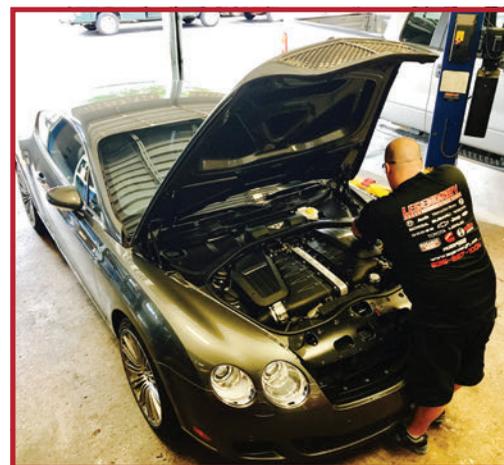
Application submissions are due Friday, August 31 at 10 a.m. Criteria, instructions and nomination forms are available at [www.theenpys.com](http://www.theenpys.com). Sponsorships are also available until September 10.

Crowne Plaza Bell Tower is located at 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers. For information on becoming a sponsor, visit [TheENPYs.com](http://TheENPYs.com).✱

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## Along The River

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will host an “open house-style” event – **Walk on the Wild Side** – at **Lakes Regional Park** in Fort Myers this Saturday, August 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

According to JoEllen Urasky, CROW operations/business manager, the three-hour gala will include presentations on wildlife-related topics, recycled material craft projects and educational encounters with some of CROW’s animal ambassadors. One of the primary goals of the “friend-raiser” is to teach residents, who live might not be aware of the wildlife hospital’s purpose, about their work treating sick and injured wildlife, the latest in conservation medicine and why this is important for the health of our ecosystem and our community.

Sponsored in part by Lee County Parks and Recreation, Walk on the Wild Side activities will include a self-guided walk around a field, where participants – young and old – will learn fun and interesting facts about local wildlife. After completing the course, participants will fill out a questionnaire for a chance to win small prizes.

Throughout the walk, visitors will stop at stations offering a variety of subjects and activities. Additional encounters with live animals and members of CROW’s veterinary team, along with some wildlife-related games for kids, are also planned.



From left, CROW staff members Brian Bohlman, Tina Flannery, Mary Schoeffel, JoEllen Urasky, Cheryl McCormick and Rachel Rainbolt preparing for Walk On The Wild Side, to be held on August 25

photo by Jeff Lysick

Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. Parking fees will apply. For additional information, visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).

**Calusa Nature Center** will host a special back-to-school edition of **Creepy Crawlies Day** this Saturday, August 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants will learn about all things that creep, slither and crawl with a special animal presentation, crafts and activities for children. There will also be special planetarium shows.

Activities include a display by the Calusa Herpetological Society of Southwest Florida and silent auction for moms and dads. Any tarantula owners are welcome to participate by bringing their furry pet.

Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children between age 3 and 12.

Calusa Nature Center is located at 3450 Ortiz Avenue in Fort Myers. Visit [www.calusanature.org](http://www.calusanature.org) for more information.

Celebrate the 98th anniversary of women’s right to vote while making new friends and enjoying an uplifting presentation and refreshments at **Toast to Tenacity** at the **Alliance for the Arts** this Sunday, August 26 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Tenacious women from diverse backgrounds persisted for more than 70 years – even went to prison and endured other terrible hardships – before the movement succeeded.

When the 19th Amendment was finally ratified into law on August 26, 1920, suffragists across the nation raised a glass of grape juice – since Prohibition was in effect, they skipped the more potent stuff – to celebrate its passage.

Toast to Tenacity special guest is Lee County Supervisor of Elections Tommy Doyle. Attendance is free, but reservations are requested.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information and to

register, visit [www.artinlee.org/tenacity](http://www.artinlee.org/tenacity).

The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida will present its fourth annual **Summer Sing** at the **Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center** this Tuesday, August 28 at 7 p.m. The Symphonic Chorale welcomes all area singers who would like to participate. Summer Sing is free of charge and no audition is necessary.

Summer Sing 2018 will feature a rehearsal and subsequent performance of *John Rutter’s Requiem*, a musical setting of parts of the *Latin Requiem*, with added psalms and biblical verses. Artistic Director Dr. Trent Brown will lead all singers in a rehearsal, and then *Requiem* will be presented to the audience, complete with chorus, soprano soloist and the chorale’s accompanist, pianist Abbey Allison.

Summer Sing is quickly becoming an end-of-summer event that is highly anticipated by area singers. All singers are invited to participate. Scores will be provided or singers may bring their own. Singers are asked to register for free online at [www.symphonicchorale.org](http://www.symphonicchorale.org) so that adequate seating will be provided. Area singers are also encouraged to audition for the chorale and enjoy being part of its 2018–19 season.

The Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, call 560-5695.✧

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## Retrospective

He then went to art school at the University of Florida in Gainesville and the San Francisco Art Institute in Northern California.

After art school, he initially worked as a passport and freelance photographer before embarking on a brief career in finance – while still pursuing photography on the side. Due to health issues, he returned home to Naples in 2002, where he

produced a significant volume of digital color photos, as well as occasional collages and black and white photos, as a full-time photographer. He died on September 26, 2017 as a result of chronic kidney and heart disease.

Profits from the sales of his work during the show will go to benefit the National Kidney Foundation.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the downtown Fort Myers. Call 333-1933 or visit [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com) for more information.✧



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## OBITUARY



## BETTY MILLER WEISE

Betty Miller Weise, 83, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend and amazingly talented artist, passed away on Thursday, August 16, 2018 in Fort Myers, Florida following a long illness.

Formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio, she was born September 3, 1934 to the late Ralph A. and Cora J. Miller. Betty graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Design, Art and Architecture and later earned an MA degree in early childhood education. Following her retirement from teaching art and elementary education in the Cincinnati area, she moved to Sanibel Island, Florida where she was an integral part of her community for many years.

She is survived by her husband of almost 59 years, Dr. Eric Weise, her daughters Rebecca Garlock and son-in-law Keith of Sebastopol, California, Michelle Johnson and son-in-law Kirk of Davis, California, and her son Michael Weise and daughter-in-law Jennifer of Walnut Creek, California. She is also survived by granddaughters Caitlyn Garlock, Meghan Dolcini and husband Eugene, Erin Garlock, Madison Johnson, Ava Weise and Sophia Weise, grandson Zachary Johnson, and great granddaughter Kensley Dolcini, all of northern California.

Betty was an active member and deacon of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, participating in numerous alumni gatherings, a member and officer of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League and the Fort Myers Beach Art Association, heading the scholarship program for high school graduating artists for many years. In addition to her history of teaching art education and art in Ohio, Connecticut and Florida, she was a dedicated and talented plein air watercolorist on the islands and on the beaches of Southwest Florida.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, September 22 at 2 p.m. at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, on Sanibel. For her extended family in California, many friends in Ohio and numerous other states, the celebration will be live streamed. Stay tuned for more information at <http://www.bettyweise.info>.

For memorial gifts, the family suggests contributions to the Fort Myers Beach Art Association Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 2359, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33932.✱

## Mound House To Offer Tours

Two tours will be offered at the Mound House on Fort Myers Beach this weekend.

On Friday, August 24, join participants in the Mangroves by Kayak Tour, beginning at 8 a.m. Explore the winding mangrove creeks and hidden backwaters of Estero Bay as only a kayaker can. This unique tour is guided by Dexter Norris, biologist, naturalist and Mound House environmental educator. Experience the abundant natural beauty of the ancient realm of the Calusa. Search for birds, fish, manatees and dolphins as you paddle through the Estero and Hell Peckney bays in a tandem kayak. Mound House kayak tours are conducted in accordance with Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism guidelines. All paddling equipment is provided. The tour is for ages 12 and older with weather permitting. Cost is \$45 per person. Museum admission is included. Private group tours are available. Maximum of 12 paddlers per tour. Call 765-0865 for reservations, which are required.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, take part in the Garden Walking Tour at 10 a.m. Discover the unique plants that make up the gardens of the Mound House and how the Calusa and other Native Americans used them in their daily life. Take a stroll through the gardens and learn how native plants help to conserve water and protect wildlife. Cost is \$5.

The Mound House is located at 451 Estero Boulevard in Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-0865 or go to [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) for more information.✱

## Clear The Shelters Event Boosts Adoptions

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) teamed up with NBC-2 and Meteorologist Jason Dunning for NBC's nationwide Clear The Shelters event on August 18, resulting in 116 adoptions.

While the event was Saturday only, NBC and Dunning started promoting adoptions on August 2 by having pets from LCDAS on his *Who Needs A Walk* segment as well as airing commercials and social media segments. This brought adopters in to the LCDAS shelter well ahead of the event, with a record-breaking 237 in the 16-day period.

Just five kittens remained in the shelter by the end of Saturday's event, and LCDAS will continue to waive the adoption fees for those kittens, which are named Turbo, Dana, Carrie, Carla and George.

Officials applaud NBC-2, Jason Dunning, sponsors Riverland Nursery, Hills Pet Nutrition and Cats Pride in helping make the event a success.

LCDAS is open 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. Visit [www.leelostpets.com](http://www.leelostpets.com) to see additional pets available for adoption.✱

## Churches/Temples

## ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION

Sunday 10:30 a.m., 2756 McGregor Boulevard, [allfaiths-uc.org](http://allfaiths-uc.org), 226-0900.

## ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE

## RITE CATHOLIC

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 10291 Bayshore Road, 305-651-0991.

## ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX

Sunday 9 and 10 a.m. 8210 Cypress Lake Drive, [annunciation.fl.goarch.org](http://annunciation.fl.goarch.org), 481-2099.

## BAT YAM-TEMPLE OF THE ISLANDS

Friday Shabbat at 7 p.m. 2050 Periwinkle Way. [www.batyam.org](http://www.batyam.org) 579-0296.

## BETH SHILOH MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. 15675 McGregor Boulevard, 437-3171.

## BIBLESHARE

10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Tuesday, 7050 Winkler Rd, Suite 121, [www.simplysimpleworship.com](http://www.simplysimpleworship.com), 437-8835.

## BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166.

## CHABAD LUBAVITCH ORTHODOX

Friday 6:30 p.m. 5620 Winkler Road, [chabadswf.org](http://chabadswf.org), 433-7708.

## CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

Sunday 10 a.m. 10200 Cypress Cove Circle, [revtedalhouse@aol.com](mailto:revtedalhouse@aol.com), 850-3943.

## CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Sunday 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. 13500 Freshman Lane, 768-2188.

## CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 1619 Llewellyn Drive, [taecc.com](http://taecc.com), 334-4978.

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday 10 a.m. 2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937.

## CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST

Sunday 9:45 and 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday

6:30 p.m. 8400 Cypress Lake Drive, 481-5442.

## CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. 8260 Cypress Lake Drive, [www.clpc.us](http://www.clpc.us), 481-3233.

## CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST

Sunday 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. 8570 Cypress Lake Drive, 482-1250.

## FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD OUTREACH

Sunday 10:30 a.m., Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 p.m. 6111 South Pointe Boulevard, 278-3638.

## FAITH UNITED METHODIST

Sunday 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. 15690 McGregor Boulevard, 482-2030.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Wednesday 12 noon Testimony Service, Sunday 10:30 a.m. 2390 West First Street, [christiansciencefortmyers.net](http://christiansciencefortmyers.net), [christianscience.com](http://christianscience.com).

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. 13545 American Colony Boulevard, 936-2511.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. 2466 First Street, [www.fumcftmyers.org](http://www.fumcftmyers.org), 332-1152.

## FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN

Sunday 10:30 a.m., 5916 Winkler Road, 437-4330.

## FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST; Sunday 10 a.m., 8210 College Parkway, 482-3133.

## IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION

Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday 9:30 a.m. 9650 Gladiolus Drive, 454-4778.

## JESUS THE WORKER CATHOLIC

Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday 8, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. 881 Nuna Avenue, 481-1143.

## KINGDOM LIFE

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 2154 McGregor Boulevard, 218-8343.

## LAMB OF GOD

Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m. 19691 Cypress View Drive, [lambofgodchurch.net](http://lambofgodchurch.net), 267-3525.

## NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

Friday 6:30 and 7 p.m. 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, [nbcministry@embarqmail.com](mailto:nbcministry@embarqmail.com), [facebook.com/nbcministry](http://facebook.com/nbcministry), 656-0416.

## NEW COVENANT EYES

Monthly 9 a.m. 1900 Park Meadows Drive, [newcovenanteyes.com](http://newcovenanteyes.com), 220-8519.

## NEW HOPE BAPTIST

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

## NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. 10051 Plantation Road, [www.newhopefortmyers.org](http://www.newhopefortmyers.org), 274-1230.

## PEACE COMMUNITY

Sunday 10:30 a.m. [www.17671PineRidgeRoad.com](http://www.17671PineRidgeRoad.com), 267-7400.

## PEACE LUTHERAN

Sunday 8 and 10 a.m. 15840 McGregor Boulevard, [www.peaceftmyers.com](http://www.peaceftmyers.com), [peaceftmyers.com](http://peaceftmyers.com), 437-2599.

## REDEEMER LUTHERAN

Sunday 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. 3950 Winkler Ext., 274-0143.

## RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

8, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. 21580 River Ranch Road, 495-0400.

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## SAINT NICHOLAS MONASTERY

Sunday 9:30 a.m. 111 Evergreen Road, [saintnicholasmonastery.org](http://saintnicholasmonastery.org), 997-2847.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC

Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.; Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 9 and 11 a.m. 13031 Palm Beach Boulevard, 693-0818.

## SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

Sunday 11 a.m.; Wednesday 6 p.m. 16940 McGregor Boulevard, 454-3336.

## TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE

Friday Shabbat 7:30 p.m.; Torah Saturday 9 a.m.; Religious School Wednesday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. 16225 Winkler Road, [templebethel.com](http://templebethel.com), 433-0018.

## TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)

Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. [tjswfl.org](http://tjswfl.org), 14486 A&W Bulb Road, 433-0201.

## THE NEW CHURCH

Sunday 11 a.m. 10811 Sunset Plaza Circle #401, [newchurchflorida.com](http://newchurchflorida.com), 481-5535.

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 13411 Shire Lane, [uucfm.org](http://uucfm.org), 561-2700.

## UNITY OF FORT MYERS

Sunday 10 a.m. 11120 Ranchette Road, [unityoffortmyers.org](http://unityoffortmyers.org), 278-1511.

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## WORD OF LIFE

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

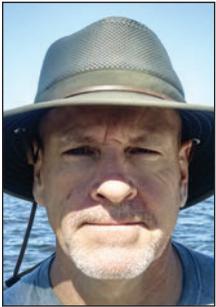
## ZION LUTHERAN

Sunday 8, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. 7401 Winkler Road, [zionfm.org](http://zionfm.org), 481-4040.✱

CROW Case Of The Week:

# Little Blue Heron

by Bob Petcher



The little blue heron (*Egretta caerulea*) is relatively small as compared to other herons. Its modest size is in contrast to its long legs and dagger-like bill, which it utilizes with a patient, stand-and-

wait approach on its prey. This predatory action is much like its larger cousin, the great blue heron.

Adult little blue herons are of dark colors, usually sporting a maroon head and neck above its blue body. Juveniles, on the other hand, are entirely white, while youngsters closer to adulthood are a mix of white and blue.

At CROW, a little blue heron was admitted from Cape Coral a day after it was rescued from Black Skimmer Island by a fishing charter captain who noticed the bird was unable to walk. The injured bird was taken to a drop-off location in Cape Coral for the evening.

When the bird arrived at CROW the next morning, medical officials noted the patient to be hock sitting.

"Hock sitting describes when a bird sits on a joint called the hock, which normally would not touch the ground," said Dr. Kyle Abbott, CROW veterinary intern. "In



Patient #18-3244 receives medical care after being unable to walk or fly

photo by Brian Bohlman

most cases, hock sitting is not normal for birds. There are certain circumstances and species where this occurs more often but, in general, this is a sign of weakness."

The little blue heron was also stated to have a loss of cloacal tone. Veterinarians suspected it to be afflicted with brevetoxicosis, or red tide poisoning.

"Cloacal tone describes the muscle tone of the entrance to the cloaca. The cloaca is the opening from which birds eliminate feces and urates, as well as lay eggs," said Dr. Abbott. "When birds are neurologically compromised, such as with brevetoxicosis (red tide), then we see this cloacal tone decrease which can result in an inability to

eliminate the body's waste."

The avian patient was given fluids, medications and started on a re-feeding plan. Veterinarians also decided to monitor the bird's neurological status. Less than a week later, the little blue heron was noted to be healthier.

"This little blue heron is improving steadily with supportive care. The patient is gaining strength and spending more time standing each day," said Dr. Abbott. "The patient has also begun eating on its own, which is a great indicator."

While it is too early to tell if or when the little blue heron will be released, there nevertheless is a positive forecast.

"As long as this heron continues to have steady progress and gain strength, its prognosis will be good. The fact it is eating is a good indicator that he can continue to make progress," said Dr. Abbott. "Many of these animals affected by brevetoxicosis can survive with the intensive care this heron is receiving."

CROW officials would like to compliment charter captains and other boaters who have been extremely helpful in spotting and rescuing sick wildlife during the recent red tide blooms.

"The fishing charter captain rescuing this bird was important for his survival, and we are thankful for their help. The amount of community support that CROW receives is essential for giving aid to these animals," said Dr. Abbott. "It is important to keep in mind that any wild animals, even relatively small animals like egrets, herons and cormorants, can pose a threat to humans. If someone finds an injured or sick wild animal, please remember CROW is available to answer any questions about whether an animal may need help or what to do with the animal so that it can be treated. If you are unsure what to do, it is always best to call first before trying to help the animal to ensure the safety of the animal and the person rescuing it."

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

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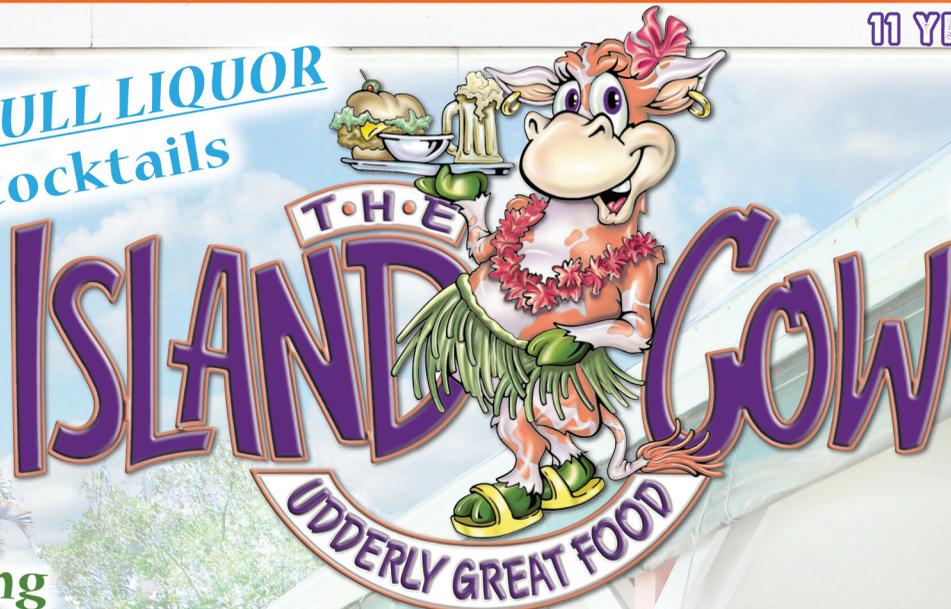
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# Resiliency



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**P**ine Island sound waters have greatly improved over the last week from this never-ending red tide. It's certainly still not back to normal yet, but the improvement in

conditions is fabulous to see. As long as we stay on a easterly wind pattern the red tide should continue to blow out of the bay. Lower red tide levels and cleaner water around the local passes meant catch-and-release snook action is strong.

The toughest part of fishing has been keeping bait alive. The grass flats that I'm throwing the cast net on are holding both shiners and pinfish. Once you start putting these baits in the live well, they have been hard to keep alive. On several outings this week, I ended up catching bait multiple times but it only takes one running through an area of red tide and you would lose the majority of your bait.

If you could get these baits to the passes alive, the bite has been outstanding with snook, trout, snapper and jacks keeping the rods bent. Our big snook of the week measured 30 inches, although there were several times that bigger snook were hooked and won the battle. After not fishing with shiners for over a week due to the red tide, it was great to have these great baits, and they really upped the action and the quality of the fish caught. To catch snook again really felt good after



The masked Steve Day with a 30-inch snook caught while out with Capt. Matt Mitchell

photo provided

several trips of only targeting mangrove snapper on live shrimp.

Making national news has had a major ripple effect on tourism with this being the slowest August anyone can ever remember. This situation is making things very lean for anyone who makes their living in the hospitality business and especially those who do so on the water. Marinas, bait

shops and captains are all experiencing the slowest month bearable.

After such a major reoccurring and what feels like a never-ending red tide nightmare that's still happening all over the Florida gulf coast, I'm seeing a glimmer of hope. With tons of dead fish, dead turtles, dolphins and manatees being removed from our local waters, marine life is gradually returning. This really says a lot

about the resiliency of Pine Island Sound. I'm slowly feeling a little relief as things are slowly getting back to almost normal.

*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](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).*

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Hairy cowpea is very hardy and grows just about anywhere, including this rocky drainage area photos by Gerri Reaves

**Plant Smart**  
**Hairy Cowpea**

by Gerri Reaves

**H**airy cowpea (*Vigna luteola*) is a native twining vine of the pea family and a relative of the black-eyed pea (*Vigna unguiculata*) and mung bean (*Vigna radiate*).

Commonly considered a weed and more common in coastal areas, it grows along roadsides and in disturbed areas, ditches, tidal flats and marshes,

swamps, swales and vacant lots. This very hardy perennial can be prostrate, trailing, tangled, or climbing with branches several feet long. The bright yellow flowers bloom all year, appearing at the end of long angled stems. The larger upper petal is wider than it is long. The alternate leaves are made up of three ovate to lanceolate leaflets of about an inch and a half long. The pea pods measure from one to two and a half inches long, with indentations between the several seeds.



Native hairy cowpea blooms throughout the year and is a larval plant for several butterflies and skippers

The pods are hairy, thus the common name. Ground-feeding birds eat the seeds, and the plant is a food source for white-tailed deer, a fact that inspires another common name, deer pea. The plant is also called wild cowpea. The seeds and flowers are said to be edible when cooked. Hairy cowpea is a good addition to a butterfly garden, because it is a larval host for the gray hairstreak, ceraunus and cassius blue butterflies, as well as the Dorantes and long-tailed skippers.



Ground-feeding birds and white-tailed deer eat the peas

Propagate it with seeds or cuttings. Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *Florida Wild Flowers and Roadside Plants* by C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor, *The Guide to Florida Wildflowers* by Walter Kingsley Taylor, *National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida* by Peter Alden et al., plants.usda.gov, www.miamiblue.org, and www.eattheweeds.com. *Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.*✧

**Statewide Alligator Harvest Under Way**

**F**lorida's statewide alligator harvest, nationally and internationally recognized as a model program for the sustainable use of a renewable natural resource, began August 15. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued more than 7,500 permits, including an additional 1,313 county-wide permits, as a method to help manage the alligator population.

Alligators are a conservation success story in Florida. They were included on the original federal endangered species list in 1967. Conservation efforts allowed the population to rebound, and they were removed from the list in 1987. Today, the state's alligator population is estimated at 1.3 million alligators and has been stable for many years.

For over 30 years, the Statewide Alligator Harvest Program has been providing sustainable hunting opportunities throughout the state. The FWC establishes management units with appropriate harvest quotas based on research and proven science to ensure the long-term well-being of the alligator resource.

Recreational alligator hunting is just one part of the FWC's overall approach

to managing the species. The FWC's Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program (SNAP) is another. People who believe a specific alligator poses a threat to people, pets or property should call FWC's toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286). When someone concerned about an alligator calls the Nuisance Alligator Hotline, we will dispatch an FWC-contracted nuisance alligator trapper to resolve the situation.

In addition, as part of a comprehensive effort to achieve alligator management goals, the FWC has issued an additional 21 Targeted Harvest Area permits that encompass 79 new areas. THA permits allow a managing authority to work directly with a designated FWC-contracted nuisance alligator trapper, making the process for removing nuisance alligators more proactive and streamlined.

THA permits, which have been in use for almost two decades, define the area's boundaries, the duration of the permit and how many alligators can be removed. Currently, there are 260 THA permits issued that cover 1,460 sites throughout the state with more THAs expected to be added.

Serious injuries caused by alligators are rare in Florida. The FWC works diligently to keep Floridians and visitors informed about safely coexisting with alligators, including providing informational tools such as a video, infographic, and brochure.✧

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## Open Auditions For Creative Theater Workshop

Open call auditions will be held in September for two of four shows in the upcoming Creative Theater Workshop (CTW) fall 2018 season.

Auditions for *Winnie the Pooh Kids* will be held at Herb Strauss Theater on Sanibel on Tuesday, September 4 and at G-Force Dance Studio in Fort Myers on Saturday, September 8. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are needed for two separate casts.

Auditions for *Oliver!* will be held at Robin Dawn Academy of Performing Arts in Cape Coral on Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16. Actors ages 8 to adult are being sought for rehearsals.

For more information about rehearsal and performance dates and to sign up for an audition, visit [www.ctwtheater.com](http://www.ctwtheater.com).

CTW officials are also holding open call auditions for their advanced performing arts team. CTW will take the team of triple threats ages 8 to 18 to compete at the Junior Theater Festival (JTF) in Atlanta, Georgia. The Junior Theater Festival is the world's biggest celebration of young people performing musical theater. Students will perform a 15-minute selection from *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* for adjudication by leading theater professionals. Students will participate in theater workshops led by Broadway professionals, watch amazing performances, see a live Broadway



Young actors in front of Herb Straus Theater after a past audition

photo provided

concert and audition for opportunities to go to New York City. This year will be CTW's sixth time attending the Junior Theater Festival.

CTW is looking for donors to sponsor at least 20 students for the fall season of shows. The cost for one student is \$250; the cost to sponsor one of the three productions is \$10,000. CTW is also looking for donors to sponsor students traveling to the Junior Theater Festival. If you would like to sponsor a student

or the event, contact Michelle Hamstra at [michelle@ctwdirector.com](mailto:michelle@ctwdirector.com) or call 738-3525.

Creative Theater Workshop has primarily been on Sanibel for nearly five years. It has served thousands of students through the 71 past productions and aims to include even more children by expanding to Fort Myers for the fall 2019 season. Thanks go out to local patrons of the arts for their support; the company is only \$38,000 away from opening its

own permanent home in Fort Myers. The theater company plans to keep a Sanibel children's theater chapter and extends its thanks to BIG ARTS officials for reaching out to bring theater back to the island.

Herb Strauss Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. G-Force Dance Studio is located at 1400 Colonial Boulevard Suite 14 in Fort Myers. Robin Dawn Academy of Performing Arts is located at 932 Country Club Boulevard in Cape Coral.✪

## September Programs At Downtown Library

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

### Adult Programs

English Café – 6 p.m. Tuesdays, September 4, 18, 25; Library Building, Conference Room C. Free, informal conversation sessions for adult ESOL/ESL students.

Adult Card Crafting – 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 5; Meeting Room CD. Participants will learn new techniques and take home several themed cards. Materials supplied. Registration is required.

Knitting Nook – 1 p.m. Thursdays, September 6, 20; Library Building, Conference Room C. A casual, self-guided group of knitters and crocheters share ideas, techniques and patterns. Attendees should bring their own projects. Basic supplies available for newcomers. Registration is required.

Tracing Your Hispanic Ancestors – 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 15; Meeting Room AB; speakers: Bryan L. Mulcahy, Lee County Library System, and Paul R. Rivera. This seminar will focus on research strategies designed to assist patrons in successfully tracing their Hispanic/Latino ancestors throughout the world. In the second portion of the program, Rivera will present a case study of how he successfully researched his Puerto Rican heritage.

Book Discussion: *The Last Bookaneer*

by Matthew Pearl – Noon Wednesday, September 19; Library Building, Conference Room C. Sometimes fiction seems real and nonfiction reads like a novel. This year both will be discussed. Registration is required.

How to Apply for a Habitat for Humanity Home – 10 a.m. Thursday, September 20; Meeting Room AB. A Habitat for Humanity representative explains the Habitat program and how to apply for a Habitat partnership.

Small Business Series: Understanding Financial Statements – 2 p.m. Monday, September 24; Meeting Room AB. Get a hands-on understanding of how financial statements work. During this workshop, attendees will learn the basics of profit and loss, balance sheets, forecasting and cash flows. Presented in collaboration with FGCU Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Registration is required.

### Storytime

Toddler Tales – 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, September 11, 18, 25. This interactive and active time for toddlers and their caregiver is designed to advance prereading and social skills. They'll experience storytelling, wordplay, felt board stories, fingerplays, puppets, singing, music-making, socializing, dancing and, of course, books.

Preschool Storytime – 10 a.m. Wednesdays, September 12, 19, 26. Your preschooler will continue to build relationships with other kids, books and the library in a storytime designed specifically for them. The stories and activities are more complex, but just as fun.

Baby Rhyme Time – 10 a.m. Thursdays, September 13, 20, 27. During

this special storytime, you and your baby will learn new nursery rhymes and fingerplays, interact with puppets, sing, read books and dance.

### Children's Programs

Bubblemania – 10 a.m. Thursday, September 6; N. Cornog Plaza. Go nuts over these soapy spheres and dance to some favorite kids' tunes. All ages welcome.

Junior STEAM Club – 10 a.m. Monday, September 10. Welcome to Junior STEAM Club. Get creative with books and activities that feature math, science, engineering, arts and building. Registration is required.

Kids Read Down Fines – 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10. Children and teens can earn a \$2 credit for every 15 minutes they read in the designated area for a total of \$8 in one session. Credit may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and younger only and applies only to charges on overdue materials.

Elementary Homeschool Connection – 11 a.m. Friday, September 14. Homeschoolers age 5 to 10 and their caregivers are welcome to join in for a fun and educational activity. They will be engaged in science experiments, technology, crafting and making of all types. This is also an opportunity to learn about research tools that the library has to offer for home educators and their children. Registration is required.

STEAM Club – 4 p.m. Monday, September 24 – Welcome to STEAM Club. Each month features a different STEAM-related theme for children in grades kindergarten to fifth grade. This month, light, color and prisms will be

explored while a kaleidoscope will be constructed. Registration is required.

### Teen Programs

Teen Anime Drawing Fan Club – 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 5. Anime drawing fans share what they have created, discover content and connect with other fans. Colored pencils, pens and paper supplies provided. Sponsored by the Friends of Fort Myers Library.

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Beginner D&D for Teens – 5 p.m. Monday, September 17. This is a monthly collaborative storytelling group for teens and will start with character development. No registration is required.

Books and Bites for Teens: Science Fiction – 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 19. Read your favorite science fiction book and share it with friends as tea and cookies is served. Registration is requested, but not required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Fort Myers Regional Library.

Tween Art Club – 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 26. Tweens, join in to paint watercolors and learn new techniques. No registration is necessary.

The Fort Myers Regional Library is located at 2450 First Street in Fort Myers. Adult programs are held in the meeting room building located across the library campus at 1651 Lee Street. For more information about a program or to register, call 533-4600 or visit [www.leelibrary.net](http://www.leelibrary.net).✪

## Hodges President Serves On Education Panel

Hodges University president Dr. John Meyer was a panelist for the Community Forum on Early Learning and Technical Education, which was recently held at the Collier County Public Library Headquarters. The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation hosted the event.

"Forums like this are important because it's an opportunity to demonstrate that it takes a collaborative effort for student success," said Dr. Meyer. "This starts before kindergarten and continues to college and beyond."

For more information about Hodges University, visit [www.hodges.edu](http://www.hodges.edu).✪



Dr. John Meyer photo provided

## Bank Hires Customer Service Representative

Ross Shelton has joined Sanibel Captiva Community Bank as a teller and customer service representative at the Gateway branch in Fort Myers. He is responsible for assisting customers with personal and business banking transactions.

A Cape Coral resident since 2016, he has more than 15 years of industry experience, including universal banker, customer service representative and teller.

Founded in 2003, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank has two locations on Sanibel and five locations in Fort Myers. To learn more, visit [www.sancapbank.com](http://www.sancapbank.com).✪



Ross Shelton photo provided

## Rural Land Development At Symposium

Developers, government leaders, and real estate experts will address the trends and impacts of shifting growth patterns at the 2018 Real Estate Symposium to be held at the Cohen Center Ballroom at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) on Thursday, September 13. The symposium will begin with registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m., while the program is from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The annual event is presented by the Real Estate Investment Society (REIS) in partnership with the Lutgert College of Business at FGCU and the Calusa Chapter of the Florida Planning & Zoning Association (FPZA).

Local development trends and impacts will be discussed by a panel of industry experts and government officials, moderated by Sean Ellis, Esq.

of Roetzel & Andress, the title sponsor of the symposium.

REIS President Bev Larson, CCIM, notes that "Southwest Florida is adapting to new market trends and economics and REIS is pleased to provide a forum with knowledge and ideas that will help our members and our community leaders succeed in this dynamic environment. The presenters are leading experts who will share their expertise with property owners, government officials and real estate development professionals who attend."

Admission is \$35 for members of REIS or FPZA and \$45 for all other interested persons, with the exception of FGCU students who may attend at no charge. Admission includes a campus parking pass and refreshments. Seating is limited and reservations are required by Tuesday, September 11. AICP credits are pending approval. Reservations may be made online at [www.reis-swfl.org](http://www.reis-swfl.org).

FGCU is located at 10501 FGCU Boulevard South in Fort Myers. REIS information and program schedule are available at [www.reis-swfl.org](http://www.reis-swfl.org).✪

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# The Death Of Mrs. Westaway

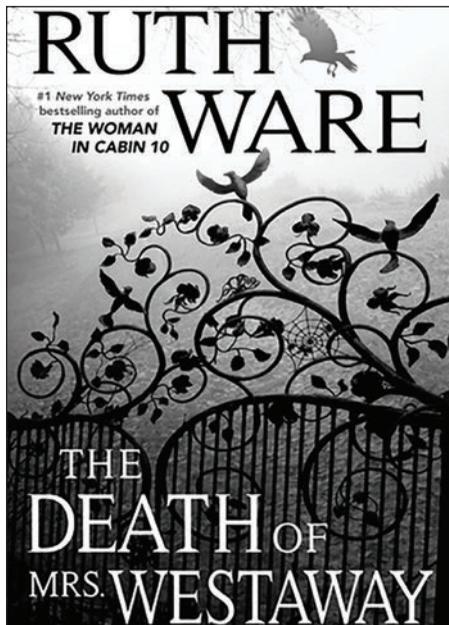
by Di Saggau



Author Ruth Ware had me mesmerized with her bestselling *The Woman in Cabin 10* and *The Lying Game*. Now she's done it again with *The Death of Mrs. Westaway*. Harriet

“Hal” Westaway is a tarot reader on the Brighton Pier. She’s barely making ends meet. In fact, she owes a loan shark a lot of money, and he wants it back now. Hal lost her mother several years before and that has caused her to lead a solitary and penniless life. One day she receives a letter saying she’s been named in a will as the beneficiary of a substantial inheritance from her grandmother. Hal knows there is a mistake, because her grandparents have been dead for over 20 years. The bills are piling up, and Hal is running out of options so she travels to Cornwall, in spite of feeling it’s probably all a mistake.

Hal soon finds herself at Trepassen, the sprawling estate in the English countryside where the deceased Mrs. Westaway’s family has gathered to pay their respects and claim their bequest. Hal meets several possible uncles and a creepy old housekeeper in the rundown mansion. She desperately tries to keep up her charade



of being a family member and soon realizes that the venomous atmosphere of Trepassen House has strong roots about past characters. This includes a young girl who lived there, fell in love and was imprisoned in her bedroom. Hal has to figure out who this girl was without putting herself in harm’s way.

Hal uses her tarot readings to get to know her new found relatives better. There’s something very wrong about what’s going on, and the inheritance is at the center of it. *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* is a very human mystery full of spellbinding menace, magpies and plenty of chills. It’s an expertly paced and expertly crafted read.✱

# School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP



**D**ear Readers, Many parents tell me that their children are anxious about school, particularly at the beginning of the school year. Here are

some suggestions from the National Association of School Psychologists to help you deal with your children’s anxiety and how to pursue problems if they arise.

First of all, let you children know you care. If your children are anxious about school, send personal notes in the lunch box or book bag. Reinforce the ability to cope. Children absorb their parent’s anxiety, so model optimism and confidence for your child. Let your children know that it is natural to be a little nervous anytime you start something new, but that they will be just fine once they become familiar with classmates, the teacher and school routine.

Do not overreact. If the first few days are a little rough, try not to overreact. Young children in particular may experience separation anxiety or shyness initially, but teachers are trained to help them adjust. If you drop them off, try not to linger. Reassure them that you love them, will think of them during the day and will be back. Remain calm and positive.

Acknowledge anxiety over a bad experience the previous year. Children who had a difficult time academically or socially or were teased or bullied may be more fearful or reluctant to return to school. If you have not yet done so, share your children’s concern with the school and confirm that the problem has been addressed. Reassure your children that the problem will not occur again in the new school year, and that you and the school are working together to prevent further issues. Reinforce your children’s ability to cope. Give your children a few strategies to manage a difficult situation on their own. But encourage your children to tell you or the teacher if the problem persists. Maintain open lines of

communication with the school.

Arrange play dates. Try to arrange get-togethers with some of your children’s classmates before school starts and during the first weeks of school to help them re-establish positive social relationships with peers.

Plan to volunteer in the classroom. If possible, plan to volunteer in the classroom at least periodically throughout the year. Doing so helps your children understand that school and family life are linked and that you care about the learning experience. Being in the classroom is also a good way to develop a relationship with your children’s teachers and classmates, and to get firsthand exposure to the classroom environment and routine. Most teachers welcome occasional parent help, even if you cannot volunteer regularly.

These recommendations can contribute to a positive and productive school experience for most children. Some children may exhibit more extreme opposition to or fear of school or may be coping with more specific learning or psychological difficulties. If your children demonstrate problems that seem extreme in nature or go on for an extended period, you may want to contact the school to set up an appointment to meet with your children’s teachers and school psychologist. They may be able to offer direct or indirect support that will help identify and reduce the presenting problem. They may also suggest other resources within the school and the community to help you address the situation. While children can display a variety of behaviors, it is generally wise not to over-interpret those behaviors. More often than not, time and a few intervention strategies will remedy the problem. Most children are wonderfully resilient and, with your support and encouragement, will thrive throughout their school experience.

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**Female Pioneers of Fort Myers**  
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By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

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# Firm To Present Marketing To Millennials

**O**n Thursday, August 30, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Samantha Scott, APR, president of Pushing the Envelope (PTE), will present Marketing to Millennials.

During Pushing the Envelope’s Power Hour event, Scott will take attendees on a trip inside the mind of the largest generation, help them understand what drives this unique audience and explain

how to best communicate with and persuade them. Light hors-d’oeuvres and beverages will be supplied.

Power Hour is part of PTE’S Rise Up initiative, designed to share knowledge and empower others to succeed. Held quarterly, topics include new business trends, marketing and communication best practices, business development, and more.

To register to attend Power Hour or learn more, visit [www.getpushing.com/community/power-hour](http://www.getpushing.com/community/power-hour). There is no fee to attend, but space is limited. Attendees are asked to RSVP by Tuesday, August 28.✱

## Finalists Set For Industry Awards

The Horizon Council and Lee County Economic Development have announced the finalists for the annual Industry Appreciation Awards that will be held at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point on Thursday, October 4. A panel of local business and community leaders served as judges for the awards.

The finalists for the Business Citizenship Award include Crown Roofing, Cushman & Wakefield Commercial Property, Edison National Bank, Lee County Electric Cooperative, Pavese Law Firm and Pushing the Envelope. The award is given to a company whose financial, volunteer and active involvement in community organizations and programs create a better quality of business and civic life in Lee County. Awards will be given in two categories: large (51 or more employees) and small (1 to 50 employees).

The finalists for the Nonprofit of the Year Award are Alliance for the Arts, Child Care of SW Florida, FISH of Sanibel-Captiva, Heights Foundation, SWFL Crime Stoppers and Wildcat Run Charitable Foundation. The award is given to a Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has recognized a business or civic need within the community and through community responsibility, innovation, growth, sound business practices and community partnerships that serves the community with vision and integrity. Awards will be given in two categories:

large (operational budget over \$1 million) and small (operational budget under \$1 million).

The finalist for the Diversity in Business Award is Lee Health. The award is given to a business that has implemented programs in the workplace to create and promote diversity by employing initiatives within the organization and community. Diversity is generally defined as acknowledging, understanding, accepting, valuing and celebrating differences among people with respect to age, class, ethnicity, gender, physical and mental ability, race, sexual orientation, spiritual practice and public assistance status.

The finalists for the Startup of the Year Award are Minaya Learning Global Solutions, Oasis Senior Advisors and Testimonial Tree. The award is given to a company founded in Lee County in the last 3 to 5 years that has demonstrated continued growth both financially and in staffing while leading and overcoming challenges.

The finalists for the Business of the Year Award are FineMark National Bank and Trust, Shell Point Retirement Community and Sunshine Ace Hardware. The award is given to a company in business six or more years in Lee County that has successfully offered high-quality products, services, customer relations and employee development. The business must also demonstrate strong ethical standards, exemplary leadership in their industry and among clients contributing to the economic growth and free enterprise of Lee County.

For more information, visit [www.leecountybusiness.com/iaw](http://www.leecountybusiness.com/iaw).✳

## Cleanup Of Red Tide Fish Kills Continues

Contractors working for Lee County have removed more than 1,400 tons of fish from Lee County beaches and waterways since beginning work on August 2. That total doesn't include fish collected by Lee County Parks & Recreation staff before the contractor began work, fish collected from Boca Grande or fish collected by the City of Sanibel.

Efforts to mitigate water-quality issues throughout Lee County continue under the leadership of the Lee Board of County Commissioners with county staff, contracted vendors and several state entities, including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Florida Department of Health (DOH).

The county has a grant agreement in place with DEP for reimbursement of \$1.3 million to assist with red tide cleanup. The state funds are being supplemented by Tourist Development Tax reserves. Lee County plans to allocate funding necessary to cover emergency beach clean-up expenses through this fiscal year, which ends September 30.

Lee County is in receipt of two

newly purchased Surf Rake machines for beach and shoreline cleanup at \$60,000 apiece, and parks and rec staff have begun using the equipment on beaches.

Lee County Parks & Recreation staff has been cleaning county owned and operated beaches, parks and boat ramps affected by the red tide fish kill. The county has hired CrowderGulf, a debris-removal contractor, to assist in cleaning the beaches and shorelines, using both on-land and boat operations.

Areas cleaned so far by Lee County and its contractor include Boca Grande, Sanibel Causeway islands, Fort Myers Beach (including Access 40 north to Crescent Beach, Lynn Hall Park and Bowditch Point Park), Bonita Beach, Captiva Island bayside (South Seas to Tween Waters), Upper Captiva/Safety Harbor canal and Pine Island's southern canals in St. James City.

The City of Sanibel, which reports having collected 309.6 tons, and the Town of Fort Myers Beach and Captiva Erosion Prevention District continue their clean-up efforts in their areas.

Lee Commissioners passed a resolution urging President Trump to recognize a major disaster exists in Lee County because of the high concentration and prolonged presence of harmful red tide in the Gulf of Mexico and harmful blue-green algal blooms in the Caloosahatchee River and surrounding waters.

For more information, visit [www.leegov.com/waterqualityinfo](http://www.leegov.com/waterqualityinfo).✳

## FWC Biologist Honored With Resource Award

Kathleen Smith, a biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), has been honored with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Resource Manager of the Year award for her work at the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed Wildlife and Environmental Area (WEA) over the past six years.

The award, presented to her at the recent Governor and Cabinet's meeting in Tallahassee, recognizes outstanding resource management achievements by the hundreds of resource managers who protect state properties.

Smith was recognized for her passion and commitment to conserving wildlife while working in partnership with the South Florida Water Management District that co-manages this WEA, which is in Lee and Collier counties. One focus has been work on the federally endangered Florida bonneted bat. Smith has shared 240,000 acoustic bat call signatures she collected, and then analyzed the data used to develop monitoring and permitting protocols for this rare native species.

Smith also recognizes the CREW WEA is not just important for listed species but is a popular recreational destination. She has worked hard to maintain public access when hydrological restoration projects caused closures to roads and areas within the WEA.

"It is abundantly clear that Kathleen accepted the position of the CREW WEA area biologist with the aim to expand its duties, and to greatly enhance the research, monitoring and restoration of the species and habitats that make CREW WEA such a unique treasure to the region," said her supervisor Daniel Mitchell, who nominated her for the award. "Kathleen's impact on conservation goes beyond the footprint of CREW, as she has assisted with conflict wildlife issues in the area involving bears and panthers. She has a great ability to communicate with the public and



Kathleen Smith photo provided

goes the extra mile – like translating information into both Spanish and Creole languages to communicate better with Farm Workers Village residents in Immokalee on wildlife issues such as being BearWise."

"Kathleen possesses all the traits of an exemplary resource manager, including a strong work ethic, leadership ability, tremendous organizational and interpersonal skills, and dedication to going above and beyond her regular job duties," said Kipp Frohlich, director of the FWC's Division of Habitat and Species Management. "We are so proud that she is being recognized for her great work, and we are truly fortunate to have her on our FWC team."

Smith's work ethic and dedication might have been best exemplified last year when her housing was significantly damaged by Hurricane Irma.

"The hurricane didn't slow her down one bit," said her supervisor. "Despite personal hardship, she worked tirelessly on clearing trails, preventing further damage and coordinating repairs at CREW WEA."

Visit [www.myfwc.com/viewing](http://www.myfwc.com/viewing) and click on Wildlife Management Areas to learn more about the FWC's WMAs and WEAs throughout the state.✳

## Applications Sought For LCEC Funding Awards

September 1 is the deadline to apply for LCEC's 2018 Environmental Funding Awards. To apply for an environmental funding award from LCEC, organizations can email [pr@lcec.net](mailto:pr@lcec.net) to receive an application.

Interested organizations must meet certain criteria to be considered for the award, including being located within LCEC service territory, funding utilized for projects/programs related to the

environment and the utility industry, and having a demonstrated need for funds. Funding is awarded twice a year with deadlines happening in March and September.

Through this program, nearly \$20,000 was awarded in March 2018 to the following recipients: The City of Sanibel, Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW), Coastal Keepers, Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc., Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum and the Monofilament Busters.

LCEC's Environmental Funding Award Program is just one of the many ways that LCEC positively impacts and supports wildlife and the environment.✳



Susan Minaya photo provided

## Women In Business To Host Networking Event

The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Committee (WIB) will host its September networking meeting at Iberiabank on Wednesday, September 5 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Susan Minaya will present on the subject of Developing Your Whole Self. Minaya is the COO and chief learning strategist of Minaya Learning Global

Solutions LLC, a training and education products and services company providing Fortune 500 companies around the globe, nonprofit organizations and higher education institutions.

“Every day we show up and do what we do to either get through or make a difference in the day,” she said. “Based on research and our own Women in Business survey around developing the whole self, we seem to be missing a secret ingredient. Most of us are not in balance and find ourselves stagnant in one or more of the critical domains of our whole self: physical, mental, and spiritual. Balancing these domains is important for our own self-development and fosters wellbeing in other external areas of our life.”

Minaya will share research, some practical perspectives and success stories of developing the whole self and bring to light the glue that holds it all together.

There will be an opportunity to network with area business leaders. A complimentary beverage and light appetizers will be provided.

Iberiabank is both the host and sponsor of the September Women in Business meeting. The non-profit spotlight is PACE Center for Girls. All business professionals are invited to attend. Admission is \$10 for Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce (GFMCC) members and \$20 for future GFMCC members.

Iberiabank is located at 9101 College Pointe Court in Fort Myers. Call 332-3624 or visit [www.fortmyers.org](http://www.fortmyers.org) to register.✳

## Schools And Airport To Receive Mass Casualty Kits

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers South recently announced that the Fund-A-Need initiative for 2018, in conjunction with the 2018 Law & Order Ball, will provide funds to local law enforcement for mass casualty kits for Lee County schools, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida SouthWestern State College and Southwest Florida International Airport.

The goal of this year's Fund-A-Need initiative is to raise enough money for all Lee County schools to receive two mass casualty kits in addition to being available in common areas of Southwest Florida International Airport. Local healthcare supplier, LeeSar, will source and supply the kits based on the Lee County EMS standards.

A mass casualty kit provides multiple first aid supplies to stop bleeding and treat injuries until emergency assistance arrives. A vital component of these kits will be 10 tourniquets, bandages, and quick-clotting agents to “stop the bleed” within 1.9 seconds. Each kit can help 15 people in the event of an emergency.

The fundraising goal this year is \$186,000 for the kits to be available in all schools and common areas of the airport. This initiative is in addition to the funds from two years ago when all local law enforcement was provided with the kits.

Roger Mercado, Rotarian and event chair, explains the reason this was the cause chosen for this year's ball. “Fort Myers Rotary South and the Law and Order Ball strives to meet the unmet needs of our law enforcement partners. As we begin the new school year, from elementary to collegiate, there is a heightened awareness regarding safety and security. As Southwest Florida prepares itself for another tourist season, our airports will be packed. Through the suggestion of our partner agencies, we are trying to equip schools at all levels and our local airports with mass casualty kits to prepare ourselves for any disaster or crisis.”

Captain Mike Miller of the Lee County Sheriff's Office explains why these kits are necessary. “We have to gauge for the unexpected, especially now there's been a whole lot of tragedies happening in the schools. The kits can be helpful in any emergency situation, providing help to the wounded until emergency services arrives. We can actually treat multiple people and minimize the loss of life or serious injury.”

The Law & Order Ball was created to not only honor local law enforcement but to raise funds for various related needs. Trauma kits were also a focus in 2016 when the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South through the Law and Order Ball raised \$60,000 to fund personal or car “tactical” trauma kits for the officers to wear or to have available in the vehicles.

For more information about the event, to become a sponsor, or to contribute, visit [www.lawandorderball.org](http://www.lawandorderball.org) or email [info@lawandorderball.org](mailto:info@lawandorderball.org).✳

### Financial Focus

## Retiree Choices Affect Financial Strategies



by Jennifer Basey

Upon retiring, many people relocate to enjoy a more favorable climate, or to be closer to grown children, or to live in an area they've visited and enjoyed. If you, too, are thinking

of moving someday, you'll want to study possible locations, but you also need to be aware that where you eventually decide to live can greatly affect your savings and investment strategies – both now and during your retirement.

Here are some relocation costs to consider:

**Housing** – Not surprisingly, the larger the city, the more expensive the housing is likely to be. Also, locations near an ocean or the mountains tend to be more costly. But the type of housing you select – house, apartment or condominium – also can affect your financial picture in terms of initial expense, maintenance and possible tax benefits. Plus, you can now find newer types of arrangements, such as senior cooperative housing, in which you own a share of the community and have a voice in how it's run.

**Health care** – If you are age 65 or older when you retire, you'll have Medicare to cover some of your health care costs, though you'll still likely need to purchase some type of supplemental coverage. However, out-of-pocket health care expenses may vary in different parts of the country, so this is something else you'll want to check out before relocating. Of course, the availability of good medical facilities may be just as important to you as health care costs.

**Taxes** – You may hear about people moving to a different state to lower their tax burden during retirement. A few states don't have personal state income taxes, and many others offer favorable tax breaks on retirement income, so, if taxes are a major concern, you'll want to research the tax situation of prospective retirement locations. You may also want to consult with your tax advisor.

These aren't all the areas you will need to consider when estimating your total cost of living in a retirement destination, but they should give you a good idea of what you can expect. And your choice of where to live as a retiree can affect your financial strategy in at least two ways: how you invest today and how much you can withdraw from your retirement accounts when you're retired.

Regarding how you invest today, you should evaluate whether your current investment strategy is likely to produce the resources needed to support you adequately in the retirement location you've chosen. So, for example, if you think you're going to live in a fairly expensive place, you may need to reduce your expenses, delay retirement or work part time.

Your choice of a retirement destination also may affect how much money you withdraw each year from your 401(k) and IRA. When choosing an appropriate withdrawal rate, you'll need to consider other variables – your age, the amount of money in your retirement accounts, other available assets, etc. – but your cost of living will be a key factor. A financial professional can help you determine the withdrawal rate that's right for you.

When you retire, it can be a great feeling to live where you want, but you'll enjoy it more if you're fully aware of the costs involved – and the financial steps you'll need to take.

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## Horizon Council Membership Meeting

The Horizon Council and the Lee County Economic Development Office will host a general membership meeting at Florida SouthWestern State College in Building U, Room 102 on Friday, August 24 at 8 a.m.

The event will begin with networking and will be followed by the meeting at 8:30 a.m. To register, call 533-6800 or go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search for Horizon Council general membership.

The meeting will feature two keynote addresses on workforce training and development:

Dr. John Meyer, president of Hodges University, discussing Professional Effectiveness Certification

Tessa LeSage, director of Social Innovation and Sustainability, Southwest Florida Community Foundation, discussing the FutureMakers Coalition initiative

The Lee County Economic Development Office provides business assistance to retain existing businesses, encourage entrepreneurship and to attract new businesses so that Lee County has a strong economy, thriving communities, and broadly shared prosperity. For information, visit [www.leecountybusiness.com](http://www.leecountybusiness.com).

The Horizon Council is a public-private advisory board established in 1991 to advise the Lee County Board of Commissioners on economic development issues. For more information, visit [www.leecountybusiness.com](http://www.leecountybusiness.com) or call 533-6800.

Florida SouthWestern State College is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers.✳

## Sanibel Resort Hosting USTA Tournament

Sundial Beach Resort & Spa will be hosting the 2018 USTA Southwest Florida Clay Court Championships, open to USTA members ages 18 and over. Slated for September 28 to 30, the USTA-sanctioned event categories include Men's and Women's Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles for NTRP rated divisions 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0. Age divisions are Open, 30s, 40s and 50s.

Players are invited to register with USTA Tennis Link using tournament ID #150046618. Pricing is \$59.63 first singles and \$43.50 first doubles. Draws close on September 26. Resort tennis information is available by emailing [tennis@sundialresort.com](mailto:tennis@sundialresort.com) or by calling 395-6037.

"We're looking forward to a great weekend of competition and camaraderie," said Sundial tennis pro and tournament director Christian Clark. "This is our third year hosting the event and it has become an annual Sundial tradition, offering players and

their families a fun resort weekend."

With a long legacy of island tennis, Sundial completed a total renovation of its six courts, installing new state of the art HydroGrid facilities in Fall 2014. Resurfaced in July 2018, Sundial's facilities are recognized area-wide and have repeatedly been voted the Best Tennis on Sanibel and Captiva islands.

Sundial Beach Resort & Spa is offering a special tournament rate of \$199 for fully equipped studio or island suite accommodations, which includes breakfast for two and waived resort fee. Room reservations may be made online at [www.sundialresort.com](http://www.sundialresort.com). The resort offers complimentary paddleboards, kayaks, bicycles and beach volleyball.

The two-day tournament includes a Saturday evening party and trophies. Player gift bags will be provided by Kay Casperson Lifestyle Spa & Boutique and player refreshments will be donated by Bailey's Marketplace. Event sponsors include RLR Investments, Royal Shell Real Estate, Port Sanibel Marina, Coastal Outfitters, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, DeRomos Gourmet Market & Restaurant, RS Walsh Landscaping, *Sanibel-Captiva Islander* and Meridian Group.✽

## Boating Safety Exams Now Offered Online

Access to Florida's Boater Education Temporary Certificate Program has been expanded, thanks to work done by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to make allowances for online course providers to offer the required courses over the internet.

In August of 2017, the FWC amended Florida Administrative Code 68D-36.108 to allow the temporary certificate exam to be offered in an online version. This change makes it easier and more convenient for both vessel operators and vessel liveries to comply with Florida's boater education laws, which require liveries to verify that customers born on or after January 1, 1988, have met Florida's boating safety education requirements before allowing them to rent their vessels.

Online temporary certificate exam providers will create a system that allows 24-hour, seven-day a week accessibility to the exam using tablets, laptops, or other electronic devices. This added convenience will make it easier for both visitors and residents by allowing them to take the test before a vacation to Florida.

Currently, one online boating safety education provider, Boat Ed, has completed the process to offer the exam online. Boat Ed has been a leader and innovator in boating safety education since 1995. Study or learning materials are available on the Boat Ed site to prepare students for the exam, improve their boating knowledge and increase their chances of successfully completing the exam on the first try. The exam costs \$3 and study materials are available for an additional charge. A link to the exam can be found at [www.boat-ed.com/floridarental](http://www.boat-ed.com/floridarental).

Prior to this change, paper exams were the only option and were required to be completed and passed by rental vessel operators. The ability for liveries to continue to offer paper exams has not changed with the addition of this online option. Liveries can still purchase and administer the paper exams, as long as their contract and insurance are valid.

The temporary certificate exam is a knowledge check, not a full education course. It cannot be converted into a boater safety identification card that is valid for life. Temporary certificates are not valid in any other state and do not meet boater safety education requirements in other states.

The online exam will be 25 questions, randomly selected from a large pool of questions. Upon successful completion of the exam, students will be provided an electronic proof of their successful completion and their passing score. A livery will be able to inspect this proof to ensure that a prospective vessel renter has met Florida's boating safety education requirements.

The new change offers various benefits to liveries:

Liveries are not required to contract with any other company to use the online exam.

A link that will send customers directly to the online exam can be provided by liveries.

Liveries are not required to continue purchasing paper exams from the FWC.

The burden of mailing paper tests back to the FWC is removed with the online option.

Liveries will be able to provide speedier service to customers who take the exam in advance of renting.

The FWC encourages liveries to transition to the new online exam system to increase accessibility and streamline the testing process for renters interested in enjoying Florida's beautiful waterways by boat.✽

### Superior Interiors

## Making The Most Of A Small Bedroom

by Trinetta Nelson



Decorating a small bedroom might seem challenging, but there are so many simple ways to make the space equally functional and stylish.

First, make sure to stick to a strict color palette. Decorating with too many hues will make the room look more cramped and cluttered than it is. A monochromatic color scheme can create a soothing and open atmosphere.

Letting as much light in as possible is

another simple way to open the space. Dress the windows with voile drapes instead of dark curtains. Don't limit wall decorations to art. Consider hanging multiple large mirrors. It creates the illusion that there's double the amount of space and bounces light around the room.

Finding storage space can often present a challenge. A floor-to-ceiling fitted storage unit is the perfect answer. Not only is it extremely functional, but it can add a hint of character and personalization to the room. Freeing up the floor space in a small bedroom is key, so do it whenever possible.

Consider an innovative approach to the furniture selection, such as a hanging night stand or set of floating shelves.

Making the most of a small bedroom is easy. If you're ready to free up the space in your small bedroom, a design professional can easily assist with space planning.

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Carla Hyde and Christar Damiano

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## Broadway Palm

*Circus Transformus* aims to entertain and inspire its audience to rise to the challenge of healing planet Earth.

*Circus Transformus* tells the story of a young girl who awakens to find her world on the brink of disaster. She teams up with an unlikely group of allies to combat the forces that threaten her planet. But can they save it before it's too late? This original story features a cast of local acrobats, aerialists, contortionists and fire performers, and is a celebration of the awakening of the human spirit.

Producing *Circus Transformus* is Will Prather, owner of Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, along with Christar Damiano and Carla Hyde, who are

also the show's creators and directors. Damiano and Hyde have a combined circus experience of more than 50 years and are both passionate about environmental activism. Damiano has performed across the globe in such places as Mexico, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, India, Thailand and Hawaii. Hyde has delighted audiences since 1987 with her aerial artistry performing with the world renowned Flying Espanas and the Flying Lunas in circuses across the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico.

This production is intended for mature audiences; parental discretion is advised. Tickets are \$50 to \$65 and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com) or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✽

# It May Be A Long Shot, But Red Sox Could Tie Or Set A New Record

by Ed Frank



It's seldom mentioned, and it's probably still a long shot, but the blistering pace of the 2018 Boston Red Sox gives them the opportunity to tie or break baseball's record of 116 wins in a single season.

The record is held by the Seattle Mariners who went 116-46 in 2001 and the Chicago Cubs who won 116 games way back in 1906 in a 152-game schedule.

Here's the scenario at the beginning of this week:

Through 125 games played, Boston was 88-37, a (.704) winning percentage, the best by far in baseball.

The Red Sox need to win 29 of the 37 games remaining – a (.783) percentage to break the record. That's an ambitious task, but not impossible. Here's why:

Twenty-one of those 37 are home games at Fenway Park – four against Cleveland, two against Miami, three against Houston, three against the New York Mets, three against Baltimore, three against Toronto and three with the New York Yankees.

Only the Yankees, Cleveland and Houston have winning records.

The 16 road games are three at Tampa Bay, four against the Chicago White

Sox, three at Atlanta, three with the Yankees and three with Cleveland. The road schedule is more difficult as only the White Sox have a losing record.

As the last six weeks of the season winds down, this will be an interesting chase to follow. You can be sure if the Red Sox approach that record, it will be a growing story day by day.

And the pressure on the Red Sox will be greater each day.

If you ask anyone in the Red Sox organization, they will tell you their only interest is first winning the American League Eastern Division title, the American League Championship and the World Series.

If the 116-winning mark is broken, that would be icing on the cake.

## Miracle Chase Division Title And Just One-Half Game Out Of First Place

With just 13 games remaining in the season's second-half, the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team trailed first-place Charlotte by just one-half game in the Florida State League South Division.

The Miracle began this week with a record of 33-23. Of the 13 games remaining, the final seven will be home games starting Monday – four against Bradenton and three with Clearwater. The regular season ends September 2.

Two first-round draft selections by the Minnesota Twins have given the Miracle a big boost in the later stages of the current campaign.

Shortstop Royce Lewis, the No. 1 overall pick in 2017 is hitting .307 in 34 games played with the Miracle. And Alex Kirilloff, an outfielder, who was a first round, number 15, pick by the Twins in 2015 was hitting .375 in 52 games with the Miracle.✪

# Miracle To Host Harry Potter Night On September 1

The Fort Myers Miracle are inviting all Harry Potter fans to the ballpark on Saturday, September 1 as Hammond Stadium turns into the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Harry Potter Night will feature a variety of themed activities, and Hammond Stadium will be serving Butterbeer at the concession stands. The Miracle also are giving away two tickets to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Orlando; contest details will be announced through social media, and the lucky fan must be present at Harry Potter Night to win.

The Miracle are offering a special \$15 ticket promotion that includes a general admission seat, souvenir wand, a juicy Kayem hotdog and a fountain drink. Fans should use the promo code "Harry Potter" at checkout when purchasing tickets online, and then can choose to sit in a section based on their house preference from the Potter series: Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw or Hufflepuff.

Fans are encouraged to dress as their favorite character from the series: Harry Potter, Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley, or even Severus Snape, Albus Dumbledore, Voldemort and Rubeus Hagrid.

"Our costume nights have been some of our most popular games all season," said Chris Peters, Miracle general manager and president. "Hopefully some of our wizards and witches can put a spell on the players and carry our team to victory."

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.

Harry Potter Night is one of many promotions on tap for the Miracle's final homestand of 2018. Upcoming promotions include:

Monday, August 27 (7 p.m. vs. Bradenton Marauders): Dollar Dog Monday, HUMANA Silver Slugger Club

Tuesday, August 28 (7 p.m. vs. Bradenton Marauders): Two-for-One Tuesday, Lee County Employee Appreciation Night

Wednesday, August 29 (7 p.m. vs. Bradenton Marauders): Winning Wednesday

Thursday, August 30 (7 p.m. vs. Bradenton Marauders): Thirsty Thursday, College Night, FGCU Night  
Friday, August 31 (7 p.m. vs.

Clearwater Threshers): Fireworks Friday, Game of Thrones Night, Pregame Happy Hour

Saturday, September 1 (6 p.m. vs. Clearwater Threshers): Harry Potter Night, Byron Buxton Bobblehead Giveaway, Bark in the Park

Sunday, September 2 (noon vs. Clearwater Threshers): Last Game

Celebration, Dairy Queen Sunday, Kids Run the Bases, Kids Club Sunday

Gates open one hour before first pitch. Tickets start at \$7.50 in advance or \$9 on the day of the game; fireworks games cost an additional \$1.

For more information about baseball tickets and promotions, call 768-4210 or visit [www.miraclebaseball.com](http://www.miraclebaseball.com).✪

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Four times a conference has had four teams in a College World Series. How many times did a team from that group go on to win the championship?
2. In 2017, Joe West became the third umpire to have worked at least 5,000 major-league games. Name either of the other two.
3. When was the last time before the 2016 season (Denver and Carolina) that both Super Bowl teams from one season failed to make the playoffs the next season?
4. How many times has the Baylor men's basketball team reached the NCAA Tournament's Final Four?
5. In 2018, Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin and Brian Dumoulin scored goals five seconds apart to tie an NHL playoff record for fastest two goals. Who had held the mark?
6. When was the last time before 2018 (Clint Bowyer, Kevin Harvick and Kurt Busch) that a NASCAR team's drivers swept the top three spots in a Cup race?
7. Name two of the three male tennis players who have won the Australian Open singles title six times.

## ANSWERS

1. Once – LSU of the SEC, in 1997. 2. Bill Klem and Bruce Froemming. 3. The 2003 season, when Oakland and Tampa Bay did not qualify for the playoffs after playing in Super Bowl 37.
4. Twice – 1948 and 1950. 5. Norm Lillman of the Detroit Red Wings scored both goals in 1965. 6. In 2008, Roush Fenway Racing's Greg Biffle, Matt Kenseth and Carl Edwards did it.
7. Roy Emerson, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic.



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## Partnership To Help Alzheimer's Disease Funding

The Alzheimer's Association and financial services-firm Edward Jones recently entered into an historic partnership, whereby Edward Jones has committed \$4.7 million over two years to support the mission of the Alzheimer's Association, according to Jennifer Basey, a financial advisor in Fort Myers.

Funding through the partnership will enhance the association's care and support programs, including the 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 and provide educational materials on brain health as well as funds for critical Alzheimer's disease research and grassroots awareness activities.

In addition, the Alzheimer's Association will provide services, support and education on brain health and Alzheimer's disease to Edward Jones' associates and clients.

"With more than 12,000 branch office locations in the United States, this commitment from Edward Jones will move the Alzheimer's cause forward," said Donna McCullough, chief development officer, Alzheimer's Association. "Together we will reach more families who need information, resources and guidance as they face an Alzheimer's diagnosis and caregiving challenges. In addition, funding will support critical research exploring the causes of, and treatments for Alzheimer's disease."

The partnership has several facets. The Alzheimer's Association will work with Edward Jones to create the Edward Jones Alzheimer's Research Fund, a targeted effort to advance research toward methods of treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure at a quicker pace. Edward Jones will also serve as the nationwide presenting sponsor of the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's, an event that raised more than \$77 million in 2015 to support Alzheimer's Association care and education programs, fuel

research and advance public policy. The Alzheimer's Association will provide education programs to associates at Edward Jones and will work to ensure their associates are equipped to share the resources of the Alzheimer's Association with clients.

"We're thrilled to be teaming up with the Alzheimer's Association to help find a cure for one of the greatest threats to the health and wealth of families, including the millions of families that we serve in North America," said John Beuerlein, Edward Jones partner with responsibility for the firm's newly-created Senior Investor Council. "We are proud to make this commitment to the mission of the Alzheimer's Association and its critical fight to end Alzheimer's disease."

The Edward Jones Alzheimer's Research Fund will make grants to research projects chosen by the Edward Jones Senior Investor Council from peer-reviewed and best-in-class research projects presented by the association. The Senior Investor Council will be looking to fund the most impactful research possible to move the cause forward.

In addition, Edward Jones has made a generous commitment to the Alzheimer's Association's sister organization, the Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM). For details about AIM, visit [www.alzimpact.org](http://www.alzimpact.org).

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. It is the largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research. The association's mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Its vision is a world without Alzheimer's. Visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or call 800-272-3900.

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Dr. Larry Antonucci

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## Lee Health CEO Joins Twitter

Dr. Larry Antonucci, Lee Health president and CEO, is now live in the Twitterverse. By following @DrAntonucci, anyone can connect with Dr. Antonucci as he shares Lee Health's mission, vision and values, and discusses Lee Health, hot topics in health care and much more.

"Twitter is a great platform for me to engage with our community and share the latest news and information about the great work happening at Lee Health," said Dr. Antonucci. "I look forward to sharing with all of you using this fast-paced and exciting medium."

For additional ways to stay connected with Lee Health, users can follow on the following platforms: Facebook; Instagram; Twitter; YouTube; Vimeo; and LinkedIn. Learn more at [www.LeeHealth.org](http://www.LeeHealth.org). ✨

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From left, LA DeRiggi, Caryl Martin, Kelly Hall and Rich Corbett

## Scholarship Winners Honored By Architects

Three Lee County students were among six scholarship recipients recently honored by The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Florida Southwest Chapter at a special presentation hosted by Richlin Interiors at Miromar Design Center in Estero.

Financial assistance totaled \$6,000 to six students who are either enrolled in a bachelor of architecture or a master of architecture program at a university or college. The scholarships are funded through local member donations and dues.

"We have a very vibrant and thriving building and architecture industry in Southwest Florida, and we want to help our local students and let them know that we are here as an organization to support them now and in the future," said Art Castellanos, president of the AIA Florida Southwest Chapter.

Allie Stefanick of Fort Myers received a \$2,500 scholarship to assist in her architectural studies at the University of



From left, Art Castellanos, Rick McCormack and Tyler Patak

South Florida in Tampa.

Christian Alonso of Bonita Springs received a \$1,500 scholarship to continue his studies toward a master of arts degree in architecture at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Sydney Matsumoto of Fort Myers gained a \$500 scholarship to continue her studies toward a master of arts degree

in architecture at the University of Miami.

Dylan Scallan of Naples gained a \$500 scholarship to study architecture at the University of Florida.

Kaci Seitzinger of Naples received a \$500 scholarship toward a bachelor of arts degree in architecture at the University of Florida.

Emma Pritchett of Port Charlotte



Christian Alonso and Kyle Kitchens

received a \$500 scholarship to pursue a degree in architecture at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

The AIA Florida Southwest is the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects and consists of 140 architect members and 100 allied and associate members in Southwest Florida. For more information, visit [www.aiaflasw.org](http://www.aiaflasw.org).



From left, Laura Salazar, Jason Tramonte and Charlie Gutekunst



From left, Allie Stefanick, Christian Alonso, Emma Pritchett, Art Castellanos, Kaci Seitzinger and Dylan Scallan

## Children's Charity Group To Focus On Mental Health

SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. is kicking off its 2019 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest fundraising season with the announcement of a new organizational focus on mental and behavioral health.

With a 10-year history of raising \$25 million in lifesaving funds in support of organizations committed to pediatric health care and education, SWFL Children's Charities, Inc.'s annual signature fundraising event will now shine a brighter light on mental illness. The majority of the proceeds from the 2019 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest's auction will be allocated to local organizations dedicated to enhancing mental and behavioral health, with another portion of the funds continuing to support pediatric health care services at Golisano Children's Hospital and pediatric healthcare educational programs at Florida Gulf Coast University and Florida SouthWestern State College.

SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. has named Christin Collins, Brooke Denson and Debbie Toler as chairpersons of the 2019 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest. The Grand Tasting and Live Auction will take place at noon on February 24, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs. The theme of



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the 2019 event is Building Healthy Minds, aligning with SWFL Children's Charities, Inc.'s new mental and behavioral health focus.

SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. is also announcing a new partnership with the Southwest Florida Community Foundation to enhance its grant application and selection process. The partnership will be instrumental in selecting the annual beneficiaries of the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, leveraging the Southwest Florida Community Foundation's vast resources



Christin Collins

to implement criteria to assess potential beneficiaries of the mental and behavioral health focus, as well as the stewardship of funds and monitoring of performance and results.

"The demand for mental health services is far greater than what is currently available in our region, and we received an overwhelming response in 2017 through our event's Fund-A-Cause for mental and behavioral health. Since then, the momentum has continued to grow," said Toler. "Thousands of local children are affected by these invisible



Debbie Toler

illnesses, and as an organization, we see an opportunity to truly serve as a champion for mental and behavioral health within our community. We are thrilled to support this initiative in a greater capacity through our annual fundraising event, working together to build healthy minds and break the stigma against mental illness."

To learn more about SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. and to inquire about tickets to the 2019 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, visit [www.swflwinefest.org](http://www.swflwinefest.org).\*

Beautifulife:

## Back To School

by Kay Casperson



What kinds of things are you focusing on at this time of year? Many families are thinking about getting their kids back to school and all the preparation that this entails,

so I thought it would be a good time to bring attention to some of the other things that we tend to think about while summer is winding down.

Continuing education – what things do you need to complete to keep licenses current or to get more knowledgeable in your field? Learning should always be a part of your life. Whether you take an actual class or subscribe to a service or organization that can help you grow and learn in your field, this is a wonderful time to take advantage of those opportunities.

End-of-year goals – what things can you implement in your daily tasks in order to meet the goals that you have set before you or your company? What a great time to reassess those goals and to put the steps in place to make them

really happen. Make a list of the goals, what they were for the year and where they stand right now. Then, list the things that need to happen in order to meet it.

Reorganizing – this is a time of year that is great for cleaning out the clutter from your closets, cabinets, basements, garages or vacation properties in order to make more space and to organize things to get ready for a new season with a refreshed outlook. Remember, after things have sat in one place for more than a few years without being used, it is time to take a look at whether you have a need for them at all or if you can get rid of them by donating them or giving them away.

Plan a shopping day – make a list of things you want to buy to spruce up your wardrobe, home or office, and plan a day to go out and have some fun shopping around for them. Make it a special day that you set aside and don't have to rush back, and take some time to enjoy browsing and shopping. Maybe you could also stop to have a nice lunch or dinner as shopping should be an enjoyable adventure.

Regardless of what this time of year makes you think about or concentrate on, remember to cherish the fact that most people are thinking "back to school" and there is something cool and refreshing about that, so get on the bandwagon and get your "back to

school" hat on, get educated, set goals, organize and go shopping.

My affirmation for you this week is: "I am preparing for a new season to learn and grow and will continue to refresh my outlook for success!"

*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](http://www.kaycasperson.com) or follow on social media @kaycasperson.\**

## Lee Health Named Among Best Employers

Lee Health is included among some of the world's most recognizable organizations including Harvard University, Google and the Mayo Clinic in *Forbes Magazine's* inaugural Best Employers for Women rankings.

Forbes partnered with market research company Statista to identify companies and organizations that support women in areas that are important to them, such as:

- Pay equity
- Opportunities for advancement

Family leave.

Statista surveyed 40,000 Americans, including 25,000 women, and ranked the top 300 employers in the United States. Lee Health ranked 86th.

"We are extremely proud to be included as one of the best employers for women in the country," said Mike Wukitsch, Lee Health chief human resources officer. "This recognition demonstrates our dedication to build a flexible, inclusive culture at Lee Health that empowers all employees."

Respondents in the Statista survey were first asked to rate their organizations on criteria such as working conditions, diversity and how likely they'd be to recommend their employer to others. These responses were reviewed for potential gender gaps. The company then asked female respondents to rate their employers on factors such as parental leave, discrimination and pay equity. Respondents were also asked to nominate organizations in industries outside their own. The final list ranks the 300 employers that both received the most recommendations and boast the most gender diverse boards and executive ranks.

For more information about the inaugural list of Best Employers for Women, visit [www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com).

For more information about Lee Health, visit [www.leehealth.org](http://www.leehealth.org).\*

dearRPharmacist

## Help In Case You're Losing Your Mind



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Readers: Don't you hate it when you're introduced and you can't remember the person's name? What about remembering whether or not you already told someone that story? It's like one day

you go from young to old.

This stuff seems to happen more and more as you age. Why does it happen to some of us, and not to others? I've wondered. I think it has to do with elevated homocysteine, at least in part. Emerging research about homocysteine connects it to neurofibrillary tangles, and those are associated with progressive memory disorders like Alzheimer's.

Did you know that NSAIDs and oral contraceptives are strong drug muggers of folate? If you deplete folate (vitamin B9), you block your methylation cycle, homocysteine builds up and memory becomes impaired.

Perhaps maintaining brain function is related to declining levels of another B vitamin called "methylcobalamin." It's also known as vitamin B12, a nutrient that is manufactured by your intestinal flora.

Today, health food stores and online e-tailers offer various supplements that you can buy over the counter, but of course, ask your doctor what's right for you. I couldn't possibly know what's right for each of you, and this article reaches millions of people, so again, find out if these simple nutritional fixes are ideal for you:

**Acetyl L-Carnitine** – The amino acid Acetyl-L-Carnitine crosses the blood-brain barrier more readily than regular plain L-Carnitine, and it helps

the body make acetylcholine, the brain's super neurotransmitter that is necessary for healthy mood and optimal cognitive function, as well as muscle health, a side benefit.

**Lion's Mane** – A 2014 study concluded that lion's mane promotes the growth of nerve cells in the brain. Lion's mane increases NGF (Nerve Growth Factor), which then encourages the growth of new neurites. NGF encourages neurons to connect to each other, communicate better and, simply put, this helps you learn faster and remember things better.

**Bacopa Monnieri** – Bacopa monnieri exerts a strong protective effect on the brain because it inhibits the production of acetylcholinesterase, an enzyme that breaks down acetylcholine, and acetylcholine is a neurotransmitter that you want a lot of in your brain.

**Gotu Kola** – Gotu kola may help to increase the growth of neurons, promoting brain function, reducing mental fatigue and supporting memory.

**Phosphatidylserine** – Phosphatidylserine begins to decline with age. It helps "connect the wires" upstairs and improve nerve impulse firing.

**Green Tea** – It's found in green tea, and EGCG can cross the blood-brain barrier. A 2012 study in mice found that supplemental EGCG promotes brain plasticity in the hippocampus area of the brain.

Today should be an important day for you, particularly if you're now really thinking seriously about your memory for the first time. I'm not a fan of the "wait and see" approach when it comes to your brain. Our life experiences and family relationships as well as friendships are important memories. Your job depends on your ability to remember the simplest tasks. If you'd like to read the longer version of this article, just sign up for my newsletter at [www.suzycohen.com](http://www.suzycohen.com), and I'll email it to you.

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## World Premiere

their enhancements, because they can no longer pay for the required maintenance. She explains it's nothing personal, just a business transaction.

The two-act play consists of numerous vignettes that show us how Rich and Gretchen came to be in this situation. We watch Gretchen visit her old friend Cindy (Tamicka Armstrong) as she tries to find out who she was five years ago before she met Rich. Rich used to be a drinker, and now he's a tee-totaler. His old friend Ted (Patrick Day) plays a big role in their lives. Gretchen was transformed from a slightly trappy young woman into a well educated one with a master's degree, who speaks French. They both wonder who they will be when their repurposed memories are removed.

The stage setting has a backdrop of an electrified brain with removable compartments that exemplify the concept

of swapping out old elements of our life for new memories, talents and personality traits. Kudos to the stage crew for handling these maneuvers. A continuing theme is the concept of avatars in video games where it is possible to build your own avatar and actually become that avatar. Rich's company designs virtual playgrounds for the 10 million people on this planet who are serious gamers.

The play is serious, but not without humor. All the actors give top notch professional performances. *Repossessed* is a great play for discussion with friends. It's the perfect way for Theatre Conspiracy to begin its 25th consecutive season. There are some wonderful surprises in the storyline. The opening night audience loved the production.

*Repossessed* plays through August 26 at Theatre Conspiracy in the Alliance for the Arts, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. Reserve your tickets by calling the box office at 939-2787, or visit [www.artinlee.org/theatre](http://www.artinlee.org/theatre).

Doctor and Dietician

## Fruit Thoughts



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

**U**nprocessed, whole fruit is a healthy choice for most people, especially over processed fruit products or juice. Some people say they want to avoid fruit due to sugar but don't have a problem gorging on pastries. This doesn't make sense. Fruit is a healthier choice than sugary desserts. There are many fun, creative ways to blend fresh fruit with protein and vegetables for balanced meals or snacks.

While one mango has a whopping 45 grams of sugar, they can be used in small amounts to make mango salsa to top fish or chicken, or blended with herbs and olive oil to make a salad dressing or marinade for grilling meat and veggie skewers. Another favorite

fruit, pears, have 17 grams of sugar each. Try a few slices mixed into Greek yogurt, add chunks to a salad, or spread some goat cheese on a pear slice for protein-rich treats. Of course, apple slices with peanut or almond butter is always a classic too – yum!

Whole fruit takes time to chew and digest, and is also filling, so you are less inclined to overeat. Conversely, fiber and antioxidants are lost during processing of many fruit-based packaged foods and drinks. Fruit juice is associated with higher body weight in children and higher blood pressure in adults. A cup of orange juice has about the same sugar content as a cup of soda. Choose whole fruit rather than the liquid form.

Not all fruits are loaded with sugar. An entire apricot has 3.2 grams of sugar, while a guava has 5 grams and is really high in fiber. Try these diced over cottage cheese. Raspberries have 5 grams of sugar and strawberries have 7 grams per cup. Add berries to brighten up dull oatmeal or just enjoy a handful on their own. Delicious and loaded with antioxidants!

*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](mailto:info@caringmedical.com).*

## Free Pain Clinic Receives National Grant

**T**he Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic has been selected as one of six recipients nationwide to receive a grant from the NORCAL Group Foundation, a foundation dedicated to improving healthcare in local communities.

The Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic currently offers a unique treatment model for low-income, uninsured pain patients utilizing medical and chiropractic care, massage and physical therapy, modalities, and health and exercise counseling to treat patients at the source of their pain without the use of drugs. NORCAL Group Foundation funding will assist in expansion of services for patients in need.

"We are excited to expand services from one night per week, to a day-time operating clinic," said Alan Gruning, DO, executive/medical director of the Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic. "The support we have received from community individuals and now the NORCAL Group Foundation has turned this dream into a reality. We have secured a lease space and will be in our own facility this fall."

Goals for the clinic expansion are as

follows:

Combat the epidemic of prescription pain medication abuse by treating pain at the source and negating the need for pain medications

Decrease utilization by pain patients of emergency departments and hospital inpatient services, with the resulting financial savings to the healthcare system

Evaluate the impact a free pain clinic has on the local healthcare system, by working directly with hospitals to diagnose and treat incoming pain patients through a holistic approach

Evaluate the decrease in prescription drug use by patients treated using a Functional Medicine model

Create a template that can be utilized by other healthcare systems to successfully diagnose and treat uninsured pain patients at the source

"There are so many opportunities to impact healthcare in local communities," said Joy Corso, president of the NORCAL Group Foundation. "The work the Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic and our grant recipients are doing is a great example of meaningful efforts to improve local healthcare for both patients and physicians, and we are very proud to support these endeavors."

Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic is one of six organizations nationwide that were awarded funding for initiatives and programs focused on patient care, patient safety and physician wellness.\*

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# PETS OF THE WEEK

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PAWS Of Sanibel

## Matilda And Capie

Hi, my name is Matilda. My foster mom calls me Tilly for short. I'm about 11 months old and was lost in the area of East Lake Road, off Casa Ybel late last Friday night, August 3. Some kind people took me in for the remainder of the night. On Saturday morning, the lady from PAWS took me over to Coral Veterinary Clinic in Fort Myers to have them look me over. I have been combo tested (negative), had FVRCP and Rabies immunizations and was treated for fleas. I did not have a microchip. If PAWS can't find my people, I will be available for adoption in about two weeks. If I am your kitty, or you know who



Matilda

my people are, please call Pam at PAWS at 472-4823. You can also call if you're interested in meeting me and perhaps giving me a new forever home if my people can't be located.

Hello, I'm Capie. I was just born on June 2, so I'm only 9 weeks old. Some great kids on vacation at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva found me on the side of the road on July 9 and took me to PAWS. I was very tiny back then. I've been going to the vet for checkups and immunizations, etc. I'm now up to 2 pounds, 7 ounces. I'm told that I'm a pretty handsome guy. My fur is kind of blue/gray, and I have interesting eyes and eyebrows. I love to run and chase golf balls and climb on cat trees. I would be very happy if someone would adopt me and take me to my forever home. Call Pam at PAWS at 472-4823 and come meet me.\*



Capie

PAWS Of Sanibel

## Sasha

This is Sasha. She was picked up Wednesday night, August 15, on Airport Road off of Casa Ybel by the Sanibel Police after a call from a local resident. Sasha appears young, approximately 1 to 2 years old, has no microchip and is a tan/black tabby. It appears she is not yet spayed. She is very sweet and gentle. Sasha is being boarded at Coral Vet in Fort Myers. Her combo test for FIV/FeLV/Heartworms was negative. She has been given immunizations for FVRCP, FeLV, Rabies, and given a heart-worm and flea preventative.

If you recognize Sasha, and/or know her family, call Pam at PAWS at 472-4823. If we can't locate Sasha's people in the next couple of weeks, she will be available for adoption. If you're interested in adopting or fostering Sasha, call Pam.\*



Sasha

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

## Trina And Turbo

Hello, my name is Trina. I am a 3-year-old female terrier mix who is a pint-sized cutie that has ears for days. I have an underbite that will make you smile every time you see me. I am shy for about 2.2 seconds and will warm up almost immediately. I am curious about everything around me and these ears perk up with interest when I see or hear anything. I am at the perfect age where I am past the puppy chewing stage but young enough to have a lot of playful living left. Stop by to meet me today.



Trina ID# A749964

my looks make me priceless. I am a bundle of infectious energy that you can spend hours of enjoyment just sitting and watching me play.

I have no adoption fee.

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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](http://www.leegov.com/animalservices) or call 533-7387.\*



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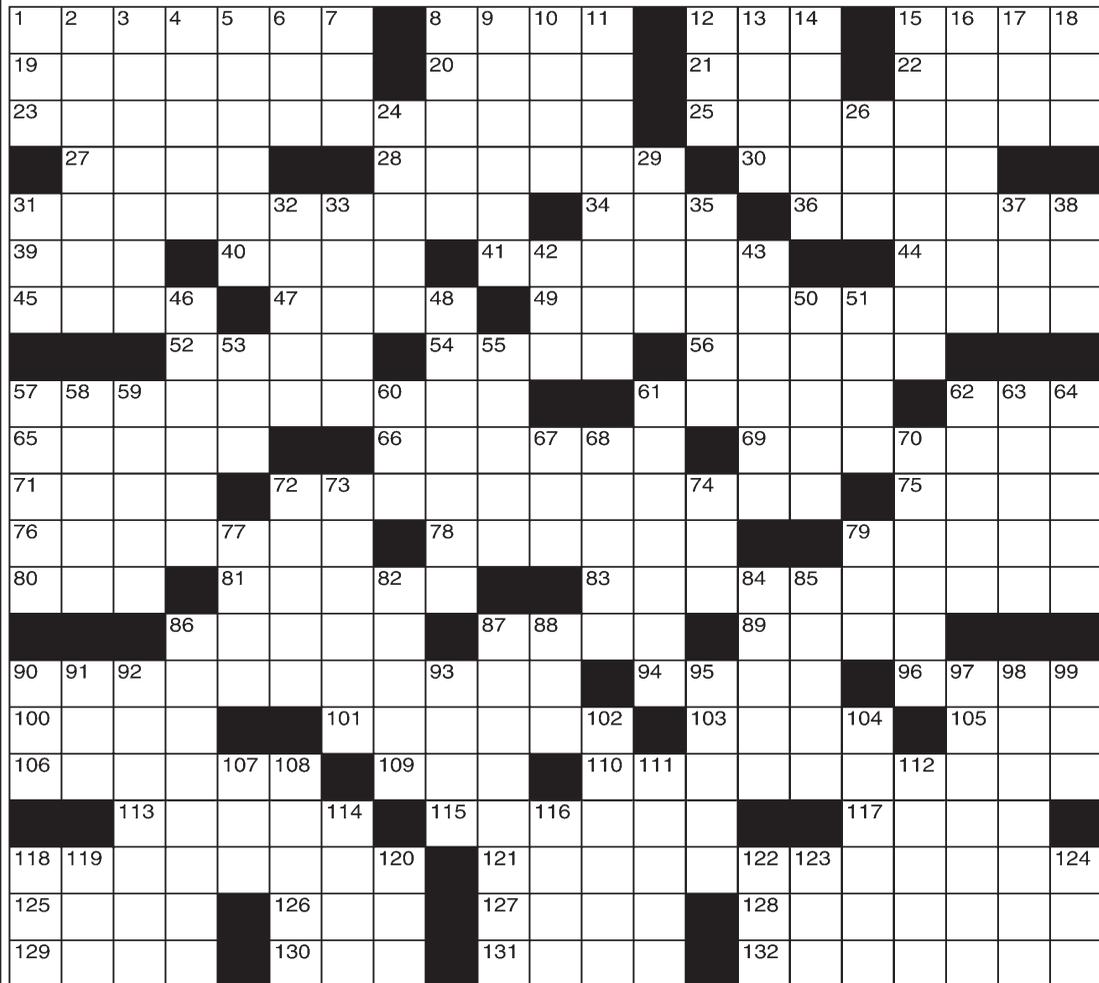
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## Super Crossword

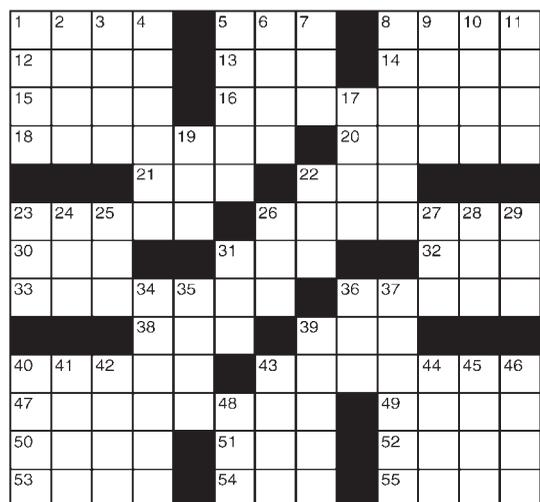
### BIRD-LOVING CELEBRITIES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Small packages
  - 8 Barely gets, with "out"
  - 12 Lyric penner Gershwin
  - 15 Bamboozle
  - 19 Sea-related
  - 20 Bit of 19-Across flora
  - 21 Brew barrel
  - 22 Sampras of tennis
  - 23 Bird-loving "Hud" Oscar winner?
  - 25 Bird-loving former Argentine first lady?
  - 27 Hip-hop's Snoop —
  - 28 Speed skater Eric
  - 30 Saffron, e.g.
  - 31 Bird-loving "Show Boat" composer?
  - 34 With 111-Down, put in reserve
  - 36 Fit to be ingested
  - 39 Invoice fig.
  - 40 Ending for Saturn
  - 41 More ghostly
  - 44 Hersher of the mound
  - 45 Butte relative
  - 47 Circle's lack
  - 49 Bird loving co-star of "The Parent Trap"?
  - 52 Seize with a certain tool
  - 54 URL-starting letters
  - 56 Old Russian despots
  - 57 Bird-loving Rolling Stones frontman?
  - 61 Hones
  - 62 Certain PC readout
  - 65 Diarist Nin
  - 66 Iris feature
  - 69 In name only
  - 71 Twirled
  - 72 Bird-loving host of "The Tonight Show"?
  - 75 O'Hara plantation
  - 76 "Madame" of wax
  - 78 Insightful
  - 79 Popular dorm dish
  - 80 Beatified Mlle.
  - 81 Free of dirt
  - 83 Bird-loving "Private Benjamin" star?
  - 86 Fleece
  - 87 Violinist Hilary
  - 89 Humorist Bombeck
  - 90 Bird-loving "Lethal Weapon" co-star?
  - 94 Truck type
  - 96 Final Four gp.
  - 100 Basso's solo, say
  - 101 Is grinning
  - 103 State treasury
  - 105 Even a bit of
  - 106 Cinnamon gum brand
  - 109 Snow-capped peak
  - 110 Bird-loving "Santa Baby" singer?
  - 113 Like pixies
  - 115 City on the Rio Grande
  - 117 "That's not for — say"
  - 118 Bird-loving "Que Sera, Sera" singer?
  - 121 Bird-loving "White Christmas" songwriter?
  - 125 Boastful
  - 126 Lyrical poem
  - 127 Call for
  - 128 Ceramic casserole dish
  - 129 Pull along
  - 130 Lie-down
  - 131 "Jane —"
  - 132 Tainted
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Soda
  - 2 Campus life
  - 3 Witty replies
  - 4 Payload
  - 5 Mind-boggler
  - 6 Required driving doc.
  - 7 Philos., e.g.
  - 8 Cafe patron
  - 9 "Eine — Nachtmusik"
  - 10 "Goodness!"
  - 11 Carrier of a demo case
  - 12 U.S. prez with Mamie
  - 13 Charges (up)
  - 14 Showing awe
  - 15 Superficially plausible
  - 16 Brain parts
  - 17 — -Z
  - 18 Most priests
  - 24 In the lead
  - 26 Concealed
  - 29 No, to Hans
  - 31 Road tie-up
  - 32 Kagan of justice
  - 33 Hint of color
  - 35 Grade for sophomores
  - 37 Maui wreath
  - 38 First in line?
  - 42 Summer hrs. in PA
  - 43 Take on, as the challenge
  - 46 Name in low-carb dieting
  - 48 "War is hell" general
  - 50 Glossy fabric
  - 51 P-U linkup
  - 53 A.M. drinks
  - 55 They beat deuces
  - 57 Ship poles
  - 58 Data for processing
  - 59 Result in
  - 60 Shapely leg, slangily
  - 61 Old TV's John-Boy and Erin
  - 62 Alpaca kin
  - 63 Rod of baseball
  - 64 Quaffed
  - 67 O'er and o'er
  - 68 Chuckle
  - 70 Person from Provo
  - 72 Minty quaff
  - 73 Lofty goals
  - 74 Toon frame
  - 77 Like sore muscles
  - 79 Dreamy sleep phase
  - 82 Luring smell
  - 84 Resign, as a position
  - 85 Like Joyce and Yeats
  - 86 Mimicking a mad dog
  - 87 Phone service providing aid
  - 88 "How — you?"
  - 90 Pat
  - 91 Radio host Shapiro
  - 92 Nation of West Africa
  - 93 Repulsive
  - 95 Actor Zac
  - 97 Actress Fitzgerald or Stasey
  - 98 Basketballer Walker or painter Watteau
  - 99 Positive vote
  - 102 Pitcher Tom
  - 104 Shutterbug's equipment
  - 107 Flunking grades
  - 108 Medium-hot mustard
  - 111 See 34-Across
  - 112 Gymnast Strug
  - 114 Zilch, to Juan
  - 116 Mice, to owls
  - 118 Netflix item
  - 119 Dinghy thing
  - 120 "Indeedy"
  - 122 Some sporty autos
  - 123 Gathered together
  - 124 Flanders of Springfield



## King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hurry
  - 5 Pinch
  - 8 Goose egg
  - 12 Curved molding
  - 18 Expert
  - 14 Sandwich cookie
  - 15 Sheltered, at sea
  - 16 1991 Sally Field/Kevin Kline movie
  - 18 Sink accessory
  - 20 Fuzzy collections
  - 21 Be unwell
  - 22 Lamb's cry
  - 23 Offspring
  - 26 Flapjack
  - 30 "— Impossible"
  - 31 Bliss
  - 32 Martini ingredient
  - 33 Dessert maker's shortcut
  - 36 Minion of Satan
  - 38 Society newcomer
  - 39 Crib
  - 40 Last Greek letter
  - 43 Personal song compilation
  - 47 Vintage player
  - 49 Visa alternative, for short
  - 50 Layer
  - 51 Fib
  - 52 New Zealand bird
  - 53 Rhyming tributes
  - 54 Evergreen type
  - 55 Formerly, formerly
  - 58 Horoscope houses
  - 9 Ms.
  - 9 Brockovich
  - 10 Take five
  - 11 Ahs' mates
  - 17 Blueprint
  - 19 Brooch
  - 22 Chesapeake, for one
  - 23 So, in Latin
  - 24 Sch. grp.
  - 25 Request
  - 26 Plague
  - 27 Life time?
  - 28 Family
  - 29 Conclude
  - 31 Triangular sail
  - 34 Lawn-trimming tools
  - 35 Anthropologist Margaret
  - 36 Repair
  - 37 Amount swallowed
  - 39 Harley enthusiast
  - 40 "Beetle Bailey" dog
  - 41 Hotel staffer
  - 42 Fencing prop
  - 43 DLI doubled
  - 44 Eastern bigwig (Var.)
  - 45 Church seating
  - 46 Way out
  - 48 Sprite
- DOWN**
- 1 Street
  - 2 Wrinkly fruit
  - 3 Witnesses
  - 4 Donkey's call
  - 5 Twangy
  - 6 Picture on a PC
  - 7 "The Princess and the —"



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- Goalie
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- Gone
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“We have made incredible progress since last year’s storms in ensuring Floridians receive these critical FEMA reimbursements as quickly and with as much financial security as possible,” said Division Director Wes Maul. “We understand that it can be incredibly challenging for communities that have just been devastated by a hurricane to navigate this complex federal process. We look forward to working with our local partners to ensure they quickly and successfully receive the funding that they deserve while avoiding any potential vulnerability to federal deobligations.”

Over the past year, DEM has participated in public meetings to discuss the PA process and also made Recovery Bureau staff available at numerous public, private, industry and outreach events across Florida. These interactions have proven extremely valuable in addressing the needs and concerns of communities that have been impacted by recent storms and are now engaged in the reimbursement process for hurricane response and recovery costs. The division looks forward to continuing this important dialogue through further targeted and effective discussion.

Interested county partners should reach out directly to DEM Legislative Affairs

Director Angela Bonds at [angela.bonds@em.myflorida.com](mailto:angela.bonds@em.myflorida.com) or 850-815-4128. For additional updates, follow us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/FloridaSERT](http://www.Facebook.com/FloridaSERT) and on Twitter at [www.Twitter.com/FLSERT](http://www.Twitter.com/FLSERT).

## Gulf County Bay Scallop Season Now Open

State waters off Gulf County, including St. Joseph Bay, recently opened to bay scallop harvest. This area, which includes all state waters from the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County through the westernmost point of St. Vincent Island in Franklin County, will remain open through September 30.

Harvesting bay scallops is a fun

outdoor activity in which the whole family can participate. It also brings an important economic boost to coastal areas in the open region.

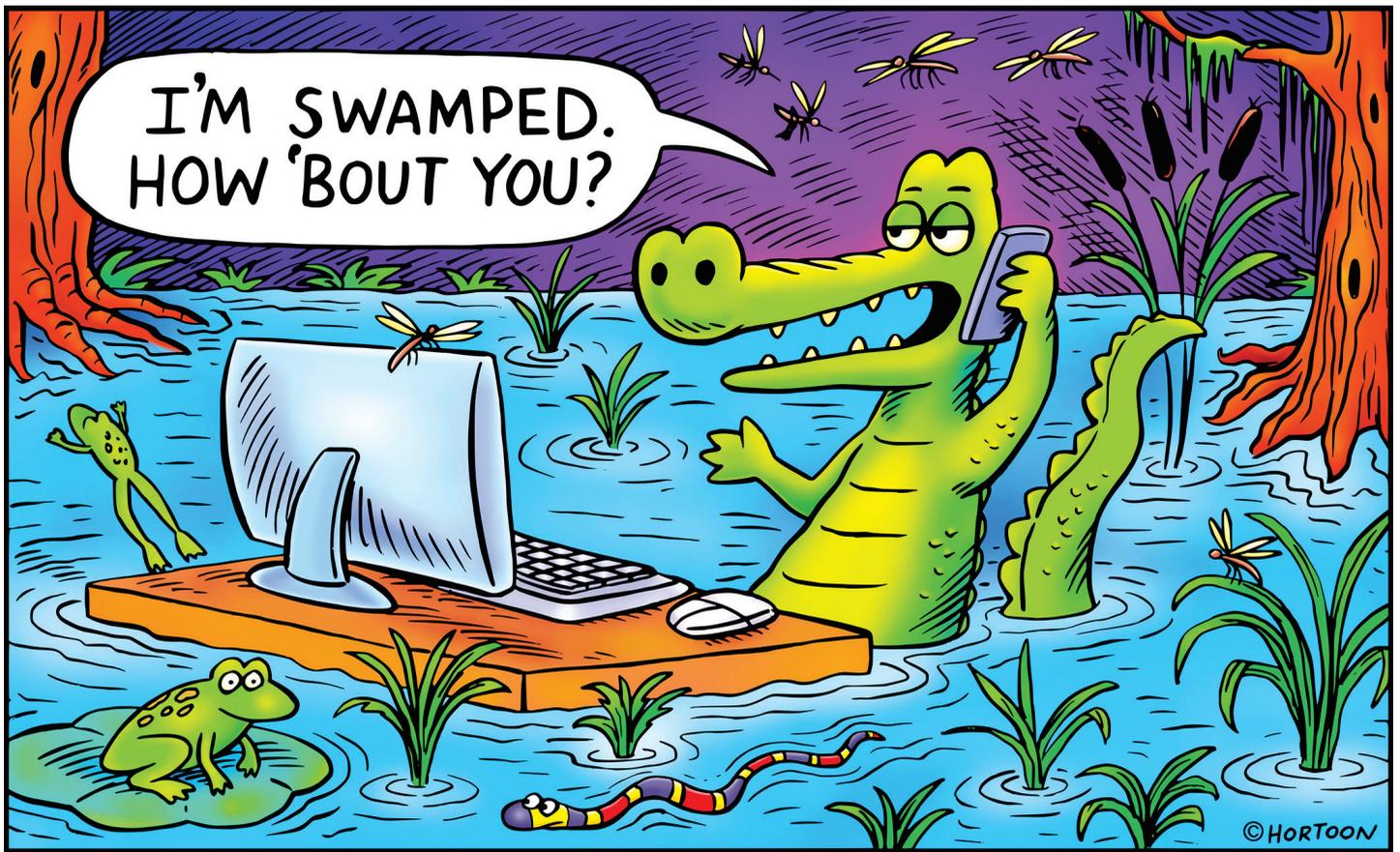
The bay scallop population in Gulf County’s St. Joseph Bay appears to be improving, but is not yet fully recovered from the impacts of a fall 2015 red tide event. Ongoing restoration efforts will continue through the season. In order to maximize the success of these efforts, swimming, boating, fishing and scalloping in the restoration area marked with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) buoys south of Black’s Island are prohibited during and after the scallop season.

For more information on bay scallop regulations including daily bag limits, visit [www.myfwc.com/fishing](http://www.myfwc.com/fishing) and click on Saltwater Fishing, Recreational Regulations and Bay Scallops.



Bay scallop photo by Carol Lyn Parrish

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Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1989	3224	\$871,990	\$795,000	150
Tradewinds	Sanibel	1982	1584	\$819,000	\$795,000	16
Whispering Ridge	Estero	2001	3457	\$779,000	\$750,000	10
Fairview Isles	Fort Myers Beach	1975	1857	\$779,000	\$750,000	16
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