

## Fourth Of July Celebration



Sunset at Redfish Pass on Captiva Cruises *Lady Chadwick*

## Fourth Of July Celebrations On Sanibel & Beyond

Lee County will again offer numerous family-friendly events in honor of Independence Day, both here on the islands of Sanibel and Captiva and beyond.

Here is a lineup of local Fourth of July-related events and activities:

### Sanibel & Captiva Islands

The annual Sanibel Independence Day Celebration starts at 9:30 a.m. with

a parade beginning at Tarpon Bay Road and Periwinkle Way (Bailey's Center) ending at Periwinkle and Casa Ybel Road (Jerry's Center). This year's parade theme is "Sanibel Island Is #1."

Bailey General Store's 4th of July Backyard Barbecue will take place immediately after the parade, featuring live music, beer, hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork and other foods from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bailey's is located at the corner of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road.

Jerry's Market will also put on a post-parade celebration from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be free snow cones, hot dogs and soda, water slides, a dunk tank, bounce house and face painting.

Donations will be accepted for The Boy Scouts of America. Jerry's is located at 1700 Periwinkle Way, near the end of the parade route.

The 33rd annual Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club's 4th of July Road Rally starts at noon from The Timbers parking lot, 703 Tarpon Bay Road. The theme is "Rallying For Island Youth." Registration is a \$35 donation per vehicle. Visitors are welcome to participate.

Entry forms for the Road Rally are available at Bailey's General Store, Sanibel Café, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, at the starting line or online at [www.sancapoptimist.org](http://www.sancapoptimist.org). The top rally finishers and the best decorated vehicle will receive

prizes.

Points are awarded for elapsed time closest to a secret, pre-established circuit time and distance, and for correct answers to a series of questions about clues along the rally route.

Sanibel Island's annual fireworks display will be held at dusk at the end of Bailey Road. The display can be seen from the causeway islands, where free parking is available. For more information, call 472-1080 or go to [www.sanibel-captiva.org](http://www.sanibel-captiva.org).

The Sanibel fireworks display is also visible from The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, which is having a July 4th celebration from 6 to 9 p.m. It's open to the

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## Captiva Historical Society Establishes Debby MacKenzie Memorial Fund

The Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS) has created the Debby MacKenzie Memorial Fund to honor the memory of a founding member of the society and of its predecessor organization, the Captiva History Project.

MacKenzie was a long-time Captiva resident, dividing her time between the island, Lake Forest, Illinois and the Red Rock Ranch near Jackson Hole, Wyoming. She was passionate in preserving our environment. Among her board commitments were an early member of Lake Forest Open Lands, where she later served as its president, the Illinois and Wyoming Nature Conservancy Boards, the National Parks and Conservation Board and Lake Forest Garden Club.

MacKenzie also was active in her church, the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, was a trustee of the Ethel Walker School, located in Simsbury, Connecticut, and was an avid golfer.

"Her contributions to the Captiva Island Historical Society were enormous," said Jim Pigott, president of CIHS. "Debby and her husband, David, were in our first oral history film, and she provided insights and support at our board meeting just weeks before she died."

Debby MacKenzie died on May 11. She is survived by her husband, David, four children and 12 grandchildren.

The CIHS is a 501(c)3 organization. Donations may be made to the Captiva Island Historical Society, Debby MacKenzie Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 163, Captiva, FL 33924.✪



Debby MacKenzie

## Historical Village Closed On July 4

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The museum, located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS), is currently observing summer hours and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The museum closes on August 5 and reopens on November 7 with full days, from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Look for members of the museum's board of directors riding the mule-drawn wagon down Periwinkle Way during the city's Independence Day parade. The mules, owned by John Bailey's son Clark, make their way to Sanibel from their home in Jacksonville for special occasions like this parade and also for BaileyFest. The wagon is kept on display at the historical village right outside the replica of the packing house.

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village, a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation, was founded with the mission to protect, preserve and celebrate Sanibel's

history. It is comprised of seven historic buildings that have been preserved and moved to the village site. Each building contains exhibits and artifacts highlighting Sanibel's past. Many of the island's pioneer families are featured, as well as their commercial endeavors in agriculture, fishing, tourism, and the Old Bailey Store. A portion of the Old Bailey Store is home to the Village Gift Shop, which carries a variety of gifts for children and adults, from coloring books to sailor's valentines, all of which are made in America.

Admission is \$5 for people 18 and older; children and members of the museum are free. For more information, call 472-4648 during business hours. More information is available at [www.sanibel-museum.org](http://www.sanibel-museum.org), which is currently undergoing major improvements.✪



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## 33rd Annual Optimist Club Fourth Of July Road Rally

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This year's theme is "We Rally For Island Youth." The top rally finishers and the best decorated vehicle will win prizes. Points are awarded for elapsed time closest to a "secret," pre-established circuit time and distance, and for correct answers to a series of questions about clues along the rally route. See if you can beat the Rally Masters.

Contact Randy Carson at 699-8739 or Richard McCurry at 292-4631 to donate funds or for more information. Registration forms and donations may be mailed to San-Cap Optimist Club, P.O. Box 1370, Sanibel, FL 33957. Donations are tax deductible; the San-Cap Optimist Club is a 501(c)3 organization helping kids.\*

## Optimist Club Junior Anglers

The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club announced that they are sponsoring a fishing group for kids for the second year in a row. Called the Optimist Club Junior Anglers, it is open to kids who sign up for the Sanibel Recreation Center's Summer Camp program. Councilors from the club and from the Rec Center work with the kids at various locations such as from land, from the beach and from boats, all on or near the island.

The first fishing date was on June 4 in the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Each Monday for the length of the program, fishing will take place at a different venue. Several organizations, in addition to the Sanibel Recreation Center, are also involved. Tarpon Bay Explorers are providing the fishing poles and excursions on their boats. Bailey's General Store is providing the bait.

For further information about the Optimist Club Junior Anglers, contact Ian Wainwright at 579-0095 or Jim Baxter at 292-6703, or call the Rec Center at 472-0345.\*

## American Legion Post 123 News

This Sunday, July 1, come to the American Legion Post 123 for a spaghetti and meatballs dinner served all day long. The following Sunday, July 8, enjoy BBQ ribs and chicken from 1 to 8 p.m.

Every Wednesday, a meatloaf and mashed potato dinner is served from 4 to 9 p.m., with Marty Stokes & The Captiva Band playing the blues from 7 to 9:30

p.m.

Every Monday night, Post 123 hosts 9-Ball Pool Tournaments starting at 6 p.m. This week's winner of both matches was Dennis Bender, while Jack Dalton was the runner-up in both matches.

Texas Hold'em is played every Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are always welcome.

Every Friday, a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich is on the menu all day. Other menu items include a half-pound burger.

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public. There will be children's games and contests including a putting competition and a pool party. Food and beverages will be available including a pig roast, grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken cotton candy and ice cream. Parking is \$5. The Dunes is located at 949 Sand Castle Road. Call 472-3355 for more information.

Captiva Cruises will have a Sunset Fireworks Cruise aboard the *Lady Chadwick* from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on July 4. Danny Morgan will be performing on board. Call Captiva Cruises at 472-5300 for reservations

### Fort Myers

The 4th of July Freedom Fest in downtown's historic River District features a huge fireworks display and additional activities. The block party event runs Wednesday from 2 p.m. to midnight, with fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Last year, the event included music on six stages, carnival games and a children's amusement area with a rock climbing wall, a bungee jump, games and bounce houses. The event is free with preferred seating available for an additional fee.

For more information, email [info@riverdistrictevents.com](mailto:info@riverdistrictevents.com).

### Fort Myers Beach

The bridge will close at 9:30 a.m. in preparation for the parade, which starts at 10 a.m. The parade will begin at Bay

Road by the Fort Myers Beach Public Library and finish at the bridge. It will last for about 90 minutes and the bridge will reopen at noon. It is recommended that you be over the bridge by 9 a.m. to give yourself time to find parking. For those coming from the south, be aware that it will be impossible to go farther north than Bay Road for the duration of the parade.

The fireworks will commence from the pier at dusk. The bridge will close just prior to the commencement of the fireworks and remain closed during the show which will last for 30 to 45 minutes. After the fireworks, all four lanes of the bridge will be open for traffic leaving the island in order to get as many cars off as quickly as possible. Please keep this in mind if you will be returning to island during this time.

LeeTran will extend trolley operating hours on Wednesday, July 4 for the town's Independence Day fireworks show. Trolley service for the day is available from 6:45 a.m. to 11:55 p.m.

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Regular trolley fare is 50 cents, and an unlimited All-Day Trolley Pass can be purchased from the driver for \$1.50. Exact change is required.

For more information, go to [www.fortmyersbeachchamber.org](http://www.fortmyersbeachchamber.org).

### Cape Coral

Red, White & Boom gets under way at 4 p.m. when the Cape Coral Bridge and Cape Coral Parkway are shut down between the bridge and Del Prado Boulevard. Music on two stages sparks a street party that more than 50,000 people are expected to attend. Four bands perform, a kids carnival keeps the little ones happy and vendors sell food and beer. At dusk, watch the spangled fireworks over the river from land or boat.

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## Sanibel Historical Museum & Village Earns Top Rating On Travel Website



See artifacts from Sanibel's past in the Sanibel Historical Village, like this desk in the Old Bailey Store where founder Frank Bailey ran the business and gathering place from 1926 to 1966

TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel site for traveler feedback, has recognized the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village for earning exceptional traveler ratings over the past year. The Certificate of Excellence Award is given only to places that consistently achieve outstanding reviews from visitors. To qualify, businesses must maintain an overall rating of four or higher out of a possible five, as reviewed by travelers. The volume of reviews also factors into qualifying for the award.

"With a rating of 4.5, Sanibel Historical Museum & Village has earned a place among the very best," Christine Petersen, TripAdvisor's president for business, wrote

when informing the village of the award. "This award, which is given only to the most exceptional performers in TripAdvisor's global business community, is a significant achievement deserving of recognition."

One five-star review on the TripAdvisor site, posted by visitors from Alabama, said, "We love Sanibel so much we had to learn more about the history of the island and its settlers! Wonderful ladies met us at the door and were full of info and advice on touring the village. Great setup and very educational! Loved it!"

"For those visiting Sanibel, it's usually about the beaches, shelling, and great restaurants," wrote another reviewer from New York. "Having loved Sanibel for many years, it was a delight to do something different and visit this well-maintained and interesting museum. The history of Sanibel is fascinating, and surprising in some ways. The docents were knowledgeable, and helped me see a different view of Sanibel -- really interesting!!"

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## Book Signing At Historical Village



Author Jeri Magg with photographer Manfred Strobel, both long-time volunteers at the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village

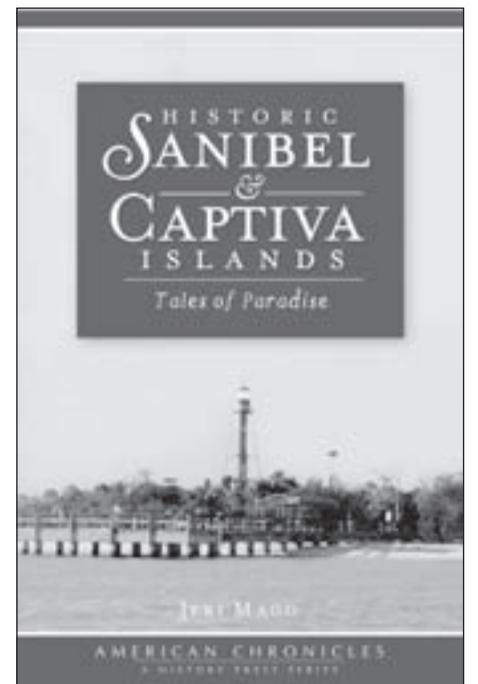
On Friday, July 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., author Jeri Magg will be at the Old Bailey Store at the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village to sign copies of her book, *Historic Sanibel & Captiva Islands: Tales of Paradise*.

Magg, a freelance writer for more than 20 years, moved to Sanibel in 1980 and is a long-time volunteer at the museum. After 30 years of listening to too many stories to count, many told by Sanibel's original pioneers or their descendants, Magg compiled the tales, along with a site map included in the book, to share the island's history with others. Photographer Manfred Strobel, also a museum volunteer, took the pictures for the book.

The book sells for \$21.25 (including tax) in the museum's Old Bailey Store.

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## Commission Close To End Of Plan Review

by Anne Mitchell

The Sanibel Planning Commission is nearing the end of its months-long deliberations to evaluate and appraise the Sanibel Plan.

The state requires the so-called EAR report from all municipalities every seven years to determine whether amendments are necessary to reflect changes in state requirements. Also, changes occur within each city or county, such as population shifts, visitor numbers, the economy and development, that have to be taken into consideration.

The result is that the seven-member planning commission has been going through the plan with a fine tooth comb before sending the amendments on to the city council.

Planning Department director Jim Jordan told the commission on Tuesday, "We are almost at the end of the review process for the planning commission.

He asked board members to let him know about dates they will be on vacation to be sure that lack of a quorum doesn't slow down the process. Commissioners Tom Krekel and Phillip Marks were absent for Tuesday's meeting.

Ken Pfalzer, a consultant for the city who has been working on the EAR, took the commissioners through a complex report and matrix showing suggested amendments and deletions.

According to the report, the city council reviewed service standards last year

and retained the current level. Services reviewed include drainage systems, roads, libraries, schools, fire stations and water supply. No changes were necessary regarding solid waste disposal and recreation facilities such as playgrounds.

A population projection indicates little change in the next 10 years. Sanibel currently has a population of 6,470, which could increase to between 6,700 and 6,900 in 2022. That's based on data from University of Florida Warrington College of Business Administration, the Bureau of Economics and Business Research (April 2011) and the Sanibel Planning Department.

The seasonal population could increase from 11,730 in 2011 to about 12,120 in 2022.

On the topic of future land use, changes reflect factors such as acquisitions by Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation that removed land from the commercial sector and placed it under conservation lands.

Only about 35,000 square feet of commercial remains to be developed, based on the Commercial District Map.

The capital improvements segment notes that Sanibel "has essentially reached build-out and is in a redevelopment phase," with over 92 percent of the dwelling units permitted having already been built. However, the report notes that about 540 homes could still be constructed on existing lots within existing developments.

Still left to be reviewed are housing and official maps of the city.

Jordan said the commission will resume the review at their July 10 meeting.✪

## Storm Sends City Workers Home

On Monday, the City of Sanibel released all non-essential employees from their duties as of 2:15 p.m. due to anticipated high-tide conditions at the Sanibel Causeway resulting from Tropical Storm Debby.

City officials said high tide would occur at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Also closed were the Sanibel Public Library and the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Wildlife Drive was also and the city's recreation center was closed at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.✪



On Monday afternoon, traffic heading off-island encountered high winds and waves which crashed over the walls along the Sanibel Causeway

photos by Jeff Lysiak



Signs of Tropical Storm Debby were present at Blind Pass last week



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Speakers will include candidates for Florida House of Representative District 78 Heather Fitzenhagen and Jonathan Martin, Lee County Commissioner Candidates for District 3 Ray Judah and Larry Kiker, and Florida Senate District 30 Candidate Lizbeth Benacquisto.

Cost to attend the luncheon is \$16 per person all inclusive.

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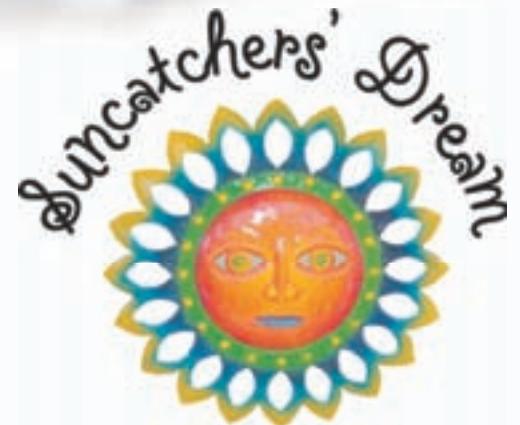
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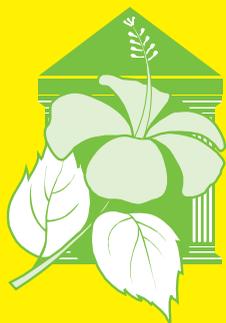
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## Morning Meander At Lakes Park

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This easy walk along clear paths offers an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation with experienced bird patrol guides pointing out the many species in Lakes Park, a Lee County birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds. Participants should arrive a few minutes after 8 a.m. for a brief introduction and to sign waivers. Tours start promptly at 8:30 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes and dress to be outside. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars.

This tour is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation. Admission is free with paid parking (\$1 per hour or \$5 for all day).

Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. Meet at Shelter A7. Enter the Lakes Park main gate from Gladiolus and turn right. Drive



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A memorial service will be held on Monday, July 2 at 10 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 15840 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made for the boys to the Wade Cooper Family Fund at Florida Gulf Bank, 9101 College Pointe Court, Fort Myers, FL 33919.✽

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# Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

Rotarians seem to do a lot of traveling. Sometimes for pure decadent pleasure and sometimes for the pleasure of discovery and learning.



Alex Werner

connect with the locals. Impressive architectural buildings presented a wonderful backdrop for their visit but the buildings are only facades and are still awaiting structural repair after many years of decay. Alex commented that many areas they visited are extremely quaint with clean streets and small individual houses.

Modern household appliances are not available, so hanging wash is a common sight drying in the tropical air. Cubans are warm and friendly by nature and their government policies have not changed that. Werner found that Cubans have extreme pride in themselves and their country.

Werner's talk last Friday started with some descriptive background. The country

of Cuba consists of the main island and numerous smaller islands, islets and cays. Although most of the island is flat and rolling, it is mountainous in the southeast and reminded Alex of New York's Catskill region. Cuba is only a short 90 miles north away from the United States – so close, but so far away in many ways. Today, Cuba's population is somewhere around 11.5 million, with landform approximately the size of Florida. A very prideful Cuba is taking baby steps toward opening their shores once again to other countries but mindful of a past that has kept it isolated, mostly using that isolation now as a badge of honor.

Werner gave Rotarians a brief history lesson on Cuba's fascinating past and then went on to comment about Cuba today. In his usual informal speaking style, he explained, "Universal healthcare is working extremely well in Cuba, the system covers everyone from the womb to the tomb. There are medical clinics in every village and a med-vac system is in place for serious medical needs available in the larger cities. The Cuban government provides education for every child; primary education lasts for six years. Secondary education is divided into basic secondary education and pre-university secondary education. The curriculum in primary and secondary schools is based upon principles of 'hard work, self-discipline and love of country.' At the end of basic secondary education, pupils can choose between pre-university education and technical and professional education.

"Realizing that there is a lack of professional jobs in Cuba, the government

is now loosening government controls on owning your own business and allowing the opening of private restaurants. Cultural exchanges are also encouraged in the creative arts. Today, many Cuban classical musicians and singers tour the world. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, its main financial benefactor, Cuba has had to rely mostly on its own limited resources. It has embraced organic farming and low-energy agriculture because it can't afford to do anything else. Land conservation is of primary concern for the government. The country has set aside vast areas of land for government protection. More than 20 percent of Cuba's land is under some form of government protection. The island's wetlands have been largely shielded from pesticide runoff that has destroyed similar areas in other countries. The coral reefs are pristine because of this lack of pesticide runoff.

"Whether self-effected or imposed by other governments, Cuba has become a somewhat self-reliant country because of isolation. Past experience with unreliable foreign government agreements and corrupt business influences, along with political disagreements, have left Cubans cautious of opening up their country to outsiders. What lies in the future for Cuba is still unknown – there is no government succession plan in place after the Castro brothers no longer control the government."

*The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday morning at The Bistro at Beachview. Come join us at one of our meetings. Guests are always welcomed.✧*



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## Things That Go Blink In The Dark



Claire and Brenna Cohen enjoy a mother-daughter moment during night snorkeling



The Green Glowfish team won the Golden Coconut Award for surf paddling this week

submitted by J. Bruce Neill, Ph.D.

Last week at Sanibel Sea School, we celebrated the light produced by living things: bioluminescence. That celebration mandated that we spend a lot of time in the dark. To cast a veil of darkness, we blocked out the windows of the school and every morning we had our daily “circle time” in pitch-black dark. Staff members used glow-in-the-dark paints to adorn the ceiling with glowing creatures and we spent time every morning in the dark, imagining we were in the dark ocean enjoying a living overhead light show.

And, as it turns out, a lot of the ocean is permanently dark. The average depth of the ocean on our planet is 5,000 feet. The portion of the ocean that sunlight penetrates is known as the photic zone. In the open ocean, the photic zone is typically limited to the upper 600 feet. That leaves the remaining 4,400 feet of the ocean in utter, permanent darkness. That’s a lot of opportunity for living things to utilize the light from biochemical reactions for communication, camouflage and prey location.

We didn’t get to visit this deep, dark zone of the ocean, but we did go for a night snorkel in the Gulf. There, we found sea anemones, sea stars and many living, active nocturnal mollusks. There is something both creepy and exhilarating about snorkeling in the dark.

In the daylight, we made some fantastic paper models of deep-sea fish that use bioluminescence to lure smaller fish within gulping distance. We also made glow-in-the-dark boxes that held secret messages and images, only visible in the darkness.

And, of course, we spent lots of time in the water. We canoed from the Causeway Islands, snorkeled seagrass beds, seined for fish, built giant squid sand sculptures and played a “Find The Glowing Clue” underwater game.

In keeping with our summer camp tradition, we spent a lot of time every day on a surfboard, which culminates each Friday with the epic, all-camp paddle races. This week, team Green Glowfish took the coveted Golden Coconut prize.



Metin Basturk working hard on a surfboard

At Sanibel Sea School, we always strive to make each week better than the last; by all estimation, we hit the mark with Glow Week. Now, our challenge is to make next week – Calusa Week – even better than that.

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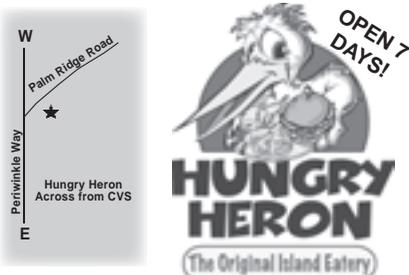
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**Bird's Eye View**

**When Alligators Are Dangerous**



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

When I first moved down to Sanibel, the old Florida crackers that I talked to told me that when they were kids, the best swimming holes were the alligator holes. Now, having had very little experience with gators when I was growing up in Indiana (except through Tarzan movies), when I heard this I can remember thinking, "Won't see this child being so foolish!"

But the people who grew up with gators had a different history with the alligator than the newcomers coming down from up north. The old-timers realized that alligators didn't actively stalk and hunt humans and as long as they followed a few simple rules - people and alligators could easily co-exist. The natural times you had to be careful was in the spring at the beginning of mating season, when the gators were on the move looking for potential mates and, particularly, the big males would be defending their territories from intruding males. You don't want to go swimming with a big bull gator when he might mistake you for a smaller male wanting to steal his mate!

But the most dangerous time to be around an alligator was later in the summer, when there was a female gator guarding her nest and, especially, after the nest had hatched out its babies. Although most reptilians lay their eggs and then walk away from the nest, leaving the eggs and young to fend for themselves, crocodilians protect the nest and young from all threats. I always say that a mother gator's behavior toward any potential threat to her young is very similar to the behavior of a mother grizzly bear around her cubs - you DON'T want to mess with a mother and her babies!

I will also express a word of caution about big bull alligators over 10 feet. I don't believe that big gators hunt us (if that were true, we would have a few people killed every year in Florida). I do not believe they recognize a tall, bipedal creature as potential prey. Our silhouette is too new to this ecosystem, evolutionarily-speaking. But if a big bull finds himself in a situation where he and a human are in close proximity to each other and the opportunity presents itself, I could see the gator seizing that opportunity (no pun intended). A situation where this could happen would be if the person was doing something like walking their dog; the gator would be attracted to the dog (I joke that to an alligator, a poodle looks like a funny-looking raccoon with a perm) and the human could get hurt in the process.

But other than the few natural situations, what changes exponentially an alligator's attitude towards humans and really makes it dangerous is when their general proclivity to treat humans with indifference is altered by the human showing the animal that it can acquire food for free with little - or no - expenditure of energy.

People love to feed animals... even alligators. Since domestication of animals through agriculture has out-competed the hunter-gatherer societies, I believe most humans today have an innate desire to feed animals. And the instinct doesn't say, "Only feed cows and pigs, chickens and goats, etc., etc." It says you feel good when you feed any animal.

Is there any species of animal in the world that we humans haven't tried feeding? If the species becomes useful by domestication, we keep it around. If it becomes a nuisance or a threat, we destroy it.

And the ones we fear or don't want... they pay the price!

*(To be continued next week)*

A former city council member and mayor, Mark "Bird" Westall has owned and operated Canoe Adventures, Inc. on Sanibel for over 33 years. Visit [www.canoewithbirdwestall.com](http://www.canoewithbirdwestall.com) for more information. ✨

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CROW Case Of The Week:

## Eastern Screech Owlets



by Patricia Molloy

Baby care is a significant portion of the rehabilitation work performed at CROW. Baby mammal patients include raccoons, rabbits, otters and bobcats. CROW also provides



Each owl must be weighed daily, much to their chagrin

care for a large number of orphaned songbirds, seabirds and raptors.

Many young animals arrive at CROW after human activities displace them from their homes or their parents. Some need to be fed as often as every 15 minutes, which takes a coordinated effort from the staff, students and volunteers. They must provide appropriate diets, medication and environments for all growing youngsters to thrive.

The clinic is currently caring for six Eastern screech owlets (*Megascops asio*) which were raised from infancy. They were recently deemed old enough to be moved from the baby room to an outdoor enclosure to begin flying lessons.

When birds are first born, they look up for meals, as their mothers will place food directly into their mouths from above. Now that the screech owls are older, their human feeders are directing their attention down in order to teach them that food naturally comes from below. An owlet's natural instinct to search for prey on the ground should quickly follow. These screech owls,

however, are still being force fed by students – and reluctantly so – which takes a lot of time and patience for the clinic staffers.

“Usually, as soon as one learns to eat on its own, it will teach the others to do it. I have never seen it take this long with screech owls. I am still waiting for that one ‘brain child’ in the group that wants to be precocious and get the process started,” noted Dr. Heather.

So far, they are gaining weight but are stubbornly not eating the mice left overnight by clinic staffers. The clinic goes to great lengths to simulate the natural behavior of their wildlife patients, particularly with feeding techniques. The “wildness” of all of CROW's patients must remain intact, and in some cases become sharper, so that they can survive in the wild once they have been



These owls are not eating on their own yet, but are learning to fly in their outdoor enclosure located in a naturally wooded area of CROW's property

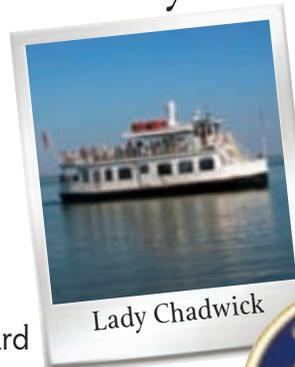
successfully treated at the clinic and released.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from the Gulf coast of Florida. 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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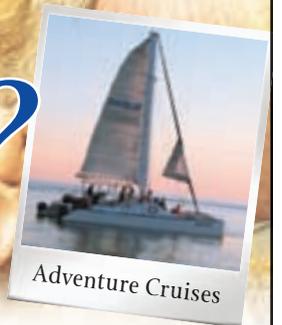
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# Refuge's Summer Help Checks In



The YCC crew, front from left, includes Jeremy Mathisen, Brandon Hotaling and Jen DeLater; in the back is Mallory Beltman, Daniel Schrank and Jackson Herold. Not pictured is Jeannette Polito

Six Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) students and one YCC group leader reported for work this month at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. They will stay on until school starts again in August.

In addition, Brynn Lipira from Fort Myers, a junior at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, studying aquatic and marine biology, fills the position of visitor services intern

to assist Ranger Jeff Combs with Education Center duties, volunteer management and other responsibilities.

"It's nice because I do a little bit of everything," said Lipira. "I see how the office works but get to go out in the field and see how that works, too. It's a good starting point to see different options for what I can do with my degree."

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) finances refuge intern living-expense stipends each year, and the refuge provides on-site housing.

The six YCC employees from around Lee County are tackling various refuge projects under the supervision of Jen DeLater, a former refuge intern who accepted the temporary YCC group leader position.

"Both the intern and YCC programs provide important services to staffing for the refuge, but more importantly they provide teens and young adults with the opportunity to gain experience with resource conservation," said Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik. "We appreciate the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society's support of the intern program, and are happy to have YCC here learning more about the environment as they benefit from summer employment."

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).



Refuge summer intern Brynn Lipira

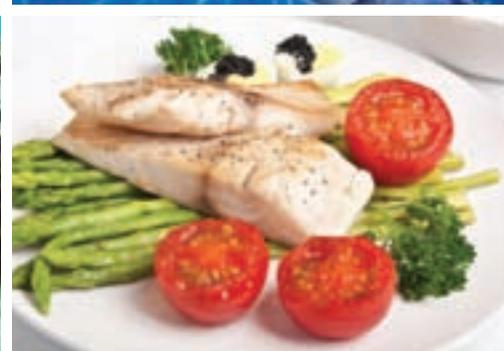
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# Try A Frozen Jumbo Shrimp For Redfish Action



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**D**espite Tropical Storm Debby slowly building right on top of us this week, until Sunday I managed to stay pretty dry out on the water and fishing was awesome.

Big low pressure tropical systems generally have this effect on our fishing. Although it was far from the most pleasant conditions out on the water, the action made up for it.

The super big high tides had the redfish chewing and even the snook bite in and around the passes was going on for a while. This week also brought the biggest snook I can remember landing in the last five years being caught on my boat, a real monster 25-pound, 45-inch slob of a fish.

Non-stop fast action on the edges of the bar that runs from Chino Island to Regla Island was hard to beat. It was nice and sheltered from the southeast winds and held lots of trout, ladyfish, jacks and Spanish mackerel. Live shrimp or a Gulp shrimp fished in three to four feet of water all along this bank on a popping float rig brought a fish or a bite with every cast. While waiting for the tide to get just right for redfish, this was a great

place to bend a rod and get some ladyfish for mangrove chunk baits. Most of the trout over here were on the small side, but we did manage a few keepers using small live pinfish on these same float rigs.

Ten-plus redfish days were the normal as we worked mangrove islands while staying close to home due to the weather. Areas from Mason Island to Sister Keys in the mouth of the river were all loaded with redfish. The south winds really worked in our favor as the water was up almost high enough to fish the trees, even on the low tide. Basically, the water never really went out in the mornings as suggested by the tide chart.

Targeting the wind-blown sides of mangrove islands and the potholes on the edges of the trees really had the redfish chewing. One hot spot on Maciever Keys produced 20-plus redfish out of a pothole that was no bigger than a foot across. Every time you would land the bait in the pothole, it would be an instant redfish hook-up. Redfish caught that day measured from 20 to 30 inches.

Hands down, the best somewhat secret redfish bait for me these last few months has been frozen jumbo shrimp. Live shrimp are so small this time of year and it seems redfish cannot refuse these big tasty food grade shrimp snacks. I have been fishing with these shrimp a few different ways. After breaking off and chumming the heads and tails, I rig the large shrimp chunk under a popping cork on a jig head, on simply a jig head or with a sliding sinker and a hook.

When the wind and or tide are moving fast, the jig head or sinker method works best, keeping the bait in the strike zone longer. My favorite way, though, is

the popping cork rig as it's easy to keep track of where the bait is and it slowly drifts down the shoreline covering more water. If there is a redfish in the area, it will quickly find the shrimp within five minutes. If not, keep moving. It seems a redfish cannot refuse these shrimp, while turning up their noses at other offerings.

When mangrove fishing for reds, I generally put out an assortment of baits including live pinfish, cut ladyfish and the jumbo frozen shrimp. Nine out of 10 redfish I have caught the last few months have been on the frozen jumbo shrimp. This bait cannot be beat. I still go out and throw the cast net just to get a variety of baits for other species of fish, but have switched almost exclusively to the jumbo shrimp for redfish baits.

These frozen jumbo shrimp are available at bait and tackle stores throughout our area. They come in small packages and also – my personal favorite – a five-pound block. I keep the frozen shrimp block in a small cooler and break off a few at a time before placing them on a hook. This keeps the block frozen all day so you can simply return the block to the freezer at the end of the day, so there is no wasted shrimp.

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A 45-inch monster snook caught fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

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*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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# Gag Grouper Recreational Harvest Opening July 1 In Gulf State Waters

**G**ag grouper will be open for recreational harvest in most Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters on Sunday, July 1. The same day, however, the season will close in state waters off the coast of Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties.

The gag grouper recreational harvest season in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters, not including Franklin, Jefferson, Wakulla, Taylor and Monroe counties, will end on October 31. State waters off Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties opened on April 1 and close on June 30. They will not be open during the July-through-October season everywhere else. Monroe County is also excluded from the July-through-October season because it is included in the Atlantic rules for gag grouper.

Gag grouper caught in state and federal waters during the July-through-October season may be taken ashore in Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties, but boats with gag grouper aboard may not stop in and must have gear stowed while traveling through state waters in that region.

(see map)

The four-county region includes all waters of Apalachicola Bay and Indian Pass, including those in Gulf County, and all waters of the Steinhatchee River, including those in Dixie County. The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) manages marine fish from the shore to nine nautical miles in the Gulf of Mexico.

The FWC is working with Florida's anglers to rebuild gag grouper populations in the Gulf of Mexico to strong, sustainable levels. The Commission established these seasons at its February meeting. The regional season was set for 2012 only and was established to provide fishing opportunities for private, recreational anglers when gag grouper are closer to shore and can be safely accessed by smaller boats.

The gag grouper recreational harvest minimum size and bag limits are 22 inches and two gag grouper per person. No more than four of any species of grouper may be kept.

To learn more about these management changes, visit [www.MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://www.MyFWC.com/Fishing) and click on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Gulf Grouper" for frequently asked questions and answers about the changes.✪

# Comment On Big Hickory Island Preserve Plan

**B**ig Hickory Island Preserve, located south of Fort Myers Beach and north of Bonita Beach, has a stewardship plan the public can view and offer input. The Big Hickory Island Preserve Land Stewardship Plan will be the topic of discussion at a 6 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, August 7 at the Bonita Springs Public Library.

The plan - called a land stewardship plan - is the product of Lee County Parks and Recreation Land Stewardship staff. The plan describes the preserves, the resource-based recreation proposed and maintenance that is planned. After public review, the plan will be presented to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners for approval.

The stewardship plan is available for review until August 7 at the Bonita Springs Public Library, 26876 Pine Avenue in Bonita Springs, and at the Fort Myers Beach Library, 2755 Estero Blvd. in Fort Myers Beach, as well as at [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org) under facilities>preserves>other preserves>Big Hickory Island Preserve.

The meeting's address is Bonita Springs Public Library, 26876 Pine Avenue. Written comments are encouraged and can be given at the meeting, online or through the mail.

For more information, contact Terry Cain at [cainbt@leegov.com](mailto:cainbt@leegov.com) or 707-3015.✪

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# Sanibel Black Bear Caught, Relocated

On Thursday, June 21 at approximately 1 p.m., the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) successfully tranquilized the Florida black bear that was first detected on Sanibel Island last June. Over the previous 10 days, the black bear began to demonstrate nuisance behavior. The City of Sanibel Natural Resources Department, Sanibel Police Department, Public Works Department and the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge worked in conjunction with FWC to safely relocate the bear off-island. FWC officials estimate the male bear to be 3.5 years old and between 200 and 250 pounds.

At approximately 10:12 p.m. on June 20, the city received a 9-1-1 call when

the bear was nearly hit by a vehicle on East Periwinkle Way. The first confirmed sighting of the black bear on Sanibel was June 27, 2011, when a remote wildlife camera at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge captured an image of a sub adult Florida black bear, approximately 1.5 years old, weighing between 40 and 60 pounds. The bear was photographed by a motion-activated, infrared camera at the Bailey Tract. Since 2011, there have been numerous confirmed sightings of the black bear on Sanibel.

In making this announcement, Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra stated, "Through our Vision Statement, the City of Sanibel places the highest priority on protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat. In the case of this black bear, over the past two weeks, it became very clear his opportunity to live a long happy life would be best off-island where he can find a mate and live the remainder of his years happily and safely in a more natural, non-residential bear habitat."



The first image of Sanibel's black bear, caught by an infrared camera at the Bailey Tract

Zimomra further stated, "Over the last several days as the bear began to frequent neighborhoods, including porches, our community was extremely helpful in detecting the bear's patterns with their prompt phone calls to the Sanibel Police Department, reporting the whereabouts of the bear. Additionally, through their knowledge of our island and habitat, our City employees were particularly

useful partners to the FWC during this endeavor."

Black bears are native to Florida and are protected under state and federal laws. Dwindling populations in Florida has caused this sub species to be listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act. It is illegal to approach or harass this animal.\*

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# Pandanas

by Gerri Reaves

**P**andanas (*Pandanus utilis*) is a native of Madagascar and a member of the screw pine family, thus the other common name, screw pine. However, as a monocot, it's a closer relative of palms, grasses and bananas than of true trees such as pine.

It is often described as palm-like because the leaves resemble fronds. Strap-like and sharply serrated, the leaves grow at the branch ends in spiral rosettes.

Pandanas is included in many South Florida landscapes, perhaps because of its sculptural touch.

Among the plant's curious features are the large fruit and "walking" stilt roots.

The male plant produces bracts of white fragrant flowers on vertical stalks, but it is the female plant that produces the edible fruit. Up to eight inches in diameter, it resembles a pineapple hanging on a sturdy stalk. It ripens from green to yellow or orange.

Comparisons of pandanas' prop roots to those of the familiar native red mangrove (*Rhizophora mangle*) and strangler fig (*ficus aurea*) are inexact but useful. In pandanas' case, the vertical roots enable the tree to "walk" or spread wider than its height, which is usually no more than 25 feet in South Florida.



The large edible fruit resembles a pineapple or pine cone



Pandanas' strap-like leaves have serrated edges



The stilt or prop roots enable pandanas to grow wider than its height

photos by Gerri Reaves

Pandanas prefers full sun and is highly salt tolerant, making it suitable for coastal landscapes and plantings near either fresh or brackish water.

It also works as an exotic container plant.

Sources: Waterwise by South Florida Water Management District, floridata.com, and ifas.ufl.edu.

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## Keep The Beach Cleared For Turtles

Independence Day is upon us, and while most people associate barbecues and fireworks with the holiday, it also marks the beginning of sea turtle hatching season.

July is the busiest month for sea turtles on Sanibel and Captiva. Adult females are still coming ashore to nest and the nests that have been incubating for the last two months are beginning to hatch. This makes the beach a busy place at night.

If you visit the beach, especially at

night, we ask that you keep a few things in mind to keep our beaches sea turtle friendly:

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- Fill in all holes that you dig
- Turn off or shield all lights facing the beach
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- Honor the leash law
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If you happen to see a sea turtle, keep a respectful distance (at least 150 feet) and watch quietly. It is a rare experience and one to be treasured.\*

## Shell Museum Welcomes New Store Manager



Cheryl Gruner

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum announced the appointment of Cheryl Gruner as their new store manager. Originally from Warren, Michigan, Gruner relocated to Fort Myers in 2000 to fulfill her lifelong dream of living in a tropical environment.

While working in Detroit, Michigan for Spencer's (a Universal Studios company), Gruner transferred to the area and has since managed various retail stores

including Corning Revere Outlet, Oneida Home Store, QVC Outlet and Designer Sunglass stores. Although most of her family is still in Michigan, one of her brothers recently relocated to the Fort Myers area and she enjoys spending time with him cheering on the Tigers in baseball and the Red Wings in hockey.

In her spare time, Gruner spends time decorating, gardening and volunteering. She brings energy, enthusiasm and know-how to the museum staff. \*

## Pets On The Porch Coming To Tahitian Gardens

The Royal Shell Companies, along with the merchants at Tahitian Gardens, 1975 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel, will host Pets On The Porch, a meet-and-greet with the Gulf Coast Humane Society on Saturday, July 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gulf Coast Humane Society volunteers will be "on the porch" at Tahitian Gardens with some furry friends who are looking for a new home.

"At this time, we plan to bring five dogs and several cats for people to meet," said Courtney Piggott of the Gulf Coast Humane Society.

"We are looking forward to hosting this type of event periodically," added Randy Bacik, CEO of Royal Shell Vacations and an ardent dog lover.

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## West Marine Opening Benefits Island Causes

By purchasing a \$10 ticket to the opening of the new Fort Myers West Marine flagship store on July 19, islanders can support "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and Sanibel Sea School are also joining the opening festivities and selling tickets.

One hundred percent of ticket proceeds goes to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society to help conservation efforts within the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. For every "Ding" ticket used at the "Cruising For A Cause" event on July 19, West Marine will donate an additional \$2 to DDWS.

The event takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. at the new store, Southwest Florida's largest West Marine, located at 7070 College Parkway in Fort Myers. Attendees will enjoy free food, drinks, gifts, music, raffles and a live auction.

"The event should be a lot of fun, and we're so pleased to be included," said DDWS executive director Birgie Vertesch. "TV's *Deadliest Catch* star Edgar Hansen will be on hand as part of one of the live auctions items - a fishing trip for four with him. Our Blue Goose will also make an appearance, plus we'll have other fun surprises and information about the important work we do protecting



Kids love the Blue Goose, who will make an appearance at West Marine's "Cruising For A Cause"

resources and educating the public about conservation."

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# Museum Receives Deep Sea Exploration Videos And Shells

Like a scene from a science fiction movie, recent deep sea explorations of the Alvin (DSV-2) are revealing many new and interesting species that are particularly well adapted to survive under super pressure and move about in total darkness. The manned submersible, owned by the United States Navy and operated by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), has produced some of the most revealing and exciting images of the ocean floor in recent years.

These images have been shared with The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum for the new exhibit, Deep Sea Mollusks, currently being developed and scheduled to open later this year. Dr. José H. Leal, director and curator for the museum, is particularly pleased with the videos, shells and other materials being sent from such important institutions as Woods Hole in Massachusetts, Monterey Bay Aquarium in California, The University of Victoria in British Columbia (Canada) and Duke University in North Carolina, among others.

"Deep sea exploration is an exciting new frontier for us to learn more about the variety and abundance of life forms on the bottom of the ocean floor," said Dr. Leal. "I am particularly pleased with the response from our colleagues around the world who have helped the museum exhibit by providing our visitors with the most up-to-date shells and videos from the deep sea."\*

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## Pets On The Porch

Islanders are asked to bring a donation to the shopping center on the day of the event. Items such as dog or cat toys, cat litter, towels, cleaning supplies (i.e. bleach, paper towels, Clorox Wipes, etc.) and cash donations are welcome. Then, spend some time with the furry friends and find one that is perfect for you and your family. While you're at

Tahitian Gardens, do a little shopping and the merchants – many of whom are rescue pet moms and dads – will donate a percentage of that day's sales to the Gulf Coast Humane Society.

Gulf Coast Humane Society, a non-kill shelter, is located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers, across from Flea Masters Flea Market on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. They are open until 5 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, visit [www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org](http://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org).\*



ALVIN (DSV-2) during a recent deep sea dive

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## Shell Museum Announces Summer Calendar Update



Live tank demonstration in the museum's Learning Lab

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum continues to offer live tank demonstrations and shelling activities throughout the summer. The museum, home to more than 35 exhibits consisting of thousands of shell and mollusk specimens and a library, is a great place for visitors with an interest in shelling.

- **Live Tank Demonstration** – See live mollusks up close, watch a fighting conch use its foot for locomotion, see a lightning whelk slam shut its trap door for protection or view scallops as they zip across the tank with jet propulsion skills. Available upon request (summer only); contact Diane Thomas at 395-2233 or dothomas@shellmuseum.org.

- **Shelling 101** – Everything you wanted to know about shells and shell makers, but were afraid to ask. Learn how to find, clean, and pack shells for safe travel. Held on Mondays from 2 to 2:30 p.m. (summer only). Free with museum admission.

- **Walk The Beach With The Experts: Free Family Beach Walks** – A museum docent will teach you how to find and identify shells. Learn what mollusks eat, how they move and the environments they live in. Participants will meet at Gulfside City Park on Sanibel on Thursdays at 9 a.m. (summer only). The walk will last about an hour. Program is free; beach parking fees will apply.

Located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road, the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the museum and its programs, call 395-2233, or visit [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org).

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## Shell Museum Partners With Target

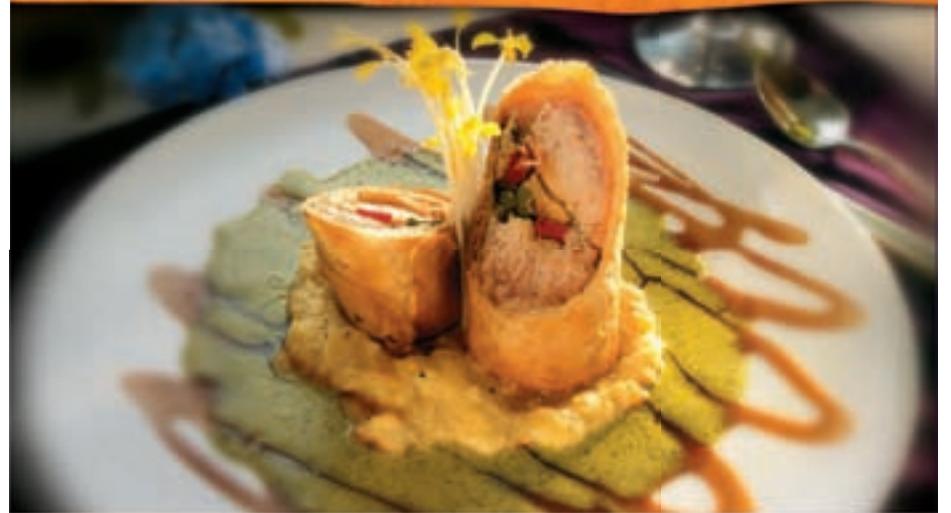
The grant program is administered by Target Corporation and all requests need to be submitted by school teachers interested in visiting the museum. The application for funding begins on August 1.

To learn more about and apply for a Target Field Trip Grant, visit [www.Target.com/grants](http://www.Target.com/grants) for details. For questions about how to organize a fun, memorable field trip to the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, call Diane Thomas at 395-2233.

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# 'Ding' Days Photo Contest Gets Clicking

July 15 marks the opening of the 25th Annual "Ding" Darling Days Amateur Nature Photography Contest.

The contest, sponsored by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) is held in conjunction with "Ding" Darling Days, Oct. 14 to 20, which honors the birthday of Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling, one of the foremost conservationists in American history and the driving force behind the eponymous JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

The deadline for contest entry submission is 4 p.m. on September 15. For an entry form and other contest information, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/photo-contests](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/photo-contests), email [dingdarlingoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:dingdarlingoffice@yahoo.com) or call 472-1100 ext. 233.

Winners will be announced and awarded prizes at Conservation Art Day on Saturday, October 20 during "Ding" Darling Days.

Entries may be delivered in person to JN "Ding" Darling NWR or by mail to "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS), 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel, FL 33957 (Attention: Gary Ogden).

New this year, entrants must submit digital copies of their images. Other contest details include:

- There is a \$25 per person entry fee

that provides you with a membership to the DDWS and is used to defray the cost of the contest. One fee covers two entries per person.

- Only amateur (all ages) photographers are eligible to enter (may not possess a professional photographer tax identification number for the sale of photographs).
- Photos must be taken at JN "Ding" Darling NWR and have been taken within two years of entry date.
- Photos must be 8" x 10" (or full frame 8" x 12") with an 11" x 14" mat. This will facilitate display in the Visitor Center. (Please, no hangers on the backs of photographs.) Frames are not permitted. New this year: Please submit a digital copy on a CD/DVD/Flash Drive. Each photo must be at least 2MB. The two photo entries can be copied onto the same CD/DVD/Flash Drive.
- Each person may enter up to two photos but is eligible to win only one award. One \$25 fee covers two entries per person.
- Photos that have won awards in previous "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society photo contests may not be resubmitted.
- Judging will be anonymous. Please do not put your name or anything that will identify you on your photograph.
- Judging criteria:
  - 1) Technical excellence (sharpness, lighting, composition, exposure)
  - 2) Originality/creativity
  - 3) Interest
  - 4) Ability to be reproduced for publication

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William Fischer of Hinsdale, Illinois took first place in the 2011 "Ding" Darling photo contest for his Eastern screech owl

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## Shells Found



Adam Lavelle and Chelsea Steinbecker

Chelsea Steinbecker and Adam Lavelle, who visited Sanibel between May 19 and 29, found these alphabet cones between beach access 4 and 6. It was Adam's first trip to the islands, Chelsea has been collecting shells here since she was 2.✪

## Shells Found



Lindsey Dodd

Lindsey Dodd of Rincon, Georgia found an alphabet cone and a 12-inch horse conch on the beach while staying at Ocean's Reach on June 5.✪

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## Photo Contest

- On digital photos, only limited image modifications are permitted. Minor manipulation should be used only to produce a more natural looking photograph. Cropping is allowed but adding any elements not existing in the original scene will not be allowed. Judges, at their discretion, will disqualify any photos that appear to be manipulated beyond these guidelines.

- All photos will become the property of DDWS and will not be returned. There is no need to include a return envelope or postage. Photos may be used by DDWS in any way with appropriate credit.

- First, second, and third place winners and honorable mentions will be formally announced during the "Ding" Darling Day's weeklong celebration held in October. Cash prizes will be awarded.

- The refuge and DDWS cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of photos.

- There are three judges: A refuge staff person, a professional photographer, and a member of the Sanibel community.

"Ding" Darling Days 2012 sponsors include Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grill, Ocean's Reach Condominiums, Bailey's General Store, *Island Sun*, Jerry's Foods, Jim and Patty Sprinkle, West Wind Inn, Mike and Terry Baldwin, Art & Susan Cassell, Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, LCEC, RLR Investments, Rochester Resorts, Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club, George & Wendy's Seafood Grille, Heidrick & Co. Insurance, Nave Plumbing, Over Easy Café, Royal Shell Vacations, Anne and Jim Scott, She Sells Seashells and Winston and Barbara Spurgeon.

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Jason Boeckman and Bianca De Sanctis in *The Star-Spangled Girl*

## Neil Simon Play Opens July 5 At Strauss Theater

**B**IG ARTS Community Players at Herb Strauss Theater will perform Neil Simon's *The Star-Spangled Girl* at 8 p.m. on July 5, 6, 7, 12, 13,

14, 19, 20 and 21. A patriotic opening night reception starts at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 5.

*The Star-Spangled Girl*, a classic Simon comedy set in the 1960s, is the story of a love triangle mixed with politics. The all-volunteer cast is made up of Jason Boeckman, Kelly Greten and Bianca De Sanctis. The play is directed by June Koc.

Norman and Andy, self-proclaimed radicals and publishers of *Fallout Magazine*, are dedicated to fighting the "system" until their attractive new neighbor – Olympic swimmer and all-American girl, Sophie – arrives on the scene. Norman instantly falls in love with her, and his obsession drives her crazy. Meanwhile, Andy is preoccupied with fending off creditors and charming the landlady to avoid being evicted for not paying the rent. The story is a delightful blend of romance, comedy and patriotism.

"Community Theater is the most important part of theater. It's the part that gets the young people off of their cell phones and onto the stage," said Koc. "Most children never get the opportunity to almost touch the performers at these small venues and they adore it."

Boeckman, a graduate of Miami University, works full-time at BIG ARTS in marketing and group sales. His performance credits include *The Sound of Music* (Captain Von Trapp); *Oklahoma!* (Judy Fry); *The Secret Garden* (Dr. Neville Craven); and *Lost In Yonkers* (Eddie).

De Sanctis, who portrays Sophie, is



Bianca De Sanctis and Kelly Greten in *The Star-Spangled Girl*

a recent graduate of Florida Gulf Coast University, where she studied theatre.

"The show is great... really funny and also sweet. Something the whole family can enjoy," said De Sanctis. "My favorite thing is that I got to learn a Southern accent for the role!"

Greten is facilities manager at The Sanctuary Golf Club. He performed in productions of *Sanibel On Parade* and *The Shell Game* at The Community House. His friends call him "The Sanibel Mayor" because he has so many friends and acquaintances, and always has a smile on his face.

Tickets for BIG ARTS Community Players productions are \$15 for adults

and \$5 for children 17 and younger. Group discounts are also available for 10 or more people. The Herb Strauss Theater Box Office will open one hour prior to show from May through November. BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this new community theater program are welcome to attend auditions or pick up a volunteer form at BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. For more information about the show and to purchase tickets, call 472-6862 or 395-0900, or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).



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In observance of Independence Day, there is no camp held on Wednesday, July 4. Tuition is adjusted during this fifth week of camp to reflect the four-day session.

Tuition assistance is available; contact BIG ARTS for an application.

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For further information on registration



Jacob Lemmon works on pottery

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Sanibel-Captiva Art League

## Island Artists Exhibit Paintings

More than 50 paintings by members of Sanibel-Captiva Art League are currently on view at the Sanibel Public Library. By displaying their work in this annual Summer Art Show, the artists attain goals set during past academic and studio studies and during local painting workshops. These shows provide local artists with encouragement to practice and improve their skills while sharing their work with

Jean Eaton

the community to critique and purchase. Some of the artists have only recently started painting while others have won awards and also show their work in art galleries throughout the year.

The ever-popular island scenes with tropical vegetation and wildlife are a favorite for island residents who wish to decorate their homes as well as for visitors who wish to "take a little of the island back so they can remember their vacation in paradise." Each original painting is a different interpretation and unique to the individual artist's style. There are exquisitely beautiful watercolors rendered with precision and expert technique

Carol Good

while other paintings have wildly-colorful expressionistic brushstrokes that evoke emotional content.

As part of the Art Council of Southwest Florida in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties, San-Cap Art League also provides opportunities for artists to enter their paintings in several juried shows throughout the year that are judged by nationally-known artists. Frequently the judge will give a public gallery talk afterward and explain why he chose certain paintings to receive awards and rejected others from the exhibit. Residents and visitors are invited to view these exhibits and attend receptions. The next Art Council

Terry Shattuck

Show will be held at BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery this coming December.

To see the current show, call the library at 472-2483 during regular hours or log on to [www.sanlib.org](http://www.sanlib.org). The library has a newly-expanded media center with periodicals, reference material, CD's and DVD's, tapes and computers with internet access for all to use. For Art League information, write P.O. Box 1192, Sanibel, FL 33957 or log on to [www.sancapart.com](http://www.sancapart.com).

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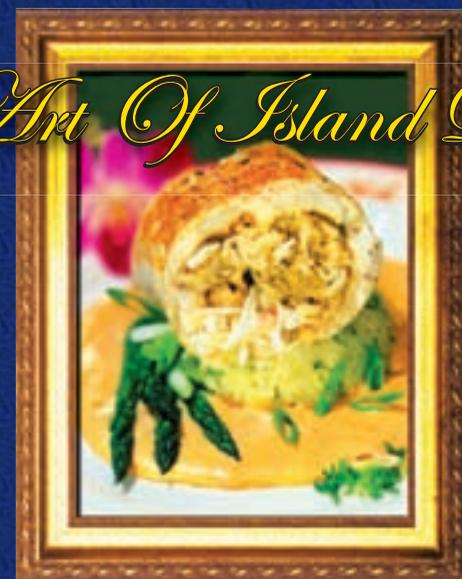
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## 15th Annual Midsummer Night's Sing

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The event, planned for Tuesday, July 24 at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fort Myers, will be a 90-minute performance of hymns, instrumentalists, and special guests beginning at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is free, although voluntary cash donations and cans of non-perishable food will be accepted to benefit Community Cooperative Ministries (CCMI - The Soup Kitchen).

First Presbyterian's pastor, Rev. Paul deJong, is urging the community to help with canned goods and cash donations to help those in need.

"The need for food continues to be absolutely critical," said Rev. deJong. "Please love your fellow neighbor and attempt to do what God would do and want you to do."

Organizer Sam Galloway, Jr. said cash donations are especially needed because CCMI can buy five times as much food for the same amount of money that residents spend at local grocery stores.

"We can take every dollar and make it stretch as far as is humanly possible," said



Reverend Paul deJong, left, minister of First Presbyterian Church, with A Midsummer Night's Sing organizer Sam Galloway, Jr. Attendees contributed more than 1,200 pounds of canned goods last year.

Galloway, who has made feeding the hungry part of his life's work. He has arranged for refrigerated trucks to take the food to the neighborhoods that most need help this summer.

"Continued high unemployment and our poor economy have caused many of our neighbors to ask for food to feed their families for the first time in their lives. Our director has told me, 'Sam, I cannot tell you who, but people are coming for groceries whom you and I know.' We can't allow our neighbors and friends to be hungry," added Galloway. "We need our community to get together and help with all the canned goods they can. We need to raise the roof with money and food, please!"

Galloway annually sponsors the popular Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing as part of the Edison Festival of Light in February. Because more than 4,000 people attend Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing in the winter, organizers planned A Midsummer Night's Sing to allow more local residents to enjoy the same type of activity during the less crowded summer months.

The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir and friends will be featured during the evening, which will include sing-a-longs of well-known hymns everybody knows.

First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers is located at 2438 Second Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information, call 334-2261 or visit [www.fpcforymiers.org](http://www.fpcforymiers.org).

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## Buck Attends 60th Dartmouth Reunion

Sanibel Island resident and poet Ray Buck was honored by his Dartmouth College classmates on the occasion of the class' 60th reunion by having a poem he was asked to write read by a classmate at the reunion dinner and displayed prominently at the class reunion headquarters.

Buck is known to Sanibelians for his poems read at the Sanibel Writers Reads for the past decade and for his poems in the *Island Sun*, chosen by Don Brown. He has also read at open mics at The Bean and as a featured poet at the Sanibel Public Library celebrations of National Poetry Month.

*Island Sun* readers will recall his poetry in the newspaper featuring buildings in the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village and his prose pieces featuring the museum's volunteer docents. He is a member of Sanibel Writers Group IV and the husband of Mary Buck, longtime volunteer and board member at BIG ARTS.

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students who earned the senior fence warrior head classmate carved canes wha-hoo-wha Da-Da-Dartmouth cheers of past echoed through years the loyal sons of Dartmouth 1952 men of a world shaken by conflict leaders in life's fields and callings across the nation across the world New Hampshire granite theirs for muscles for brains the stuff of Dartmouth and a special class let the echoes fill high green hills the Dartmouth Class of Fifty Two returns for a Baker bells welcome.\*

## Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Fifty Shades of Darker* by EL James
  2. *Fifty Shades of Grey* by EL James
  3. *Fifty Shades Freed* by EL James
  4. *Sanibel Flats* by Randy Wayne White
  5. *Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
  6. *A Bubble Moment* by Katie Gardena
  7. *Historic Sanibel and Captiva* by Jerri Magg
  8. *Fault In Our Stars* by John Green
  9. *Sanibel Island* by Yvonne Hill
  10. *Gift From the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh
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## Poetic Voices



For consideration, please send typed poems with a short biography to *Island Sun*, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, FL 33957 Attn: Don Brown or send a Microsoft Word attachment to donbrown@alum.mit.edu

selected by Don Brown

### The Beach

by Cassidy Shave

Small sands sift through my feet  
Birds come around to greet and eat

Dolphins soar through the water  
I lay back and the air gets hotter

Seashells slide up on the shore  
Just lying there was such a bore

So I went swimming to look for shells  
And swam down to the sea floor

And there I found what I was looking for  
A perfect banded tulip shell

This day at the beach went very well

*Cassidy lives in Ohio, but enjoys coming down to her family's vacation home on Sanibel Island. Cassidy is 10 years old. Her fourth grade teacher inspired her to write many different forms of writing. She loves reading the Poetic Voices column in the Island Sun. Cassidy enjoys soccer and has completed several running races.\**

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Be prepared to face some challenges stirred up by an envious colleague. Your best defense is the Arian's innate honesty. Stick with the truth, and you'll come out ahead.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your sensitivity to the needs of others is admirable. But be careful to avoid those who would take unfair advantage of your good nature, especially where money is involved.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Having an optimistic attitude is fine, as far as it goes. But don't be lulled into a false sense of confidence. There are still problems to deal with before you can totally relax.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel somewhat "crabby," as you fuss over plans that don't seem to work out. Maybe you're trying too hard. Ease up and let things happen without forcing them.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Heed that keen Leonine instinct. It's trying to tell you to delay making a decision until you're sure there are no hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to reach out to those who might be nursing hurt feelings over recent events. Best advice: Ignore any pettiness that could delay the healing process.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your understanding helps a colleague get through a difficult period. Although you didn't do it for a reward, be assured that your actions will be repaid down the line.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You score some high marks in the workplace, which will count in your favor when you face the possibility of changing direction

on your current career path.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your goal lies straight ahead. Stay focused on it and avoid distractions that could throw off your aim and cause potentially detrimental delays.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Keep that burst of exuberance in check and resist pushing through your new project before it's ready. In your personal life, a family member again needs help.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Paying attention to your work is important this week. But so are your relationships with those special people in your life. Make time for them as well.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Good news. Someone is about to repay a long-standing debt. But be warned. That same someone could try to charm you into lending it back unless you say no and mean it.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are sensitive to matters that involve your home and family. You would make a fine family-court judge or social worker

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On July 3, 1775, on Cambridge common in Massachusetts, George Washington rides out in front of the American troops gathered there, draws his sword and formally takes command of the Continental Army. Washington declined to accept payment for his services beyond reimbursement of future expenses.

• On July 4, 1911, record temperatures are set throughout the northeastern United States, the result of a deadly heat wave that would go on to kill 380 people. By July 13, New York alone had reported 211 people dead from the excessive heat.

• On July 5, 1921, a trial begins in the case of seven Chicago White Sox baseball players accused of throwing the 1919 World Series. The conspiracy trial was just for show, and signed confessions from some of the players mysteriously disappeared from police custody. The jury acquitted all of the accused players and then celebrated with them at a nearby restaurant.

• On July 2, 1938, Helen Wills Moody defeats Helen Jacobs to win her eighth Wimbledon singles title. Her record was not broken until Martina Navratilova won her ninth Wimbledon title in 1990. Wills died in 1998 at the age of 92.

• On July 8, 1949, Wolfgang Puck, the celebrity chef and official caterer for the Academy Awards Governors Ball, is born in Austria. Puck's restaurant Spago in West Hollywood, Calif., became famous for its gourmet pizza (which featured such toppings as caviar and smoked salmon) and its celebrity clientele.

• On July 6, 1971, Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong, one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century, dies in New York City at the age of 69. Armstrong pioneered jazz improvisation and the style known as "swing." He had many nicknames, including Satchmo, short for "Satchelmouth."

• On July 7, 1983, Samantha Smith, an 11-year-old American girl, begins a two-week visit to the Soviet Union at the invitation of Soviet leader Yuri Andropov. He invited Smith after she wrote him a letter as part of a school project.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was revered Chinese philosopher Confucius who made the following sage observation: "He who learns but does not think is lost. He who thinks but does not

learn is in great danger."

• If you ever have occasion to refer to an item that pertains to walnuts, it will be useful to have the word juglandaceous at your disposal.

• It's well-known that the United States is a melting pot of nationalities. At the end of the 1800s, New York City was so diverse that it had more Irish than any city except Dublin, and a larger Russian population than was to be found at that time in the city of Kiev. The only two cities in the world that had more German speakers were Vienna and Berlin, and Milan and Naples had fewer Italians than New York.

• If you're like the average American, you will eat 1.5 tons of food this year.

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• Iowa has the highest literacy rate in America.

• In the grocery stores of today you might find a half-dozen varieties of apple, if you're lucky. In centuries past, though, there were more than 350 varieties that were grown just for the purpose of making cider.

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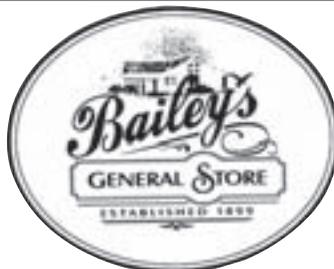
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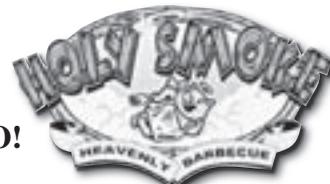


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