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Sanibel's Kane Wins First Prize At Digital Lee

Sanibel resident Lochlainn Kane, a junior at Fort Myers High School, was awarded first place in Graphic Design at the Digital Lee Awards held on May 3. The award ceremony took place at the Art of the Olympians to coincide with Art Walk.

Digital Lee is a design and technology competition for students throughout Lee County schools. The competition is in its third year and has helped showcase the innovative and creative talents of its students in all areas of design. This year, the key categories included graphic design, web design, animation and multi-media. There were more than 500 entries this year and the award-winning submissions in each category will be on display for the month of May at the Art of the Olympians.

Kane designed a poster, based on the original *RUR* science fiction play of the 1920s by Czech author Karel Čapek. The play was influential throughout the 1920s and 1930s and was responsible for introducing the word "robot" to the English language. He received some impressive

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Fort Myers High School Digital Design teacher Eric Riemenschneider with first place graphic design winner Lochlainn Kane and his winning entry

Lighthouse Will Shine Bright Even If Color Is Drab

by Anne Mitchell

Sam Bailey can rest easy in his grave. The landmark Sanibel Lighthouse, which is getting a much-needed rehabilitation, will remain the same drab color it is now and which, by all accounts, has always been: a rusty brown hue.

Bailey, the son of a pioneer family, who died in 2010, told a crowd once that the lighthouse had always been brown and should stay that way. "There was thunderous applause," recalled City Manager Judie Zimomra. Bailey was also a local historian.

"There will be no red and white barber stripes," like the livery of some prominent lighthouses, Zimomra said this week.

Sanibel City Council on Tuesday awarded the contract to out-of-state contractor Razorback LLC, the low bidder. Work should start within days and completion is expected before the winter season.

The lighthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. The Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management turned the property



Sanibel Lighthouse photo by Ken Rasi

over to the City of Sanibel in a ceremony on April 21, 2010.

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This Managed Aquatic Plant System (MAPS), launched on March 22, is a manmade island filled with plants

photo by Jeff Lysiak

Floating Artificial Island Aims To Clean Water Inside The Dunes

by Jeff Lysiak

About a year ago, Thelma Clark was looking out her rear window into her backyard. A resident of Causey Court within The Dunes subdivision, the lake behind her house was filled with large patches of green algae.

"It almost looked like you could walk across it," said Clark, who at the time had recently heard a talk conducted by Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Marine Lab Research Associate Mark Thompson. He had discussed with residents

of The Dunes several ways of addressing water quality issues, including the Managed Aquatic Plant System (MAPS), an idea which sparked Clark's curiosity.

Developed by Beemats, a company based in New Smyrna Beach, Florida about 20 years ago, the MAPS are manmade floating islands that are filled with emergent aquatic plants. As the plants grow, they draw excessive amounts of pollutants (i.e. nitrogen and phosphorus) from the water. Once fully grown, the plants are then removed and replaced with new plantings. As a result of the natural filtering system, a polluted body of water is essentially "cleaned" through hydroponics.

Clark did a little bit of research about the Beemats – which have been successfully tested in Fort Myers, Naples, Tallahassee and Jacksonville – before contacting SCCF's Native Plant Nursery.

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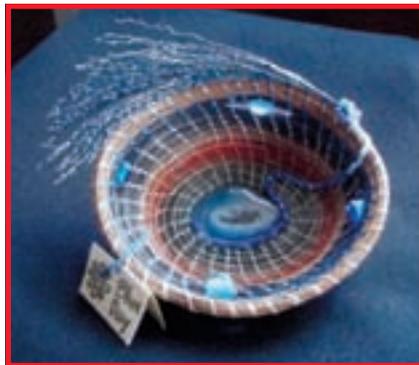
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Historical Museum Praises Summer Docents

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village stays open through August 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, staffed by a small but talented group of volunteers who work through the heat to serve the museum's visitors. Docent-led tours, usually held at 11 a.m., cease after May 9 due to a lack of qualified tour guides, many of whom are snowbirds who have flown home for the off-season.

"Many of our snowbirds return to their home base for the summer," said museum manager Emilie Alfino. "We miss them and wish them a happy summer, and then we try our best to staff the museum as best we can. And we do okay. We have about 15 docents available to work all or part of the summer months. Of course, they have to work harder and more often as the need is greater, but many tell me they actually enjoy it more."

"Basically, what I enjoy is meeting the other people from Florida who come over here from their vacations. Some of them have been coming here for generations with their families," said docent Rosemary Ryan.

Docent, board member, and gift shop manager Paula Newton added, "People seem to have more time, so it's an opportunity to really go into detail about what life was like on the island. The Bailey store is perfect for that since it's not air-conditioned, there are just fans running."

Docent Carol Kaplan agreed. "The pace is much more laid back and the focus seems less rushed to do something else when they leave, because the island is so much easier to do your thing with fewer people. There's no need to rush, so the visitors have no need to rush. And I think the docents feel the same way. In the morning hours, you're meeting more morning folks, which I think is always an energy builder right there. The quality of the village is just as good, and there is more time to learn even new things. I learn more about the village, from the china in Miss Charlotta's Tea Room, which particularly interested me. I really appreciated that. Mary Beers Bailey's coffee set was displayed in a different way and we got to appreciate the women more this way, to see the two updated archives on that."

The museum is grateful to the summer and partial summer docents on its rolls so far this year. They are: Barbara Broadhurst, Debbie Staley, Lynne Campean, Clivie Goodwin, Ann Heyman, Jeri Magg, Gail Migliorini, Gayle Pence, Ann Rodman, Karl Rodman, Rosemary Ryan, Nancy Siegel, Anita Smith and Hal Theiss. Anyone wishing to join these ranks, or explore the opportunity to volunteer at the museum in any way, is encouraged to call Emilie Alfino at the museum at 472-4648 during museum hours.

There will be no docent-guided tours after May 9. The village closes August



Rosemary Ryan



Paula Newton



Carol Kaplan

4 and reopens November 6. Visit the museum gift shop, which carries a variety of items for children, including coloring books and paper dolls, replicas of Confederate silver and Union gold, certificates of parole, and more. In addition, the gift shop carries sailor's valentines, pine needle baskets, and handmade aprons in adult and children's sizes plus aprons to fit American Girl dolls. All the merchandise in the museum store is made in America.

The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission this summer is \$5 for adults over 18; members are free. For more information, call 472-4648, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org, or email info@sanibelmuseum.org.*

Come And Meet Your Forever Friend

Saturday, May 25 is Pet Palooza 3 at Tahitian Gardens, located at 1975 Periwinkle Way. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., you and your pet(s) are invited to this interactive event.

Since last July, The Royal Shell Companies and the merchants in their various centers have hosted three pet adoption events. Sanibel has come through each time by adopting some good dogs looking for a new home along with monetary donations totaling over \$1,000, plus wish list supplies for the Gulf Coast Humane Society, a non-kill shelter.

The Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) will bring out some good dogs looking for a new home. Pets du Soleil on Location Photography will return with their air-conditioned photography trailer modified for all types of pet photography, and K-9 Connections will set up a course for dogs to run. Many of the Tahitian Gardens merchants will donate a portion of that day's sales to GCHS. Several have planned fundraising activities in their stores. Stop by the main table for information.

Admission is free, but a donation to GCHS is appreciated. To find out what items GCHS is in need of, visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org and click on "Supply Wish List."

The Royal Shell Companies, the merchants of Tahitian Gardens, Pets du Soleil on Location Photography and GCHS friends and supporters invite you to come out, mingle with other pet owners and start your summer by finding a forever friend.*



The Gulf Coast Humane Society comes to Tahitian Gardens on May 25. Pictured is Florida, who now has a new home.

photo courtesy of Pets du Soleil on Location Pet Photography

Optimist Club Scholarship Applications Due

Competition for college scholarships continues. Applications for the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club's college scholarships are due by Wednesday, June 12. Visit www.sancapoptimist.org for more information.

Planning has begun for the 34th annual 4th of July Road Rally on Sanibel and Captiva. Details and entry forms will be available in a few weeks. Sponsors for this fun event are encouraged to watch for letters in the mail shortly and for further information in the newspapers and on our website. Contestants are advised to start picking your teams now!

Beginning in June, the club will again work with the Sanibel Recreation Center

to have the Junior Anglers summer fishing activity for kids registered at the Rec Center in fifth through eighth grade. The group will meet on nine consecutive Mondays to fish at various beaches and on three boat trips. Instruction will be provided by members of the Rec Center staff and Optimist Club members. Last year's group had a "whale" of a time. Sign ups at the Rec Center will be announced. Fishing gear, bait, etc. are provided by Tarpon Bay Explorers and by Bailey's General Store.

Also, the Optimist Club's "Free Lunch Fridays" program will continue for this summer's Rec Center kids. Pizza, etc., are again provided by the Optimists and Island Pizza.

For further information on any of the above activities, contact Stan Howard at 472-0836 or Randy Carson at 699-8739.*



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Sanibel-Captiva Cares Breaks All Records With \$1 Million Donation To Golisano Children's Hospital

Sanibel-Captiva Cares exceeded all fundraising expectations on April 7 when it posted double the revenue of last year. The sold-out event, held at The Sanctuary on Sanibel, marked the group's 13th year proving again that Sanibel and Captiva are islands filled with generous people with a passion for excellence in children's health care.

This year's success brings the 13-year total of Sanibel-Captiva Cares contributions to Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida to \$5 million and continues the mission to provide great resources to the community so that families can receive life-saving medical care close to home.

Donations to the Sanibel-Captiva Cares effort are still being accepted. For more information, email SanibelCaptivaCares@gmail.com or call 343-6950.✱

Center 4 Life Programs

Sanibel Fit 4 Life is the motto at Center 4 Life. All ages are welcome.

Island Seniors, Inc. members may attend fitness classes held at the Center 4 Life, 2401 Library Way, by presenting a coupon. Booklets of 12 coupons can be purchased at the center; cost is \$42, or buy three coupons for \$10.50. Cash or checks to the City of Sanibel are accepted. Members of the City of Sanibel Recreation Center must show their membership cards to attend.

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. with Sandi McDougall. Format is 45 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of balance, core strength and flexibility exercises.

Essential Total Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

Power Hour Fitness – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords and stability balls, along with mats, are used to strengthen your muscles. Improve core strength and balance. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

Gentle Yoga with Kris Brown – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Mats are used to meet

the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel.

Tuesday Kayaking – May 21, 8:30 a.m. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. Kayaks, paddles and life jackets provided. Bring water, a small snack, change of clothing, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses and a hat. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Stop by the center to sign up.

Games: (All game times changed to 12:30 p.m.)

Bridge – 12:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

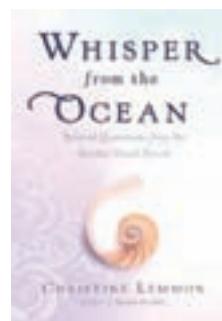
Hand & Foot – 12:30 p.m. Tuesday
Mahjongg – 12:30 p.m. Thursday
Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

Computer Classes
Picasa with Patty – June 25 and 26 at 1 p.m. Still have all those photos on your PC or in the camera? It's time to get some printed out or shared in a slideshow. Four hours of your time and you can start getting those treasure memories organized. Class limited to six. Cost is \$60 for members, \$90 for non-members, due at signup.

Spring cleaning? Remember the fall Trash and Treasures sale. The center is accepting donations. Please, no clothes, shoes or TVs.

Call 472-5743 for details on programs or stop by to register.✱

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Why Attend City Council Meetings?



by Barbara Joy Cooley and Larry Schopp, Committee of the Islands

At a recent island event, a woman described people who attend Sanibel City Council meetings as “people who don’t have anything better to do.”

The people she was describing attend those meetings because they care about protecting Sanibel’s very unique character. These are people who want to keep Sanibel safe from overdevelopment and environmental degradation – and to keep an eye on how the process of government is working.

There are not many people who attend city council meetings on Sanibel. We think there should be more. Among those who do attend regularly are leaders of the Committee of the Islands (COTI).

That’s only natural. Consider COTI’s mission: to ensure the continuity of good local government, to protect the environment, and to preserve the small-town, sanctuary character of our island. Over the years, COTI’s leaders have not only

attended meetings; they also have a record of working towards that mission and, in the process, tackling pressing problems.

A Look At The Record

Now what about COTI’s record? During the 10 or so years that we have been active in the policy decisions of the organization, here are some of COTI’s more important accomplishments:

In 2003, Sanibel had been incorporated for more than 26 years. Many structures on the island predated incorporation and were not nonconforming but were showing clear signs of aging. Sanibel had neither a comprehensive post-disaster build-back ordinance nor a comprehensive redevelopment ordinance for nonconforming structures. There was growing concern among citizens about how the city would confront those two issues because they had the potential to profoundly change the character of the island.

As the perceived need for action on build-back and redevelopment became more urgent, a number of residents felt that if hardship was to be avoided, some accommodation needed to be made for nonconforming structures, particularly overpopulated condominiums, some of which contained four stories of dwelling space. However, there was also concern that the island’s acclaimed small-town character could be jeopardized if major changes were made to the city’s restrictions on building height, residential density, and impermeable lot coverage.

Faced with that set of concerns, in the fall of 2003 a team of COTI leaders acted to prevent such changes from being made without the approval of Sanibel’s voters. They proposed that the key land use restrictions be incorporated into the City Charter, where they could only be changed by a referendum put before the

people.

Petition Drive Succeeds

When the city council at that time decided not to put the amendments on the ballot, a larger team of COTI members gathered signatures on petitions to ensure that the amendments were placed on the ballot. In the election that followed, on March 1, 2005, all three amendments were passed.

In the case of the restrictions on building height, the amendments included language to guarantee the right to build back nonconforming four-story condominiums if they were destroyed in a natural disaster. The reasoning was that, if the maximum permissible number of stories was three, an owner could actually lose his/her home if build-back were restricted to three stories in all cases. That would have been unacceptable.

Similarly, in the case of residential density, the amendments’ language permitted redevelopment of existing parcels to their nonconforming density with city council approval, but without the need for voter approval. We were not urging the downsizing of existing structures.

Since their adoption by voters in 2005, the “People’s Choice” Amendments, as they became known, have provided the needed legal underpinning for the city council to enact Sanibel’s first comprehensive post-disaster build-back ordinance and its first comprehensive redevelopment ordinance for the Resort Housing District.

Charter Amendments Help Build-Back

In other words, the charter amendments written by COTI leaders actually enabled the build-back ordinance as well as the resort redevelopment ordinance!

The goal was to treat all property owners, even the owners of nonconforming properties, fairly. COTI participated in the process, enthusiastically supported both ordinances, and praised the city council for their passage.

COTI has always advocated strong language in the Sanibel Plan for protection of our environment and in particular our natural beaches. We have also, on occasion, opposed private development plans that had the potential to undermine the small-town character of our community or would have required weakening key aspects of the Sanibel Plan.

There Is Nothing Better To Do

As we think back over the past 10 years, we think the hours have been well spent. We believe that attending city meetings is exactly the opposite of “not having anything better to do” – that there is, in fact, nothing better to do than to participate in the process of government, to help protect our environment, and to help preserve the sanctuary character of our barrier island community.

*The Committee of the Islands invites your input and ideas on this important subject. Email your comments to coti@coti.org. You can read commentaries on other island issues at our website at www.coti.org and you can visit the Committee of the Islands on Facebook.**

American Legion Post 123

Bring mom to American Legion Post 123 this Sunday, May 12 for a meal of BBQ ribs and chicken served from 1 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person. Enjoy live music with Robby Hutto from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Happy Mother’s Day to all moms!

On Sunday, May 19, stop by Post 123 for a Fish Fry served from 1 to 8 p.m.

Nine-ball pool tournaments continue every Monday night throughout the summer. Texas Hold’em is played every Thursday night at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are welcome but must be Legion members.

Every Friday, Post 123 serves a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich all day. Check out the daily specials and the entire menu. The half-pound burgers are a local favorite. Food is served all day, every day. The public is welcome.

American Legion Post 123 is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m., located at mile marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-9979.*

Scholarships Open To High School Grads

The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club is offering two four-year college scholarships. This brings the number of current Optimist Club scholarships to six. Each scholarship is \$1,250 per year (\$5,000 total). The competition is open to all 2013 graduating seniors in Lee County.

Applications are available at most Lee County high schools (see your guidance counselor) and online at www.sancapoptimist.org. For more information, call Stan Howard at 472-0836. Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, June 12. The scholarship committee plans to make the final selections a few weeks later.

Academic records, financial need, extracurricular activities, civic/community service records and references are integral parts of the selection criteria. The application package gives exact procedures.*



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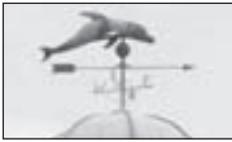
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INSIDE CITY HALL

Plan Update May Be Sent To State With 'Typo'

by Anne Mitchell

The Sanibel City Council on Tuesday passed by a 4-1 vote the ordinance updating the Sanibel Plan that the state requires every seven years – even though the maps contained in the plan may include a typographical error.

It's been a long-running and complex issue – and it may not be over.

For several years, resident Steve Maxwell has been urging the city, without success, to admit to changing the map of Raintree Place, where he lives.

Maxwell was not present on Tuesday for the second and final reading of the ordinance but arrived later with the intent of speaking during public comment. He told the *Island Sun* afterwards that Mayor Kevin Ruane, speaking during council comments, agreed to meet with him, his attorney and City Attorney Ken Cuyler on a date to be determined.

"I thanked him," said Maxwell, for agreeing to a meeting, but he hopes it happens soon. Citizens have 10 days in which to appeal an EAR (Evaluation and Appraisal) ordinance, Maxwell said. He wants to meet before that time expires.

Maxwell said at an earlier council meeting that the city states in the EAR review that no changes have been made to city density maps. "That is false," he said.

Maxwell contends that Raintree Place,

where he has lived since 1999, was to be an extended private roadway easement, eventually being connected to Twin Ponds Drive. However, the city maintained that had never been intended to be developed in that manner and that no official city documents showing the roadway extending to Twin Ponds ever existed.

Maxwell, however, cites documents prepared by the planning department and by Johnson Engineering between 1986 and 1997 that back his case. He found the unaltered blueprint in a city department last year.

The change caused financial hardship to the property owners involved and resulted in a lawsuit.

Attorney Cuyler, who did not work for the city at the time, has blamed a typographical error and said no city documents exist to support it as an easement.

As for the state-mandated EAR, Maxwell said, "Why keep a map in there that the city attorney has said is the result of a typographical error. It can't be a valid map that is true and correct on one hand and on the other hand... resulted from a typographical error," Maxwell said Tuesday. "They would have had to put a notice in the paper to amend the development intensity map."

Mayor Kevin Ruane voted against passage of the ordinance, saying he met with Maxwell on Saturday to talk about the issue, but needed another 30 days to examine the facts.

Earlier this year, former city councilman Peter Pappas spoke to the council in support of Maxwell's contention.

"I suggest you get a lawyer," Pappas told the council after stating the city

had "altered public documents and falsified them not once, not twice but three times... and then conspired to keep it that way."*

City To Consider Local Preferences In Bid Process

by Anne Mitchell

Only \$12 separated the low bidder from the next lowest bidder when the City of Sanibel was purchasing a new half-ton extended cab Ford pick-up truck.

The low bidder was Charlotte County Ford at \$46,260, just squeaking past Sam Galloway Ford of Lee County. And that bothered Vice Mayor Doug Congress.

At Tuesday's city council meeting Congress said it was a shame that Galloway couldn't have Sanibel's business since both the firm and Sanibel are in the same county.

Under Sanibel's ordinances, contracts must be awarded to the low bidder, said City Manager Judie Zimomra. However, the council has the option to change to a "local preference" ordinance.

Mayor Kevin Ruane said there could be direct and indirect benefits from doing business with locals.

City Attorney Ken Cuyler said he would research some options for a change in the ordinance and report back at the next meeting.

Council approved the low bid by unanimous vote.*

Restaurants Get A Break In Application Fees

by Anne Mitchell

Two Sanibel restaurant owners were able to persuade the city council to reduce their permit application fees on Tuesday.

Jeff Weigel, of the Sanibel Deli, 2330 Palm Ridge Road, was facing \$8,409 in fees just to apply for a number of permits related to expanding his carry-out business into an adjacent unit and adding seating for customers.

After much discussion, council reduced the fees to \$3,000. However, that does not guarantee he will be allowed the variance (to parking) and a conditional use permit (for the seating) when he makes the application.

Wiegel said there are five empty units in the shopping center and called it "a dying plaza" to do business in because there is little retail and therefore not much foot traffic. He called the fees "prohibitive" for a business the size of his.

"It is not refundable and I am not in a position to gamble with that kind of money," added Wiegel.

Councilman Mick Denham was concerned about setting a precedent, but was willing to reduce the fees by half. The rest of the council, after some discussion, went along with Vice Mayor Doug Congress' suggestion of \$3,000.

The second application was from MG Whitaker of Fresh Taqueria, 2411

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Republicans Host Lincoln-Reagan Dinner May 16

Tucker Carlson, young political commentator and founder of the popular news website The Daily Caller, will headline this year's Lincoln-Reagan Dinner hosted by the Lee County Republican Executive Committee. The local party is looking to energize its base, appeal to young Americans and unite all Southwest Florida residents concerned about the direction of the country and the partisan climate.

Carlson will offer a fresh, youthful, unique and honest perspective as well as solutions you do not want to miss. He will also take questions from the audience. Former CIA director and Southwest Florida Congressman Porter Goss will introduce Mr. Carlson and Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto will serve as Honorary Chair.

The general public is strongly encouraged to attend the Thursday, May 16 event being held from 6 to 10 p.m. at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. Tickets are \$100 per person and include dinner and valet parking. Business and table sponsorships are available and the public can sponsor their high school or college age children and/or a student to join Carlson's speech for just \$30. A reception and cash bar will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a highly anticipated speech about the future

of the Republican Party will conclude the evening.

Visit www.leerepublican.org to download the invitation and payment information. Checks can be made to the LCREC and mailed to P.O. Box 61465, Fort Myers, FL 33906 by Thursday, May 9.✪

Farnum To Speak At Democratic Women's Club

The Democratic Women's Club of Lee County will have as its featured speaker at the Saturday, June 8 meeting Rev. Allison Farnum. She began serving the congregation of Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers in August of 2008. In community and denominational life, she is currently serving on the board of Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida, an ally organization of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. She is also a member of the UU Allies for Racial Equity, and serves on the Steering Committee for the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Florida. Rev. Farnum is also on the steering committee of the interfaith congregation-based community organizing group, Lee Interfaith For Empowerment (LIFE).

Although Rev. Farnum will speak on a range of topics, her presentation will center on immigration issues and initiatives at the national, state and local level. Her good work in this area has helped her

become an expert on this subject.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in South Fort Myers, located at the northeast corner of College Parkway and Summerlin Road. A lunch will be served following the meeting at a cost of \$18 and visitors may make reservations for lunch by contacting Pat Fish at fishpatricia@yahoo.com or by calling 466-8381.

The Democratic Women's Club of Lee County is a member of the DWC of Florida. It works year-round to organize the Democratic voters of Lee County, Florida. The DWC of Lee County

brings together in common purpose all Democratic Women of Lee County, although men are members as well. The DWC strives to stimulate interest in civic affairs, encourage good citizenship and educate the public on questions of public interest. The DWC encourages the active participation of Democratic voters, seeks to increase Democratic voter registration and supports qualified Democratic candidates for public office.✪



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children in a group setting, learn conflict resolution, fine motor skills and problem solving skills. Children learn these skills while experiencing a sense of independence away from home, all of which foster confidence and an easier transition to a kindergarten curriculum. Knowing that a preschool education can help promote self confidence and social skills as well as prepare your child for kindergarten is important, but so is finding the right school for your child and family.

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trust your first impressions and ask questions: Are the children having fun in a bright, spacious and cheerful environment? Is there a foreign language taught? What is the child to teacher ratio? Are the teachers interacting with the children? Does the program encourage parental involvement? Is the staff competent and friendly? What is the staff longevity? Are the staff trained in CPR and first aid? Is

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For more information about the Children's Education Center of the Islands, including programs for children ranging in age from two to five years old, VPK, Summer Camp, and tuition assistance programs, contact Director Jana Yates at 472-4538. You can also visit the website at www.cecikids.org.

Duplicate Bridge Results

On Tuesday, April 30, there were three tables in play at The Community House.

The winners were:

1. Barbara Goodman and Linda Tedeschi
 2. Yvonne Dressel and Judy Harrarson
- The game runs for six months, November through April, at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

For more information, call Susan Willoughby at 281-3258.

CROW Wins Gulf Guardian Award

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) has received the first place Gulf Guardian Award from the EPA. The Gulf Guardian Awards are given as part of the EPA's Gulf of Mexico Program to facilitate collaborative actions to protect, maintain and restore the health and productivity of the Gulf of Mexico in ways consistent with the economic well-being of the region.

"Our focus on education, research and the rehabilitation of wildlife in the Gulf and Southwest Florida enables us to be good stewards for our community and for the more than 200 species of animals we see and help each year," said CROW's Interim Executive Director Peg Albert.

CROW placed first in the Civic/Nonprofit category. The organization will be formally recognized at the Gulf Guardian Award Ceremony that will take place in Tampa in June.



Anna

PAWS

Anna was found in a drainage pipe near the Sanibel police station. We think she may be a littermate of Tiny Tim, who was found in the Sanibel Bean parking lot several weeks ago (who is still available for adoption). Anna is currently in a foster home, but will need her permanent home by the end of the month. If you can adopt Anna and/or Tiny Tim, please call Pam at PAWS of Sanibel at 472-4823.



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Optimists Give Presidential Awards



On May 2, members of the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club presented their Presidential Award to Craig Albert of Sanibel Captiva Community Bank. Pictured are, from left, Dani Howard, Craig Albert, Richard McCurry, Stan Howard and Mark Steger. Albert was given the award for his dedication to the community and his generosity to the organization.

photo by Jeff Lysiak



On May 3, members of the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club presented their Presidential Award to Wendy Schnapp of Tarpon Bay Explorers. Pictured, from left, Tim Monahan, Wendy Schnapp, Margie Klein, Stan Howard, Patty Clark, Donna Butz, Dani Howard, John Jones, Randy Carson, Nate Grey and Richard McCurry. Schnapp was given the award for her dedication to the community and her generosity to the organization's Junior Angler program.

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Radel Meets With Sanibel-Captiva Republicans

United States Congressman Trey Radel was the speaker at a recent meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Republican Caucus. Congressman Radel addressed several issues that he felt were important, including financial problems, over-regulation and the animosity between the Republicans and Democrats.

Congressman Radel stated that one of the first things he has been doing in Congress is reaching across the aisle to newly-elected Democrats to see if there was any common ground. He said though they may not agree on everything, there needs to be more serious bi-partisan discussions. As to govern-

ment spending, he said that 40 percent of annual expenditures are paid with debt. We have to find a way to reduce Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, and especially the fraud it has generated, and reduce government over-regulation.

Congressman Radel also said that his door is always open to his constituents, regardless of their political affiliation, and he intends to spend as much time as possible in our district.

The next meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Republican Caucus will be open to the public. It will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. in Meeting Room

#4 of the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. Florida State Legislator Ray Rodrigues is the scheduled speaker and will give a briefing on the recently concluded 2013 session of the Florida Legislature. He represents District 76 in the Florida House of Representatives, which encompasses the coastal region of Lee County, including Sanibel and Captiva.

Call Robb Moran at 472-9035 if you have any questions or would like to find out more about the Sanibel Captiva Republican Caucus.*

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St. Isabel Parishioners Take Trip To Florida Repertory Theatre



Robert Cacioppo, founder and producing artistic director of the theatre, his wife, Carrie Lund, founder and associate producer, Brenda Segura representing the Women's Guild and Bert Jenks representing the Men's Society

Recently, a combined group of St. Isabel Women's Guild and St. Isabel Men's Society enjoyed an afternoon at the Florida Repertory Theatre, where they saw a wonderful production of *The Fantasticks*. The Florida Repertory Theatre is located at 2267 Bay Street in Fort Myers.✪

OBITUARY



DONALD T. EGENSTEINER

On May 5, 2013, Donald Egensteiner of Sanibel Island and Fort Myers passed away at the age of 81. Donald was born on May 1, 1932, to Clifford and Marie Egensteiner in Queens, New York. He and his wife, Virginia, lived on Sanibel Island for 15 years. They previously lived in Stamford, Connecticut for over 30 years, where

they raised their family. He is survived by Virginia, his wife of 57 years, their three children, Erik, Eva and Lynne, six grandchildren and his sisters, Elaine Mitchell and Marie Rogers. Donald worked for 37 years as an advertising executive on Madison Avenue in New York City, where he worked on major accounts for Eastman Kodak, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Arrow Shirts, Dr. Pepper, Eastern Airlines, Merrill Lynch and Chrysler Plymouth, to name a few. He attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, where he met his wife, Virginia. He served in the U.S. Army for two years and was stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey and Governors Island, New York.

While living on Sanibel Island, he served as president of CROW, a wildlife rehabilitation organization, where he also volunteered tirelessly to rescue animals and upkeep the infrastructure. He was also an active member of the Kiwanis Club and volunteered with the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation. Donald was an avid golfer, tennis player, boatsman, woodworker, world traveler, and lover of the arts. He was a strong man who loved hard work. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Donald was a member of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, where a memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 2 p.m.✪

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Women In Mission Celebrate Fellowship At Annual Spring Tea

Sanibel Congregational Women In Mission celebrated a year of faith, fellowship and fundraising at their annual spring tea. Arriving at Fellowship Hall of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on April 22, ladies and gentlemen were greeted by music with Judy McBroom at the piano. They were surrounded by tea tables adorned with flowers and butterflies transforming the hall into a blooming garden and designed by Sandy Simmons and Lora Lee Plummer. Patti Daly served a mint strawberry lemonade. Ladies with hats were served tea sandwiches by gentlemen in tuxedos. Topping off the tea service were Jill Bugby's scones and Mrs. Ellen's orange cake-fruit-trifle. Molly and Dick Lassy, Moon Price, Betty Van Tassel, Ethel and Jack Clancy, Carolyn Decoster and Iver Brook all mod-

eled clothes especially selected for them by The Sporty Seahorse Shop. The real star of the style show was Jack and Ethel's son; led by his father, he showed off a shirt that could be colored with special washable markers. Barbara McClure's silent auc-



Table decorations at SCWIM's annual spring tea

tion of accessories contributed wonderful items for attendees.

SCWIM recognized all the efforts of so many through their fundraising at the Rookery Bookery, the Unique Boutique, the Bake Sale, Hazel's Hats, Booked for Lunch, the Loan Closet, Grethe's Gentle Yoga and today's tea. They thanked all who organize and work at these events, but also those who contributed and supported them. SCWIM's special guests, Tracey Galloway and Barbara Wells of CCMI, Tina Parsons of Brightest Horizons Child Development Center, and Janie Smalley of Lee County PACE, were all presented with checks. Each spoke of their organization's work with children and youth. SCWIM is so pleased that they can contribute toward their work. The planning committee of Judy Maurer, Jane Saghir, Moon Price and Barbara Cecala wish to thank all who worked to present this event. Special thanks to our gentlemen – John McBroom, Sean Daly, Marcel Saghir, Dave Bugby, Paul Roth and Pastor John Danner – who served us all so gallantly, and the lovely ladies of the cook and kitchen crew.*

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Residents are encouraged to leave nonperishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, pasta, rice or cereal next to their mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 11.

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Fees

Periwinkle Way, who was granted a 50 percent waiver of the roughly \$2,000 fees for applying for a waiver of the sign ordinance. Whitaker wants to add a second sign to direct people to the restaurant's parking area, which is separated from the business by another property. The vote was 3-2, with Mayor Kevin Ruane and Councilman Jim Jennings opposed.*

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Senior Pastor John Danner, member Hazel Schuller and “Jo the Mangrove Tree” aka Jo Hardy of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, present a check from the congregation’s “It’s A Shore Thing” fundraiser to Erick Lindblad, executive director of SCCF

Mangroves And Mission Meet At Sanibel Congregational Church

The congregation at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ held a two-week fundraiser, “It’s A Shore Thing,” raising \$1,085.28 to assist the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation in planting mangrove propagules along Sanibel’s shoreline. The fundraiser is part of the congregation’s participation in the 50-day “Mission 4/1 Earth” campaign of the wider United Church of Christ that runs from April 1 through May 19. SCUCC’s other efforts have included two-minute talks by shared each Sunday during worship members from different environmentally focused agencies on the island, a two-week theological study on environmental poetry, and a two-week Wednesday after school program.

Raising funds to help SCCF plant mangroves along the shorelines was a natural fit for the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ; SCUCC’s covenant includes the commitment “to protect, in every way we can, the land that God gave us here on

Sanibel, and to foster protection of all birds, animals and plant life – as well as people – on this fragile barrier island.” It’s A Shore Thing is one more way that members put this commitment into action.✧



Jerry Edelman crafted a pottery piece to raffle off for FISH of Sanibel

Sanibel Neighbors Club Food-Raiser For FISH A Success

Sanibel Neighbors Club (SNC) hosted a member rally and food-raiser on April 29 at Cip’s Place to benefit FISH of Sanibel, Inc.

SNC members raised \$2,500 during the event from private donations from club members and a raffle. SNC’s newest business member, Chuck Bergstrom, a RE/MAX of the Islands agent, was there to present his donation to FISH as well. In addition to the monies raised, SNC members brought more than 15 bags of food to help fill the FISH food pantry.

FISH board member Jerry Edelman displayed some of his beautiful pottery and donated a platter for the raffle. The winner was Candace Schaeffer.

The SNC is a loyalty program for Sanibel and Captiva residents and island employees. They offer weekly ongoing promotions and benefits, as well as weekly specials from island businesses. All specials are posted on the club website and emailed directly to members. The annual membership fee is \$15, of which \$5 goes to a local non-profit of the member’s choosing.

For more information on the Sanibel Neighbors Club and joining instructions, log on to www.SanibelNeighborsClub.com or stop by Hillgate Communications, located in the Bailey’s Center at 2451 Periwinkle Way.✧



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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

There's an old song named *Kokomo* by the Beach Boys. Parts of the lyrics go like this, "Aruba, Jamaica ooo I wanna take you... To Bermuda Bahamas Come on pretty mama... Key Largo, Montego... baby... why don't we go" and, another verse, "To Martinique, the Monserrat mystique... Way down to Kokomo." Well that song has been bouncing through my brain since our visiting Group Study Study Exchange Team from Rotary District 7030, a multi-national district, that covers from the Eastern Caribbean to the Southern end of the South American continent with French Guiana, Suriname and Guyana. Fourteen countries, part of the old British and French West Indies.



Rotary has 67 clubs in this area with more than 2,000 members. English, French and Dutch are their languages. Our GSE team represented Trinidad, Tobago, Martinique and Barbados.

They are not Rotarians but are sponsored by their local Rotary Clubs partnered with others around the world. The program is a unique cultural and vocational opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages

of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

In a typical four-week tour, they participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.

District 7030's GSE team leader spoke about the economy of Barbados. Natural gas drives the economy and provides a stable economy. Until recently much of this natural gas was exported to the United States; now more is being sent to Europe. By-products such as menthol, ammonia, fertilizer, and feed-stock bring in additional monies.



Rotary GSE Team 2012

Tourism also is a key factor.

District 7030's flagship project is the acquisition and distribution of wheelchairs for the disabled, elderly and medically challenged (2,800 to date). San-Cap Rotary has participated in a similar program with the WheelChair Foundation and has sent a ship container of wheelchairs to Jamaica and is now collecting for another container.

Tamara Arthur from Barbados spoke more on the cultural side of her country, which consists of 11 parishes, each named after a different Anglican church saint, Christchurch being the most well-known. She was, of course, very proud of her island's beautiful white sand beaches but said most natives don't swim. Each Caribbean island seems to have its own unique carnival season. The largest on Barbados is Crop Over.

Musical and dress competitions and traditional activities abound.

Mavis Gibus from Martinique and Sasha Williams from Trinidad spoke, Mavis telling us about her sponsoring club's project The Happy Baby Project. All things baby are expensive on the islands. Her club collects slightly used and new baby items for distribution to low-income single mothers. She also spoke about the carnival on Martinique, when the men dress up as ladies and the ladies dress up as men. Martinique produces 14 brands of rum.

Trinidad/Tabago has Carnival as well, representing its melting part of cultures, featuring music of the steel pan bands, crab dumplings and corn soup. Sasha's sponsoring Rotary Club's main project is the North Coast Literacy Project, teaching 5-year-olds reading skills.

This team certainly represents its homeland islands well; the warmth and charm of their personalities exude friendship, hospitality and the excitement of learning about other places and cultures.

So are you ready to visit their islands and have fun at Carnival? If so, let's plan a trip to Kokomo. Rum anyone?

*The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at Sanibel Island Golf Club, 1100 Par View Drive. If you have any questions regarding Rotary, e-mail Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club President John Grey-John@JohnGreyPainting.com or President-Elect, Scot Congress-Scot@scongress.com.**

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Bird's Eye View

Snakes! Continued



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

Last week, I was writing about how many species of non-venomous snakes have evolved the ability to mimic the dangerous species in various ways, and

how this capability around humans will quite often get them killed. I told the story about a water snake in the wetlands of Sanibel mimicking the appearance and behavior of a cottonmouth, trying to make me leave him alone.

But it is probably the juvenile black racers on Sanibel, which mimic the markings of a rattlesnake, that the citizens of Sanibel come across more than any other. And therefore, these little guys are quite often misidentified and wind up getting killed. We come across them so much because this species loves residential neighborhoods. The neighborhoods are home for many of the creatures that black racers like to prey upon (lizards, frogs, insects, small rodents, etc.) and their presence attracts the snakes into our backyards.

Luckily, the adults don't look anything like a rattlesnake, so they are more easily identified. They are fairly thin-bodied, fast snakes that are mostly black in color with a cream-colored belly and chin. But the juveniles, mimicking the color and pattern of a rattlesnake, are easily misidentified by those who see no reason to educate themselves as to the difference.

Many years ago when I first came to Sanibel and was working at SCCF, every once in a while, someone would proudly come into the Nature Center and brag that they had just killed a rattlesnake on the island, showing us the dead baby black racer in a glass jar or something. I always felt a little sad for those babies because nature had evolved something that usually helped the youngsters survive until breeding age. But with humans in the picture, those advantages worked against them.

It probably also doesn't help that the black racer has somewhat of an "aggressive" personality (another evolved trait that usually keeps potential danger at bay). I've probably been bit more by black racers on the island than any other species of snake.

They are also tree climbers; more than once in my many years of trouncing around the wildlands of Sanibel have I experienced a black racer suddenly jumping out of a tree overhead and using my body as the quickest way to the ground and into the underbrush.

Whenever that happens, I am always fascinated that my first reaction is to

jump, but then, when I quickly identify it only as a black racer, I remain still as the snake finishes using my body as the fastest route onto the ground and disappears into the woods. My instinctive reaction is to jump; my intellectual decision is to identify the species, remain calm and enjoy the thrill of the experience. Maybe that's why I don't get much thrill out of manmade thrill machines like Space Mountain at Disney World; my everyday world is much more exciting!

And black racers and water snakes are not the only species of non-venomous snakes that mimic the species that can be harmful. Many snakes, when they feel threatened, will rear up like a cobra, giving the appearance that they are about to strike, and vibrate their tails. If this kind of encounter happens around dried leaves, the vibrating tail can even make a similar sound as though it had rattles.

A case-in-point was one year while playing softball at the Elementary School; I had just come off the field and was sitting in the dugout when there came from the outfield shouts of fear from the other team because someone had just spotted a rattlesnake in center field. Of course, everyone in my dugout turned and looked at me and I said to myself, "Great!"

I ran out to the spot where the snake was and there were all these big, macho softball players totally surrounding the snake and they were taking turns throwing their gloves at it. It was, at least, six feet long and it was all curled up with its head raised; waiting to strike the first

object that came too close... and its tail was shaking back and forth just like a rattlesnake.

There was only one problem: It wasn't a rattlesnake. It was a yellow rat snake!

As soon as I saw what species it was, I chastised the big, brave men for being afraid of a harmless snake and pushed them aside and started to approach the snake to capture it. As soon as it realized its ruse was not going to work, it turned to try and escape by crawling away from me. I quickly grabbed it about two feet behind its head and it immediately turned around and sank its teeth into me just above my thumb.

You should have heard the screams coming from this macho crowd, "Oh, my God! He's been bit! Call emergency! He's going to DIE!"

Isn't it fascinating how powerful instinct is?

Well, I didn't die. I just walked the snake over to the edge of the field and let it go into the bushes. The bite bled a bit, but it was really no big deal. I can guarantee those men had been hurt worse smashing their finger with a hammer (or probably just playing softball), but the idea of being bit by a snake was almost unbearable.

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.canoeithbirdwestall.com for more information.✧

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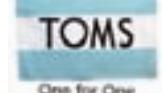


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Choctaw bass

FWC Scientists Discover New Bass Species

Scientists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) have uncovered a new species of black bass in the southeastern United States. Scientists have proposed naming the new species the Choctaw bass and recommended the scientific name of *Micropterus haiaka*. They revealed their discovery at a meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society earlier this year.

FWC scientists first noted a DNA profile that did not belong to any recognized species while testing a bass specimen from the Chipola River in 2007, as part of a broader genetic study of bass.

"We didn't set out to find a new species," said Mike Tringali, who heads the genetics laboratory at the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. "It found us."

After confirming the initial discovery, scientists searched for the DNA profile

in bass caught in nearby rivers to determine the species' range. They found that the Choctaw bass inhabits coastal river systems in Alabama and along the western Florida panhandle, including the Choctawhatchee River.

"We chose the name 'Choctaw bass' because the species' range overlaps the historic range of the Choctaw Indians," said Tringali. "As for our recommended scientific name, *Micropterus haiaka*, 'haiaka' is a Choctaw word that means 'revealed.'"

The American Fisheries Society must approve the suggested scientific name for it to take effect.

The Choctaw bass is very similar in appearance to its relative, the spotted bass. The physical differences between the two species are not easily seen with the naked eye, one reason they had never before been distinguished despite decades of bass studies in the region.

For more information about how FWC scientists discovered the new bass species, visit www.MyFWC.com/Research, click on "Freshwater," and select "Black basses" under "Freshwater Sport Fishes."*



A nesting green sea turtle from August, 2012. The photo was taken from a safe distance using a telephoto lens.

Sea Turtle Nesting Statistics

Sea turtle nesting is under way. Following is a three-year comparison.

As of May 3, 2013:

Sanibel East – 0 nests, 0 false crawls
 Sanibel West – 0 nests, 0 false crawls
 Captiva – 1 nest, 1 false crawl

As of May 3, 2012:

Sanibel East – 1 nest, 1 false crawl
 Sanibel West – 5 nests, 4 false crawls
 Captiva – 4 nests, 0 false crawls

As of May 3, 2011:

Sanibel East – 0 nests, 0 false crawls
 Sanibel West – 3 nests, 2 false crawls
 Captiva – 1 nest, 0 false crawls

* False crawl: a failed nesting attempt.

If you have questions or would like to know more about sea turtles on Sanibel, contact seaturtle@scf.org or call the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Sea Turtle Office at 472-2329 ext. 228.*

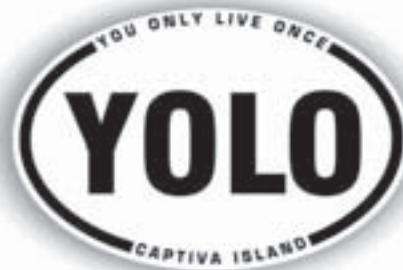
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CROW Case Of The Week

Laughing Gull



by Patricia Molloy

Despite its name, the laughing gull that arrived at CROW recently was in no laughing mood. "When [it] came in, it was super depressed and down. It was breathing with its mouth open," said Dr. Helen Ingraham.

The laughing gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) is a particularly vocal species of avians with a distinctively loud call lasting three or more seconds. The sound is reminiscent of laughing, hence its name. The beautiful bird with the gray and white feathers and sharp black beak is often seen swirling through the skies over beaches, evoking familiar sights and sounds of summer in the Gulf states and the east coast.

Dr. Helen continued, "I did a very quick physical exam since it was so stressed out and then placed him in a quiet cage after giving it some Kayro syrup and some fluids. It perked up almost immediately and the open-mouth breathing stopped."

After it had time to rest, Dr. Helen listened to its lungs with a stethoscope and was pleased to hear that they sounded clear. "I think it's another bad brevetoxicosis case and it was still down the fol-

lowing morning." After discussing the gull's condition with CROW's Hospital Director Heather Barron, Dr. Heather immediately said, "I think it needs to be in the cholestyramine study."

CROW has recently been invited by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota to take part in clinical trials of the drug cholestyramine to treat brevetoxicosis, which is quite a distinction for the Sanibel wildlife clinic. "It is a really old drug. This is just a new way to use it," said Dr. Heather.

Brevetoxicosis is a condition commonly contracted by shorebirds, seabirds and marine life after exposure to red tide. Red tide is an ancient, natural phenomenon. Unfortunately, exposure to the algal bloom can be dangerous, even fatal, to fish, sea turtles and birds. The hope is that the new application of cholestyramine will cure patients of red tide poisoning more quickly and efficiently than methods currently being used.

"I feel good about what we do. We are doing our best to make sure that animals are not suffering and more importantly, we are doing conservation medicine; we have our finger on the pulse of wildlife health in our area," added Dr. Heather.

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This laughing gull, patient #0884, was exposed to red tide. While contact with humans usually causes little more than discomfort, it can be fatal to seabirds and marine life

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Sanibel Island Fishing Club Monthly Meeting

submitted by Charles Sobczak

On Tuesday, May 14, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will holding its monthly meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the north room of The Community House. The featured speaker will begin his presentation at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public is invited to attend.

This month's featured speaker is Capt. Kevin Vertesch. Vertesch will give an in-depth presentation on the do's and don'ts of tarpon fishing. His talk will cover topics such as his favorite baits, rods, reels, hooks and all the techniques he uses to catch the elusive silver kings. He will also discuss where the best locations are to find these fish, from inshore spots off of Picnic

Island to Knapps Point, where the tarpon are most plentiful. This presentation offers local tarpon hunters a rare opportunity to learn angling techniques from an experienced fisherman who knows how to catch, and safely release, these magnificent game fish. After his presentation, Vertesch will be on hand to answer any questions from the audience regarding tarpon hunting. If you've ever wanted to catch a tarpon, this is a program you will not want to miss.

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly through season and sponsors several group outings as well as lending support for various fishing related charities and organizations such as START, Lee Reefs and the Sanibel Sea School. For information on joining the club, contact Rol Campbell at 472-8994 or attend the next meeting.

The Sanibel Island Fishing club has been an active social club for more than 27 years on the island. To learn more about the club, to view catch photos or to explore fish recipe section, go to www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com.



Kevin Vertesch safely releasing a 70-pound tarpon

Shell Found



Chris Evans

While visiting friends on Sanibel, Chris Evans from Webster, New York found a beautiful angel wing. "I was so excited!" she said. "I heard it was rare to find one in such good shape." ❄️

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Sidewalk sales and viewing of auction items will begin at 10 a.m., with the auction of bonsai trees and related materials

beginning at 11 a.m. A complimentary lunch buffet will follow. There is no admission fee, and parking and the buffet lunch are free. For further information about the lunch and auction, call Greg Lignelli at 560-3275.

Bonsai is a horticultural art of growing trees in pots. The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed to promote the knowledge and appreciation of bonsai, the practice of raising small, artistic trees in containers, which originated in the Orient.

For more information, go to www.thebonsaiswfl.com or call Jim Bremer at 482-7543.*

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Kane Wins Digital Lee Award

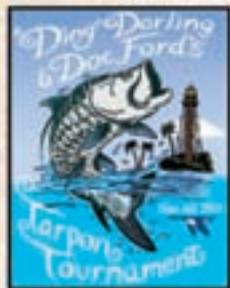
prizes, including an Olympic Digital Lee medal, an iPad Mini and the latest Adobe suite of products.

Kane's proud teacher, Eric Riemenschneider, a former Sanibel resident, was present at the award cer-

emony along with Lochlainn's parents, Jeremy Kane and Blanaid Colley, owners of Zebra Frozen Yogurt and Hillgate Communications on Sanibel.

Riemenschneider, the Digital Design teacher at Fort Myers High School and is the recipient of the 2012 Golden Apple Award, has been a huge influence on Lochlainn and has inspired him to pursue digital design in college.*

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A Good Start To Tarpon Season?



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

This week marked my first week of tarpon trips of the season. Jumping three fish on day one sure made me remember very quickly what I like so much about tarpon fishing.

After what seems like forever since I had tarpon fished, it was great to get back into the groove of hunting, hooking and catching these high flying gamefish.

These fish are just plain impressive and make an angler's heart beat faster than anything else that swims in our waters, if not in any waters of the world. Tarpon are the ultimate shallow water game fish.

Taking a day to scout before my first trip of the season, I ran the whole sound checking out all the usual tarpon haunts

and was kind of disappointed to only locate a few fish in two places. One place was in the Demire Key area and the other was in the southern sound close to Sanibel. Both places I found fish, I returned to for several days and found them still there and cooperative. Clean, clear water seemed to be what the tarpon wanted and if you found both clear water and schools of threadfins together, you were in business.

The first tarpon of the season caught on my boat was a memorable fish in several ways. At roughly only 50 pounds, what it lacked in size it made up for by its sheer jumping ability. It was caught by Mike Brennemann on May 1, which was the first day of his retirement. This fish made a lot of jumps but one particular jump had to be at least 10 feet in the air... and then it just seemed to hang there. These smaller tarpon have jumping abilities better than any NBA player. After all the hype of how hard these fish fight, Mike had this one to the boat in less than five minutes but would find out later in the week while fishing the "Ding" Darling/Doc Ford Tarpon Tournament what a good size tarpon fights like.

Weather was far from perfect for chasing tarpon most days this week, with

strong winds and even some rain giving anglers few options except to camp out at a likely tarpon highway and keep their fingers crossed.

When conditions have been calm, I had good reports of big numbers of tarpon out in the 30-foot depth range between Sanibel and Fort Myers Beach. This is an early-season staging area for these fish before they flood into the passes and sound. With the funky weather, all my tarpon fishing this week was done in the sound even though I did run a little bit outside, along the beaches, without spotting a single rolling fish.

Personally, whenever I can, I prefer to do my tarpon fishing in the sound and close to the beaches. For sheer numbers of early season tarpon, the gulf side cannot be beat, but you must have the right conditions and with so much water to search out there, it can be very hit-and-miss and often frustrating.

As of yet, the really big numbers of tarpon have not moved into the sound. With so many fish out gulf-side, it's only a matter of time until we have lots of tarpon everywhere. As we get later in the



Mike Brennemann from Pelun, Illinois on the first day of his retirement, May 1, with his first tarpon

month, our tarpon action in the sound and on the beaches will only get better and better.

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

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Ospreys. Mark your calendar for a reprise of this popular presentation, which will be held on Friday, May 31 at 11 a.m.

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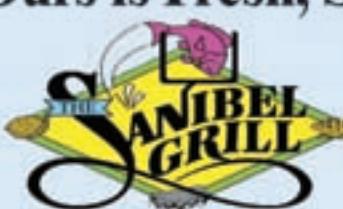
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Fair Weather Smiles On 'Ding' Tarpon Tournament

Four tarpon and four DNA scrubs won Team Teaser from Tampa-St. Petersburg the first-place title and \$10,575 at the 2nd annual "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament on Saturday, May 4.

Despite weather forecasts for stormy conditions, the tournament dawned on a partly cloudy day with only occasional rain sprinkles. A brisk breeze, however, made fishing slightly more challenging than last year's inaugural tournament, anglers reported.

"As long as there's no lightning in the sky, we consider it safe to fish," said Sean McGarry from second-place Team Fantastic Charters. "A little wind, that happens. That's not gonna stop serious fishermen."

"Most fishermen get the weather thing," said participant Les Boyle. "It

actually somewhat leveled the playing field, those who adapted did well."

Anglers had the option to fish in the protected waters of San Carlos Bay and the Caloosahatchee River to get out of the wind, said Birgie Vertesch, executive director of tournament co-sponsor "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) and tournament chief organizer. Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, with locations on Sanibel Island and Fort Myers Beach, was title sponsor.

"The tournament was once again very well run," said participant Paul Primeaux, a Sanibel Island fishing guide. "It's great that the tournament awards the anglers with great prizes, but also works so hard to preserve the safety and integrity of tarpon fishing. The tournament committee throws an event that's fun, fair and real."

Teams began fishing at first light after checking in at the official Diversified Yacht Services (DYS) boat at channel marker 2 in the bay. DYS, along with The Sanibel Bean, was presenting sponsor.

The 45 registered teams fished until 4 p.m., calling in their catches and sending photos as proof, thus avoiding the stress caused to fish by bringing them back to



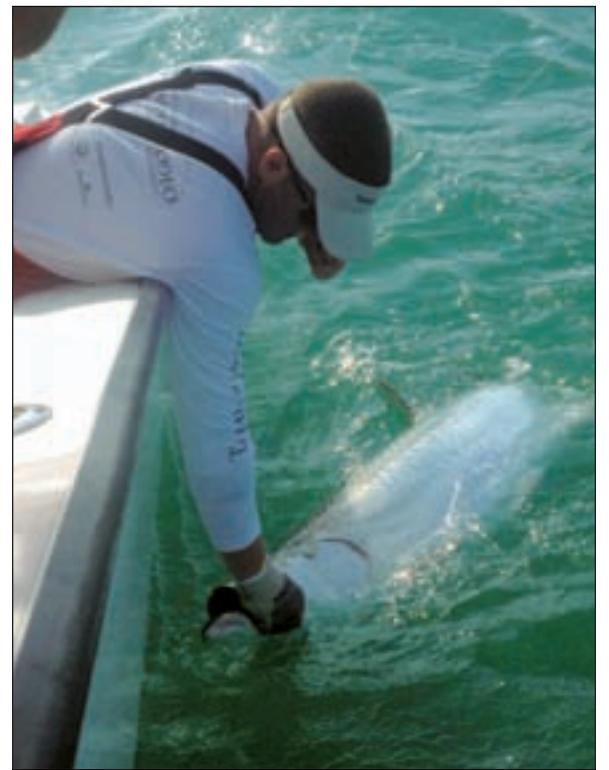
Teams began their search for tarpon at first light

dock for weigh-in. Winners undergo truth verification tests.

"We call it a catch, release, and care tournament because education and research are at the forefront of the event's mission," said John McCabe, DDWS president and tournament participant. All proceeds from tournament sponsorships benefit conservation efforts at the refuge.

"The Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission needs help from citizen scientists, and that was the primary purpose for this tournament," said Vertesch. "The anglers get extra points for doing the scrubs, which give the FWC important information to track tarpon and learn more about helping them survive as a species."

Doc Ford's on Fort Myers Beach hosted the captain's pre-party and silent auction on Friday night before the tournament and the Silver King



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for "Ding" awards banquet and after-party following the tournament. Nearly 160 guests attended the after-party – this year open to the public by reserved tickets.

The top five winning teams took home part of the \$23,500 purse; their members hailed from Sanibel, Captiva, Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Georgia, Tennessee, and Illinois. Winners include:

1. First Place: Team Teaser – Capt. Rhett Dixon, Jack Hehenberger, Stewart Hehenberger, Kyle Hehenberger, Henry Dixon, Phil Pica.

2. Second Place: Fintastic Charters – Capt. Randy Eastvold, Sean McGarry, Tim Hickey, Bob Rando.

3. Third Place: Music City – Capt. Daniel Andrews, Tony Scoville, Maynard Davis, Alex Porter.

4. Fourth Place: Chasin' Poon – Capt. Matt Mitchell, Gary Biltgen, Mike Brennemann, Mary DeMik.

5. Fifth Place: Rushian's – Capt. Josh Constantine, Justin Thompson, James Sublett, John Thompson, Joey Cartens.

Tournament sponsors include: Title Sponsor – Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille; Presenting Sponsor – Diversified Yacht Services of Fort Myers Beach, The Sanibel Bean; Platinum Sponsor – *Florida Weekly*, Lamar Advertising, Suncoast Beverage; Gold Sponsors – Anisa Stewart Designs, Bella Signs & Designs, Dan Hahn Custom Builders, Fort Myers Marine, Holiday Inn of Sanibel, *Island Sun*, Myers, Brettholtz & Company, PA, Sealife by Congress; Silver Sponsors – Blue Ash Media, Gulf Star Marina, John Grey Painting, Key West Express, Paradise Advertising and Design, RS Walsh Landscaping, Sanibel

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Sea Turtle Nesting Season Guidelines Issued

With sea turtle nesting season already under way, the City of Sanibel, in partnership with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), is asking all residents and visitors to do their part in protecting these threatened and endangered species.

On Sanibel, nesting and hatchling emergence typically occur between May 1 and October 31 and the rare opportunity to witness these events on a dark summer night is both an honor and a great responsibility.

The nesting ritual of the loggerhead sea turtle is one of the most remarkable natural phenomena occurring on Sanibel's gulf beaches. This natural process has happened on Sanibel for centuries and the 11 miles of gulf shoreline have more nesting activity than any other beach in Lee County. Sought by predators and susceptible to dehydration, sea turtle hatchlings have only a one in

one thousand chance of survival. Human activities can further reduce that chance.

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

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

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

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

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

- Honor the leash law. All dogs on the beach must be on a leash and not allowed to disturb nesting turtles or hatchlings.

Gulf-front property owners should make sure that their properties are in compliance with the city's sea turtle protection ordinances and ensure that artificial lighting from the property is not illuminating the beach (Sanibel Code Section 74-181-74-183, Section 126-996-126-1002). An easy way to test if your property is in compliance is to stand on the beach on a moonless night and look seaward. If you can see your shadow cast towards the water, there is too much light behind you. This light could potentially deter female turtles from nesting or disorient hatchlings as they emerge from the nest.

Violations of these ordinances may be subject to city, state, and/or federal fines and penalties. Violations should be reported immediately to the Sanibel Police Department at 472-3111, Sanibel Code Enforcement 472-4136 or Natural Resources at 472-3700.

For more information regarding sea turtles on Sanibel, visit <http://mysanibel.com/Departments/Natural-Resources/Protecting-Our-Beaches/Sea-Turtles>.✪

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Sam Bailey's Islands Night Is Wednesday, May 15

The 20th annual Sam Bailey's Islands Night is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15 at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. The parade around the ballfield begins at 6:15 p.m. and the game starts at 7:05 p.m., with the Fort Myers Miracle hosting the Dunedin Blue Jays.

Ric Base, president of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, will throw out the first pitch. The Beacons Quartet from Sanibel Community Church will sing the National Anthem on the field. Members of the quartet are: Jack David, John Petel, George Waters and Art Werner.

Sponsors are needed to help support local charities. Individual and business sponsorships are still available at \$100 each. Call 472-1516 to reserve your spot in the parade and make checks payable to Islands Night, Bailey's General Store, 2477 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957.

Sponsorships, concessions and donations from the game last year allowed the Islands Night committee to give \$10,730 back to the community. Donations from 2012 were made to The Sanibel School, The Sanibel School Home Economics Program, City of Sanibel Recreation Center sponsorship, 2012 Sanibel high school graduates, Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva Good Neighbor Fund, Hope Hospice, Sanibel-Captiva Cares, Community Housing & Resources, FISH of Sanibel, Inc., Sanibel Historical Museum & Village, Sam Bailey Capital Fund, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, The Community House and Friends Who Care.

Free tickets to Islands Night are available at sponsoring businesses, the Sanibel Recreation Center and Bailey's General Store.✪

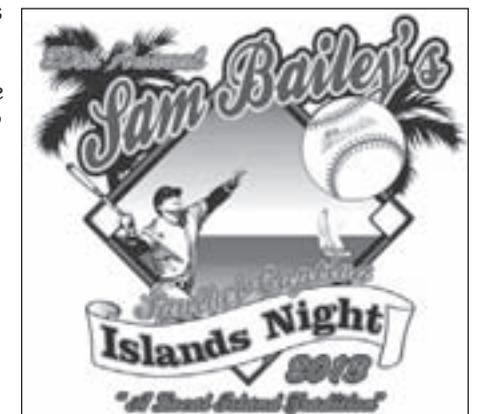




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Alligator Makes Mating Calls

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Stone Crab Season Closes May 16

The commercial and recreational harvest of stone crab claws in Florida closes on May 16, with the last day of harvest on May 15. This closure occurs each year during the species' peak spawning season to help protect and sustain Florida's valuable stone crab resource. Stone crab season will reopen on October 15.

Commercially harvested stone crab claws may be possessed and sold during the closed season but only if they have been placed in inventory prior to May 16 by a licensed wholesale or retail dealer.

Stone crab traps must be removed from the water within five days after the close of the stone crab season unless a special extension is granted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Learn more about the stone crab harvest season by visiting www.MyFWC.com/Fishing and clicking on "Saltwater" and then either "Recreational Regulations" or "Commercial."**

FWC To Permanently Waive License Requirement For Lionfish Harvest

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) on April 17 at its meeting near Tallahassee discussed waiving the commercial and recreational bag limit and the recreational license requirement for divers harvesting lionfish using certain gear.

In August 2012, the FWC put a temporary rule in place that waived the recreational fishing license requirement when targeting lionfish with a hand-held net, pole spear, Hawaiian sling or any other spearing device designed and marketed exclusively for lionfish. This temporary rule change also removed any bag limits when recreationally or commercially harvesting lionfish. Prior to the change, recreational anglers could not catch more than 100 pounds of lionfish without being required to have a commercial license.

The temporary rule change expires August 3.

The commissioners will finalize the license waiver and the bag limit removal at the June meeting in Lakeland.

Lionfish are a nonnative, invasive species that negatively impact Florida's native saltwater fish and wildlife. Currently, the most effective method of removing lionfish from Florida waters is by spearing or using a hand-held net. Removing the license requirements and bag limits will increase lionfish harvest opportunities.

For more on the proposal presented to Commissioners, visit MyFWC.com/Commission and click on "Commission Meetings."**

Proposal Would Make Tarpon, Bonefish Catch-And-Release Only

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), at its April 17 meeting near Tallahassee, moved forward unanimously with a proposal to make tarpon and bonefish catch-and-release-only fisheries.

The tarpon and bonefish catch-and-release-only proposal includes the following potential changes for management in state and federal waters off Florida:

- Eliminating all harvest of tarpon with the exception of the harvest or possession of a single tarpon when in pursuit of an IGFA record and in conjunction with a tarpon tag.
- Keeping the tarpon tag price at \$50 per tag but limiting them to one tag per person, per year.
- Modifying the tarpon tag program, including reporting requirements and shifting the start and end date for when the tarpon tag is valid.
- Discontinuing the bonefish tournament exemption permit that allows tournament anglers to temporarily possess bonefish for transport to a tournament scale.

The proposal will be brought back before the commission for a final public hearing at the June meeting in Lakeland.

In a separate discussion, the commission also reviewed how gear is being used for the tarpon fishery in Boca Grande Pass. The commission directed staff to re-examine the definition of snagging and redefine what gear can be used in the pass. This issue will likely be brought before the commission at the June meeting as a draft proposal.

More information is available at MyFWC.com/Commission.**

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McCleskey Memorial Redfish Challenge



Ryan McCleskey

Ryan McCleskey ended his fight against cancer on February 13, 2006. Family, friends and acquaintances of Ryan wish to continue his battle with loving memory.

The objective of this annual event is to build awareness of the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation and assist the children of Southwest Florida in their personal battles by donating the proceeds raised to Barbara's Friends, the Children's

Hospital Cancer Fund. The Ryan McCleskey Memorial Redfish Challenge Tournament schedule includes:

- Captain's Meeting on Friday, May 17, with a check-in from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., food and drinks from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and live music from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Twisted Conch.

- Tournament & Weigh-In at the Marina at Cape Harbour on Saturday, May 18 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Weigh-in time: 4 p.m.

Food, raffle and music: 4 to 7 p.m.

The Golisano's Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida is building a new 292,000-square-foot, 128-bed children's hospital on the campus of Health Park Medical Center. All funds raised during this major capital campaign through

May 14, 2014 will be matched by Tom Golisano, up to \$20 million. To date, we have raised over \$64,000 for Barbara's Friends.✱

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Lighthouse

gulf coast north of Key West and the Dry Tortugas. It was built to mark the entrance to San Carlos Bay for ships calling at the port of Punta Rassa.

The exterior was last cleaned and painted in the 1990s.

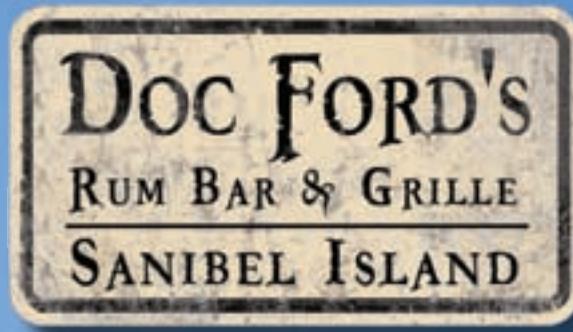
The Florida Division of Historical Resources has made a \$50,000 grant towards the cost.

Besides the lighthouse project, Sanibel's east end is in for further

improvements, said Zimomra. They include widening of the shared use or bike path from Shell Harbor to the lighthouse and a new shelter at the terminus.

"There will be an even better Lighthouse Park when people come back in the fall," she added.✱

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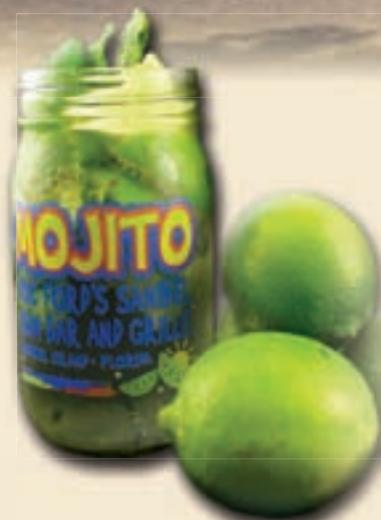


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Mike Brennemann holding his first tarpon caught

Mike Brennemann of Pekin, Illinois celebrated his first week of retirement by catching his first tarpon with Capt. Matt Mitchell on May 1 (day one of his retirement). This 36-inch snook was caught and released off a West Gulf Drive beach on May 3. Brennemann capped his trip by releasing a 100-pound-plus tarpon to help his team, Chasin' Poon, finish 4th in the "Ding" Darling and Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament on May 4. ✨

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Cotton stainers

photo by Don Parsons

Refuge Adds Close-Up Nature Photo Workshop To Summer Programs

To its already expanded 2013 summer program calendar, JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge has added a monthly macro nature photography workshop with Tarpon Bay Explorers' Don Parsons. The first of four three-hour workshops takes place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 18 at the refuge.

Parsons will share his years of experience as a professional photographer, enabling participants to get close-up pictures of flowers and insects. The workshop will cover basic camera settings for best photo quality, exposure considerations, lighting, macro equipment options and techniques for taking close-up images.

"Macro photography does not have to be expensive, and with today's technology almost anybody with a camera can explore the fascinating field," said Parsons.

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Shell Found



Rebecca Tinkle with her alphabet cone

Rebecca Tinkle of Fort Myers found her first alphabet cone while staying at Cottages To Castles' Little Palm Cottage at Blind Pass. She is looking forward to another visit for more fabulous shell finds.✱

Shell Found



Mike Gillmore with an angelwing shell

Sanibel-Captiva islands beachcomber and sheller Mike Gillmore spent his Cinco De Mayo shelling along Blind Pass and found a huge Angel Wing measuring about seven inches.

Gillmore said, "Finding an angel wing this size intact is a rarity as most wings tend to be broken or break before they get home."✱

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Photo Workshop

Students should bring a camera, an extra camera battery (recommended), plenty of room on digital storage media, an external flash (optional), a tripod, a towel or pad to kneel on as subjects are often low to the ground, and any available macro lenses or filters.

"The class, which includes a half-hour of classroom time before hitting the refuge's Indigo Trail, is based on using a DSLR camera, although point-and-shoot cameras usually have excellent macro capabilities and participants can certainly use them for this workshop," said Parsons.

Dates for the remaining three-hour

workshops are June 16, July 20 and August 18. The classes are appropriate for ages 13 and older and limited to 20 people per session.

Reservations are required by calling 472-8900. Cost is \$40 per person. Participants should meet at the "Ding" Darling Education Center flagpole for the workshops.

For more information on other refuge summer programs, call 472-1100 ext.

236 or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org. Refuge summer programs are made possible by support from the Southwest Florida Community Foundation and the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

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Homeowner Thelma Clark and SCCF's Jenny Evans check out the progress of the six-week-old manmade floating island, located in the lake behind Clark's house

photo by Jeff Lysiak



Once the MAPS island was anchored, SCCF workers paddled away

photo by Thelma Clark

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Floating Island

"I think she's setting an excellent example for the entire neighborhood," said Jenny Evans, manager of the nursery, who recently assisted Clark with a landscaping project along the banks of the same lake where the Beemats floating island was installed on March 22.

According to Evans, positive results will be seen when MAPS floating islands will cover up to five percent of the total surface area of a body of water. However, reports from prior testing areas have stated that pollutant levels have decreased when Beemats floating islands have covered an area of just 0.5 percent.

"Once per year, the plants have to

be harvested," said Evans. "They can be composted or replanted."

The cost of installing a Beemats system like Clark's is relatively inexpensive. Her 250-square-foot island cost \$1,768, or approximately \$6 per square foot, which includes the installation and plants.

"The beauty of this is that people can make it any size that they want," added Evans, who hopes that other homeowners within The Dunes – or elsewhere on Sanibel – show an interest in the project.

Even more than the benefit of improving the water quality, Clark is enjoying a few other advantages.

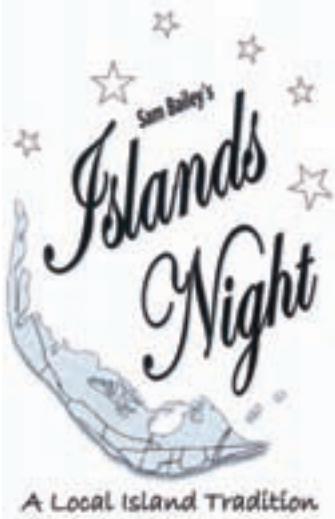
"One of my friends told me that he's always wanted to know somebody who

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Jenny Evans and Thelma Clark point out a pair of moorhens nesting on the island

photo by Jeff Lysiak



20 years of Community Support

Sam Bailey had a vision and saw an opportunity to pull the Island communities together for an evening ball game with some fun and fellowship thrown in.

His vision has become so much more throughout the years and with the help of Island businesses and individuals it has continued to grow and develop.

Each year the Sam Bailey's Islands Night Committee sends out the call for sponsorship to this fun filled night; and each year local businesses and individuals show their commitment to our Island communities by becoming a sponsor for this annual event.

Through sponsorship of the event and participation at the Miracles ball field concession stand, Islands Night beer table, Bubble Room cake table and other various donation opportunities; we are able to give monies back to our communities.

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Plant Smart

Coastal Groundcherry

by Gerri Reaves

Coastal groundcherry (*Physalis angustifolia*) is a native perennial wildflower of the nightshade (or potato) family found in the gulf coast states.

Many species in that family are known to have poisonous leaves or stems, although the ripe fruit might be edible, as in the case of tomatillo (*Physalis philadelphica*).

Coastal groundcherry reaches up to two feet high, growing in full sun along dry roadsides and in fields.

During its flowering season in spring and early summer, the plant produces distinctive pale-yellow bell-shaped flowers, which are about an inch across.

The spherical yellow fruit, or cherry, is enclosed by a greenish lantern-like calyx, a papery ovoid formed by the sepals.



Native coastal groundcherry's pale bell-like flowers appear singly

The extremely narrow leaves earn it another common name, narrow-leaf groundcherry.

The Institute for Regional Conservation assigns the coastal groundcherry an "imperiled" status in South Florida and "critically imperiled" status in the Florida Keys.

To propagate coastal groundcherry, collect and dry the seeds.

Sources: *Florida Wildflowers and Roadside Plants* by C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor; *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, davesgarden.com, and regionalconservation.org.



The plant's papery calyx (right) opens to reveal a round yellow cherry (left)
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Sanibel School Students Make A Big Splash With *Little Mermaid Jr.*

The Sanibel Middle School performing arts student production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* opens on Thursday, May 9. The musical features the hit songs *Part Of Your World* and the Oscar-winning *Under The Sea*.

Curtain is at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2 for children. The public is invited to attend.

The show runs Thursday and Friday, May 9 and 10, as well as Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17 at the school. Tickets are available for purchase at the school office, and at the door. The Sanibel School is located at 3840 Sanibel-Captiva Road; the school office is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

The show is being produced and directed by The Sanibel School music director Joe Angelo. The cast – made up of sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students – have been rehearsing the musical since January. Three of the graduating eighth graders in this play are going to continue developing their creative skills at Cypress Lake High School's Center for the Arts (CLHSCA).

Deanna Craig, who worked on the *Mermaid* sets as well as playing Ariel, is going to the CLHSCA to study Visual Arts. Sarah Heidrick, who also plays Ariel, and



Anna Snow as Sebastian the crab



Sarah Adler as Scuttle the seagull

worked as a choreographer and as a student director for *Mermaid*, is going to the CLHSCA for Theater. One of the show's choreographers is Julia Rivait. She has several roles in *Mermaid* and is going to CLHSCA for Dance.

Other eighth graders in this show are Sarah Adler, Chet Chance, Jordyn Dolly, Jacob Goodman, Anna Hayes, Anna Kjoller, Griffin Kupsaw and Megan Wesley.

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The Fun Days will offer a variety of athletic games, craft projects and special entertainment. Enrollment is available for children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

The Half Day Fun Day program operates from noon to 5:30 p.m. and the Full Day Fun Day Program operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Each child needs to bring a swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided.

This new option is now available to families seeking child care on school half days; however, these days are included at no charge for children currently enrolled in the After School Program. Register in advance and receive the "Early Bird" rate:

For prices or more information, call the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.✪

STEM Night Rescheduled For May 16

by Jeff Lysick

The Sanibel School's 2nd annual STEM Night – highlighting educational and career opportunities for people interested in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. The event was postponed from a prior date due to inclement weather.

According to middle school science teacher Dana Sanner, who is organizing the event, professionals in the STEM fields have been invited to attend the event and share their expertise with students and attendees. Many of them will offer hands-on demonstrations at the event.

"Families will move from table to table as interested and stop by and try the activity that is going on there," said Sanner, whose demonstration will include how to make a chromosome of your genes. "The goal is to promote excitement about and interest in the STEM fields."

Among the STEM professionals invited to attend the event are:

- Katie McBride, MS Environmental Biologist, City of Cape Coral – Learn about marine mammals, costal birds, red mangroves and zebra longwing butterflies
- Kraig Hankins, M.S. Environmental Biologist, City of Cape Coral – Learn about monitor lizards
- Katie Walls, Meteorologist – Learn about weather maps and forecasting
- Kate Bender and Lynn Riddlehoover from CROW, with Dot Lee, Trouper the blind raccoon and Kyle Miller, author of

the books about Trouper

- Carole Holmberg of Southwest Florida Astronomical Society – Solar Telescope
- Sabrina Perry of FGCU – Getting to know mosquitoes
- Cheryl Clark of Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve – Touch Tanks
- Keith L. Williams, Public Works Director/City Engineer for the City of Sanibel
- Katrina Anderson, Science Assistant – Buoyancy
- Diane Cortese, Sanibel School math teach – Measure parts of your body and learn about proportions
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- Ralph Verrastro, PE Senior Project Manager, Stantec – Design and build bridges
 - Gib Warren, Engineer – Electrical engineering
 - Joelle Hammes, Environmental Educator – Make your own paper
 - Diane Thomas, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum – Learn about local shells
 - Becky Wolff, Education Specialist, JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge – Adaptations
- Also, various middle school students with an assortment of STEM-related topics will be on hand.✪

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A great egret walks along the edge of the island photo by Thelma Clark



A great blue heron is among several species who visits the island regularly photo by Thelma Clark

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Island

owned their own private island," she said with a laugh. "But it's also been fascinating to see all of the birds congregating on the island, in the early morning and in the late afternoon. So far, I've seen snowy egrets, moorhens, a black crowned night heron and a great blue heron. The island really draws them in."

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Junior Sailing Camp At Captiva Island Yacht Club

Registration is open for the fourth season of the Captiva Island Yacht Club's (CIYC) Junior Sailing Camp, which will be held this summer. Families do not need to belong to the yacht club to participate.

The first session of the camp – for beginning sailors – is scheduled for Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 19. The second session – for sailors who have had an introduction to sailing and want to learn more about racing and tuning a boat for speed – will take place Monday, July 15 to Friday, July 26.

At the end of each two-week session, every camper will be able to rig and sail a boat single-handedly and properly handle a kayak. Youngsters will demonstrate their newly acquired sailing and marine skills at the Parents' & Friends' Day Luncheon at the club on the final day of each session.

Activities begin each morning at the Captiva Island Yacht Club, next to 'Tween Waters Inn on Captiva, and move to the waters of Roosevelt Channel. Each Friday the program will feature Fun Fridays including paddleboarding, kayaking and a sailing outing. Pick up is at 4 p.m. each day.

CIYC sponsors the camp, with support from the Edison Sailing Center. The enrollment fee is \$600 per two-week session (\$300 per week). Each child will be assigned his/her own sailboat and kayak. There will be a certified instructor for every three to five students.

The only qualification for participation is successful completion of a swim test; 50-yard swim, tread water, put on a PFD (personal floatation device) in the water and swim back 50 yards wearing the PFD.

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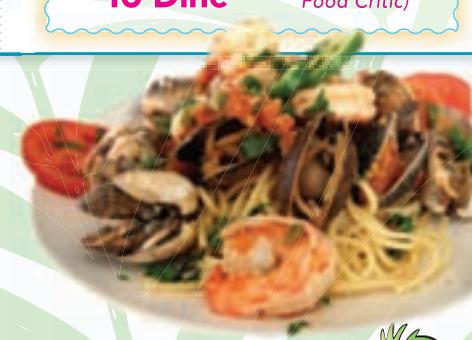
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LCEC Resumes Sanibel-Captiva Road Electrical Grid Upgrade

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Construction will take place Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning east of Rabbit Road and ending at the intersection of Palm Ridge and Periwinkle. Traffic along the route will be limited to single lane closures of short sections at a time with expected delays. Motorists are advised to drive with caution and heed all signage and traffic controllers. LCEC is required to utilize Sanibel Police Department personnel anytime intersections are impacted.

This maintenance is part of a 10-year plan to ensure the Lee County Electric Cooperative's infrastructure remains stable for customers on the island.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, contact Lee County Electric Cooperative at 656-2300 or visit www.lcec.net or the City of Sanibel Public Works Department at 472-6397 or the Sanibel Police Department at 472-3111.*

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Night Moves* by Randy Wayne White
2. *Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey
3. *Bubble Moment* by Katie Gardenia
4. *There's a Secret on Sanibel and Captiva* by Karen Richards
5. *Sanibel Sunset Detective* by Ron

6. *Another Sanibel Sunset Detective* by Ron Base
 7. *Sanibel and Captiva Islands* by Debora Gleason and Charles LeBuff
 8. *Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce
 9. *Signs of Fate* by Kristen Hartman
 10. *Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson
- Courtesy of Sanibel Island Bookshop.*

Rec Center Member Discount Movie Tickets

The Island Cinema of Sanibel, 535 Tarpon Bay Road, is offering Sanibel Recreation Center members discounted rates on movie tickets.

Admission for Sanibel Recreation Center members (adult, senior) will be \$6 including tax (40 percent off regular ticket

price). All participating members will need to show the theater box office a valid Sanibel Recreation Center membership card (six month or annual) or receipt of a currently valid daily/weekly pass to the recreation center.

Check the City of Sanibel's website for feature films and dates.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Taking advice isn't always easy for self-assured Rams and Ewes who think they know what's best. But it wouldn't hurt to listen to what close colleagues have to say.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You know how to balance life's practical aspects with the poetic. This gives you a special edge this week in both your professional endeavors and your personal life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Focus on keeping a balance between your home-related activities and your workplace responsibilities. Be mindful of both without obsessing over one or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans is likely as you discover more facts about a possible commitment. Continue to ask questions and, if you're not sure about the answers, demand proof.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be careful not to let that Leonine pride keep you from seeking wise, experienced counsel before making an important decision. A family member once again seeks your help.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That surge of Virgo energy drives you to take on more work assignments. Be careful you don't overdo it, or you might find yourself overdone: i.e., burned out.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your decision to be upfront with colleagues on a touchy matter causes some consternation at first. But in the end, your honesty wins their trust and admiration.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) As in the past, someone again wants to share a secret with you, knowing it will be safe. But do you really want to be this person's confidante? Think about it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) As one of nature's straight shooters, you seek to correct misconceptions about a project. Do so, of course, but without giving away too much too soon.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative pursuits continue to be strong in the gifted Goat's aspect. New friendships can come from sharing these experiences with like-minded art aficionados.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resolve lingering grumblings over your way of doing things by keeping your mind open to suggestions while continuing to show how your plans will work.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The perceptive Piscean might find that changing course in midstream isn't as workable as it would seem. Explore this option carefully before making a decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your willingness to share your love of life's good things brings joy to many, including, of course, yourself.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On May 16, 1717, French writer Francois-Marie Arouet, better known as Voltaire, is imprisoned in the Bastille. His satirical attack on politics and religion had infuriated the government, and Voltaire was arrested. Several times in his life, Voltaire was forced to flee one step ahead of arrest.

- On May 18, 1861, the Humboldt Times newspaper casts first lady Mary Todd Lincoln in an unflattering light when it recounts a tale of how Mrs. Lincoln had usurped her husband's presidential duty of appointing federal offices. According to the report, Mary Todd Lincoln took it upon herself to appoint a stranger to any office he desired.

- On May 14, 1916, a lead article in the Times of London proclaims that an insufficiency of munitions is leading to defeat for Britain on the battlefields of World War I. The article prompted the creation of a Ministry of Munitions.

- On May 15, 1942, gasoline rationing begins in 17 Eastern states as an attempt to help the American war effort during World War II. By the end of the year, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had ensured that mandatory gasoline rationing was in effect in all 50 states.

- On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court hands down a unanimous decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, ruling that racial segregation in public education is unconstitutional. The decision dealt with Linda Brown, a young black girl who had been denied admission to her local elementary school.

- On May 19, 1967, one of the first major treaties designed to limit the spread of nuclear weapons goes into effect as the Soviet Union ratifies an agreement banning nuclear weapons from outer space. The United States, Great Britain and several dozen other nations had already signed and/or ratified the treaty.

- On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II is shot and wounded at St. Peter's Square in Rome by Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca. Agca claimed that he had planned to go to England to kill the king, but it turned out there was only a queen and "Turks don't shoot women."

priests and nobles who will rise up among us if we leave the people to ignorance."

- Half of all the world's flower species can be found in South America.

- If you're worried about catching a cold from another person, you should be more worried about handshakes than sneezes.

- The Hula Hoop was introduced in the United States in early 1958, and the craze rapidly became one of the biggest in history up to that time. Shortly thereafter, the British Medical Journal blamed an uptick in back, neck and abdominal injuries on the fad.

- Though there are an estimated 600,000 words in the English language, only 1,500 to 2,000 words make up 99 percent of all speech in America.

- In some parts of Asia, it is the custom to put salt in one's tea.

- If you're of a certain age, you might remember that in 1968, Tommy James and the Shondells had a No. 3 hit with the song "Mony, Mony." You might be surprised to learn, though, that the inspiration for the song came from the business world. On Broadway in New York City, atop the 40-story building that housed the Mutual of New York Insurance Company, also known as M.O.N.Y., Tommy James often saw a huge neon sign flashing the short form of the company's name. He evidently liked the way it sounded.

- Those who study such things say that explorer Christopher Columbus had blond hair.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Founding Father Thomas Jefferson who made the following sage observation: "The tax which will be paid for education is not more than the thousandth part of what will be paid to kings,

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"No sacrifice is worth the name unless it is a joy. Sacrifice and a long face go ill together." -- Mahatma Gandhi w

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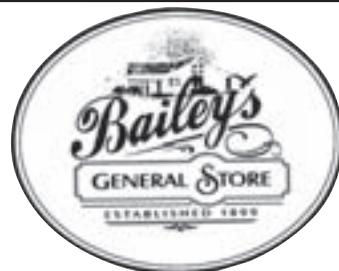
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Vessels Offers Two Musical Shows At Strauss

BIG ARTS will be presenting two musical shows featuring island favorite John Vessels June 11 through 16 at the Herb Strauss Theater. These original shows – The Lillian Baxter Show and An Evening with John Vessels – are filled with songs delivered by this accomplished singer who has performed in several national musical productions.

Vessels is Hollywood's favorite has-been: Lillian Baxter. From her early days at MGM to her short but fruitful television career on such hit shows as *The Thrifty Vittles Happy-Time Song Hour*, *Life with Maureen* and *The Lillian Baxter Show*, Ms. Baxter will sing the songs and tell the stories of her long, arduous climb to the middle. Along for the ride on this musical romp down memory lane is Lillian's faithful accompanist, international playboy and favorite ex-husband, Corky Weinstopper (played by Jay Schwandt). You simply cannot miss this delightful comedy-cabaret-memoir of the greatest star nobody's ever heard of – so come share An Evening with Lillian Baxter. Her show starts at 8 p.m. June 11 through 13.

Has it really been nine years since John Vessels has been on a Sanibel stage? It has, and now the Herb Strauss Theater brings him back for a limited time. Vessels has been performing all around the country in theater and musicals, comedies and dramas, school plays and home movies (he ain't proud) – and now he's back on his favorite island to sing a song or two and to tell folks what he's been up to for the last near-decade. An alumnus of the Old Schoolhouse Theater in such hits as *Forever Plaid*, *Run For Your Wife*, *The Big Bang*, *Swing Sisters*, *Lend Me A Tenor* and a whole bunch of *Ho! Ho! Ho! The Christmas Shows*, Vessels has written



Jay Schwandt

this cabaret – featuring accompanist and arranger Jay Schwandt – just for you. Don't miss this valentine to the best little island in the world from Sanibel's biggest fan. Come spend An Evening with John Vessels. His show starts at 8 p.m. June 14 through 16.

Aside from appearing in the title role of U.S. National Tour of *Snoopy! The Musical*, Vessels has performed in concerts, operas, oratorios, cabarets, musical theater, theater, musical revues, readings and recordings.

Tickets are now on sale at BIG ARTS and at the Herb Strauss Theater. Adults are \$42 and children age 17 and under are \$20. An Evening with Lillian Baxter is 8 p.m. Thursday, June 11, Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13; An Evening with John Vessels is 8 p.m. Thursday, June 14, Friday, June 15, and Saturday, June 16. The shows will be at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, located at 2244 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The theater box office phone is 472-6862.

Visit www.BIGARTS.org for more event information, including ticket prices and links to performers' websites.*

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Hog Roast Highlights United Way Thank You Event

On April 18 the leadership givers (those that donate \$1,000 or more) of the Sanibel-Captiva United Way Campaign celebrated raising over \$325,000. That was a six percent increase over what they raised last year.

The event was hosted by Tony Lapi.

The campaign ended with 14 Alexis de Tocqueville members (three new members) and 65 Keel Club givers (10 new members). Committee members Allison and Chauncey Goss, Tony Lapi, Debbie and Dick Riley, Linda and Tom Uhler and Judie Zimomra were thrilled with this year's numbers and they appreciate the generous residents of the Sanibel-Captiva community.*



United Way president Cliff Smith with Susan and Craig Scott



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Happy Mother's Day

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We are taking a moment to Thank You Moms and to tell all of you this...

*When we were all children, there was
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Like how hard it was to please us.*

*Everyday you all looked after us,
worried, fed and stayed up late with us.
But most of all you loved us
without expecting anything in return.*

*You see we all are now just understanding
and have come to the realization
that all of you gave us two lives,
OURS.....AND YOURS!!!*



Seminar Prepares Residents For Upcoming Hurricane Season

by Jeff Lysiak

Last Thursday afternoon, more than a dozen residents attended the Captiva Hurricane Seminar, an annual information-sharing session held in the Cone Room at South Seas Island Resort. The 90-minute meeting included a history of tropical storms, their impacts on the islands and how residents should prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.

Doris Holzheimer of the Captiva Hurricane Preparation and Response Committee began the session, noting the many hand-out materials available and thanking each of the seminar sponsors, including the Captiva Memorial Library, Lee County Emergency Operations Center, Captiva Fire District and Lee County Sheriff's Department.

WINK-TV meteorologist Eric Stone provided a quick recap of the 2012 hurricane season, which was less active than forecasters had predicted. However, Superstorm Sandy was the most damaging and deadly tropical storm in the northern Atlantic region ever.



Chief Rich Dickerson of the Captiva Fire District speaks during the hurricane seminar

photos by Jeff Lysiak



Lt. Bill Dalton of the Sanibel Police Department



Meteorologist Eric Stone from WINK-TV

On Sanibel and Captiva, Stone said that storm surge is the most dangerous threat should a hurricane hit the islands. "Tornados are a pretty good threat as well," he added.

During the upcoming hurricane season, which runs from June 1 through November continued on page 4B



Longtime Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank employee Sharon Baker and her granddaughter, KC Burns, on the porch of the bank's Periwinkle Way branch

Cancer Fundraiser Inspired By Baker's Remarkable Battle

by Jeff Lysiak

Almost five years ago, Sharon Baker received some devastating news. She was diagnosed with a Stage IV skin cancer, melanoma.

"I was told there was nothing they could do for me," said Baker, a longtime employee at Sanibel Captiva Community Bank.

That's when bank President and CEO Craig Albert suggested that Baker look into the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida.

According to Baker, she immediately underwent a surgery to remove the melanoma on her right leg, which was followed by a series of experimental infusion treatments. One year ago, a follow-up surgery on her lung was required, but after her most recent six-month check-up was completed in December 2012, her doctors at Moffitt gave her a clean bill of health.

"They told me that everything looked good," said Baker. "No cancer was showing up anywhere. It looks like it's in remission... so I'm very glad that I took Craig's advice."

On Saturday, June 15, the 1st annual Sharon Baker Classic benefitting the Moffitt Foundation will be held at the Southern Dunes Golf Course in Indianapolis, Indiana. Baker's grandson, Thad Vandeventer, began organizing plans for the tournament late last year, and all money raised will help support the Moffitt Cancer Center.

"My grandma is my hero... she's always been there for all of us," said KC Burns, who works at the bank's McGregor Boulevard branch. "We all have been watching her battle through this - 14 grandkids and 11 great-grandkids."

Burns also noted that the entire family, as well as Albert, will be on hand at the tournament to show their support for this strong-willed and remarkable woman, who will celebrate 58 years of marriage to her husband, Francis, this week.

Locally, the Sharon Baker Classic is being supported with contributions from Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, John Naumann, The Lazy Flamingo, John Nicholson, LLC and artist Luc Century.

To make a contribution to the Sharon Baker Classic, there is a donation jar at Baker's teller post inside Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 1037 Periwinkle Way. Sponsorships and individual or business contributions may also be made through Thad Vandeventer via email at tcvandev@live.com or by calling 812-243-2874.*



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Hurricane Seminar

30, Stone noted that meteorologists will be using a narrower three-day and five-day forecast cone. He also stressed staying tuned to local weather forecasts, having an evacuation plan and being as prepared as possible.

"Believe me, I'd rather people put up their shutters and not have a storm," he said. "There's nothing wrong with being too prepared."

Celeste Fournier and Amy Hoyt of the Lee County Emergency Operations Center discussed advanced planning, evacuation zones, emergency public shelters and the technologies the county has implemented since Hurricane Charley to assist residents. This includes their website (www.leegov.com), where there are links to important phone numbers and downloads for mobile apps that may be useful during a disaster.

"When we issue an evacuation order, it is a mandatory order," said Fournier. "If you choose not to evacuate, you will be in violation of the law."

Recalling the devastation of Hurricane Charley in 2004, Rich Dickerson of the Captiva Fire District talked about what made that storm unique was its small eye wall yet rapid pace. Thankfully, the islands did not see the predicted 18-foot storm surge that forecasters had warned.

"We just don't encourage... we say leave," said Dickerson. "Our primary job (during a hurricane) is going to be search-and-rescue, because we know that even though an evacuation order has been



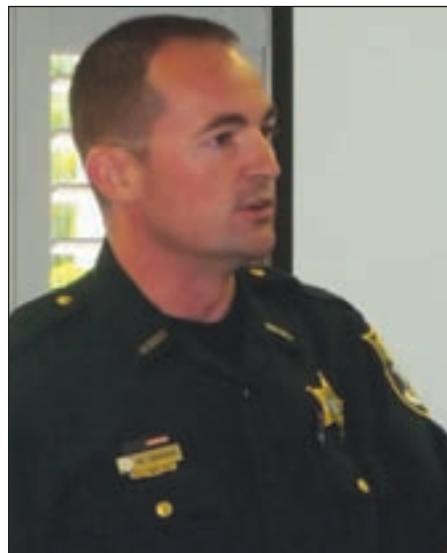
Celeste Fournier of the Lee County Emergency Operations Center

issued, people are going to stay behind."

Lt. Bill Dalton of the Sanibel Police Department also reflected upon the Friday the 13th hurricane which forever altered the appearance of Sanibel-Captiva Road, which used to be lined by a canopy of Australian pines.

"I don't think that if we had another storm like that, we would ever get as much debris as we had after Charley," said Dalton, who noted that police cruisers suffered blown tires every few days for several weeks afterwards due to downed tree limbs and scattered rubble. "That storm gave us quite a haircut."

In addition, the Sanibel Police Department implemented a Hurricane



Lee County Sheriff's Officer Mike Sawicki

Hangtag System as a means of keeping potential looters and nefarious individuals and/or businesses off the islands following an emergency evacuation order. The hangtags issued in 2012 will also be valid for the upcoming season; to apply for one, go to www.mysanibel.com or visit Sanibel City Hall, 900 Dunlop Road, and fill out a form at the police department.

Lee County Sheriff's Officers Mike Sawicki and Jeff Corkhill also stressed the importance, for Captiva residents, of filling out a Homeowners Authorization Letter, which will allow a designated person/persons access to their home in the event of an emergency evacuation order. All information should be kept up to date.✧

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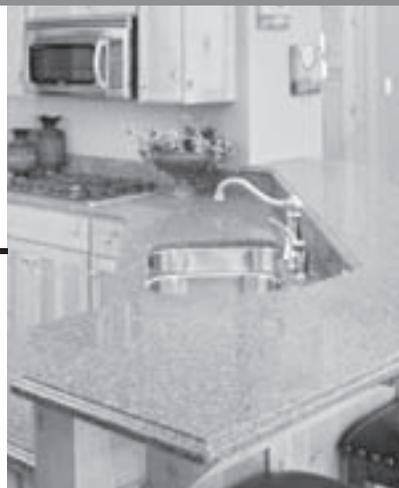
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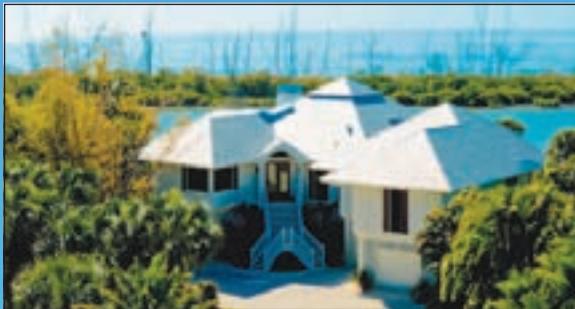
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Patagonia: Second Stop On South America Tour

submitted by Patty Molnar

From Santiago we've flown 620 miles south to Chile's Lake District in northern Patagonia. You might be asking, "Well, is it Chile or Patagonia?" It's actually both. Patagonia is a vast, amorphous region of Argentina and Chile, which extends all the way down to Cape Horn. As it moves along southward, Patagonia disintegrates into an archipelago close to Antarctica

We've landed at Puerto Montt, a city of 250,000. Back in the mid-1800's when there was virtually no population here (the indigenous inhabitants' numbers had been reduced by illnesses), the Chilean government invited Europeans to settle here. Mostly Germans, but also British and Slavs followed the invitation. Our guide told us that Puerto Montt is known for its numerous dairy farms, where 200 varieties of native potatoes are grown.



Chile's Lake District

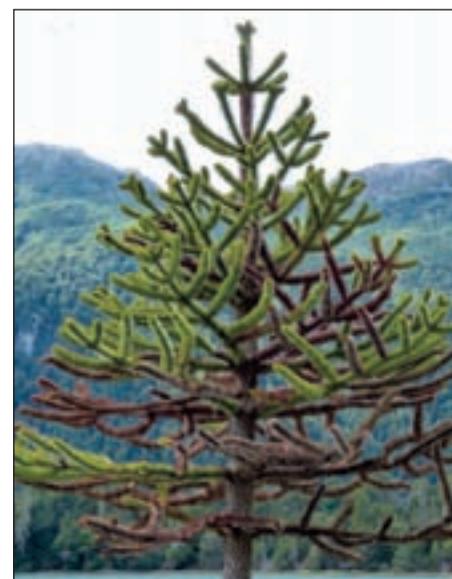
The Lake District is rainy and green owing to its 100-inch annual rainfall! (Compare this with 10-inches in Santiago.) The region offers spectacular scenery – pristine lakes, evergreen forests, glaciers and volcanoes. (Honestly, I thought New Zealand was unbeatable for this type of landscape, but now I'm not so sure.)

Two trees native to Chile are worth mentioning. The first is the alerce, the Chilean redwood, now a protected species; and the monkey puzzle tree, so called because it's limbs' sharp protuberances "would puzzle a monkey" to climb it! Strangely enough, the monkey puzzle is often found in Great Britain, and Attila and I actually had one in our front yard in northern Germany. Another plant one sees everywhere, also familiar to me from northern Europe, is broom.

Not surprisingly, this is a popular vacation destination for Chileans and other South Americans, notably Brazilians, who come to ski in the winter. From our hotel window in Puerto Varas where we spent the night, we had a view of Lake Llanquihue, the country's third largest lake. Chile has 2,000 volcanoes, and we had the good luck to be able to see the magnificent Osorno volcano across the lake. Standing 8,730 feet high and perfectly symmetrical, Osorno is considered the Rolls-Royce of volcanoes. Darwin witnessed its eruption.

The main industry in northern Patagonia is salmon farming. Chile is the third largest salmon exporter in the world, and most of the industry is based in Puerto Varas. We were told that Chilean fish farming is eco-friendly, as the fish are fed with grape-seed rather than fishmeal.

Scientific research also plays a role in the economy, as does Spanish investment. In the next installment, we'll cross the Andes into Argentina.✪



A monkey puzzle tree

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The 2014 Sanibel-Captiva Nature Calendar



Royal terns photographed on the beach at Gulfside City Park

photo by Marianne Bargiotti

Nature Calendar Now Available

Jim Fowler announced publication of the 26th edition of The Sanibel-Captiva Nature Calendar.

The cover of the 2014 calendar features a group of royal terns on the shell strewn beach at Gulfside City Park. The image was captured by Marianne Bargiotti who frequently travels from her home base in Italy to photograph her favorite islands.

This edition of the calendar is devoted to shore birds with the cover and six of the inside photographs showing some of the most familiar shore birds. Fowler said, "The birds that frequent our beaches spend all or part of their lives on our shores. They are dependent upon this fragile environment to reproduce and forage for food. It is essential we respect their habitat and not infringe upon their space."

Photographers featured in this edition are Theresa Baldwin, Marianne Bargiotti, Cliff Beittell, Dick Fortune, Charlie Heidecker, Robert Kimbrell, Sara Lopez, Cheryl Molennor, Lorraine Sommer and Don Thompson.

There are photo narratives by islander Betty Anholt and former islander Charles LeBuff. Each month features a shell sketch by the late islander Sue Stephens and a turtle graphic during the sea turtle nesting months.

Fowler said, "It is the only calendar that truly represents what Sanibel and Captiva are all about - nature."

"Created from an idea that took seed during my island experiences since I first came to Sanibel in the early '70s, I have tried every year to put together a calendar that truly shows the natural beauty

of the islands. It continues to be my goal each year to publish a calendar that not only is beautiful and useful, but also promotes wildlife conservation through interest, information and education."

And, again this year, the calendar will be available upon request with a shipping envelope made from trash. Make-ready sheets from the press set-up were salvaged and turned into custom-fit mailing envelopes. This paper is usually sent through the printing press once, then on to the landfill. Now this paper is used a second time as envelopes, further reducing waste.

The calendar retails for \$13.95 and is sold throughout Southwest Florida in fine book stores and gift shops. To mail order, send \$13.95 (plus \$2 shipping and handling) to: Sanibel-Captiva Nature Calendar, PO Box 356, Sanibel, FL 33957. For the custom Blind Pass Tide edition available this fall, send \$16.95 (plus \$2 shipping and handling).✪

Landauer Receives Recognition

Mark Landauer, a resident of Sanibel, was honored at Champlain College's annual awards dinner for the Division of Communication and Creative Media. Landauer, a senior majoring in Graphic Design & Digital Media, received the Visual Arts Award.

The annual dinner, which took place at the Champlain College gymnasium, recognized outstanding students and their achievements throughout the Division of Communication and Creative Media.✪

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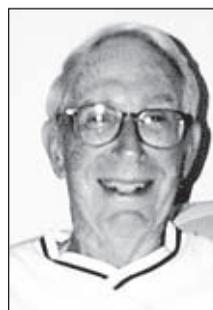


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Esteban Toledo, A Rookie On The Champions Tour, Proves He's A True Champion

by Ed Frank



It's a heart-warming story of rags to riches that took a dramatic twist last weekend, when Esteban Toledo became the first Mexican golfer in Champions Tour history to win a tournament on the senior circuit.

You may recall that earlier this year we wrote about Toledo, who grew up the youngest of 11 children in the squalor of Mexicali, Mexico, a border town, in a dirt-floor home without plumbing.

Through pure grit and the help of a devoted California businessman, he struggled to become a professional golfer, although never making it big in the pro ranks. Last year, however, he

earned a provisional card through qualifying school to compete this year on the Champions Tour as a 50-year-old rookie.

And now he is a true champion by virtue of winning last week's Insuperity Championship by beating Mike Goodes on the third hole of a playoff.

We first told of Toledo in February when he played here in the Ace Group Classic in his second start on the Champions Tour, when he finished 36th. But the likeable Toledo has caught fire since then.

His \$270,000 victory last Sunday in Texas pushed his winnings this year to \$503,379, sixth best on the tour, where he also ranks sixth in prestigious Charles Schwab Cup points. He now has four Top 10 finishes in his seven tournament starts.

He began last Sunday's final round seven strokes behind, but fired a five-under-par 67 to finish in a tie for first with Goodes and Gene Sauers. In the sudden-death playoff, Sauers was eliminated on the second playoff hole and Toledo defeated Goodes with a par on the third playoff hole.

Interestingly, Toledo's victory came on Cinco de Mayo which marks the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, when Mexican troops defeated a French army of Napoleon III, then considered the mightiest army in the world.

Toledo's poverty stricken upbringing has resulted in his devotion to help those in need, just as he needed help as a youth.

He has formed the Esteban Toledo Family Foundation, with a goal to raise \$800,000 to build a modern home in Mexicali to house 25 to 30 orphans. He will host a tournament in September in California with the proceeds going to this project.

The story of Esteban Toledo is a feel-good story about a professional athlete who leverages his success on the golf course to help those less fortunate.

We need more Esteban Toledo's in the world of sports.

Miracle Drop Two Last Weekend After Nine Game Winning Streak

The week began with the Fort Myers Miracle holding a five-game first-place lead in the Florida State League South Division despite losing two games last weekend.

With a 23-6 season start, the best in the franchise history, Fort Myers is on the road this weekend at Jupiter before returning home to Hammond Stadium on Monday to face Dunedin in a four-game series. The first pitch for all four games is 7:05 p.m., including Sam Bailey's Islands Night on Wednesday, May 15.

The Miracle had a nine-game winning streak halted last Saturday when they were defeated by the St. Lucie Mets 10-5. The team's first back-to-back season losses occurred the next day when the Miracle lost to the Tampa Yankees 8-2.

Miquel Sano, the number one prospect in the Minnesota Twins farm system, continued his torrid heating starting the week with a .385 batting average, the league's best, along with 10 home runs, 30 RBIs and 83 total bases.

Season Ends For Florida Everblades

There will not be back-to-back Kelly Cup Championships for the Florida Everblades hockey team.

The defending champions were defeated last week by Reading in the ECHL American Conference semi-final round in game seven, 4-1, in a bitterly fought series.

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The official FCBEscola Camp will be in Fort Myers from July 8 to 12 at the magnificent Red Sox Pro AM and jetBlue Park. Camps will also be in Tampa June 10 to 14, Orlando June 17 to 21 and June 24 to 28, Fort Lauderdale July 15 to 19 and July 22 to 26 and Miami July 29 to August 2 and August 5 to 9. Day Camp sessions are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Evening Camps are from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday. Both boys and girls

day camp and co-ed camps are offered at night. The FCBEscola Coaches Clinic will be offered during the first weekend on each city for coaches wanting to learn "The 'Barca way."

Official coaches from the FCBEscola - the FC Barcelona Soccer School - will travel to Florida to conduct the training sessions. Participants will have the unique opportunity to train under the methodology of FC Barcelona coaches following the club's established youth training program that has produced outstanding players throughout its history as Messi, Puyol, Iniesta, Xavi, Cesc, Pique and Guardiola, among others.

The training program delivered at the FC Barcelona Escola Camp aims to prepare all participants to achieve their full potential. Coaches will work closely on all aspects of technical, tactical, physical and psychological parts of the game. A special program will address the specific technical complexities for goal keepers. Coaching will be in English and spaces are limited.

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SPORTS QUIZ

- Who is the only player other than Harmon Killebrew to have 40 or more home runs in a season in Twins franchise history?
- In 2012, Jose Reyes tied the second-longest hitting streak in Marlins history (26 games). Who also had at least a 26-game run for the Marlins?
- New England's Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez set an NFL record in 2011 for most combined receptions by tight ends (169). Which team had held the mark?
- Name the five coaches to have led Kentucky men's basketball to a total of eight national championships.
- When was the last time a 40-year-old NHL player scored on a 40-year-old goalie before Philadelphia's Mike Knuble did it against New Jersey's Martin Brodeur in 2013?
- In 2012, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. became the sixth driver to win consecutive titles in NASCAR's Nationwide Series. Name three of the first five.
- Kimiko Date-Krumm, in 2013, became the oldest female tennis player to win a main draw match at the Australian Open. How old was she?

ANSWERS

1. Roy Sievers belted 42 homers in 1957. 2. Luis Castillo (35 games in 2002) and Emilio Bonifacio (26 in 2011). 3. San Diego's tight ends combined for 163 catches in 1984. 4. Adolph Rupp, Joe B. Hall, Rick Pitino, Tubby Smith and John Calipari. 5. Boston's John Buoyk (+1) scored on St. Louis' Eddie Johnson (+1) in 1976. 6. Sam Ard, Larry Pearson, Randy Farnsworth, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Martin Truex Jr. 7. She was 42.

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Doc Ford's Is Silver Sponsor For FISH 10K Race

FISH of Sanibel, Inc. announced that Doc Ford's Rum Bar and Grille has once again chosen to be one of the Silver Sponsors for the 5th annual 10K Race 4 FISH. The race is scheduled to take place on Sanibel on Saturday, October 19. This will be the fifth year that Doc Ford's has chosen to be a sponsor in the race.

"We are delighted to have Doc Ford's join us as a sponsor again this year. Their show of support over the past five years has been very important to us," said John Pryor, vice president of FISH, and co-chairman of the FISH 10K committee. "They have been a dedicated supporter to FISH over the years and we thank them for choosing to sponsor our major fundraising event again this year."

More than 50 island businesses and organizations sponsored the 10K last year and over a 120 people volunteered their support to make it a success. The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is the Title Sponsor.

The race will begin at 7:30 a.m. at The Community House, and will follow a marked 10K circuit around the island, returning to finish line at The Community House. There will also be a trade fair for the runners and their families and friends, as well as refreshment tables and water stations around the island.*

Beachview Doubles Tennis Championship Benefit Results

The 1st annual Beachview Sanibel Island Doubles Tennis Championship benefit for the Susan G. Komen Foundation results are:

Mens 3.25 Finals	Rick Ranieri/Bob Orr	
	Bob Sabatino/Chips Filleul	6-3, 6-4
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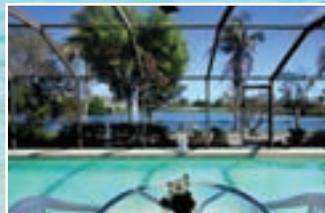
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Is It Really An Upgrade?



by Bryan Hayes

When we upgrade something we feel we are getting a better product or service. We pay extra for these upgrades in order to reap the benefits that they offer.

But are they really an upgrade or are they just things that should be part of the package anyway? Case in point: the banking industry used to offer free checking, heck, they didn't even call it free checking back then. You opened a checking account and received checks. Now it seems like every time you do any type of banking there is a cost associated with it. They have my money to use, shouldn't that be enough! I need to pay for that privilege? Sorry to my banking friends.

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that have been in operation for almost 20 years. Try that with the old cheapo model. It is what is expected whether installed here or in Kansas, without being termed an upgrade.

There is, however, a manufacturer of equipment that is designed for coastal applications and is designated that way. The truth of the matter is, they brought their standards up to what our equipment already has. There is no upgrade required. It's already included. So what would we rather do, purchase something that needs to be upgraded to meet someone else's standard or buy the standard that others compare themselves to? I know my choice.

*Bryan Hayes is a Sanibel air conditioning contractor. He also owns, with his brother Todd, an electrical business on Sanibel. He can be reached at Bryan@Sanibelair.com.**

Meeting And Forum At LCEC

The Southwest Florida Chapter of IMA will present Electric Power at LCEC on May 15, hosted by Denise Vidal, CFO at LCEC and president of IMA Southwest Florida. LCEC is a not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative providing reliable and cost competitive electricity to nearly 200,000 customers in Southwest Florida. As part of a local business, LCEC's employees are involved in economic development, education, the environment and building

communities.

This is a joint meeting with the Southwest Regional Manufacturers Association (SRMA). The objective of the Southwest Regional Manufacturers Association is to bring together the manufacturers to encourage the economic development of Southwest Florida through manufacturing and to act as a forum for the expression and exchange of ideas and information among its members.

Topics include:

- Cooperative Business Model – CFO Denise Vidal
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation – Doug Barker, energy advisor
- LCEC Restoration – Karen Ryan, public relations
- Review of Network and Capital Projects – CFO Denise Vidal
- What You Never Suspected about Electric Utility Theft – Bernard Davis, credit and collections.

LCEC is one of the largest cooperatives in the United States and one of the largest employers in Lee County, Florida. Cooperative membership is open to all customers within the service territory.

The 2 CPE (2 TB) program is applicable for various professional certifications such as the CMA, CPA, CIA and others.

For more information, visit the IMA Southwest Florida website at www.swflima.org. Register by visiting <http://imaswflmay2013.eventbrite.com/>. Tickets are \$30 for members, \$35 for non members, and \$20 for students and retirees. The meeting will be held at Lee County Electric Headquarters (LCEC), 4980 Bayline Drive in North Fort Myers. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with networking and a light meal. The CPE event will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Contact Bill Dabroski, CPA, director at large for IMA SWFL and past president at wdabroski@gmail.com for questions.*

Superior Interiors

Fun Rooms For Everyone



by Cindy Malszycki

What do children's rooms and family rooms and garden rooms have in common? Why, an opportunity to let your imagination soar with unbridled passion and creativity, that's what!

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*Cindy Malszycki is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at cindy@decden.net.**

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Trust Company Outlines 2013 Investment Trends

The S&P 500 index rose 10.6 percent in the March quarter, one of its strongest quarterly showings in years, despite headline noise concerning the budget sequester, sluggish earnings momentum, and – more recently – rekindled worries over Euro-Zone banks. Domestic cyclicals led the way, with the highest gains being posted by airlines, railroads, oil and gas exploration, packaging, and real estate-related stocks.

At the same time, gold fell 4 percent in the quarter, mining stocks were the worst-performing sector, and oil prices finished roughly flat. In a word, the first quarter evidenced renewed confidence in U.S. GDP growth on the part of investors, according to Pat Dorsey, CFA, Director of Research at The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

Similar to the first quarter of 2012, investors were able to shrug off the impact of budget maneuvers in Washington and were eager to put money to work in the face of improving corporate earnings, continued low interest rates, and signs that banks and lending markets were steadily improving. Financial stocks helped buoy the market, with gains of more than 12 percent on news that most of the major “too big to fail” institutions had passed new stress tests and were positioned to announce

material dividend hikes and buybacks in 2013.

Business values continued their steady rise in the first quarter, and corporate cash flows, profit margins, and returns on equity remained above historical averages. Indeed, examination of earnings statements indicates that corporate America as a whole is financially stronger – and more able to create value for shareholders – than it was during the last cyclical peak in 2007. Thus, it should not surprise investors that equity prices have followed corporate balance sheets to new highs, Dorsey said.

However, the equity market rally that began last summer and extended into the first quarter has had a strong technical and momentum component. The surge in equity prices toward new highs no doubt rekindled animal spirits and prompted fence-sitting investors to join in, lest they be left behind. Additionally, central banks and governments throughout the world have seen fit to stimulate their respective economies with debt monetizations, reductions in budget cutbacks, and even overt attempts to push their currencies lower, as in Japan and Switzerland.

For hedge funds, global macro funds,

and other institutions operating on leverage, the investing climate induced by government stimulus has been “an offer they couldn’t refuse.” Macro hedgers found they could buy equities and reduce their chances of loss by financing the purchases with borrowing done in falling currencies. Indeed, it’s no coincidence to us that the strongest stock markets in the first quarter were in countries whose currencies fell the most – a reminder that so-called “carry-trade” activity is alive and well.

As Sanibel-Captiva investors begin the second quarter, the number of buying opportunities in the market has diminished, and many stocks appear to be fairly valued, an indication that future returns will be tied more closely to earnings growth. Still, the mantra “don’t fight the Fed” bears mentioning yet again. The decision by the Federal Reserve Board to push rates as low as possible for the fourth consecutive year has successfully enticed investors out of low-yielding cash substitutes and into owning productive assets.

Further, it has provided corporations the ability to refinance debt – or finance expansion – at very low rates, while at

the same time given households the impetus to spend, rather than save. All of these events may help set the groundwork for a sustainable economic expansion. ✪

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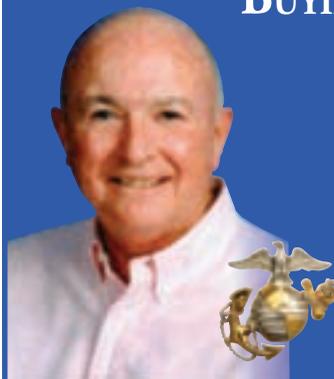
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Around The Islands With Anne

Norris Offers A Great Deal More Than Just Furniture



by Anne Mitchell

If you feel the need for some professional input in your next home decorating project, don't go it alone just because you think it will be costly. **Norris Home Furnishings** offers complimentary interior design services



This bed is part of the Norris Home Furnishings \$10,999 condo package

for those who make purchases at the store, helping you integrate your new items into your current décor – or charting you through a complete change.

Liz Sieberkrob, design consultant at Norris Home Furnishings on Sanibel, said she and the other designers can also assist clients through major improvements such as kitchen and bathroom re-dos, which is especially useful for island homeowners who want to get such projects done while they are back up north.

Norris has teamed with several licensed contractors for this bigger jobs, with Sieberkrob acting as liaison. "We have also paired with vendors to supply carpet and hardwood flooring," she added. "That way, people don't have to go off-island and spend their vacation time going up and down U.S. 41. We want to bring it to them as much as possible."

Also with the island clientele in mind, Norris also offers a condo package of furniture for a three-bedroom unit including sofa, chair, tables, TV console, dining table and chairs and beds with mattress and box springs. The cost is \$10,995 and choices include more than 50 fabrics and 20 wood finishes.

Soon, Norris will post design boards in the stores to show the décor variations that can be achieved with this package.

Sieberkrob said the store also carries a large selection of furnishings with indoor/outdoor fabrics that can stand up to renters and visiting grandchildren. These fabrics have come a long way. In the past, they felt like canvas, but now they are soft and textured and come in many colors and patterns. Red wine and other feared stains wipe right off and some can even withstand direct bleach without losing color. "They are a little more costly but the durability is tremendous," she said.

"Condo furniture has to do double duty, especially for retirees who are scaling back (on the size of their homes)," Sieberkrob added. "You might have an ottoman for a living room with storage underneath. They might choose sofa beds to sleep extra people.

"Usually, the scale of furniture is important. People like smaller, lighter furniture and fabrics. They might get rid of the skirt on a sofa to expose the legs and reduce the heaviness," she explained.

As for color trends, grays remain great standbys, along with other neutrals, with the addition of bright colors and patterns in pillows and other accessories. "You can pop gray with yellow, orange and blues, and you can choose warm or cool grays," she added.

As for Norris Home Furnishings, the company has been in business in this area for more than 30 years and has locations in Fort Myers and Naples as well. Owner Larry Norris and his wife, Renee, are hand-on, working daily from the Fort Myers store.

The Sanibel store is at 1025 Periwinkle Way, phone 579-0412.

The Sandbar at 2761 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, is offering a \$9 business lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

There are nine choices at \$9 each and the lunches include a soft drink.

Take out is also available. Call 472-0305 to order, make a reservation or for more information.

For the summer season, **Il Cielo** restaurant is now open five nights a week, Tuesday through Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. The restaurant also plans to bring back its baby grand piano to the Cloud 9 Grille and offer lighter summer fare and price-fixed early-dining options.

Il Cielo's recently added happy hour menu in its Cloud 9 Grille with specially priced appetizers and drink specials will remain in effect through the summer. From 4:30 to 6 p.m., patrons can choose from eight appetizers priced at \$6 each and two-for-one drink specials on all domestic bottled beer, well drinks and house wine selections. Happy hour appetizers include meatballs with gravy, shrimp cocktail with golden tomato gazpacho, parmesan-white truffle French fries, angus beef sliders with house-made pickles, salmon

rillettes with crostini, Caprese flatbread, free-range chicken wings with red hot honey and sriracha, baked blue fin crab cake with lemon caper tartar sauce and seared Ahi tuna with roasted garlic ponzu and wakame-cucumber salad.

"We believe in continuing to change and evolve as we move into different seasons and in response to our patrons' desires," said Erik Vandenberg, operations manager of Il Cielo. "We will continue to offer innovative, flavorful dishes that represent local fresh ingredients."

He said after Memorial Day, live entertainment will begin in the Cloud 9 Grille on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. A three-course \$35 per person price-fixed menu, complete with one bottle of house wine per couple, will also be added Tuesday through Thursday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m.

"Chef Neil is finalizing our summer menu that will include smaller plates, lighter fare with local, fresh fruits and produce, summer dessert selections and family friendly menu options," said Vandenberg. "And with the later summer sunsets, we will be serving dinner up until 10 p.m. so patrons can come for an early meal or dine with us later." Menu items range from \$4 to \$38.

Il Cielo is at 1244 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-5555.

Traditions on the Beach will present moms with a rose this Mother's Day when they arrive for dinner this Sunday. There will also be dinner and dessert specials for the occasion. Dinner service starts at 4 p.m. and live entertainment starts at 7 p.m. Traditions is at the Island Inn, 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472 4559.

Zebra Frozen Yogurt is offering free temporary tattoos for anyone who wants one when they visit the store in the Bailey's Shopping Center.

"We wanted to give our customers a fun free item that could be enjoyed by both kids and adults, too," said Blanaid Colley, owner of Zebra. "Our friendly zebra provided the inspiration for this lively temporary tattoo."

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If you've always wanted to learn to rumba, now's your chance. **Enchanted Ballroom** on Palm Ridge Road, Sanibel, is teaching a two-hour rumba workshop on Wednesday, May 15 from 5 to 7 p.m.

A partner is not required.

If you're interested, call David at 579-0468. The cost is \$50 per person.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

This week's lineup at **Traditions on the Beach** at the Island Inn includes: Friday Night Dance Party with Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith; Saturday, smooth music and dancing with Joe McCormick and Marvilla Marzan with the sounds of Broadway, Latin hits and all styles of popular dance music; Sunday, Dusk Duo, Dean and Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar and vocals; Tuesday, Mike Arnone aka "The Jersey Kid," pop pianist and vocalist, performing everything from The Rat Pack to Motown; Wednesday, Prime Rib and Prime Jazz! With Paul Ventura and Father Al & the Jazz Congregation; and Thursday, Joe McCormick with popular favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, jazz and pop for dancing and listening. Live entertainment starts at 7 p.m. Traditions is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472 4559.

George & Wendy's Seafood Grille has live music tonight, Friday, by rock band Robby and the Absent Minded; Saturday, Slow Deal, a local rock band, will entertain. Sunday is Hospitality Night with happy hour pricing from 8 p.m. to close. Karaoke is Thursdays from 9 p.m. to midnight. George & Wendy's is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 395-1263.

Traders Store & Cafe features music by Chris Workman on Sundays and Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. and Danny Morgan and Friends on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Traders is at 1551 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-7242.

The Jacaranda has entertainment nightly from 7 to 11 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, various artists are featured. On Sunday, it's Jamaica "Dave" & Co., reggae and dance; Monday, Renata, jazz, contemporary music and dance; Tuesday, Steve "Scooter" Reynolds, acoustic guitar, contemporary music and dance; Wednesday, Buckeye Ken, contemporary, Top 40 and blues; Thursday, 2 Hot, contemporary, reggae and dance. The Jacaranda is at 1223 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-1771.

The Mucky Duck on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, features music by Mark Dupuy on Mondays; Rich Lancaster, Wednesdays; Gene Federico, Thursdays and Saturdays; and Buckeye Ken, Fridays.

The Crow's Nest at Tween Waters Inn has live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crab races take place Mondays and Thursdays. The Crow's Nest is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161.

The Island Cow on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment on Friday with Dan Confrey; Saturday, Diana Lynn; and Sunday, Buckeye Ken. Phone 472-0606.

RC Otter's, 11506 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, has live music daily with dining inside and out, phone 395-1142.

Keylime Bistro features live music days and nights seven days a week with Ken Limeri playing jazz sax from 6 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday. The bistro is at 11509 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, phone 395-4000.

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Will Power

Boxtop Ministers



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

A friend of mine officiated at another friend's wedding not too long ago. I asked him (in jest) if he was acting in his official capacity as a notary public.

"No," he replied,

"I'm an ordained minister!"

"You're a WHAT?!" I quizzically responded. My surprise registered because this particular friend of mine was never the religious type. I didn't recall him attending any regular church. As it turns out, he got ordained by an online church on a free Internet site. Good enough, I suppose, to officiate a friend's wedding.

Today there are all sorts of honors, accreditations, recognitions and certifications. Some of them are quite difficult to obtain, others you can get by sending in a couple cereal box tops and a few bucks. How can you tell the difference?

When choosing a doctor, lawyer or other professional, the right certification can mean all the difference in the quality of care or service you receive. Not all professionals are equal. Each one of us has a different educational background and work experience. In order to differentiate between those that may have superior skills, many professional regula-

tory agencies offer board certification credentials.

The Florida Bar offers such a program for consumers to differentiate between specialists and generalists.

Estate planning, for example, has become so complicated through all of the myriad laws, rules and regulations that have to be addressed, that there could be a big difference in skills between a generalist, someone who might do a little divorce work, a real estate deal or two, as well as prepare wills and trusts, and those skills of a specialist that works solely in estate planning.

A Florida lawyer cannot call himself or herself a specialist without becoming board certified in his or her respective field. There are over 40 certifications available. I happen to be board certified by the Florida Bar in wills, trusts and estates, earning my certification back in 1996. John Sheppard, one of my law partners who retired some time ago was one of the first board certified wills, trusts and estates specialists in Florida. Michael Hill, one of my current law partners, became board certified in 2008.

You can look up Florida Bar board certified attorney specialists in various fields on the Florida Bar website <http://www.floridabar.org/certification>.

That website explains what it means to become board certified in a particular

field. Generally speaking, board certification recognizes attorneys' special knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area of law in which they are certified. These attorneys must also display the highest degree of professionalism and ethics.

In order to become a board certified attorney in Florida, one must have a minimum of five years of law practice and substantial involvement in the field of law certified. We must also obtain a satisfactory peer review assessment of competence in the specialty field including character and ethics assessments.

Board certified attorneys in wills, trusts and estates must meet stringent continuing legal education requirements (90 hours in advanced estate planning topics in the three years leading up to initial certification alone, then similar amounts each and every reporting period) and be re-certified every five years after passing an initial rigorous board certification examination.

Because of Southwest Florida's plethora of retirees, I am blessed with a practice that allows me to earn a living concentrating in a narrow area of the law. Because of our unique demographic, I have the luxury of being able to make a living concentrating in one specialty as opposed to having to be a generalist.

That's why there may be a difference between what your northern attorney may have told you about updating your will and trust to Florida law and what a board certified specialist here in Florida tells you. It's kind of like asking a question of your primary care physician as opposed to asking a specialist in, say,

neurology, cardiology or gastroenterology.

So if you are looking for a professional, it's not a bad idea to determine if there is a board certification in the field that applies, then going to the appropriate website to determine who might meet those criteria in your area.

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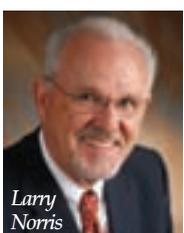
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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSPP

Dear Readers,

Here is the second question in the Q&A about IEPs. It's an important one and actually I think it extends to any

parent-teacher conference. The question is should a student attend their IEP meeting and when is the right time for them to join?

Adela F, Cape Coral, Florida

Adela,

Parents spend a lot of time advocating for their children when they are young. However, there comes a time when children become older and they have to learn how to advocate for themselves. Research tells us that children who learn how to advocate for themselves are more successful in high school, college and in the workplace. Generally speaking, if your child is attending elementary school, they are most likely not mature enough to participate in an IEP or school conference, however, for children in middle school, it is the time to think about having your child attend their own IEP meeting.

Attending an IEP should be a shared decision with your child. When you both have come to the conclusion that they are ready to participate in their IEP meeting, it's time to bring them in. They need to feel comfortable and know that the team is there to help them in school. It's important to make it a positive experience so they are not afraid to participate. When they first attend, it's not necessary to bring them in for the entire meeting. A good time to bring them in to the meeting is when you are reviewing the goals and accommodations sections of their IEP. When your child enters the room, everyone should let him/her know how important it is for them to be a part of the IEP meeting. When the meeting is

finished, your child should receive praise for participating and be encouraged to attend in the future.

When it's time to discuss the goals and accommodations, it's important for your child to know that everyone is aware of their areas of need. Your child's input on how to provide assistance in school is crucial to their education. The goal is for your child to verbalize what methods help them in school and which ones do not, which is the beginning of self-advocacy.

Another important point is that before your child's 16th birthday, a Transition Plan (a part of the IEP) must be in place. It should be based on your child's needs, strengths, preferences and interests. The plan has two parts: Goals that are measurable and based on age appropriate transition assessments; and transition services needed to assist your child to receive post-school outcomes. In order to accomplish this, your child must attend the IEP meeting. In addition to that, when your child reaches the age of majority they will have the authority to sign their own IEPs (which is most commonly your child's 18th Birthday but depends on state law).

Given these transition requirements plus the information on how self-advocacy increases school and work success, it is clear that our children need to learn how to advocate for themselves. If they can begin to learn how to do this at an early age, then hopefully it will prepare them to continue through high school and into their adult lives.

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Edison State College Professor To Speak At Conference In Malaysia

Edison State College Microbiology Professor Dr. Robert Furler is going to Malaysia. He was awarded a scholarship to present his research with the UCLA AIDS Institute at the HIV Cure Symposium and International AIDS Conference from June 29 through July 3. The 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2013) is organized by the IAS, in partnership with The Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA).

Dr. Furler's research focuses on the Nef protein, which is one of the main proteins in the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). HIV infects cells that are central to the immune system, and the immune system protects the body from dangerous microbes like viruses, bacteria and fungi. After HIV destroys the immune system, the individual is more susceptible to normal infections. This research investigates Nef, which is one of the proteins used by HIV to evade the immune system. The Nef protein is a critical component of HIV which helps the virus hide from the normal immune system.

"We characterized an altered form of Nef that causes less disease than the normal Nef," said Dr. Furler. "Understanding the structure and function of the Nef protein will hopefully lead to future medicines that stop the virus in its tracks."

Dr. Furler received his Bachelor of Science degree in Cell & Molecular Biology with a Minor in Chemistry from San Francisco State University and his Ph.D. in Microbiology, Immunology, & Molecular Genetics from the University of California. His work has been published in a variety of professional publications, and he has also received several scholarships to international seminars and professional events.

For more information, visit www.edison.edu.*



Dr. Robert Furler

Lecture Topics And Instructors Sought At FGCU

The Renaissance Academy at Florida Gulf Coast University seeks new lecture topics and instructors for its lifelong learning program for summer/fall 2013, and winter/spring 2014 sessions at any of the University's nine Renaissance Academy locations in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties. The Academy is also seeking volunteers to assist with future program planning and growth.

The Renaissance Academy is the University's and region's premier lifelong learning program for adults, seniors and retirees. It is based on the premise that learning should never cease, that keeping the mind intellectually, creatively and culturally active fundamentally enriches and invigorates lives. Single lectures, short courses, day trips, computer classes, film series, life enrichment and travel abroad are some of the programs offered at the Renaissance Academy. There are no exams or grades, just learning for the joy of learning with friends, neighbors and peers.

Lecturers may offer single lectures and/or short courses in art, business, computer instruction, ecology, environment, government, history, law, life enrichment, literature, music, philosophy, psychology, religion, science, sociology, medicine and U.S. and world affairs.

There are no advanced degree requirements for lecturers. Prior lecture experience is preferred. The Academy pays an honorarium of \$75 per lecture.

Lectures are offered weekdays, evenings and weekends. Each lecture is usually 60 to 90 minutes long, with additional time allotted for question and answer sessions.

Those interested in lecturing for the Academy may download a course proposal form from our website at www.fgcu.edu/racademy. Forms are also available via mail by calling 425-3272.

For more information, contact John Guerra, Director, Continuing Education and The Renaissance Academy at 287-5196 or jguerra@fgcu.edu. *

Excursions To Spain, Portugal And Tuscany

The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) announces its 2013 Travel Abroad Programs featuring two excursions to Europe in September 2013. The first is a 15-day tour of Spain and Portugal. Stay in distinctive lodgings such as Renaissance palaces and ancient monasteries during this Iberian sojourn. The second trip is an eight-day visit to Tuscany. Journey with FGCU to Tuscany's medieval towns and villages, hilltop castles, and ancient farmsteads as participants discover the

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Insurance Tip

No Huge Rate Hikes Coming From Citizens



by Marge Meek

Instead of large rate increases for Citizens' new policyholders, the state legislature will move them away from Citizens altogether. Instead, homeowners who receive a comparable rate from a

private insurer through a clearinghouse at Citizens will be required to take that policy. Now, the bill moves to the governor for signature.

This is indeed a victory for consumer groups who were worried about the housing recovery and what the early proposed increases would do to homeowners. With elections looming, the legislators modified their aggressive stance.

There are reforms that did make it into the final proposal. Among them, Citizens will not be allowed to insure home right on the water and it reduces maximum coverage to a \$700,000 limit over three years. A consumer advocate would be added to Citizens' board due to the accusations levied against corporate

misconduct and high executive expense accounts with a plan to increase accountability.

Citizens can still charge assessments after a storm to insurance policies.

With 1.2 million policy holders, Citizens remains the largest insurer in the state and this legislation is another step in reducing that dominance.

Marge Meek is a local Sanibel-Captiva insurance agent, who can be reached at mmeek@rosierinsurance.com.✪

ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New Agent

John R. Wood Island Real Estate welcomes new agent Valerie Tutor.

Valerie is a native Floridian who grew up in south Florida. She and her husband Skipp, also a Florida native, realized their dream of moving to Sanibel permanently a few years ago. Valerie is an advocate for the paradise islands of Sanibel and Captiva and all of Southwest Florida.✪



Valerie Tutor

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My husband has been an active alcoholic for years. The children and I have suffered dreadfully through job losses, car accidents, loss of friends and a tension-filled home. I attended therapy groups and so did the children.

Finally, my husband could not deny his condition any longer and he went to detox and also went to a self-help therapy group.

He is now much better, but we are all worn out from all of his abuse and our deprivation. I have a stress-related illness and the children do not have the confidence and self-esteem they should have because of his abuse.

Suddenly, now that he is so much better and on his way to recovery, he has told me he wants out of this dysfunctional family. He is filing for divorce and plans to marry a woman he has met at his therapy group, start a new life on the other side of the country, and for me not to count on getting any support for myself or the family.

After all the sacrifices we have made for him, it is very hard for us not to be very angry. What would you suggest we do?

Janet

Dear Janet,

I have several suggestions for you. Enquire around and go to the best attorney in your area who is familiar with the problems related to alcoholism.

Few marriages can survive the ravages of active alcoholism. Many people die from the effects of alcoholism and they have never had a single drink. Families can be destroyed and the emotional effects can go from generation to generation, unless therapy is introduced to help relieve future problems.

Alcoholics seem to be a very self-centered group and they only think of their own needs and no consideration for the needs of others (their wives, their husbands, their children, their friends and co-workers).

If you can get some private therapy it can be helpful, but continue to go to Alanon (a therapy group for those closely involved with alcoholics) and your children should go to Alateen, which is a special group for children of alcoholics. Good luck.

Lizzie

Dear Janet,

Get yourself the best attorney in town. It is just so much garbage that your soon-to-be former husband thinks he can skip town with another woman and live happily ever after without upholding his current responsibilities. To me, his boasting of "not to count on getting any support" are the words of a dry drunk. A dry drunk is similar to an active drunk. And drunks do not make for good family members.

Get a good attorney, develop a good support system and move on with your life. You never know what health and happiness is out there for you and your family.

Pryce

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

Junior Achievement CEO Academy

High school juniors and seniors can discover what it takes to become a successful business leader during CEO Academy, an exclusive one-week summer camp. College scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to each of the students on the winning team for the business plan competition that is held at the conclusion of the camp.

Presented by Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida in partnership with the Lutgert College of Business at Florida Gulf Coast University, CEO Academy will take place at the Lutgert College of Business from June 10 to 14. Thanks to support from the community, including the recent Breaking Par golf tournament, which raised more than \$60,000 at the Club at Grandezza, the camp has increased its enrollment to impact more students. Applications for these additional openings are now being accepted until Wednesday, May 15.

A panel of judges will determine the winners of the business plan competition. The judging panel will consist of past Junior Achievement Laureates, who themselves are exceptional entrepreneurs and have been recognized for making a significant contribution to the economic development of Southwest Florida while adhering to high moral and ethical principles. This opportunity provides students with invaluable knowledge and experience from successful business leaders and entrepreneurs, an excellent addition to a college application and the chance to participate in future Junior Achievement events.

Open to rising high school juniors and seniors from Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties, CEO Academy teaches students the basics of starting and operating a successful business. With the guidance of experienced local business leaders, entrepreneurs and FGCU professors, students work in project teams to develop a unique business concept and comprehensive business plan.

Interested students may apply by contacting their school guidance counselor or the Junior Achievement office at 225-2590. There is a \$100 application fee, which is fully refundable if the student is not selected. Please find application details at www.jas-wfl.org/classroom. Camp hours are Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.✪

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dearPharmacist

Pain Relief For Tendonitis, Sprains And Strains



by Suzy Cohen, RPH

Dear Pharmacist:

After years of hiking without many problems, I began experiencing pain near my ankle and heel. My doctor diagnosed Achilles tendonitis and prescribed medicine

which did reduce pain and swelling. I'm still worried I'll not be able to hike again. What natural remedies keep this at bay?

JS, Boulder, Colorado

Ouch, I've had tendonitis myself from over-typing and exercising so I hear ya. This condition is usually an overuse injury and causes pain or swelling in the wrists, knee caps, elbows or Achilles tendons. Actually, it can occur in any tendon and there are hundreds. Unfortunately, tendons don't have a rich blood supply and that hinders adequate delivery of oxygen and nutrients. Simply put, tendons are slow to heal.

The most important thing you can do to improve tendonitis pain is to rest the area, that's hard to do when it's your foot. But tendons don't recover if you keep overusing them. The next consideration (and this one is also free) is to ice the area to reduce inflammation but icing doesn't help much after the first few days. Supplements or medications do help. Most of you will opt for medications like ibuprofen or naproxen (these are NSAIDs and are contraindicated in people with bleeding ulcers among other conditions). My personal favorite anti-inflammatory supplements include astaxanthin, saffron, and curcumin because they have other tremendous health benefits. Here are some more options that can help:

Boswellia: A strong anti-inflammatory compound that works as effectively as NSAIDs. Sometimes called Indian Frankincense, this herb can be combined with any of the three supplements I mentioned above.

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Ginger: Great for inflammation and pain, especially around the joints. You can buy fresh root at any grocery store and grate into your meals, or make tea. Ginger increases blood circulation (be careful with other blood thinners).

Ruta (*ruta graveolens*): This homeopathic remedy is used for tendon pain, especially in the Achilles, feet, hips, wrists, and areas near other joints. Boiron makes this in pellet form.

Arnica (*arnica montana*): Also a homeopathic, arnica has been used for

centuries to treat general pain. It can be taken orally or applied topically. The topical cream Traumeel by Heel contains arnica and several other healing compounds targeted specifically to reduce pain and inflammation from strains and sprains. I'm never without Traumeel!

Tendonitis can sometimes be the result of arthritis, gout, Reiter syndrome or Ankylosing spondylitis, Lyme disease or

other conditions. It's harder to treat or may recur frequently so see your doctor for a correct diagnosis and to ask if these supplements are right for you.

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

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by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML

Over the last several months you have received bits and pieces of The 5 Minute Routine, the foundation of Donna Eden's Energy Medicine.

Her book has now been translated into 20 languages and serves as a guidepost for creating self-help health techniques throughout the world. The exercises are designed to benefit most of us that live in this fast paced, high stress, toxic filled, and energy scrambling world. As Albert-Szent-Gyorgyi, MD, Nobel laureate in medicine, stated: "In every culture and in every tradition before ours, healing was accomplished by moving energy."

My objective in writing these columns is to help empower lives with Eden Energy Medicine techniques and tools to optimize a person's health. This week's column will itemize all of the exercises that form the core of The 5 Minute Routine. The specifics of the exercises

are set forth in prior columns that may be accessed by visiting my website and linking into the blog that has been created to provide access for past columns. Of course, all the exercises and much more are found in Eden's book.

1. The Three Thumps to boost and restore energy: K-27 (end of our kidney meridian located below the collarbone); Thymus Thump (center of sternum) and Spleen Rub (under breasts).

2. The Cross-Crawl to harmonize/balance energy. Remember to do the Homolateral Crossover Repatterning if doing the Cross-Crawl leaves you tired or feeling uncoordinated.

3. The Wayne Cook Posture to focus, think clearly and learn more proficiently.

4. The Crown Pull to relieve mental congestion and headaches, and to sharpen memory.

5. The Neurolymphatic Massage to remove toxins from the lymph system. Remember the Spinal Flush for the back neurolymphatic points which may be done with a partner.

6. The Zip-up to protect you from others' "stuff" and boosts confidence.

7. The Hook-up to activate the radiant circuits and connect your energetic core.

Although not officially part of The 5 Minute Routine, I like to have my students and clients include the following exercises:

a. Connecting Heaven and Earth to help joints, expel toxic energy and open meridians.

b. The Celtic Weave to pattern the energetic systems for balance and strength.

Have fun with your energy! Send me your questions. Next week's topic is Stay Grounded to Maximize Health.

If you have a questions for Karen, email her at ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com. Learn more at www.sem-melmanenergy.com. EEM does not diagnose or cure illness, but working with subtle energies of the body has been shown to help many conditions.✧

A Very Successful Night For Life

A very successful evening of fund-raising and entertainment was held at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers on April 1 when Organ Transplant Recipients of SW Florida presented its 5th annual Night For Life. The purpose of this event each year is to raise public awareness of the need for organ and tissue donation and to raise funds for local area transplant recipients and patients on the waiting list.

The audience of over 300 was entertained by Broadway Palm's *Sound Of Music* performers and the popular local dance troupe The Calendar Girls, as well as talented singer, songwriter and musician Matt Hembling and the well-known emcee John Gordon, long-time voice of the Minnesota Twins.

In addition to the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre's award-winning buffet, the evening presented both silent and Chinese auctions, which included such items as jewelry, golf packages, boat trips, dinners and vacations. The event raised more than \$15,000 for local transplant patients, which was in part due to generous sponsors such as Associates in Nephrology, Buffalo Bills Backers of Naples, Cape Coral Irish American Club, Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, DaVita Dialysis, Donner & Co., FineMark National Bank, Grace Advisory, Mark Hembling, Edward Jones, Fuccillo Kia, Joseph Grillo DPM, Harrison Graphics, *Island Sun* Newspaper, LifeLink Foundation, Loyal Order of the Moose Legion 2199, T & T Accounting, Walmart #5453 and Women of the Moose Chapter 815.

Organ Transplant Recipients of SWFL, Inc. is an all-volunteer, non-profit support group that meets the first Thursday of every month at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers and it invites all persons interested in transplantation to attend. Visit their website at www.organ-support.org for more information.✧

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Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive On May 11

The need for food is urgent in Southwest Florida! Our community is experiencing a continued need for food – and this will increase as summer arrives and students no longer have access to school-related food programs. The Harry Chapin Food Bank needs the Lee and Collier communities to assist in the Stamp Out Hunger food drive on Saturday, May 11.

The Stamp Out Hunger event is the nation's largest single-day food drive. Letter carriers in the two counties will be collecting nonperishable food during their 21st annual drive. In addition to donated food, help is needed for two aspects of the food collection: Drivers are needed to assist letter carriers in picking up the food and volunteers are needed to complete a preliminary sort of the food.

Stamp Out Hunger is the one day when letter carriers collect non-perishable food that has been left by mailboxes. Food collected in Lee County will be distributed by the Harry Chapin Food Bank and several other agencies; food collected in Collier County will be distributed by Collier Harvest. All food collected in food drives is distributed to participating agencies at no cost.

To help letter carriers with their pickups on May 11, contact Debi Mitchell in Lee County at 573-9638; and Jesse

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When Were You Born?



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

“Doctor, I’m having some real problems with my stomach. Every time I...”

“What month were you born in?”

“What?”

“When were you born?”

“February.”

“I see, well then. I have to wonder about your state of mind.”

“Cheque, please.”

Oddly enough, it turns out that those born in February are more likely to have Alzheimer’s, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and toss in some super-sized seizures for good luck. No wonder groundhogs head back into their holes. (“That was a rude thing for him to say, George”) Says a lot for groundhogs and Valentine’s Day.

As doctors, we no longer consult the stars for help, though I once asked Liberace if he thought my pants made my butt look like a cruciferous vegetable. But researchers have long known that your month of birth can make a very small but noticeable difference in your medical future. Dozens of illnesses have been correlated with specific birth months. Why? What you expose your fetus to (and don’t we all hate exposing our fetuses) can have ramifications that last a lifetime. The time of year can determine the abundance or paucity of fetal exposure to certain viruses, nutrition, Vitamin D (the sunshine vitamin), NHL playoffs and even pollen.

For example, schizophrenia – though uncommon – has a 10 percent increased risk if you are born in the dark months. Could fetal exposure to a virus in the second trimester of pregnancy when neurodevelopment begins be linked to schizophrenia? For multiple sclerosis, April and May are particularly bad months to be born in the Northern Hemisphere possibly due to low Vitamin D exposure in utero. Interestingly, October births have the lowest risk for MS. A new study reports that children whose mothers were exposed to high pollen levels in late preg-

nancy are at increased risk for asthma and allergies at a young age.

Even people’s success later in life may be influenced by the time of year in which they were born, according to researchers from the University of British Columbia, who found that babies born in the summer are less likely to make it to the top of the corporate ladder and become CEOs and get that key to the special washroom. I am an August baby, which might explain why it was either the mailroom or politics for me.

And how about life expectancy in general? Should you happen to be born between October and December, odds are that you will live 125 days longer than a sibling born between April and June. The difference is the same as smoking 10 cigarettes a day for four years. Oddly the exact reverse is true if you’re born in the Southern Hemisphere.

What diseases and disorders are most common for each birth month? ABC News compiled the following list. You will now skim down to your month and gasp in horror. By consulting this list, you can have your diagnosis before you even come to our office.

January: Alzheimer’s, schizophrenia, respiratory syncytial virus

February: Alzheimer’s, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, epilepsy

March: Alzheimer’s, schizophrenia, autism, narcolepsy, Hodgkin’s disease, multiple sclerosis, bipolar disorder, epilepsy

April: Leukemia, dyslexia, learning disabilities, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson’s disease, bipolar disorder, epilepsy, ALS

May: Dyslexia, learning disabilities, multiple sclerosis, ALS, Parkinson’s disease

June: Anorexia, diabetes, dyslexia, learning disabilities, multiple sclerosis, ALS, Parkinson’s disease, celiac disease

July: Diabetes, celiac disease, dyslexia, learning disabilities

August: Diabetes, celiac disease, autism, Crohn’s disease

September: ADHD, asthma

October: Asthma, eczema

November: Asthma, eczema, respiratory syncytial virus

December: Respiratory syncytial virus

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Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.*

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Food Drive

Costin in Collier County at 643-4716. To help sort food, contact Bedzaida Bryen at Harry Chapin Food Bank at 334-7007 ext. 141 or Kim Berghs at the United Way at 433-2000 ext. 260.

If you want to donate food but aren’t able to on May 11, you may drop off donations at any Post Office for inclusion in the May 11 food drive. Food may also be left at Uncle Bob’s storage areas at 3780 Central Avenue, 4400 Solomon Blvd. or 6600 Industrial Drive in Fort Myers; 1320 River Road in North Fort Myers; or 800 Abrams Blvd. in Lehigh Acres.

Virtually any kind of food may be donated in unopened, nonbreakable containers. Items especially in need are peanut butter, tuna, rice, beans, and canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups.

Additional information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, call 334-7007 or visit www.harrychapinfoodbank.org.*

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Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Let’s Get Started Practicing Meditation

The first step is to find a quiet space. Get into a comfortable position that feels right for you. Be open and recep-

tive to the thoughts coming in. Simply be aware of them without judgment or criticism and allow them to dissipate. This may take some time, so please be patient and relax.

Meditation is an acquired skill – the more time you commit to practicing meditation, the more benefits you will receive. There is no good, bad, right or wrong way to meditate. It is simply your way.

In the mindfulness-based stress reduction classes I led, a majority of the students had taken transcendental meditation (TM) back in the sixties and somehow gotten away from the practice of it. They were ready to begin again. Again, the practice of TM – or any other form of meditation – is designed to promote a greater sense of well-being and inner peace in both mind and body. Mindfulness can also be experienced while gardening, by focusing awareness of the true beauty of soil and the plants. Awareness grows through the practice of

meditation, and we become mindful of everything we do. Remember, the practice is about being in the present moment and fully experiencing where you are in that moment. No judging or criticizing, just being.

In the mindfulness meditation classes, I used to take my students for a walk outside, and they would come back with a new awareness of how beautiful nature truly is. There is really no set time for meditation, however, most people who meditate seem to enjoy the early morning.

Begin with a few minutes. Then as you become comfortable with meditation, increase your time to 20 to 30 minutes a day. You will find when meditation becomes a part of your daily routine and if you skip it, you will miss it and return to it quickly. However long you meditate, be patient. It takes time to clear the clutter of thoughts from your mind.

With increased practice, you will find that meditation conveys a sense of peace and relaxation and may lead to an awareness of how much less stressed you feel.*

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- Kosher salt, to taste
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste
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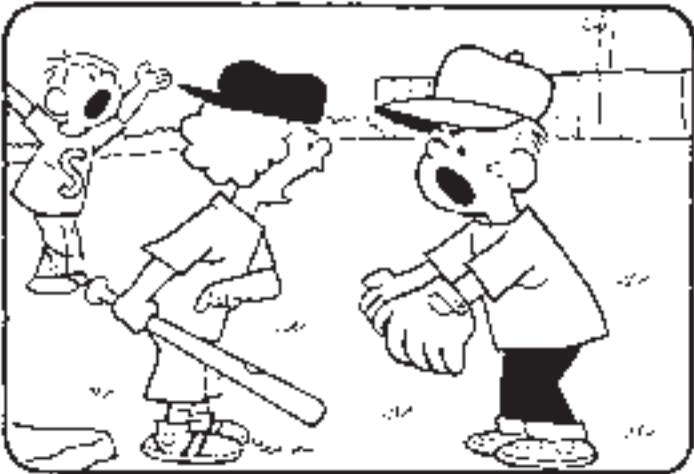
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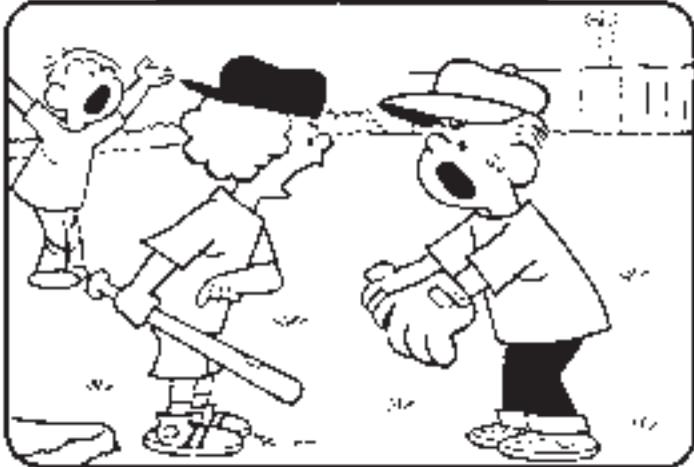


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SUDOKU

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

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Southport on the Bay	Bonita Springs	1991	3,640	1,495,000	1,360,500	73
Jonathan Harbour	Fort Myers	1995	3,867	1,375,000	1,225,000	430
Enclave at Heritage Point	Fort Myers	2006	4,336	925,000	800,000	442
Gulf Shores	Sanibel	1985	1,982	849,000	770,000	113
Palm Lake	Sanibel	1978	1,956	775,000	692,500	75
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The Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) will be putting on a family fun day May 19 from noon to 3 p.m. entitled Give Us A Second Chance To Make A First Impression. The event will showcase the pets that are overlooked in their kennels.

The family fun day will be held at the Gulf Coast Humane Society and admission is free with the donation of a dog/cat toy or treats. Activities include face-painting, bounce house, food and drinks, vendors, Ask the Trainer with K-Nine Connections and Ask the Vet with GCHS's Dr. White. Fourteen dogs will be showing off their skills

outside of their kennels where the public can interact and see their true nature.

Some dogs bark, growl or show no reaction when they are in their kennels simply because they do not like being behind the gate or the people passing their gates are unfamiliar to them. Getting these dogs out on a walk or in a play yard gives them a break from being in the shelter and allows potential adopters the avenue for seeing their personalities.

For more information, call 332-0364 or email info@gulfcoasthumanesociety.org or visit http://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org/give-us-a-second-chance-to-make-a-first-impression-family-fun-day.html. The Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS), 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers, ✨

Stars of Give Us A Second Chance To Make A First Impression At Family Fun Day

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for the After School Program which runs Mon.-Th, 2:30 - 3:15 pm
call Linda Reynolds 472-1617

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At The Sanibel School
Call Michelle Wesley
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Sunshine Ambassador Program is a new and exciting volunteer opportunity offered at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida located within HealthPark Medical Center. The Sunshine Ambassadors will greet, assist and be a positive first point of contact for patients, families and visitors entering the hospital. The Ambassadors also make a difference to families by providing educational and healthful resources to assist in GRANDparenting for GRANDchildren.

We are currently seeking year-round volunteers to work one 4-hour shift Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm or 12:00pm to 4:00 pm.

If you would be interested in learning more about this wonderful new opportunity, please contact Lisa Ellinwood, Volunteer Resources Coordinator at 239-343-5062 at the Golisano Children's Hospital.

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Pets Of The Week



Lucy ID# 562283

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Tom ID# 559187

My name is Lucy and I may not be a puppy anymore but you wouldn't know it to watch me play ball. I'm full of energy and have a perpetual happy attitude. I also like being around other dogs; the more the merrier. My adoption fee is \$30 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' Spring Fever adoption promotion.

Just call my name, Tom, and I'll come over to see what's happening. I'm not an overly chatty cat but I can hold up my end of a conversation. If you're looking for a devoted companion, I'm your guy. My adoption fee is \$30 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services' adoption promotion.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number.

The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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

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Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
Chamber of Commerce.....	472-1080
City of Sanibel	472-4135
Administrative Office	472-3700
Building Department	472-4555
Community Housing and Resources	472-1189
Planning Department.....	472-4136
Library	
Sanibel	472-2483
Captiva	472-2133
Post Office	
Sanibel	472-1573
Sanibel (toll free)	800-275-8777
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Sanibel Community Association	472-2155
Senior Center.....	472-5743
ARTS	
Arcade Theater.....	332-4488
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
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Sanibel Beautification Inc.....	470-2866
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Sanibel Youth Soccer	395-2040
www.sanibelsoccer.org	
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United Way of Lee County	433-2000
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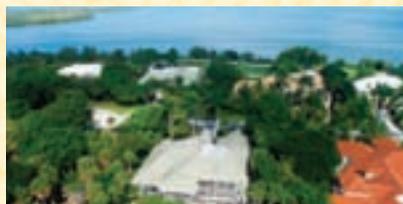
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