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Michel Wilson and local artist Mel Meo chat during last year's inaugural Mullet & More Festival

## Mullet & More Festival Returns To Jensen's Marina

by Jeff Lysiak

On Saturday, December 14, the island of Captiva will be bustling with holiday activities of all sorts. From the raucous and rhythmic

Junkanoo Parade to the breathtaking beauty of the Captiva Lighted Boat Parade, there will be something for everyone in the family to take part in.

And, for the second consecutive year, the area in and around Jensen's Twin Palm Cottages & Marina will stage the Mullet & More Festival, an all-day celebration of all things mullet. From fine food to fine art, the legendary mullet – one of the most widely caught and consumed species

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## CROW's Holly Ball Is This Sunday

Kick off your holiday festivities this Sunday, December 8 at 6 p.m. at CROW's Holly Ball at The Sanctuary Golf Club. Sponsored by The Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company, the dinner dance will feature food, live music, a raffle basket with prizes totaling more than \$3,000 and a live auction. Proceeds will support direct patient care at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.

Auctioneer Merrill Taylor put the following items up for bid:

- One week stay at an ocean view condominium on Grand Cayman. Located at Bonnie's Arch, the condominium is a walk to the reef, offering snorkeling and scuba diving



Seated from left: Vonnie Dressel, Melinda Graham, Nicole McHale, Mary Jo Bogdon and Merrill Taylor. Standing from left: Paige Babcock, Harriet Pattison, James Robinson (CROW development director) and Jeannie Kendall

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## Volunteers Needed For Bird Count

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon will conduct its annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on Saturday, December 14. The results of the local count will be forwarded to the National Audubon Society for inclusion in the 114th National Christmas Bird Count.

More than 50,000 observers participate each year in this census of early winter bird populations. The results of their efforts are compiled into the longest running database in ornithology, representing over a century of unbroken data on trends of early winter bird populations across the Americas. The Christmas Bird count, or CBC, is citizen science in action.

Before the turn of the 20th century, people engage in a holiday tradition known as the Christmas Side Hunt. They would choose sides and go into the field with their guns; whoever brought in the biggest pile of feathered (and furred) quarry won.

Conservation was in its infancy around

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BIG ARTS Community Chorus will hold its annual holiday concert on Tuesday, December 10

## Chorus Performs Holiday Concert December 10

BIG ARTS Community Chorus will perform its popular holiday concert on Tuesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall.

Led by director Steve Cramer, the

holiday concert will feature iconic holiday carols such as *Here Comes Santa Claus*, *Sleigh Ride* and *Carol of the Bells* as well as a Sanibel version of *Twelve Days of Christmas* arranged by Mike Bugler. The BIG ARTS Community Chorus will also perform a *Christmas Around The World* medley, including American, Norwegian, Ecuadorian and Nigerian folk songs, and there will be a special rendition of Steve Zegree's *A Charlie Brown*

*Christmas* from the classic animated television special.

Adult tickets are \$10, tickets for students with valid student ID are free. Tickets for children 17 and under are also free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Reserve all student and child tickets in advance to guarantee seats by calling BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

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This is The Matthews, started by the Bailey boys' grandmother Hallie Matthews. It later became the Island Inn

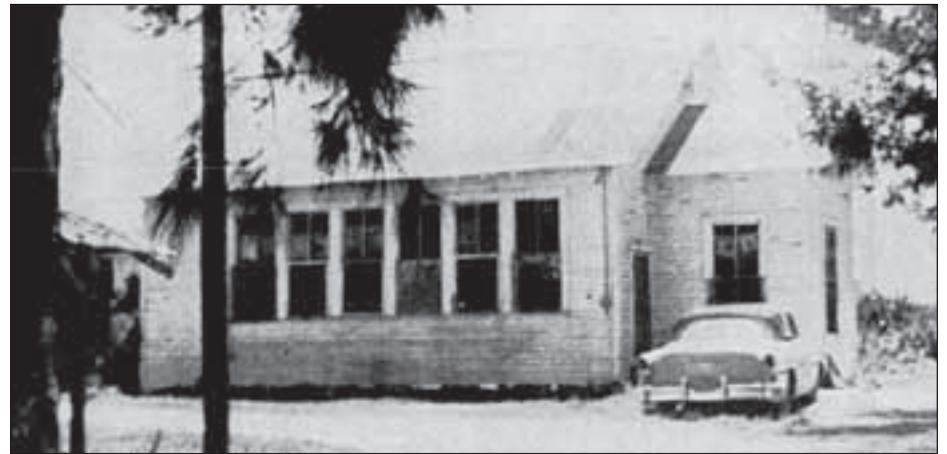
## Historical Village Volunteers To Tour Historic Sites

Long-time Historical Village volunteer, author, and Sanibel historian Jeri Magg will lead a tour of village volunteers for a three-hour ride around the island. Riders will see points of interest that will help them answer visitors' questions and guide museum guests through the village.

"It will be quite a learning experience for everyone on the tour, and there's no

one better to lead such a tour than Jeri," said museum manager Emilie Alfino. "Reading about history is an education, but to see the sites and then be able to call them to mind as you speak about the people and the past is a much richer experience. I'm sure it will be a popular event with our docents, new and veteran alike."

The tour will take place December 9 and begin at the museum, continuing to The Community House, the site of the School for White Children, the Sanibel Community Church, the Bailey Homestead, and the site of the Rutland House.



Sanibel schools were segregated until the 1960s and this was the School for Colored Children, as it was called then. Today it is Lily's Jewelry

It's on to Bailey Road, then, to the site of Jane Matthews Wharf, where the Sanibel Packing Co. (Bailey's General Store) first stood. The lighthouse is next, along with Scotia Bryant's home, the post office, and Casa Marina.

There's much more, but other highlights include the Sanibel Cemetery, Algiers Park, the School for Colored Children, the Island Inn (first The Matthews) and Gray Gables.

Crossing over Blind Pass Bridge to Turner Beach onto Captiva Drive, the group will see Tween Waters Inn, Chapel by the Sea and the Captiva Cemetery. Andy Rosse Lane will be another stop, as will the historical General Store.

On leaving Captiva, everyone will hear about Timmy's Nook, the popular eatery that once stood where the Green Flash is today.

The last two stops will be Wulfert Point and Tarpon Bay Marina before returning to the historical museum.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. It is



Frank Bailey, above, lost his wife in 1935 and raised his three young boys with help from their Aunt Charlotta. Francis Bailey sold the homestead shortly before his death

located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults 18 and older; those under 18 and members are admitted free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings.

For information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit [www.sanibelmuseum.org](http://www.sanibelmuseum.org).

## MAKE HISTORY THIS CHRISTMAS WITH A GIFT THEY'LL TREASURE



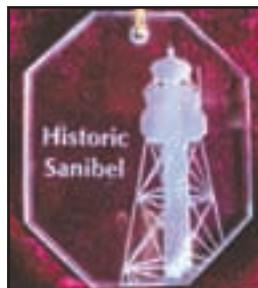
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The School for White Children was abandoned when The Sanibel School we know today opened, integrated. It sits now in the village with its original bell and original blackboard.



Katie Dunn was one of the youngsters who represented the Native Americans at the Thanksgiving feast

## Thanksgiving Festivities At CECI

Last week, friends and family were invited to a holiday concert of Thanksgiving songs sung by the preschoolers at the Children's Education Center of the Islands. The concert was followed by appetizers made by the children and a full Thanksgiving feast made by parents of the students.\*



Dylan Stevens, Scotty Tongyai, Raleigh Stevens and Tyler Lloyd dressed as Pilgrim men



Landon Markosky and Ms. Barb from the Sanibel Library constructed a colorful turkey with crazy feathers



Gia Lackenby and Elin Mossberg in their lady pilgrim costumes



Madison Byrne, Jacqueline Anding and Jayden Wolfe



The new fire engine

## New Fire Engine Goes Into Service

Sanibel Fire Rescue District has placed into service a new 2013 Sutphen engine. The engine replaces one of the older 1995 Pierce engines.

In keeping with the mission of the district this new engine carries everything needed to operate at a fire scene as well

as the equipment necessary for medical calls. It carries 750 gallons of water, a multitude of hose, tools, and equipment.

Four firefighters can ride comfortably and safely. New technology has made safety a major design element and this engine has many of those features. They include larger compartment space to accommodate equipment, larger cab space to assist firefighters getting dressed for fire calls, pumping operations use of computer technology, and on-board tech-

nology to reduce emissions.

This engine will eventually be housed at Station 2 near Bowman's Beach, but for the first six months of its life it will operate out of the Palm Ridge Road station.

Sanibel Fire Rescue District invites any and all to stop by and see the new addition. A traditional "wetting-down" ceremony will be held on Wednesday December 11 at 1:3 p.m. at 2351 Palm Ridge Road.\*



Brooks Selby performing his puppet show

## Puppet Show

Brooks Selby entertained his friends Keiran Kerscher and Hayden Fuller and the rest of the Summit Christian preschool class at Sanibel Community Church. The children made stick puppets of each of their family members and put on a show for their friends.\*

# Center 4 Life Schedule

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

Island Seniors, Inc. members may attend fitness classes by paying \$3.50 per class or visitors \$6 per class. Island Seniors, Inc. annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership cards to attend.

**Happy Hour Fitness** – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. This class keeps your brain fit and your heart, lungs and muscles strong with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises and balance. Hand weights, stretch cords and your body weight will be used. Class begins with a joke and ends with a positive thought for the day.

**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.

**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.

**Gentle Yoga** – 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.

**Chair Yoga** – Tuesday at 11 a.m. Similar to Gentle Yoga but all poses are done in a chair. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday. Kris Brown is the instructor.

**Tuesday Kayaking** – December 3, 10 and 17 at 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, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, hat and change of clothing. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

**Bridge** – Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

**Hand & Foot** – Tuesday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

**Canasta** – Tuesday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

**Mahjongg** – Thursday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

**Hot Dog Grill Wednesdays** – 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers will serve a hot dog, chips and lemonade for \$2.50 for members, \$3.50 for non-members. Helpful to call Wednesday morning if you plan to stop by so volunteers can prepare enough food.

**What's a Spreadsheet?** – Wednesday and Thursday  
**Island Seniors, Inc. Annual Meeting** – Friday, December 13 at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker is island resident Jim Sprankle,

world-renowned waterfowl wood sculptor. There will be an update from the board members on membership. Lunch will be served. Sign up at the center. Seating is limited.

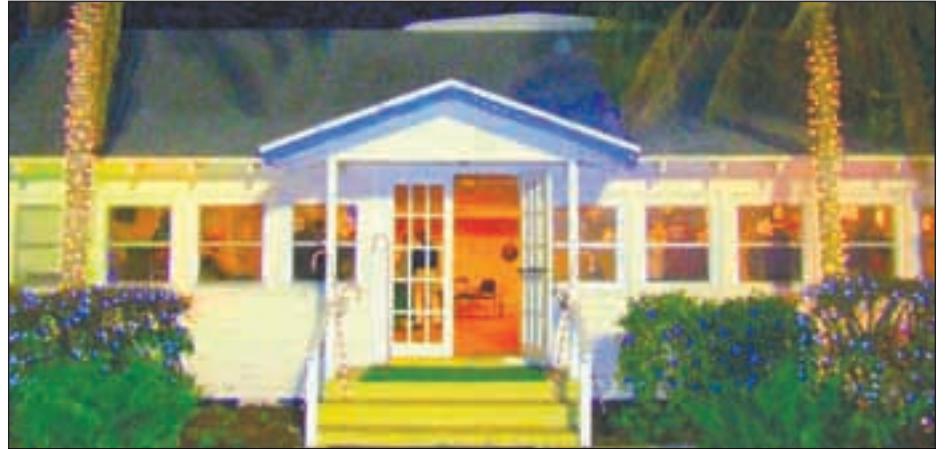
**Page Turners with Ann Rodman** –  
 • Wednesday, December 11 at 2:30 p.m. The featured book is *Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher. Contact

the center if you would like to participate.

• Wednesday, January 8 at 2:30 p.m. The featured book is *The Forgotten* by David Baldacci. Email annrodman@aol.com for more information.

For more details on programs or to become a member of Island Seniors, Inc., contact the Center 4 Life at 472-5743 or stop by 2401 Library Way.✱

## The Community House Features Local Crafters During Luminary



The Community House decked out for Luminary

The Community House is featuring local artisans selling their wares beginning at 5 p.m. December 6, Luminary night. Featured items will include handcrafted jewelry, pottery, soaps, shell craft items, homemade jams, woven and wire jewelry, golf lamps and items, handcrafted linens, glass pictures and repair, ceramic trivets, handmade cards and flower prints and beads

Popcorn, hotdogs and beverages will be available for a donation to benefit veterans. For more information on this event call 472-2155.✱



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## American Legion Post 123 News

On Sunday, December 8, American Legion Post 123 will serve barbecue chicken and ribs from 1 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$12 to \$14.

On Wednesday, December 11, the American Legion's general meeting will be held beginning at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, December 15, Post 123 will conduct a Fish Fry from 1 to 8 p.m.

Every Wednesday, the Legion offers \$5.95 Hump Day specials.

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League action continues every Monday at 5 p.m.

Texas Hold'em is played Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are welcome but must be American Legion members.

Every Friday, Post 123 serves a six-ounce rib eye steak sandwich all day. The half-pound burgers are a local favorite. Food is served all day, every day, with specials daily. The public is welcome.

Hours are 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.✱

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A scene from Captiva long ago

## Special Showing Of Film On Early History Of Captiva

As part of the 2013 Chautauqua Community, in association with this year's Captiva Holiday Village celebration, the Captiva Island Historical Society will present a showing of its film *Captiva Memories by the Sea*, a collection of oral histories filmed by local videographer Rusty Farst. The 37-minute video will be screened at 7:30 p.m. December 13 at Jensen's Twin Palm Resort & Marina on Captiva. This is the third DVD in a series of recordings on Captiva's early history and features Captiva pioneers or their descendants, who describe for the first time their recollections of life on the island in its early days. The video also includes original footage of marine and bird life on the island. Stories by Georgia Hemphill, Zeke McDonald, Ginger Parker, George Parker and Mark Lewis were recorded and edited by Farst. You will also hear voices of the past, including Bud and Virginia Loomis, Belton Johnson and Beulah Wiles.✧

## For This, We Give Thanks

submitted by Ken and Kate Gooderham, ASBPA executive directors

Seems like the right time of year to look at our coastal lives and remember those things we have good reasons to be thankful for – along the coast, for the coast or because of the coast.

Therefore, here's a starter list for which we give thanks:

1. That a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) is moving forward even in a deeply divided Congress where precious little is getting done. This underscores both the bipartisan allure of the coast and the understanding that our coasts are a national resource and neglect of our shorelines holds the potential for great harm on many levels.

2. That recovery for the communities and coasts slammed by Sandy is taking hold – and taking steps to make what is rebuilt to be better than what was blown down or washed away.

3. That no major tropical storms made landfall on the U.S. this season. A year after Sandy, the heartbreaking images from the Philippines were a stark reminder of the havoc these storms can wreak – havoc no one wants to endure and everyone wants to avoid.

4. The growing (or, sometimes, reawakened) recognition of the value of

our coasts for economic necessity, environmental vitality and recreational opportunity. It's too easy for some to take our coasts for granted, so a reminder of their importance to all of us is welcome.

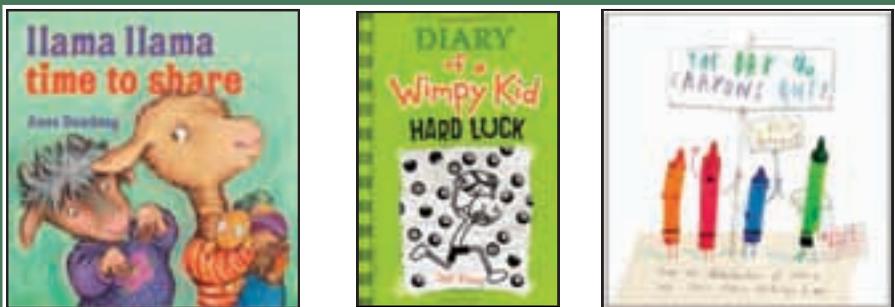
5. The gradual changes in federal coastal efforts – specifically the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – that are starting to make federal coastal management a more timely and effective effort. By expediting review and marshalling resources, the corps is become a more effective coastal steward, advocate and player, which is vital for the health of our coasts given the significant role the agency plays.

6. The long-overdue changes in the National Flood Insurance Program, even though the sticker shock of those changes caught many coastal property owners unawares. Putting this program on sounder financial footing is crucial for coastal protection and recovery... if it can be done without breaking the property owners' banks.

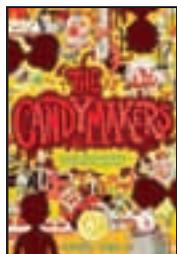
7. The evolving technology that is making coastal management more precise and more possible. The knowledge we have about how our coasts work and how what we do (or don't do) on them has an impact that grows every year, with more science helping to inform more decisions in coastal management.

8. The growing awareness that proper coastal management can lessen catastrophe and lessen loss of life and property. The mantra needs to be: Wide beaches, higher dunes and better buildings can help communities better survive most storms.

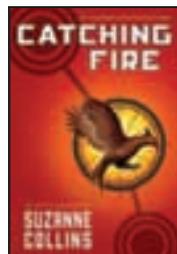
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## Captiva News

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 10, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Cone Rooms in Chadwicks Square at South Seas Island Resort. This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:

- Update on the community survey results.
- Discussion on revising the panel's structure.
- Discussion of property tax and appraisal issues affecting Captiva.
- Approval of a 2014 panel budget and meeting schedule
- A Captiva Erosion Prevention District update.
- A Captiva Fire District update.
- A Hurricane Preparedness and Response Committee update.
- Other business as necessary.

Public participation is invited and encouraged. The next Captiva Community Panel meeting will tentatively be January 14. Information and background documents are available online at [www.captivacommunitypanel.com](http://www.captivacommunitypanel.com).

### Captiva Holiday Village

Thanksgiving weekend marked the kickoff for this year's Captiva Holiday Village with fireworks and a tree lighting at Tween Waters Inn. For a full schedule of events and offerings surrounding this island extravaganza, visit [captivaholidayvillage.com](http://captivaholidayvillage.com).

### CEPD Board Meeting

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD) will hold its monthly board meeting on Wednesday, December 11 at 1 p.m. in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn. Future meetings are set for Wednesday, January 8 and Wednesday, February 12, both at 1 p.m.

at Tween Waters Inn. Call the district at 472-2472 or go to <http://mycepd.com/> for more information.

### Beach Update

Alison Hagerup Beach Park remains closed until further notice as part of the ongoing beach restoration project. The parking lot and beach access is being used by Great Lakes Dredge and Dock to stage and store equipment for the project.

For updates on the project, go to CEPD's website, [mycepd.com](http://mycepd.com), and look under the yellow "News" banner for the latest information and construction schedule.

### Library Closed for Renovations

The Captiva Memorial Library remains closed for building renovations. The library reopening is scheduled for January. Details of this donor funded community project are at [www.ccacaptiva.org](http://www.ccacaptiva.org).

During renovation, the outside book return will remain open for return of Lee County Library System materials. Lee County materials may be returned to any Lee County Library System location. While the Captiva branch is closed, request to change the pick-up location for any holds you currently have active. The many branches of the Lee County Library System offer a wide array of online books, audios, music, magazines and popular databases on the Lee County Library System website. Visit [www.leelibrary.net](http://www.leelibrary.net) or call 479-4636.

The Sanibel Public Library serves newcomers and regulars. For information on its hours, services and requirements to be eligible for a Sanibel Public Library card, call 472-2483 or visit [www.sanlib.org](http://www.sanlib.org).

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## ASBPA

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10. Finally, we are always thankful every time we can get to the beach. We hope you are as well... and we hope you'll add your own coastal kudos for which you give thanks.

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The Mastersingers

## Mastersingers Holiday Concert At Island Church

The Mastersingers will present a full concert of Christmas favorites, old and new, on Sunday, December 15 at 6 p.m. at Sanibel Community Church.

Those who attend will hear the world premiere of the commissioned work, *O Magnum Mysterium*, written by Dr.

Jason Bahr, associate professor of music at Florida Gulf Coast University.

The Mastersingers will be accompanied by organ and brass instrumentalists. The audience will be encouraged to sing along during part of the performance.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market). For more information call 472-2684, or visit on the web at [www.sanibel-church.com](http://www.sanibel-church.com).

There is no admission charge for the performance, but an offering will be received.

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# INSIDE CITY HALL



BikeWalkLee's Darla Letourneau, front row, second from left, presents the 2013 Complete Streets Champion of the Year Award to the City of Sanibel during Tuesday's city council meeting. Also pictured are members of the Sanibel Bicycle Club, council and city staff.

photo by Jeff Lysiak

## Sanibel Lauded For Its 'Complete Streets' Efforts

**B**ikeWalkLee, a local community coalition advocating for complete streets in Lee County, has selected the City of Sanibel and the Sanibel Bicycle Club as a 2013 Complete Streets Champion of the Year for "a decade of incredible work to make Sanibel a model walkable, bikeable community."

BikeWalkLee representatives presented the award at Tuesday's city council meeting.

Darla Letourneau, of BikeWalkLee, a Sanibel resident, addressed the council.

She said in 2010 Sanibel was the first Southwest Florida community to be designated a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists, a sign of the city's commitment to a comprehensive program of engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation (the five Es) efforts to promote bicycling.

"The leadership and commitment from this city council has been key to the progress you've made over the past six years," Letourneau added. "Sanibel is very lucky to have City Manager Judie Zimomra, who is such a strong champion for the shared use path system and promoting biking and walking for transportation, recreation, and health.

"BikeWalkLee is grateful to Mayor Kevin Ruane in his role as chairman of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning

Organization Board for his support of a more balanced multi-modal transportation system that is safe and accessible for all users. He is providing countywide leadership at a critical time," she said.

Letourneau also recognized the role the Sanibel Bicycle Club played. She paid special tribute to the contributions made by the late Doug Dietrich.

The Sanibel Path Information Center, completed in 2012, was initiated by the bike club and funded and implemented by a partnership of community organizations and private individuals with city involvement and assistance.

The city has completed a crosswalk study and also increased its safety focus.

The City of Cape Coral and Cape Coral Bike Ped were also honored with the same award this year.✧

## Democratic Club Holiday Party

**T**he Democratic Club of the Islands will celebrate the holidays with a party on Thursday evening, December 19 at Traditions on the Beach at Island Inn. Members and friends will gather at 6 p.m. for an evening of dinner and dancing. The three-course dinner includes salad, entrée, dessert and beverage.

Entrée choices include:

Scottish Salmon with Grilled Asparagus and Roasted Shallots  
Chicken Milanese Pomodoro with Garlicky Spinach and Mozzarella  
Pasta Primavera (vegetarian)

Dessert:

Granny Smith Apple Tart with Cinnamon Ice Cream  
Chocolate Ecstasy Cake with Chocolate Ganache

Send a check for \$45 per person (including tax and tip) by December 13 to DCI, Box, 898, Sanibel, FL 33957. Include all attendees' names with their dinner choices. Cash bar available beginning at 6 p.m.

Democrats and anyone wishing to become more involved in Democratic issues are invited to attend, as are Democrats of Lee County interested in learning more about Democratic politics.

For more information about the holiday party or to download a party invitation, visit [demclubislands@gmail.com](mailto:demclubislands@gmail.com) or call 395-9078.✧



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Members of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva received a proclamation from Mayor Kevin Ruane during Tuesday's city council meeting

photos by Jeff Lysiak

## Council Hears Opposition To Civic Core Plan

by Jeff Lysiak

During the public comment portion of Tuesday's city council meeting, a pair of residents voiced their opposition to the civic core master plan concept introduced in November, saying that they objected to several key components of the proposed multi-dimensional community campus.

Last month, architect Henry Woodroffe outlined the plan that would consolidate BIG ARTS, the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village, Center 4 Life and The Community House onto a 25-acre site along with city hall, the Sanibel Public Library and the public works department.

Fay Carney told the council that she had many objections to the plan, most notably the proposed relocation of The Community House. She called the idea of moving the historic structure off of Periwinkle Way "outrageous."

In addition, Carney objected to the destruction of the Herb Strauss Theater, which is currently located across from The Community House.

Fellow resident Ed Hancock, representing the homeowners' association of the Periwinkle Pines subdivision, said that he was "flabbergasted" to see action on the civic core plan. He recommended that before any further progress on the project is taken, he and his neighbors should be considered stakeholders in the plan and invited to submit their input.

Mayor Kevin Ruane, who noted that he has met with residents of Periwinkle Pines twice regarding the issue, said that at this point, the civic core project is still in the conceptual phase.

"All that has been talked about so far is a concept," said Ruane, who explained that the city has looked at 12 designs for the project. He also called objections to the concept premature, since nothing has been decided yet. Ruane noted that he has received "over 100 phone calls" related to the issue.

Councilman Marty Harrity agreed, adding, "We're only gonna do what Sanibel wants."

Some of the ideas that were a part of the civic core master plan concept

introduced by Woodroffe, in addition to moving The Community House to a similar sized site across from the library, include relocation of the city's public works department facilities, bicycle and pedestrian paths throughout, additional shared parking spaces and green space, courtyards and other gathering places and at least three access roads, including Dunlop.

Vice Mayor Doug Congress invited the community to offer input on the project, which he said was "nowhere near a plan at this point." Councilman Jim Jennings added, "In the end, the citizens will have the final say."

A fifth stakeholders meeting on the civic core master plan concept was scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 5 at the Sanibel Recreation Center.\*



Eagle Scout Kenny DiBiase, right, received recognition from Mayor Kevin Ruane for being the recipient of the William Homaday Award for his water quality protection and education efforts. Also pictured are DiBiase's parents, Donna and Tony DiBiase.



Jai Earle, Jaclyn Walsh and Scotty Lynn Keely from the Sanibel Recreation Department were recognized by Mayor Kevin Ruane for passing the AHIA Educational Institute's Certified Guest Service Professional exam. Fellow employees passing the exam but not in attendance are Shanna Clark and Marina Dowling



Natalia Maddox, left, received the 2013 City Employee of the Year Award from Mayor Kevin Ruane

## Letter Carrier Toy Pick-Up Saturday

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Pictured with Dave Grothaus are Laurie LaManna, Arline Ford, guild president, Francine Dale and Dottie McGovern. LaManna, Dale and McGovern are chairing the Christmas Angel Project.

## St. Isabel Christmas Angel Project

At the St. Isabel Women's Guild November meeting, a presentation was made by Dave Grothaus, the Diocese of Venice District II director with Catholic Charities. Grothaus shared with the guild the many services and programs provided by this organization and he thanked the members for all their support which will continue this year with the Christmas Angel Project.

Beginning on November 30, Angel tags became available for parishioners to take from the Christmas tree in the church narthex. Each tag lists the wishes expressed by a child and parishioners will fulfill those wishes and return the wrapped gifts to the tree with the angel tag attached. Catholic Charities will then distribute the gifts.\*

## Performing A New Christmas Carol



The choir of St. Michael & All Angels Church

A new Christmas carol by John Rutter will be performed at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Sanibel, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6. Rutter created this carol in 2012 for the traditional Lessons and Carols sung annually at Kings College, Cambridge, England. It will be sung by the St. Michael and All Angels Choir.

The Advent service of Lessons and Carols retells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Christ, and is interspersed with familiar carols and hymns.

St. Michael's welcomes all to attend the service, which will be followed by treats.\*

## OBITUARY

### ELIZABETH ANNE (ORMOND) FRANKWICH

On a bright fall morning just as the sun was rising, Elizabeth Anne (Ormond) Frankwich, closed her eyes for the last time. Libby, as she was known to all, was born on November 30, 1929 in Ohio to Dr. Alexander and Helen Ormond. She was the first of their children. Libby grew up during WWII as her father was an air force colonel and they were stationed at many different bases across the USA.

Libby graduated from Northfield/Mt. Hermon prep school and finished her education at Dennison University graduating with a degree in psychology. She also was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, which she joined in college. After graduation, she moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where she worked in the psychology department of Johns Hopkins University. There, she met the love of her life, Vernon T. Frankwich. They married in 1953. They resided in New Jersey, Illinois and then for 30 years in Woodbridge, Connecticut.

Libby was heavily involved with the Junior League, volunteered at the rehab center in New Haven, and eventually was on the board of directors for the United Way. While in Connecticut, she and her husband raised their two children, Amy Elizabeth and Douglas Martin. Upon her husband's retirement in 1998, they moved to Sanibel Island, Florida. There Libby continued her volunteer work with CROW. Libby enjoyed gardening, sewing, traveling the world, playing tennis, and social gatherings with her numerous friends.

Libby was predeceased by her parents and her beloved husband, Vernon. She leaves behind her daughter, Amy (Stephen) Frankwich Jackson, Her son, Douglas Frankwich, her grandsons Nicklas (Rachel) Frankwich, Thomas Jackson, and her great-grandsons Aiden and Malakai Frankwich. She will be dearly missed by her brother, Alexander (Kathleen) Ormond Jr. MD, and many other family member here and abroad. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations in Elizabeth's name be made to CROW, Sanibel Island, Florida.

A memorial service is planned for a later date.\*

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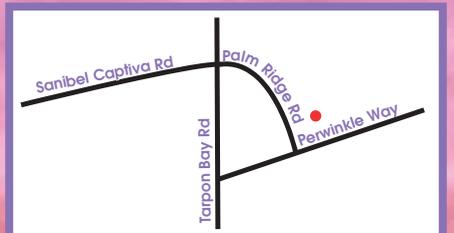
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On November 19, more than 150 people packed 'Tween Waters Inn to hear Tony Lapi, celebrate the history, relate old stories and show archival photographs of the legendary inn. Lapi is the inn's CEO, president and owner since 1976.

As part of the Captiva Island Historical Society's (CIHS) speaker series, Lapi and Jeff Shuff shared the history of this hidden tourist inn, which was established in 1931



David MacKenzie and Jim Pigott, chairman of the Captiva Island Historical Society



Tony Lapi and Jeff Shuff



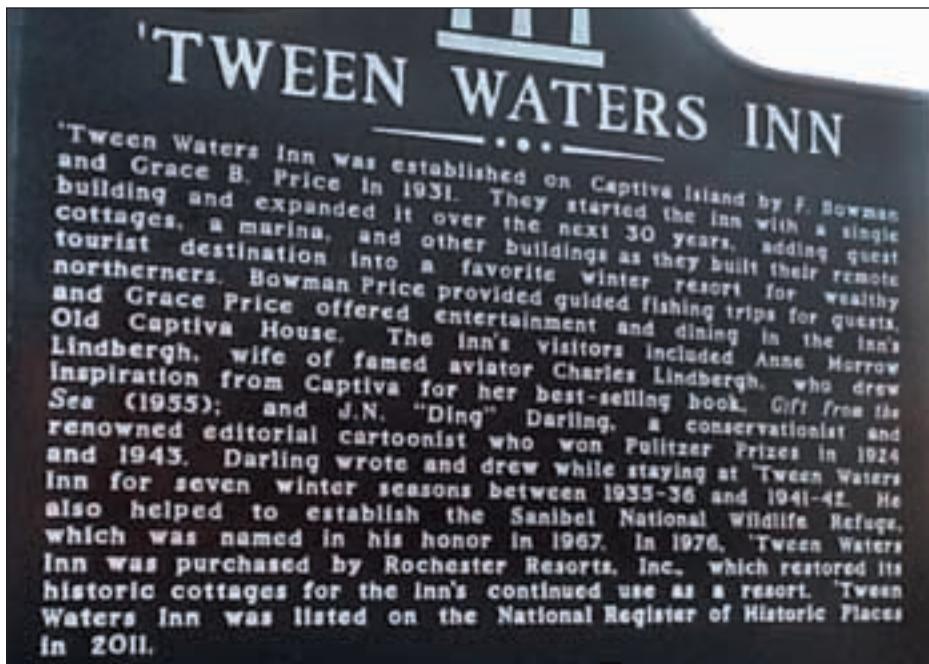
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One of the original 'Tween Waters Inn cottages in the early 1900s



The bayside marina has been welcoming boaters for more than half a century



Close-up of 'Tween Waters Inn sign

and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Not only did they tell stories about many famous guests, such as President Teddy Roosevelt, Anne Morrow Lindbergh and Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling, but several long-time residents of the island who were in the audience added personal, colorful and historical memories.

Following the program, there was a reception, during which people had a chance to share their own experiences on Captiva and also see for the first time the new beautifully-illustrated Captiva-Sanibel historical map, commissioned by The Captiva Historical Society, available at Sanibel Art and Frame either framed or unframed.

In addition, the Captiva Island Historical Society revealed its winter plans to open a History Room in the newly-renovated Captiva Community Center.

The next CIHS event is the showing of its most recent DVD of *Captiva Memories* on December 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Jensen's Twin Palms on Captiva.\*



Vintage photograph of one of the inn's cottages



Another early image of 'Tween Waters Inn

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## Coastal Estuaries Program At 'Tween Waters

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Schober has broad knowledge of the bountiful nature of the estuary and how it was utilized by early people. Her talk will take place in the Wakefield Room start-

ing at 7:30 p.m. Schober will focus on the abandonment of the coastal estuaries of Charlotte Harbor, Pine Island Sound and Estero Bay by the Calusa Indians, and the emergence of Cuban fishing communities, seasonally at first, to take advantage of rich mullet and other fish resources during fall and winter months. The locations of some of these ranchos are known through archaeological and ethnohistorical research, including those on Useppa and Estero Islands. As Florida transferred hands from Spain to Britain and back, eventually becoming a U.S. territory, the story of southwest Florida remains connected to the water – for

transportation, food, technology and now tourism.

Mullet and redfish were the primary fish captured, dried on racks and taken to Cuba in time for the Lenten season. For hundreds of years, Cubans made annual treks to Pine Island Sound.

There is no charge for the program and no reservations are necessary. For more information, call Kristie Anders at 472-2329. This program, sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, is a part of the Captiva Holiday Village celebration.✧

Sanibel resident Bill Goolsby caught a 28-inch redfish in Pine Island Sound, using white bait, while on a fishing trip with Sea Reed Charters. The fish was safely released back into the water to swim another day.✧



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## Captiva Island Yacht Club Hosts America's Cup 34 'Re-Play'

The Captiva Island Yacht Club (CIYC) recently hosted an America's Cup 34 "Re-Play" to celebrate Oracle/Team USA's victory over Team New Zealand in the historic America's Cup Finals.

In September, CIYC Rear Commodore Paul McCarthy organized a group of 100 Captiva Island Yacht Club members and their guests to participate in America's Cup 34. The CIYC entourage flew out to San Francisco for the opening weekend of the American's Cup Finals September 6 to 9.

CIYC members and their guest had a first class experience with private receptions at the St. Francis and San Francisco Yacht Clubs and accommodations at the Argonaut Hotel adjacent to San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf.

America's Cup historian, Norris Strawbridge, flew out to San Francisco from Boston to give the CIYC group a private tutorial on the history of the America's Cup. Julian Guthrie, author of the definitive book on America's Cup 34, *The Billionaire*



Fanfare at the America's Cup

and the Mechanic, was the featured speaker at a St. Francis Yacht Club dinner event. The Napa Valley Vintners' Association hosted three different wine tastings for the group as well as a day trip to select Napa Valley Vineyards.

At the Re-Play, members shared memories of the historical race, America's Cup fanfare, San Francisco sights as well as their yacht club receptions, wine tours and San Francisco excursions. America's Cup historian Norris Strawbridge was the keynote speaker and presented a slide and video presentation on the winning strategy of Team USA.

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## DDWS Awards Conservation Education Grants

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) recently awarded \$5,000 in grants to six conservation education-related projects at five different Lee County Schools.

Teachers submitted 18 grant applications to the DDWS Environmental Education Committee by October 31. The committee chose six awards based on need and relevance to conservation.

Schools to which DDWS awarded grants include Diplomat Elementary School of Cape Coral for its Water,

Water Everywhere project, Patriot Elementary School of Cape Coral for its Winged “Patriots” Soar project, The Sanibel School for its That Scat! and Florida Ecosystem projects, South Fort Myers High for its AP Environmental Science Water Quality Field Study project, and Tice Elementary for its Fourth Grade Photojournalists: Learning and Sharing Through A Lens project.

“This is the eighth year the society has awarded these conservation teacher grants,” said Doris Hardy, education committee chair. “To date, we have awarded nearly \$40,000 in teacher grants. We were so impressed by the great projects our teachers and their students imagined this year. The society is happy to help out the future of conservation stewards in this important way.”

Grant recipients report back on their

projects to the society and refuge, often sending pictures and thank-yous from the students, upon completion in May.

The teacher grants are funded by DDWS monies received from the “Ding” Darling Foundation earmarked specifically for education. For information on next year’s grants, contact Becky Wolff at 472-1100 ext. 237, email Hardy at hardydd@comcast.net, or visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/) grants after January 1, 2014.\*



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# Dead-End Creek Yields Grand Slam



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**A**dverse conditions is the best way to sum up my time spent on the water this week. Basically, every day was windy but you could also mix in the coldest

temperatures since last March, and a few mornings of thick sea fog. The only good thing with the seemingly never-ending strong northeast winds is that it should keep the red tide offshore. Although there were a few dead fish floating in the very southern end of San Carlos Bay, these fish have washed in from offshore and the effects of this latest red tide are not in the sound.

Consistently catching fish in these far from perfect conditions was all about getting tucked away out of the wind. Good bait meant good fishing, with the majority of the quality fish caught on my boat this week still eating free-lined shiners. Shiners were much harder to locate than they have been, but catching them was really the key to a good day's fishing. Live shrimp produced fish, too, but it was lots of snapper, sheepshead and rat redfish. The water temperature is not quite cold enough yet for all the small bait stealers to leave.

Despite the cold snap, snook fishing continued to be really good. For sheer numbers of snook, mangrove creek fishing has been hard to beat. Sure, lots of the snook are between 15 and 25 inches, but catching a snook on almost every cast once you locate them is not a bad thing. I did manage a few slot-sized snook this week, but they seemed few and far between. Finding mangrove points and shorelines where the wind and tide were moving in the same direction seemed to make all the difference in locating these snook. Often, one little stretch of shoreline or point would hold more than a dozen.

Most of the redfish I caught this week were on the short side of the 18-inch minimum. Creeks in Tarpon Bay were loaded with rat reds on the first part of the falling tide. These blue-tailed, shrimp-eating redfish are just part of our winter pattern and make for non-stop action. The few keepers we caught came while snook fishing with live shiners and were all in the low to mid 20-inch size range.

Sheepshead fishing was still a little hit and miss in the mangroves this week. Most trips we managed a few 14-inch plus fish while using shrimp. Docks around the passes and throughout the sound should really be loading up, yet crazy windy conditions have not given



Ben Armstrong of St. James City with a windy, cold day sheepshead caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

an anglers the opportunity to give them a try. Keeper-sized mangrove snapper were another option for clients looking to take home a fresh fish dinner, with lots of legal size, 11- to 14-inch snappers in almost every mangrove creek.

The highlight of the windy week on the water for me came early in the week while taking a full day trip from North Captiva. After bouncing around in more ways than one, we had only put a few keeper fish in the live well. Not wanting to cross the bay again quite yet in the 25 mph-plus winds, I anchored up in a deep dead-end creek I had not fished since the coolest days of last winter on the Pine Island side of the bay while just hoping for a few snook.

I had hit pay dirt. This dead-end creek was just on fire; we did not move for over two hours. The bite just kept going and going until the tide bottomed out. As things would quiet down a little, I would chum with live shiners and the bite would

fire off again. The variety of species and non-stop action was amazing.

Snook, trout and jacks made the majority of the action, but we also caught two unexpected 10- to 15-pound tarpon. At that point, I was telling my clients all we needed was a redfish to get a grand slam in this one spot. Not three casts later, we landed one nice slot-sized red.

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

## Fish Caught



Jay Ibo with his gag grouper

Jay Ibo caught a 30.5-inch gag grouper on November 23 on the Sanibel Causeway. He was using mullet for bait.✪

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## CROW Case Of The Week:

## The Not-So-Common Crow



by Patricia Molloy

From ancient folklore to modern literature, crows have been used to foreshadow ominous events and symbolize boorish behavior. To be called “bird brained” is an insult targeting at

one’s presumed stupidity. Such proclamations range from misguided to wildly inaccurate. In fact, some experts believe that crows may be the most intelligent creatures on the planet.

In recent years, wildlife biologists at the University of Washington have studied the behavior of crows, focusing specifically on the birds’ facial recognition abilities. During experiments that including briefly detaining then releasing several crows, scientists have discovered that these blackbirds have a large capacity for storing information and possess the ability to distinguish specific individuals, even in a crowd. Even more remarkably, the subject birds were able to communicate to other crows about which people potentially pose a danger.

Several weeks ago, an injured crow was discovered on the ground and admitted to the Sanibel clinic. During Dr.

Heather’s initial examination, patient #2974 was found to be severely underweight and suffering from a recent wing fracture. The crow was anesthetized so that radiographs could be performed; an additional, older fracture that had not healed properly was also revealed.

The American crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) is a familiar bird with blueish-black plumage and a shrill, cawing voice. Surely you have seen a large group fill the sky at dusk, swooping and fluttering madly through the air, squawking loudly overhead as they make their way, en masse, to a tall cluster of trees. These seasonal communal groups, called roosts, may range from as few as 100 birds to as many as hundreds of thousands. The reason that crows congregate in such large numbers, particularly in autumn and winter, is not fully understood; safety in numbers is the most likely of reasons.

As with all patients, the ultimate goal is rehabilitation and release. The future for this particular patient, however, is an uncertain one.

“We don’t think he will be a candidate for release. However, we are still giving him every chance to heal and are looking at the best options for him,” stated Dr. Heather.

In the event that the crow is unable to fly well enough to survive in the wild, the clinic is considering training the bird for special educational presentations at the facility’s popular Visitor Education Center. As Dr. Heather explained, “We could have the crow on the glove, just like you would a raptor. Through education, I think people would realize what totally



The American crow, patient #2974, perching on a beam in an outdoor small flight enclosure photo courtesy of Kathie McDonough

fascinating birds they are.”

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our

local area. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit: [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).

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City Of Sanibel Vegetation Committee

## Sanibel's Vegetation Standards Protect Homeowners

For decades, Sanibel residents have sought to maintain the island's sanctuary character by protecting the native environment. To help in this effort, the city has adopted vegetation standards for homeowners and businesses. These include:

- A requirement that at least 75 percent of all vegetation (trees, shrubs and groundcovers) on a property be native plants; up to 25 percent may be non-invasive, exotic species.
- Property must be kept clear of eight specific invasive exotic plants such as Brazilian pepper.
- Pruning of native plants is limited to 25 percent of the total leaf area in any one year.
- The type and use of fertilizer is carefully regulated to protect the water. This includes a ban on fertilizer use during the summer rainy season.
- A permit is always required to trim mangroves, to trim in the beach zone (dune), and to move or remove any protected native plant.
- All landscape contractors or persons hired to work on landscape must have a Sanibel Vegetation Competency Card. All professional fertilizer applicators must



Island native, dune sunflower

also be certified by the city.

Native plants survive and thrive in the highly variable weather conditions (summer heat and rain and winter droughts), alkaline soils and proximity to salt water. They require little or no supplemental irrigation, do not need fertilizer and provide habitat for native wildlife.

The Natural Resources Department section of the city's website, [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com), offers information and photos of native plants, a listing of licensed contractors, Sanibel's vegetation standards and codes, and the Environmental Reference Handbook prepared by the city's vegetation committee. The vegetation committee also offers free native plant tours of the grounds at city hall at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday and fourth Saturday of the month from November to April. For more information, contact the Sanibel Natural Resources Department at 472-3700. ✨



Mary Culver of Sanibel holds her first place oncidium orchid at the November meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society

## Orchid Society To Present Holiday Luncheon

The Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society will present a holiday luncheon at Sundial Resort's main dining room on Monday, December 16 at 11:30 a.m. The featured speaker will be Mickey Carnell, co-owner of Blue Pagota Orchids in Englewood, speaking on Slipper Orchids.

Luncheon choices include a seafood crepe or a chicken breast sandwich, both selections served with rice pilaf. All entrees include non-alcoholic beverages, a tossed salad and dessert. Cocktails, wine and beer are also available for additional purchase.

Cost to attend the luncheon is \$20 for San-Cap Orchid Society members and \$24 for guests, which includes tax and gratuity. Membership dues for 2013-14 are \$20.

Reservations for the luncheon – including choice of entree – should be made with payment to the Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society by Thursday, December 12. To make reservations, contact San-Cap Orchid Society treasurer Carol Zell at 395-2122. ✨

## Attention Sanibel Captiva Gardeners

submitted by Dr. Phillip Marks

The Master Gardener Lecture Series, after 68 programs over the past nine years, will be taking a sabbatical for one year due to a family illness.

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# Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation

## SCCF Biologist Gives Tank Talks



Indigo snake

On Tuesday, December 10 at 10 a.m. the SCCF Nature Center will present a program about the turtles, snakes, and other island critters SCCF works so hard to protect through research and habitat protection. Maybe the diamondback terrapins will be digging in their new nesting/sandbox. Will Indie the indigo snake have shed her skin?

Cost of the program is \$5 per adult and free for children and SCCF members.

## Gator And Crocodile Tales



American crocodile

The Biology of Alligators and Crocodiles is an ancient tale of survival. On Wednesday, December 11 at 10 am, a program at SCCF will teach about these living dinosaurs and how to ensure our safety and their survival on the islands. With cool weather approaching, island gators will be slowing down, looking for a warm place to bask, and sometimes not eating for four to six months.

Cost of the program is \$5 for adults and free for SCCF members and children. Remember, NEVER FEED AN ALLIGATOR.

After the SCCF programs, visitors may take a walk on the trails to the Sanibel River or visit the butterfly house.

Call SCCF at 472-2329 for more information on these programs Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.\*

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Bird's Eye View

# Lots Of Frigates

by Mark 'Bird' Westall



About two weeks ago, someone emailed me and asked about all the magnificent frigatebirds she was seeing flying along the gulf coast of Sanibel

and Captiva islands and over Pine Island Sound lately. She had never seen this phenomenon before.

I sent her my response, but didn't think that much about it until last week when, while heading across the Sanibel Causeway to the mainland, there was a huge flock of maybe a hundred or so frigates riding the strong winds blow-

ing from the south. Looking like they belong in a *Batman* movie, they were looking to capture a fish near the surface of the choppy water of the bay, or maybe, steal one from one of the ospreys that like to fish from the guard rails of the causeway.

I have mentioned in previous articles how the bald eagle will sometimes bully an osprey by using brute strength to threaten the life of the osprey while it is carrying its heavy prey, but the frigate uses a more stealth-like approach to stealing its meal from the osprey. I've only seen it once, but years ago I watched a frigate come up behind and from below an osprey struggling with a freshly-caught fish and the frigate flipped over on its back and deftly reached up underneath the osprey with its bill and "pickpocketed" the fish right out of the osprey's talons. The osprey acted surprised and shocked at what had just happened (I swear I noticed the osprey jump from being startled) and

circled a few times and then returned back to fishing again.

It is during sightings such as that that you realize just how large the frigate is compared to other birds. The osprey is not small by ornithological standards, but when the frigate got up under the osprey, the "man-o-war" bird looked as though he could wrap his wings completely around the comparatively smaller raptor.

Another interesting note comparing the frigate and the osprey is the extent of the crook in the wrist of both species. The osprey spends most of its time over the water fishing (thus the gull-shaped wing), but also soars over land catching the warm thermals of air rising upwards like a hawk. The frigate, however, rarely soars over land, spending practically all of its time riding the sea breezes. Therefore, its wing shape is specifically designed to take advantage of winds moving across the surface of the oceans, not rising upward. I heard it suggested once that if man (or woman) could design a sailplane's wing to mimic that of the frigate's, we could develop gliders that could glide across the oceans.

Wouldn't that be cool?

But getting back to the lady's email, we typically see the frigates in such large numbers during the summer months as the cold fronts disappear and the prevailing winds start blowing warm up out of the tropics. And even though we can see a few of them occasionally in the winter, with the strong (and cold) northwesterly winds that come down from Canada with the cold fronts, it is rare to see the larger congregations.

But the frigates are pelagic birds, meaning that they spend most of their time out over open water cruising the ocean's winds, nomads if you will, and they go wherever the winds take them. This year, we have been getting some strong fronts coming through Florida a little earlier than usual, but just before those fronts reach us, we have also been getting some warm, tropical air sucked up into the area as the front approach-

es. Thus, the frigates have been thrilling us with some fascinating sights.

Unfortunately, the only place left in the United States where the frigates still nest is Dry Tortugas National Park, about 68 miles west of Key West. They used to nest in the Marquesas, only about 30 miles west of Key West, but it is speculated that low-flying tourist planes heading out to the Dry Tortugas caused those nests to be abandoned.

Ah, the beauty (and impact) of ecotourism.

So, even though nesting season is just getting started for the frigates at this time of year, when the winds are strong enough, the frigates have no problem riding the sea breezes up into the Sanibel-Captiva waters searching for food. And don't worry, they'll have an easy flight back down to the Dry Tortugas. When the cold fronts pass on through to the south of us and the winds switch to out of the north, the frigates will just turn around and ride the wind currents back down to their nesting sites.

Kind of like watching the windsurfers going back and forth across the bay; free as a bird.

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](http://www.canoeithbirdwestall.com) for more information. ✨

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Shell Museum volunteers Tom Risher and Ann Moeder

## Shell Museum Seeks Season Volunteers

**D**o you love Sanibel's white sandy beaches and beautiful shells that scatter the shore? Do you have an extra hour a week? If so, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum would like to invite you to join their team of dedicated volunteers.

As the busy winter season approaches, the need for volunteers at the Shell Museum expands to fulfill the extensive programming the museum offers. A variety of positions are available and no

experience is necessary.

"We are specifically looking for education docents - individuals who want to make a difference in a child's life. Working with students is a joy, and we will teach you what you need to know," said Melanie Moraga, Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Executive Assistant.

A detailed training program covers everything a volunteer needs to learn. No special education or experience is required; just bring an interest in the natural world - especially shells - and enthusiasm for working with the public and with other docents. Active volunteers receive causeway toll reimbursement and a discount at the Museum Store.

To learn more, call Melanie Moraga at 395-2233.✧

## British Invasion Band Headlines Museum Gala

**T**he Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's annual Under the Sea gala will celebrate Hits of the Brits with The British Invasion - a tribute band that plays favorite 1960s music from The Rolling Stones to The Who. This year's event will be hosted at the Sanctuary Golf Club on January 26, from 5 to 10 p.m.

The live and silent auctions will

showcase diverse items from local businesses that have donated to support the museum. Dinner will be prepared by The Sanctuary chefs.

The gala will raise funds for the museum's educational programs.

Tickets are \$135 per person and reservations can be made directly online from the Events page of the museum website at [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org). Sponsorship opportunities are still available. To donate silent auction prizes, contact Krystal Butherus, marketing and event manager, at 395-2233 or via email at [info@shellmuseum.org](mailto:info@shellmuseum.org).✧

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Plant Smart

# Christmas Senna

by Gerri Reaves

Despite its pretty common name, Christmas senna (*Senna pendula* var. *glabrata*) is no gift to Florida's environment.

Since being introduced in the state in the 1940s, this fast-growing ornamental from South America has proven itself to be an environmental threat.

The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council lists this aggressive species as a category-1

invasive plant. Species get on that list because they displace native species in both natural and disturbed lands and cause "documented ecological damage."

Evergreen Christmas senna, also called climbing cassia and Christmas cassia, sprawls and climbs to a height and width of 10 feet.

The compound leaves are made up of three to six pairs of oblong leaflets, with the larger pair at the leaf tips.

The five-petaled flowers are deep yellow to greenish yellow, have prominent curved stamens, and measure about an inch and a half across.



This ornamental was first imported in the 1940s

photos by Gerri Reaves

The cylindrical brown smooth fruit pod is five to six inches long and contains many hard seeds.

Some sennas (also called cassias) are similar in appearance and easily misidentified. All are members of the bean or pea family, and thus are legumes.

If you purchase a senna species, make sure it is not a category-1 or a "caution" plant such as this one.

Avoid propagating this species and

consider eradicating any in your yard. Instead, try Florida natives with similar bright yellow flowers, such as Bahama cassia (*Senna mexicana* var. *chapmanii*) and partridge pea (*Chamaecrista fasciculata*), which is listed as threatened. Sources: fleppc.org, ifas.ufl.edu, and fnps.org.

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Museum Curator and Director of Education Dr. Jose Leal takes guests on an exclusive tour to show off the museum's shell collections

## Shell Museum Unveils New Shell Creation At Open House

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum welcomed more than 200 guests at its Thank You Open House on Thursday, November 21. Museum staff were eager to show off the new renovations, get to know community members and volunteers, and unveil a new exhibit.

Shellabration - 2012 by Goz Gosselin is the museum's newest piece. This large free-standing shell flower arrangement measures three feet tall, by two and a half feet wide. It is made of all natural colored shells. All of the purple coquinas (3,500) that comprise the seven stems of lilac flowers were hand collected on Sanibel.\*

## Shell ID Clinics Come To The Shell Museum

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum has launched a new weekly program of Shell ID Clinics to provide shelling enthusiasts additional information about their shelling finds and Southwest Florida shells.

The clinics begin Thursday, December 12 and will be held every Thursday at 2 p.m. except for December 26, January 2 and March 6.

The clinics will be led by Dr. José H. Leal, the museum curator and director of education, and other specialists from the shell museum. There is no additional cost for these events as they are included in museum admission.

"We hope to bring the expertise of our museum staff to the community in an effective and engaging way," Dr. Leal said.

Dr. Leal received his Ph.D. in marine biology and fisheries from the University of Miami. His love for shells and sea life goes back to his childhood years in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He was a visiting professor at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris and postdoctoral fellow at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. Dr. Leal holds honorary faculty positions at the University of Miami and Florida Gulf Coast University, where he is an affiliate member of the Coastal Watershed Institute. He is also a past president of the American Malacological Society and current president of



*Epitonium leali*. This species, found on Sanibel Island, was named as a tribute to Dr. José H. Leal in 2011

Conchologists of America and editor of *The Nautilus*. Under his leadership, in March 2010 the museum was awarded its first accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums.

One goal of the museum is to nurture continuing education among both new and veteran shell enthusiasts.

For more information visit [www.shell-museum.org](http://www.shell-museum.org).\*



Ethel Sinow & Ann Moeder



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Goz Gosselin stands next to his piece called Shellabration - 2012 at the open house event

## Snook Harvest Closure In Effect

The recreational harvest season for snook closed December 1 in gulf state and federal waters, including Monroe County and Everglades National Park, and will remain closed through February 28, reopening to harvest March 1.

Snook can continue to be caught and released during the closed season.

This and other regular season closures are designed to help protect the species during vulnerable times such as cold weather.

Atlantic state and federal waters including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River will close December 15 through January 31, reopening to harvest February 1.

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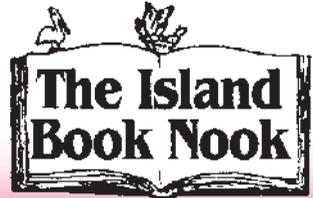
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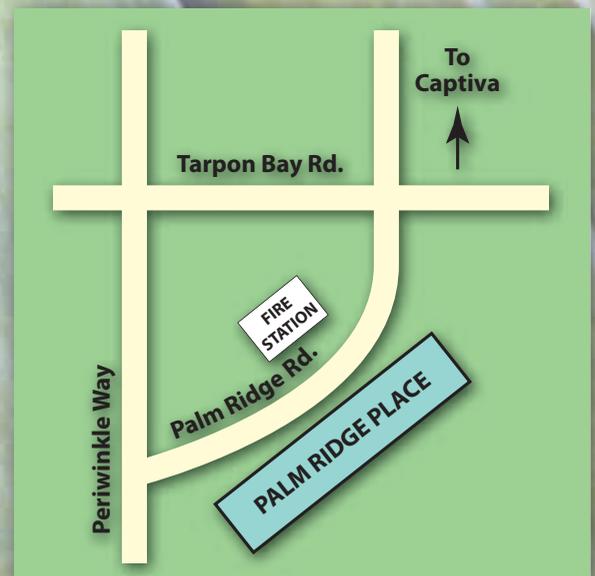
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Kevin Burns of California caught a 20-inch redfish mid-afternoon

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This annual event includes grandfather Bill with his sons, Kevin and Brian plus grandson, Jesse, age 12.

The afternoon weather was ideal with warm temperatures and light winds.



When Brian Burns, right, of Colorado caught this snook, he completed his Florida Gulf Grand Slam, sea trout, redfish and snook

Highlight of the day was when Brian Burns caught the Florida Gulf Grand Slam – sea trout, redfish and snook.

Jesse caught the most fish, over two

dozen. Kevin and Bill had all the action they could handle throughout the afternoon.

The family's catch included redfish,



Jesse Burns of Colorado shows two prize sea trout he caught when fishing with Capt. Jeff Zasadny

sea trout, snook, catfish, jack crevalle, bonnethead shark, mackerel, puffer and ladyfish. This catch-and-release crew used shiners and shrimp for bait.\*

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Whitney Wolanin, a graduate of The Sanibel School, signs autographs for students following her mini-concert there last week

## Wolanin Thrills Students With Mini-Concert

by Jeff Lysiak

On November 26, students from The Sanibel School received a pre-Thanksgiving treat when singer-songwriter Whitney Wolanin performed a three-song mini-concert for fifth through eighth graders.

Wolanin, an island native and gradu-

ate of the school, performed her original songs *Far, Far Away* and *Wrong Guy* as well as the holiday classic *Run, Run Rudolph* before fielding questions from the youngsters.

"This is pretty much where I started liking music," said Wolanin, who recalled her first experience on stage was playing the role of a munchkin in The Sanibel School's production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

The 23-year-old musician, who performed at the Summer Olympic Games in London last year, has a number of prominent gigs in the coming

photos by Jeff Lysiak



Whitney Wolanin performed three songs for middle school students at The Sanibel School on November 26

weeks, including halftime shows for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Cleveland Browns as well as the Lebanon Horse Drawn Carriage Parade & Festival in Ohio.

In addition, Wolanin is headlining the inaugural Sanibel FunFest on Friday, January 24 at The Community House.

During her question-and-answer session with the middle schoolers, Wolanin responded to inquiries about her favorite hobbies – she lists photography, improvisational comedy and hanging out with her friends as her most popular pastimes – and what inspires her.



Wolanin fielded questions from the kids following her performance

"It really means a lot to me when somebody tells me that one of my songs connects with them," said Wolanin, who responded to another question that she writes about "my relationships and what my friends are going through."

Asked about what she likes most about Christmas, Wolanin paused a moment and smiled. Perhaps it was because her rendition of *Run, Run Rudolph* had just made the top five holiday singles in the United States. Or maybe it was just the innocence of the question itself.

"It's so many things," Wolanin replied. "Sugar cookies... opening presents... having lots of family around... and eating ham. I just love ham."\*

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# SanCap Art League General Meeting

The general meeting of the SanCap Art League is slated for December 12 at The Community House.

The meeting and program begins at 1:30 p.m.

Ted deClercq will demonstrate in oil. He is a figurative artist and sculptor who has an open studio and classes at the Hilltop Studio in Naples.

His work appears in public and private collections in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

He was born in Montreal Canada, and started painting in his teens under the



A painting by Ted deClercq

direction of a classical style painter from Great Britain. He studied art at Concordia University in Montreal, the Nova Scotia

School of Art and Design, the Dartmouth Museum, and did graduate studies in art and architecture at the University of

British Columbia.

After completing his education, he worked in architectural design and restoration of buildings in tandem with a stained glass business. Since 1985 his emphasis has been exclusively on the fine arts.

He works in oil, but drawing still remains the backbone of his work. His paintings are usually based on detailed drawings. He has been teaching life drawing and classical painting in Southwest Florida since the mid 80s. His work has been shown in galleries and museums in Florida, Canada, and New York.✪

## Christmas Carols At Shell Point

A musical festival of carols and classics led by Randy Woods, minister of worship and music at Shell Point Village Church, will take place on Sunday, December 8 at 6:15 p.m.

It will feature the 90+ voices of The Village Church Choir and a 35-member Festival Orchestra, consisting of area symphony musicians.

The musical by Tom Fettke, entitled *God Is With Us*, is traditional in style, but will feature innovative twists and turns while combining exciting and moving classical music by Faure, Beethoven, Vivaldi, Tchaikovsky, and Billings, with some of the world's most loved Christmas carols.

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*Still Life with Zinnias* by Anne Kittel

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The artists reception and awards presentation will be held in Founders and Phillips galleries on Friday, December 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and is also free to attend and open to the public.

The exhibit showcases works in watercolor, oil, acrylic, mixed media, collage, sculpture and original prints that feature patterns.

Awards will be given for first place (\$500), second place (\$250) and third place (\$125) as well as four Merit Awards (\$75 each) during the reception on December 13. The exhibit juror is



*China Syndrome* by Deborah Butler

Steve Rogers, internationally renowned watercolor artist and workshop instructor.

Rogers is also a signature member of the American Watercolor Society and an ambassador/director of AWS as well as a signature member of the National Watercolor Society.

While there are no monetary awards for the BIG ARTS member-only Big and Small - Buy it Off the Wall exhibit, all the original artwork will be available for sale while on display.

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Following the social, the Monday Night Film Series will screen *Simon and the Oaks* at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Tickets for the film screening are \$8.

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Stanislav Khristenko

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## Pianist Khristenko To Perform On December 8

**B**IG ARTS will present a classical afternoon concert by the 2013 Cleveland International Piano Competition Winner, Stanislav Khristenko, on Sunday, December 8 at 3:30 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall.

A former student of the Cleveland Institute of Music, and winner of the 2013 Cleveland International Piano Competition, the Russian musician is scheduled to play Bach's *Partita No. 2 in C minor*, *BWV 826*, Liszt's *Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2* (*Cadenza* by S. Rachmaninov) and Chopin's *Fantaisie in F minor, Op.49* as well as the collaborative pieces by Schubert and Liszt, *Serenade* and *Erlkönig*.

To further recognize emerging classic

talent, the winners of 2013 BIG ARTS Classical Music Scholarship Award will be announced prior to the concert.

Individual tickets for the Stanislav Khristenko concert are \$32 for adults and free for students will valid student ID. Tickets are also free for children 17 and younger with the purchase of an adult ticket. Reserve all student and child tickets in advance to guarantee seating by calling BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

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## Holiday Pops At Shell Point

**S**hell Point Retirement Community welcomes the Southwest Florida Symphony, joined by the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida, as they present Holiday Pops on Monday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at The Village Church Auditorium.

Composer, arranger and conductor Jim Stephenson brings his fresh take on the joyous music of the season with this spirited symphonic performance of holiday favorites.

"We look forward to the Symphony's holiday performance each year," said Dawn Boren, director of resident life at Shell Point. "This concert is a wonderful way to celebrate the season with family and friends."

Tickets for this special seasonal performance are available for \$25 and can be purchased by calling 454-2067.\*



Jim Stephenson

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## Mullet & More Festival Returns

of fish in Southwest Florida waters – is an icon which local fishermen like John Jensen admire and respect.

"The mullet has been a species that, for thousands of years, the Calusa Indians survived by living off of them," Jensen said. "But for some reason, mullet is considered sort of on the 'low end' of the food scale. We think that it needs more respect. It's a big part of our history."

In large part due to the beginning of another mullet fishing season, and in coordination with the ongoing Captiva Holiday Village schedule of events, the Jensen brothers (John, Jimmy and Dave) decided to pay tribute to the mullet by dedicating a day in its honor.

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iPhone/iPad I is for those wanting to master the basics of setup, navigation, efficiency with the basic apps (e.g., Phone, Mail, Safari, Calendar, Facetime, Maps, Siri). This workshop will be held on January 9 and March 13.

iPhone/iPad II is for those wanting to take their skills to the next level. Specific apps for password control, photo editing, GPS guidance, shopping, and more will be discussed. Also covered will be tips for working efficiently, using the cloud, and integration across multiple devices. This workshop will be held on December 5, February 6 and April 3.

Advance registration is encouraged.

Eric B. Orkin is a former business school professor and department chair at the University of New Hampshire, a successful high-tech entrepreneur, author of numerous articles, and an inductee into the prestigious HiTech Hall of Fame.

Orkin owned two companies that developed applications using MS-DOS, then Windows. After two decades of dealing with Microsoft idiosyncrasies, he migrated his family to the Apple world and never looked back. Orkin is highly regarded as a teacher in many fields. When presenting technology, he is noted for making it accessible, practical, and memorable. Eric hails from Maine and Sanibel.

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## Author Draws Inspiration From His Own Mistakes

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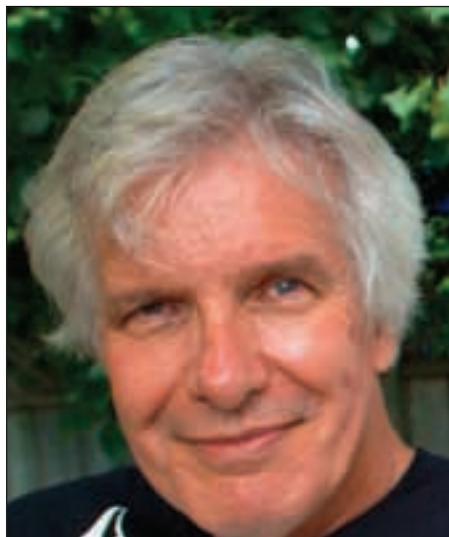
Base is the author of three novels set on Sanibel Island featuring an unlikely private detective named Tree Callister.

“Everyone thinks Tree is crazy to be a detective on an island where nothing ever happens,” Base explains. “But, of course, plenty happens to Tree.”

Thanks to Tree’s ability to get himself into trouble, the first three books in the series have become local bestsellers. Now in the fourth novel, *The Two Sanibel Sunset Detectives*, Tree is back and in the sort of trouble with which his creator can certainly identify. In fact, many of Tree’s shortcomings are drawn from Base’s own life.

For example, in the new book, Tree participates in the annual spoof of the Academy Awards that takes place at the BIG ARTS Center. In fact, there is an Oscar spoof put on at the BIG ARTS Center, and earlier this year, Base was persuaded to participate in it.

In the book, Tree, full of misplaced confidence, starts to believe he should have become an actor, that he wasted his time

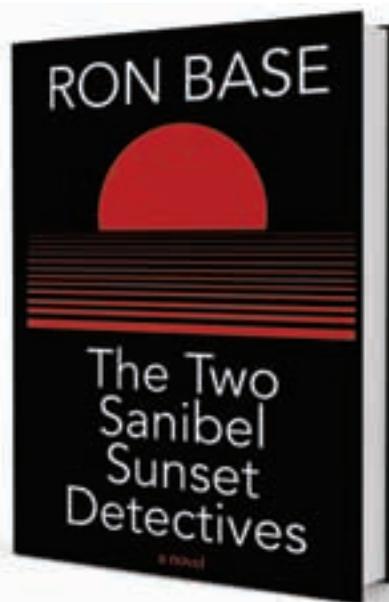


Ron Base

pursuing a career first as a Chicago newspaper reporter and then as a private detective. The night of the awards, Tree gets up on stage, faces his audience – and freezes. His mind goes blank. He can’t think of a thing to say.

“Much the same thing happened to me, I’m ashamed to say,” Base reports. “I had memorized a short poem I was to recite as I received my award for best actor. I was certain, as is Tree, the speech would knock the audience dead. Everyone would be rolling in the aisles with laughter.

“I came up on stage, faced the audience, started to recite my speech, and then blanked. I stood there staring at the



audience unable to say anything. I made a hasty exit and have felt like a complete fool ever since. However, it makes a great scene in the novel.”

Base concedes that he and Tree are very much alike. “We are both of, ahem, a certain age, we are both happily married, and we both arrived at our sixties uncertain of who we are and what we are going to do with the rest of our lives. Tree decided to become a private detective while I became the author of the Sanibel Sunset Detective novels. Tree’s life changed dramatically, and so did mine – except no

one is trying to kill me, and I have yet to encounter a dead body on Sanibel Island.”

*The Two Sanibel Sunset Detectives* features more of the page-turning suspense readers have come to love. In the new novel, two kids are desperate to find their father and enlist Tree’s help. The police think Tree stole \$9 million, and there is a diminutive nasty named Paola who doesn’t mind killing anyone who gets in her way – and that includes Tree.

“I can’t tell you what a thrill it’s been as readers have embraced and enjoyed the books,” Base says. “I’ve been a writer all my life, but I’ve never had as much response to anything I’ve written as I’ve had to these novels.”

Over the next two weeks, Base will be appearing around Sanibel Island and Fort Myers promoting *The Two Sanibel Sunset Detectives*. Visit [www.ronbase.com](http://www.ronbase.com) for further appearances and information.

- MacIntosh Books and Paper, 2407 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island – Friday, December 6 from 5 p.m.

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## Monday Night Movie

Simon And  
The Oaks

by Di Saggau

The BIG ARTS movie for Monday night, December 9, is *Simon and the Oaks*, a favorite movie of the late Roger Ebert. It is an epic drama spanning the years 1939 to 1952.

A gripping story of Simon (played as the adult by Bill Skarsgard), who grows up in a loving, working class family on the outskirts of Gothenburg, a Swedish coastal community, but always feels out of place. Simon is drawn to the solitude of an old oak, where in a tree house he devours books and is filled with ineffable longings. Intellectually gifted, he stubbornly persists in acquiring an education normally reserved for young men of the professional classes, much to the chagrin of his parents who see this as a threat to the family.

He finally convinces his father to send him to an upper-class grammar school, where he meets Isak, the son of a wealthy Jewish bookseller who has fled Nazi persecution in Germany. Simon is dazzled by the books, art and music he encounters in the home of Isak's father Ruben, which makes Simon long to know more about his own family background. Isak, on the other hand, draws comfort from learning to do something with his hands helping Simon's dad build boats. When Isak faces trouble at home, he is taken in by Simon's family and the two households slowly merge, connecting in



unexpected ways as war rages all over Europe. The film runs 122 minutes.

The BIG ARTS Film Society Annual Social will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Phillips Gallery. It is open to those interested in films and knowing more about what BIG ARTS has to offer.

Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is \$8 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Each film is followed by a complimentary reception and discussion in Phillips Gallery. Sponsors are Bank of the Islands and Stan and Visnja Gembicki. Supporters are Sanibel Taxi, Jerry's Foods of Sanibel and John R. Wood Real Estate.

BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are available by calling 395-0900, online at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) or via email at [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org).\*

Shell Islands Garden Club  
Meeting And Mini-Bazaar

The Shell Islands Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, December 10 at 11 a.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The meeting is open to the public and includes a mini-bazaar featuring items offered by members such as homemade jams, mango chutney, cranberry conserve by Sally Parsons and Carolyn DeCoster, sea glass jewelry by Kathie Jones, fused glass items by Nancy DeBenedictus and Patti Poshek's cala-mondin marmalade



Fay Carney and Donna Cook during a previous presentation to the club

key lime jelly, floral and seashore note cards and French soaps.  
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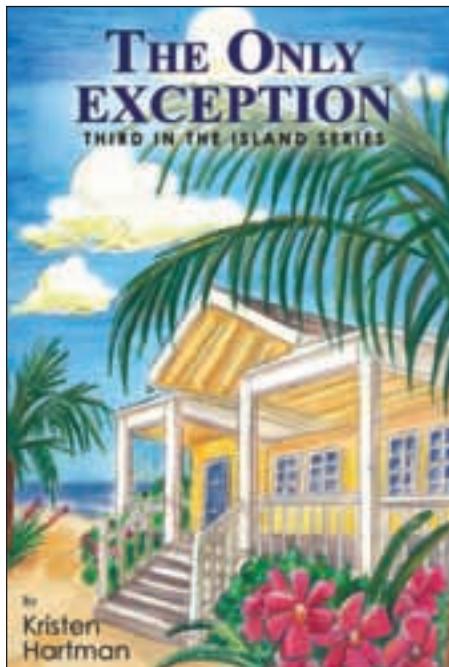
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## New Novel Debuts



Kristen Hartman



Former Sanibel resident Kristen Hartman, author of *The Three Sunrises* and *Signs of Fate*, debuts the third novel in her Island Series this week, *The Only Exception*. Hartman hooked readers with her first two books in this romantic series with her cast of memorable characters and familiar island

scenery. *The Only Exception* promises to do the same. So grab your beach towel, sunglasses and sunscreen, and indulge in another great beach read.

*The Only Exception* is the story of two couples bound by love, friendship and family...

Her first and only guest has arrived –

and he's not what she expected.

Sam Peterson has been renovating her modest Sanibel Island resort for the past six months, and one cottage stands ready for her very first guest, her only guest until she can finish the remainder of the resort's renovations. One man has booked the cottage for the next four weeks, and when he arrives, he's not at all what Sam had envisioned. Ryan Thompson is hot! Straight off the cover of a men's fitness magazine, he has "bad boy" written all over him – literally. A professional mixed martial arts fighter, with the honed muscles and a sexy scar above his right eye to prove it, Sam doesn't know whether to be impressed or intimidated – so she's both, and afraid that she won't be able to remain professional.

The last thing Ryan expects is for Sam, the proprietor of the Seashell Cottages, to be a beautiful single woman, and a sexy one at that. His attraction is instantaneous, and when he learns that he is the only guest, Ryan hopes training for his upcoming fight won't be the only thing to occupy his time...

Jason Fuller is flying from Boston to Captiva to do a job for a close family friend, and he's taking his new employee and fellow architect, Sara Reid, with him; the woman he has fallen head-over-heels in love with, only she doesn't know it... yet. In fact, up until a stolen mind bending kiss in his office a few weeks ago, she

thought he didn't even like her; he'd been that effective at hiding his true feelings. But no more – he's asked Sara along on this trip for one reason, and by the end of it, she'll be crystal clear on how he truly feels about her.

Sara will do anything to avoid her unstable ex and his deadly threats. So when Jason, her boss – the man she's secretly in love with – tells her they're flying to Captiva Island for a client, she can't pack her bags fast enough. Sara finally has a chance to break past the professional demeanor Jason has fought to maintain...umm, except for that one time. But she's terrified of what he'll think if he finds out she's been involved with a drug dealing loser, the subject of an FBI investigation who is now threatening not only her life, but Jason's as well.

Hartman resides in her home state of Massachusetts with her husband and two children. She always looks forward to her frequent visits to the islands for inspiration. Look for the fourth novel in her island series, *The Sweetest Summer*, spring/summer 2014. To read more about the author, go to [www.kristenhartmanbooks.com](http://www.kristenhartmanbooks.com).

*The Three Sunrises*, *Signs of Fate* and *The Only Exception* can be found locally at Sanibel Book Shop, Sporty Sea Horse, Jerry's Foods, Bailey's General Store, MacIntosh Books, The Osprey Gift Shop at Tween Waters Inn and The Ship Store at South Seas Island Resort. ✨



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Kaeden Cotton with his artistic creation

## It's A Masterpiece!

Kaeden Cotton finishes up his masterpiece and hangs up his smock at Summit Christian School at Sanibel Community Church. The children are allowed to paint every day during free play. ✨

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## Shell Islands Garden Club December Meeting And Mini-Bazaar

Donna Cook, an honorary member of the Pine Island Garden Club and a gardener extraordinaire will be the featured speaker. She is returning to speak and demonstrate for the club for the second time. Her topic is Christmas Decorating Ideas from your Yard and Garden using everyday plant material to create unique and easy floral design. She is scheduled to speak at 12:30 p.m.

The Shell Islands Garden Club is a membership of hands-in-the-dirt gardeners with interests in floral design, horticulture, conservation and local philanthropy. ✨

## Poet's Corner



We invite submissions from local poets. Anyone interested may submit their work via email to [tutsie@comcast.net](mailto:tutsie@comcast.net). Each week, individual work will be showcased.

selected by Tanya Hochschild

Raymond Buck passed away on September 20 of this year at the age of 83. He was a New England Yankee by birth and thought. He read his poetry at Writer's Reads and Open Mics at The Bean.

On December 12, at the Writer's Read at BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery, members of Writer's Group 4 (which Buck was a part of) will honor him by reading *Orange Moon* and many of his other poems.

### Orange Moon

by Ray Buck

To the clouded eyes of the chemo patient, a small orange moon lifts through green leaves to branches high above earth's dusty surface. The last honeybell of long past picking time hangs sky high at tree top where an arica palm

challenges for sun and backyard growth space.

In ripening majesty of January, honeybell associates were picked by hand at lower levels and plucked from highest branches by a red basket on a red pole that got long and longer, or shorter, with each twist. Now, honeybells in juicy prime a memory, but for one that hangs dried out, wind buffeted, bright in sunshine.

It could not last. In the torrent of a night thunderstorm, the last honeybell, its branch snapped, fell to earth. In morning light, the chemo patient scanned the tree, pulling aside branches with eyes from top to bottom until on the brown earth beneath the fruit was found. The orange moon, like the patient's face, had no glow.

Some say the orange moon glow foretells a death. Other say it is but a freak of nature like the honeybell that hangs long beyond its allotted time, or kind. ✨

## Duplicate Bridge

On Tuesday, November 26, there were three tables in play at The Community House.

The winners were:

1. Clara and Terry Terrana
2. Ana and Robert Finks

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. ✨

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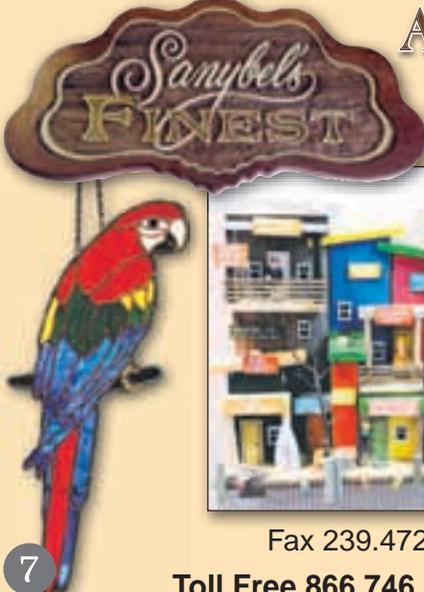
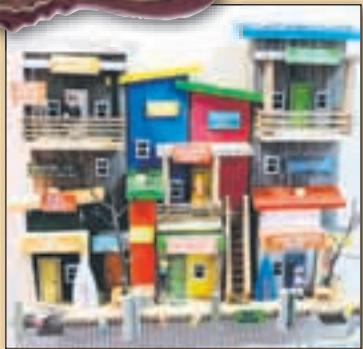
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MOMS ConnectinG is a group of mothers of preschool and early elementary children who meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Sanibel Community Church for fun and fellowship.

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For more information about attending this group, contact Amy Selby at amy-selby27@gmail.com.\*

Karen Pagel and Allison Quillen

## MOMS And Apple Pie

Allison Quillen presented her grandma's apple pie recipe and talked about how to use the best ingredients to make sure it turns out delicious.

She also shared "ingredients" to use when raising children: 1 heart full of love; 2 eyes in the back of your head, 1 gallon of generosity; and 1 barrel of laughter.



Preparing the apples

## Holiday Art Show At Bailey's Center



Heading Out

Sanibel-Captiva Art League will present A Holiday Art Show at Bailey's Center. Once again, it will be an outdoor show with 15 artist displaying and selling their work. It's an opportunity to purchase paintings, greeting cards and other creative pieces of art for holiday gifts, hostess gifts and your own collection.

The show will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 7 on the veranda at the Bailey's center.

Bailey's General Store will providing refreshments for guests while they view the artwork. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking.\*

## Moms' Meeting

On Tuesday, December 10, Moms ConnectinG will be getting together for a Christmas craft and a cookie exchange. Then on Tuesday, December 17, they will be meeting to wrap presents and celebrate the Christmas season.

Moms ConnectinG is for any mom with a child age newborn through middle school. Nursery is provided.

For more information on MOMS ConnectinG, contact Amy Selby at amy-selby27@gmail.com.\*

## Beading Classes At Community House

All are invited to learn the intricate art of beading with shells and other treasures of the sea at classes being held at The Community House.

Instructor Anita Gober is a patient instructor who really enjoys teaching these projects. All supplies and tools will be included in the price.

Gober suggests that if you wear reading glasses you should bring them. Classes are kept small for one-on-one instruction with a minimum of three people and a maximum of 10.

Classes will be held the first Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon as follows:

January 8: Spiral rope bracelet;  
February 5: Large shell right angle weave necklace; and  
April 2: Sea biscuit pendant.

Per class price is \$35 for members and \$40 for guests. Advanced classes will be scheduled ad hoc for \$50 for three hours for members.

Some of Gober's items are for sale at Pandora's Box on Sanibel.

For more information or class registration call 472-2155.\*



Jingle shell bracelet



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## Christmas Tree On Display At Library



The Shell Islands Garden Club set up a holiday tree at the Sanibel Public Library this week. The tree will be on display throughout the month of December. Pictured, from left, are garden club members Sally Parsons, Nancy Debenedictis, Barb Wilgus, Sandy Travis and Fay Carney.

## Teen Selected To Attend Congress Of Future Medical Leaders

by Jeff Lysiak

Sanibel resident and Cypress Lake High School senior Jessica Santos has been nominated to represent the state of Florida and invited to attend the inaugural Congress of Future Medical Leaders national conference, scheduled to take place on February 14, 15 and 16 in Washington, DC.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields. Prospective attendees are nominated by teachers, principals or doctors associated with the program based on their academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

According to Santos, her nomination and academic recognition came as a complete surprise.

"My Spanish teacher, Mr. (Javier) Garcia, asked me if I was looking into any colleges," recalled Santos, 18. "I said no, and he told me that I better get on the ball. When I got home that day, my mom called me and told me that I got something in the mail. It was really cool. I was kinda like, 'Wow! I really am kinda smart.'"

Santos is one of about 2,500 students from across the nation expected to attend the three-day conference. Students will hear nobel laureates and National Medal of Science winners discuss medical issues; get advice from top medical school offi-



Sanibel resident Jessica Santos is raising money that will help fund her trip to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Washington, DC this coming February

photo by Jeff Lysiak

cialists about what to expect in medical school; view a surgery and hear stories about medical procedures; learn from teen medical prodigies; and learn about cutting-edge medical technologies.

Of course, the island teenager is thrilled to have been selected for such an honor, who has aspired to become a physician for years.

"I'd like to become a pediatrician," said Santos. "I love little kids so much, and helping them would be so rewarding. I've always been looking into doing something with children, I think, because my mother and grandmother ran a daycare. I grew up helping kids."

According to Dr. Connie Mariano, medical director for the National Academy of Future Physicians and physician to two United States presidents (George HW Bush and Bill Clinton),

students are selected "based on a variety of criteria, including academic record, leadership potential and a desire to contribute to the profession of medicine as a physician or medical scientist (either as a biologist, engineer, software or hardware technologist or mathematician)."

Confirmed speakers at the 2014 Congress include Dr. Mario Capecchi, winner of the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine; Dr. Jack Szostak, winner of the 2009 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine; J. Craig Venter, PhD, winner of the 2009 Presidential National Medal of Science and Genomics Genius; Stephen Ray Mitchell, MD, MBA, dean for medical education at Georgetown University; Jill Bolte Taylor, PhD, *New York Times* best-selling author of *My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey*; and 16-year-old Jack Andraka, breakthrough inventor, scientist, cancer researcher and 2012 Intel Science Fair Grand Prize winner.

"This is such a big opportunity for me... and I haven't had a lot of those," said Santos. "I'm kinda scared, because I've never been to Washington, DC before. But I'm also looking forward to going, because there's so much history there."

Santos is currently attempting to raise enough money to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders national conference, which is due before December 23. In addition to donation buckets set up at various island businesses, an account has been started at Sanibel's Bank of America branch, located at 2450 Periwinkle Way. Donations may be made to the savings account of Jessica Santos #898055007891.

For more information about the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, visit [www.futuredocs.com](http://www.futuredocs.com).\*

## Friends Who Care Needs Gift Sorters And Wrappers

Friends Who Care is seeking volunteers to help with sorting and wrapping of donated gifts for children and adults.

The organization has been assisting island residents since 1983, providing help for children and adults in crisis-related situations. Friends Who Care works anonymously through information from local churches, schools and other caring individuals in the community.

Many volunteers have helped collect gifts including the Post Office, Fire Department, The Garden Club, ABWA, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, Sanibel Island Golf Club, The Sanctuary Golf Club, The Senior Center, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Bank of the Islands, Sanibel Captiva Association of Realtors, Sanibel Community Church, and Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

The local service clubs, Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary, have contributed funds and so have private individuals, local realtors

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## Free Computer Workshop

The Sanibel Public Library will host a presentation by Brandon Minsky of Sanibel's BIT Services (Bookkeeping, Information Technology) on Monday, December 9 at 3 p.m.

Minsky's workshop will be on training and set-ups for desktops, laptops, tablets and smart phones.

This free computer technology seminar will cover these topics: Internet browsing security, e-mail set-up/security and backing up files.

This program will be held in Meeting Room #4 of the Sanibel Public Library and is open to the public. No registration is required.\*

## Youth Holiday Camp At Rec Center

Specialty field trips, playing with inflatables, crafts, games and a variety of frozen holiday treats will be part of the Youth Holiday Camp at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

The holiday camp schedule will consist of five Fun Days and one week of Holiday Rec this year. The Fun Days will be Monday, December 23, Thursday, December 26, Friday, December 27, Monday, January 6 and Tuesday, January 7. Holiday Rec will be Monday, December 30 through Friday, January 3 with no camp on New Year's Day.

All days will operate from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Enrollment is available for children in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Each child will need to bring their own lunch for the day and a swimsuit and towel. Register in advance and receive the early bird rate. For more information contact the recreation department at 472-0345.\*

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Sarah Heidrick, left, and her father, Chris, pack ready-to-make meals at The Community House on Monday afternoon photos by Jeff Lysiak



Volunteers from the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club combine the ingredients for a ready-to-make meal consisting of soy chicken, vegetables and rice

## Kiwanians Pack 20,000 Meals For FISH, Harry Chapin Food Bank

by Jeff Lysiak

More than 60 members of the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club gathered at The Community House on Monday afternoon, where they volunteered to mix, bag, label and pack some 20,000 ready-to-make meals which will help feed local children, seniors and families in need this holiday season.

The effort brought together island Kiwanians as well as organizations including Meals of Hope, the Harry Chapin Food Bank and the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee.

"Half of the food we're packaging today is staying right here on the island, and will be distributed by FISH of Sanibel," said Steve Popper, executive director of Meals of Hope. "The other half will go to the Harry Chapin Food Bank."



Marty Arnowitz, left, and Jerry Edelman labeled and packed the prepared meals



Craig Guellard adds a scoop to the ready-to-make meal pouch



After 40 minutes, volunteers had mixed, bagged and boxed 6,000 ready-to-make meals

According to Popper, in Lee and Collier counties, there are more than 100,000 children who participate in an assisted lunch program. Over the past six years, Meals of Hope has organized approximately 60 meal-packing events annually, and has distributed more than 19 million meals.

On Monday, Kiwanis Club members and local volunteers mixed one of Meals of Hope's newest products – a soy chicken, vegetable and rice meal – before sealing the bags, labeling them with its ingredients and cooking instructions, and packing them into cardboard boxes. In the first 40 minutes, six assembly lines had collectively packaged 6,000 ready-to-make meals.

At one of the tables, teenager Sarah Heidrick was busy applying labels to the newly-sealed bagged meals. "I like spending time with my dad, and getting involved in the community," she said.

Her father, Chris Heidrick, explained that the idea behind assisting Meals of Hope came up during a recent Kiwanis Club meeting. "Our board discussed it and we all thought it was a great idea to help out," he added, noting that the club – as well as individual members – contributed money to the cause.

Jerry Edelman of the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club said that more than \$4,000 was raised for Meals of Hope.

On Christmas Eve (Tuesday, December 24), Meals of Hope will host Holidays Without Hunger, a similar food packaging event, at the Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe Street in Fort Myers. Between 9 and 11 a.m. that day, their goal is to package 500,000 meals.

"We're looking for lots of volunteers to join us and help put together half a million meals," said Popper.

Individuals and groups who would like to sign up should call 537-7775 or visit [www.HolidaysWithoutHunger.org](http://www.HolidaysWithoutHunger.org).



One of the six assembly lines at The Community House that mixed, bagged and packed meals

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Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis

## Kiwanis Korner



submitted by Eric Pfeifer

More than a decade ago, when I joined Kiwanis, it occurred to me that I was responsible for bringing the average age of the members down by approximately 0.02378 percent. Now that there are several members younger than I, it was very appropriate to hear our guest speaker this week speak about aging Americans.

Peter Dys, President of the Shell Point Retirement Community, was at our meeting to discuss the housing of and care for our aging baby boomers. Currently, there are 43 million Americans over the age of 65. That number will nearly double by 2040. In fact, 10,000 people each day join the ranks of senior citizens in our country. Also, from 1900 until 2013, the average lifespan increased from 47 years to 78 years. As you might imagine, this presents a challenge for our health care system.

Shell Point is one of 1,902 continuing care retirement communities in the coun-



Barbara Von Harten with Allan Marcus

try. There are only four such communities in Lee County, including The Terraces, Cypress Cove and Gulf Coast Villages. Shell Point is currently the third largest facility in the country with 2,300 residents averaging 81.5 years of age. Many Sanibelians consider Shell Point to be an extension of Sanibel Island. Dys was very excited to tell us of the many benefits being enjoyed by the residents. In addition to all of the activities and amenities, the residents have the luxury of medical professionals on site in both the assisted living sections as well as the skilled nursing care section.

Another topic discussed was Alzheimer's. There are currently 5.2 million patients nationwide, and by 2030, there will be an estimated 7.7 million patients. These patients cost continuing care facilities an estimated \$50,000 per year each. Steve Brown mentioned the relationship between the facilities such as



Tom Louwers with Don Feiner

Shell Point and the hospitals will be critical as the number of patients increases.

Every year, Kiwanis is proud to present a check to The Sanibel School to support the School Fund, the Seahorse Festival and the PTA. Barbara Von Harten attended one of our breakfasts to collect the check and give us an update on the school. There are approximately 400 kids attending The Sanibel School this year.

It's that time of year again when the Kiwanians get out the big red suits and deliver gifts to those in need. Please talk to a local Kiwanian about the 2013 Santa Run. And last, but not least, Tom Louwers is collecting money and items for Friends Who Care. We hope that all of the families on Sanibel will have a great holiday season.

If you have an interest in helping our community, and you would like to meet some fairly interesting people, please

consider joining us for our Tuesday breakfast meetings. We meet at The Dunes every week at 7:30 a.m. for some good food, great camaraderie and an interesting guest speaker who normally discusses current events in the community. We look forward to seeing you. ✨

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## Friends Who Care

and churches as well as Bailey's General Store and Jerry's Market.

The schedule:

- Tuesday, December 17 at 3 p.m. is sorting day at The Community House.
- Wednesday, December 18 at 9 a.m. is wrapping day.

Drop by either or both days to volunteer, adults only. Call Sally or Theresa at 472-5152 if you have questions.

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club delivers gifts to the children and seniors on the islands on the evening of December 23 during the annual Santa Run. ✨

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Swedish Tomtes

## Swedish Tomte Display At Sanibel Public Library

The Sanibel Public Library has Swedish Tomtes from the private collection of Doris Dewitt on display.

play. Tomtes are the Swedish version of elves or brownies. They work hard to make things go smoothly. Traditionally, at Christmas time, treats are placed on trees for the Tomtes.

This colorful collection will be on display at the library throughout the month of December.

The library is at 770 Dunlop Road.\*



Tomtes are the Swedish version of elves



Doris Dewitt by the display at the library

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## Bird Count Volunteers

the turn of the century, and many observers and scientists were becoming concerned about declining bird populations. Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an early officer in the then budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition, a Christmas bird census, that would count birds in the holidays rather than hunt them.

So began the Christmas Bird Count. Thanks to the inspiration of Chapman and the enthusiasm of 27 birders, 25 Christmas Bird Counts were held that day. The locations ranged from Toronto, Ontario, to Pacific Grove, California with most counts in or near the population centers in northeastern North America. Those original 27 Christmas Bird Counters tallied a total of 90 species on all the counts combined.

Volunteers are needed for this year's CBC. Birding skills are desirable but not necessary. If you would like to participate, call 437-2459.\*

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## Holiday Concert

A non-profit 501(c)3 organization, programming at BIG ARTS is made possible through the generous support of more than 300 dedicated volunteers and donors as well as individual and corporate

sponsors, including Workshops Grand Patron Sponsor Sony Corporation of America.

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## CROW's Holly Ball

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## Local Writers Read Poetry And Prose At BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS presents several talented local writers as they read works of poetry and prose during The Sanibel-Captiva Island Writers Read at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12 in Phillips Gallery.

With a theme of Tributes, Transitions and Tales, the presentation is scheduled to include *Dinner for Eight* by Winnie Donoghue and read by Sandy Gadomski, *Sanford Sidewalk Speaks* and *One Extra Day at a Time* by Joe Pacheco, *Next* by Renny Severance, *My Mother's Jewelry* and *The Poem I Did Not Write* by Chris Godwin, *Unconditional Surrender* by Karl Rodman, *Miracle* and *Song To Myself* by Vivian Pyke, *All The Wild Ones* by Gary McLouth, *Salt Brine Breeze* by Lorraine Walker Williams, *What Is It?* by Maryanne Daly and *Remembering Don Brown* read by Steve Ruediger.

After an intermission, the Writers Read will continue with *Remembering Ray Buck* read by members of Group IV, *My Friend Linda* by Eileen Metz, *Beach Lesson* and *Tug* by Jean Jensen, *Fish* by Bob Maxeiner, *Star Gazing Thoughts* and *Negotiations* by Joyce Rand, *The Big Fraud* by Bev Forslund, *Dead and Tell Me* by Holly McEntyre, *The Girdle* and *Pot Roast* by Nancy Jones Mann as well as *Tips of the Slung* by Martha

Jeffers.

Members of the Sanibel-Captiva Island Writers have been meeting weekly since 1984 to share their work and help build a community of thriving writers. Selections have been chosen carefully for quality and listener friendliness by a special selection committee.

Held in BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery, located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, admission to the Writers Read is only \$5 for adults and is free for students with valid student ID. Children 17 and under will also receive free admission when accompanied by a paying adult. Please reserve child/student tickets in advance to guarantee seats.

Discover more about BIG ARTS, including upcoming community collaborations, volunteer opportunities and membership options as well as purchase tickets or learn more about our full season lineup of exhibits, performances, classes and events by visiting BIG ARTS, online at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org), by phone at 395-0900 or via e-mail at [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org).\*

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# Planning Commission Appointments Rescinded, Candidates Sought

by Jeff Lysiak

Before a resolution reappointing three members of the planning commission could be read during Tuesday's city council meeting, one resident's objection to the change in procedure in which the appointments are made caused the council to reconsider the process.

Ultimately, the council decided to rescind the resolution – which would have reappointed commissioners Chuck Kettman, Tom Krekel and John Talmage to three-year terms – and invited candidates from within the island community to submit their names for consideration.

At its November 5 meeting, the council voted unanimously to reappoint Kettman, Krekel and Talmage, since all three commissioners had indicated that they desired to continue to serve on the seven-member board. At that time, there was no objection to the reappointments.

However on Tuesday, Committee of the Islands board member Barbara Cooley voiced her objection.

"In the past, when terms of office of commissioners were nearing their end, it had been the practice to actively solicit applications from members of the public even when incumbents expressed interest in being reappointed," said Cooley, who noted that any member of the public with a desire for public service should at least be considered.

She also told the council that there is a perception held by many island residents that the commission represents the interests of the business community more than private citizens. "An entrenched majority of commissioners who are reappointed year after year, without consideration of any other applicants, will erode the confidence of the public in the process and in our local government," Cooley added.

Councilman Mick Denham said that not advertising the commission positions denies the public the opportunity to serve their community, and pointed out that the last three city elections have been cancelled due to a lack of candidates opposing incumbents.

Fellow councilman Jim Jennings agreed with the tradition of advertising the commission appointments, and Mayor Kevin Ruane asked City Attorney Ken Cuyler if there would be enough time to seek candidates for the three commission seats prior to the next council meeting. Cuyler explained that since the current commissioner's terms do not expire until January 14, there would an opportunity to make the appointments at the next council meeting, scheduled for January 7.

Councilman Marty Harity, who said that he was "ambivalent, but practical" to the concept of rescinding the reappoint-

ment of Kettman, Krekel and Talmage, made the motion to approve advertising the commission positions. Denham seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

For information regarding appointment to the planning commission, call 472-4136 or visit [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).✱

## Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Mama Gets Trashed* by Deborah Sharp
2. *Deceived* by Randy Wayne White
3. *Mama Does Time* by Deborah Sharp
4. *Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty

5. *Dear Life* by Alice Munro
  6. *Sanibel Flats* by Randy Wayne White
  7. *Sanibel Sunset Detective* by Ron Base
  8. *Mama Gets Hitched* by Deborah Sharp
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**The Sanibel Lighthouse: Part 2**

## Recent Refurbishment More Than Just A Fresh Coat Of Paint

by Jeff Lysiak

The Sanibel Lighthouse may be 129 years old, but thanks to a recently completed restoration project of the island icon, she certainly isn't showing her age.

The 98-foot-tall structure, located on the island's east end, has recently been refurbished from top to bottom. The City of Sanibel signed an agreement with Razorback, LLC, a general contractor from Tarpon Springs, Florida to perform the renovation work on the lighthouse.

Work on the lighthouse began in May and was completed the week before Thanksgiving.

"What we did was a structural rehabilitation of the lighthouse, which included a new exterior coating," said Keith Williams, public works director and city engineer. "We're really pleased with the work that's been done."

Prior to applying a fresh coat of paint, Razorback stripped the entire structure, sand-blasting the old coating off the tower, from the foundation to the top of the lantern room roof.

According to Williams and Deputy Public Works Director Scott Krawczuk, the last time the lighthouse was renovated in this manner was back in the early 1990s, when it was still property of the U.S. government. The City of Sanibel purchased the light-

house, the pair of keeper's quarters and 44.7 acres of surrounding land from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management in 2010.

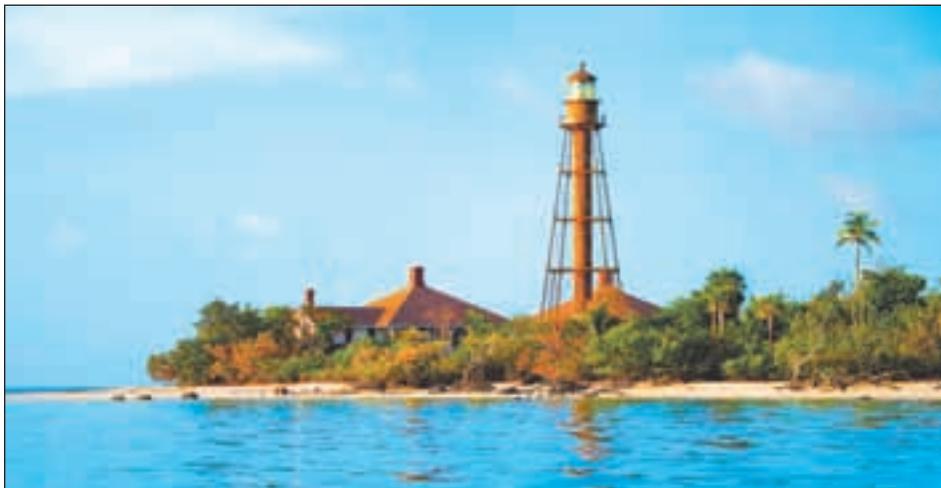
Williams also noted that there had been some debate over what color the lighthouse had been when it was originally erected in 1884. He said that historically, lighthouses from that era were painted red, white or black; however, when Razorback sand-blasted the structure down to the iron base, no evidence of those colors was seen.

"From everything we've been told, brown was the original color," Williams added.

In addition to the new exterior paint, which includes a rust-inhibiting primer coat, the lighthouse rehabilitation project was comprised of:

- Inspection (and repairs, if required) of all joints and turnbuckles
- Replacement of both doors (entrance and watch room)
- Replacement of interior window glass
- Replacement of all plate glass (lantern room)

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A scenic view of the Sanibel Lighthouse

photo by Nick Adams Photography



Refurbishment work on the Sanibel Lighthouse, as photographed by Nick Adams with his Octohawk



A pair of contractors from Razorback perform some of the refurbishment work on the Sanibel Lighthouse's lantern room roof back in September

photo by Nick Adams Photography



Don DeLuca and Randy Bacik of The Royal Shell Companies present a check for \$5,000 in support of the Sanibel School Seahorse Fund to Sanibel School representatives Jeff Powers and Jason Maughan. From left: Jeff Powers, Don DeLuca, Jason Maughan and Randy Bacik.



Bank of the Islands' Rob Lisenbee, left, and Darrin Grotrian with their 2013 Angel Tree

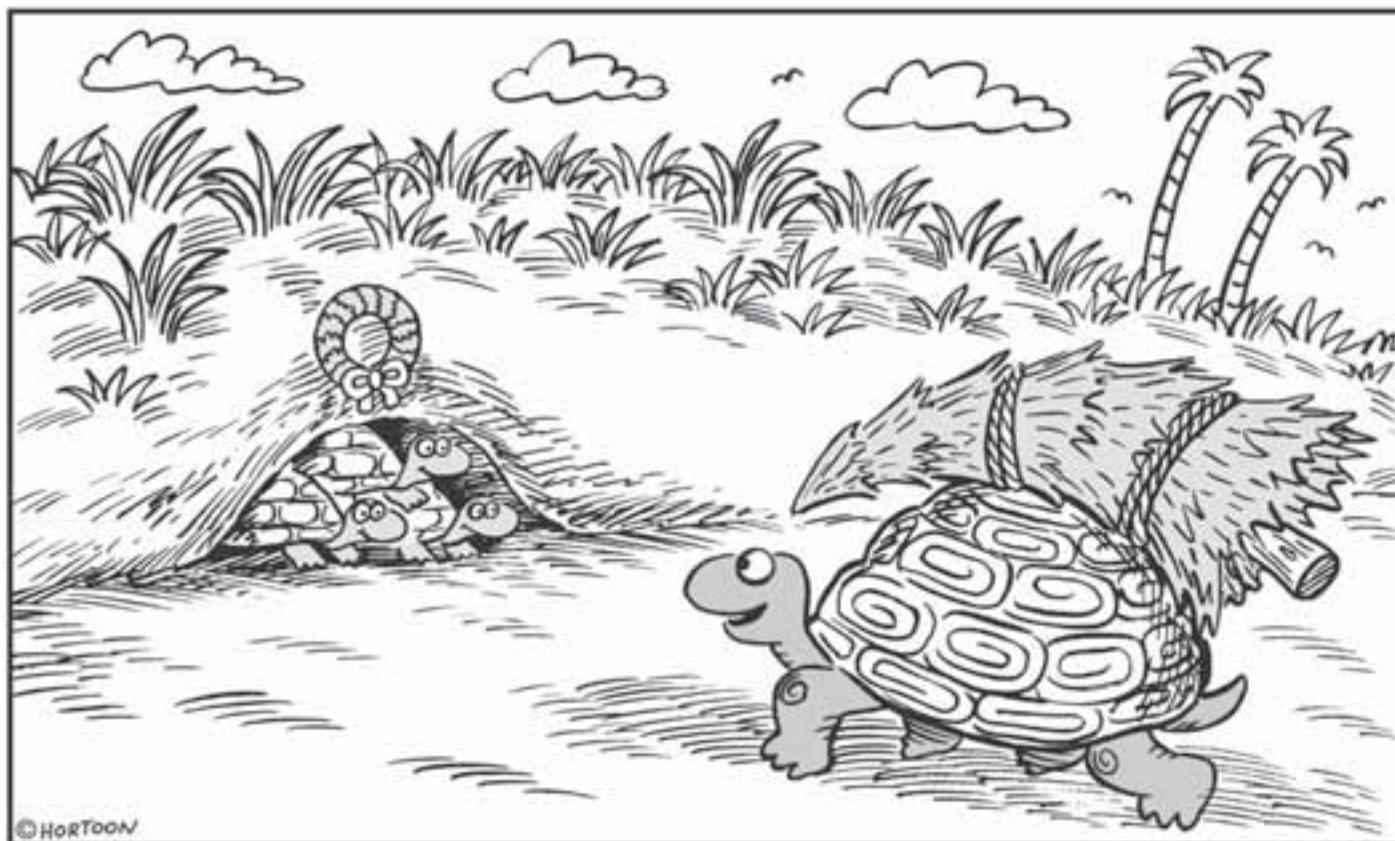
## Gifts Sought For Needy Children

Bank of the Islands is asking customers and island neighbors to contribute unwrapped Christmas gifts for needy children in the community. All islanders are invited to choose an ornament from the Angel Tree in the bank's Sanibel lobby. Each ornament will indicate the age of a boy or girl hoping to receive a gift this holiday season.

"We're so happy to be partnering again with Friends Who Care on this special holiday gift drive," said Sanibel Office Manager Rob Lisenbee. "They have been quietly helping neighbors in need for more than 30 years."

Friends Who Care will start gift-wrapping collected gifts on December 17. Gifts should be dropped off any time up to Monday, December 16. For more information, call 472-7211.\*

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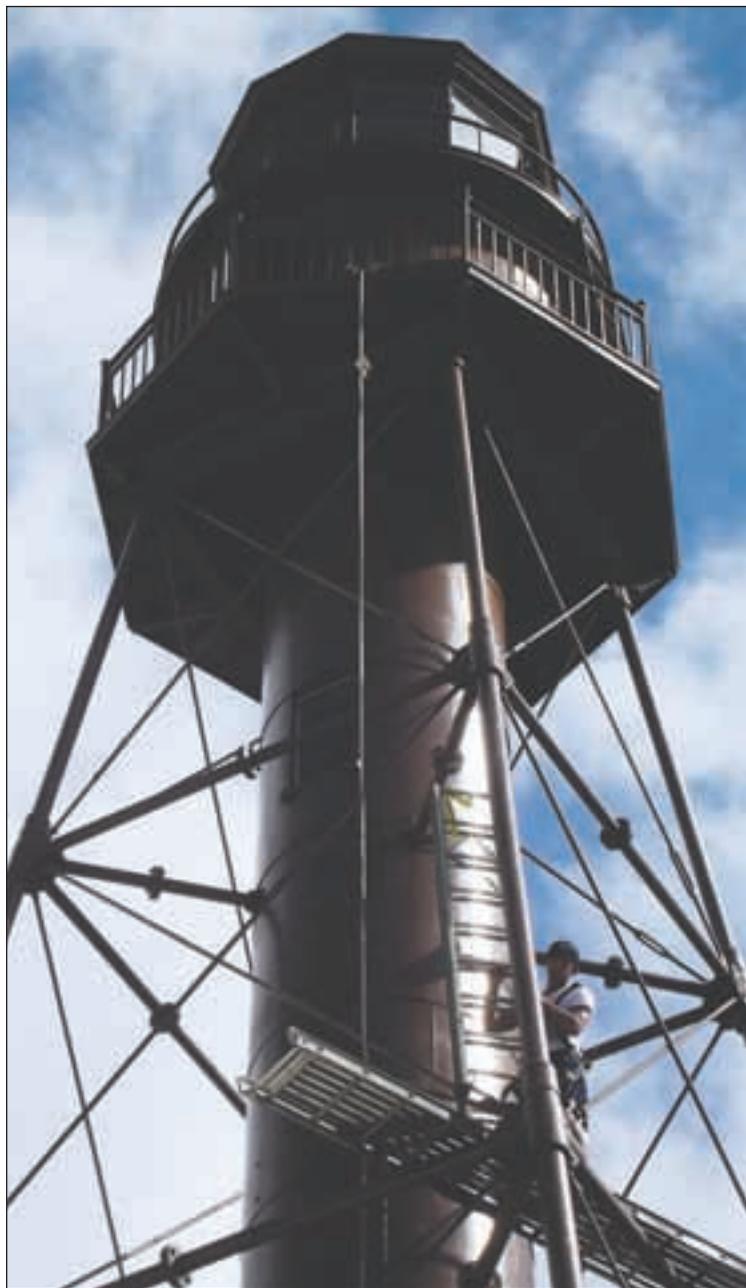
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A Razorback employee positions a ladder on the lighthouse during the final day of refurbishment work photo by Jeff Lysiak



Last week, two workers from Razorback completed the final "punch list" of items remaining on the lighthouse rehabilitation project photo by Jeff Lysiak

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## Lighthouse Refurbishment

- Rehabilitation of the upper cornice (deck)
- Powerwashed and painted interior surfaces
- Minor repairs to staircase
- Minor repairs to front decking

"For as old as it is, it's in fairly good condition," said Krawczuk.

The city also plans to replace the chain-link fence surrounding the structure, which should – according to Williams – "give it some curb appeal."

The entire Sanibel Lighthouse Rehabilitation Project, originally budgeted for \$300,000 from the city's beach parking fund and \$50,000 from a state historic preservation grant, came in under budget at \$342,813.

"We take every project seriously, but when it's the one and only Sanibel Lighthouse, we make sure to do everything right," said Williams. "This is a 50-year coating, so I'd like to not to have to do this again during my career here."✪

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The area below the lighthouse was blocked off with caution tape throughout the summer and fall

## R.L.R. Investments Purchases Sundial Beach Resort And Spa

National real estate company R.L.R. Investments, LLC has purchased Sundial Beach Resort and Spa for \$2.2 million. R.L.R. Investments acquired the Sanibel Island resort and assets on December 3.

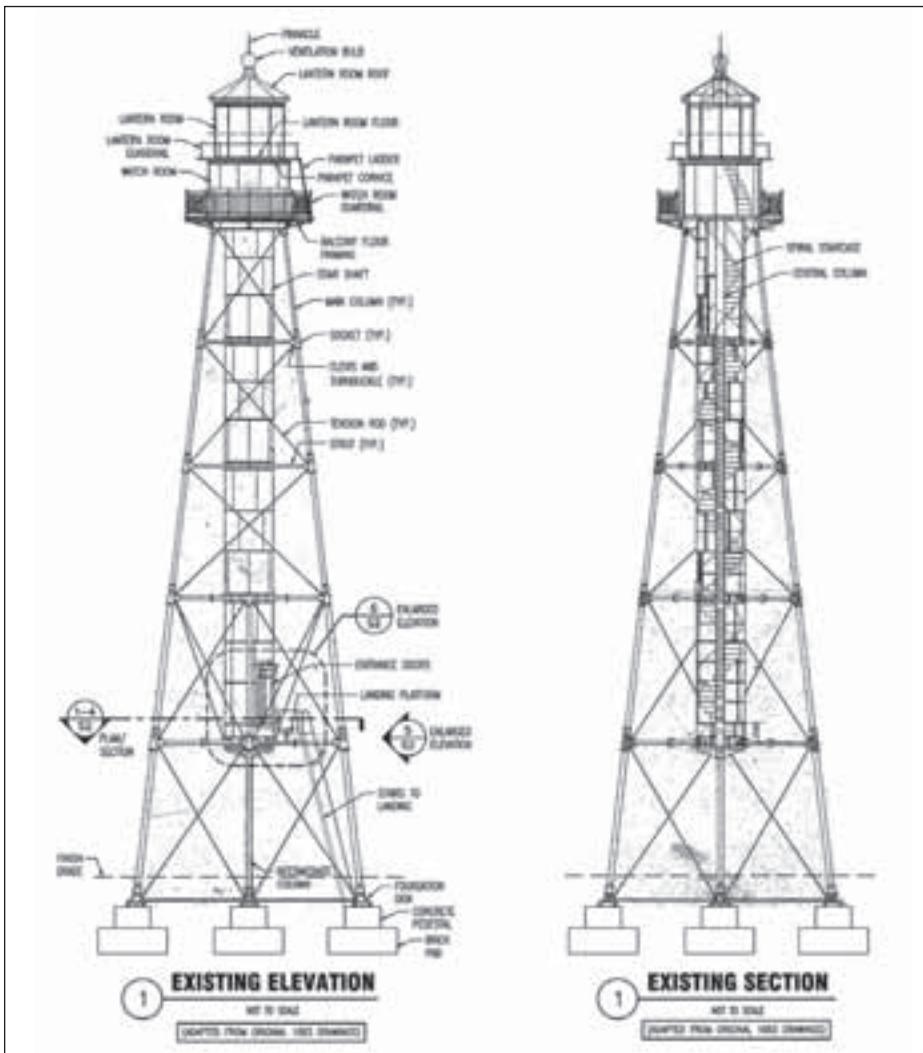
Sundial Beach Resort was previously owned by a private investment group, Sanibel Sundial Partners, LLC, which filed a Chapter 11 petition in Florida Middle Bankruptcy Court in October 2013 to reorganize under federal bankruptcy laws. Sanibel Sundial Partners purchased Sundial in July of 2012 for \$2.3 million from the Blackstone Group, then began an estimated \$3 million renovation project that is nearly complete.

Located on more than 2,000 feet of direct beach-front property on Sanibel, Sundial Beach Resort and Spa consists of 407 private- or resort-owned units with a variety of floor plans including studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom options with garden, beach and gulf views. The condominium homes are managed either by individual owners, the resort rental property management services, or outside vacation property management companies including Royal Shell Vacations, an affiliate of R.L.R. Investments.

R.L.R. Investments will continue offering the full-service resort amenities and services that are currently available to guests and residents at Sundial Beach Resort and Spa. Mariner Management Services, LLC, an affiliate of The Mariner Group, will continue to manage on-site operations for the resort commons areas and amenities under the direction of R.L.R. Investments.

"Under the ownership of R.L.R. Investments, guests and owners at Sundial Beach Resort and Spa can expect the same high-quality services and amenities that they enjoy today," said Don DeLuca, vice president and general counsel, R.L.R. Investments, LLC.

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## SWAT Team Winter Swim Meets

submitted by Coach Curt McIntyre

Midway through their first winter swim season, SWAT swimmers have been swimming for best times and high places at big invitational and league meets alike. Before this year SWAT had only been a part-time summer team.

At the first big winter invitational, the Sarasota Y's Turkey Meet, Cameron Dolly, 12, added two more FLAG (state age group championships) qualifying times to his growing list. Cameron posted lifetime bests and qualified in the 50 freestyle, 27.81 (7th) and the 100 individual medley, 1:10.89 (13th). He also bettered his qualifying time in the 50 backstroke to 31.6 and posted a lifetime best in the 50 fly at 32.14 (5th) and the 100 Breaststroke 1:23.72 (13th).

Swimming in their first swim meet Caitlyn Ross, 12, and her older sister Carley posted four lifetime bests each. Caitlyn swam best times in the 100 freestyle 1:09.84, 50 backstroke 37.31, 100 butterfly 1:19.27, and the 100 individual medley 1:16.55. Carley also had lifetime bests in the 100 freestyle 1:17.61, 50 backstroke 42.97 and the 100 Individual Medley 1:24.36, but added the 50 Breaststroke 43.42 to her total.

Alexandra Iglesias, 12, and Grace Kearns, 11, also sliced time off at the Turkey Meet. Alex's best times came in the 200 freestyle 2:42.42, 50 breaststroke 42.97 and the 50 butterfly 37.67. Grace clocked lifetime bests in the 50 breaststroke 47.1, and the 100 breaststroke 1:52.59.

At the Swim Florida Winter League meet held Friday November 15, SWAT swimmers finished with a huge ribbon haul. Scoring for SWAT were: Max Doster, five, second in the 25 butterfly 40.25, third in the 25 breaststroke 40.56, and fourth in the 25 backstroke 37.53. It was Max's first swim meet.

Also grabbing ribbons were his sisters Kate, six, and Lill, eight. Kate placed third in the 25 backstroke 23.84, fifth in the 25 breaststroke 34.13, and sixth in the 25 butterfly 33.32. Lilly took fourth in the 25 backstroke 25.86, fifth in the 25 butterfly 30.56, and sixth in the 25 breaststroke 36.12.

Beru Pierce, 10, garnered ribbons in the 50 breaststroke, where she placed fifth in a time of 58.65, and the 50 backstroke also placing fifth in a time of 50.32.

McKenna Sprecher, 11, took home three eighth places, in the 50 butterfly 59.43, the 50 backstroke 54.56, and the 50 breaststroke 55.94.

Grace Kearns, 11, came home fifth in the 50 breaststroke 47.53, sixth in the 50 backstroke 48.53, and seventh in the 50 butterfly 56.72.

Rounding out the scoring, Greyson Green, 10, swam to three third places in the 50 butterfly 1:15.81, 50 breaststroke 1:13.32 and the 50 backstroke 53.13. +✱

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The Lions group

## Lions Club Is Gold Sponsor Of Financial Assistance Program

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The Lions raise money to donate to these causes from several events held each year. The club is now selling Christmas trees. Every March, the Lions hold an arts and crafts fair, which is attended by thousands of people.

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## Dance Studio Founder To Speak To ABWA

On December 10 the Sanibel chapter of the American Business Women's Association will host Susan Scott, owner of Enchanted Ballroom, a Sanibel dance studio. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. at The Community House.

Scott will share her passion for dance and also talk about the rewards and challenges of opening a new business.

She launched into the world of competitive dance after falling in love with ballroom dance during Dancing with the Island Stars on Sanibel in 2010. It changed her life and she chose to share that passion by opening the Enchanted Ballroom in March, 2013.

She stresses that dancing is more than learning steps; it encompasses every aspect of personal growth and health. Scott graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond Virginia with a degree in fine arts. Her professional career centered on commercial interiors of hotels, restaurants and hospitals along the Delaware-New York corridor. Along with the dance studio she maintains an art studio in Fort Myers where she focuses on abstract water colors and creative art quilting. She claims that the dance world has pushed her further out of her box to think, act and be in new creative ways.



Susan Scott and David Florey performing the Argentine Tango

During her presentation, she expects to have many involved in learning a new dance step taught by her and her dance partner David Flory. Expect some Christmas carols to add to the holiday festivities of the night.

Scott emphasizes the importance of first impressions for the customer from the time they enter her studio to the instruction they receive, the instructors approach with customers and the atmosphere created. She seeks not only to empower clients, but her dance instructors as well, realizing that the happier the

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**1655 Sand Castle.**

**Offered at \$449,000**



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This Thanksgiving, the Harry Chapin Food Bank provided 12,000 turkeys and chickens to our neighbors in need through our partner agencies in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. The "birds" were accompanied by many of the traditional trimmings; potatoes, green beans, squash, baked goods and more.

More than once, we saw the amazement of children – and their parents – by the food they received. Two boys at a distribution were so thrilled with the bounty their family received that they said, "Yay! We get Thanksgiving!"

The roster of individuals, companies and community organizations that made Thanksgiving possible for these two boys and many other children and families is too lengthy to list here, but I am quite sure most of the people involved in this gargantuan effort are, like many of us, not native to this area. Nevertheless, when the season of sharing is upon us, caring people reach out to help thousands of their neighbors in need. When one considers the diverse roots that help to form our community, that so many come together to create such a community of caring is all the more impressive.

An ancient African proverb says, "It takes a village to raise a child." Our community fed and nurtured thousands of children this holiday season.

Feels good, doesn't it?

Sincerely,

Al Brislain, president and CEO of Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida.\*

## This is what holiday giving is all about

Thank you, Southwest Florida. Many of you, like me, were probably not born in Southwest Florida, but came here at a later stage in your lives. Some would wonder about the sense of community that can be formed by such a hodgepodge of native Floridians, émigrés from the Midwest, the Northeast, other communities and other countries. Yet, I am continually impressed by the way our community joins together to help children and families in need, especially during the holiday season.

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Customers using the Postal Store on [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) can purchase stamps, get holiday shipping information and holiday supplies. Nearly everything done at the Post Office can be done online.

The following helpful pointers will relieve holiday shipping hassles and get those gifts under the tree in time for St. Nick's arrival:

- Confirm addresses. Print addresses clearly in all CAPITAL LETTERS and be sure to include all address elements – apartment numbers, suite numbers and directional information for streets. For example: 123 S MAIN ST. or 12456 ELM ST. N. Include both "to" and "from" information on packages – and only on

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- Pack delicately. Cushion contents with shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble wrap or foam peanuts. Plain air-popped popcorn is also good for cushioning – it's inexpensive and environmentally friendly. Pack contents tightly to avoid shifting during transit. Always use tape designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape, nylon-reinforced craft paper tape or glass-reinforced pressure-sensitive tape. Do not use wrapping paper, string, masking tape, duct tape or cellophane tape.

- Remove batteries and fragile items. Be sure to remove batteries from toys. Wrap and place them next to the toys in the mailing box. Customers should include the new batteries in the manufacturer's packaging. And stuff glass and fragile, hollow items, like vases, with newspaper or packing material to avoid damage. When mailing framed photographs, take the glass out of the frame and wrap it separately.

- Mark your calendars. And last up, but certainly not least are the all-important mailing and shipping deadlines. Be sure to take note of the following mail-by dates to have your package arrive in time for the holidays.

- December 10: APO/FPO Military Priority Mail and First-Class Mail
- December 10: Priority Mail Express International
- December 14: Standard Post
- December 16: Global Express Guaranteed
- December 17: Priority Mail Express Military Service
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- December 21: Priority Mail
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# Sanctuary Tennis Tournament Brings In Over \$11,000 For Hope Hospice



Jeff Shuff, John Lau and Tony Lapi of Tween Waters Inn with Christie Bradley, director of tennis and fitness at The Sanctuary Golf Club

The 11th annual Hope Hospice Tennis Tournament raised over \$11,000 at The Sanctuary Golf Club. It was a two-day event that had 66 players competing. The tournament is one of the signature charity events at The Sanctuary, which has been the venue and title sponsor for 10 years. This year's champions in Women's Doubles were Sandy Ritter and Karen Steuber; Men's Doubles winners were Jim Monahan and Ken Monahan; Men's Open Doubles winners were Matt Mahoney and Brian Johnson; Women's Open Doubles winners were Dulce Doss and Sandy Miller.

"Thank you to all the sponsors. In addition, thank you to all those competitors who participated in making the event so successful. This was a fantastic event and the weather could not have been better," said Christie Bradley, director of tennis and fitness at the Sanctuary Golf Club.

The Grand Slam sponsors were Bank of the Islands, Tween Waters Inn, Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery, Luc Century, and Excel Sportswear. The raffle sponsors were The Sanctuary Golf Club, Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery, Luc Century, Tween Waters Spa, Flex Appeal, and MacIntosh Books & Paper.

"Christie does a fantastic job organizing and arranging the days for the Hope Hospice Tennis Tournament. It seems to become more popular each year between island friends, neighbors and members. The Sanctuary Golf Club members are proud to sponsor Hope Hospice," said Ken Kouril, general manager, COO of The Sanctuary Golf Club.✱

## Sanibel Island Golf Club

# Women Players Tie In Two Events



Barb Mulka, Mary Jane Keys, Alice Founier, Sally Lichtenstein, Geri Harrand and Alfie Sheff

Sanibel Island Golf Club Women's League played a Bingo, Bango, Bongo tournament on November 26.

In the 18-hole tournament, Terry Lohser and Cecilia Olsson tied for first place. Geri Harrand and Sally Lichtenstein tied for first place for nine holes and Mary Jane Keys came in third.

The men's league on November 26 played a Point Quota tournament. Results were:

- Dick Chocol +7
- David Lewis +6
- Wayne Turner +5
- Buddy Long, Bill Blankenship,
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Sanibel Island Golf Club

## Blue Coyote Season Kick Off



**White Flight winners Tom Rathbone, first, and Jim Mulka, second, surrounded by Drew Donnelly, Gene Taylor, David Lewis and Ed Lockard**

submitted by John Boynton

Sanibel Island Golf Club members kicked off the 2013-14 club season on November 21 at the new Blue Coyote Restaurant on Par View Drive. After cocktails and wine



**Bartender Danene Bazan keeps the wine flowing**

were served around the chic new bar and lounge, restaurant owner Mitch Schwenke and his staff pulled out all the stops with a superb tenderloin steak dinner in the newly-renovated dining room. Club president David Lewis orchestrated a streamlined business meeting, punctuated by treasurer Wayne Turner's informative 2012-13 financial report. "We started out with some money, brought in some money, spent some money, and had some money left over," he said.



**Servers Lauren Wyatt and Kimi Sutherland provided friendly, efficient service**

President Lewis presented trophies to the two top Fall Classic Tournament finishers in the White Division: First place, Tom Rathbone, and second place, Jim Mulka. John Kilkenny and Marty Gallagher were the top finishers in the Gold Division but were not there to receive their awards. The third place finishers in each division received no recognition.

Kudos from all went to new SIGC owners Drew Donnelly and Ed Lockard, as well as golf professional Gene Taylor, for their efforts to improve the condition of the golf course and club facilities. While everyone agrees that the course is in excellent condition, better than it has ever been, Donnelly and Lockard reiterated



**Blue Coyote owner Mitch Schwenke in front of one of his stunning, fanciful Markus Pierson paintings**



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## Caloosahatchee Ultra Run Set For December 14

Sanibel resident Chip Wolfe and Fort Myers resident Justin Radley announced Southwest Florida's first ultra trail run will take place on Saturday, December 14.

The 25K (15.5 mile) and 50K (31 mile) trail run is being held on the north side of the Caloosahatchee Regional Park, located just outside Fort Myers in

Alva. The course meanders through miles of beautiful meadows, shaded canopies and challenging technical stretches. The run is fully supported and includes aid stations every two miles with water, sports drinks and various foods. Runners from several states will be in attendance, including 2011 and 2012 USATF 100 mile National Champion Dave James.

Registration is open to all levels of runners/walkers who are looking for a challenging, exciting and unique running experience. For more information, visit [www.caloosahatcheeultra.com](http://www.caloosahatcheeultra.com) or call 848-0906.✪



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## Tai Chi Class At The Sanibel Rec

A new session of Tai Chi classes with Dr. Marc Rowe began December 2 at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Classes are on Mondays and Tuesdays with the advanced class at 2:30 p.m. on Monday and the multi level class at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Cost for the six-week session is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members.

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese form of "soft-style" martial art exercise that is based on slow, fluid movements. Dr. Rowe's instruction focuses on maintaining one's center of gravity while improving flexibility and muscle tone. He says Tai Chi is an excellent way to reduce stress and generate mental calmness and clarity. Participants are encouraged to wear loose fitting clothing and comfortable shoes.

For more information call the recreation center at 472-0345.✱

## Andy Enfield Takes Florida Gulf Coast Magic To USC And An Escalating UCLA Rivalry Ensues

by Ed Frank



The once exciting drama of a World Series, a Super Bowl, or a NCAA basketball championship often becomes a fleeting memory for most of us.

For example, if we roll back the calendar about nine months, Southwest Florida was consumed with the excitement of Florida Gulf Coast University becoming the first team in NCAA history with a lowly No. 15 seed to reach the magical Sweet 16 in basketball's big dance.

Maybe now you will recall that the nationally-unheard FGCU Eagles knocked off No. 2 seed Georgetown and No. 7 seed San Diego State to reach the Sweet 16.

In classic Charles Barkley TV style, he asked Eagles' Coach Andy Enfield at the time, "Where the hell is Florida Gulf Coast at?"

Ok, maybe now you remember that excitement.

Then we wrote, "Don't be surprised that Enfield, one of the lowest paid coaches in Division 1 basketball, is suddenly courted by national basketball powerhouses to bring his magic to their schools."

It sure didn't take long. The University of Southern California wooed Enfield west with a six-year contract reportedly worth \$1.5 million annually.

At the time USC signed Enfield, cross-town rival UCLA hired Hoosier basketball legend Steve Alford to rebuild that storied basketball program just after he had signed a letter of intent - not a contract - to a 10-year extension at New Mexico.

In basketball talent-rich Southern California, Enfield and Alford are expected to build highly ranked teams, although Alford inherited a stronger program than Enfield's.

The Enfield-Alford, USC-UCLA intrigue was the subject of a lengthy article in last week's *Sports Illustrated*.

Of course, the media loves to create controversy. Here are some quotes from the article:

Enfield: "If you want to play slow, go to UCLA."

Alford: "We've won 11 national titles and they haven't won any. A lot has to change before the comparison can be made between us and them as basketball schools."

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Andy Enfield



Steve Alford



Dan Keys, John Boynton, and Dave Lewis won the men's league event Saturday Sanibel Island Golf Club

### Men's League

On Saturday November 30, the Sanibel Island Golf Club Men's League played a four-person, two best ball game with 80 percent of handicaps being applied to determine scores.

The winners were John Boynton, David Lewis, Dan Keys and a blind draw, with a score of 117. All three players

contributed to the win, especially Keys who had three natural birdies on the back nine.

There was a tie for second with two foursomes turning in scores of 118. Second place was determined with a scorecard playoff and the team of Rich Rompala, Mark Wlaz, Jack Tukey and Dick Choccol were awarded second. Third place went to the team of Skipp Tutor, Tom Rathbone, Rene Lohser and David Smith.✱

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Christmas Island cart 2012

## Captiva Holiday Village Decorated Golf Cart Parade This Saturday

This year's Captiva Holiday Village's Decorated Golf Cart Parade will take place on Saturday, December 7 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. along Andy Rosse Lane in Captiva's "village" center where its colorful restaurants and shops will also be festively decorated.

Sponsored by Royal Shell Companies, the parade is aimed at encouraging Captiva locals to outdo their neighbors by extravagantly decorating their personal or rented golf carts in lights, garland, balloons and other creative items to celebrate the holiday season and the island's quirky lifestyle. Fun, festive and sometimes gaudy outfits go along with the decorated cart tradition.

A portion of the parade's entry fee benefits the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Last year's parade will be featured in one of the Travel Channel's holiday specials, *Xtreme Xmas*, which will premiere Sunday, December 15 at 7 p.m.

From a California Christmas ice kingdom and an underwater holiday mermaid show to an extravagant festive boat parade and a turbo-charged manmade Santa-sleigh, *Xtreme Xmas* takes viewers inside America's most unusual, wild, wacky, awe-inspiring and bizarre Christmas celebrations.



Rudolph the reindeer in the 2011 parade

The Travel Channel crisscrossed the country featuring the men and women who take Christmas celebrations to ultimate heights and dive deep into holiday celebrations unlike any other, including a Christmas golf cart parade in Florida, a holiday doggie dress-up contest in Conway, South Carolina and an all-night rave in San Francisco aptly titled The Elf Party.

The four-weekends-long Captiva Holiday Village launched its 2013 spectacular the Friday after Thanksgiving with fireworks, tree lightings, holiday readings and musical performances.

Each special-themed weekend will be a fun-filled extravaganza of sight and sound, set against the backdrop of the Gulf of Mexico and the sunsets. There will be everything from a lighted boat parade and Junkanoo dancers to a Marching Mullet Parade and newly added Holiday Stroll at South Seas Island Resort.

For more information or a complete schedule of events, visit [www.CaptivaHolidayVillage.com](http://www.CaptivaHolidayVillage.com).

The 2013 Captiva Holiday Village continues with the following events:

### December 5

Dolphins of Pine Island Sound lecture presented by scientist Kim Bassos Hull and sponsored by the SCCF at 7:30 p.m. in the Wakefield Room at 'Tween Waters Inn

### December 6

Sunset Arias performs at 'Tween Waters Inn Sanibel Luminary

### December 7

Royal Shell's Decorated Golf Cart Parade from 3:30



Send in the Clowns cart 2012

to 5:30 p.m.

Decorated Golf Cart awards presentation party at Chadwick's Square following parade

Captiva Luminary

### December 12

Ancient Mariners lecture by archeologist Theresa Schober and sponsored by SCCF at 7:30 p.m. in the Wakefield Room at 'Tween Waters

South Seas Holiday Stroll from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### December 13

Marching Mullet Parade at Jensen's Twin Palms at 5 p.m.

Captiva Memories and Holiday Captiva Island Historical Society film at Jensen's Twin Palms at 7 p.m.

South Seas Holiday Stroll from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### December 14

Seafood and Fishing Festival at Jensen's Twin Palms from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

American Realty of Captiva Junkanoo Parade

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Lighted Boat Parade at 6 p.m.

Post Boat Parade Party at Keylime Bistro with live entertainment, food and beverages

Holiday Hayride through the village to South Seas Island Resort and back from 6 to 11 p.m.

South Seas Holiday Stroll from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### December 15

Carol Sing at Chapel By the Sea followed by refreshments at the Captiva Community Center

South Seas Holiday Stroll from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### December 19 to 22

South Seas Holiday Stroll from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.\*



Golf Cart Parade 2011



In the Pink cart 2011



Polar Express cart 2012



Craig Albert, Marilyn Kane, Skip Tutor and Eric Carlson

## Charity Golf Tournament Raises \$5,000

The 3rd annual Blessings in a Backpack/FISH Charity Golf Tournament was held Saturday, November 23 at the Sanibel Island Golf Club. The tournament raised money for the two charities that provide weekend nourishment to children grades kindergarten through fifth grade in Title 1 schools who qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Meal Program.

It takes as little as \$80 to feed a child for an entire school year. The tournament raised enough money to feed more than 60 children, according to Craig Albert, president of Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, who coordinated the event.

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Coyote Restaurant for providing lunch. The winning team was The Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, comprised of Craig Albert, Marilyn Kane, Skip Tutor and Eric Carlson. The winning team name is added to the traditional backpack trophy which is held by that team until the following year's event.

For more information on Blessings in a Backpack, contact John Nicholson at 849-3250.

FISH of Sanibel and Blessings in a Backpack Inc. are both 501(c)3 non-profit organizations.\*

### The Dunes Golf Club

## Beat The Pro

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Men's Golf Association members played a Beat the Pro tournament on Wednesday, November 27.

Results:

Beat the Pro target score:	74
Max Friedersdorf	69
Roy Brodersen	69
Charles Simms	70
Al Larsen	70
Norb Kunz	70
Joe Raboy	70
Bruce Sprinkle	71
Phil Pilibosian	71
Dick Hopkins	71*

### The Dunes Golf Club

## Sunday Mixed Golf Results

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Sunday Mixed Golf results from Sunday, December 1.

Format: 1 Gross, 1 Net, Lowest Putts Added Together

- 1st Hank Humphrey  
 Ann Humphrey  
 Dod Wainwright  
 Annie Wainwright

- 2nd Tom Donovan  
 Mary Donovan  
 Norbert Kunz  
 Aud Kunz  
 3rd Frank Cassavell  
 Barbara Cassavell  
 Jerry Muench  
 June Muench  
 Closest to the Pin  
 Hole 2 - June Muench  
 Hole 9 - Frank Cassavell\*

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name two of the three major-league players to be Rookie of the Year one season and a Most Valuable Player the next.
2. The New York Yankees have won the most World Series titles. What is the second-highest-ranking A.L. team when it comes to World Series crowns?
3. Who was the last linebacker to be taken No. 1 overall in the NFL Draft?
4. When was the last time a Mid-American Conference men's basketball team secured an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament?
5. Which was the first American franchise in the NHL?
6. Of the past 40 men's tennis grand slam singles events (2004 to 2013), how many have NOT been won by Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal or Novak Djokovic?
7. In the 1983 24 Hours of Le Mans race, what was the highest finish by a car other than a Porsche?

## ANSWERS

1. Cal Ripken Jr. (1982-83), Ryan Howard (2005-06) and Dustin Pedroia (2007-08). 2. The Oakland Athletics franchise, with nine. 3. Aundray Bruce, by Atlanta in 1988. 4. Miami of Ohio, in 1999. 5. The Boston Bruins, in 1924. 6. Five. 7. Ninth.



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## Group Weight Room Orientation Classes Offered

New sessions of Weight Room 101 will be offered every week on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1 p.m. at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

Weight Room 101 includes weight room orientation, specific instruction on upper and lower body exercises and cardiovascular training tips. Instruction and guidance on how to properly train your entire body safely and effectively will help participants to gain muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance.

For safety purposes, this class is limited to 10 participants. Register in advance for individual sessions at the front desk. For more information, contact the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345 or visit [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).

## December Half Day Fun Days

Registration is open for the upcoming half-day Fun Days on Wednesday, December 18, Thursday, December 19 and Friday, December 20. The Fun Days will offer a variety of athletic games, craft projects and special entertainment.

Children in kindergarten through eighth grade are eligible. This program operates from noon 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 at the Sanibel Recreation Center or online to receive the early bird rate:

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 472-0345 or visit [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com) for more information.

## Sanibel Dog Licenses On Sale At Rec Center

Sanibel Dog Licenses are now on sale at the Sanibel Recreation Center, 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The cost of a dog license is \$10; proof of current rabies inoculation is required at the time of purchase.

Due to the fact that veterinarians are now giving rabies inoculations with one-to three-year validity, provide the expiration date on the dog license application form and not the date the inoculation was given.

Only service animals are allowed inside the recreation center. A \$5 late fee is charged for any dog license obtained after January 31.

For more information, call 472-0345 or visit [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).

### The Dunes Golf Club

## Throw Out Turkey

The Dunes Women's Golf Association members played a Throw out the Worse Three Net Holes and Replace With Net Par tournament on Friday, November 29. They called the format Throw Out the Turkey.

Results:		
Flight 1		
1st	Sharon Hannon	61
T2nd	June Muench	65
T2nd	Ann McCarthy	65
Flight 2		
T1st	Marge Meek	66
T1st	Joan Kelly	66
3rd	Maureen O'Brien	67

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### RESTAURANTS

The variety of dining options on Sanibel and Captiva just keeps getting better. For their size, the islands offer an extensive culinary array – all making the most of the area's fresh and abundant seafood and local produce. You'll find everything from burgers to barbecue, bistro style, Italian, Mexican, American, classic deli fare, organic, vegan, gluten-free, café food and Caribbean.

In this column, each week you will be able to stay updated on our local dining establishments and what they're offering and get the scoop on the island dining scene, whether it's fine or casual, take-out or frozen desserts.w

#### BAILEY'S GENERAL STORE

Bailey's General Store has a full deli, bakery, daily lunch specials, take out and catering for cook-outs, picnics and parties. This is the oldest supermarket on the islands, established long before a causeway linked Sanibel to the mainland.

The bakery has freshly made donuts, scones and breads. The deli offers a variety of hot foods for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as catering services for special events. Services include shopping for your groceries and delivering them to your home or vacation destination. If you are on a gluten-free diet, pick up the extensive list of gluten-free products near the entrance to the supermarket.

The Coffee Bar at Bailey's serves espresso based drinks, hot chocolate, smoothies and specialty coffees.

#### BLUE GIRAFFE

Blue Giraffe serves breakfast, lunch and dinner from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. This restaurant offers casual island dining seven days a week from a menu featuring fresh local seafood, chowders, salads and steaks. Besides dessert choices, you can get hand-dipped Edy's Grand Ice Cream.

Dine outside on the boardwalk or inside at hand-painted tables decorated by a local artist, or sit at the full liquor bar for a mixed drink, glass of wine or cold beer.

#### CIP'S PLACE

Cip's Place is named for the late Jimmy Cipriani, a longtime islander and owner of the property on which the restaurant sits. Jimmy always made time for a good conversation, good company and great food. In Jimmy's memory, Cip's styles itself as a local watering hole. A mural that takes up an entire wall shows lots of islanders through the ages – including Cip – and if you don't recognize them all, ask to see the "key."

Food choices range from "comfort" to culinary with some Caribbean and island favorites as well. And do try the home-made potato chips, the fried buttermilk chicken with sage gravy and the snapper tacos.

Choose between the outdoor garden patio or front porch. Indoor seating and full bar are also available. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily with happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m.

#### CHIP'S SANIBEL STEAKHOUSE

Chip's Sanibel Steakhouse has many great options for locals and tourists alike. It is open seven nights a week with daily happy hour from 5 to 6 p.m., featuring two-for-one drinks and \$4.95 appetizers. For early diners, there's a three-course prix fixe menu for \$35 including a cocktail. In addition to an updated wine list, seasonal house-infused liquors such as strawberry-jalapeño tequila, blood orange vodka and cucumber gin are available.

The menu features steaks and seafood, including a six-ounce filet mignon topped with jumbo lump crabmeat finished with Hollandaise and served with



Sally Hodgkins, server at George & Wendy's Seafood Grille

of asparagus and choice of potato; Parmesan-crusted seabass served with mushroom risotto and finished with a creamy dill sauce. Save room for dessert though, because whether you are a chocolate lover or Key lime pie fan, Chip's has something for every sweet tooth.

#### CROW'S NEST AT 'TWEEN WATERS INN

The Crow's Nest at 'Tween Waters Inn is a more casual place than its sister the Old Captiva House. It's home to the famed Captiva Crab Races on Mondays and Thursdays and is a popular venue for live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays.

There is a nightly happy hour.

#### DOC FORD'S RUM BAR & GRILLE

Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille is named for the Doc Ford character in local author Randy Wayne White's best-selling mystery novels.

This summer, in addition to its Sanibel restaurant, Doc Ford's added a Captiva location, in Chadwick's Square.

It's a well known gathering place and tropical theme sports bar with indoor and outdoor patio seating. The combined menu offers all the lunch and dinner items from 11 a.m. until closing. It includes cedar plank salmon topped with a mango chipotle glaze or a marinated grilled chicken sandwich. The fish tacos are an island favorite and there's a well provisioned raw bar. Tropical drinks are a specialty, notably the signature rum drink, Island Mojito.

#### THE DUNES RESTAURANT

You may not be aware that the restaurant at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club on Sanibel is open to the public for lunch and dinner.

The clubhouse offers great views of the lush greens and fairways and the sunsets are spectacular.

There's a new gourmet chef on board, a brand new lunch menu and sunset dinner specials every night. In addition, there are comedy nights, wine dinners, trivia nights, murder mysteries and Name that Tune.

#### GEORGE & WENDY'S SEAFOOD GRILLE

George & Wendy's Seafood Grille features live music Fridays and Saturdays and Karaoke on Thursdays. Specials include prime rib on Tuesdays for \$18, snow crab legs on Wednesdays for \$18, and Friday night fish fry, \$15.

Happy hour is celebrated from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The full bar has an extensive wine list, 10 beers on tap, local, domestic and craft beer, mojitos, martinis and tropical favorites.

Football specials are served in the bar area during NFL games and Saturday college games. Food specials include 50-cent wings, \$1.50 sliders and \$2 chili cheese jumbo hot dog. For \$5, choose from pretzels with beer cheese, chicken quesadilla, jalapeño poppers, loaded cheese fries or bratwurst. Cheese flatbread is \$6.

Drink specials include \$1 Jello shots, \$2 drafts of Bud Light and Yuengling, \$2 bottles of Bud, Bud Light, Coors Light, Miller Lite and Rolling Rock, and \$2 off all wines by the glass. Bloody Marys are \$3. There are free Jello shots with each Chicago or Buffalo touchdown.

Hours are 11 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

#### GRAMMA DOT'S

Gramma Dot's, the only dockside dining on Sanibel, offers a lunch and dinner menu seven days a week from "Sanibel's only Seaside Saloon" where you can leisurely dine at the Sanibel Marina in view of luxury yachts and modest fishing boats and watch the comings and goings of seagoing folk and fishermen. The menu features a full line of "only fresh" seafood, salads, sandwiches and more. Appropriate dress is required.

If you're arriving by boat, check in with dockmaster for a lunch slip, monitor VHF 16. You can tie up for a night or two at the available dockage if you wish. Gramma Dot's is open daily at 11:30 a.m. For dinner, arrive before 8 p.m.

#### GREEN FLASH

The Green Flash has marvelous waterfront views of Captiva's bayside and Pine Island Sound. The Green Flash was built on the site of the historic Timmy's Nook, opened in 1950. Fittingly, seafood dominates the menu, although other options are offered as well. The Green Flash is easily navigable by boat and is located southwest of Marker 38 on the Intracoastal Waterway.

Hours are daily from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for lunch and 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. for dinner.

#### GREAT WHITE GRILL

The Great White Grill is a sports bar featuring 29 beers on tap and a good wine list. It's home of The Steel Curtain Pizza. There's free pizza delivery too. The Great White carries the TV Baseball package and the NFL package for sports enthusiasts and has arcade games for kids of all ages.

The regular menu includes hand-cast fresh dough pizza, wings, fries, chicken fingers, salads, gyros, sandwiches and burgers. Check out the Pittsburgh Salad, which consists of grilled chicken, French fries, cheddar cheese, cucumbers, tomatoes and onions on a bed of lettuce.

#### GREENHOUSE GRILL

The Greenhouse Grill offers happy hour pricing on a special appetizer of the day as well as beer and wine by the glass from 4 to 6 p.m. daily. The menu stretches from fresh salads, homemade soups and grilled black Angus burgers to pasta, steaks and fresh seafood. A must-have is the signature dish of the house, bouillabaisse, a medley of six seafoods prepared in a light broth of fresh aromatic herbs. All meals focus on fresh seasonal ingredients.

You can sit under the market umbrellas on the pet-friendly patio or inside the quaint and casual dining room.

The grill is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Reservations appreciated and carry out orders are welcome.

#### IL CIELO

Il Cielo features eclectic fine dining as well as the more casual Cloud 9 Grille. The happy-hour bar menu includes specially priced appetizers and drink specials from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and patrons can enjoy appetizers priced at \$6 each and two-for-one drink specials on all domestic bottled beer, well drinks and house wine selections.

Il Cielo features a full liquor bar with a wide selection of wines as well as homemade desserts. A three-course, \$38 per person, price-fixed menu, complete with one bottle of house wine per couple, is offered Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

In addition to the two dining areas, Il Cielo's interior also allows space separate from the main dining room for private functions or community events as well as outdoor patio dining.

**IL TESORO**

Il Tesoro serves authentic Italian food "with the taste and feel of a Tuscan holiday," according to owner Chef AJ Black. He infuses flavors from the old world to the new world of cooking using only fresh seasonal ingredients to bring his dishes to life. Daily specials focus on pairing authentic meals with a bold array of fine Italian wines.

Il Tesoro (The Treasure) serves dinner seven nights a week from 5 to 10 p.m.

**ISLAND COW**

The Island Cow is a family favorite with its colorful indoor and outdoor seating and live entertainment. "Come as our guests... leave as our friends!" is the motto. The Cow serves breakfast, lunch and dinner featuring fresh local seafood and meats and has an extensive children's menu. Starbucks coffee is also on the menu.

Breakfast is served between 7 and 11 a.m. Hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**JACARANDA**

The Jacaranda Restaurant & Patio Lounge is a Sanibel mainstay, with a reputation for fine seafood and steaks. Dinner is served year round and starting Tuesday, November 12, the Jacaranda will be serving lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. You can eat inside or outside on the pretty patio with its fairy lights and tropical vegetation. The Jac Bar with its live music nightly is the unofficial HQ for Sanibel's social scene. The patio lounge menu includes a selection of "happy apps" for \$5.95 and half price drinks during happy hour, 5 to 7 p.m. There is also a raw bar.

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**JERRY'S RESTAURANT AND DELI**

Jerry's Restaurant and Deli in Jerry's Market is the next best thing to dining in a tropical garden. This family-style restaurant has large windows to view the lush garden with caged tropical birds that are favorites with visitors and residents. Daily specials are offered in the spacious restaurant and you can order a sandwich or hot food from the deli or help yourself at the well-stocked salad bar to take out.

The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**LAZY FLAMINGO**

The Lazy Flamingo is a famed island hang-out with two Sanibel locations: one at 1036 Periwinkle Way, the other - the original - at 6520 Pine Avenue, near Blind Pass. "If our seafood were any fresher, we would be serving it under water!" is the Flamingo's motto. And that includes, shrimp, grouper, oysters, conch fritters and chowder as well as chicken.

The Flamingo Bread and the Caesar Salad are signature items. Pull up a stool to the rustic bar or take a high or low table. The interior feels like the inside of an old pirate ship with its portholes and hewn wood surfaces. The atmosphere is definitely casual and beer is available by the bottle, on draft or by the pitcher.

**MATZALUNA ITALIAN KITCHEN**

In the mood for pizza? Matzaluna Italian Kitchen has a wood-fired oven to bake authentic pizzas, including gluten-free ones. That's in addition to a big selection including over 20 combinations of pasta dinners from \$11.95 (including soup or salad and fresh baked bread), affordable veal, tender chicken, choice steaks and seafood (Italian style) in a casual market-like setting. Gluten-free pizza is also available.

Matzaluna recently added craft beers on tap. On Wine Wednesdays, every bottle priced \$25 and over will be discounted by \$8 all evening. Hours are 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. daily and happy hour is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**MUCKY DUCK**

The Mucky Duck may well be the most famous restaurant on the islands due to its longevity and quirky name. Then there's the fabulous sunsets. Patrons gladly wait on the beach for tables - this place draws crowds - sipping cocktails and beverages until they can take their seats. Reservations are not accepted.

The Duck is open for lunch and dinner, serving fresh seafood, pub-style food, sandwiches, steaks and other items.

**OLD CAPTIVA HOUSE AT 'TWEEN WATERS INN**

Old Captiva House at 'Tween Waters Inn, Captiva, offers romantic sunset dining in an historic setting with live piano music. Executive Chef Jason Miller prepares New Florida island favorites, tropical seafoods, classic meats and daily fresh-baked breads and pastries, served with an extensive selection of wines, liquors and coffees.

First built as a one-room school for children of Captiva's pioneer settlers, the Old Captiva House still reflects much of its original charm - from white French doors to hardwood floors to the Gulf of Mexico sunset that streams through the western windows. Its collection of famed cartoonist JN "Ding" Darling's 1930s whimsical vacation illustrations has led to its designation as a landmark in Southwest Florida.

**OVER EASY CAFÉ**

Over Easy Café is a pet-friendly place with indoor and outdoor dining for breakfast and lunch. The covered patio is a popular spot. Choose from 22 different Eggs Benedict, scramblers and omelettes, 11 pancakes and French toast choices, 15 egg specialties and wraps, eight salads and 26 sandwiches and burgers, plus baked goods. Beer and wine is available.

Breakfast is served all day. Summer hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**POCOLOCO**

Need a pick-me-up? Looking for some downtime? Either way, your best bet is PocoLoco on the tropical courtyard at Jerry's Center. Indoors or out you will savor gourmet coffee, tea, signature sandwiches, pastries, or a cone of the region's most popular ice cream, Love Boat. PocoLoco is the Sanibel source for this ice cream and always features a couple dozen delicious favors. Stop by, sit in the sunshine and chatter with six cheerful parrots for a unique and memorable experience.

**ROSIE'S CAFÉ & GRILL**

Rosie's repertoire includes crab cakes, grouper and shrimp entrees and steaks with all the trimmings, Southwestern dishes such as burritos and fajitas, soup and sandwich combos, and salads. Among the most popular items is Rosie's Famous Cheese Steak made from shaved rib eye, grilled mushrooms, onions and green peppers, Ultimate Cuban and Classic Reuben, home-made muffins and cinnamon rolls and Key lime pie, root beer floats and banana splits. A children's menu and carry-out are also available and outdoor seating is available.

Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and happy hour is from 3 to 6 p.m. seven days a week with two-for-one draft beer and wine and a menu that starts at \$4.50 for items such as nachos with cheese and salsa and \$5.50 wings and chicken tenders. The ice cream bar has 20+ flavors of locally made Royal Scoop ice cream.

**SANIBEL BEAN**

The Sanibel Bean coffee shop is java central on Sanibel Island. With its indoor and outdoor seating and free wi-fi, it's a popular venue for laptop-toting coffee lovers to relax and check their inboxes, have breakfast or lunch or recharge the batteries in the afternoon.

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## Restaurants

Besides a big selection of coffee from around the globe and a variety of coffee drinks, The Bean has tea and other beverages and a variety of hearty sandwiches, pastries and muffins, plus other light fare.

### SANIBEL DELI & COFFEE FACTORY

Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory offers a gluten free menu in addition to regular choices, along with pizza and wings, Boar's Head meats, frozen yogurt and ice cream. There are outdoor tables shaded with umbrellas and free wi-fi.

### SANIBEL GRILL

The Sanibel Grill has 16 big screen TVs with satellite TV tuned to every televised sporting event. The Grill shares a kitchen with The Timbers, serving the same fresh seafood, along with burgers, sandwiches, pizzas and salads. Crunchy Grouper and Crunchy Shrimp are signature dishes.

### SANIBEL SPROUT

The Sanibel Sprout is the islands' only health food store and vegetarian/vegan gourmet take-out eatery. Fresh organic juices, smoothies and pure, clean food is their hallmark and "Let Food Be Thy Medicine and Let Medicine Be Thy Food" is their motto.

Juices: Emerald Island, Pink Citrus Sunrise, Carrot Zinger, Garden Goodness and Sweet Sails including shots and elixirs.

Smoothies: Chocolate Pecan Bliss, Strawberry Kiss, Mango Morning, Emerald Mermaid and Chakra Sunrise.

Meals: soups, kale salad with creamy avocado chipotle dressing, coconut quinoa salad, pesto quinoa pasta, arugula salad with figs, pine nuts and raspberry, hummus, tuna, corn chips and guacamole, almond

butter and homemade jam, bananas and coconut on sunflower bread, raw artisan crackers. Watch for daily specials. Custom meals can be ordered. Catering available.

The Sanibel Sprout's juice bar attracts a lively crowd of health conscious islanders and visitors, and the daily lunch specials are very popular.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, closed.

### SUNDIAL BEACH RESORT & SPA

Sundial's Fall Festival features fine dining Wednesday through Sunday from 5 to 10 p.m. in the elegant **Waterview** restaurant with panoramic views of the gulf. Be sure to sample their signature dish: Clay Pot Baked Mediterranean Gulf Grouper. Or enjoy the more casual **Turtles Beach & Pool Bar** or **Sea Breeze Café** with al fresco dining. Sea Breeze Café serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Happy Hour is twice daily from 3 to 5 p.m. at Turtles and 5 to 7 p.m. in the Sea Breeze Café.

Sundial also presents a poolside BBQ Buffet every Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. with live entertainment. The buffet includes grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, and mahi-mahi along with fresh salads, corn on the cob and baked beans, plus a selection of fresh fruits. Price is \$19 for adults and \$12 for children five years and older.

### TIMBERS RESTAURANT & FISH MARKET

The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market and the adjoining Sanibel Grill are mainstays of the island dining scene, boasting 35 years of fresh fish on Sanibel Island. The restaurant offers 13 dinners for \$13 daily before 6 p.m. plus a large selection of local seafood such as grilled shrimp, fried grouper, oysters, clams and crab cakes.

Besides specializing in fresh local seafood, the restaurant has a seafood market that opens at 11 a.m. (except Sunday, when it's 2 p.m.)

### TRADERS STORE & CAFE

Traders is unique in that it combines a bustling restaurant with a large shopping emporium selling casual clothing, jewelry, accessories, home decorating and gift items, books and lamps.

The restaurant serves bistro style food with an island flair with offerings such as black beans and rice, blackened fish and fresh salads from an open kitchen. There's no fryer in this place!

The tables are freshly wrapped in white paper for each party and there's a pot of colored crayons for doodling, whether you're an adult or a child. Traders has been around long enough to have become a favored local hang-out. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., happy hour 3 to 6 p.m. and dinner 5 to 9 p.m. There's live music from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays with Danny Morgan and Wednesdays with Chris Workman.

### TRADITIONS ON THE BEACH

Traditions on the Beach is one of the few Sanibel restaurants with beachfront dining. The menu features Italian and Mediterranean cuisine based on fresh local seafood, meats and produce. Dining is from 5 p.m. until late and there is live entertainment most nights for listening and dancing.

Besides fish and steaks, you'll find Moroccan Lamb, roast duck, Texas Wild Boar Saddle and veal. Pasta, grilled items and a raw bar round out the menu. There's an attractive bar area also serving food and an extensive wine and cocktail list.

### ZEBRA FROZEN YOGURT

This bold and bright cafe/store offers a variety of frozen yogurt flavors – try the caramel sea salt pretzel – with more than 50 toppings such as strawberries, blueberries, chopped candy and sprinkles. Other offerings include milk shakes, smoothies and frappes.

Zebra has indoor and outdoor seating. The store recently added frozen yogurt to go, by the pint and quart.

## LIVE ON THE ISLANDS



The Danny Morgan Band plays Fridays at Sea Breeze Café at Sundial Beach Resort

The **Jacaranda** has entertainment nightly. On Friday and Saturday, various artists are featured starting at 8:30 p.m. Weekdays, music is from 7 to 11 p.m. On Monday, it's Renata, playing jazz, contemporary music and dance; Tuesday, David Christian, funk, pop and top '40s; Wednesday, Trevor, with contemporary top '40s and reggae; Thursday, Malibu Duo, contemporary, reggae and dance; Sunday, Jamaica "Dave" & Co., reggae and dance.

**George & Wendy's Seafood Grille** has live music Fridays and Saturdays. Friday, Billy Metts will play folk guitar outside from 6 to 9 p.m. during the Luminary Trail, while the John Allender Band will play inside from 9 p.m. to midnight. On Saturday Mary Winner & Dave Potter will entertain with vocals, harmonica and mandolin. Sunday Jazz Brunch is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with live jazz from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday is Hospitality Night with happy hour pricing from 8 p.m. to close. Karaoke is Thursdays from 9 p.m. to midnight.

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**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.

This week's lineup at **Traditions on the Beach** at the Island Inn includes: Friday Night, Dusk Duo with Dean and Kathy Winkelman, piano, guitar and vocals, playing pop, R&B, country and jazz; 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; Wednesday and Thursday, Pianoman 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.

Scott McDonald plays piano every Friday and Saturday at **Il Cielo's Cloud 9 Grill** from 7 to 9 p.m. McDonald, a Sanibel resident, has had a long music career including being pianist for singer Andy Williams.

**The Crow's Nest** at Tween Waters Inn has live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. This weekend, it's Mr. Lucky Duo.

Crab races take place Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. for families and 9 p.m. for adults.

**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.

**Sea Breeze Cafe** at Sundial Beach Resort features the Danny Morgan Band Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. as well as live entertainment on Saturdays at the same time.

**Turtles Beach & Pool Bar** at Sundial Beach Resort features live entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. with Danny Morgan performing on Fridays.

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

*Restaurant owners/managers, please email or fax any changes to your entertainment schedule to [press@islandnews.com](mailto:press@islandnews.com) or 395-2299.*



Jeff Beigh and Jan Gabrielson under the old rocking horse sign in Nanny's Children's Shoppe in Jerry's Shopping Center

## Nanny's Reopens In New Location

by Anne Mitchell

Nanny's children's clothing boutique is reborn in a new location – Jerry's Shopping Center – with new owners but also with a strong link to the past.

The original rocking horse sign hangs in the store and previous owner Jan Gabrielson is back helping the new owners. Nanny's has a history of more than



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Nanny's

30 years on Sanibel under various owners.

Jeff and Brenda Beigh from Anderson, Indiana, and their daughter and son-in-law Paisha and Rick Dowden are the new owners. Jeff Beigh is retired from the pharmaceutical business and his wife worked most of her life in retail. It's a career change for daughter Paisha, who works for Indiana University Health and manages 15 surgeons. Her husband Rick, a firefighter, will be looking for similar work when they relocate.

"We have been coming to Sanibel for 37 years and our daughter decided she wanted to get into this," said Jeff Beigh.

The spacious store is filled with merchandise that includes clothing for infants up to age 14, along with accessories and books. Holiday reds and greens are in good supply, and there is a good mix of casual and dressy outfits for all occasions and some cool weather items to send up north or for the islands' rare cold snaps.

Gabrielson is working three days a week at the store. "She's still buying for us and she has a good eye," said Beigh.

Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except Sunday when it's 12:30 to 6 p.m. ✨

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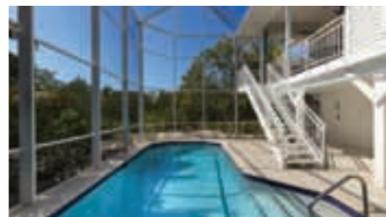
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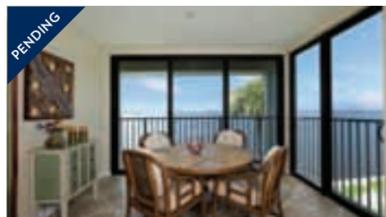
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# My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2013

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your Arian penchant for impatience shows, as you consider passing a problem-prone project on to someone else. Best advice: Stay with it and work out those snarls yourself.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Even patient Bovines can be frustrated when carefully made plans go awry. But crank up that "stick-to-it-ivity" you do so well, and you'll soon find that your schedule is back in sync.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your aspect favors using more resourceful means in dealing with a workplace situation. Some discreet checking around could help shed light on the root cause of the problem.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You show an unusually strong streak of stubbornness in rejecting suggestions from friends and/or family members early in the week. But you become more receptive by the week's end.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find a gentler approach more effective when dealing with those who resist needed changes. Remember, the word "persuasion" starts with the sound "purr."

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A disappointing experience with someone you felt you could trust can be painful. But there just might be more to this situation than you're aware of. Press for an explanation.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Changing your views about something you believe in isn't easy. But you might reconsider as the facts come in. Keep your mind open, even if you're uneasy about what you might learn.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might have to do some serious shifting of gears to get your project back on track.

But cheer up. Your hard work starts to produce some positive results by the week's end.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) An unsettling mood at the start of the week soon lifts and gives way to a more positive attitude as you find fun and friendship beginning to dominate your aspect.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A delay in firming up holiday plans could work to your advantage. Use this time to scout out possibilities that might be more in line with what those close to you would prefer.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Some people might question some of the new friends you've welcomed into your life. But your ability to see beyond the obvious helps you recognize how special they are.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Financial matters can be especially tricky this week. It's best to follow a conservative investment path for now, and wait for a more fortuitous time to take a bolder approach.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your warmth, your humor and your genuine concern for others make you someone people love to keep close to their lives.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 13, 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman becomes the first European explorer to sight the South Pacific island group now known as New Zealand. In his sole attempt to land, several of Tasman's crew were killed by warriors from a South Island tribe, who interpreted the Europeans' exchange of trumpet signals as a prelude to battle.

- On Dec. 9, 1775, the Virginia and North Carolina militias defeat 800 slaves and 200 redcoats serving John Murray, earl of Dunmore and governor of Virginia, at Great Bridge outside Norfolk, ending British royal

control of Virginia.

- On Dec. 11, 1872, already appearing as a well-known figure of the Wild West in popular dime novels, Buffalo Bill Cody makes his first stage appearance in a Chicago-based production of "The Scouts of the Prairie."

- On Dec. 12, 1901, Italian physicist and radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi succeeds in sending the first radio transmission across the Atlantic Ocean, disproving detractors who told him that the curvature of the earth would limit transmission to 200 miles or less.

- On Dec. 14, 1946, American tennis champion Stan Smith is born in Pasadena, Calif. A three-time All-American at the University of Southern California, Smith captured the NCAA singles title in 1968 and the doubles title in 1967 and 1968.

- On Dec. 10, 1967, a plane carrying soul-music legend Otis Redding crashes into the frigid waters of a small Wisconsin lake 3 miles short of the runway, killing seven of the eight men aboard, including Redding. His classic song ("Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay" would be released in its "unfinished" form several weeks later.

- On Dec. 15, 1988, legendary singer James Brown, also known as the "Godfather of Soul" and the "Hardest Working Man in Show Business," becomes inmate number 155413 at the State Park Correctional Institute in South Carolina. Already no stranger to law enforcement, Brown's reckless spree on Sept. 24 had resulted in numerous criminal charges, including assault and battery with intent to kill.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was noted German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche who made the following sage observation: "The surest way to corrupt a youth is to instruct him to hold in higher

esteem those who think alike than those who think differently."

- A scorpion can live for an entire year without eating.

- If you lack a belief in ghosts, UFOs, telepathy or other paranormal phenomena, you are in rare company; only 7 percent of Americans share your lack of belief.

- If you traveled along Highway 50 east of Reno, Nev., in recent decades, you may have had the opportunity to see -- and perhaps even contribute to -- the world's largest shoe tree. It's claimed that the cottonwood got its start as a landmark when a quarreling couple, on their wedding night, threw each other's shoes into the branches. This shoe-tossing (for reasons unclear) became a tradition, and the tree gradually became laden with the odd offerings. Travelers these days, though, miss out on the attraction; in late 2010, vandals cut down the tree. But take heart, seekers of the unusual! Shoe trees can be found in 18 other states, ranging from California to New York.

- During the entire presidency of Bill Clinton, he sent two emails.

- The Bronx Zoo is a well-respected institution these days, but some moments of its history show that it didn't always deserve such respect. For instance, in 1906, a man named Oto Benga was placed as an exhibit in the monkey house. He was a pygmy from Congo.

- It seems that the Germans have a word for everything. For instance, "waldeinsamkeit" describes the feeling of being alone in the woods.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Until you've lost your reputation, you never realize what a burden it was or what freedom really is." -- Margaret Mitchell

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## Andy Enfield

The article goes on to say the increasingly personal rivalry between the two top dogs at USC and UCLA is quality entertainment.

Enfield's enthusiasm and up-tempo style of basketball were major factors in his success here. His offense was coined Dunk City and he has taken that run-and-shoot philosophy to USC.

He has to build the USC program from scratch and, as the magazine describes, he has sought to build support by going door-to-door on the USC campus with his glamorous wife, a former super model.

As the week began, his Trojans, picked to finish near the bottom in the tough Pac 12, were 5-3 after an 84-78 victory over Xavier in a Bahamas tournament.

As for Alford, he already had his team ranked in the top 20 with a perfect 7-0 start against relatively weak opponents.

With the rhetoric escalating between Enfield and Alford, you can expect peak fervor when the two teams meet in Pac 12 play on January 5 and February 8.

By then we assume that Barkley will know the location of Enfield's new school.

### Twins Bolster Weak Pitching Staff

After three consecutive seasons of 90-plus losses and starting pitching with the highest ERA in Major League baseball, Minnesota Twins General Manager Terry Ryan promised improvements, particularly in pitching.

It appears he has kept his promise.

This week, the Twins announced the signing of free agent right-hander Phil Hughes to a three-year \$24 million deal. Once a star for the New York Yankees, he fell on hard times this past season with a 4-14 and a 5.19 ERA. He was 16-13 with a 4.23 ERA for the Yankees in 2012.

Just a few days prior to the Hughes signing, the Twins also obtained free agent Ricky Nolasco in a hefty four-year deal worth \$49 million. Nolasco, also a right-hander, has a 89-75 career record and posted a 3.70 ERA last season with the Florida Marlins and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The two signings are the Twins' largest contracts ever for outside free agents.\*

## Home Spring Training Schedule

### Minnesota Twins, Hammond Stadium – Lee County Sports Complex

March 1 – Boston Red; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 3 – Toronto; 1:05 p.m. (split squad)  
 March 5 – Baltimore; 7:05 p.m.  
 March 6 – St. Louis; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 9 – Philadelphia; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 12 – Pittsburgh; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 13 – Boston; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 14 – Baltimore; 1:05 p.m. (split squad)  
 March 16 – Miami; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 18 – Tampa Bay; 7:05 p.m.  
 March 21 – New York Mets; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 22 – New York Yankees; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 24 – Tampa Bay; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 25 – Baltimore; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 26 – Pittsburgh; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 28 – Boston; 1:05 p.m.

### Boston Red Sox, Jetblue Park at Fenway South

February 27 – Northeastern and Boston College; 1:05 p.m. (doubleheader)  
 March 2 – Baltimore; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 4 – Tampa Bay; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 7 – Atlanta; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 8 – Baltimore; 7:05 p.m.  
 March 10 – Tampa Bay; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 11 – Miami; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 15 – Philadelphia; 7:05 p.m.  
 March 17 – St. Louis; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 19 – Pittsburgh; 7:05 p.m.  
 March 20 – New York Yankees; 7:05 p.m.  
 March 23 – Tampa Bay; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 26 – Baltimore; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 27 – Minnesota; 1:05 p.m.  
 March 29 – Minnesota; 7:05 p.m.\*

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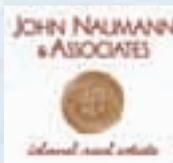
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The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club hosts its second annual Jingle Bell Walk, a 5K walk along Sanibel's Bowman Beach, December 7 with Lily & Co. Jewelers as the title sponsor.

Jingle Bell Walk proceeds will help FISH (Friends In Service Here) to help families with children in need within the community, as well as the fishing and new archery programs for children at The Sanibel Recreation Center.

"Our goal is to help children from all walks of life," Stan Howard, event chair and president of the Optimist Club, said. "In this coming holiday season we are working with FISH to lend a helping hand to families with children in need within our community."

The Optimist Club is dedicated to bringing out the best in youth by conducting positive service projects.

"Lily & Co. is proud to be title sponsor this year," said Dan Schuyler. "The Jingle Bell Walk is a fun event for the whole family while supporting those who need it most - children in our community."

Santa will make an appearance during Jingle Walk, and leashed pets are welcome. Pre-registration is available at [www.sancapoptimist.org](http://www.sancapoptimist.org) or by mail-in forms found at Sanibel Cafe, Bailey's General Store, Sanibel-Captiva Bank, FISH Walk-in Center on Periwinkle Way, or from Optimist Club members, who can be found at Sanibel Grill/Timbers in early evenings.

There will also be a registration table at The Sanibel Recreation Center. Additionally, registration can be done at the beach at 8 a.m. December 7 when credit cards will be accepted. Registration is a \$20 donation per person; and free for children 10 and under, and pets. T-shirts and refreshments will be provided.

Parking is available at Bowman's Beach.

For further information on the Jingle Walk, contact Randy Carson at 699-8739.✪

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### Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

## No More Free Lunches

Bunt's Ball Busters stormed back into first place with a 15-1 thumping of last place Fresh Legion Crew. Rich Ennis, Terry Ricotta and Dave Doane posted perfect 4-0 scores for the victors. Doane also produced the miracle shot of the night in one of his games as he kick-banked the eight ball in the side pocket after leaving himself tied up.

As the eight disappeared from the table Doane was heard to exclaim, "How else could I have played it?"

Fifth place Island Lifers knocked Sanibel Café from first place with a

9-7 victory. Both Gary Murza and Tom Walters had three wins for the Lifers. Walters' victories were especially sweet as they came over Café's Joe Mason and his new McDermott cue.

In a battle of the teams' two captains, Rich McCurry grabbed three wins over Connie Martin. McCurry then vowed there would be no more free lunches for his teammates until Sanibel Café regains first place.

Kelly Greten racked up four straight wins to lead his third place Odd Ball team to a 9-7 victory over fourth place Sandycappers. Jack Dalton posted three wins for the Sandycappers.

On Monday night the Odd Balls play Bunt's Ball Busters and Odd Ball Captain Kip Buntrock predicted his Odd guys would "bust the Busters."✪✪

### SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2013-14 Standings through December 2, 2013

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	89	39
Second	Sanibel Café	82	46
Third	Odd Balls	70	58
Fourth	Sandycappers	66	62
Fifth	Island Lifers	47	81
Sixth	Fresh Legion Crew	30	98

### December 2 Results

Bunt's Ball Busters	15	Fresh Legion Crew	1
Odd Balls	9	Sandycappers	7
Island Lifers	9	Sanibel Café	7

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## Financial Assistance Program

The City of Sanibel Financial Assistance program provides financial assistance to parents who either reside or work on Sanibel or Captiva so that their children can attend the after school program, summer day camp, holiday camp, and fun days at the recreation center. To qualify, you must complete an application, provide tax returns and other financial information. Awards range from 35 percent to 80 percent of the program fee. The difference between the program fee and the amount awarded is the responsibility of the applicant. Arrangements are made for the applicant to pay its responsibility on an installment basis. In fiscal year 2013, 35 percent of all children attending these programs received financial assistance. All moneys raised for this program stay on the island.

A community New Year's Eve party is held from 8 p.m. until 12:15 a.m. at the recreation center to celebrate the program. The family event includes entertainment, food, dancing, beverages (non alcoholic), games, surprises and professional entertainers. In the past four years, attendance has ranged from 425 to 700 people. This year is the fifth year, themed Kiss 2013 Good-bye.

For more information on the program and on the party, visit the City of Sanibel Recreation Center at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road, call 472-0345, visit the website at [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com) and click on Departments/Recreation or call Barry Roth at 313-9591.✪

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, My seventh grader is having trouble with his math homework. He seems to know the information but gets confused when he actually does

cific set of questions there is typically an increase in a student's grade. First, your son needs to agree to take the extra time to check his work. You have not mentioned if he is concerned about losing grade points but chances are he would like a better grade with only a small amount of extra effort.

There are some techniques that your son can learn to help him check his work for errors. According to Lori Desautels, professor in the School of Education at Marian University, students need only to answer a few brief questions after completing a math problem to help catch any errors.

With a new pen color or different pencil and paper, the student needs to check each answer and talk through each step out loud. When an error is found, the student should ask the following questions:

- Did I make a careless mistake?
- Did I forget the steps or order of operations?
- Am I forgetting "how" to solve the problem?
- What do I need for coming up with the right answer?
- Do I need help? Who can help me?
- What are my resources? (friend, teacher, parents, book, worksheets, computer?)

While this process seems quite simple, it has been shown to make a significant difference in the comprehension and quality of a student's math skills and achievement. Remember, getting a stu-

dent's agreement and commitment to take the extra time to employ this strategy is the key to its success.

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## Founder To Speak

instructor, the more pleased her customers will be.

Finally, Scott will share her insights of the benefit of dance, including ballroom dancing, which she loves with a passion.

ABWA meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Guests are welcome.

The cost for the evening, which includes dinner, is \$22, payable by check or cash.\*

his work. Since the accuracy of his math homework is part of his grade, he has lost quite a few points toward his grade this year. Is there anything he can do?

*Amelia V., Fort Myers, Florida*

### Amelia,

It is quite common for students to understand math concepts and then become confused while actually performing the math functions. Sometimes stress plays a role in this but more often for middle school aged students, the time factor involved in homework is the culprit. Kids want to get their homework finished as quickly as possible and often are not very concerned about the quality of their work. It sounds as if the quality of his math homework is critical for a good grade and your son will need to spend a bit of extra time to complete his work effectively for this math class.

Research has shown that when a child re-checks their math work using a spe-

## Receive Everblades Discount Tickets For Teddy Bear Donations

**T**he Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties has announced its participation in the Everblades Bear Toss on Saturday, December 7.

On Friday December 6, Toys for Tots representatives will be present outside the box office with bins to collect new, unwrapped toys for children in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. Anyone who brings a toy will be offered a discount on their tickets. The Salvation Army is also offering six tickets to whomever would like to volunteer that day for that particular game.

For the annual Iberiabank Teddy Bear Toss, doors open at 6 pm. As soon as the Everblades first goal is scored, fans will toss teddy bears onto the ice. Toys for Tots and The Salvation Army are among several organizations that will receive the teddy bears for holiday assistance programs. Toys will go to those who have registered for The Salvation Army's Christmas Cheer program. It is estimated approximately 9,000 children will be served this Christmas through this program.

Lee County residents wanting to help can also place a new, unwrapped toy near their mailbox to be picked up by their local mail carrier on Saturday, December 7. The local Toys for Tots representatives will pick up the toys from the USPS, and those toys also will be distributed to children in this community through The Salvation Army's program.\*

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## Business Climate Survey Report

The results from the fourth quarter 2013 Horizon Council FGCU Lee County Executive Business Climate Survey have been released. This survey is completed each quarter and provides insight into the Lee County economy and expected economic trends. The online survey was sent to 592 business executives in Lee County and the results are based on responses from 84 executives resulting in a 14 percent response rate.

This survey provides a key economic indicator for Lee County, the Executive Business Climate Index. The fourth quarter survey (end of October 2013) value for the climate index was 71.3, up from 69.1 in the third quarter. This index value is computed each quarter and released to the public as a way to provide an established economic indicator on the state of the local economy. The index is computed using the two questions concerning the current and future economic conditions and a third question concerning the expected industry economic conditions. The index is an average of the responses with substantially better equal to 100, moderately better equal to 75, same equal to 50, moderately worse equal to 25 and substantially worse equal to zero. The index value can range from 0 to 100.

The key findings of the survey are:

- The Lee County Business Climate Index was 71.3 for the fourth quarter

survey (end of October 2013), up from 69.1 for the third quarter survey (end of July 2013);

- 79 percent of executives stated that the current economic conditions have improved over last year;

- 77 percent of the executives expect the economy to improve over the next year;

- 64 percent of the executives stated that the current economic conditions for their industry have improved over last year but 28 percent stated that economic conditions remained approximately the same;

- 75 percent of executives expect economic conditions for their industry to improve over the next year;

- 45 percent of executives had increased employment over the last year, while 9 percent had reduced employment;

- 51 percent of executives expect to increase employment at their companies during the next year and only 4 percent of executives expect to reduce employment;

- 52 percent of companies expect to increase investment next year and only 2 percent expect to reduce their investment levels;

- 39 percent of executives surveyed indicated reduced productivity resulting from health issues lowered profitability of their business over the past 12 months.

- 40 percent of executive surveyed cited their primary reason for not offering a wellness program was due to a

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## Salvation Army Accepting Monetary Donations For The Typhoon Disaster

Salvation Army teams in The Philippines are preparing to provide assistance to the thousands of people affected by Typhoon Haiyan (known locally as Typhoon Yolanda). More than 10,000 people are thought to have lost their lives in the disaster, with hundreds of thousands left without homes, power or clean water. The worst-hit areas are impossible to reach by road, and many communities have no means of making contact with the rest of the country.

“Salvation Army teams are currently preparing to support the relief effort in the worst-hit areas and are addressing the logistics challenges of their travel and of the transportation of supplies,” stated Colonel Wayne Maxwell, Territorial Commander of the Salvation Army in the Philippines.

Seven tons of food, rice and canned goods, have already been prepared for distribution in 18-kilogram packages. Transportation is a huge challenge but The Salvation Army is in a priority queue for government approval for its goods to be transported to the region in and around the city of Tacloban. Salvation Army staff are already on their way to take part in the relief effort. The region’s geography is complicating any response, with the worst-hit area being made up of several islands.

On Leyte, the island that bore the brunt of the typhoon, there is no power and only very poor, intermittent cell phone capability, meaning that it is very difficult to get a clear picture of what is happening on the ground. The worst-affected area seems to be around Tacloban, the capital of the island province of Leyte, which is approximately 360 miles south-east of the Philippines’ capital, Manila. The islands of Iloilo, Palawan and Mindoro were also affected. A team from territorial headquarters is making arrangements with the Philippine Airforce to transport food parcels, water and medical supplies to Tacloban, and a Salvation Army doctor will be part of the initial response team.

“We have placed an order for \$100,000 US of food supplies to assist the people of Tacloban,” stated Col. Maxwell. “The reality for us here is that the need is great and we want to provide a significant response. The Island of Leyte has four corps (Salvation Army worship and community centers) and there are other islands that have experienced major levels of devastation. The task for us is immense and our cash extremely limited.”

Donations to support The Salvation Army’s response in The Philippines can be made through local Salvation Army offices of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties or online at [secure.salvationarmy.org](http://secure.salvationarmy.org).✱

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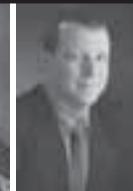
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## Poorly Drafted Trust To Support Residential Expenses



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

In the past year I've reviewed half a dozen or more poorly drafted trusts that set out to pay for residential expenses after the owner spouse dies when the surviving spouse

or receive the proceeds from its sale after the surviving spouse dies.

So the problem language found in the will or trust may look something like this:

"I leave my residence in trust for my spouse to reside rent free for the rest of his or her lifetime. I direct my trustee to pay for all ordinary and necessary expenses associated with the residence, including but not limited to property taxes, insurance, association fees and annual assessments. My trustee shall then distribute the remainder of my estate to my two children, outright and free of trust. When my surviving spouse dies the trustee shall sell the residence and distribute the proceeds of the residence between my two children."

What do you find wrong with these provisions? At first glance they appear to satisfy the decedent spouse's intent don't they? But consider this: from what funds is the trustee supposed to pay the annual expenses? The provisions of the trust do not indicate how much money or assets should be carved out to pay for the expenses associated with the residence. If the remainder of the estate is distributed between the decedent spouse's two children, what is left over to pay for the ongoing expenses?

In order to properly satisfy the decedent spouse's intent, it would be wise

to carve out an amount of assets and/or money to be held in continuing trust to generate the income necessary to satisfy the intent of paying for the residential expenses before the rest is divided between the children.

This issue can be more difficult to properly draft than one might first imagine. No one knows how many years the surviving spouse will live – nor does anyone know how over that time period inflation will affect taxes, insurance, fees and assessments. Whatever amount is carved out from the estate to be held in further trust would presumably generate some growth and income.

Because of the compressed income tax rate schedule that affects income that is accumulated inside of trusts, it is usually best to make an actuarial assumption when determining the amount of carve-out necessary and assume that both income and principal will be used to satisfy the first decedent spouse's intent.

There are a variety of other issues that may apply. What happens if the surviving spouse remarries? Is the home then sold and the proceeds distributed to the children? If so, then the value of the residence likely won't qualify for the estate tax marital deduction. If one has a taxable estate, there could be estate taxes due on the first spouse's death. Are those taxes to be paid from the other assets thereby depleting what the children initially are to receive? If not, from what source are the taxes to be paid?

What if the surviving spouse wants to sell the home and move into something smaller? In order to do this, there should

be a direction in the trust instrument that allows for this possibility. But the trust should continue to own the new property. What happens to the excess proceeds? If they are to be distributed to the children rather than held in a qualifying marital trust you encounter the same estate tax issue discussed above.

The Florida homestead rules play into this issue as well. If the parties do not have a valid nuptial agreement that waives Florida's descent and devise statutes, then the provisions will fail as an invalid devise. There you have other problems between the surviving spouse and the decedent's children that I have written about in other columns.

While fashioning a will or trust to satisfy one's intent is certainly possible, all of these issues must be carefully addressed or significant legal and tax problems will likely arise amongst your loved ones.

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## 'Mimi' Gold Coin Discovered In Red Kettle

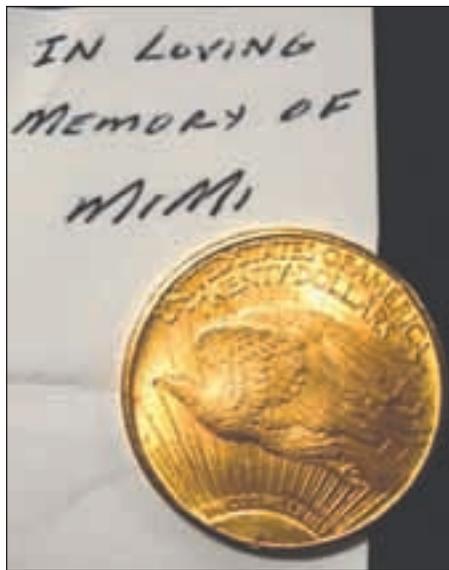
For the ninth straight year, an anonymous donor has dropped a \$20 Liberty Eagle gold coin in one of The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties' red kettles. The coin, as in previous years, was wrapped in a note that reads, "In loving memory of Mimi." The coin is dated 1925 and is estimated to be worth around \$1,300.

The coin was donated over the weekend at the Publix located at The Shops at Verandah on Palm Beach Boulevard. Multi-year volunteer Merrill Conrad was delighted to be the one to find the coin – and even more pleased that the donor's tradition of giving the coin in the red kettle continued this year.

"We are honored to receive the meaningful donation of a Mimi coin once again this year," said Major Tom Loudon, Area Commander for The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. "What a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one – this gift will make a difference in the lives of many served by The Salvation Army in our community."

A few facts about the coin:

- Designer-Engraver: Augustus Saint Gaudens
- Metal composition: 90 percent gold, 10 percent copper
- Diameter: 34 mm

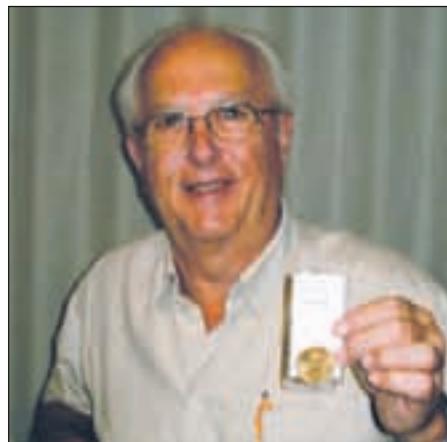


A gold coin labeled "In loving memory of Mimi" was discovered in a red kettle

- Mass: 33.44 grams
- Minted: 1907 through 1932

This generous donation comes as The Salvation Army's red kettle season moves into full swing during Thanksgiving week. With 26 days left to ring the bell, The Army has reached 18 percent of its 2013 goal of \$615,000. These critical funds enable The Salvation Army to meet the continuing needs of the most vulnerable in our community.

Since Thanksgiving falls later in the calendar this year, The Salvation Army lost several critical days to ring the bell at



Volunteer Merrill Conrad found the coin in November



Reverse image of the coin

large retailers. The organization hopes that increased giving, along with uncommon donations like the "Mimi" coin, will help make up for those lost days.

In 2012 The Salvation Army served a total more than 4,200 families, 20,000 individuals throughout Lee, Hendry and Glades counties, providing thousands of toys and more than 5,600 food baskets through its Christmas Cheer program.

If you would like to help, toy donations and volunteer bell ringers are greatly needed. Call 278-1551 for details.✪

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## Survey Report

lack of personnel to develop and/or oversee such a program.

- 58 percent of executives stated the single most important goal of a wellness program at their company would be to improve the health of their employees.

- The geographic client market had 24 percent of firms serving international markets and 26 percent serving the U.S. market.

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## Big Brothers Big Sisters Kicks Off New Campaign

Big Brothers Big Sisters, serving Lee, Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto, Highlands, Hardee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties has launched the 100 Men In 100 Days campaign to encourage men to become a Big Brother and volunteer with the organization. The recruitment campaign, ongoing through February 8, comes at a time when there are 276 boys waiting to be matched with a positive male role model.

While Big Brothers Big Sisters accepts volunteers from all walks of life, there is a greater need for male mentors. Fifty-two percent of the youth Big Brothers Big Sisters serves in its program are boys and 39 percent of the volunteers are men. Now more than ever, Big Brothers Big Sisters needs men to step up and start mentoring.

Mentoring is one of the most rewarding, enjoyable and simple things a volunteer can do. For as little as one hour a week, volunteers can add joy to the life of a child, and ultimately, contribute greatly to his or her potential.

Big Brother of the Year Paul Davidson sees firsthand the impact he is having on his Little Brother's life.

"Too few people realize, and I was one of them, that they are able to mentor a child," Davidson said. "We just need

big brothers and big sisters to choose the path of being able and willing to mentor a child. You get back so much more than you put in."

Research shows having the positive influence of a "Big" makes a real difference in the life of a child. "Littles" experience improvements in academic performance, behavior and relationships at home and elsewhere, according to independent studies. In the newly created Decisions To Win graduation program, which will soon be implemented in Lee County, 97 percent of seniors in the program successfully completed high school. "Littles" have also demonstrated better success in school with 93 percent improving or maintaining their academic performance.

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# Picture This



by Jeanie Tinch

**D**o you have a piece of artwork you love, but just aren't sure how to choose the right frame and matting to best showcase it in your home? Here are a few tips to help you set of your artwork

take center stage.

Choose an accent color to paint one wall – something different from the other three walls.

- Create drama and add size to smaller pieces of artwork by using quarter round to create “frames.”

- Contemporary artwork featuring sleek lines do well with matting in bolder richer colors

- When grouping artwork, try tracing and cutting out the diagram of each piece on butcher block paper or newspaper. Then arrange those paper pieces on your wall until you find the perfect solution.

Nothing adds more uniqueness to your room's design then a specially chosen piece of art. Artwork often times helps pull color schemes together, and adds an exciting design element into each room.

*Jeanie Tinch is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at [jeanie@decden.net](mailto:jeanie@decden.net).\**

in a dramatic and exciting fashion.

- Your matting should have the color you would like to carry into your entire room – in moderation. Most matting complements the colors in the artwork itself.

- Hang a dramatic piece of art so the eye will be drawn to the wall, helping it

## Top Associates

**C**huck and Kimberley Andrews were honored as the top sales associates in October at RE/MAX of the Islands.

Chuck Andrews was the top marketing associate for in October.

Kimberley Andrews was the top selling associate.\*



Chuck Andrews



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Lomano, Nicholson and Associates was top sales team and top listing team.

The Bell Team was top producing team.

Kit and Lynda Traverso were top producing agents.\*



Karen Bell Team



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## Big News for Thyroid Disease

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



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I have Hashimoto thyroiditis. Can I take thyroid supplements that contain iodine?

KS, Seattle, Washington

Hashimoto's or "Hashi's" is an

autoimmune condition that affects the thyroid gland, causing clinical symptoms of hypothyroidism. I know there's controversy regarding iodine supplementation. I am aware that a sudden increase in iodine can cause a bad reaction, but I don't think Hashi sufferers should avoid iodine altogether. Iodine levels have fallen over 50 percent during the last 40 years. During that same time frame, Hashi's has increased at epidemic rates. Common sense will tell you iodine is not the cause for this rise in Hashimoto's.

This next statement is huge: Hashimoto's disease is impacted far more by your selenium status than iodine. If you take iodine in the presence of selenium deficiency, it's bad news (and the same can be said for excessive selenium). That's the key, selenium deficiency causes an intolerance of iodine, especially high dose iodine.

When I hear of a Hashi sufferer having a bad experience with iodine, all that says to me is that they were selenium deficient, or they took a bad form of iodine, or too high of a dose.

You can't give iodine to a selenium deficient person, you have to "prime the pump" by giving selenium beforehand, or right along with it. The opposite is true too, giving selenium to Hashi patients without some iodine will cause huge problems. Like everything else in life, it is about balance.

I've read studies suggesting iodine to be bad for Hashi sufferers, but the participants in the study lived in geographic areas known to be severely deficient in selenium. Studies like this frame iodine as the bad guy but remember what I said about priming the pump before giving iodine?

I don't recommend high dose iodine (6mg or more) unless your overnight urinalysis proves you are deficient. You only need a few milligrams or less, but to avoid it at all costs makes me worry about your reproductive organs. You see, natural iodine supports breast health, as well as prostate, testicular, endometrial, ovarian and cervical. It's extremely protective. I lost my mother-in-law to breast cancer, which is tied to iodine deficiency.

Drug mugging is huge in the Hashi community. May folks take fluorinated drugs, causing more depletions of iodine because fluorine is a drug mugger of iodine. Shocker!

Here's a few: Flurazepam (Dalmane), atorvastatin (Lipitor), celecoxib (Celebrex), levofloxacin (Levaquin) and lansoprazole (Prevacid).

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## 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,**

I guess I am very old fashioned but when I give a gift am I out of touch with reality to expect a thank you?

I tried to teach my adult children to send thank you notes, but one son never learned. I tried all kinds of ways to improve his behavior, but nothing works. He even told me that he is so appreciative that his in-laws never expect a thank you, so I guess I will wait a long time.

He is also going to wait a long time because I plan to leave my wealth to more appreciative people. Your comments, please.

Harvey

**Dear Harvey,**

It would appear for many people that a common thank you is beyond their ability.

I was once in charge of a program for elderly women who knitted scarves and mittens all year and gave them to local churches at Christmas time.

One year the women waited and waited but no thank you ever came. Come March I realized that their adult children were wondering if I had secretly sold these items, so I approached the local priest,

He told me that the women and I were expecting far too much to be thanked and they should be satisfied with their "very act of giving." I was embarrassed when I had to tell the ladies what the priest had said and I cancelled their wonderful program.

Lizzie

**Dear Harvey,**

I know showing appreciation for gifts of all sorts is very important. I am sorry your adult children have disappointed you in this regard. It appears that this issue is so important to you that you think about it a lot. If their unappreciative ways are one of many disappointing behaviors, I can understand your concern and your decisions. If your adult children are otherwise good, loving and supportive, I encourage you to revisit how important the thank you note is to your overall relationship.

We all have our warts and behaviors that need to be improved.

Pryce

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Eden Energy Medicine

## Refresher On The Principles Of Energy Medicine



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

Given the start of another wonderful season on Sanibel, it seems appropriate to revisit the underlying principles of Eden Energy Medicine

(EEM) for the benefit of those new to the underlying concepts. The basic idea is that if energy is clogged, blocked or trapped, then one can expect there will be pain, discomfort or disease that results. By unclogging the blockage, then healing commences on the energetic level. The foundation of EEM is a series of exercises that activate each of the nine energetic systems. The combination of these nine exercises is known as the Five Minute Routine, which, when utilized, assists the body in achieving a state of wellness because of balancing all the energetic systems. I reviewed all these exercises earlier this

year in many columns.

To better understand why energy is such a valuable resource, it is helpful to review the primary approaches to health today. In our Western culture, physicians learn about the body by dissecting cadavers. In cultures that are closer to nature, healers work with the body's living energies. The problems with our ailing health care system are not only bureaucracy, vested interests, dependence on medications to treat symptoms and costly invasive procedures; but the focus is frequently on individual organs or body parts, rather than the energies that keep those organs, systems and parts functioning properly as a holistic, cohesive and integrated unit. This approach is shifting and EEM helps with providing complementary approaches to the Western model.

As Dr. Mehmet Oz, chief of cardiology at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, predicted on Oprah, "The next big frontier in medicine is Energy Medicine." That frontier is already here. Donna Eden, who developed the protocols used in the practice of Eden Energy Medicine, is showing that techniques from ancient healing and spiritual traditions make powerful contributions to contemporary health care. Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, MD, nobel laureate in medicine observed that "In every culture and in every medical tradition before ours, healing was accomplished by moving energy."

### Energy Medicine Provides the Missing Link

Here are some basics about healing with Energy Medicine:

- Energy is the foundation of the body's physical structure
- Energy Medicine is a new field with ancient roots
- Energy Medicine is both a complement to other approaches to medical care and a complete system for self-care and self-help
- Energy Medicine can address physical, emotional or mental illness
- Energy Medicine is a preventive
- Energy Medicine works with your body's reservoir of electromagnetic and more subtle energies
- Energy Medicine does not diagnose or treat medical conditions nor is it to be viewed as a replacement for advice and care provided by one's primary medical providers

These basics will be reviewed in more detail next week, followed by techniques for our eyes.

Have fun with your energy. Next week's topic is Energy Medicine – Providing the Missing Health Link

If you have a questions for Karen, email her at [ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com](mailto:ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com). Learn more at [www.semmanenergy.com](http://www.semmanenergy.com). EEM does not diagnose or cure illness, but working with subtle energies of the body has been shown to help many conditions.✱

## The Community House Offers Health Workshops

Five free public service workshops will be held at The Community House. Each class will begin with learning hands-on tools with Eden Energy Medicine that take five minutes daily.

Work with subtle energies to restore your energy when tired; sharpen your memory; boost your immune system; and alleviate stress and pain. It's fun, it's easy and it's under your control. Join Karen Semmelman to gain the gift of knowledge to self-heal.

• Thursday, December 12, 10 a.m. to noon. Heart blimps? Blood pressure, arrhythmia, circulation?

Tools to address blood pressure – Learn to hold acupressure points to balance heart energy; trace your heart meridian to boost heart energy; release trapped energy stuck between the throat and waist creating pressure in the chest cavity and more.

• Wednesday, January 15, 1 to 3 p.m. Joints groaning? Arthritis, stiffness, replacements? Create movement and looseness with Eden Energy Medicine

Learn tools for those joints that “whine too much” or that discomfort from that hip or knee replacement. What happens if your child or grandchild sticks a ball in the toilet? It is blocked and the water seeks an alternative route. That's what happens with joints. They need space and fluidity to move. This class will provide tools to create space, to unlock frozen muscles, to get energy into those

tight joints or provide pathways to reroute energy flow around replacements.

• Thursday, February 13, 4 to 6 p.m. Cancer “dis-ease?” Body, mind or spirit in overdrive? Unleash the innate ease with Eden Energy

Participants will discuss that with cancer, normal cells have learned a new habit field that does not serve our overall health. Shifting the habit field energetically opens new cellular memory to the cell. This class will work with the “Commander of our Energies” to rebalance all the systems to enable shifts to the habit the cancer cells have created. By calming the energies and boosting spleen energy (which metabolizes everything we take in, from emotion to food), a new nice dance begins.

• Wednesday, March 12, 10 a.m. to noon. Stressed? Dropping a fork set you into meltdown mode? Activate your internal “Joy Juice” with Energy Medicine  
Stress – we all have it, it's part of our culture. Not only does it deplete our spirit, but it depletes our body and minds, too. Participants will learn how to activate the radiant circuits of your energy systems, to find the positivity and joy, even when the lynch pin falls. Learn exercises that create the joy juice of life. Of course, singing, dancing and playing help, too.

• Wednesday, April 9, 4 to 6 p.m. Eyes sad? Cataracts, night vision, bright light hurts, macular degeneration?

The eyes have it. Anyone do daily eye exercises? No? Why not? We realize the importance of exercise for our body and mind, but the “Windows to our World” get neglected. This class will provide exercises for improving eye health and assisting with healing for cataracts, night vision, bright light that hurts the eye, oth-

ers and teach daily eye routine.

The workshops are free, but pre-registration is required. Call The Community House at 472-2155 to register. For more

information about each workshop, send an email to [SEMMEnergyCenter@gmail.com](mailto:SEMMEnergyCenter@gmail.com) or visit [www.semmelmanenergy.com](http://www.semmelmanenergy.com) or [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net).✪

## Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

**Q:** I was in a motor vehicle accident last year and I am still suffering chronic pain. I am fighting depression and don't want to take medication. Can you give me suggestions for

alternative methods?

**A:** Your chronic pain and depression are quite common and you, like many others, are resistant to medications due to side effects and possible addictive components. Some of the overlap between depression and chronic pain can be explained by biology. Depression and chronic pain share some of the same neurotransmitters – the chemical messengers traveling between nerves. They also share some of the same nerve pathways.

Because chronic pain and depression are so intertwined, they are often treated together.

While you may not feel like exercising, it is critical to help manage your pain. Slow, gentle exercises are best. Talk with your physician about what is best for your condition. Perhaps physical therapy would also be an option. Physical activity releases the same kind of brain chemicals that antidepressant medications release – it's a natural antidepressant.

Another goal is to replace any victim identity and working through pain with the focus being on healing.

Remember that what you focus on expands, so you want to focus on a higher healing frequency rather than focusing on your pain. It's important to get busy and work through it rather than wallowing in it.

Some helpful resources to explore below can get you started on alternative coping techniques and healing:

American Chronic Pain Association  
<http://www.theacpa.org/>  
Academy of Cognitive Therapy  
<http://www.academyofct.org>  
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies  
<http://www.abct.org/>  
Beck Institute for Cognitive Therapy and Research  
<http://www.beckinstitute.org/>✪

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## Big News For Thyroid Disease

I'm not bent on high dose iodine, but low doses may be necessary to getting well, and it needs to be in combination with selenium. Generally speaking, I disagree with supplements that make more and more thyroid hormone. Most of you cannot even use what you have!

I think we need to focus on two other more important things. One, getting thyroid hormone activated to T3, and two, getting the T3 into the cell. Only then do you see symptoms clear up, such as cold sensitivity, hair loss, fatigue and slow metabolism.

*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](http://www.dearpharmacist.com).✪*

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- 1 box natural cornbread mix

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Cook onion until tender in a small amount of olive oil, seasoning with salt and pepper.

Fold half of the cheese into the cornbread batter. Pour batter into pan over the onions. Add remaining cheese to the top of the cornbread mixture. Sprinkle the tomatoes over the batter. Bake as directed on box.

Remove from oven when golden brown and cooked throughout. Let cool slightly and serve warm.\*



Florida Tomato Cornbread

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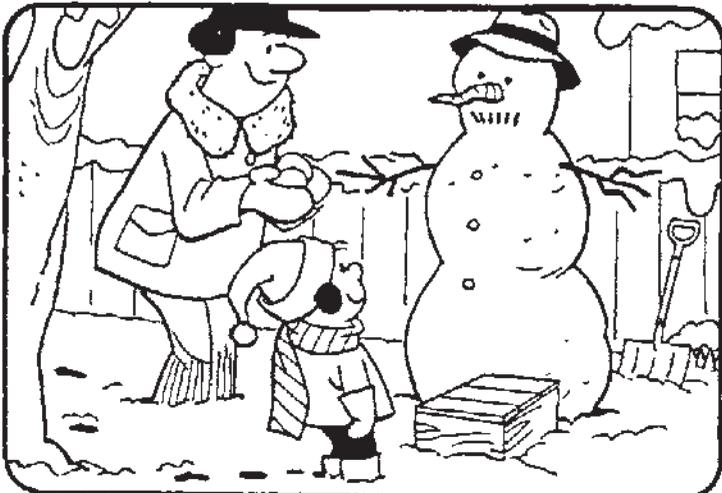
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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**MALGE**

Grow

**DUBIL**

Land

**LAHGIT**

**TODAY'S WORD**

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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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Renaissance	Fort Myers	2008	3,940	\$999,000	\$943,529	12
Fort Myers	Fort Myers	1962	4,398	\$599,000	\$550,000	91
Pine Island Shores	St. James City	1978	1,364	\$599,000	\$550,000	22
Vanderbilt Lakes	Bonita Springs	1998	2,419	\$569,900	\$545,000	3
Dunes At Sanibel Island	Sanibel	1979	1,831	\$549,000	\$530,000	126
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1990	2,804	\$540,000	\$515,000	87
McGregor Isles	Fort Myers	1991	2,941	\$539,000	\$515,000	4
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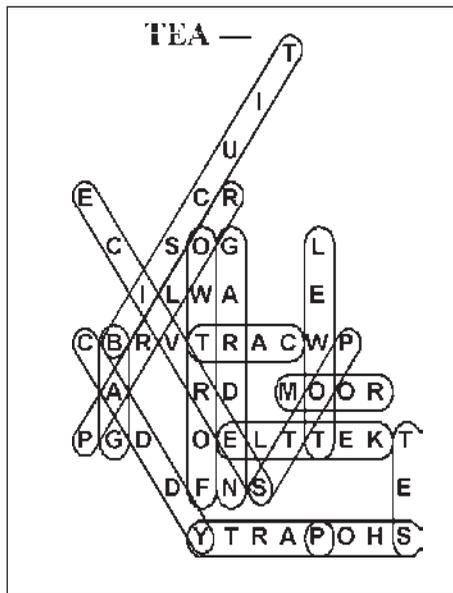
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## MAGIC MAZE



## SUPER CROSSWORD

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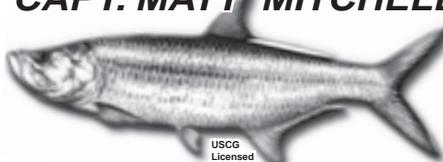
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**MOBILE HOME PERIWINKLE PARK**

\$95,000. 60 x 12 w/ metal roof-over plus 20 x 12 Florida room. Master BR has queen size bed & blt-in dresser & dbl closet. Master bath has combo bath/ shower & dbl sink vanity w/extra storage. Guest BR has dbl closet + blt-in drawers & private bath w/ shower. Eat-in-kit is open to LR which flows into Florida room. Designed pass-thru from K to FL room. Private 12 x 12 deck, picnic table and storage shed. One car carport with adjacent 2nd parking space. Ceramic tile flooring in kitchen. Florida room & bathrooms. Carpeting in both bedrooms & LR. Home recently inspected & has all required tie-downs. New central air & heat system & stacked washer/dryer, all appliances louvered blinds throughout. Purchase completely furnished including all linens, dishes, pots & pans, tableware, 2 sleeper couches, recliner, 2 dining tables & chairs, 4 outdoor chairs & folding beach chairs, etc. Call owner 317-293-0915 or email LMSrealtor@aol.com for further information or to make offer.

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**Sanibel, FL 33957**

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**ANNUAL RENTAL**

**ANNUAL RENTALS**

**LAKE FRONT**

This updated 2 bedroom/2.5 bath Townhouse is available mostly furnished. All appliances, gorgeous serene views, covered parking, walk to stores. Call to view this property. \$1,500/mo.

**BEFORE SANIBEL**

1/1 UF Condo on Davis Rd. Just before Sanibel. Just painted & tiled. Pool & Tennis \$695./mo.

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**RE/MAX OF THE ISLANDS**

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**HOUSEKEEPER GIRL FRIDAY**

Experienced Housekeeper. Excellent References, Reliable, I will also help with light cooking and errands. Call Heather (239) 826-1045 Sanibel & Lee Co. License

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**BONNIE'S CLEANING**

Daily, Weekly, or Monthly. No job is to big or too small. Call Bonnie Pratt 239-772-5234.

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**SANIBEL HOME WATCH**

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With Robert Robitaille Line dance classes. Fun and great exercise with energetic instructor. All styles of music! No experience or partner required. Audience: adults and seniors. First 30 minutes of class is an instruction for beginners. Call 239-245-8196 or cell 954-309-3778. Welcome all...

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**HELP WANTED**



3883 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL  
Phone: 239-472-3644, ext 1  
Fax: 239-472-2334  
www.crowclinic.org

**HELP US PLEASE!!**

We need volunteers for: Clinic emergency patient admissions desk and baby animal feeders Visitor education center greeters and gift shop cashiers  
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## HELP WANTED

### THE SANIBEL BEAD SHOP

PT Sales.  
Jewelry making exp. preferred.  
Apply in person.  
1101 Periwinkle Way,  
Mon.-Sat, 11-5 p.m.  
\*NS 12/6 CC TFN

### HELP WANTED

Billy's Rentals on Sanibel now hiring outgoing individuals to assist customers with bicycle rentals & deliveries. Also Cashier with ability to multi task with a smile! Valid drivers license required, transport from FM location available. call Billy's Rentals 239-472-5248 ask for Robin.  
\*NS 11/29 CC 12/6

### FULL TIME DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Saint Isabel Parish in Sanibel Florida seeks full-time Director of Music. The position is responsible for providing music planning, organ/piano accompaniment, cantor when necessary for all weekend and Seasonal Masses, as well as weddings and funerals. Requirements include: Knowledge of Catholic liturgy and tradition, experience in instrumentation and music composition, ability to recruit, train, and support a choir. Please send resumes and letter of interest to: saintisabel@aol.com or Saint Isabel Catholic Church, 3599 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL 33957.  
\*NS 11/8 CC TFN

### NURSERY ATTENDANT

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ seeks paid part-time Sunday Nursery Attendant for year round on Sunday mornings for infant-4 year olds. Background check and references required. 2-3 years teaching experience preferred. We are a theologically diverse congregation. For more information contact 472-0497.  
\*NS 10/11 CC TFN

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At The Sanibel School  
Call Michelle Wesley  
239-910-8000  
\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

## HELP WANTED

### 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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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for light general maintenance. Call (CHR) Community Housing & Resources, Inc. 472-1189.  
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## BOATS - CANOES - KAYAKS

### WANTED BOAT LIFT

Local Sanibel Resident with 20' Flats boat is looking to rent a boat lift for the winter months. Please call Dan (317) 507-4447. Thank You!  
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### DOCKAGE

Hourly, Daily, Weekly and Monthly.  
Captiva Island 472-5800  
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## LOST AND FOUND

### TOOL BOX WASHES UP ON SANIBEL



This tool box with motor parts washed up on shore Saturday morning, May 8 about 8:30 on the beach at Sundial Resort on Sanibel Island. To claim call Sundial Resort Security 239-472-4151.  
\*NS 6/14 CC TFN

### FOUND

Prescription sunglasses found in parking lot of Limetree Center on Wednesday, February 27. Claim at Island Sun newspaper, suite 2 in Limetree Center, or call 395-1213.  
\*NS 3/8 NC TFN

## EVENTS

### DOLL SHOW & SALE

Dolls & Toys & Bears OH MY! Doll Show & Sale Sunday December 8, 2013 at the Cape Coral Yacht Club @ 5819 Driftwood Pkwy. 10-4. Adm: \$5 Adults & \$1 kids 10 & under. Doll Repair & Appraisals. RAFFLE! American Girl Hand Made Clothing, NEW Dolls to Antique! Vintage Barbie's! REBORN's! See info/pictures: www.facebook.com/DollsToysBearsOHMYad\_   
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### ESTATE SALE

Fri. Dec. 6 noon to 4 &  
Sat. Dec. 7, 9-4  
1494 Center St. Sanibel  
(behind Billy's Bikes)  
No early birds  
Furniture, tools, household goods,  
collectables, books/DVDs, boat building  
kits, kids stuff, something for everyone.  
\*NS 11/29 CC 12/6

### GARAGE SALE

McGREGOR WOODS YARD SALE  
Saturday, Dec 7th, 7 - 1 PM  
Neighborhood Yard Sale. Clothes,  
Furniture, Dishes, Toys, Appliances and  
many more items.  
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### GARAGE SALE

Saturday, December 7  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
800 Casa Ybel Rd., Apt 7.  
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## FOR SALE

### BUY SELL TRADE

Silver and Gold Jewelry  
Great Gifts for Him and Her  
2431 Periwinkle Way  
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## WANTED TO BUY

### CASH PAID FOR MILITARY ITEMS

Cash Paid For Old Military Items.  
Medals, Swords, Uniforms,  
helmets, old guns, awards & more.  
Local Toll Free 1-866-440-3280  
\*RS 12/6 CC 2/28

## LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF  
FLORIDA IN AND FOR INDIAN RIVER COUNTY GENERAL  
JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 31-2013-CA-000223

J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MICHAEL J. STASZEWSKI, et al.,  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered October 2, 2013 in Civil Case No. 31-2013-CA-000223 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Indian River County, Florida, wherein J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP is Plaintiff and MICHAEL J. STASZEWSKI AKA MICHAEL STASZEWSKI AKA MIKE STASKI, ANN M. STASZEWSKI, KEITH L. MASON, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, are Defendants, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at www.indianriver.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 12th day of December, 2013 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 3 AND 4, BLOCK B, "OSLO PARK" UNIT NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was: [check all used] (x) E-mailed (x) Mailed this 21st day of November, 2013, to all parties on the attached service list.

It is the intent of the 19th Judicial Circuit to provide reasonable accommodations when requested by qualified persons with disabilities. If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation to participate in a court proceeding or access to a court facility, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port Saint Lucie, FL 34986; (772) 807-4370; 1-800-955-8771, if you are hearing or voice impaired.

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\*RS 11/29 CC 12/6

## Pets Of The Week

Lee County Animal Services is offering black or mostly black cats or kittens for an adoption fee of \$10 through December 31.

Hello, my name is Misty and I am a tricolored spayed female Chihuahua/Dachshund mix (Chiweenie) age five.

If you would like a well-mannered, calm, cuddly, small dog look no more. I walk well on a leash and you can take me anywhere. The volunteers have even taken me shopping at the mall. I could be your shopping buddy for the holidays and forever. I'm ready to make new memories with a new family.

Adoption fee: \$20 to \$50 off the regular adoption fee of \$75 when you draw a discount coupon from Animal Services Holiday Stocking!

My name is Lynn and I am a female domestic short hair tortie age four months.

I'm so precious and playful you'll be amazed. What's even more amazing is that you can adopt me or any of my black or mostly black feline friends for just \$10.

Adoption fee: \$10 during the Black Tie Affair 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](http://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.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.\*



Misty ID# 575496  
photos by squaredogphoto.com



Lynn ID# 574796

## Pets Need A Home 4 The Holidays

Lee County Domestic Animal Services will join thousands of pet shelters and adoption centers across the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico during Home 4 the Holidays 2013, a national event organized to raise awareness of the joys of owning shelter-adopted pets.

Organizers hope to match more than 1.5 million dogs, cats, puppies and kittens with loving, adoptive families. During December Lee County Animal Services hopes to place 300 pets from its facility into lifelong homes.

Adopters will receive \$20 to \$50 off the regular pet adoption fees when they draw a coupon from one of Animal Services' big stockings and are eligible for weekly gift drawings. All black and mostly black cats are already discounted to \$10 and cats and kittens have a two for one adoption fee.

The adoption fee for all pets includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, de-worming, heartworm test for dogs six months or older, feline aids and leukemia test for cats, a Lee County license for pets three months or older, training DVD, Behavior Help Line, Microchip Pet ID, a \$3 discount coupon off Blue Buffalo dog or cat food, and a 10-day health guarantee. The total adoption package is valued at more than \$500.

In the past some shelters have discouraged families from adopting pets during the holidays, said Ria Brown, spokeswoman for Lee County Animal Services. "Historically, however, this did not stop them from getting new pets during this time. It just took away the adoption option and forced them to support the puppy mill industry," Brown added.

Animal Services works to match the needs of the pets with the lifestyles of the families regardless of the time of year.

Adoption hours at Lee County Domestic Animal Services are 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS). Pictures of pets available for adoption can be viewed at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com). The website updates hourly.\*

## PAWS

This beautiful one-year-old girl resembles a Russian Blue cat. She was found in Periwinkle Park on Sanibel and needs a new home.

PAWS named her Sweet Pea because of her super sweet personality. She likes other cats, but would do best in an only cat home.

Call Pam at PAWS of Sanibel at 472-4823 for more information about adopting Sweet Pea.

PAWS needs foster homes. Anyone interested in taking a PAWS cat into their home temporarily (all expenses paid) until PAWS can find a permanent home, may call Pam at PAWS of Sanibel.\*



# Island Sun

NEWSPAPER  
Sanibel & Captiva Islands

## CALLING CARD 239-395-1213

Emergency.....	911
Sanibel Police .....	472-3111
Lee County Sheriff's Office .....	477-1200
On Call Captiva Deputy .....	477-1000
Fire Department .....	
Sanibel .....	472-5525
Captiva .....	472-9494
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
Captiva .....	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association .....	472-2155
Senior Center.....	472-5743
<b>ARTS</b> .....	
Arcade Theater.....	332-4488
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts) .....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre .....	278-4422
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	472-6197
Lee County Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic.....	597-1111
The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater .....	472-6862
Sanibel Music Festival .....	336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League .....	472-4258
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
<b>CLUBS &amp; ORGANIZATIONS</b> .....	
ABWA (American Business Women's Assoc.).....	565-7872 or 433-7798
American Legion Post 123 .....	472-9979
Angel Flight SE .....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Audubon Society.....	472-3744
Sanibel Bike Club .....	<a href="http://sanibelbicycleclub.org">sanibelbicycleclub.org</a>
Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva .....	274-5900
CROW (Clinic For The Rehabilitation of Wildlife).....	472-3644
FISH of Sanibel (Friends in Service Here) .....	472-0404
Sanibel Island Fishing Club .....	472-8994
Horticultural Society of the Islands.....	472-6940
Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel and Captiva .....	472-8334
Kiwanis Club .....	677-7299
League of Women Voters .....	<a href="mailto:sanibelLWV@gmail.com">sanibelLWV@gmail.com</a>
Lions Club (Tom Rothman) .....	395-3248
Master Gardeners of the Islands .....	472-6940
Newcomers .....	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida .....	768-0417
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PAWS .....	472-4823
Rotary Club .....	472-7257 or 472-0141
Sanibel Beautification Inc.....	470-2866
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society .....	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron .....	472-3828
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club.....	395-1770
Sanibel Youth Soccer .....	395-2040
<a href="http://www.sanibelsoccer.org">www.sanibelsoccer.org</a>	
The Military Officers Assc. of America .....	
(MOAA, Alex MacKenzie).....	395-9232
United Way of Lee County .....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline.....	(24 hour information line) 211 or 433-3900
Zonta Club .....	671-6381
<b>ISLAND ATTRACTIONS</b> .....	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge .....	472-1100
Sanibel Historical Museum & Village .....	472-4648
SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation) .....	472-2329



# Sanibel Luminary Food & Entertainment

Friday, December 6th, 2013 - 5:30pm to 9:00pm

- 1. **TROLLEY STOP: East end/Pinocchio's/Lighthouse Café**
  - Cracker Blues -5 piece blues band
  - Refreshments
  - **Forever Green / CIP's:** Light Refreshments
  - **Eileen Fisher:** Light Refreshments
- 2. **TROLLEY STOP: Jerry's Center**
  - Music & Refreshments
  - 5:30 — Face Painting
  - 5:45 - Children's Center of the Islands Choir
  - 6:15 - 7:15 - Photo with Santa
  - CROW Information Table
  - **Sanibel Congregational Church** - Refreshments & Music
- 3. **TROLLEY STOP: Tahitian Gardens**
  - Santa Stop
- 4. **TROLLEY STOP: Periwinkle Place**
  - Refreshments & Music
- 5. **TROLLEY STOP: School House Theater lot/Sanibel Community House** - Open House, Shell Crafters, Crafts
  - **TROLLEY STOP: The Village Shops**
    - Island Brass
    - Refreshments
  - **Sanibel Deli:** Pizza, Refreshments
- 6. **TROLLEY STOP: Palm Ridge**
  - **Sanibel Deli:** Pizza, Refreshments
- 7. **TROLLEY STOP: Palm Ridge**
  - **Sanibel Deli:** Pizza, Refreshments
- 8. **TROLLEY STOP: Olde Sanibel Shoppes**
  - Santa Stop
  - Sanibel School Choir & Herb Strauss singers
  - Refreshments & Music
- 9. **TROLLEY STOP: Bailey's Center**
  - Santa Stop
  - **Bailey's General Store:** Cypress Lakes School of the Arts Acapella Choir, Refreshments
  - **George & Wendy's Seafood Grille:** Live Music, Drink Specials & Free Munchies 6-9pm
  - **Coffee Bar:** Drink Specials
  - **Zebra Frozen Yogurt:** Frozen Treats
  - **Islander Center / Rhodes Tucker / MacIntosh:** Food & Refreshments, Ron Base Book Signing

