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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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## Fort Myers Beach Art Association Season Opens This Saturday



Members at the potluck at the gallery

photo by Michele Buelow

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association opens the season October 15 with the Anything Goes All Member Show at the gallery on Donora and Shellmound. Running until November 10, this display of members' art will feature media and styles of all kinds, some not usually seen at the gallery. Sculpture, photography and other genres will be displayed along with the two dimensional paintings. A potluck

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## How Sweet It Is At Broadway Palm



The female band plus two male cross dressers

by Di Saggau

Sugar, the *Some Like it Hot* Musical is sweet and sassy with a cast that brings back fond memories of the classic 1959 movie featuring unforgettable performances by Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe. The stage version has basically the same story while adding more than a dozen songs. Two down-and-out musicians witness the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and in order to elude the gangsters, hide by dragging their way into a touring all-girl band. They make a quick getaway from snowy Chicago to sun-drenched Miami Beach.

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The Fort Myers High School Drumline in the Zombie Walk

photo by Roger Hootman

## Fort Myers To Attempt World Record For Largest Gathering Of Zombies

According to The Guinness Book of World Records, the largest gathering of zombies was held in Asbury Park, New Jersey on October 30, 2010, with 4,093 participants. At last year's ZOMBICON in downtown Fort Myers, police estimated more than 10,000 people in attendance, unofficially shattering the current record. ZOMBICON organizers hope to make it official during this year's event on October 15. The public is invited to join the zombie horde and help put Fort Myers on the World Map.

Other cities have tried and failed. Brisbane, Australia; Seattle, Washington; and Dublin, Ireland have all claimed larger numbers, but have not, thus far satisfied Guinness' stringent requirements. The rules state that all participants must be wearing zombie costumes or makeup, which (at the very least) must include white face, dark eyes and red color. All zombies must gather simultaneously within a designated area and remain there for a minimum of 10 minutes. This must be timed by two experienced timekeepers with stopwatches accurate to 0.01 seconds. Other forms of verification must be submitted including photos, video and official statements.

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## Calendar Girls Are On The Move



Luda Goldenberg, Pam West, Linda Floyd, Bette Frazier, Cara O'Keefe, Marianne McSweeney, Katherine Shortlidge, Pat Webber, Barbara Peck, Tina Pegler, Lyn Carlson, JJ Jones

The weather is cooling down but the Calendar Girls Florida dance team is just getting warmed up.

On November 4 at 9 a.m., The Calendar Girls will march into the Share Club North at 5170 Orange Grove Boulevard in North Fort Myers for Lee Memorial Health System Military Support's Salute to Our Veterans. That afternoon, at 2:15 p.m., the team will help the Tony Rotino Center, Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral celebrate 34

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

# The Robert E. Lee Monument Gets Underway

by Gerri Reaves

Part I of II



The next time you are at Monroe and First, look north and appreciate the imposing monument in the median. Not only will you see the realization of a dream more than 50 years in the making, but you'll be in the vicinity of authentic Civil War battle artifacts.

On January 19, 1966, that monument to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was dedicated. Central to the achievement was Edna F. Grady Roberts, chair of the monument fund committee of the Laetitia Ashmore Nutt Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), which sponsored the project. Other

committee members were Mrs. Lalla R. Moore, Mrs. H.C. Anderson, Mrs. Leon Crumpler, and Mrs. Roy P. Lawrence.

In her letter asking fellow citizens to support the project, Roberts chronicled the chapter's half-century struggle to honor Lee. First, she explained that Fort Myers' "early pioneer fathers" had chosen in 1887 to name the new county after the general because his character was "worthy of emulation."

When the UDC chapter was formed in 1913, she wrote, one of its first actions was to start a fund for the monument, which would be placed on the grounds of the Lee County Courthouse.

People familiar with Fort Myers history will know that 1913 was a highly unusual year for the county courthouse. It was demolished by order of Bill Towles, head of the county commission. The politics that led to that all-night demoli-



James Clifford and Edna Grady Roberts place Civil War artifacts in the foundation of the Robert E. Lee Monument on Monroe Street, January 6, 1966

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

tion is one of the most controversial and colorful stories in local lore.

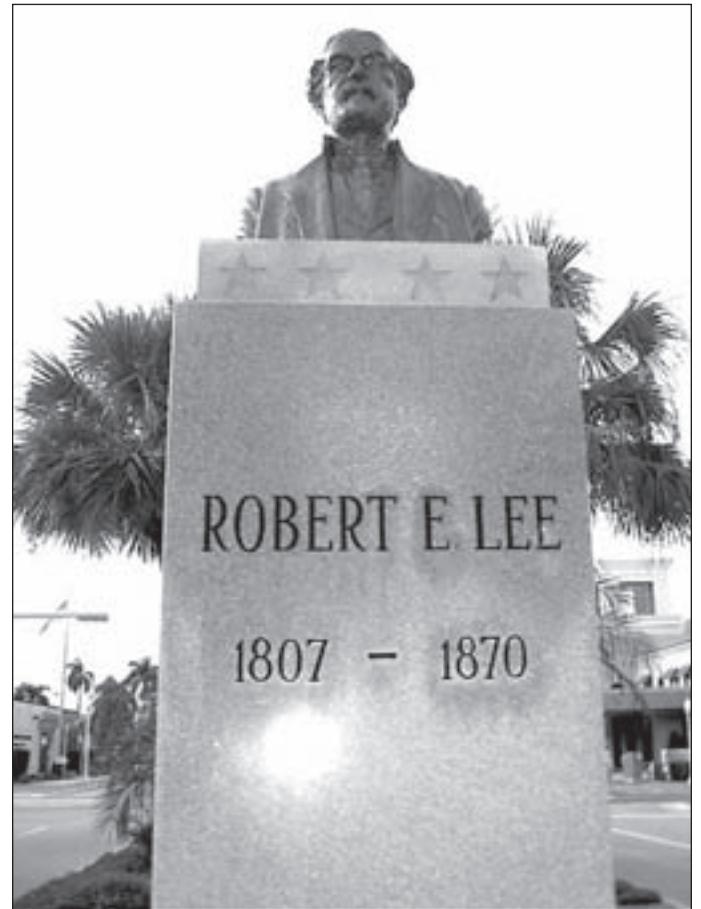
The courthouse lumber was salvaged to build Fort Myers' first hospital, but there were no funds to equip it. The UDC generously donated its monument funds to the facility, which was suitably named Robert E. Lee Memorial Hospital shortly thereafter.

UDC's monument plans were once again put on hold in 1943 when the WPA-built hospital on Cleveland Avenue was completed. Funds were short, and the chapter donated money designated for the monument, this time as an endowment maintenance fund for the nursery.

The plan for a Lee monument did not wither, however. In 1953, Mrs. Frannie Mae Whisnant, then UDC chapter president, revived the plan, established a third fund and secured a site on the grounds of Lee Memorial Hospital.

Hospital expansion eventually rendered that site unsuitable, but the Fort Myers City Council subsequently allotted the space where the monument stands today. In addition to the Council and Mayor Paul Myers,

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The monument to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee on Monroe Street

photo by Gerri Reaves



These Civil War battlefield artifacts lie in the monument's foundation

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



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Member Neal Walling teaching

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## FMBAA Season

on October 20 kicks off the season for the art association and welcomes everyone back. Anyone interested in becoming a member or knowing a little more about the organization is welcome to join in for dinner and a short meeting. Call the gallery at 463-3909 to sign up.

The upcoming 2011-2012 season is going to be a busy one. Right now on Wednesday and Thursday mornings you can find artists painting at the gallery, but after October 20 the gallery will be open

Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. Stop by to see the shows, the activities and purchase a piece of artwork to take home with you – it is always for sale.

Exciting things are in the works for the second annual Paint the Beach... Sandcastles to Shrimptoats, a plein air festival in Fort Myers Beach. The call for artists has gone out around the country to bring plein air artists in to paint the beautiful town of Fort Myers Beach. Main sponsors Fish Tale Marina, Santini Marina Plaza and the Fort Myers Beach Art Association, with contributing sponsors Holiday Inn, The Lighthouse Inn and Resorts, Smokin Oyster Brewery,

Diamondhead Resort and World Championship Sandsculpting, are once again bringing in music and fine food to enhance the experience of the plein air artists.

Artists will be painting around town November 14 to 17 and will present their work at the collectors preview gala on November 18. A quick draw event will be held on Saturday near the tent. There will be bands, plays and art. Artists are still needed. For more information visit the website at [www.fortmyersbeachart.com](http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com).

Tickets for the gala go on sale October 22 at the FMBAA booth at Santini Plaza Howl'ween Street Fair. Cost is \$20 in advance, \$25. at the door. Tickets are also be available at Fish Tale Marina office and the FMBAA gallery.

Famous artists are coming to the beach to teach week-long workshops. Bridget Austin will kick off the season with a watercolor workshop November 14 to 18. Rose Edin will teach January 16 to 20 and Carol Frye will teach February 13 to 17. Each artist will do a demo on the Sunday prior to their workshop. The art association brings these artists of national note to the beach to teach at very reasonable costs. Check out the website, [fortmyersbeachart.com](http://fortmyersbeachart.com) to see what will interest you or call Karen Borden at 463-0343 to sign up.

Local artists also teach short workshops at the gallery each year. Kathryn A. McMahon will hold a class in Learning the Techniques of Oil and Acrylic Painting on November 3 and 4. This will be followed by Pauline Healey teaching

Batik Watercolor on December 2, and Sue Pink on February 2 and 3, teaching collage. Classes cost \$50 per day for expert instruction. Neil Walling will again teach his Plein Air Painting for three mornings on February 23, 24 and 25 for \$20 each day.

The gallery on Donora and Shellmound, Fort Myers Beach, is open from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays and Thursdays until mid-October when winter hours begin. For more information call the gallery at 463-3909 or visit [www.fortmyersbeachart.com](http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com).\*

## National Stamp Collecting Month

On Saturday October 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., join The Shell Factory in North Fort Myers for a National Stamp Collecting Month family event. Activities will include mail sack races, Caloosa Clown skits, face painting, agility dog demonstrations, Dock Dog demonstrations, final judging of a student Letters to Owney writing contest, pet photo contest, creating a pet placemat, learning how to start a stamp collection, online coloring activity, and doorprizes. Each attendee will receive a collectible Owney the Postal Dog cachet envelope. More information about the event can be obtained by contacting [debra.j.mitchell@usps.com](mailto:debra.j.mitchell@usps.com).\*

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# Festival Of Trees Sponsorships Still Available



Decorating a tree for the festival

Preparations for the 5th Annual Festival of Trees are in high gear, and the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation has a few remaining sponsorship openings for its traditional holiday celebration in the Fort Myers River District.

The 2011 Festival of Trees begins November 25 at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers.



A holiday wonderland at the Festival of Trees

Tree sponsorship allows businesses, organizations, and individuals to market themselves in a whole new way, explained Goodwill spokeswoman Kirsten O'Donnell.

"Our tree sponsors have represented just about every possible type of business in our area," said O'Donnell. "Civic groups, hotels, construction companies, utility providers, retail stores, financial planners, and even pet groomers. It's a great way to get exposure in front of 5,000 people in just one week."

Tree sponsors are responsible for decorating a seven-foot holiday tree, and

investing a minimum of \$500 in decorations and gifts. Because the trees are auctioned to support the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation, the sponsorship is a tax-deductible contribution.

In exchange for their support, sponsors receive tickets to the Tux & Trees Gala and live auction to be held at the conclusion of the festival on December 3. Tree sponsors are also recognized in local media, online, and at the event.

Other sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$50 to advertise in the gala program to the \$10,000 presenting sponsorship. General and in-kind donations are also welcome.

For more information or to become a sponsor, call 652-1649 or visit [www.tuxandtrees.com](http://www.tuxandtrees.com).

The Festival of Trees is one of Southwest Florida's outstanding holiday showcases, and the Tux and Trees Gala is the signature fundraising event of Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. In just four years, these events have raised more than \$215,000 to support Goodwill's programs and services for people with disabilities and other disadvantages in our community.✧

## Casino Night 4-H Fundraiser

The public is invited to a night of casino, Texas Hold'em, auctions, food, drinks, and dancing to a live band November 5 at Victory Lane Café. All proceeds benefit 4-H children in Lee County. This is an adult event and people must be 18 to attend. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with an hour-long gaming class; dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The casino will run from 8 to 11 p.m. with a live band playing throughout the night. Advance tickets are \$25 which includes a meal, drink tickets, and 5,000 casino chips. The Texas Hold'em tournament is an additional \$25. Tickets will be \$35 at the door, so buy tickets in advance at [www.leecounty4h.com](http://www.leecounty4h.com) to save and help the 4H program. Victory Lane Café is located at 4120 Hancock Bridge Parkway in North Fort Myers.✧



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## Bikewalklee Congratulates Fort Myers City Council For Adopting New Complete Streets Resolution

On Monday, October 3, the Fort Myers City Council unanimously adopted a Complete Streets resolution initiating the process of planning and regulatory changes needed to establish a Complete Streets program.

The term "complete streets" refers to streets that adequately provide for all roadway users including bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists and transit riders of all ages in an economically efficient manner. By definition, it acknowledges that streets have multiple users and functions. Implementing Complete Streets in Fort Myers will leverage the best integration of land use and transportation planning with a goal of safe, accessible connectivity community-wide using multiple modes of transportation.

The city council received emails and heard public commentary from a number of citizens in support of the resolution, including Sally Jackson of Lee Memorial Health Systems and Diane Holm of the Lee County Public Health Department reading a letter by Dr. Judith Hartner.

Fort Myers resident and young mother Cindy Banyai hopes with the passage of this resolution that "more consideration will now be given to people like (her), wanting to hop on her bike with her daughter to safely enjoy all the amenities of Fort Myers."

By adoption of a Complete Streets resolution, Fort Myers joins Lee County and more than 223 U.S. jurisdictions and 23 states in its commitment to the safety of its citizens. City Planning Manager Nicole Devaughn stated she "looks forward to the collaborative process of moving ahead with a Complete Streets program, now with the council's full backing."

With the goal of a safer walkable and bikeable community, this resolution initiates the integration of some of the city's existing policies and plans, such as the 2004 Traffic Calming Plan, the 2007 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and

the 2010 Fort Myers Comprehensive Plan. Coordinating current standalone plans and policies within a set of principles focused on safe access for all road users will ensure these concerns are addressed at the beginning of future planning efforts. Complete Streets improves planning, speeding project completion with less cost by putting local input and needs assessments at the beginning of the process, rather than at the end when changes are more costly.

The public's return on investment is maximized by supporting a freer range of citizen transportation choices – choices that reduce injuries or fatalities, lower health care costs, increase local business patronage and increase property values while creating the walkable and bikeable neighborhoods sought by tourists and those wanting to relocate to this area.

"Yesterday's action by the Fort Myers City Council strengthens Lee County's position as a leader within Southwest Florida in promoting sustainable/livable communities and Complete Streets," said Darla Letourneau, a BikeWalkLee leader. "With the constellation of policies that the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Lee County commissioners, and now the city council of Fort Myers have put in place, the county is moving in a new direction on transportation, land use planning and sustainability. BikeWalkLee is committed to working with the city and all parties in the county to make this vision a reality," Letourneau said.

BikeWalkLee is a community coalition raising public awareness and advocating for complete streets in Lee County – streets that are designed, built, operated and maintained for safe and convenient travel for all users: pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. For more information, visit [www.BikeWalkLee.org](http://www.BikeWalkLee.org), or the BikeWalkLee blog at <http://bikewalklee.blogspot.com>.\*

insults, (limited) praise, outlandish true and no so true stories, and even a few heartwarming tributes.

The Roast will be held in the Dolphin Room at the Shell Factory, with open bar from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 7:30, when the nonsense will begin. Cost is \$250 per couple or \$800 for a table of eight. Cronin said, "I am hoping that after 20 years as chairman, we will break through the \$300,000 mark to Lee County charities." Checks should be made payable to the Nature Park Environmental Education Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization. For more information and reservations call 995-2141, ext. 117 or at email [tomsoffice@shellfactory.com](mailto:tomsoffice@shellfactory.com).\*

## Gentlemen's Club To Roast Frank Mann

On Saturday, October 29, The Gentlemen's Club of Fort Myers will roast County Commission Chairman Frank Mann. Proceeds will benefit the Nature Park Foundation at the Shell Factory.

Tom Cronin, master of ceremonies, said "this should be our best ever, as Commissioner Mann is the wittiest man I know." Five roasters, including Larry Hart, Joe D'Alessandro, Marietta Mudgett, Sheriff Mike Scott, and State Attorney Steve Russell will give it their best shot to harass Mann. During the roast, Mann will be subject to comedic



Debbie Beaber, Cathy Ancefsky and Debbie Handley working on the Amerivest Realty entry for the Scarecrows in the Park contest at Lakes Park's fall festival

## Scarecrows In The Park Contest

Local businesses, organizations, schools and residents have created personalized scarecrows. During the kick-off event, more than 30 scarecrow entries will be voted on by celebrity judges in advance of the public judging which begins the next day on October 15 when the festival opens.

The scarecrows will be on display during the Lakes Park Annual Fall Festival and Halloween Extravaganza to be held at Lakes Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. The event runs October 15 through 31, Monday through Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. In addition to the scarecrow contest, the festival will include a pumpkin patch, bounce houses, hayrides, the Halloween Express train and more.\*



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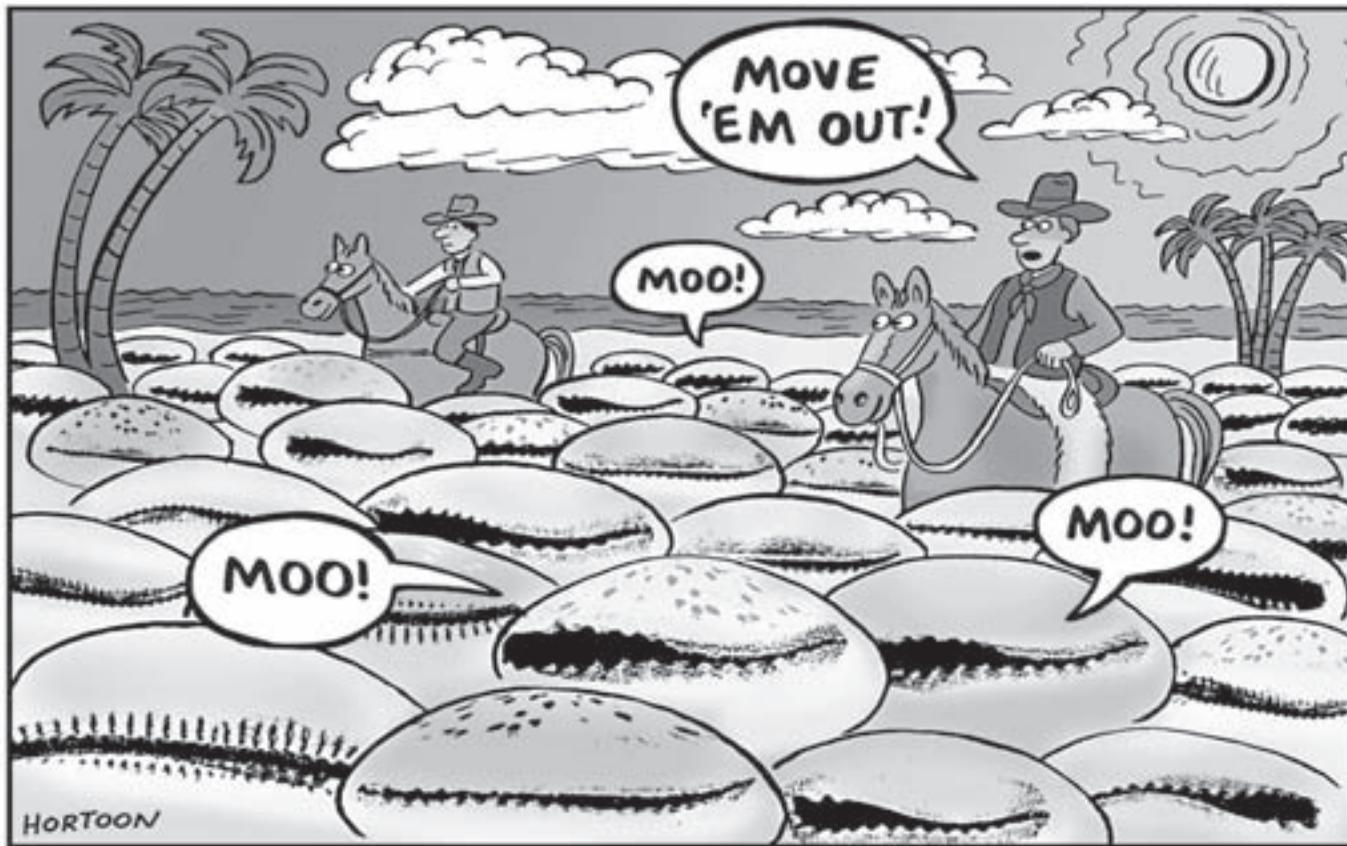
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## Beach Yacht Club Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club, founded in 1953 and consisting of over 120 members, will be held Wednesday, October 26 at the American Legion Post 274 on San Carlos Island. The address is 899 Buttonwood Drive, Fort Myers Beach 33931.

Dinner will be catered by Sandy Butler Restaurant and is available for \$14 per person. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner follows at 7 p.m., and the membership meeting is from 8 to 9 p.m. Potential new members wishing to attend any or all portions of the meeting are invited to call Commodore Tom Swanbeck for required reservations and additional information, 292-6284. Learn more about the club at [www.FMBYachtClub.org](http://www.FMBYachtClub.org).

## Greeter Club

Looking to make new friends and join in monthly activities? Attend the next luncheon meeting of The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers on November 17 at Colonial County Club on 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. Jennifer L. Basse, a certified financial planner will deliver our program. Call today to join this group of women of Lee County. Luncheon cost is \$18 with reservations required. Contacts are Janet Gambuzza 454-5750 or Linda Fitzpatrick 437-5653; or email [Greeters.Lunch@comcast.net](mailto:Greeters.Lunch@comcast.net).

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## Lee Monument

the UDC chapter received the sanction of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, the Men's Garden Club, the City of Fort Myers Planning Board and the Beautification Committee, as well as the assistance of the Lee County Chamber of Commerce.

In her letter, Roberts asked for both moral and financial support for a bronze bust on a granite base. It would be substantial enough "to withstand the hazards of climatic conditions year round" but still be "a thing of beauty" that citizens would be proud to see gracing a main downtown street.

It would cost \$6 thousand and be made by Crone Monument Company of Memphis, Tennessee.

Roberts also requested donations of Civil War memorabilia, such as old army letters, envelopes with intact stamps, autographs of famous people, and newspapers.

The campaign was successful, and we can only imagine the satisfaction that Roberts must have felt when 13 days before the dedication, she and James Clifford placed battlefield artifacts into the concrete foundation of the monument and anticipated the dedication.

Walk down to Monroe Street and see the monument that reminds us not only

of the War Between the States, but of the 20th century women who refused to abandon their plan.

And while you're downtown, keep an eye out for collectible coin banks that are replicas of the monument.

According to Robert Gates, a member of the Florida Sons of Confederate Veterans and a Civil War historian, sometime between 1968 and 1970, the Lee County Bank gave them out, and they sometimes can be found in antique shops.

Visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the Fort Myers during the Civil War era and see a model of the U.S. Army's Fort Myers.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to [swflmuseumofhistory.com](http://swflmuseumofhistory.com). Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Then follow-up your museum adventure with a visit to one of the area's best historical research centers, the Southwest Florida Historical Society at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, located on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

Contact the all-volunteer nonprofit organization at 939-4044. Or drop by on Wednesday or Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon to peruse the fascinating archives.

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society.✱



The Patio de Leon during ZOMBICON 2010

## From page 1 ZOMBICON

ZOMBICON producer/director Janet Planit DeMarco said, "For the other attempts, people gathered just to set the world record. We are going to try to pull this off right in the middle of our event." This poses a unique challenge for event organizers, who have devised the following plan to fulfill all requirements while maintaining the continuity of the event. All persons wearing zombie makeup will be registered for the world record attempt by signing in and receiving a wristband

photo courtesy of ZOMBICON

with a unique number. Registration will take place on October 15 from 5 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. at these locations: the main entrance (Main Street and Hendry) the stage door entrance (Bay Street and Hendry), and the Kiss Me/Kill Me booth at the Patio de Leon.

At 9 p.m. sharp, all registered zombies must report to The Red Zone (First Street between Broadway and Jackson). Members of the ZOMBICON Security Team (The Goon Squad) will facilitate the movement of all infected zombies into the "quarantined" area. All "survivors" (those not wearing zombie makeup) will be



Slinky raises the dead at ZOMBICON 2010

Photo by Roger Hootman

asked to step off of the street and onto the sidewalk. During the record attempt, survivors may seek refuge in the sanctuary of the Patio de Leon or in any of the local bars and restaurants. Once all zombies are contained within The Red Zone, the official timekeepers will mark the start of the world record attempt with a loud audible signal. All zombies must stay within the designated area for the duration. Some lucky zombies will be rewarded for their patience with ZOMBICON T-shirts

and other gifts. Once 10 minutes has elapsed, a second signal will proclaim the end of the attempt, and the red tape will be cut, allowing the zombies to rejoin the living as the party continues.

All documentation including media coverage and eyewitness accounts will then be submitted to Guinness for verification. For updates on the status of the world record, visit [www.zombicon.com/worldrecord](http://www.zombicon.com/worldrecord).

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Daphne and Josephine

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## Sugar

Jerry and Joe, played respectively by Gabe Templin and Mike Dale, become Daphne and Josephine and gain the confidence of Sugar Kane (Lara Hayhurst), the sex goddess with an inferiority complex, who plays the ukelele when she's not falling for sax players. While these three actors are the key performers, they are joined by an outstanding supporting cast. All are talented and a delight to watch.

The plot includes some great twists and throws in several quirky scenes that really make the show a hit. The tap dancing numbers are great fun. Who can resist tap dancing gangsters? The intricate dance routines are perfectly timed, including the rat-a-tat syncopation that gives



The tap dancing mobsters

the gangsters' machine guns their firepower. As executed by Tommy Wallace, who is Chicago capo Spats Palazzo, the tap exits become one of the show's comic signatures.

Templin and Dale are hilarious playing off each other with their intriguing slapstick. The fact that they aren't very convincing, or pretty, as women, makes the show even funnier. Hayhurst as the vulnerable Sugar wins everyone's heart. The scene-stealer award goes to a silly performance by Sir Osgood Fielding, a dirty old millionaire brilliantly played by Victor Legarreta. He has the voice and the pizzazz to carry it off perfectly. His group of naughty old millionaires dancing around on walkers has the audience in stitches.

Kathi Osborne as Sweet Sue, the leader of the band and Adam Trummel as

her harassed manager, and a wonderful ensemble, all make major contributions to the success of a real comedy with show-stopping song and dance. If you want to begin the fall with a smile on your face, treat yourself to *Sugar*.

Directed by Paul Bernier with origi-

nal choreography by Brooke Robyn Dairman. *Sugar* plays through November 19 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com), or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

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## Calendar Girls

years of service for seniors, sharing the stage with Turner Tappers, a barbershop quartet, and Fran Rotino, Rotino's daughter.

On November 5, 1 p.m., at the Butterfly Gardens in Fort Myers, the Calendar Girls join Footsteps to the Future at its Pre-Holiday Art Show and Sale. Both groups actively mentor young women. At 8 p.m., in Page Field ACI Hangar, 325 Danley Drive, Fort Myers, the 5th annual Hangar Dance Tribute to American Aviators features master of ceremonies Jim Syoen, Big Band J&Company, and Rhythm in Motion. For more information call Earl Learner at 481-2801.

The Calendar Girls applaud veterans at every performance. so they are delighted to be dancing twice on November 11. The first show is at 2:30 in Lehigh at the St. Rafael Fall Festival located in the parking lot across from Walmart. At 5:15p.m., Seven Lakes Veteran's Day

celebration benefits Paws for Patriots and Southeastern Guide Dog School in Palmetto, Florida, the main charities embraced by the Calendar Girls.

Lots of four-legged friends are expected on November 12 at 10:30 a.m. in Four Freedoms Park, Cape Coral at Lab Fest. Local SEGDI puppy raisers will be on hand. For more information contact [anita@capedogbakery.com](mailto:anita@capedogbakery.com). Another salute to the troops is at 12:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 1857 Jackson Street. Fort Myers.

On November 13 at 3 p.m., the Calendar Girls will show off their moves at Arthur Murray Dance Studio on Metro Parkway in Fort Myers to benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

The Calendar Girls will dance at the Franklin Shops on First Street in Fort Myers at 6 p.m. November 17.

To kick off the holiday season, the Calendar Girls will debut their Christmas show on November 27 at 1 p.m. at Fleamasters Music Hall.

For more information contact Kim. [Gaide@leememorial.com](mailto:Gaide@leememorial.com) or 209-6160.

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# Along The River



The Shell Factory is going to the dogs to celebrate National Stamp Collecting Month. Pictured are guests from the park's groundbreaking ceremony for Doggy Heaven.

On Saturday, October 15, Doggie Heaven at **The Shell Factory** and the United States Postal Service are partnering to celebrate National Stamp Collecting Month with a free family event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Event attendees will vote to decide the winners of the Owney letter-writing and photo contests. Stop by to learn about Owney and the history of the Post Office Department's Railway Mail Service.

In the 1880s mail was sorted aboard moving trains. Owney, a terrier mix, was adopted by mail clerks in Albany, New York. One day the mail sack Owney was fond of sleeping on was filled with mail and thrown on a train. Owney followed his mail sack and began a career of riding the rails. He became a good luck charm to Railway Mail Service clerks between 1890 and 1900. Working in the Railway Mail Service was highly dangerous, more than 80 mail clerks were killed in train wrecks and more than 2,000 were injured. It was said that no train ever met with trouble while Owney was aboard.



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Activities include: free collectible Owney stamp cachet, mail sack races, race the dogs, dog agility demonstrations, Dock Dog demonstrations, face painting, Caloosa Clowns (balloon animals and skits), create a dining placemat for your pet, color a picture of Owney online, letters to Owney voting, Owney photo look-a-like voting, stamp collecting activity, 50-cent kiddie ice cream cones and adoptable pets from Animal Services.

The Shell Factory asks that attendees bring a pet food donation (tax deductible) to benefit Animal Services Community Pet Pantry.

The Shell Factory & Nature Park is located at 2787 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers. Call 995-2141 or go to shellfactory.com.

**Bill Fulk, MD**, formerly of Sanibel, opened a family practice walk-in clinic at the Tropicana Mall across from Starz Pizza in Fort Myers. The new location offers ECGs, routine annual check-ups and health care, flu shots, FAA class 1, 2 and 3 exams, Merhant Marine physicals, athletic and school physicals, DOT physicals, and is a CLIA-waved laboratory facility.

Fulk is available to see patients Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 437-2121 and walk-ins are accommodated anytime during business hours. Many insurance carriers are accepted including Medicare, United Health Care, BlueCross BlueShield, Aetna, and Cigna.

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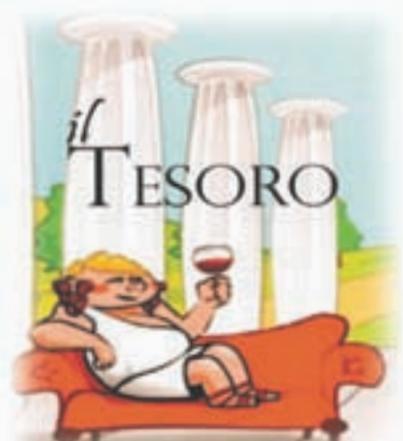
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## Special Needs Students Raise Funds With Pumpkin Sale



Amanda



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Goodwill LIFE Academy students are busy decorating pumpkins for their first-ever fall fundraiser.

The students, who all have intellectual or developmental disabilities, will host a fall pumpkin sale on October 19 and 20. Decorated pumpkins will be available at the school (3365-D Seminole Avenue, Fort Myers) from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"We have 81 pumpkins, and they're painting, stenciling, carving, and bedazzling them," said LIFE Academy Principal Lynn Pottorf. "They have so many creative ideas. There are flowers, jewels, feathers, and pumpkins in every color. These definitely aren't your run-of-the-mill jack-o-lanterns."

In addition to decorated pumpkins, the students are making fall candleholders and centerpieces. Roasted pumpkin seeds and dog biscuits will also be for sale.

Prices will range from \$2 to \$25 and all proceeds will benefit the Goodwill LIFE Academy. The LIFE Academy is a tuition-free, open-enrollment Lee County charter school designed to promote self-advocacy, and develop life skills for independent living.

The school's programs focus on academic skills, daily life skills and vocational/work-force skills.

For more information about the Goodwill LIFE Academy or the fall pumpkin sale, call 334-4434.✪

## Wedding Expo

Come see the largest bridal show in Cape Coral. More than 30 vendors will be on hand to meet all wedding needs. There will be door prizes throughout the day. Interested vendors should call 574-0806 to register for a table.

The bridal show, open to all ages, is Sunday, October 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person. It takes place at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

Contact Coby Palmer, [cpalmer@capecoral.net](mailto:cpalmer@capecoral.net) or 574-0806 for more information.✪

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## Pet Portraits



Artist will paint a portrait of your best friend during Fort Myers Beach festival  
photo by Tracy Cullimore

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association (FMBAA) is kicking off its Paint the Beach ... Sandcastles to Shrimptoats with a plein air festival day featuring local pets. Tracy Owen Cullimore will be painting in the FMBAA booth during the hours of 9

a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 22 at the Howl'oween Street Fair and Pet Parade at Santini Marina Plaza.

Cullimore has done many commissioned pet portraits, won several awards, and is a regular entrant in the art association shows. Cullimore will bring some of her work and will take commissions for pet portraits. Her work is done in oil and watercolor and she enjoys getting to know her subjects and capturing their personalities. She is a member of the Art League of Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach Art Association, San-Cap Art, the Figure and Portrait Society of Southwest Florida, and the Florida Watercolor Society.

Tickets for the November 18 Gala Awards & Collectors Preview Party will be available for purchase. The cost is \$20. in advance or \$25 at the door. Schedules for Paint the Beach ... Sandcastles to Shrimptoats will be available at the booth as well.

Artists can still sign up to compete in the plein air competition during the week of November 14 through 20. For more information on Paint the Beach see [www.fortmyersbeachart.com](http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com) or stop in at the gallery on Donora and Shell Mound. Phone 463-3909 for information. The gallery is open Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon until October 20, when hours change to Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.\*

## Girls' Night At The Gallery To Benefit 'Shoes That Fit'



Creative jewelry by Brenda Berndik

Attention, ladies! For one night only, artist Kathleen Bradford has invited two jewelry artisans, Beverly Fox and Brenda Berndik, to exhibit and sell their current collections of original jewelry in her gallery.

The artistic attention to detail that Fox and Berndik use is expressed with fine metals, gemstones and beads. Their artistry is exceptional and is also available for purchase in fine galleries in Florida and nationally.

Ten percent of all sales in the gallery that evening will go to the charity, Shoes That Fit, providing shoes and clothing to school children in need.

Make this a girls' night out - bring your friends and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres while you leisurely browse the gallery, enjoy the artwork and meet the artists.

Be sure to put the date of this jewelry event on your calendar: Monday, October

24 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Kathleen Bradford Studio/Gallery, 4259 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, phone 776-6844, email [kbartweb@yahoo.com](mailto:kbartweb@yahoo.com), website [www.artistkb.com](http://www.artistkb.com).\*

## Student Chosen For Music Honor



Larry Collins

Larry Collins, a junior at Southwest Florida Christian Academy (SFCA), is the only student in Lee County and one of three students selected from the Southwest Florida district to be accepted into the Reading Chorus for All State, which is being held in Tampa in January. Only 100 students in the entire state are chosen for this honor. He will be singing bass with 99 other chorus members at the Florida Music Educator's Conference.\*

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## Harney Point Kiwanis To Sponsor 14th Annual Fall Kids' Festival

The Kiwanis Club of Harney Point and the Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Department will sponsor the 14th Annual Fall Kids' Festival on Saturday, October 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Jaycee Park located at 4125 SE 20th Place in Cape Coral. Over 1,000 families are expected to attend.

The Fall Kids' Festival will feature entertainment throughout the day as well as Halloween costume contests, pony rides, petting zoo, clowns, games and inflatable slide. The festival will also offer health and safety information, family-oriented vendors, give-away items, crafts and food. Admission is free. Canned food donations will be collected for the Cape Coral Caring Center.

For more information on the 14th Annual Fall Kids' Festival call Zelma Slusser of the Harney Point Kiwanis Club at 542-1741 or email [zslusser@comcast.net](mailto:zslusser@comcast.net).

The Harney Point Kiwanis Club is looking for more service-minded individuals and business professionals who would like to make a direct impact on the community through volunteering. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. at The Dog in Cape Coral. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Founded in 1915, Kiwanis and its sponsored service organizations dedicate more than 6 million volunteer hours annually to strengthen communities and provide service to children.\*

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# Wildlife Art Dedication At Veranda



Dickie Younger with artwork by his father, noted wildlife painter Richard Younger

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The private collection of prints was donated by the artist's son and Fort Myers' resident Richard "Dickie" Younger II. A total of 12 prints are now included in the restaurant's collection displayed in the Younger Room and Porch.

Born in Missouri in 1927, Richard Evans Younger was one of America's most renowned wildlife artists. A noted painter and sculptor, Richard Younger's favorite subjects were wildlife and endangered species. His work is displayed around the world in private, business and government collections. When limited editions of his paintings were first published in Europe in the late 1960s, they were considered to be the foundation for the limited-edition print market that established quickly in America and continues to flourish today.

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Grades 2-7, Wednesday, 5-6:30 p.m.  
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## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Athena Mekonnen, Willow Martell, Randy Eckhardt, Scott and Gigi Martell, Craig Martell, Betty Mekonnen

Scott and Gigi Martell, married in a small town in the Ethiopian countryside in October, 2010, had an American Wedding Saturday, October 8, 2011, at Sanibel Community Church. They were married by Pastor Daryl Donovan with friends and family in attendance, including Scott's daughter, Willow Martell, and her friend Nathan Cook, both from Portland, Oregon, and his brother and best man, Craig Martell, and friend, Randy Eckhardt, from Sarasota. Coming from Toronto, Canada were Gigi's daughters, Athena and Betty Mekonnen.

Gigi will head back to Ethiopia in two weeks to work with their project, Ethiopia Hope Village, while Scott will work in the USA for two months to share the orphan and vulnerable children project with Americans. A general informative presentation about Ethiopia is scheduled for the Sanibel Library the first week of January, with Scott flying home to Ethiopia on January 6.

Ethiopia Hope Village was approved in April, 2011, launched in May, with the first orphans arriving in at a rental house in June. The five-year plan for the project includes caring for up to 24 double

orphans and building a youth center with a children's clinic, library and classes, sports fields, for up to 500 youth. The focus of the project is community-born, empowering, and self-sustainable over time.

The children are the orphans, street children and those most at risk kids of Butajira, Ethiopia. A major element is developing income generating projects, such as a dairy farm, chicken ranch, bee hives, and vegetable garden, so that the project can become self-sustainable over

time. Scott and Gigi are seeking \$60,000 to build the first building in the village this year, and the residents of Butajira will be required to fund \$10,000 in money, materials, and/or labor. In addition, the children need the safety of \$1,000 a month for food and medical security, and to hire a nurse, manager, and children's workers. The goal is that this \$1,000 a month will be funded within Ethiopia by town members, and income projects, within 10 years.✱

## Walk For Peace

The Fort Myers Samudrabadra Buddhist Center is sponsoring a 2011 Walk for World Peace.

The Walk will be held on Saturday, October 29. The walk will commence at 9:30 a.m. at the Buddhist Center, 6338 Presidential Court, Suite 105, Fort Myers (adjacent to the corner of Summerlin Road and College Parkway across from Edison State College).

Participants will leave the center at 9:30 a.m. and will walk, run, and/or bike about five miles along Summerlin Road.

To register call Kathryn Chilmonik at 834-7608 or email Kathryn.chilmonik@gmail.com.

The center's resident teacher, JoAnn Lawrence, will lead the walk.

The purpose of the walk is to raise awareness and charitable donations for the center's World Peace promotion activities. The center is a non-profit organization. Funds raised will be used to

develop new programs and support existing programs that promote World Peace. For more information call 567-9739 or email info@meditationfortmyers.com.✱

## Church Book Fair And Craft Sale

November 4, 5 and 6 are dates of the Book Fair and Craft Sale at Faith Lutheran Church in Lehigh Acres. Used books will be sold as follows: hard covers, \$1 and paperbacks, 50 cents. Also there will be tables available for crafters (at \$10 per table).

Unique items hand made by local crafters will be available.

There is plenty of parking available at the church, located at 705 Leeland Heights Boulevard.

Crafters may phone the church at 369-6177 or 369-9848 to reserve a table. Proceeds will be used to help with local food pantries.✱

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## Churches/Temples

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH FORT MYERS

13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75)  
Minister: The Rev. Allison Farnum  
Sunday services and religious education at 10:30 a.m.

For information on all church events call 561-2700 or visit [www.uucfm.org](http://www.uucfm.org).

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Healing Circle 11 a.m.  
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Sunday Service:

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[www.westminsterfortmyers.org](http://www.westminsterfortmyers.org)

### WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

2120 Collier Ave, Fort Myers, 274-8881;  
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Sunday Services: 8 a.m. traditional;  
9:30 a.m. contemporary; 11 a.m. blendings.  
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.✱

## CCMI Announces Search For CEO



Dr. Dave Fleming

Sam Galloway Jr., chairman of the board of directors of Community Cooperative Ministries Inc., has appointed Dr. Dave Fleming as interim chief executive officer of the nonprofit agency and chairman of the search committee to find former CEO Sarah Owen's permanent replacement.

On Wednesday, October 5, Owen was named CEO of Southwest Florida Community Foundation. She had worked continued on page 24

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# Still Time To Catch One Last Tarpon



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**W**indy conditions and a few rainy mornings did not slow down the redfish bite. Good high water most days had the redfish eating throughout the entire length of the

the trees caught fish from 18 to 28 inches. Water in the southern sound has been on the dirty side but even with the strong winds once you get north of Regla island the water was surprising clear. With steady northeast winds most of the week I have been staying comfortable and concentrating my efforts on the islands and shorelines on the Pine Island side of the sound.

Some days to get on these redfish involves a lot of moving and working a whole shoreline to find that one sweet spot the fish are laid up in. Other days you pull right up on them then never find another one on the rest of the shoreline. That's just the nature of redfish fishing against the mangroves,

If you want to catch one last tarpon before it's all over until the spring, keep your eyes open around feeding schools of ladyfish in the bay and around the feeding spanish mackerel along the beaches. Several times this week while catching ladyfish in the bait schools for cut bait I saw rolling tarpon.

When conditions calm down again look for big dark clouds of glass minnows out along the beaches. These big schools of little baitfish will hold tarpon. Tarpon this time of year seem to feed much more freely than in the spring when the fish are here to mate and spawn. Tarpon right now are in the spanish mackerel and glass minnows for one reason and that's to eat hard and pack on weight before they migrate out of here. Some the most wide open tarpon bites I can ever remem-

ber have come in October and early November. Not only do these fish feed really hard, they have little to no boat and angler pressure on them. As soon as the first big cold front comes through, it will be all over.

Live pinfish under a float or free lined shiners pitched into the bait schools where the tarpon are rolling will give you the best chance of a hookup. Just off the beach on Captiva is one of my favorite places this time of year to target these silver kings though bait pods and feeding ladyfish from Chino Island north to Mason Island always seems to have rolling tarpon in them too. Just about any place you find a lot of bait and feeding fish activity you could come across tarpon this next few weeks.

Fall brings really big changes to our fishing – not only do we get all the migratory species moving south through the area, snook begin there and move from the beaches and passes into the backcountry. October and November are big transition months for our fishing. Action can go either way depending on the arrival of our first big cold front. In some years past we have made it halfway through December until the arrival of that



Gillie Russell and his granddaughter with a 28-inch redfish caught and released while fishing with Capt Matt Mitchell this week

first front and the big slow down in fishing action.

With temperatures on the water becoming more and more enjoyable by the day, get out and enjoy it while it's still great fishing. Before we know it we will be shrimp fishing, hiding from the north wind in mangrove creeks and targeting the winter species of rat reds, sheepshead and trout while we count the months until spring arrives again.

*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).*✱

## Send Us Your Fish Tales

**T**he *River Weekly* would like to hear from anglers about their catches. Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch, species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Drop them at the *River Weekly*, 1609 Hendry Street, Suite 15, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, or email to [press@riverweekly.com](mailto:press@riverweekly.com).

## Near Shore Fishing Class

**S**outhwest Florida is home to many wrecks and artificial reefs. Most are only a short boat ride from the beach. Capt. George Howell tells all in this seminar on near shore fishing and bottom fishing with live and cut bait as well as trolling and sight fishing. There are close to 100 GPS coordinates for reefs and wrecks in Lee County alone.

You don't have to have a large offshore style boat, or spend hundreds of dollars in gas to get the offshore experience. Capt. George discusses targeting different species, from snapper to sharks.

This is a seminar for all anglers age 16 and older on Thursday, October 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$20 for Cape Coral residents, and \$30 for non-residents. Location is the Cape Coral Yacht Club, 574-0806, and pre-registration is required.✱

## Local Waters/Local Charts Class

**T**he San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering the popular Local Waters/Local Charts class. The class will be held on Saturday, November 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class is directed towards new boaters and boaters new to the area, as well as those wishing to learn chart reading. It will provide the boater with some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area. Students will be using chart 11427 and you must bring this chart to class. Optional on-the-water training is also offered at a later date. Check with the class instructor for details.

The cost of the class is \$40. The class will be held at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron Classroom located at 16048 San Carlos Blvd at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Students can register online at [www.scbps.com](http://www.scbps.com) or call 466-4040.✱



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CROW Case Of The Week:

## Eastern Spotted Skunk



by Emilie Alfino

The staff at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) often serves as adoptive parents to wildlife babies orphaned or abandoned around Lee County, and this summer was no

different. Four baby skunks arrived at CROW from Fort Myers on August 1. The two males and two females were orphaned siblings. "It's a safe bet their mom was hit by a car," said CROW Wildlife Rehabilitator Robin Bast. "We've had baby skunks before but we don't generally have a whole nursery full at one time. Baby care is a huge part of what we do at CROW."

Joshua Fernandez of San Carlos Park found the foursome.

"A friend of mine just had a baby and during the time he was with the baby in the house, he could smell skunk," Hernandez explained. "We tried to find where it was coming from and discovered one of the skunks was coming in and out at the front of the house. The skunk had made a hole on the side of my friend's yard below some concrete. Little by little, the babies started peeking out of the hole in the ground."

Hernandez and his friend at first kept returning the skunks to their hideaway assuming the mother would return to claim her brood. "Soon we started to figure the mommy was scared away and we gathered the babies up," he said. Hernandez did some research and learned skunks have four to six babies at a time. In this case, three were together and one had separated from the group. He and his friend were determined to find the fourth and reunite the full litter.

"We found one baby down the road from the others one day after we discovered the three," Hernandez said. "In the middle of the night we were searching for a baby skunk for six hours!" When they found the last one, Hernandez said his girlfriend wanted to keep one but he told her that wasn't a good idea.

It's actually against the law to keep a wild animal as a pet; to do so requires permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department. "These animals are wild, and it is not in their best interest or in the finder's best interest to keep them. Please call CROW," said Dr. Robin.

Hernandez said he was aware of CROW from an experience he had a long time ago. "I found a wild cat and my landlord wouldn't let me keep him, so I took him to CROW to make sure he would get a good home," he said.

When the skunks arrived at the clinic, they weighed around 60 to 70 grams – too small to be weaned from their mother – but all four were very bright, alert, and responsive. "They looked fairly healthy but were too young to be without mom, so we hand-raised them," said Bast.



It took six hours to gather up these four little orphans

The tiny skunks were put in CROW's baby possum room because that's where cage space was available.

"They were old enough that we weren't giving them milk formula," Bast said. "They got soaked kitten chow mixed with scrambled eggs, fruit bits, and mouse bits." You can look for that omelet on the menu the next time you go out to breakfast!

The CROW team basically just gave the skunks supportive care as they grew up – not that it was easy.

"They're interesting as little ones," Bast said. "They don't really have control over their ability to spray. It was interesting to watch as they attempted to gain control of that. You could tell they were trying to spray but weren't actually doing anything."

They're cute but temperamental, according to CROW staff. "They have attitudes," said Bast. "They don't want to go from one side of the cage to the other while you're cleaning. They're not easy-going babies."

When the babies reached 200 grams in weight they were moved to an outside cage, the squirrel complex, which has a dirt bottom and wooden boxes to hide in "kind of like a burrow," Bast explained. The siblings lived in that cage for a little longer than two weeks.

"At that point they were spraying defensively, still eating really well and climbing so we thought they could handle themselves," said Bast. She and CROW Fellow Russell Martin released the nearly full-grown skunks in Alva, where there are some very good skunk habitats, on September 20; they had been in CROW's care for a little more than seven weeks. Based on that amount of time, the babies might have been as young as a couple of weeks old when they were found.

It was a comical release by all accounts. "The van was quite pungent," Bast laughed. "They don't necessarily keep spraying but they have that odor around them and it gets attached to you." Post-release showers were definitely necessary, according to Bast.

CROW Fellow Hilaire Sampson, who was primarily responsible for the babies' indoor care along with the rest of the staff, got sprayed a couple of times. "That's when you know it's time to move them outside," Bast said. Martin, who



Their rescuers allowed time for the mother to return to her brood before they acted; that's smart

was the primary caregiver along with staff once the skunks were outdoors and also prepared them for release, never got sprayed and thus earned the nickname "skunk whisperer."

The animals' personalities showed, as they often did, during the release. "One of the skunks came out of the carrier really fast – the brave one – wandering around and exploring, climbing the trees right away," said Bast. "The others were a little more timid but in five or 10 minutes, they headed off into the woods."

Bast explained the four will probably go their own separate ways before long. "Since they grew up together, though, it's nice that they were released together and can keep an eye on each other initially," she concluded.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a nonprofit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from the Gulf Coast of Florida. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org) or call 472-3644.\*



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## FGCU Students Help SCCF With Monofilament Madness



Aerial of Albright Island on the bay side of Blind Pass

On October 2, FGCU students involved with the student organization ECO-Action manned canoes donated by The Castaways to participate in Monofilament Madness for SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation). Their destination was an SCCF property called Albright Island in Blind Pass. Albright Island is a 14.7-acre mangrove island purchased from Princeton University in 1990. Fishing is prevalent around the Albright Island which is used as a bird roosting sight.

After a morning on the water, the students, led by Katie Broomfield, returned with two shopping bags of monofilament line, a chair, a fishing rod, and many plastic cups.

To participate in the upcoming Buck Key Monofilament Madness the last two weeks in October call Dee at 472-2329 or email [dserage@sccf.org](mailto:dserage@sccf.org).



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A discarded chair

## County Extension Offers South Florida Native Landscape Seminar

Beautiful but less well-known Central and South Florida native landscape plants will be highlighted in a native landscape seminar on Tuesday, October 25, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lee County Extension Office, 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard in Fort Myers. The seminar is sponsored by the Florida Association of Native Nurseries (FANN) in cooperation with Lee County Extension.

The seminar focuses on the desire of landscape professionals to restore and enhance ecosystem functions and sense of place by using more native plants and more varieties of native plants. Presentations will review selection, installation and maintenance characteristics for more than 40 native plant species. The seminar is intended for landscape architects, designers, installers and maintenance firms, and will include the following four courses:

- Creating Wildflower Meadows and other Native Ecosystems in the Urban Landscape with Nancy Bissett
- Native Trees and Shrubs for Central and South Florida with Craig Huegel
- Native Trees, Shrubs and Wildflowers for South Florida with Roger Hammer
- Florida's Native Palms with Stephen Brown

Cost of the seminar is \$135 before October 15. The schedule is:

- 8 a.m. Check-in and networking
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and announcements
- 8:45 to 10:25 a.m. Creating Wildflower Meadows and Native Ecosystems in Urban Landscapes (1.5 CEUs)
- 10:25 to 10:35 a.m. Break
- 10:35 to 11:35 a.m. Florida Native Palms (1 CEU)
- 11:35 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch and networking
- 12:30 to 2:40 p.m. Native Trees and Shrubs for Central and South Florida: Zones 9-11 (2 CEUs)
- 2:40 to 2:50 p.m. Break
- 2:50 to 4:30 p.m. Native Trees, Shrubs and Wildflowers for South Florida: Zones 10 and 11 (1.5 CEUs)
- 4:30 to 5 p.m. CEU forms distributed
- 5 p.m. FANN social at nearby restaurant

Registration options include early bird fees of \$135 for the full day or \$90 for the afternoon only without lunch. Fees increase after October 18 if space remains. Courses tend to fill quickly; people are strongly encouraged to register now. Online registration is required, no walk-ins. Extension website is <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu>.

## Free 'Ding' Day Gets Kids Excited About Wildlife

Sunday Family Fun Day kicks off the 22nd Annual "Ding" Darling Days at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on October 16. The refuge and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) have planned a free day jam-packed with activities for all ages from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New this year, starting at 11 a.m., children can meet and pose with the refuge's three characters – Blue Goose, Bagzilla, and Teddy Roosevelt. Plus there will be a surprise appearance from a fourth well-loved children's character.

The first 500 children to check in at 10:30 a.m. will receive a reusable "Ding" Days bag filled with goodies and perfect for trick-or-treating.

Sunday's highlights include free narrated Tarpon Bay Explorers (TBE) tram tours of the refuge; live snake, bat, and bald eagle presentations; a butterfly house; face-painting; a touch tank; cool nature crafts; and free hot dogs.

"We estimate the value of this free event to be around \$72 per child," said "Ding" Days Committee Co-chair Ranger Toni Westland. "But the value of family and nature bonding? Priceless."

Continuous free shuttle service will run from the old Island Water lot on Sanibel-Captiva Road and TBE (look for signs).



Kids can meet the Blue Goose, Bagzilla, and Teddy Roosevelt characters this year at "Ding" Days. Don't forget the camera!

For more information on other events during the upcoming "Ding" Darling Days week, October 16 to 22, visit [www.dingdarlingdays.com](http://www.dingdarlingdays.com) or call 472-1100, ext. 221.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566, 472-1100 ext. 4, or [dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com).

## Plant Smart

## Bushy Broom Grass

by Gerri Reaves

Along the roadsides this time of year you'll spot the silvery haze of bushy broom grass (*Andropogon glomeratus*) as it glimmers in the sunlight.

The blue-green tint of the narrow leaf blades gives the native grass another common name, bushy blue-stem.

Perennial and clump-forming, it usually grows two to five feet tall in low-lying areas, such as marshes and swales, and is common throughout the state.

One can only wonder why it's not used more often as an ornamental grass in the home and commercial landscape, especially since this native is low-maintenance, self-seeding, and suitable for problematic damp spots. It also has soil-stabilizing properties.

The plant's most noticeable characteristic, though, is the fluffy, broom-like plume that gives it a resemblance to the popular muhly grass.

The inflorescences are comprised of several branches, each with five to 12 spikelets, whose bristles create the hairy appearance. As the flower heads age, the silver tones turn to copper.

Bushy broom grass can be used in dried flower arrangements – another reason to include it in home landscapes. Plant it in moist soil in full to partial sun, and then wait for the showy silver fluffs in the fall.

Sources: plants.ifas.ufl.edu.

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Under-appreciated bushy broom grass flourishes amidst the native wildflower Spanish needle

photos by Gerri Reaves



This native grass beautifies the roadsides with silvery inflorescences in the fall

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The date for the second workshop is Saturday, October 29, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Rutenberg Park, 6490 South Pointe Boulevard in Fort Myers. The cost is \$45 per rain barrel.\*

## Canterbury Science Students Take To The Field

Biology students take to the causeway islands on Thursday, October 13, and Friday, October 14 from 9 to 11:00 a.m. to collect specimens in the grassbeds for the 10-gallon tanks in the school's touch tank classroom. Two marine biology students (along with teacher Carl Melamet) will accompany the students on Friday. Anyone who would like to attend either of these should call the school at 481-4323 to make arrangements with the teachers, Kelly Etchevery and Carl Melamet.\*



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## First Celebrate Calusa Day At 'Ding' Days

Experts from the "Ding" Darling refuge, Randell Research Center in Pineland, and Mound House on Fort Myers Beach will gather at the refuge on Wednesday, October 19, as part of the "Ding" Darling Days' all-new Celebrate Calusa Day.

At 1 p.m. that day, the panel will present its free Calusa Quest program in the Education Center auditorium. Cindy Bear from Randell and Parke Lewis from Mound House will talk about the Calusa Indians and what they left behind at the two sites represented.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

Following the presentation, visitors can take a self-guided tour of the refuge's recently renovated Calusa Shell Mound Trail and its exhibits, where refuge volunteers and Calusa authorities Ann and Bill Wollschlager will staff a booth stocked with Calusa artifact replicas.

Dr. Annette Snapp from the Florida Public Archaeology Network will also be setting up an informational booth on-site.

At Tarpon Bay Explorers that day, the free 12:45 p.m. Deck Talk also focuses on the Calusa Indians that once paddled local waters, made tools out of seashells, and built shell mounds on the island. Below is a complete schedule of the day's tours and activities.



Explore the island's ancient culture at 'Ding' Days' Celebrate Calusa Day

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge sponsors "Ding" Darling Days with support from Tarpon Bay Explorers, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and other private and business partners.

For a full "Ding" Darling Days schedule, visit [www.dingdarlingdays.com](http://www.dingdarlingdays.com), or call 472-1100.

*Wednesday, October 19, Celebrate Calusa Day*

- 8:30 to 10 a.m. Breakfast Nature & Sea Life Cruise, 25 percent off: \$18.75 adults, \$11.25 children; reservations required, 472-8900

- 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Guided Kayak Tour, Tarpon Bay Explorers, 25 percent off: \$22.50 adults, \$15 children; reservations required, 472-8900

- 9:30 to 11 a.m. Refuge Birding Tour Caravan, meet at Education Center flagpole; fee \$5 refuge admission

- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sea Life & Nature Cruise, Tarpon Bay Explorers, 25 percent off: \$15 adults, \$9 children; reservations required, 472-8900

- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. free Bunche Beach Birding Tram, meet at Education Center flagpole; limited number of reservations, call 472-8900

- 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. free Deck Talk: Calusa Indians, Tarpon Bay Explorers

- 1 to 3 p.m. Guided Kayak Tour, Tarpon Bay Explorers, 25 percent off: \$22.50 adults, \$15 children, reservations required, 472-8900

- 1 to 3 p.m. free Calusa Quest, Education Center auditorium; Calusa

partners ("Ding" Darling, Mound House, Randell Research Center) presentation followed by guided tours of the new Calusa Shell Mound Trail

- 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sea Life & Nature Cruise, Tarpon Bay Explorers, 25 percent off: \$15 adults, \$9 children, reservations required, 472-8900

- 5 to 7 p.m. Evening Sea Life & Nature Cruise, Tarpon Bay Explorers, 25 percent off: \$18.75 adults, \$11.25 children, reservations required, 472-8900

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To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566, 472-1100 ext. 4, or [dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com).\*

## Photo Contest At Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve

Submission of photos for the Friends of the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve 3rd Annual Photo Contest begins November 1. The rules and entry information are available at the Interpretive Center at the Slough, 7751 Penzance Boulevard in Fort Myers and online at [www.sloughpreserve.org](http://www.sloughpreserve.org).

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## Limited Space Available On 'Ding' Days Bunche Beach Tours



Experience the birds of Bunche Beach during two different "Ding" Darling Days birding tours

A limited number of spots remain for the free "Ding" Darling Days Bunche Beach Birding Tram tour and on-site tour. Reservations and a refundable deposit are required; call 472-8900 as soon as possible as space fills up quickly.

Times and dates for both trips coordinate with low tides. This year for the first time, however, only one of the tours will be by tram departing from the JN "Ding" Darling Refuge. It leaves from the refuge flagpole on Wednesday, October 19, at 11 a.m. and returns around 2 p.m. Transportation is compliments of Tarpon Bay Explorers.

The second trip, by request of past participants, will meet at Bunche Beach, for the convenience of off-island residents. It meets on site at 1 p.m. Friday, October 21. The beach parking fee is \$1 per hour. Participants must also reserve a spot for that tour.

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge sponsors "Ding" Darling Days

along with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Tarpon Bay Explorers as well as support from local businesses and individuals.

For more information on other birding tours and eco-events during the 22nd Annual "Ding" Darling Days, visit [www.dingdarlingdays.com](http://www.dingdarlingdays.com). To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566, 472-1100 ext. 4, or [dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com).\*

## Tour To The Tarpon Lodge And Calusa Heritage Trail On Pine Island

Captiva Cruises' newest expedition in its Discover Southwest Florida History tours will focus on the fishing cultures in Pine Island Sound, a story of fascinating characters and traditions. This cruise will depart from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva and travel to Pineland on Pine Island.

Along the way, passengers will get an up-close look at historic fish houses of Pine Island Sound and discuss commercial fishing and the fishing cultures from the indigenous Calusa, to Spanish Cuban Ranchos, to the Punta Gorda Fish Company and to the spectacular tarpon and sport fishing of today. The tour will be greeted at The Tarpon Lodge and passengers will be oriented to this spectacular location, the family-run business and their tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Passengers then will relax while enjoying the "old Florida" charm of the 1926 Tarpon Lodge where lunch will be served with waterfront views of the sound and its mangrove islands.

After lunch, the group will walk to The Randell Research Center (RRC), located across the street from The Tarpon Lodge. The RRC, a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History, aims to establish and maintain, at the internationally significant Pineland archeological and historical site, a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida. An RRC educator will guide the tour on The Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on this unique fishing culture.

The resumption of the tour to Pine Island will occur on Saturday, October 15, at 10 a.m. Captiva Cruises has established Discover Southwest Florida History cruises to Cabbage Key, Useppa Island, Boca Grande and has recently added cruises to The Edison & Ford Winter Estates on the Caloosahatchee as well as this cruise to Pine Island. These are excellent opportunities for family and neighborhood outings to learn about the history of Southwest Florida and enjoy a day on the water.

Additional information and reservations, call Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.\*

## Extraordinary Theatrical Journalism

by Di Saggau

**T**he *Laramie Project* is a combination of investigative journalism and theater and tells the true story of Matthew Shepard, the 21-year-old gay University of Wyoming student who was brutally murdered in Laramie, Wyoming, in 1998.

Laboratory Theater of Florida has put together an extraordinary production based on interviews, conducted by a New York theater group, with over 200 people linked to the event. This includes friends, residents and the police. The transcripts were edited into a series of monologues which explore the motives and responses to Shepard's death.

On October 8, 1988, Shepard was beaten and left tied to a fence to die.

The setting for the play is minimal: an iconic fence and a line of chairs for the actors. The eight actors portray over 65 different characters using various accents and subtle costume changes. The first person we meet is a police chief who tells us that nothing bad has ever happened in Laramie before. "It's a good place," he repeats.

As the narrative unfolds, we learn how Shepard spent his last hours. In a local bar he had the misfortune to run into two rednecks his own age, Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson. Both were found guilty in Shepard's death.

One of the most moving accounts we hear is from the young boy who discovered Shepard, 18 hours later, bleeding, beaten unconscious and tied to a fence on a remote road. The experience profoundly affected the boy who wondered why God wanted him to find Matthew. He finally decided it was so that Shepard would not have to die alone. He died five days after the incident in a hospital surrounded by his family.

When a hospital spokesman reads out the announcement of Matthew's death, we hear about one of the abusive emails he received: "Do you cry like a baby on national TV for all your patients, or just the faggots?" Even at Shepard's funeral and the trial, people turned out to campaign against the "evils" of homosexuality. At times actual TV coverage is projected on a screen.

The majority of the town folks can't imagine anyone behaving as cruelly as his killers did. They worry about the media frenzy that has also tainted their town. When Matthew's father addresses one of his son's killers, the speech is as moving and heart-rending as anything you'll ever hear. The quality of the acting is exceptional and knowing that every word is authentic adds greatly to the drama.

*The Laramie Project* is directed by Louise Wigglesworth and stars Steve Chase, Patricia Clopton, Lori Siebert Moreau, Ken Bryant, Wil Harbison, Jack Weld, Gabriela Elvir and Lucy Harris. The show is a breathtaking theatrical collage that explores the depths to which humanity can sink and the heights of compassion of which we are capable. It

runs through October 22 at Laboratory Theater in its new location, 1634 Woodford Avenue (Woodford and 2nd Street) in downtown Fort Myers. For tickets call 218-0481 or visit online at [www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com).✱

## Singers Available For Private Parties

**I**t's not always Handel or Mozart in the concert hall. The new Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida now

boasts a cadre of singers who are preparing a repertoire of holiday music. For a donation to the non-profit organization, small groups of singers will be available to entertain at private parties or community events throughout the season. Performances can be tailored to suit the time requirements of the hosts, the size of the venue chosen, and the number of singers desired.

For booking information, call 560-5695 or email [SymphonicChorale@yahoo.com](mailto:SymphonicChorale@yahoo.com). More information about the group is available at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/symphonicchorale>.✱

## Weekly Historical Walking Tours

**J**oin True Tours for a stroll through the local history and architectural elements of the historical buildings in picturesque downtown Fort Myers. Historical walking tours are held every Friday at 10:30 a.m. Tours are approximately 60 minutes.

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## A Captivating New Play At Theatre Conspiracy

by Di Saggau

*Invasion of Privacy* played to a full house opening night at Theatre Conspiracy and it was a huge hit. Florida playwright Larry Parr won this year's New Play Contest at Theatre Conspiracy with his clever tale of a lawsuit filed against famous author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. The play opens on a clever note and continues to entertain.

The time is 1946 and Rawlings, Pulitzer Prize winner for *The Yearling*, is being sued by her former friend and neighbor Zelma Cason for \$100,000. Cason charges libel and invasion of her privacy. She objects to the way she is described in Rawling's book *Cross Creek*.

The wording goes as follows, "Zelma is an ageless spinster resembling an angry and efficient canary. She manages her orange grove and as much of the village and country as needs management or will submit to it. I cannot decide whether she should have been a man or a mother.

She combines the more violent characteristics of both and those who ask for or accept her manifold ministrations think nothing of being cursed loudly at the very instant of being tenderly fed, clothed, nursed or guided through their troubles."

Zelma tells Marjorie, "You have made a hussy out of me." She wants \$100,000 to soothe her hurt feelings.

Joann Haley as Marjorie and Karen Goldberg as Zelma are perfectly cast in their roles. We see Rawling's vulnerability and discover her problem with alcohol. Her husband alludes to the bottle she keeps by her typewriter. Cason on the other hand is obviously jealous of her friend's success and feeling offended that Rawlings has time to entertain the likes of Ernest Hemingway and Eleanor Roosevelt, but no time for her. Marjorie fires back saying that Zelma is about as literate as an earthworm.

At one point Zelma is willing to settle for \$8,000 but that's out of the question as far as Marjorie is concerned, so they end up going to court. The eyes of the world are on this trial because no other major American writer of the 20th century had ever been sued for invasion of privacy concerning an autobiographical work. Standing by Marjorie throughout the trial is her husband Norton Baskin (Rick Sebastian) and her attorney Sigsbee Scroggs (Stephen Hooper). Portraying Judge Murphree is Mike Breen. The prosecuting attorney Kate Walton (Tera Nicole Miller) is only 29. In spite of a zealous fight, she loses the case, but on appeal takes it to the Florida Supreme Court.

Watching Zelma on the witness stand and listening to her rantings, one can't help



Joann Haley (seated) and Tera Nicole Miller.

but feel that Marjorie's description of her in the book is right on. During a talk-back with the playwright, Parr said he couldn't have asked for more colorful characters to work with on his play. He researched the actual trial records and condensed more than four years of legal proceedings into a two-act play that leaves the audience wanting to know more about the characters. I love it when that happens.

The precedent-setting decision by the Florida Supreme Court resulted in Cason being awarded \$1 and court costs. Although Rawlings won the fight, she was left greatly depressed and never again wrote about the people of Cross Creek. She died in 1953 in St. Augustine of a cerebral hemorrhage and bequeathed most of her property to the University of Florida in Gainesville. Her husband Norton survived her by 44 years.

They are buried side-by-side at Antioch Cemetery near Island Grove, Florida. Rawling's tombstone bears the inscription, "Through her writing she endeared herself to the people of the world."

*Invasion of Privacy* is a show not to be missed. It plays through October 22 at Theatre Conspiracy, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Alliance for the Arts. For tickets call 936-3239.\*

## Youth Concert: Haunted Halloween

The Gulf Coast Symphony will perform a Youth Concert on Sunday, October 30, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers.

Prior to the concert, beginning at 1 p.m., children and adults are invited to come in costume to participate in a costume parade, children can participate in safe trick-or-treating, and experience the Gulf Coast Symphony's Musical Petting Zoo, where children are encouraged to meet and chat with the symphony musicians and play some of their instruments to learn more about the instruments they

play. Prizes will be given for the most creative costumes.

Then at 2 p.m., the symphony will perform music to set the mood for Halloween. During the performance, children are invited to sit onstage, directly in front of the orchestra so their visual experience with the symphony is as meaningful and engaging as the music they hear.

Tickets to this Youth Concert are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children's stage seats and \$5 for children's regular theater seats. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Barbara B. Mann Box Office at 481-4849 or at [www.gulfcoastsymphony.org](http://www.gulfcoastsymphony.org).

Gulf Coast Symphony's 17th season features its Symphonic Sensations Concert Series at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall (Broadway Heroes on January 22; AMERICA! Featuring Chris & Dave Brubeck's Ansel Adams: America on February 26; Richard Rodgers Songbook on March 18; Cirque de la Symphonie on April 21), Classical ACCESS Concerts at at Bishop Verot's Anderson Theater (February 12 and May 6) and BIG ARTS on Sanibel (December 4), outdoor pops concerts at Riverside Park in Bonita Springs (April 1) and Cape Coral's Four Freedoms Park (January 8), Youth Concerts on October 30 and June 24 and other Gulf Coast Symphony ensemble performances throughout Southwest Florida.

The Gulf Coast Symphony sponsors a comprehensive arts education program, Musical Gateways, dedicated to providing ongoing educational opportunities



Dr. Jacob Goldberger, Gulf Coast Symphony clarinetist

photo by Ronald M. Farese

for adult and youth alike, that includes in-depth artist residencies for its partner schools and the entire community. For more information, call the Gulf Coast Symphony office at 277-1700 or email [info@gulfcoastsymphony.org](mailto:info@gulfcoastsymphony.org).\*

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## Conservatory Art Show

October 26 is the Conservatory Art Show from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Join the fun as attendees bob for apples. There will be games, the Calendar Girls; a movie, Monster Mash Congo; face painting by Silvia Booth, and food (conservatory recipe books will be on sale soon.)

In addition, decorated rooms and student art will be on display. There will be a silent auction, Suit Case Race, and Pick-A-Pumpkin.

A red carpet entrance will be set up to the Conservatory East Wing.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in their best costumes of the season.

This event supports the Conservatory Arts Education Program for Special Needs, Home School Families

Cost is \$5 suggested at the door.



Director Janie Hemenway with eight-year-old Natalia Marcinkowska and five-year-old Ella Morley



Back row: Shawn Ayota, Janie Hemenway, Carla Magnozzi, Jean-Luc Lasseur; front row: Victor Lasseur, Makayla Weiskoff, Lucas Magnozzi and Lindsay Weiskoff

Art Classes are held every Tuesday and Wednesday for families and individuals of all ages from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Conservatory Arts Education Program at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center takes place Tuesdays and Wednesdays and covers mixed media, monthly art themed classes based on historical people, events and holidays pertaining to each month.✧

## Junior League Hosting Selection Event For Taste Of The Town

The Junior League of Fort Myers will be hosting a private Taste of the Town Celebrity Tasting & Judging at Riverside Community Center on Tuesday, October 18 beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Some of the more than 40 restaurants that will be showcased are competing for the Best of Taste Award. Celebrity judges will sample the prepared dishes that will be available at this year's Taste of the Town and determine which restaurants will win the title of Best of Taste for appetizers, entree and dessert selections.

The Best of Taste will be announced on Sunday, November 6 at the Taste of the Town event held at Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers.

For more information about the Taste of the Town or the Junior League of Fort Myers, visit [www.jlfm.org](http://www.jlfm.org).✧

## Voices For Kids Red & White Gala

Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida's Red & White Gala will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 6 p.m. at the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Fort Myers. The fun filled evening includes a wine tasting, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a special chocolate tasting by Norman Love Confections.

The 2011 Voice of the Year, Nancy DuBois, is executive director of Lee County Bar Association and a dedicated volunteer child advocate for the Guardian ad Litem program.

A kaleidoscope of song and dance will be performed throughout the evening

by Southwest Florida youth representing the Broadway Palm Children's Theater, Florida Repertory Theater and WGPU-TV Curious Kids.

Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased at [www.voicesforkids.org](http://www.voicesforkids.org). Proceeds benefit Voices for Kids of

Southwest Florida, Inc., a non-profit organization supporting the 20th Circuit Florida Guardian ad Litem Program in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties by providing volunteer advocates and resources for foster children not provided by any other source. The Guardian

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3 tablespoons olive oil

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2 cups mushrooms, sliced

½ cup almonds, sliced

2 tablespoons soy sauce

Cook shrimp in half the olive oil, set aside. Heat remaining oil and sauté beans and mushrooms until beans are tender. Add almonds and soy sauce.

Yield: Four servings

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Sautéed Shrimp And Green Beans

## New Show On View

The Art League of Fort Myers (ALFM) art show, Color & Form, opened on Friday, October 7 and runs through October 29.

Members of the public are invited to attend the opening night reception, which will be held on Art Walk night, Friday, October 7. The reception will be held at the ALFM gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. and presents an opportunity

to view the show, meet artists from the Fort Myers area, and have a glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres, compliments of the art league.

Winning entries in the show are: first place: *Memphis Mercury* (photograph) by Steve Conley; second place: *Cheers All* (mixed media) by Susan Mills; third place: *Fall Profusion* (oil) by Cynthia Egan.

Merit awards: *Passiflora Incarnata* (digital photograph) by Daniel P. West; *Tangled* (mixed media) by Pat Hart; *Bamboo Mix* (photograph) by Allen Tiller. Honorable mentions: *Pow Wow Fancy Dancie* (digital photograph) by William Hofer; *Dog 1* (acrylic) by Zaki; *Sanibel Moon* (digital photograph) by James Leese.

The show was judged by Fort Myers artist Scott Guelcher, whose distinctive use of color and pop art images are hallmarks of his art work.

Entries are available for purchase during regular gallery hours.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The gallery is located at 1451 Monroe Street in downtown Fort Myers. Phone 275 3970.\*

## Ideas For Small Business Owners

The Southwest Florida Small Business Resource Network (SBRN) will host a networking and round table panel discussion on government resources for small businesses from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 20 at the Holiday Inn, Fort Myers Airport at Town Center, 9931 Interstate Commerce Drive, Fort Myers.

SBRN, a statewide organization, is sponsored locally by Florida Gulf Coast University's Small Business Development Center.

Panel members include government officials from several agencies. Each official will briefly explain the best resources their agency has to offer, along with information on potential growth strategies and educational opportunities. Guests will have an opportunity to ask questions of panel members.

Warren Baucom, long-time SBRN board member and business assistance specialist with Lee County Economic Development, will facilitate the session.

The evening begins with the monthly Network After Five social event where members and guests exchange ideas for

growing their business.

Cost for SBRN members is \$15 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Guests and unaffiliated small business owners pay \$20 per person.

Space is limited and RSVP is required. To register, go to [www.sbdscseminars.org](http://www.sbdscseminars.org). Deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 19.

The Small Business Resource Network provides a reliable connection between seasoned professionals who service the small business arena and the small business owner. In addition to offering consulting services, the organization conducts monthly meetings that provide topics of interest to its members. For more information on the resource network, visit [www.sbrn.org](http://www.sbrn.org) or contact Lorna Kibbey, coordinator for the Small Business Development Center, at 745-3700.\*

## Gulf Coast Writers

Professional ghost writer Suzanne Barr will address the Gulf Coast Writers on Saturday, October 15, at 10 a.m. The presentation will take place at Freedom Hall, Zion Lutheran Church, 7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers.

For more than a decade Barr has been a ghostwriter for a *New York Times* best-selling author. She's written more than 20 novels, all bestsellers. Under her own name, she's written *Fatal Kiss*, the true story of Sylvia White, a North Carolina woman who murdered her stepson. This story was featured on The Discovery Channel's program, *The New Detectives*. Suzanne also published a suspense novel, *Sight Unseen* with Five Star/Centage Gale. Currently she is working on a Christmas anthology for Kensington Publishing.

Admission is \$5 for non-members, \$3 for members, free for first-time visitors.

For information on Gulf Coast Writers Association, visit [www.gulfwriters.org](http://www.gulfwriters.org).

For more information on the October 15th meeting, email Joe Pacheco at [sanibeljoe@comcast.net](mailto:sanibeljoe@comcast.net).\*

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# Al Davis Was A Football Legend Who Changed The Face Of The National Football League



by Ed Frank

**H**e was cantankerous, he was obstinate, he was shrewd, outspoken but fiercely loyal to his players, past and present. And he changed the face of professional football as few have done.

What Arnold Palmer did for golf and George Halas did in the founding days of the National Football League, Al Davis did in later years.

His passing last week at the age of 82 leaves a void, not only in the management and ownership of his beloved Oakland Raiders, but in the NFL as well.

As commissioner of the old American Football League,

Davis was more responsible for the 1970 merger of the AFL and the NFL than anyone else, although he originally opposed the move. But as his AFL snatched player after player from the NFL, the blending of the two leagues became inevitable.

"Just win baby," was his famous motto. The silver and black of the Oakland Raiders with the one-eyed pirate on their helmets is as famous as any logo in sports. And, baby, did the Raiders win.

From 1965 to 1980, the Raiders never had a losing season. In fact, that era marked the most successful record of any team in professional sports. During his nearly half-century as Raider boss, they won an AFL title in the 1960s, a Super Bowl in the 1970s, two more Super Bowls in the 1980s, got to the AFC title game in the 1990s and went to two AFC title games in the 2000s.

The last several years were lean years for the Raiders as the losses piled up and one coach after another was fired. But even as his health declined, Davis insisted the team would turn it around. And he was right.

On Sunday, the day after his death, the Raiders beat the first-place Houston Texans 25-20 to improve to 3-2 for the season, the first time they have been above .500 after five games since 2002.

There was much more to Al Davis than just winning football games. Perhaps due to his Jewish background, he understood discrimination. In 1968, he drafted professional football's first black quarterback, Eldridge Dickey, in the first round. He hired the first black coach, Art Shell, the first Mexican coach in Tom Flores, and the first female executive, Amy Trask, who remains in the organization as CEO.

He often took chances on players others would ignore. The media labeled quarterback Jim Plunkett as "washed up." Davis saw him differently and he led the Raiders to a Super Bowl championship. George Blanda was way too old for most, but not for Davis. The legendary Blanda quarterbacked and place-kicked for the Raiders until he was 48.

Conversely, John Madden was only 32 when he was hired as head coach. Madden won several division titles and the 1976 Super Bowl for Davis. At age 34, he took Jon Gruden as head coach and led the Raiders to consecutive division titles before leaving for Tampa Bay.

Writing this column brought back many great memories as an admitted Oakland Raider fan. While employed for Bethlehem Steel, I had been transferred to the Oakland area in 1969 and sought a couple of season tickets. There was a long waiting list for tickets, but a friend knew Davis and told him of my request.

Apparently Davis was a Bethlehem stockholder and I got the tickets.

Those were the Raider glory years with Daryl Lamonica, Ken Stabler, Jim Otto, Gene Upshaw, Blanda, Shell and many, many more.

No question that Davis possessed a brilliant football mind. He oversaw every facet of the Raider organization, never hesitating to voice his opinions to coaches and players alike.

And what a thorn he could be to the NFL hierarchy. He feuded and battled the NFL in court over moving his franchise to Los Angeles in 1982 and back to Oakland in 1985.

Pro football has lost one of its most charismatic, colorful characters. But his legacy will always be linked to today's most popular sport.\*



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Sandra Pollak and Anastasija Fetter

## New Team Assistants Named

Two new team assistants, Sandra Pollak and Anastasija Fetter, joined the Engel & Völkers teams on Sanibel and in Cape Coral. The two women will support the agents in the daily real estate business.

Fetter is studying international management and foreign trade at the University of Applied Sciences in Hamburg. She is in her third year of studies and has deep knowledge and work experience in European and U.S. real estate markets. Due to her language skills, Fetter provides customer service not only for local clients but also for international customers from Germany and Russia.

Pollak is currently studying international business at the Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge, England, in her third year. Her language knowledge in English, German and French as well as her work experience in international context contribute to the success of the company.✪

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## CCMI New CEO

with CCMI since 2005. Fleming joined CCMI in 2008 and now serves as chief of staff.

"While the board and I are very sorry to see Sarah move on, we are extremely happy for her. This is an opportunity for us to find the next catalyst who will continue the work and innovative spirit Sarah exemplified as the leader of CCMI," said Galloway. "Sarah left behind a talented team of social entrepreneurs who will continue our mission. We are in excellent hands with Dave as our interim CEO and head of our search committee with his background in organizational leadership."

Fleming is a nationally acclaimed speaker, author and leadership instructor who, along with his role at CCMI, speaks to leaders and organizations across the country. He also taught graduate business courses for University of Phoenix and coaches leaders across in both business and nonprofits.

Fleming received a master's degree in counseling/education, a doctorate of management in organizational leadership and is currently pursuing a doctorate in human and organizational development from Fielding Graduate University.

According to Fleming, a job description and names of search committee members will be posted on CCMI's website shortly.

"We are looking for candidates who have strong nonprofit leadership and fundraising skills as well as those who under-

stand and have a passion for the issues facing those we serve," said Fleming.

Fleming said the search for a new CEO will begin immediately and conducted with due diligence.

For more information, call 332-7687 or visit [www.ccmileecounty.com](http://www.ccmileecounty.com).✪

## FGCU Hosting Fall Expo For Graduate Studies

Florida Gulf Coast University invites prospective students and interested individuals to attend the Fall Expo Open House for Graduate Studies from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, October 20 in the Student Union Ballroom.

Faculty and staff will be available to discuss programs in business, public administration, counseling, forensic studies, criminal justice, education, history, English, mathematics, environmental science and studies, health professions, and social work. In addition, FGCU offers certification, and continuing education programs for career enhancement.

Representatives from FGCU's testing center and the office of financial aid and scholarships will provide information about its services. The graduate studies staff will be available to discuss admission requirements.

Prospective students are encouraged to RSVP by email at [graduate@fgcu.edu](mailto:graduate@fgcu.edu) or call 590-7988 and indicate your program of interest.✪

## Shell Point Resident Featured On The Cover Of Seniors Blue Book

Shell Point Retirement Community resident Frankie Rad was featured on the cover of the bi-annual *Seniors Blue Book for Southwest Florida*. The current publication, which covers September through February, offers stories and information to seniors looking for housing and resources in Lee and Collier counties.

Rad, who is 92 years young and has lived at Shell Point for 18 years, is just one of the more than 2,000 active individuals at Shell Point. She is a wife and mother and for decades always hoped she would one day learn how to fly. The article in the current Senior Blue book goes into great detail on how she worked towards and accomplished her dream of flying.

To pick up a copy of *Seniors Blue Book* and read more about Frankie Rad, visit the pharmacy section of any Walgreens in Lee and Collier counties.

To learn about Shell Point, visit [www.shellpoint.org](http://www.shellpoint.org) or call 1-800-780-1131.✪



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## Employment And Disability Event

Imagine a hybrid of a career fair, disability expo, volunteer fair and interviewing workshop. In a nutshell, that's the focus of Mentoring Day 2011 to be held from 9 a.m. until noon on Thursday, October 20 at Southwest Florida Works (4150 Ford Street Extension, Fort Myers).

More than 30 vendors and guest speakers will range from employment coaches and local employers to disability service providers and volunteer organizations. The Florida Eels sled hockey team will be on hand to present adaptive sports opportunities for people with disabilities.

Mentoring Day is held in recognition of October's National Disability Employment Awareness Month, part of the U.S. government's efforts to educate the American public about the contributions of employers with disabilities in the workplace. Nationally, the U.S. Department of Labor lists the unemployment rate among people with disabilities as 16.1 percent, nearly double the unemployment rate among people without disabilities (8.8 percent).

While services for people with disabilities are a main focus of Mentoring Day, any persons seeking employment assistance or volunteer opportunities are welcome to attend. No registration is required.

Mentoring Day 2011 is presented by Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida,

The Able Trust, and Southwest Florida Works. For more information, contact Tim Goodman at 274-3463 or Joe Belardinelli at 931-8200 ext. 11192.✪

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## Slough Photo Contest

Submit your favorite pictures of the slough to the contest. This event is an opportunity to share views of this special natural area and its native wildlife.

Award winners will be notified by February 15 and awards presented at a celebration at the Slough Interpretive Center on February 25. Winning photos will be displayed at the center.

The judges for this year's contest are Geoff Coe, a professional photographer and owner of Wild Images Florida; and slough volunteer naturalist James Mathisen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ranger and photography specialist; and Charles O'Connor, vice president and education chair for Friends and teacher for the Lee County School System.

Entries will be accepted until 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 31 at the Interpretive Center at the Slough, 7751 Penzance Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33966.

If there are any questions, call 533-7557. Complete details are online at [www.sloughpreserve.org](http://www.sloughpreserve.org).✪

## Homeowners Can Receive Free Energy Efficiency Upgrades To Their Homes, Lowering Energy Bills

As cooler temperatures begin to replace summer's heat, energy costs remain high and will increase in the dead of Florida's winter. But a local program can help homeowners keep their monthly energy bills low. The Weatherization Assistance Program at the Lee County Department of Human Services provides free energy-related repairs and energy upgrades to eligible low-income homeowners in Lee County.

The program hires local contractors to service homes whose entire households are within 200 percent of the poverty guideline. Some of the services provided are weather stripping, caulking and other energy-efficiency updates. The focus is on energy conservation and saving low-income residents money on utility costs with the help of local contractors.

Sue Nagle of North Fort Myers received the help of the weatherization assistance program. While very sick and undergoing cancer treatment, Nagle realized she had a leak in her roof. At the time, Nagle worked full-time and lived alone. Her brother told her she might be eligible for the Weatherization Assistance Program, so she filled out the paperwork and waited. It turned out to be well worth the time.

"The inspectors came out to my house and recommended a lot of work to make my home more energy efficient," said Nagle. "They put on a new roof, installed a new air conditioner and water heater, put all new energy-efficient light bulbs and water savers in faucets throughout the house, efficient shower heads, two new skylights, as well as a thermal screen in the front and back of the house."

Nagle's energy bill dropped from nearly \$150 dollars per month to as low as \$70 per month.

"I can't help but get emotional when I think of how blessed I am. Everyone was so helpful, so professional and very nice," added Nagle. "My overall experience - super plus positive!"

Local contractor Kurt Smutney, who with his brother owns SCP Enterprises in Lehigh Acres, believes the Weatherization Assistance Program is good for the families it serves and for the workers he is able to employ as a result.

"Right now, weatherization work is about 50 percent of what our company does - but it has been as much as 100 percent of our work," Smutney noted. "With the economic turndown, I've had to significantly reduce my workforce. The weatherization work has kept us in business."

## Sustainability Conference

The University of Florida, IFAS Extension in partnership with Lee County's Pollution Prevention Program will hold its 3rd annual Sustainability Conference and Educational Exhibition on November 10. Entitled Decoding Sustainable Living: Proposing Green Solutions for a Sustainable Future, the conference will be held at the Lee County Elections Center. The cost to attend is \$20.

Expand your vision of possibilities in the world of sustainable growth. Scientists, entrepreneurs and leaders from academia, industry and government will share research and development information on innovative solutions in clean energy, energy efficient, GHG emissions, financial and policy opportunities and resource management strategies that will help mitigate the impact of climate change and help build a green economy.

The exhibition is a unique opportunity to meet the region's investors, farmers, developers, engineers, purchasing agents, state and local government agencies who will showcase unique products, services and programs that promote climate change solutions through recycling, water-use efficiency, sustainable transportation, biofuels and renewable alternative energy development. The exhibition is free to exhibitors and Florida citizenry.

Checks should be made payable and mailed to LCBOCC, 3406 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33916. Register online at <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu> and click on icon WebTRAC. For more information contact Martha Avila, sustainability program coordinator, UF/IFAS Extension, at 533-7506 or [avilamc@leegov.com](mailto:avilamc@leegov.com). Or Jayne Coles, environmental specialist, at 652-6131 or [Jcoles@leegov.com](mailto:Jcoles@leegov.com).

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When Smutney and his team work on a home, they frequently do such repairs and upgrades to windows, air conditioning work, and insulation. Water heaters are often older and don't perform effectively or efficiently. "I'm glad we're able

to help these local homeowners, over half of whom are senior citizens."

Residents who are interested in the program should visit or call the Lee County Department of Human Services at 533-7930 to request an application. Documents required include Social Security card, driver's license, proof of home ownership, current utility bills, proof of disability (if applicable), and proof of income, along with the names and contact information of their employer(s). All information is held in the strictest confidence.

"We are glad to help those eligible for the Weatherization Assistance Program in our community," said Shawn Tan, Housing Program Manager at the Lee County Department of Human Services. "These funds will not last forever, so we encourage anyone who is eligible to contact our office and seek out these free services."

As a result of the American Recovery Reinvestment Act or Stimulus Act of 2009, the Lee County Department of Human Services has weatherized 185 homes and created or retained four construction-related jobs in Lee County. The Weatherization Assistance Program is helping low-income Floridians all over the state. For more information, contact the Lee County Department of Human Services at 2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, or by phone at 533-7930. Online, visit [www.FloridaCommunityDevelopment.org/WAP](http://www.FloridaCommunityDevelopment.org/WAP).

### Weatherization Assistance Program

#### 2011 Household Income Guidelines

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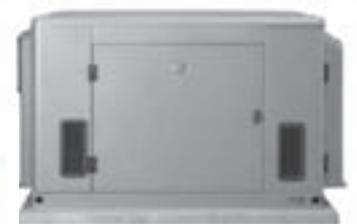
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## Financial Focus

## It's A Good Week To Think About Retirement Savings



by Jennifer Basey

**Y**ou may not see it posted on your calendar, but October 16 to 22 is National Save for Retirement Week. This annual event, endorsed by Congress, is designed to raise

awareness about the importance of saving for retirement – so you may want to take some time this week to review your own strategy for achieving the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

If you're not convinced of the need for an event such as National Save for Retirement Week, just consider these statistics, taken from the Employee Benefit Research Institute's 2011 Retirement Confidence Survey:

- The percentage of workers not at all confident about having enough money for a comfortable retirement grew from 22 percent in 2010 to 27 percent – the highest level measured in the 21 years of the Retirement Confidence Survey.

- 56 percent of respondents said that the total value of their household's savings and investments, excluding the value of their primary homes and any defined benefit plans (i.e., traditional pension plans) is less than \$25,000.

- Less than half of the respondents said they and/or their spouses have tried to calculate how much money they will need for a comfortable retirement.

These numbers are obviously troubling – and they indicate that most of us probably need to put more thought and effort into our retirement savings. What can you do? Here are a few suggestions:

- Determine how much you'll need in

retirement. Try to define the lifestyle you want to have. Will you travel the world or stay close to home? Will you work part-time or spend your hours volunteering or pursuing hobbies? Once you know what your retirement might look like, try to estimate how much it might cost.

- Identify your sources of retirement income. Take into account your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, Social Security and other savings and investments. How much income will they provide? How much can you withdraw from these vehicles each year without depleting them?

- Calculate any retirement shortfall. Try to determine if your savings and investments will be enough to provide you with an income stream that's adequate to meet your retirement needs. If it isn't, develop an estimate of the size of the shortfall.

- Take steps to close savings gap. If it doesn't look like you'll have enough to meet your retirement needs, you may consider adjusting your savings and investment strategy. This may mean contributing more to your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts. Or perhaps your investment mix may need to be reviewed to find a better balance growth potential with risk. Or you may need to take both of these steps.

- Monitor your progress. Once you've put your investment strategy into place, you'll need to monitor your progress to make sure you're on track toward achieving your retirement savings goals. Along the way, you may have to make adjustments if there are changes in your objectives or your specific situation.

Taking these types of action can be challenging, so you may want to work with a professional financial advisor who has the experience and resources necessary to help you identify and work

toward achieving your retirement goals. In any case, though, National Save for Retirement Week is a great time to consider your course of action.

Jennifer Basey is a financial advisor in Fort Myers. She can be reached at [jennifer.basey@edwardjones.com](mailto:jennifer.basey@edwardjones.com).✪✪

## The Power Of You, The Future Of Lee

**T**he Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) rolled out its 2011-12 fiscal year sales and marketing plan and cooperative advertising program for tourism industry partners at the organization's annual Team Tourism Summit October 6 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs.

It is the first time in 14 years the VCB has developed its annual plan in partnership with a new marketing agency.

The VCB, along with its new agency MMG Worldwide, unveiled the latest plan, including its co-op program, in a half-day event themed *The Power of You, the Future of Lee*.

The single business goal, outlined by VCB Deputy Director Woody Peek, is to increase Lee County bed tax collections by 2.5 percent.

The VCB has established business objectives to support this goal including:

- Increase overall visitation in paid accommodations by 1.5 percent over FY 2010-11

- Increase out-of-state domestic visitors in paid accommodations by 1.75 percent

- Increase in-state visitation in paid accommodations by 2.5 percent.

- Maintain international visitation in paid accommodations.

- Maintain length of stay

- Increase average daily rates (ADR) by 1 percent

Several strategies were laid out in the morning's meeting to establish how these goals would be accomplished. Strategies include new visitor acquisition, repeat visitor retention, product development and industry support/professional development.

"It is more important now than ever for our industry to work together to achieve these goals," said Tamara Pigott, VCB executive director. "We are very excited to embark upon a new journey with MMG Worldwide this year and look forward to our destination achieving great success as well as continuing to be a leader in the tourism industry."

Other highlights throughout the day supported the basic goals and objectives of the marketing plan. Attendees were enlightened by internationally celebrated and respected futurist Watts Wacker who delivered the event's keynote address, *Once Upon the 21st Century*.

Wacker challenged the audience to think, and reminded them of the importance of listening to those who ask questions more so than those who just speak.

Wacker, founder and director of FirstMatter LLC, is a lecturer, best-selling author, political commentator and social critic. He has helped the world's top corporations and organizations navigate the sea of change that is taking hold. He has been the futurist at SRI International, the legendary Menlo Park think tank, spent 10 years as the resident futurist at the social research organization Yankelovich Partners, and has been named to the list of the 50 most influential business thinkers in the world by *Financial Times*.

Team Tourism is a year-round informational program consisting of workshops and networking opportunities for industry partners, community leaders, and the VCB team to strengthen teamwork throughout the destination, and to empower travel industry leaders to maximize marketing opportunities available to them. The VCB hosts Team Tourism programs on a variety of topics.✪✪

## Community Foundation Names CEO

**T**he Southwest Florida Community Foundation board of trustees has appointed Sarah Owen its chief executive officer.

Owen currently serves as CEO of Community Cooperative Ministries Inc., a local nonprofit serving the homeless and hungry across Southwest Florida. Over the past six years she has been instrumental in leading CCFMI through an organizational restructure and implementing new sustainable methods of serving the needs of the community through the creation of emergency mobile food pantries, weekend backpack programs for more than 1,500 students, and converting the former soup kitchen into the Everyday Café and Marketplace.

"Sarah was selected from an extremely talented pool of candidates because of her devotion to meeting the future needs



Sarah Owen

of Southwest Florida as well as her fundraising success in the community," said Dawn-Marie Driscoll, chair of the board of trustees. "She is a creative problem

solver and a respected leader who we are confident will move the community foundation toward continued growth."

"I look forward to applying the experience gained from advancements made at CCFMI toward the Southwest Florida community as a whole," said Owen. "My goal will not only be to connect donors with their philanthropic aspirations and the evolving needs of the community, but also to help enact sustainable programs and best practices at those we fund."

A native of Florida, Owen earned a bachelor's degree in education from Florida Southern College in Lakeland and a master's degree in education from the University of South Florida. Her career has included working in investor relations and corporate communications for publicly traded companies on the New York Stock Exchange, as well as private companies throughout the Southeastern United States.

She is the founder and co-author of *What's Next, A Guide for Single Mothers & Their Children* which is currently being marketed as *Fresh Start for*

*Single Mothers and Their Children*.

Owen is also a contributor to various blogs including Tyson Hunger Relief and the U.S. Poverty Blog, and the white paper *America Woke Up Hungry*. She is a past recipient of numerous awards and was honored by President George H. Bush at a White House Rose Garden Ceremony for her involvement in the Just Say No To Drugs campaign.

"Sarah brings energy and passion plus a proven track record of leadership, business knowledge and a compassion of caring," said Jim Nathan, president and chief executive officer for Lee Memorial Health System and senior advisory trustee for the community foundation. "We are truly honored by Sarah's willingness to help foster the mission and vision of the foundation, and our community will be well served by her talents and dedication."

Owen is expected to start her new position by the end of October.

For more information, call 274-5900 or visit [www.floridacommunity.com](http://www.floridacommunity.com).✪✪

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSPP

**D**ear Shelley,  
My 7th grade daughter has been in school now for almost two months and she does not seem to be adjusting very well. She should be used

to school and the routine but she continues to be very anxious and nervous. She does not want to talk about it either. Any suggestions?

Emily L., via e-mail, Estero, Florida

**Dear Emily,**

Feeling anxious for the first few days or even the first week or two of school is quite typical, but when that anxiety extends past those beginning weeks of school, it is time for parents to become much more involved as you are doing.

Anxiety, the jitters, feeling high strung or nervous is a common feeling for everyone in every age group. Anxiety is normal and can even be helpful at times by alerting us to a variety of situations that we need to address. The central characteristic of anxiety is worry and when the worrying becomes problematic that's the indication that it's time to take some action.

You mentioned that your daughter does not want to discuss her feelings with you. She is showing you a classic symp-

tom of anxiety in that pre-teens and teens tend to withdraw when they are anxious. Younger children however, act out more when they are anxious by showing anger or irritability. One clue that your child is anxious about school is their behavior on the weekend. If their anxiety is school related their demeanor tends to improve on Friday afternoons and Saturdays and then the anxiety will re-appear on Sunday evenings.

Anxiety and depression can be linked sometimes, appearing together. According to Dr. Doyme, from Cincinnati Children's Hospital, this is a gray area and it is not always easy to make a clear determination as to which condition the child is experiencing. He does state that depression is much more severe and children tend to appear more dysfunctional with depression.

According to Dr. Huberty, a school psychologist, there are some specific actions a parent can take to help their child reduce their anxiety levels:

To help with anxiety, teach your children how to organize materials and time, develop small scripts of what to do and say, either to peers or as self-talk, when anxiety increases.

Practicing things such as asking questions in class or class presentations until a comfort level is achieved can be a useful anxiety-reducing activity.

Listen to and talk with your child on a regular basis and avoid being critical. Being critical may increase pressure to be perfect, which may be contributing to the problem in the first place.

Anxiety is a complex topic and can-

not be fully addressed in this column. I recommend that you read Dr. Huberty's informative article for parents on anxiety in children to learn more about this topic and on ways to help your child. It can be accessed at [www.nasponline.org/resources/intonline/anxiety\\_huberty.pdf](http://www.nasponline.org/resources/intonline/anxiety_huberty.pdf)

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## FGCU Hosts Students From Asia Learn U.S. Values Through Global Undergraduate Exchange Program

**T**wo emerging leaders from Asia are studying this year at Florida Gulf Coast University as part of the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD).

Nasha Chia Hwee Lee of Malaysia is an environmental engineering student who was instrumental in setting up the University of Malaysia's first recycling program. Lee is also an accomplished pianist and lead violinist with her university's symphonic orchestra.

Hun Whee Lee of South Korea is a business administration and East Asian studies major, and has conducted research into cross-cultural marriage to better integrate immigrants into South Korean society.

World Learning is one of the nonprofit organizations that administer Global UGRAD on behalf of the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). Global UGRAD offers one year of non-degree study funded by ECA. The program introduces international student leaders to the U.S. educational system and culture to promote mutual understanding and strong cross-cultural ties between Americans and people of other countries.

Thousands of Asian students from underrepresented communities compete annually for the program. Fewer than 100 students are selected each year based on their academic merit, community engagement and leadership skills.

"The idea is to help students gain in-depth exposure to key American values," said Timothy Gjini, associate director for FGCU International Services. "It will help fellows integrate into the community and meet American friends – opportunities that international undergraduate students desire, but cannot always find on their own."\*

## Scripps Research Fellowship Done

**C**arissa Iverson, graduate of Southwest Florida Christian Academy, recently completed the Scripps Research Institute Research Fellows program. As one of 12 recipients in the United States, she was selected to spend 10 weeks in a genetics laboratory studying genetics involved in protecting the ends of chromosomes. Presently a student at Palm Beach Atlantic University, Iverson hopes to concentrate on the field of genetics during her graduate work. She stated she became interested in science after taking a course in human anatomy and physiology as a high school student at the academy.\*



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## Bone Marrow Soup, Yummy Or Yuckkkkkkkk?



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Pharmacist: Every fall, I worry about catching cough and cold. My Jewish grandmother used to come over and cook soup with bones in it. She insisted it would keep us

healthy and made us suck the marrow out of the bones. Truthfully, we never got sick. What do you think of this idea? I don't want to torture my own kids but she may have been on to something.

*BE, Hartford, Connecticut*

Answer: Anything that helps you avoid illness (and pricey antibiotics) is fine by me! Growing up, my mom made us kids do the same. I can still hear her ravenously sucking the marrow out of the bones, they never had a chance. Bone marrow soup contains red marrow, which provides immune system factors such as myeloid stem cells, which are precursors to red blood cells that bring oxygen to your organs. It also contains lymphoid stem cells, precursors to white blood cells and platelets. White blood cells fight germs and platelets help

your blood clot properly.

If you're still grossed out about cooking such a prehistoric soup, keep listening. Bone broth will provide your body with two important amino acids, glycine and proline. Glycine is needed to help our body form a powerful liver antioxidant called glutathione, which neutralize poisons. Proline has been researched extensively and supports heart health by blocking dangerous "lipoprotein a" from sticking to your arteries (think atherosclerosis). While the idea of bone broth might make you want to fast, the truth is, bone broth is great for a fasting or detoxification program because it supports both phase I and II detoxification and builds up collagen to support healthy bones, discs in your back, your skin, ligaments, cartilage and tendons. I think bone soup can support wound healing, and joint health all while soothing inflamed mucus membranes in the digestive tract. Perfect for IBS, leaky gut, Celiac and Crohn's disease. Getting hungry yet?

Because I always try what I write about, I bought some bones tonight and made the soup. It tasted good. I flavored it with fresh garlic, celery, carrots, parsley and onions. I cooked it for 5 hours on low, although you could use a crock pot and let it simmer overnight.

Bone marrow soup provides minerals, especially calcium, magnesium and phosphorus. Great, because these support bone, heart and muscle health... and they make your nails grow fast. When cooking the soup, add two teaspoons of apple cider vinegar to help extract the minerals from the bone.

## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

**L**izzie 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 think younger people are so mean to those who are over the hill. They have more education and know more about what is in books, but I am not stupid and some of them don't even know how to hang up their own clothes.

I don't know computers and the new things like that but I can add up numbers and do subtraction and they all have their little machines that do all of the work.

Can you tell me what to do and say to shut them up?

*Freda*

### Dear Freda,

I have heard many very successful people complain that their adult children belittle their accomplishments in spite of their rising to the top of their professions.

If young people intimidate you, just ignore their company and concentrate on people in your own age group.

Many people young and old seem to enjoy making others miserable but I think it is all part of human nature.

*Lizzie*

### Dear Freda,

Instead of taking the time focusing on what to say to them to "shut them up," take the extra time to learn about computers and new technologies. As we age, we still learn, it just takes a little longer.

Remember, some younger folks may be mean, impatient or arrogant. If you get upset with them, it does not change them, it just ruins your day, and one day those younger folks will be older as well.

*Pryce*

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

## Conveniences For Genealogists

**I**t's easier than ever for genealogy researchers to order microform from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Orders for all microform materials now will be placed online, making it possible for researchers to order from the comfort of their homes or from any location where there

To ramp up immune-boosting properties, buy fresh or dried astragalus root, a wonderful Chinese herb. Add one-quarter cup to your soup for the last 20 minutes, but don't do this if you take methotrexate or cyclophosphamide drugs. Skim the astragalus and any fat/foam from the soup before consuming. I draw the line at bones, but if you are friskier, make your soup with oxtail or chicken feet.

### DID YOU KNOW:

New research suggests that blood pressure drugs called "beta blockers" slow the spread of breast cancer.

*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.\**

## October Is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**I**n observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Lee Memorial Health System's Breast Health Center will host an open house to raise awareness of breast health services available in the community.

The open house will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19 at The Outpatient Center at The Sanctuary. The address is 8960 Colonial Center Drive in Fort Myers.

"All of us are touched by breast cancer in some way during our lifetime. Either we are a woman who is at risk, or we love someone who is at risk," said Priscilla Niles, director of outpatient breast health imaging for Lee Memorial Health System. "Our community has much to offer to women who are at risk or are battling breast cancer. We're looking forward to educating women at this event about what is available to them to help them maintain a healthy breast."

There will be refreshments at the open house, and activities include:

- Tour the Breast Health Center
- Attend a presentation by Dr. John Rodriguez, a diagnostic radiologist
- Get all of your questions answered about breast health, breast cancer, diagnosis and treatment
- Meet our breast cancer navigators whose job is to help patients navigate their journeys from diagnosis through treatment
- Learn about the technology available in our community including full field digital mammography, breast ultrasound, stereotactic-prone breast biopsy and breast MRI
- Learn how a healthy lifestyle sustains breast health
- Fun scavenger hunt, contests and other activities

In addition, to keep the awareness of breast cancer foremost in the minds of community members, the external lights of The Sanctuary building will be pink colored during the month of October.

More information can be obtained by calling 343-9453.\*

is an Internet connection.

"Genealogy continues to be a really popular topic, especially at the Fort Myers branch where we have a large genealogy collection. And now that people can order and pay for microfilms online, researching their family histories will be even easier," said Julie Pierce, head of Reference for the Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library. "Many folks may not know that the Fort Myers Library is the designated location for the genealogy collection for the Lee Library System."

A researcher's first step is to visit the Family History Library Catalog (at www.FamilySearch.org) to select the microform they wish to order. Next, a visit to www.

familysearch.org/films instructs customers to create a personal account and select the preferred Affiliate Library or Family History Center where the microform materials they order will be sent. They must make payment using a credit or debit card or PayPal.

Genealogy researchers are encouraged to download the User's Guide at www.familysearch.org/films as it provides step-by-step guidelines for placing an order. For those needing help in selecting and ordering microform materials, genealogy assistance will continue to be available at the Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library by calling 479-4636 for an appointment.

Telephone reference is available at 479-INFO (4636).\*

## Health And Safety Fair Provides Free Legal Advice

**L**ocal attorneys provided free brief consultations on a wide range of legal issues at the Operation Medicine Cabinet Health & Safety Fair on Saturday, October 8. The event was hosted by the Lee County Sheriff's Office and Abby Services Inc. Providing pro bono service has been an important part of the tradition of giving back in community service by Lee County Bar Association attorneys.

For many years, the members of Lee County Bar Association have donated free legal advice at other civic events such as the annual Law in the Mall at Edison Mall, but this is the first time they have joined the Operation Medicine Cabinet Health and Safety Fair.

Another free legal advice event at the end of the month on October 29 will be co-hosted by Lee County Bar Association and Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. The Ask-A-Lawyer event will be held at the Quality Life Center, 3210 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, from 9 a.m. until noon. Registration is required by calling Florida Rural Legal Services Inc. at 334-4554, ext. 4119.

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## Walk To End Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association is inviting Lee County residents to unite in a movement to reclaim the future for millions by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's. Centennial Park will be the site of the walk and accompanying events on Saturday, October 22; activities begin at 8 a.m., with the walk beginning at 9 a.m.

Walk to End Alzheimer's is more than a walk. It is an experience for over 500 participants in Fort Myers who will learn about Alzheimer's disease and how to get involved with this critical cause from advocacy opportunities, the latest in Alzheimer's research and clinical trial enrollment to support programs and services. Each walker will also join in a ceremony to honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth-leading cause of death. As baby boomers age, the number of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease will rapidly escalate, increasing well beyond today's estimated 5.4 million Americans living with Alzheimer's. In addition to the two-mile walk, participants will see local celebrities and entertainment and a special tribute to those who have experienced or are experiencing Alzheimer's.

"There has never been a greater need for the citizens of Lee County to join in the fight against Alzheimer's disease by participating in Walk to End Alzheimer's," said Gloria JT Smith, president and CEO, Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. "Funds raised will help us offer support and services to the 23,000 persons in Lee County living with Alzheimer's, while also contributing to advancing critically needed research."

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association has mobilized millions of Americans in

the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. Now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's.✱

## New Board Officers For Lee Health System

The new members of the boards of directors and officers of the auxiliaries of Lee Memorial Health System were installed on September 27 at a luncheon held at The Edison.

Many auxiliary members were on hand as well as members of the Lee Memorial Health System board of directors and system senior leadership. In addition to honoring retiring board members, the auxiliary members learned first-hand of the benefits of their efforts on behalf of the health system.

In addition to \$150,000 given by the auxiliaries to the Education Grant Program, which helped almost 130 students, they have committed \$650,000 to the Capital Campaign for The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

Elected to serve the auxiliaries for the coming year are: Cape Coral Hospital Auxiliary: Karen Fortin, president; Susan Twining, president elect; Lynne Benson, 1st vice pres.; Katie Polk, 2nd vice president; Geri Neff, auxiliary secretary; Pat Briceland, treasurer; Carol Anderson, social secretary; Carl Greenman, recorder

Gulf Coast Medical Center Auxiliary: Jean Moran, president; Mary Ann George, 1st vice pres.; John MacKenzie, 2nd vice pres.; Mary Callaway, treasurer; Mae Davis, corresponding secretary; Patricia A. Liscinsky, recording secretary

Lee Memorial Auxiliary: Al Kinkle, president; Sandy Heise, president elect; Jean Perkins, vice president; fundraising/vice pres. Lee Memorial Hospital; Ketki Shah, vice president, HealthPark Medical Center; Tommie Schott, vice president, embership; Janice Beckett, secretary; Jim Martin, treasurer; Marianne Beckett, Phil Fortin, Bob Lotz, Mary Jane Rockas, board members at large.✱

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## Biker Run To Benefit Lee County Schools

The Local motorcycle group The Defenders has teamed up to support education in Lee County Schools by choosing Learning for Life, Inc. as the main recipient of this year's Biker Run. The run will be held on Sunday, October 23, with registration at 9 a.m. at the Harley Davidson of Fort Myers. The last bike will go out at 11 a.m. There will be five destinations beginning with Gatorz Bar & Grill, then Lazy Flamingo, Pincher's Crab Shack, Valerie's Lounge; the final destination is the Sandy Parrot, 17200 South Tamiami Trail in Fort Myers, Florida.

This run is open to the public and you can travel to each location by motorcycle or car. At each location a single playing card will be drawn for a chance to win best or worst poker hand at the Sandy Parrot. The cost to participate is \$10 per rider and \$5 per passenger. All proceeds will benefit Learning For Life and will support character education within local schools. Special guest Sheriff Mike Scott will kick off the ride. There will be prizes, vendors and live bands at the Sandy Parrot at 1 p.m. with no cover charge.

For further information contact Niska Gazlay at 699-6938.✱

## Healthpark Reaccreditation

Lee Memorial Health System has announced that HealthPark Medical Center has once again been reaccredited as a Chest Pain Center from the Society of Chest Pain Centers (SCPC), an international not-for-profit organization that focuses on transforming cardiovascular care by assisting facilities in their efforts to create communities of excellence that bring together quality, cost and patient satisfaction.

Hospitals that have received SCPC accreditation have achieved a higher level of expertise in dealing with patients who arrive with symptoms of a heart attack. They emphasize the importance of standardized diagnostic and treatment programs that provide more efficient and effective evaluation as well as more appropriate and rapid treatment of patients with chest pain and other heart attack symptoms. They also serve as a point of entry into the health care system to evaluate and treat other medical problems, and they help to promote a healthier lifestyle in an attempt to reduce the risk factors for heart attack.

"In addition to this reaccreditation, HealthPark Medical Center is home to one of Florida's two Chest Pain Center coordinators, Deborah Hupe-Cyr, RN, Emergency Services Nursing Supervisor," stated Cindy Brown, vice president of Patient Care Services. "Deborah was the first of only 11 professionals in the country who have been certified to ensure the success of their hospital's Chest Pain Center and provide the most advanced cardiovascular care for patients."

By maintaining status as an Accredited Chest Pain Center, HealthPark has enhanced the quality of care for the cardiac patient and has demonstrated its

commitment to higher standards.

For more information on SCPC, accreditation and certification opportunities, visit [www.sccp.org](http://www.sccp.org), or call toll free 1-877-271-4176.✱

## Powerful Tools For Caregivers

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational series designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself.

This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

Classes consist of six sessions are held once a week. Two experienced class leaders conduct the series (many are experienced caregivers themselves, who have successfully applied the techniques they teach). Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming will help you take the tools you choose and put them into action for your life.

You will receive a book, *The Caregiver Helpbook*, developed specifically for the class. A donation of \$25 to help defray the book's cost is suggested but not required to attend the class.

Classes will be held at Cypress Lake United Methodist Church, 8570 Cypress Lake Drive in Fort Myers, from October 13 through November 17.

Sessions are held every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. For information about respite care or to register, call 343-2751. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

Funded by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and Senior Choices of Southwest Florida in collaboration with Lee Memorial Health System - Older Adult Services. Visit [www.leememorial.org](http://www.leememorial.org) for more information.✱

## Child Car Seat Safety Inspection

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Kohl's Center for Safety Program will be providing free car seat safety inspections on Saturday, October 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the YMCA of the Palms, 5450 YMCA Road, Naples.

Research shows that an estimated 30 percent of children still continue to ride unrestrained and 80 percent of all car seats are used incorrectly. More than 1,700 children have been saved since 1996 just because they were riding in a properly fitted car seat and in the back seat.

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## Park Royal Hospital Construction Tops Off, On Schedule For February

Park Royal Hospital celebrated the “topping off” of its new behavioral health treatment facility, located on the HealthPark Medical Center campus in South Fort Myers. The \$30 million project began in March and is being built by DeAngelis Diamond Healthcare Group.

“We are very excited to have reached this milestone with the placement of the rooftop air chillers,” said CEO Jim Harper. “We are right on schedule for the completion and grand opening of the newest hospital in Southwest Florida in early February.”

Park Royal Hospital, located at 9241 Park Royal Drive, is an approximately 72,000-square-foot mental health facility. The state-of-the-art LEED-certified building designed by Architecture Inc. incorporates the latest energy-saving technologies.

Park Royal Hospital will admit adult and geriatric patients into the 76-bed facility 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The private hospital will accept most insurance plans including Medicare and the managed plans of Medicaid.

The hospital will create more than 200 jobs for the Fort Myers area when fully staffed and occupied. These will include management, nursing, plant operations, food service and many other positions. Those interested in employment should visit the Career Center at [www.ParkRoyalHospital.com](http://www.ParkRoyalHospital.com) or email a resume and letter of interest to [JRobinson@ParkRoyalHospital.com](mailto:JRobinson@ParkRoyalHospital.com).

Park Royal Hospital provides state-of-the-art behavioral health treatment services on



The installation of a rooftop air chiller marked the topping off of Park Royal Hospital, a 76-bed mental health facility that is scheduled to open in February at HealthPark

both an inpatient and outpatient basis. The hospital will serve all of Southwest Florida including Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties with care. Its location on the HealthPark campus is easily accessible from all major transportation routes.

For more information or to watch building progress via the construction webcam, visit [www.ParkRoyalHospital.com](http://www.ParkRoyalHospital.com).\*

## Learn Save A Life On Make A Difference Day

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades and the Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross have teamed up to provide free Hands-Only CPR training on National Make A Difference Day, Saturday, October 22. Hands-Only CPR is a 30-minute, non-certification course.

One quarter of Americans say they've been in a situation where someone needed CPR. That's why the United Way and the American Red Cross have teamed up to provide this special Hands-Only CPR event. Most people who survive a cardiac emergency are helped by a bystander. Hands-Only CPR is a potentially lifesaving technique involving no mouth-to-mouth contact and is easy to learn.

All are invited to be part of the

National Make A Difference Day to possibly save a life. Recruit some friends; get your employer to send employees to a Hands-Only CPR class.

People interested in participating in this free course should contact Kim Berghs, United Way Volunteer Center manager at 433-2000 ext. 260. There are six time slots available, no prerequisites, and no minimum age to participate.

The United Way Volunteer Center connects individuals and companies to volunteer opportunities throughout our community. If you or your company would like to be involved in a United Way

Day of Caring, contact The United Way Volunteer Center at 433-2000 ext. 260. Also available is United Way 211, a 24-hour non-emergency helpline. By dialing 2-1-1, Lee, Hendry and Glades residents can reach a trained specialist who will match their needs with local human services. Hendry and Glades residents can also reach United Way 211 by dialing (800) 887-9234.\*



Hands-only CPR

## FGCU Health And Wellness Fair

Florida Gulf Coast University's Prevention and Wellness Services will hold its 11th annual Campus & Community Health Wellness Fair on Tuesday, October 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Keynote speaker TJ Sullivan from CAMPUSPEAK will address the audience on Confronting the Idiot in Your Life at 8 p.m. Sullivan provides practical strategies for increasing the effectiveness of constructive confrontations with people in our lives, challenging everyone to build a better community.

The Health and Wellness Fair will feature over 30 exhibitors providing wellness information, giveaways, free health screenings, and advice from consultants from a wide variety of campus and community resources.

The events are free and open to the public, and will be held in the Student Union Ballroom. For more information call 590-7733 or [agibbs@fgcu.edu](mailto:agibbs@fgcu.edu).\*



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# Hands-Only CPR



One quarter of Americans say they've been in a situation where someone needed CPR. If you were one of them, would you know what to do?

**Can you spare 30 minutes to learn a skill that may save a life?**

The Hands-Only CPR technique, which involves *no mouth to mouth contact*, is a skill **EVERYONE** should know. The American Red Cross wants to educate 5 million people about Hands-Only CPR to increase the likelihood victims have of surviving a cardiac emergency outside medical settings. **Training takes only 30 minutes and you will walk away with confidence in your ability to help in an emergency.**



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**No prerequisites or minimum age to participate. No cost!**

**Location: United Way of Lee, Hendry, & Glades - 7273 Concourse Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908**

**Please Note:** This is not a certification course. For more information about CPR and other full service certification classes, contact the American Red Cross, Florida's Southern Gulf Coast Region at (239)278-3401 or visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)



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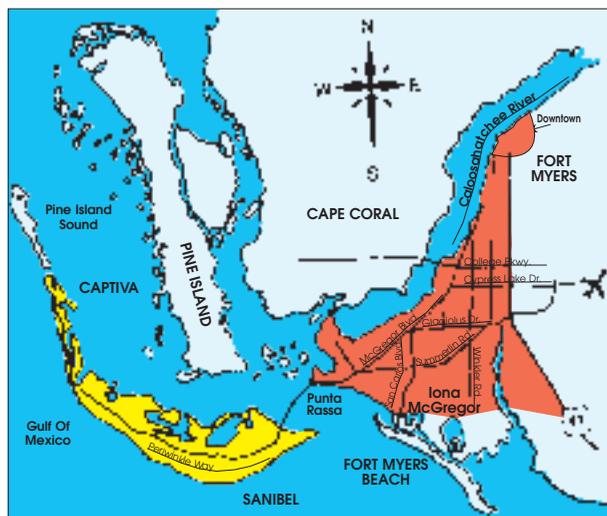
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For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com). When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be 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.



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The adoption package is valued at \$500.\*



Alice ID# 516869

## National Feral Cat Day Program

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) will observe National Feral Cat Day, October 16, by reminding people that Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and other humane programs for feral cats are in the best interest of the cats and the community.

National Feral Cat Day was launched in 2001 by Alley Cat Allies, the national advocate for feral and stray cats and a recognized authority on Trap-Neuter-Return – a

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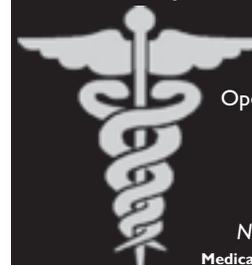
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Additionally, county-wide efforts will be boosted this year in the Lehigh Acres area with a \$25,000 grant from Florida Animal Friend, Inc. The grant, targeted for the sterilization of ferals in Lehigh Acres specifically, was funded through sales of the Official Florida Animal Friend Spay and Neuter License Plate.

"Trap-Neuter-Return is the best course of action for feral cats," said Ria Brown, LCDAS public information officer, "because it ends the breeding cycle and stops nuisance behaviors associated with mating."

The agency's previous program of trap, euthanize, and eradicate proved to be ineffective in reducing the feral cat population as prolific breeding continued to escalate. Through LCDAS the cost of sterilization for TNR cats is free. Donations, however, are always appreciated and provide funding to sterilize even more cats.

Residents interested in having ferals in their community sterilized should contact LCDAS at [spay@leegov.com](mailto:spay@leegov.com) for more information or to make an appointment. Information about National Feral Cat Day is available at [www.alleycat.org](http://www.alleycat.org). Information about Florida Animal Friend License Plates is available at [www.floridaanimalfriend.org](http://www.floridaanimalfriend.org).

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After examining the dog, LCDAS staff veterinarian Suzanne Vazzana determined that her back legs were paralyzed from an old pelvic injury. While the cause of her injury is unknown, she has been able to compensate for the loss of function in her back legs by lifting all of her body weight up onto her front legs in order to walk. When she was found, Trixie's nails were extremely long and she was in desperate need of a good dental cleaning. Lee County's Animal Care Trust Fund covered the cost of having her teeth cleaned which included 17 extractions.

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Trixie

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### SUDOKU

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5	1	2	6	3	8	7	9	4

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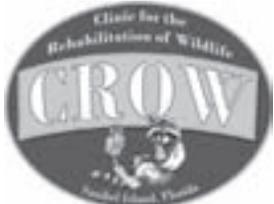
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## SUDOKU

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

answer on page 35

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Difficulties: 1. Picture has been added 2. Map is different 3. Window color has been added 4. House is in air 5. Window in door is gone 6. Boy is wearing slippers

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Unscramble the letters in each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the board letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



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Rattle \_\_\_\_\_  
KASHE \_\_\_\_\_  
Soak \_\_\_\_\_  
SABBOR \_\_\_\_\_  
Allow \_\_\_\_\_  
TEMPIR \_\_\_\_\_  
Catch \_\_\_\_\_  
NEARS \_\_\_\_\_

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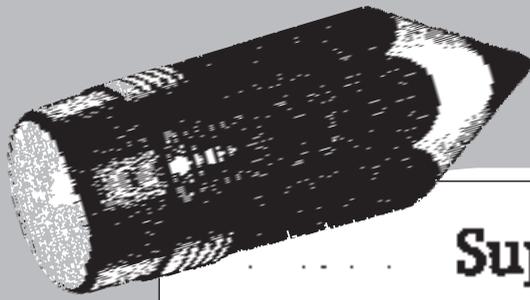
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POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour).....	211 or 433-3900

### AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
Skatium.....	321-7510
Southwest Florida Museum of History.....	321-7430
True Tours.....	945-0405

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## Super Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Engage, as gears
  - 5 Spar of city
  - 10 Writer Silverstein
  - 14 Correctional
  - 19 — vera
  - 20 Church law
  - 21 Hawaiian letter
  - 22 Isolated
  - 23 Singer born '00-91940
  - 25 Writer born '00-6185b
  - 27 Whirly ...
  - 28 Catty remark?
  - 30 Well's or Tarbel
  - 31 " ... the season ...
  - 32 Hat's partner
  - 36 Spring mo.
  - 37 Fan
  - 40 Time to crow?
  - 43 Curning
  - 44 Sayer and Debes
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  - 47 Signal, out years
  - 48 Roper
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  - 51 Eastern
  - 54 Comic born 12-911924
  - 58 Veterinarian born 10-3-1916
  - 59 Rabbit food
  - 60 Tiger food
  - 62 Address
  - 63 Take inventory
  - 64 Clay clump
  - 67 Lending lady?
  - 68 Lander or Kaiti
  - 70 Figs
  - 71 Cotton
  - 78 Pine
  - 79 Patricio bug
  - 80 Merry month
  - 81 Leading man?
  - 82 College exams
  - 85 Hummed
  - 87 On the briny
  - 89 Striped instrument
  - 93 Actress born 10-7-1916
  - 98 Artist born 10-11-1937
  - 99 Gardens
  - 100 Suez
  - 101 Bard's rival
  - 102 Maugham's "Cakes and ..."
  - 103 Kind of gem
  - 105 Valuable pug. sig.
  - 107 Fan
  - 108 Walked
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  - 112 Showed the way
  - 113 Conscience alternative
  - 115 Paid psych
  - 116 Dr. Jekyll's org.
  - 117 Hokus' mom
  - 119 Attended
  - 123 Pool born 10-14-1894
  - 127 Actor born 10-20-1882
  - 131 Saw
  - 132 Mine feature
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  - 136 Gurglew
  - 137 Aesop's fable
  - 138 Manuscript improve
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  - 1 Goya's "The Naked ..."
  - 2 North Carolina campus
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  - 11 Terry cloth inscription
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  - 17 Actress MacDowell
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  - 41 Notes from Verdi?
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  - 50 Lauban native
  - 52 "Now We Are Six" author
  - 53 Greek swimmer
  - 55 Delicency
  - 56 Hi-Fi
  - 57 Turkish treat
  - 58 Cobb's and Hard
  - 61 "A Mouse!"
  - 65 Eccentric
  - 66 Frank book
  - 69 Nourished
  - 71 Roger of Assisi
  - 72 Boring
  - 73 Go fishing
  - 74 Big party
  - 75 Check out
  - 76 Poe crow
  - 77 Keweenaw
  - 78 Rocky tri
  - 80 Grows up
  - 83 Without care
  - 84 Word with meta or music
  - 86 Film —
  - 88 In pieces
  - 90 Juke's "Doctor Zivago" copstar
  - 91 Composer Sch. fun
  - 92 Cut the payroll
  - 94 Sara's grounds
  - 95 Practical people
  - 97 Alamy
  - 98 Soybean product
  - 104 Tire type
  - 106 Et. to least on
  - 108 Chicken servings
  - 109 Singer Payne
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  - 111 BamCOO number
  - 114 Kind of cross
  - 115 Swamp
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## Rotarians To Honor World War II Veterans

World War II ended in 1945, yet the memorial to the veterans of the "Greatest Generation" was not dedicated until May 29, 2004. Sadly, more than 1,000 of these heroes are dying daily and many will never have the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial in Washington that was built in their honor.

Rotary District 6960 Governor Denise Hearn, a member of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, is making plans to ensure that area veterans (male and female) will have a chance to visit this inspirational memorial. Hearn invites any veteran who served on active military duty in WWII between December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945 to apply for this free flight to the nation's capital. Veterans who are physically able, including wheelchair users, are encouraged to apply. A medical team will accompany the flight, including physicians/EMT team and a group of Rotarian guardians/escorts.

Southwest Florida Rotarians plan to honor 50-75 WWII veterans residing within the Rotary District 6960 by inviting them to visit the WWII Memorial and other patriotic venues in Washington, DC including the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This trip will be at no cost to the veteran. Rotary District 6960 extends from Palmetto in the north to Marco

Island in the south and east to Arcadia and Lake Okeechobee. This one-day Honor Flight to Washington will depart from and return to Fort Myers. The flight is tentatively scheduled for June, 2012.

All eligible veterans may apply for the Honor Flight by contacting either Sherry Penfield at [spenfield@yahoo.com](mailto:spenfield@yahoo.com) (941 743-6419) or Col. (Ret.) Jerry Hearn at [hearn11011@aol.com](mailto:hearn11011@aol.com) (941 907-8013).

Donations of any size in support of the Honor Flight are welcome from Rotarians, community organizations, businesses, and individuals. Five hundred dollars will provide an all expense paid trip for one veteran. Rotarian guardians/escorts will provide for their own expenses. Make checks payable to Rotary District 6960 Honor Flight and send to: Rotary District 6960 Honor Flight and send to: Rotary District 6960, Honor Flight, 4141 Orange Grove Blvd., North Fort Myers, FL 33903. Honor Flight, Inc. is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization.\*

## Discover Visions Of The Past

Lee County Parks and Recreation presents Vision of the Past on Fort Myers Beach, a historical look at the pioneers of our area. Discover the facts and folklore of years past as you stroll through Matanzas Pass Preserve while visiting the Calusa Indians, Spaniards, pirates, Koreshans, early settlers, and pioneers of Estero Island. Visit the traditional craft vendors and demon-

stration area and sample some of the best jerk chicken and other food items the island has to offer. The event takes place on Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to all ages and is a great hands-on learning experience for the whole family. Reservations are encouraged but not required. To reserve a timeslot email [vlittle@leegov.com](mailto:vlittle@leegov.com).

This free event is sponsored by the Friends of Matanzas Pass Preserve, Red Coconut RV Resort, Estero Island Historic Society, Calusa Ghost Tours/Paddlesports, Tranquility Cove Massage and Lee County Parks & Recreation. Matanzas Pass Preserve is located at 199 Bay Road, Fort Myers Beach. Visit [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org) or call 533-7444 for more information.\*

## Fall Programs At Alva Community Center

Below are listed the fall programs and events at the Alva Community Center:

- Alva Community Yard Sale, November 5, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., set-up starts at 7 a.m. Register for space now at \$5 per space\* (must bring your own table), \*tents are optional. This is a great way to sell your stuff. Clean out your closets, garage and home and turn your junk into someone's treasures. Take advantage of the crowds that a community yard sale can generate.

- Bingo For Kids, Friday, October 14, 6 to 8 p.m. Just the kids get to play at

this bingo. The center provides all the cards and dabbers. Anyone who is lucky enough to get a bingo will win a prize. Children must be 12 years and under; pre-registration is required.

- Dance Gymnastic, Baton and Jazz with Susan Katz, session starts November 10. For more information call Instructor Susan Katz at 369-0404. Thursday 6 to 6:45 p.m. baton and jazz \$35; Thursday 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. dance gymnastic \$35. Ages five to 16 years old.

- Home School PE, session starts on November 1. Registration fee \$10 per five-week session, Tuesday 1 to 2 p.m. Looking for an opportunity for your home schooled child to make new friends, as well enjoy numerous physical activities? This is an all-around good time in a non-competitive environment. Ages five to 15 years old. Tennis shoes, water bottle, sunscreen lotion and hats/shades to protect from sun are required. Participants should expect to be outdoors for this program.

- Fun Days, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, October 17, and Wednesday, November 23; \$15 per participant. For ages six to 13 years old. Come spend your teacher in-service day having fun with friends. Day may include games, swimming, crafts, music, or a field trip. Call the center for more information. Price does not include trip cost (when applicable). Bring bag lunch/snacks and wear tennis shoes.

For more information, call 728-2882 or visit [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org).\*

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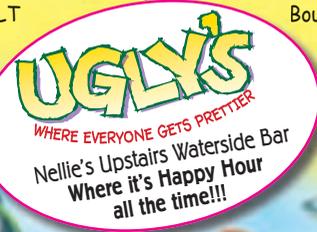
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