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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Morning Meander At Lakes Park



Common yellowthroat

Lee County Parks and Recreation is conducting a free nature walk with a bird patrol guide on Saturday, June 2 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Lakes Regional Park. This easy walk along clear paths offers an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation with experienced bird patrol guides pointing out the many species in Lakes Park, a Lee County birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds.

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Sarah Daigle performing *Vanilla Ice Cream* from *She Loves Me* at the 2011 Young Artists Awards Gala



Sam Bostic performing *I Believe* from *The Book of Mormon* at the 2012 Young Artists Awards Gala

Award Winning Vocalists To Sing At June Art Walk

On Friday, June 1, Young Artists Awards vocalists Sam Bostic and Sarah Daigle will be performing at the Art of the Olympians Museum &

Gallery from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in conjunction with June's Art Walk in downtown Fort Myers.

Bostic, 18, is a multiple-year winner of the Young Artists Awards program, a graduate of Lehigh Senior High School and will be attending Shenandoah University in Virginia as a musical theater major in the fall.

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SFWMD, County Team To Improve Water Quality

Building on a shared commitment to improve water quality, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is partnering with Lee County to build a new wetland preserve to clean stormwater before it enters the Caloosahatchee River. The SFWMD Governing Board recently approved a \$300,000, one-year cost-share agreement with Lee County to design, construct and operate an 18-acre filter marsh on the 77-acre Powell Creek Preserve, a Conservation 2020 preserve.

"This new filter marsh is exactly the type of project that will provide important water quality benefits to the Caloosahatchee River," said SFWMD Governing Board member Dan DeLisi. "Combined with other water quality projects and best management practices, the Powell Creek Preserve Filter Marsh furthers our joint effort with Lee County to protect this vital resource for the region."

Situated in North Fort Myers, Powell Creek is a natural tributary of the Caloosahatchee River. The tributary watershed is home to a diversity of plant communities, including mesic flatwoods, slough, scrubby flatwoods, hydric hammock and depression marshes. Pop ash



trees, buttonbush and Carolina willow are also common to the creek and its floodplain. The area provides habitat to a variety of native bird and animal species including threatened gopher tortoises.

The project involves construction of the 18-acre filter marsh located on disturbed portions of the preserve. Existing wetlands on the preserve were enhanced and incorporated in the site design. Once

completed, water from the creek and associated canal will be diverted through the series of shallow and deep wetlands, allowing sediment to settle and plants to absorb nutrients that would otherwise flow to the Caloosahatchee. The water will then flow back into the creek and downstream to the river.

Benefits of the effort include:

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A Tribute To America's Heroes

Join the Fort Myers Recreation Division, The Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and American Legion Post 38 on Sunday, May 27 at Centennial Park in Fort Myers for A Tribute To America's Heroes. The event will begin at 11 a.m.

The tribute will be hosted by meteorologist and Navy veteran Robert Van Winkle from NBC2. The second annual tribute will feature performances by AHT4U recording artist Dallas and the "AHT4U Singers" comprised of local students representing Cypress Lake High School, Evangelical Christian School, FMCS, Gulf Elementary and SWFCA, noted Gospel recording artist Gayla James, Lee County Young Artist of the Year Sam Bostic, Ancelyn Willis and FMPD Officer Yvetta Dominique. Guest speakers will include Sheriff Mike Scott, Lee County Commissioner John Manning and Bonita Springs City Councilman Steve Slatcha.

Lee County Sheriff's Office and EMS will provide the ceremonial rifle salute and fly over while the Fort Myers Police Department will present the colors. The U.S. Coast Guard will be laying a wreath on the Caloosahatchee River.

The American Red Cross will be accepting items for "care packages"

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Lovers Retreat – And Scene Of Tragedy

by Gerri Reaves



More than a century ago, a natural landmark on First Street was known as a discrete spot to make romance. At the eastern edge of the substantial Royal Palm Hotel property grew a large fig – or rubber – tree, a genus usually called ficus today.

The tree was so appreciated that the stone fence was designed to accommodate its large branches over-hanging the sidewalk.

By the time someone wrote a description of Lovers Retreat on the back of an old postcard image, probably in the 1910s, the tree no longer existed.

However, it had entered the canon of town lore.

The writer explains that “some kind soul” had arranged a comfortable seat for two amidst the branches, thus the name Lovers Retreat.

Because the seats were occupied, “morning, noon or night,” there had been an “unwritten law” to walk on the opposite side of the street and allow courting couples their privacy.

One can only speculate why such a charming – and useful – amenity would have been destroyed. Perhaps as modern vehicles took possession of the streets and the town generally sped up, the tree became a liability.

There was at least one dark episode in the history of Lovers Retreat that made the news.



The streets are paved now, but Lovers Retreat and the grand Royal Palm Hotel are gone forever

photo by Gerri Reaves



This photo of Lovers Retreat, which was located east of Royal Palm Avenue, dates to the early 20th century. In this eastward view, First Street is unpaved and the main business district looms on the horizon

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, Sara Nell Gran Postcard Collection

On November 19, 1908, the *Fort Myers Press* ran a story, “Horse Was Killed...H.E. Heitman Loses Finest Animal Ever Brought Here.”

When leading businessman Harvie E. Heitman arrived at his store on First Street one evening, he called to an employee to take charge of his buggy and team of bay horses.

One of the horses, Buster, was a something of a pet and treated almost as a member of the family. The horse was reportedly so gentle that even a child could drive him.

Unfortunately, instead of physically taking the reins and restraining the horses, the employee snapped his fingers and called to Buster. Although Buster had a gentle and compliant nature, the other horse was high strung and raced east down First Street toward the Royal Palm Hotel.

Because the horses were attached by lines, poor Buster was forced to run, too.

Out of habit or good sense, Buster knew to veer toward the gate of his home as he passed it. (Heitman lived on the site of today’s Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.)

Alas, the gate was locked, so the dash down the sidewalk continued, with Buster on the inside. When the horses reached Lovers Retreat, Buster died instantly as he struck an overhanging limb. The other horse suffered little injury.

So distraught was Heitman that when his employee returned with only one horse – and that not his beloved Buster – he began to severely scold him. Heitman also fired his pistol twice at the careless man, who ran off down the street.

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America's Armed Forces Thanked With Free Passes

To show appreciation for those who serve in the U.S. Military, on May 19 - Armed Forces Day - the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will begin issuing an annual pass offering free entrance for active duty military members and their dependents to the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and every unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, as well as National Parks and other federal lands.

"Through the years, military members, especially those far from home in times of conflict, have found inspiration and rejuvenation in America's wild landscapes. Their dedication enables all Americans to enjoy these special places in safety and security," said Fish and Wildlife Service director Dan Ashe. "This new pass gives us a way to thank members of the Armed Forces and their families for their service and their sacrifices."

Active duty members of the U.S. Military and their dependents can pick up their pass at the "Ding" Darling Refuge, located at 1 Wildlife Drive on Santibel Island. Passes will be issued at the fee booth at the beginning of Wildlife Drive to those active duty military members and their dependents who show a current,

valid military identification. More information is available online at <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html>.

Currently, 35 units of the National Wildlife Refuge System charge entrance fees. This military version of the America The Beautiful National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Pass also permits free entrance to all of them, as well as to all sites managed by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Forest Service that charge entrance fees. The pass is also available through these federal agencies.

"We are very proud to be able to give something back to our brave men and women of the Armed Forces and their families, who have given so much to our country" said refuge manager Paul Tritak. "Refuges across our nation offer outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities, and we hope this will encourage them to relax and enjoy nature with their families at 'Ding' Darling NWR or any of our other outstanding refuges."

While this pass covers active duty military members and their dependents only, many military veterans and retirees are eligible for other discounted passes, such as the Senior Pass for U.S. citizens over 62 and the Access Pass for permanently disabled U.S. citizens.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System and the military have strong ties. More than

200,000 acres of the refuge system are former military lands, and nearly 50 of the 556 units in the refuge system include lands transferred from the military to the Fish and Wildlife Service. Following World War I and other major conflicts in our nation's history, thousands of returning veterans have taken advantage of outdoor recreational opportunities on refuge lands. Today, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employs some 1,400 veterans in full-time and temporary positions, equal to nearly 20 percent of the agency's workforce.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service.

For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.

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Tribute To American Heroes

for deployed troops such as individually wrapped pieces of hard candy (Twtzders, Tootsie Rolls, Tootsie Roll Pops, Bubble Gum, Skittles, lollipops and Life Savers). Other items should include microwave

popcorn, peanuts, pretzels, Kool-Aid, drink mixes and other snack foods. Some non-perishables may include travel-sized wet wipes, sunscreen, lip balm, foot powder and toiletry items such as shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste and shower soap/gel. Entertainment activities such as playing cards, puzzle books and other reading material will also be accepted.

The Veteran's Administration will be onsite to provide information to veterans regarding benefits.

Concessions will be available. Those in attendance should bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating.

For more information about A Tribute To America's Heroes, call Kelly MacDonald at 321-7524.

Memorial Day Celebration

Please join with Robert H. L. Dabney American Legion Post #192 as we remember and honor those men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Monday, May 28, 2012
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

The community is invited to participate in this event. The ceremony will start promptly at 11:00 A.M. The Keynote speaker will be Councilman Johnny W. Streets, Jr., City Councilman for Ward 2. After American Legion Post #192

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Edison & Ford Summer Event, Program And Class Calendar

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates is open year-round, seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., offering traditional tours and creative programs to expand the usage by visitors and community members. The interpretation of the site honors the legacy of the Thomas Edison and Henry Ford families through science, history, arts and education programs, lectures, special events and activities.

The following calendar of activities is also updated regularly on the website:

- June 9 - Edison Ford Garden Talk, "Hot Plants For The Summer"
- June 12 - Volunteer program meeting and new volunteer orientation
- June 17 - Father's Day: Free admission to fathers
- July 10 - Volunteer meeting and orientation
- July 14 - Edison Ford Garden Talk, "Heritage Tropical Fruits"
- July 30 - Henry Ford's Birthday
- August 11 - Edison Ford Garden Talk, "Orchid Care & Repotting"
- August 14 - Volunteer meeting and orientation
- September 11 - Volunteer meeting and orientation

Contact the Edison & Ford Winter Estates at 334-7419 to confirm schedule or visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org for the latest news and information. All dates and times are subject to change.

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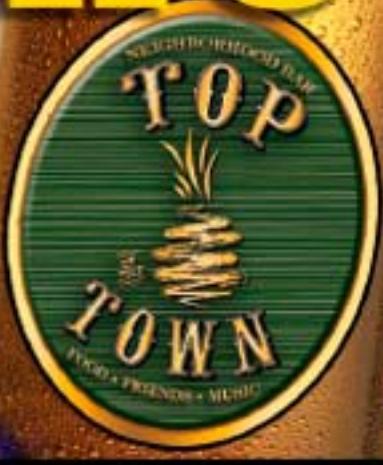
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Kiwanis lends hand to Brightest Horizons by preparing site for a new playground. Pictured are Gary Hudson, Terry Luster, Tina Parsons, David Stauffer, John Liptak and Jack Liptak

Dining Books Help Build Playground

The Fort Myers Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis Club recently kicked-off this new ambitious undertaking for Brightest Horizons Child Development Center with some initial site preparation. The plans include three phases so that children will be able to use various other areas during installation of new playground equipment and will allow time for additional funding to be raised to complete the task.

The Delicious Dining Discounts book sponsored by the Kiwanis Club brings diners and the community-minded restaurateurs together during the off-season to support such an endeavor for the children. The Child Development Center is located on Gladiolus Drive between A & W Bulb Road and Pine Ridge Road in South Fort Myers.

Brightest Horizons cares for over 225 youth; infants to age 12 annually, to educate and empower them to a brighter future. A United Way partner agency, Brightest Horizons Child Development Center is nationally accredited through APPLE (Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment) and has been awarded the Gold Seal of Excellence by the State of Florida. This state-licensed, not-for-profit organization has been serving Lee County since 1958.

"Without the support of Kiwanis and the community, we would never be able to undertake this project," said Tina Parsons, executive director.

To purchase a Delicious Dining Discount book, contact the Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis Club at 415-3100 or KiwanisGTTI.Dining@gmail.com. Books may also be purchased online by clicking on the dining icon at www.kiwanisgtti.com, which also lists the 56 participating restaurants.*

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Lovers Retreat

The pistol shots caused the dray horses at the store to run, but no harm was done in that case.

Such were the goings on in the business district of little Fort Myers more than 100 years ago.

Walk down First Street to where Lovers Retreat was once the scene of romance and tragedy.

Then stroll the short distance to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to see a miniature replica of downtown circa 1900.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to www.museumofhistory.org. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Then be sure to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society, where you can read postcard messages penned more than a century ago.

The all-volunteer non-profit organization is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

Contact the society at 939-4044, or drop by on Wednesday or Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon.

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society and the Fort Myers News-Press.*

is at 1865 Golfview Avenue.

Exclusive discounts are available on membership purchases during Memorial Day weekend.

Contact your City of Fort Myers Aquatic Staff or visit facebook.com/FMRecreation for more information.*

Cape Coral Bridge Toll Plaza Reconstruction

Travel patterns along the Cape Coral Bridge are being shifted for westbound lanes. All westbound bicyclists must exit College Parkway and use the McGregor Boulevard ramp to share the LeeWay/SunPass lane provided on the far right (north) side of the toll plaza adjacent to the administration building in lane 1. This is for the safety of bicyclists and motorists travelling westbound through the toll plaza.

For updates on all lanes closures, traffic shifts and construction progress, please visit the project website at www.LeeBridgeConstruction.com.

Motorists are advised to use caution driving through the toll plaza, and to follow work zone signage and message boards.*

Water Safety Day And Summer Kick-Off Event

Join The City of Fort Myers Recreation Division on Saturday, May 26 for the kick-off of the summer season. Bring the whole family to the Fort Myers Aquatic Center, 1750 Matthew Drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for live music by High Tide. There will also be give-aways, free ice cream, and splashes of fun in the kiddie pool and slide tower.

Watch demonstrations by the Lee County Waterborne Strike Team, Fort Myers Zumba, and Infant Resource Training. Get all the information you and your family need to have a fun and safe summer at the safety stations. Activities are provided by the City of Fort Myers Police Department, Fort Myers Fire Department, Lee Memorial Hospital, and Swim Florida.

Fort Myers Golfview Pool will be open from noon to 5 p.m. with beach volleyball, water basketball, horseshoes, tetherball, public grills, and several chances to win in family membership raffles. Golfview Pool

City Of Fort Myers Observes Memorial Day

The City of Fort Myers will observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 28. City government offices will be closed, including the Solid Waste and Utility Billing offices.

There will be no garbage, recycling, horticultural brush, yard waste, junk and appliance collection on Monday, May 28 for all residential and commercial customers. Residential and commercial customers will be serviced one day later. The regular collection schedule resumes on Monday, June 4.

For questions concerning service, call the City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division at 321-8100.*

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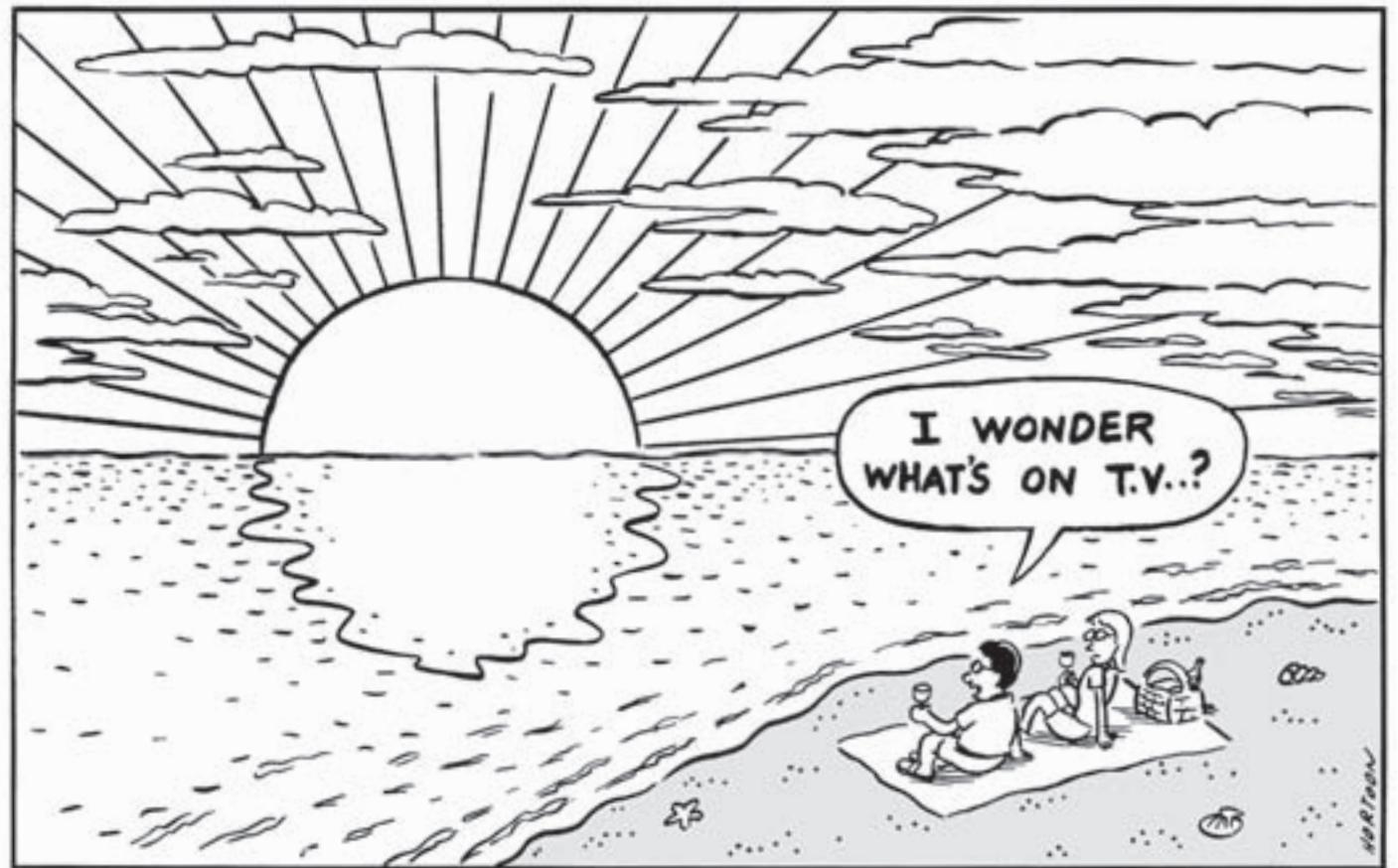
A Day With Dad At Lowry Park Zoo

Father's Day is just around the corner, so make plans now to celebrate this special weekend. Dads and kids of all ages can go wild together at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo. The zoo features 56 acres of lush, natural habitats comprising seven main exhibit areas. Outdoor exhibits for more than 2,000 animals from Florida and similar habitats include a Native Florida Wildlife Center, the Manatee Hospital, Asian Gardens, Primate World, Free-Flight Aviaries, Wallaroo Station children's zoo and Safari Africa. The zoo also features rides, shows and hands-on interactive exhibits designed to get you closer to nature and your family as you create treasured memories on this exciting and unforgettable eco-adventure.

Presented by Lake Kennedy Senior Center in Cape Coral, the cost is \$65 per person. Price includes round-trip charter bus transit from Cape Coral and admission to the zoo. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Lake Kennedy Senior Center at 574-0575.✧

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Some of the participants at last year's inaugural Father's Day event

Fort Myers-Based Housing Authority Announces Father's Day Initiative

The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers will host its second annual Father's Day event on June 15 and 16 as part of President Obama's Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiative, a nationwide day of events encouraged by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiative is an effort to encourage individuals, especially fathers, to be involved in the lives of their children and be positive role models and mentors for the children in their lives and communities.

All events will take place at Dunbar High School, located at 3800 East Edison Avenue in Fort Myers. The event will kickoff with a basketball tournament from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, June 15 and continue on Saturday, June 16 at 10 a.m. with a day full of events including games, bounce houses, arts and crafts, live music, a flag football tournament, health services and GED information, literacy education and job preparation, and a Father's Day panel. Cash prizes will be given to the winners and runners-up in both tournaments. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, popcorn, snow cones and drinks will be available as well as giveaways and door prizes.



A father with his two children at last year's event

The HACFM will also be organizing a barbecue cook-off competition in search of the "King of Barbecue Ribs." The competition will be open to any man and his crew of assistants who think they have what it takes to win.

The president's Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiative is a partnership between the Administration for Children and Families, White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse, fathers, mothers, family-serving organizations and other leaders from across the country to show support for the children in our communities.

According to HACFM executive director Marcus D. Goodson, public housing authorities nationwide will host special events for fathers and their children in collaboration with local partners.

"This Father's Day 2012 initiative was inspired by a program that the New York City Housing Authority launched in summer 2010 by hosting a day-long event in all five of its boroughs to kickoff ongoing economic development, parenting workshops, tutoring and bonding activities for fathers and children," said Goodson. "The events have two purposes: to strengthen the bonds between fathers and their children, and to make education, health care and employment resources available to fathers, which will promote economic self-sufficiency."

Federal partners include the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Justice.

To date, nearly 200 housing authorities in 33 states will participate in Father's Day 2012 and are partnering with other organizations including the NFL, NBA, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Legal Services Corporation and the National Fatherhood Initiative, an organization created in 1993 to raise awareness of the importance of fathers. Together, these groups are delivering a clear message – America needs dads.

"We are so appreciative to the community businesses that have joined us in supporting this initiative," said Vivian Watkins, director of resident services/FSS coordinator. "Every night, one-out-of-three children go to bed in a home without a father. These events will bring fathers and their children together and connect the dads to the social and economic resources they need to be the best parents possible."

Currently, HACFM serves more than 3,500 low-income families throughout the greater Fort Myers community. The HACFM provides high quality, stable and sustainable housing and related services to people in need. In addition, the staff works diligently in providing programs such as Resident Services/Family Self-Sufficiency and HOPE VI Community Supportive Services. The goal is to help families become self-sufficient, therefore strengthening the communities that use public and private resources efficiently and effectively.

Sponsorships are now available from \$500 to \$5,000. For more information or to become an event sponsor, contact Vivian L. Watkins, director of resident services/FSS coordinator in the HACFM Resident Services Department, at 332-3825.*



Last year's Father's Day event at Dunbar High School

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A VITA volunteer with a client

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Helps Return \$2.2 Million

The United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades and CredAbility announced that the total dollars returned to the Lee, Hendry and Glades lower to middle income taxpayers by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program was \$2,289,279. The announcement was made recently at a reception honoring the volunteers who prepared the tax returns.

CredAbility and the United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades provide free tax preparation services for hard-working people and their families. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program volunteers prepared and submitted approximately 1380 free and confidential tax returns between January and April 18. The average refund per tax return was over \$1,900. \$2.2 million in total refunds is a substantial increase over the returns prepared for previous years of the VITA program.

VITA is making a difference in the lives of many people in our community. Stan, a VITA volunteer tax preparer, related a story of one of his recent clients from LaBelle. A young mother who was struggling to support her three children came to the LaBelle United Way House for tax preparation. She was married, but her spouse was in prison, and she hadn't heard from him in a long time. Stan's first calculation resulted in a \$1,000 refund. Because of her circumstances, Stan called the IRS to see if there were any other

Fort Myers Beach Community Pool Offers Movie Night

Come enjoy a movie night with the family at the Fort Myers Beach Community Pool. Relax on one of our many lounge chairs or bring an inflatable raft and float around while watching one of our selected family movies. Doors for the movie will open at 6 p.m. and the movie will start at dusk. Price of admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children or \$8 for a family of four.

The following films will be screened:

May 25 – Happy Feet 2

June 22 – Kung Fu Panda 2

July 20 – The Adventures of Tintin

For more information, call 765-4222.

Master Swim Program

The Master Swim program is for anyone over 16 years old and can swim at least 25 yards freestyle. Learn to swim longer, stronger and faster. Get in shape and

stay in shape.

Target participants include triathletes, seniors training for Senior Games, fitness swimmers, college swimmers coming home for the summer, individuals wanting to get scuba certified, and high school students off for the summer.

Classes will begin in June. The program will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. and Wednesday from 7 to 8 a.m. Cost is \$40 per month for non-members and \$32 per month for Bay Oaks members, or an \$8 drop in fee.

Swim Lessons

The next session of Saturday swim lessons starts on June 2 and takes place every Saturday until July 7. Weekday swim lessons start on June 4 and takes place every Monday through Thursday for two weeks.

The cost of swim lessons is \$30 per participant, of which half of that cost is paid for by the Fort Myers Beach Kiwanis Club.

For more information or to register for swim lessons, call 463-5759 or come to the Fort Myers Beach Community Pool.*

June Dinner Meeting Of Lee Republican Women Federated

On Monday June 11, a dinner meeting of the Lee Republican Women Federated will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn-Fort Myers, 12601 University Drive in Fort Myers. Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m., with dinner and the program to follow. The topic of the meeting will focus on candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives (Congress) District 19 – Gary Aubuchon, Byron Donalds and Brian Owens.

Cost to attend the dinner meeting is \$20 per person inclusive. For reservations, call 432-9389 or email cindylignelli222@gmail.com.*

deductions that she could qualify for, and after some discussion, the IRS told him to classify her as single. She was able to claim head of household and get a refund of \$5000.

"This is the fourth year that CredAbility and the United Way have teamed up to prepare tax returns for local residents. 114 volunteers were trained and certified by the IRS to prepare the tax returns," said Roger Mercado, Director of Allocations and Community Planning for the United Way. "We are excited to announce that the VITA program returned over \$2.2 million to lower to middle income taxpayers at a time when many are struggling to meet living expenses. The average refund to VITA participants was over \$1,900 which may have prevented the foreclosure of someone's home, or purchased groceries for a family for several months."

Dawn Russell, project coordinator for CredAbility, said of the United Way-CredAbility partnership, "The partnership we have with the United Way has allowed us to serve residents all over Lee and Hendry Counties. Over 1,300 tax returns were prepared at United Way Houses in Cape Coral, Harlem Heights, Clewiston, Lehigh Acres, Estero, LaBelle and other locations. Using nine locations spread across our area made it easier for clients to get to the tax preparers. Plus, there were absolutely no fees for the clients to pay, and refunds could be direct deposited into their bank accounts, making the refunds very fast."

In addition to the United Way-CredAbility partnership, other partners providing space and support for the VITA program include the following:

- Suncoast Outreach Center
- Goodwill Industries at the Clewiston United Way House
- Community Cooperative Ministries at the Dunbar United Way House
- Community Cooperative Ministries and Southwest Florida Addiction Services at the Cape Coral United Way House
- Heights Foundation at the Harlem Heights United Way House
- Interfaith Charities at the San Carlos/Estero United Way House
- Lehigh Community Services at the Lehigh United Way House
- United Way 211 at the LaBelle United Way House
- Clewiston Public Library

A prime goal of the free service is to help tax payers who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other similar credits to receive them. A large number of taxpayers who could qualify for the EITC do not claim the credit.

The first year (2008 tax year) of the CredAbility and United Way tax service partnership generated about \$277,000 dollars in refunds for residents of Lee and Hendry counties. For the 2010 tax year, the program returned \$1.8 million, and for the 2011 tax year over \$2.2 million was returned to the community. This is approximately a 20 percent increase over the previous year.

For more information, call the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades at 433-2000 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org.*

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Along The River



Make your reservations now for The Sandy Butler's cheese and wine classes

On Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26, Carmine at **The Sandy Butler Market** will show you how to take your cheese platters and kick them up a notch by adding tasty crackers during fun and informative classes. The 30-minute sessions start at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and cost \$10 per person. Receive a \$10 voucher good toward any purchase in the market or Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar next door.

Seating is limited, so call 482-6765 ext. 2 for reservations or go online at www.sandybutler.com.

On Tuesday, May 29, **Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar** is hosting a three-course tasting dinner paired with Italian wines beginning at 7 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. All wines served at the dinner can be purchased next door at The Sandy Butler Market.

First course: grilled swordfish salad with mixed greens, red onion, cherry tomatoes, capers and extra virgin olive oil paired with Chimera Villamedoro;

Second course: rigatoni lamb ragout paired with Nilo Barbera; and

Third course: pork osso buco served with saffron risotto paired with Ruffino il Ducale Toscana.

Reservations are suggested by calling 482-6765 ext. 1 or going to www.shoalswinebar.com.

The Sandy Butler Market and Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar are located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach. Both are open seven days per week from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

On Saturday, May 26, join Fort Myers car enthusiasts at the **Downtown Car Cruise-In**. Held on the fourth Saturday of every month, the event features vintage, modern, and unique cars from 5 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call 1-855-RDA-EVENTS (732-3836).

While downtown, enjoy Chinese and Japanese cuisine at **Ichiban**, located in the mosaic-tiled Post Office Arcade. A local favorite, the restaurant offers its customers the perfect balance of great quality and affordable prices. Ichiban has been family owned and operated for eight years and its enduring popularity is a testament to its exceptional, friendly service.

Sit at Ichiban's sushi bar and enjoy sashimi along with other favorites like the California roll, spicy tuna roll and green dragon roll. Sip a little hot sake while watching the chefs expertly prepare sushi art. If you prefer, select a table inside the restaurant or outside in the roofed-in gallery.

Ichiban also offers a wide array of hot Chinese lunch and dinner combo specials and Japanese Bento boxes. Just need a quick late-night snack? Order the sweet and smoky BBQ ribs or fried shrimp appetizer, best enjoyed with an ice-cold Kirin Ichiban beer.

Ichiban is located at 1520 Broadway, downtown Fort Myers, in the historic Post Office Arcade. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. Free delivery is available within the River District. For more information, call 334-6991.

Yo Ho Ho, it's the pirate's life for me! Do you think pirates are just for kids? Think again. Now you can spend the evening with Captain Jack, Pickpocket Pete, Everlynn Gray and the rest of the crew for the all new adults only Friday Night Pirate Party on the **Pieces of Eight**. The cruise leaves the dock every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and will feature a fun interactive show that includes a boatload of pirate shenanigans. Tickets are only \$20 and cruisers will



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Spicy tuna roll and vegetable roll at Ichiban in the historic downtown River District

receive a complimentary Painkiller rum cocktail upon boarding the ship. The ship also has a full bar and snacks available on board.

The entire cruise takes about 90 minutes beginning at Salt Sam's Marina going through the back bay and out to the Gulf of Mexico just off of Fort Myers Beach. From a local standpoint, the cruise offers a fun way to spend a Friday night with friends. For visitors it offers a unique cruising experience only to be found at Fort Myers Beach. The whole experience is one that you won't forget.

Salty Sam's Marina is located at 2500 Main Street, Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-7272 or go to www.piecesofeight.com.*

Calusa Blueway Photo Contest

Lee County Parks & Recreation has launched its fifth annual Calusa Blueway Photo Contest for boaters, kayakers and nature enthusiasts. Entries can be submitted from now until October, with prizes awarded at the annual Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival in November.

Categories include:

- People on the trail (people enjoying the waterways, trails and outdoors)
- Wildlife on the Blueway trail (flora, fauna and landscapes)
- Signs along the blueway trail (Calusa Blueway markers and others that water-lovers encounter)

Prizes for top category winners will come from sponsors Fort Myers-based Harmon Photographers as well as ABC Framing, a Lehigh Acres-based mobile-framing business. First-place winners will receive an enlarged, matted and framed version of their photos. Winning entries also may be published in magazines, newspapers and online products.

Selected entries may be featured on several websites, including the blueway site, www.calusablueway.com, the festival site, www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com, and on the festival's Facebook page.

New this year, the photo contest reception will be combined with the Thursday evening kickoff event at the Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival. Winners and runners-up will be recognized during the reception at the festival's signature lodging site, Residence Inn by Marriott Fort Myers-Sanibel. The festival itself will have evening events at the

Residence Inn with daytime activities on the Sanibel Causeway with activities throughout Lee County.

There is no entry fee. Submissions must be taken along a Lee County waterway and include a photographer's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, a title and location. One entry is permitted per photographer per category; amateur photographers only, please. A model release form is available and necessary if a person in a submitted photo is identifiable. Visit www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com, click on "activities" and then "photo contest" to upload pictures and complete an entry form. Deadline is October 5.

Winners will be selected by a panel of judges, including Cape Coral-based award-winning journalist Rod Clarke; Josh Manring, a noted Naples-based world traveler with five published photographic books; and Fort Myers native Mark Renz, an avid expedition explorer, photographer and author.

The Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail is 190 miles long and is marked by easily identifiable trail signs. The trail also is mapped out with Global Positioning System coordinates. Order free maps online at www.calusablueway.com.

Dates for this year's festival are November 1 to 4. More details are available at www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com.*

Send your editorial copy to:
press@riverweekly.com

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Morning Meander

Participants are requested to arrive a few minutes after 8 a.m. for a brief introduction and to sign waivers. Tours start promptly at 8:30 a.m. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress to be outside. Participants should bring water, sunscreen and binoculars.

Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in

Fort Myers. Meet at Shelter A7. Enter Lakes Park gate from Gladiolus, then turn right. Drive to the end of the road, continue through the parking lot. Shelter A7 is located near the Lakes Park Train Station.

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

For more information, call 533-7580 or 533-7576, or visit www.birdpatrol.org.

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Memorial Day

honors those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice, the community asked to stay and join Post #192 in a FREE "Welcome to Summer" hot dog and hamburger cookout.

The event will take place at the American Legion Post #192, located at 3130 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Fort Myers Florida, 33916.

Shell Museum Blue Star Program

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum announced the launch of Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 1,500 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2012. Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. The complete list of participating museums is available at www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

"I believe that welcoming our men and women in uniform and their families through the Blue Star program is one way to recognize their dedication and all the hard work they do on behalf of the country. We are pleased and honored to host the American military at the Shell Museum," said Dr. José H. Leal, director/curator for The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. The shell museum officially launched the program on May 22.

"Through Blue Star Museums, the arts community is extending a special invitation to military families to enjoy over 1,500 museums this summer," said NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman. "This is both an opportunity to thank military families for their service and sacrifice, as well as a chance to create connections between museums and these families that will continue throughout the year. Especially for families with limited time together, those on a limited budget, and ones that have to relocate frequently, Blue Star Museums offers an opportunity to enjoy one another and become more fully integrated into a community."

"As we enter the third consecutive year of the Blue Star Museums program, we are happy to provide an opportunity for our nation's service members and their families to connect with our national treasures," said Blue Star Families CEO Kathy Roth-Douquet. "Through this distinctive collaboration between Blue Star Families, the National Endowment for the Arts and more than 1,500 museums across the United States, military families have an unparalleled opportunity to visit some of the country's finest museums for free."

Some special or limited-time museum exhibits may not be included in this free admission program. For questions on particular exhibits or museums, contact the museum directly. To find out which museums are participating, visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums. The site includes a list of participating museums and a map to help with visit planning.

Lee County Genealogical Society Summer Picnic July 19, 2012

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



FLORIDA RAILROAD STORIES

Matt Johnson

Director Southwest Florida Museum of History and General Manager of the Imaginarium

will speak about the early history of railroads in Florida. Routes they traveled, what they hauled and if they're still in operation today.

**Doors open at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch served at noon.**

Clip this portion and return it by Wednesday, July 11 with your check for \$10.00 per person, made payable to Lee County Genealogical Society and mail to: Carolyn Ford, 5239 Tiffany Court, Cape Coral, FL 33904.

If after making your reservation you find that you must cancel, please do so by **Monday, July 16, 2012**. **No refunds will be made after that date.**

Box lunches from Jason's Deli will be served again this year. Each box lunch will include 1/3 lb traditional sandwich with your choice of filling on a croissant accompanied by lettuce and tomato. Also included are chips, a pickle spear and a fresh homemade cookie.

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226-0900, Email: allfaithsuc@embarqmail.
com, Website: www.allfaiths-uc.org

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10291 Bayshore Rd., N. Fort Myers
Divine Liturgy is on Sun. at 10:30 a.m.;
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will be on Wed. evenings at 6 p.m. start-
ing on Feb. 22. Administrator is Very Rev.
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239-481-2099

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Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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revtedalthouse@aol.com

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Reverend David Dietzel, Pastor Emeritus.
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8400 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,
481-5442 Randy A. Alston, Reverend.
Sunday Services: Bible study, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Evening
Worship, 7 p.m., Wednesday Prayer
Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

CYPRESS LAKE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,
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482-1250

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9:30 a.m. Praise Service

Sunday School all times

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p.m.; Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m.
Nursery care for pre-school children and
Children's Church for ages 5-12 available
at each service.

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15690 McGregor Boulevard

Fort Myers, 482-2030

Pastor: David Stauffer.

Traditional services 8:45 a.m.;

Contemporary, 10:30 a.m.

Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The
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Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6

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9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

5 p.m. Youth Program

7 p.m. Spanish Worship

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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) A STEPHEN

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5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 437-4330

Reverend Mark Condrey, Pastor

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Church School: 9:15 a.m.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers,

482-3133. Philip White, pastor

Morning Worship: 10 a.m.

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Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite One;

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Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer (in
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with Healing. Child care available at
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Masses Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.;

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10:30 a.m. Sunday Service

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9 a.m. Awesome Grace Contemporary

10:30 a.m. Classic Grace Traditional

8:45 & 10 a.m. Sunday School God's

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Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

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344-0012 Pastor Reverend Steve Filizzi

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Mid-Week Service, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN

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3595 Broadway, Fort Myers

239-939-4711, www.smlcs.org

Wednesday Fellowship: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner \$5, 6:15 p.m. bible studies

Worship: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.,

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Churches/Temples

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THE CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX

5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers
Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz
433-7708, E-mail: rabbi@chabadswf.org
Web site: www.chabadswf.org
Services: Friday 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Kabbalah class 9 a.m.; Shacharit 10 a.m.; Kiddush at noon
Minyan: Monday and Thursday 7 a.m.

THE NEW CHURCH

The New Church of SWFL is located 10811 Sunset Plaza Circ. #401, behind Zoomers. Rev. Gabriella Cahaley officiates worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m. during the season. Other worship events are held on the beach in Fort Myers Beach. See our webpage <http://www.newchurchflorida.com/> or call for more information 239-481-5535.

THOMAS A. EDISON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers
Just off McGregor across from the Edison/Ford Winter Estates 334-4978
Senior Minister: Douglas Kelchner
Traditional Worship Sunday's 10:15 a.m.
Website: www.taecc.com

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH FORT MYERS

13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75)

Minister: The Reverend 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.

UNITY OF BONITA SPRINGS

Family Service 10 to 11 a.m.
Healing Circle 11 a.m.
Hospitality and Fellowship, 11 a.m.
Inspiring lesson, uplifting and dynamic music, meditation in a loving environment.
Service held at 28285 Imperial Street, Bonita Springs. Call 947-3100.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers, across from HealthPark Hospital, 481-2125
Senior Pastor: Robert Brunson
Sunday Service:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m. Blended Worship
www.westminsterfortmyers.org

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

2120 Collier Ave, Fort Myers, 274-8881;
Services: Sunday 10 a.m.;
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Bishop Gaspar and Michele Anastasi ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers,
481-4040, Interim Pastor Jim Eggert
Pastor Peter Weeks
Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. Traditional;
10 a.m. Blended Traditional and Contemporary;
11:30 a.m. Contemporary.
Children's Sunday School, Adult /Teen Bible Classes, 10 a.m.*

Letter Carrier Food Drive Has Mixed Results

Residents in both Lee and Collier counties participated in the 20th annual National Letter Carrier Food Drive on May 12. The Stamp Out Hunger one-day food collection totals show Lee County as receiving 297,532 pounds of food and Collier County receiving 269,340 pounds. The Harry Chapin Food Bank, along with other agencies, receives the food in Lee County; in Collier County, the food goes to Collier Harvest.

The weight amounts represent a 27 percent decrease in Lee County contributions from last year's 408,300 pounds, but Collier County's total represents 10,000 pounds over last year. Postal officials and Harry Chapin Food Bank representatives attribute the reduction in donations to the declining economic conditions; those who contributed last year are now in need of food assistance themselves.

All food collected in the food drive will be distributed to participating agencies at no cost. In addition, Lee County received \$400 in cash contributions. Last year the amount was \$2,054. For each dollar contributed, the Harry Chapin Food Bank can purchase \$6 worth of food.

Lee County had 372 Harry Chapin Food Bank volunteers who made a preliminary sort of the food at eight collec-

tion points. There were 150 postal service volunteers who assisted letter carriers in collecting food from the various routes.

Those who were not able to participate in Saturday's food drive may still do so by taking nonperishable food items to any post office or Uncle Bob's Storage locations. Checks can also be made payable to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and sent to 3760 Fowler Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.*

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Vocalists To Sing At June Art Walk

Daigle, 16, was a winner in the Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre category at the 2011 Young Artists Awards competition and is a senior at North Fort Myers High School.

The Young Artists Awards, beginning its 10th year of programming, is a not-for-profit education, performance, audition and scholarship program for students from throughout Southwest Florida. The organization is also a monthly partner with Art Walk.

The Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery is located at 1300 Hendry Street, Fort Myers in the downtown River District. The performance is free and open to the public.

For more information on the Young Artists Awards, visit www.youngartist-awards.org or search Young Artists Awards on Facebook.*

\$5,000 From Community Foundation To Aid Meals Program For Children

The Harry Chapin Food Bank received a \$5,000 donation from the Southwest Florida Community Foundation for arts and activities to accompany the USDA's Summer Food Service Program in Glades County this summer. The Harry Chapin Food Bank and more than 15 partner agencies in Glades County are partnering to provide meals to 150 children this summer.

Along with a nutritious lunch four days a week for nine weeks these children will also now enjoy fun and informative arts and activities. Activities include, but are not limited to, meeting Trouper the blind raccoon and learning about and practicing photography.

Last year, the Summer Food Service Program ran in all Florida counties except for Glades. According to FRAC, the Food Research and Action Center's Hunger Doesn't Take A Summer Vacation: Summer Nutrition Status Report 2011, "only one in seven of the low income students who depended on the National School Lunch Program during the 2009-2010 school year had access to summer meals in 2010."

Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger relief network says that while 17 million children rely on the National School Lunch Program, only about two million of those children participate in the Summer Food Service Program. For children in Glades County this summer, that statistic is no longer their reality.

For more information, contact Danielle Hardre at the Harry Chapin Food Bank at 334-7007 ext. 134 or daniellehardre@harrychapinfoodbank.org.*

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PTTS Snagging Tarpon At Boca Grande Pass



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The Professional Tarpon Tournament Series (PTTS) kicked off this past weekend at Boca Grande pass. This annual six-week long single day fishing event is becoming more controversial than ever with claims that jig fishing participants in the tournaments are snagging fish and doing long-term damage to our most prized local fishery. This catch and release high dollar televised event on one hand brings lots of anglers and money to our area to tarpon

fish yet on the other hand is damaging tarpon stocks.

Boca Grande has been a staging area for huge concentrations of tarpon for millions of years before they move offshore out to the loop current to spawn. The biggest tarpon caught in the pass are spawning females. The majority of tarpon found in the pass are average size 100-pound males that follow the big breeding females. This pass has two functions in a tarpons long life span; to eat and to mate. Tarpon are a very slow growing fish, living to a estimated 75 years plus.

When a big fish over 150 pounds – usually a spawning female – is landed in the PTTS, it is lip gaffed, towed in to a weigh station, lifted out of the water and stressed out all for television. Most of the boats in the tournament are sponsored and are looking for TV time to get their sponsors name on national TV. This is the only tarpon tournament in the pass that involves gaffing and weighing fish, all other pass tournaments are judged and won on most releases.

Jumping tarpon



Since the introduction of the break-away jigs in the early '90s, tarpon fishing in Boca Grande Pass changed forever. Boca Grande Pass is the only place that these break-away jigs are used to catch tarpon. The pass has such large concentrations of tarpon that when the jigs are dropped down into the huge tightly packed schools of fish, the line will wrap on the fish then pull tight snagging the jig on the outside of the mouth and gill plates. The PTTS is the only tournament held in the pass where the jig is the most widely used method of fishing.

Since the beginning of tarpon fishing in the late 1800s, live bait drift fishing was always the preferred method to catch tarpon in the pass. Boats would keep a reasonable distance from each other and drift through the holes where the tarpon stack up in waiting for a bite. A fish would eat the bait and you would be hooked up. Once anglers started using the jig method, outboard boats started running up on the highest concentrations of fish and dropping the jigs straight down. This basically ruined it for the local guides who had live bait fished for generations. This jig method of aggressive fishing makes great TV but is simply not good for the long-term tarpon fishery.

If you have ever been to Boca Grande Pass during tarpon season, you know what I am talking about; a hundred or more boats will all be rub rail to rub rail then all pick up and run to where the fish pop up or show up on the sonar. Most of the guides that fish the pass are from out of town and come to Boca Grande every year to simply make the money. It's not their back yard like it is ours and most of them do not take care of it like the local Boca Grande native guides have for more than 100 years.

The debate on jig fishing Boca Grande has been going on for more than 20 years and will no doubt continue. Seeing so many boats in the pass is a spectacle and does make for great TV and the bottom line, money.

In my personal opinion, I would much prefer to fish tarpon just about anywhere else. My idea of a good time on the water does not include angry boat raging captains all around me, tangled lines, crowds, excessive outboard motor fumes and fish jumping into boats. Although the live bait guides that have fished the pass for generations will probably never have that fishery completely back, let's do everything we can to help the tarpon stocks that helped make our little place in paradise what it is today.

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.✪

Send Us Your Fish Tales

The 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.

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Baby Release Sights Needed



by Patricia Molloy

Imagine watching energetic otters frolicking in and around your pond or seeing a male osprey sky-dancing above its tree-top nest on your property. With the summer approaching, the clinic has

a large number of healthy babies ready for release, but not enough locations to which they can legally be released.

Most of the babies raised at the clinic from babyhood do not need to be returned to the exact location in which they were found, since they were too young to have established a territory. Off island is where space is most needed, as 85 percent of CROW's patients come from across the Sanibel Causeway. The clinic currently has a few birds and many turtles, squirrels, rabbits, opossums, raccoons and otters that are ready to be returned to the wild.

Only a certain amount of animals can be released on one property in order to avoid infestation and over-population. With otters, for example, approximately six will be set free together at one site; the location cannot be used again by



This baby osprey was brought into CROW in April and will be ready for release soon

CROW for a minimum of three years.

If anyone has private property with a lot of land and would be interested in having wild mammals, birds or turtles released on it, call CROW. The clinic will review the set of guidelines with property owners to determine if their place is suitable. Some of the questions include: Is the property wooded? Is there a pond? Is it safe from free-roaming dogs?

Be a good steward of the environment and help CROW in its efforts to find a

safe haven for our precious native wildlife.

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



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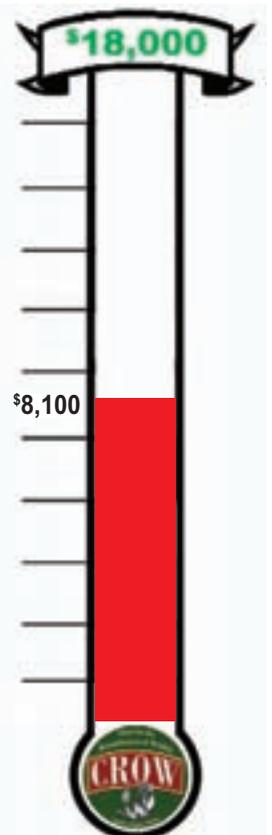
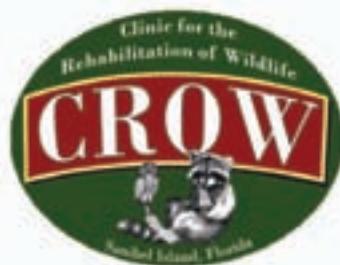
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Plant Smart

Green Antelopehorn

by Gerri Reaves

Green antelopehorn's (*Asclepias viridis*) clusters of purple-hooded green flowers make a striking addition to a butterfly or natural garden.

A member of the milkweed family, this flower is also called green milkweed. The word "viridis" in the Latin name refers to its green color.

Like other milkweeds, green antelopehorn plays a vital role in the survival of the queen and monarch butterflies.

The clusters, or umbels, are comprised of small five-petaled flowers, each with five purplish or rosy white stamens.

As the name implies, the cluster takes the form of an umbrella, with all flower stalks arising from a common point.

The wildflower can reach up to two feet tall. Narrow leaves of three to five inches long appear on stems that can be erect or sprawling. The yellow or bright pink leaf midveins add a dramatic color contrast.

This native wildflower prefers full sun and well-drained limestone soil. It is very drought-tolerant but not salt-tolerant.

In South Florida, it blooms from late winter into early fall.

In the wild, it occurs in sandy pinelands, including Florida's pine rocklands, habitat largely destroyed or drastically altered because its relative elevation and dryness made it good for development. Being poisonous to cattle helps the plant persist in the wild.

The wind disperses the seeds from the pods.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, plants.usda.gov, and regionalconservation.org.

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Green antelopehorn, also called green milkweed, is a larval host and nectar plant for queen and monarch butterflies
photo by Gerri Reaves

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Water Quality

- Improved water quality for the Caloosahatchee River;
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The project is a part of the Caloosahatchee River Watershed Protection Plan. Developed by a variety of public and private interests, the watershed protection plan involves the evaluation of various alternatives using best available tools and scientific information to identify science-based and technologically feasible options for improving ecosystem health in the Caloosahatchee River.

To date, approximately \$31.4 million in State and SFWMD funds have been invested to implement protection plan

activities and projects. In addition, \$100 million has been invested toward the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Reservoir project.

Moving forward, the Governing Board has committed \$19 million over the next five years for water storage and treatment within the Caloosahatchee watershed. Several projects are now under way.

The Powell Creek Preserve Filter Marsh builds on the longstanding partnership between the District and Lee County. In 2011, the SFWMD partnered with the county to restore Lakes Park to benefit water quality and natural systems in the Estero Bay watershed.

The ongoing project entails construction of 40 acres of filter marsh connecting the east lake to the west lake, resulting in a flow-way that reduces nutrients, improves oxygen content and enhances conditions for native wildlife.*

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Caring For Your Plants

Correct Way To Plant Palm Trees



by Justen Dobbs

Many people see beautiful palm trees and hardwoods around Fort Myers and aren't quite sure where or how they are grown. It is actually quite easy to grow trees yourself.

Palm trees are the easiest because they can be grown from seed. Every palm produces a flowering system which, once pollinated, develops into a cluster which contains seeds. These seeds can be sprouted into juvenile plants and then grown up to full-sized trees – all it takes is sunlight, water, and time.

Hardwood trees are a little more difficult because many of them are grown by air-layering, grafting, and tissue culture methods. This is best left to the commercial grower because it is a bit more involved and requires some special equipment in some cases.

If you see a tree around town that you like, park your car near it and then walk up to it (make sure you're not trespassing without permission from the home or business owner). If you look into the tree's crown of leaves, you may see seed clusters or seed pods on it if it's the right time of year. If so, look at the ground underneath the tree and try to find some seeds or pods that have fallen. If you do find some seeds, squeeze them with your fingers to make sure that they are ripe (you may need to remove the outer fruit if any). If the seed seems ripe, collect a few (again, with the owner's permission), and bring them home.

Seeds from palm trees can be planted about one-half to one-inch deep in stan-



Cabbage palms (*Sabal palmetto*) produce thousands of small brown seeds per year

ard potting soil, or sandy soil from your yard. Plant them in a container that has holes on the bottom for water drainage. Then, water the soil and place the container in a sunny location. Check the soil every day or so to make sure it is moist (but not wet). Most palm seeds sprout into seedlings in about two to six weeks. These seedlings will not look anything like the mature palm at first, so you will have to plant them in their own containers and grow them up for a few years before you have an actual palm tree.

Seeds from hardwood trees can be sewn in moist paper towel and sealed in a zip locking bag. Keep the bag near a window and check it often for fungus or mold growth. It is best to heat the moist paper towel and zip locking bag in your microwave for 30 seconds or so to kill any fungus or mold before sewing the seeds in it. After a few weeks, the seeds should push out their first root or leaf (as long as they were mature when you collected them. Immature seeds will not survive the crush test and will be hollow).

FWC Reminds Boaters To Boat Smart And Safely

Because Memorial Day weekend, which kicks off summer activities, is right around the corner, the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds all boaters in Florida to rededicate themselves to boating safely.

"Florida is a great place to enjoy boating year-round," said Col. Jim Brown, director of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement. "That weekend marks the unofficial beginning of summer and means even more people will be out on the water. National Safe Boating Week (May 19 to 25) also presents an opportunity to emphasize the importance of remaining safe while boating."

Memorial Day weekend is May 26 to 28.

The safe-boating effort is timely, as 10 people have already lost their lives this year due to boating accidents.

"We want to reach out to as many boaters as we can to help them understand that most boating accidents are preventable," Brown said. "FWC officers are committed to keeping people as safe as possible, but we need your help."

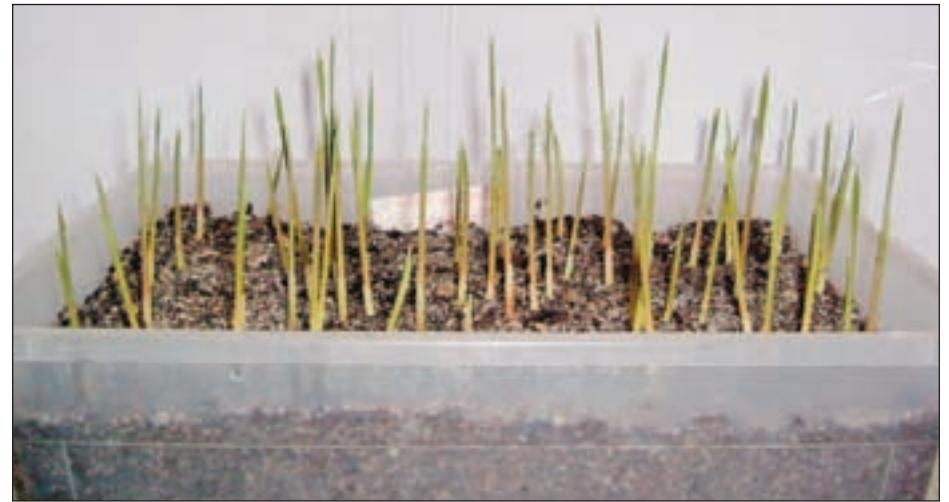
The FWC reminds boaters to enjoy their time on the water by remembering a few safety precautions, such as remaining alert while operating a boat, wearing a life jacket at all times and designating a sober boat operator.

According to the FWC, inattentiveness of the operator often contributes to boating accidents, and statistics show that more than 64 percent of the 66 boating-related deaths confirmed last year were attributed to drowning.

The wide variety of comfortable, affordable and stylish life jackets on the market today offers all boaters the protection they need.

"Boating smart and safely could result in fewer injuries and deaths each year," Brown said.

More information can be found by visiting www.MyFWC.com/Boating.



Juvenile trees have simple leaves when young. These juveniles are large enough to separate and pot up

Then, remove the sprouted seeds and plant them in potting soil near the surface. Keep the soil moist and in filtered sun while the little sapling begins to grow.

Dobbs is a landscape architect in south Florida specializing in custom, upscale landscapes. He can be reached at seabreezenurseries@gmail.com.

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Sheer Enchantment At Broadway Palm



Kathi Osborne, Amy Marie McCleary and Shannon Connolly

by Di Saggau

The magic of Rogers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* is delighting audiences at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. It's a show for all ages, with wonderful talent, exceptional choreography, beautiful sets, glorious costumes and unforgettable songs. The show opens with the Herald, played by John Ramsey, one of my favorite actors, announcing by song that *The Prince Is Giving a Ball*. The townspeople join in and it's a great way of telling theatergoers that they are in for a ter-

rific show.

Next we meet Cinderella (Adrienne Griffiths), her wicked stepmother (Kathi Osborne), and her two daughters Portia (Shannon Connolly) and Joy (Amy Marie McCleary.) Osborne, Connolly and McCleary look like they stepped out of a comic book. Their outrageous costumes and wigs are a hoot and they handle their roles with enthusiastic hilarity.

Griffiths has a lovely voice as we first hear when she sings *In My Own Little Corner*. I forgot how familiar I was with the songs in the show. Lovely to hear them again.

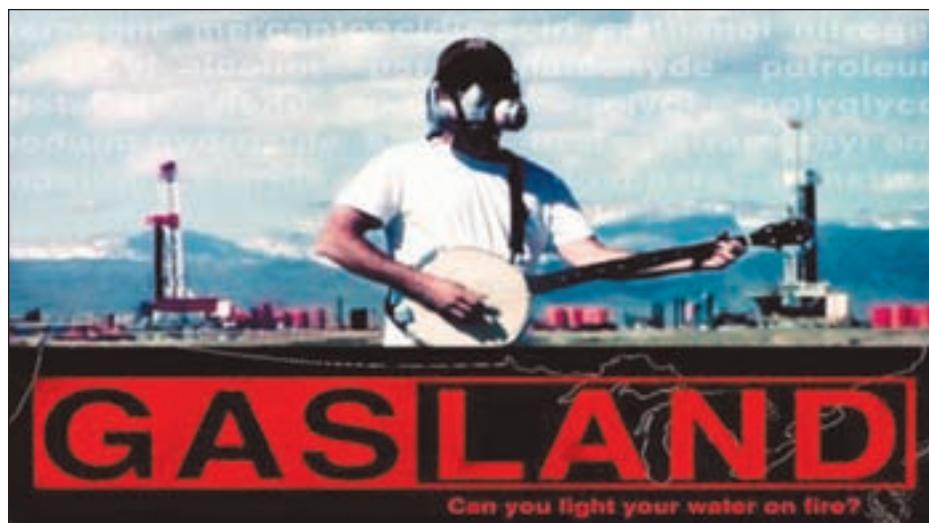
Prince Christopher is played by Adam Clough. He's a handsome chap with a voice to match. It's a treat to hear him with Griffiths as they sing *Do I Love You Because You're Beautiful?* They make beautiful music together and separately. Paul Crane and Jennie Hollander have fun with their roles as king and queen. Regina Harbour is splendid in her role as Fairy Godmother. The show is directed by Paul Bernier, who has a ton of credits behind his name. The same can be said for choreographer Amy Marie McCleary.

If anyone had asked, "Will the real Cinderella please stand up," there no doubt would have been several little girls, beautifully coiffed and dressed, who would have raised their dainty hands. They looked like they were ready to go to the ball and dance all night with the prince.

The entire family will enjoy entering the melodic kingdom of *Cinderella*. It plays through June 23 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*



Adrienne Griffiths and Adam Clough



Oscar Nominated Documentary To Be Screened

Dr. Lewis and Cathy Robinson are offering the community an opportunity to view the film *Gasland*, and talk about some of the controversial issues it raises, at the Alliance for the Arts on Tuesday, May 29. The screening begins in the Foulds Theatre at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a reception and discussion period. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

Released in 2010 by filmmaker Josh Fox, the Oscar nominated documentary *Gasland* has drawn attention to the

impacts of the domestic natural gas boom that's swept across the United States in recent years, and has helped bring the term "fracking," or hydraulic fracturing, into the public sphere.

For more about *Gasland*, visit gaslandthemovie.com.

Dr. Lewis Robinson is a retired physician and candidate for Lee Memorial Health System board of directors. He lives in Fort Myers.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*

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SBDAC Presents Obie Award- Winning Play

The Sidney & Berne Davis Arts Center presents *Mud*, a play by Cuban-American playwright María Irene Fornès, which will run through May 27 at 8 p.m.

Mud unveils the story of Mae, a woman trying to escape the pit of rural poverty by attending school. However, she is caught in a troubled relationship with Lloyd, who tends the pigs on their hardscrabble plot of land. An outsider, Henry, provides some promise of hope for Mae, but he is stuck in his own quagmire. This gritty and deeply tragic and beautiful play is a masterwork by one of the most important playwrights of our time.

Directed by Brittney Brady and featuring Katelyn Gravel as Mae, Armando Rivera as Lloyd and Jim Brock as Henry, *Mud* is a study of desolation, base desires, grace and hard times in almost any backwoods of America. The play's

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A Survivor Of Two Plane Crashes That Killed His Entire Family, Austin Hatch Plans To Play College Hoops

by Ed Frank



Too often, those of us who follow sports and write about sports become too occupied with the mainline stories of millionaire athletes and billionaire team owners, not to mention the almost daily foibles of players running afoul of the law.

But the following is a gut-wrenching story about a young basketball player who survived two airplane crashes – the first that killed his mother, sister and brother, and the second that took the lives of his father and stepmother.

Just 16 years old when he miraculously survived the second crash last year, Austin Hatch of Fort Wayne, Indiana announced recently that he plans to play basketball at the University of Michigan next year.

And while Michigan coach John Beilein cannot discuss the matter until the youngster signs a letter of intent this fall, apparently the school will offer Hatch a full scholarship despite the fact that he is still recovering from a serious head injury as a result of the accident.

Hatch was a star player at Canterbury High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana and had made a verbal commitment to Michigan before the plane crash last summer near the Charlevoix, Michigan airport that killed his father and stepmother.

His father, Dr. Stephen Hatch, an anesthesiologist, was piloting the plane enroute to their summer home in northern Michigan when it crashed into a garage near the airport. A similar accident in 2003 in Indiana, again with Dr. Hatch at the controls, killed his wife and two children.

Although Austin has not yet been cleared to play basketball, he recently told the *Detroit Free Press* that he will be on the court with the Wolverines in 2013. He trusts his doctors to tell him when he can play.

"The most difficult thing is just missing my biological family, because I am the only one left. I wish there was an instructional manual in how to deal with this kind of loss," he was quoted.

"My grandpa, Jim Hatch, is as close a thing there is to my dad and he has been very instrumental in helping me with the recovery process," he added.

SFCA Student Signs With The Suns



Colton Catto, center, pictured with his parents after signing with the Suns

Colton Catto, a senior at Southwest Florida Christian Academy, will be playing basketball for the Florida Christian College's Suns in the fall. Catto has averaged 25.4 points on the court during his senior year. While at SFCA, he scored 1,897 career points, was named 2A Player of the Year, was a Mr. Basketball finalist and scored second in the voting, was named first team all-area, is a Southwest Florida All-Star, is a FACA All-Star and a SFABC-All Star.

"I do not say this often; however, we are extremely fortunate to sign a player with Colton's abilities," said Suns coach Jake Deer. "Colton's on-the-court accolades speak for itself; furthermore, I am most excited about all of the intangibles Colton will bring to our program. Colton is a young man with great character, a high basketball IQ, and is a team first guy."

Colton signed his letter of intent on April 25 at Southwest Florida Christian Academy.✪

Whether Hatch ever becomes a star at the University of Michigan is of secondary importance to the fact that he already is hero knowing the heart break and physical pain he already has endured.

Everblades Two Wins From Kelly Cup

As we went to press early this week, the Florida Everblades hockey team was within two victories of its first Kelly Cup ECHL Championship.

Before a near-sellout crowd of 6,822 at Germain Arena last Friday, the Everblades skated to a thrilling 4-3 overtime victory to move up two-games-to-one over the Las Vegas Wranglers in the best-of-seven series.

The Kelly Cup finals resumed Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Germain, with the final two games, if necessary, moving back to Las Vegas tonight, Friday and Saturday.

In the 14-year franchise history of the Everblades, this is the third time the team has played for the Kelly Cup, losing both times previously.

Fourteen minutes into the overtime last Friday, Florida's Matt Marquardt ripped a wrist shot past Wrangler goalie Joe Fallon for the winning goal. The Everblades goalie, John Muse, continued his brilliant post-season play by stopping 32 of 35 shots on goal.

Miracle Hoping To Reverse Fortunes

It has been a disappointing 2012 season for the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team that started the week in last place in the Florida State League's South Division, a whopping 18 games behind the first-place St. Lucie Mets.

The Miracle began the week with a 16-26 season record that included a 4-6 record in the last 10 games.

A seven-game homestand this week – four against the Clearwater Threshers and concluding this weekend with three against the Palm Beach Cardinals – hopefully will provide the setting to launch a winning streak.

The annual Memorial Day Weekend fireworks show will follow Saturday night's game at Hammond Stadium against Palm Beach.✪

Local Sailing Regattas



A series of eight sailing regattas are coming to the area this year

The Caloosahatchee Boat of the Year Series consists of eight sailing regattas throughout the year hosted by sailing clubs in the Caloosa region (Fort Myers area) including the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society (CMCS), Punta Gorda Sailing Club (PGSC) and Gulf Coast Sailing Club (GCSC). Entry is open to all sailboat racers with a valid west Florida PHRF racing certificate. To qualify for an award one must compete in a minimum of three regattas. This year's eligible regattas included the Kayusa Cup (CMCS), Summerset Regatta (CMCS), the Festival of the Islands Regatta (CMCS), Commodores Cup (CMCS), Edison Gulf Regatta (CMCS), Conquistador's Cup (PGSC), Shrimp Festival Regatta (CMCS) and the Porsche Regatta (GCSC).

Results for the 2011-2012

Season:

In the Spinnaker Division, 14 boats competed. In first place was Forrest Banks' *Midnite Rider* and in second place was Joel Andrews' *Macushla*.

In the Non-Spinnaker Division, 15 boats competed. In first place was Steve Romaine's *Air Supply* and in second place was Cecil Hazen's *Desperado*.

In the Cruising Division, 25 boats competed. In first place was David Naumann's *Jolly Mon*; in second place was Arnie Pfalz' *Laura Li*; and in third place was Brock Johnson's *Vixen*.

In the Multi-Hull Division, seven boats competed. In first place was Erik Soronen's *Triumph*.

Further information on the CBOTY Series can be obtained from any of the local sailing clubs including CMCS at www.cmcs-sail.org, Fort Myers Sailing Club at www.fortmyerssailingclub.org, Gulf Coast Sailing Club and Punta Gorda Sailing Club, or directly from West Florida PHRF at www.wfphrf.org.✪

TIF 2012 Charity Classic Pro-Am

The Immokalee Foundation's 2012 Charity Classic Pro-Am golf tournament will pair two dozen of the world's greatest golfers with Southwest Florida's most philanthropic players. The event will be held on Monday, November 12 at the Bay Colony Golf Club, 9740 Bent Grass Bend in Naples. Breakfast and golf demonstrations begin at 7:30 a.m. prior to the 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch and awards presentation immediately following the tournament.

The Immokalee Foundation is a non-profit organization with a range of programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and career development, mentoring and tutoring, and opportunities for broadening experiences and life skills development.

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Florida Peanut Noodles with Wild Shrimp

1 teaspoon canola oil
 2 teaspoons fresh ginger, finely chopped
 2 cloves garlic, peeled finely chopped
 1 tablespoon light or low-sodium soy sauce
 4 teaspoons rice wine vinegar
 1/2 teaspoon Asian red chili sauce
 1/3 cup natural-style smooth peanut butter
 1/2 cup lower-sodium chicken broth
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 8 ounces spaghetti or angel hair
 12 ounces medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
 1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded and julienned
 1 cup snow peas, julienned
 1/2 cup carrot, peeled and julienned
 Heat oil over medium-high heat in a saucepan. Add ginger and garlic; cook, stirring, 2 minutes. Add soy sauce, vinegar, chili sauce, peanut butter, broth, and salt; cook, stirring, until peanut butter dissolves. Simmer over low heat 7 minutes until thick and smooth. Meanwhile, cook pasta in salted boiling water about 7 minutes. Add shrimp; cook 3 minutes. Add bell pepper and snow peas; continue



Florida Peanut Noodles with Wild Shrimp

cook 1 minute longer. Drain. Season pasta with salt and pepper, arrange pasta on warm plate and top with sauce and shrimp.

Yields 4 servings
 Look for "Fresh from Florida" ingredients at your grocery store.*

Build A Summer Song Playlist For Free

The Lee County Library System offers free music downloads via Freegal and you can create your favorite playlist of songs for the summer for free. Freegal Music offers access to the Sony Music Entertainment catalog with hundreds of thousands of current songs, over 100 genres of music and more than 50 record labels.

From any computer, a full use library card holder can download three music selections per week from a playlist on Freegal Music. Full use card holders can keep all the songs they download – forever, for free.

"It is so fun to create playlists for different seasons or purposes. You can make a play list with songs that will remind you of the beach or the pool or summer vacation, or you could make a list for the Fourth of July with patriotic songs, too. The themes are up to you," said Terri Crawford, deputy director of the Lee County Library System.

Recordings are searchable by composer, genre, artist, song or album, subject, historical event, people, cultural group, place, time period or ensemble. Freegal lets you create playlists and even offers recommendations each week. If there is a cell phone icon next to a selection, it enables sending the track, album or playlist to a mobile device.

Here is some additional information from the Freegal Music website:

- You will be able to keep track of your downloads in the upper right corner of the site.
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Links to Freegal Music are available from the Lee County Library System website at www.lee-county.com/library. From the home page, look at the sidebar on the left and click on Freegal Music. Or, go directly to the Freegal website at www.freegalmusic.com/users/sdlogin. The service requires a Lee County Library System full use library card and a PIN. For more information, call Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636).*

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529 Plan Helps With College Funding And Estate-Planning Considerations



by Jennifer Basey

Now that another school year is drawing to a close, your young children are a step closer to the day when they'll be heading off to college. Of course, as you're probably aware, higher education doesn't come cheap – and the costs seem to continuously climb.

You can help your children – or even your grandchildren – meet these expenses by investing in a 529 plan. And this college savings vehicle offers estate-planning benefits.

As a college funding vehicle, a 529 plan offers some significant benefits. When you contribute to a 529 plan, your earnings accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (Keep in mind, though, that 529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10 percent IRS penalty.) And the lifetime contribution limits for 529 plans are quite generous; while these limits vary by state, many plans allow contributions well in excess of \$200,000. Plus, a 529 plan is flexible: If the child, grandchild or other beneficiary decides against college, you can transfer the unused funds to someone else, tax and penalty free.

Now, let's turn to a 529 plan's estate-planning benefits. If you think that you may need to reduce the size of your taxable estate, and you also want to create a legacy you may be able to enjoy during your lifetime, you may find that the 529 plan offers a solution for you. When you establish and contribute to a 529 plan, the assets leave your estate – but they don't leave your control. If your named beneficiary decides against college and you don't have another family member to whom you can transfer the account – or if you simply change your mind about funding the 529 plan – you can get your money back at any time, although, as mentioned above, you'll have to pay taxes, and possibly a 10 percent IRS penalty, on the earnings.

Your contributions to a 529 plan also qualify for the \$13,000 annual gift tax exclusion, so you can give large amounts each year without incurring the gift tax.

In the investment world, you can find many vehicles that can help you make progress toward one goal. But it's far less common to find something that may give you a boost toward two. And when the two goals are helping a child or grandchild go to college and lowering the value of your taxable estate – while still maintaining control of your assets – you've got an investment worth considering. So consult with your tax and financial advisors to determine if a 529 plan is right for you. And if it is, think about taking action soon, because the more years you can contribute to a 529 plan, the better the outlook for both your future student and your estate plans.

Edward Jones, its employees and financial advisors are not estate planners and cannot provide tax or legal advice. You should consult your estate-planning attorney or qualified tax advisor regarding your situation.

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Clerk Of Court Receives Award

The Lee County Clerk of Court (LCCoC) is the first government agency in the State of Florida to receive the Tyler Technology Public Sector Excellence Award honoring innovation in organizational efficiency, productivity and responsiveness. Linda Doggett, Chief Operating Officer, credits "our incredible team of clerks who work hard every day to help our courts run smoothly and efficiently for the Lee County citizens and judges."

To improve efficiency and productivity, LCCoC began using Tyler's Odyssey system in 2004 for civil cases. Since then, LCCoC expanded the system to include criminal and traffic cases as well as testing and implementing additional features available within the system. The Odyssey system manages digital images for records filed with the courts, and now LCCoC uses the system to present digital images in county criminal and some circuit criminal court sessions for judicial reference. A project is currently underway to expand this capability to all case types.

This award also recognizes the efficiencies gained from transmitting images to various partner agencies including the state attorney and public defender offices, and LCCoC Recording Division. Those same digital images and case information are available via www.LeeClerk.org to other county and state agencies, plus 1,250 attorneys statewide.

Through these implementations and others pursued by LCCoC, employee productivity increased and operating cost savings were realized over the last eight years.

Tyler Technologies, headquartered in Plano Texas, is a leading provider of end-to-end information management solutions and services for local governments. The Public Sector award was established to recognize organizations that have demonstrated excellence in best practices for developing, deploying and maintaining Tyler solutions in new and successful ways. The Organizational Efficiency Award recognizes LCCoC for leveraging document workflow features to make information more accessible in a timely manner and to be responsive to the judiciary and the citizens of Lee County. ✪

Pet Microchip ID Clinics

Lee County Domestic Animal Services will hold Pet Microchip ID Clinics for dogs and cats the first Friday of every other month beginning in June. The clinics will run from 9 to 11 a.m. at the agency's veterinary clinic, 5600 Banner Drive, in Fort Myers. Only pets that are both microchipped and sterilized will qualify for reduced license fees so pet owners should take advantage of the opportunity. The cost of the microchip ID is \$15 or \$5 with proof of public assistance.

A microchip ID is a small computer chip implanted by injection under the pet's skin between the shoulder blades. When scanned, the chip's unique number will identify the owner. Because microchips cannot be removed or lost like collars and tags, they are the best means to ensure your pet will be returned if lost.

Owners should check with their regular veterinarian about having their pets sterilized and microchipped or have their pet microchipped at any of the LCDAS clinics held on June 1, August 3, October 5, and December 7.

While microchips and sterilization are not required for pets, the county hopes to encourage more pet owners to do both by offering discounted license fees for pets that are. Just like sterilization reduces the number of pets that enter shelters, microchips reduce the amount of time pets spend in shelters because their owners can be immediately identified. Only 13 percent of pets entering Lee County's shelter are claimed by

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

| Development | City | Year Built | Square Footage | Listing Price | Selling Price | Days on Market |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| St. Charles Harbour | Fort Myers | 2001 | 5,173 | 1,999,900 | 1,850,000 | 1 |
| South Seas Island Resort | Captiva | 1974 | 1,950 | 1,695,000 | 1,665,000 | 455 |
| Alva | Alva | 1999 | 5,256 | 1,600,000 | 1,450,000 | 132 |
| Cape Coral | Cape Coral | 2005 | 4,262 | 1,499,900 | 1,425,000 | 0 |
| Jonathan Harbour | Fort Myers | 1998 | 4,616 | 1,695,000 | 1,320,000 | 616 |
| Tradewinds | Sanibel | 1997 | 2,685 | 1,495,000 | 1,300,000 | 535 |
| Cape Harbour | Cape Coral | 2008 | 4,694 | 879,900 | 950,000 | 12 |
| Water Shadows Unreco | Sanibel | 1981 | 1,480 | 949,000 | 930,000 | 60 |
| Cases | Fort Myers Beach | 1950 | 2,415 | 895,000 | 895,000 | 9 |
| Shadow Wood At The Brooks | Bonita Springs | 2001 | 2,626 | 999,000 | 875,000 | 95 |

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I am very concerned that my middle school-aged children will forget a lot of what they have learned over the summer. I am most concerned

about their math skills, since it was so hard for them to learn them in the first place. They hate worksheets and things like that. What else can I do to help them?

Lucia F., Fort Myers Beach

Lucia,

You are accurate in being concerned about your children losing skills over the summer. The bad news is that almost all kids' skills regress over the summer; the good news is that most kids can recoup their skills loss in 4 to 10 weeks after school resumes. The better news is that if they practice their skills across the summer vacation months there should be only minimal skill loss, if any.

In general, low-income students lose around three months of grade-level equivalency during the summer months and middle-income students lose about one month of grade-level equivalency. Math is the subject where the regression is most evident for all students.

There are many things you can do for and with your children to help stop the skill loss. Computer games and apps provide a good variety of math practice, but it's so easy for kids to have too much screen time, especially during the summer.

Some of the most interesting and just plain fun math practice ideas that I have encountered were recently published in *The New York Times*. These activities build on current popular events that seem more entertaining for kids than traditional skill and drill work sheets. Here are a few of them:

- Take advantage of this year's Summer Olympics by having your kids graph medal counts from their favorite events or countries. They can compare and contrast medal counts from previous Olympic games and the current games for example. The swimming events with their split second results can also yield great math practice in percentages, fractions and decimals.

- Baseball is a gold mine for statistics! Learn how to figure batting averages, base running averages, earned run averages and much more. Here is a great site to help you understand how to use baseball statistics for math practice: www.basic-mathematics.com/calculate-baseball-statistics.html.

- Have the children study themselves. They can track all sorts of personal data. Select specific quantities to record such as the time they wake up or go to sleep, time spent eating meals, doing chores, reading, how much time they spend

with digital media, and even how many text messages or e-mails they send and receive. They can chart these data, figure our daily percentages for some activities, and then even compare the data across different weeks of the summer. They can create their own personal profile with this information and maybe get a better understanding of how they spend their time.

Summer vacation provides an opportunity for kids to relax and spend time with family and friends. School is hard work and they do need some down time to refresh and recharge themselves. However, it won't hurt them to work on a few of these fun math activities during their vacation time to keep them on track for their next school year.

Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.✪

Fastenau Named To Dean's List

Peter Fastenau was among 179 undergraduates named to the Bryan College Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester. Peter, son of Jeanne Fastenau of Fort Myers, was recognized for outstanding academic achievement.✪

Jevon Corban Graduates From Clarkson University

Jevon R. Corban, a resident of Cape Coral, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering upon graduation from Clarkson University on May 12.✪

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Academy Class On U.S. History

The Academy of Life Long Learning at Shell Point invites Southwest Florida residents to attend a series of Academy classes focused on The History of the United States through 1815. This series will occur over a three-week time period with classes from 10 until 11:30 a.m. in the Grand Cypress Room of The Woodlands. Tickets are required to attend each session, and can be purchased for \$10 each by calling 489-8472. Classes will take place on Tuesday mornings, June 12, 19 and 26.

As we approach the annual celebration of our nation's independence, Shell Point welcomes back Professor Adrian Kerr to take participants through a comprehensive look at the span of American history through the year 1815. It starts with the original people who settled in North America and will continue to the end of the war of 1812-1815. Each session will focus on certain parts of this history, with session one looking at the colonization, session two looking at the road to independence, and the final session detailing how the new nation emerges.

"Professor Kerr has been a part of our Academy of Lifelong Learning for several years now and always brings some of the most intriguing and informative presentations to our residents and the community," said Teri Kollath, manager of Academy and Volunteer Services. "He



Professor Adrian Kerr

always amazes us with his expansive knowledge about so many cultures and their histories."

The Academy of Life Long Learning at Shell Point is a lifelong learning educational initiative for the residents of the retirement community. The Academy provides anywhere from 70 to 90 classes each semester, that encompasses a well-rounded curriculum of educational opportunities for senior adults.

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Junior Achievement Of SWFL Honors 2011-12 Volunteers And Teachers



Junior Achievement recognized IberiaBank as a key business partner for 2011-12



Cary Kleinfield, senior vice president, investments at The Kleinfield Wealth Management Group of Raymond James, receives the Lee County Volunteer of the Year award from Junior Achievement's Cecilia St. Arnold



Joni Blanchard, human resources consultant at Case Benefit Consultants, LLC, accepts the Collier County Volunteer of the Year award from Junior Achievement's Brittany Dixon



Janet Sherlin of Cypress Lake Middle School is named Teacher of the Year - Lee County and is recognized by Junior Achievement's Cecilia St. Arnold



Denise Brown of Immokalee High School accepts the Teacher of the Year - Collier County award from Junior Achievement's Brittany Dixon

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida recognized its 2011-12 volunteers and teachers during an appreciation reception held on May 10 at Florida Gulf Coast University. During the 2011-12 school year, Junior Achievement recruited more than 375 volunteers to help educate youth in our community about business, economics and free enterprise. Business leaders from a wide variety of industries taught more than 5,000 hours of classes in 90 schools in Collier, Lee and Charlotte

- Teacher of the Year - Collier County: Denise Brown, Immokalee High School
- Teacher of the Year - Lee County: Janet Sherlin, Cypress Lake Middle School
- Rookie Volunteer of the Year - Collier County: David Crisp, CEO of WooHoo Foods
- Rookie Volunteer of the Year - Lee County: Melissa Vaughn, vice president/branch manager at IberiaBank
- Junior "Over" Achiever of the Year - Collier County: Al Kozel, retired, former vice president for Detroit Diesel Corporation
- Junior "Over" Achiever of the Year - Lee County: Michael Schneider-Christians, owner at Cape Coral Insurance Group, LLC and broker at Century 21 Sunbelt Realty, Inc.

For more information about volunteering with Junior Achievement, contact Brittany Dixon, program manager for Collier and South Lee Counties at bdixon@jaswfl.org or Cecilia St. Arnold, program director for Lee and Charlotte Counties at cstarnold@jaswfl.org.

For more information about Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, contact Anne Frazier at 225-2590 or info@jaswfl.org. The organization's website is www.JASWFL.org.*

"It was our honor to bring together so many of our volunteers and teachers to simply say, thank you," said Anne Frazier, president and Chief Executive Officer of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida. "Our Junior Achievement volunteers directly impacted more than 11,000 students this past year by bringing real-life experiences to our classrooms. We are grateful for their donation of time and talent."

During the reception, the following individuals and businesses were recognized for their specific involvement:

- Key Classroom Business Partners: IberiaBank with 15 classes taught, Rasmussen College with 13 classes taught and Fifth Third Bank with nine classes taught
- Collier County Volunteer of the Year: Joni Blanchard, Human Resources Consultant at Case Benefit Consultants, LLC
- Lee County Volunteer of the Year: Cary Kleinfield, senior vice president, investments at The Kleinfield Wealth Management Group of Raymond James

Fifth Third Bank, Salvation Army Fighting Hunger

Fifth Third Bank's South Florida affiliate is spearheading a third annual food drive that aims to collect 5,300 pounds of non-perishable food by the end of May. The drive, called Fight Hunger - Feed Dreams, benefits the Salvation Army and its partner food banks.

To make a donation, stop by any local Fifth Third banking center (you can visit 53.com for locations). Urgently needed items include canned fruit, peanut butter, boxed cereal, canned meats and beans.*

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All About Hernias



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

I went to a Scottish Highland Games in that grand duchy of Scotland known as Enumclaw, Washington. It's easy to spot the Scottish festival by the excessively

long ticket lines created by heated negotiations of the entrance fee by each and every patron. Lassies and laddies pranced and flinged about on their delicate wee toes, real men sported kilts, real women and a fellow named Gordon sported "Official Kilt Inspector" T-shirts. Gathering of the clans, eating of the official oatmeal, parading of the dogs, blaring of the pipes and drums (named after the parts of the lungs and ears which no longer function as God meant them to in those who use such instruments). Turns out that the best band in the entire Scottish realm is none other than Simon Fraser University of Burnaby, British Columbia.

The games portion included tossing the haggis, the hammer throw and the intriguing caber toss. A caber looks like a telephone pole on steroids, much I suspect like those who toss them. They lift the caber up, try to balance it and then with a mighty heave that would make Robert the Bruce pop his porridge, toss the caber up in the air and hope it lands on the opposite end and then falls over on one of the other competitors.

Now what others didn't notice, but I did - being the consummate medical professional - was the hernias that these caber tossers were experiencing, judging by the sudden inflation of the front of their kilts as they grimaced and clutched their wee sporrans.

Hernias were/are the bread and butter of surgeons - or at least the bread part, as they make a lot of it fixing weekend caber tossers. Hernias come in all sizes and sorts and can involve places like the stomach, the groin and, of course, the attractive belly button bulge. A hernia is simply a weakness of a wall that allows something behind it to squeeze out part way; a piece of fat, a piece of bowel, Sigourney Weaver.

Twenty million groin (inguinal) hernias are repaired each year worldwide. In fact, the widening of the world's waistline is one reason, along with pregnancy and age that supportive muscles deteriorate and allow hernias to develop. Males get more hernias than females by 7:1, usually while operating the freakin' dill pickle jar or playing pick-up cabers in the back yard. The main problem with hernia bulges, besides ruining your Lulu Lemons, is that a piece of bowel can get caught in the hernia and twist on itself or get pinched off, conditions known as strangulation and incarceration (sort of what happened to my Uncle Jake). But the main problem with surgery is the post-operative pain that, in some patients, can last for months. Some doctors feel they

should all be fixed before they get larger and harder to repair; others only if they currently cause discomfort.

In children, all groin hernias should be considered for surgical repair, but the umbilical (navel) outies never need to be fixed before the age of two. By age five, if they still have a large outie, then they might need a repair as the psychological scar of having classmates using their belly button to play horseshoes will last at least until snack time. Many adults with umbilical hernias like to get them fixed so they can waddle right back onto the beach, swinging those love handles to and fro with abandon.

Most hernias are fixed with a strong mesh device that doubles as a broccoli filter. It should stay strong and in fact is guaranteed to stay fixed though the

warranty is void should you... travel to Scotland.

*Like the column? You'll LOVE the book the Doctor is In(sane), available at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.**

VPK Program At Three Locations

Lee Memorial Health System Child Development Centers offer the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program (VPK), which is a free program for all children who turn age 4 before September 1, 2012.

The program is designed to teach chil-

dren the skills they need to know and be able to do to be ready for kindergarten, and to provide opportunities for children to practice their skills in an active learning environment. The environment is set up where children thrive and each child's learning is supported in developmentally appropriate ways.

The VPK program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning on August 13. Wrap-around care is available for an additional fee.

The three local Child Development Centers are located at:

- Cape Coral Hospital (License #C20LE7563) 636 DelPrado Blvd. in Cape Coral, 772-4311
- Lee Memorial Hospital (License

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TRIVIA TEST

- POLITICS:** How long did Margaret Thatcher serve as prime minister of Great Britain?
- LANGUAGE:** What does the Greek prefix "ornitho" mean?
- HISTORY:** How did the Native American leader Crazy Horse die?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the highest waterfall in the world?
- LEGEND:** What was the name of King Arthur's legendary sword?
- ART:** Who painted "Christina's World"?
- ENTERTAINERS:** How many times were actors Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor married?
- LITERATURE:** Which one of Charles Dickens' novels was unfinished at his death?
- MATH:** What does the symbol "r" stand for in geometry?

ANSWERS

- 12 years
- Bird
- Stabbed with a bayonet while trying to escape custody
- Angel Falls (Venezuela) is 3,212 feet high
- Excelsior
- Andrew Wyeth
- Twice
- 8
- The Mystery of Edwin Drood
- Radius

SPORTS QUIZ

- Who was the last San Francisco Giants player before Buster Posey in 2010 to have a hitting streak of more than 20 games?
- Name the last shortstop before Cleveland's Asdrubal Cabrera in 2011 to have five hits and two home runs in the same game.
- Who was the youngest player to become a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame?
- How many consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances did North Carolina men's basketball coach Dean Smith have during his career?
- Only one player has recorded two hat tricks in NHL All-Star Game history. Name him.
- Who was the first American to score a hat trick in English Premier League soccer?
- In 2012, Lindsey Vonn set a women's skiing World Cup points record for a season with 1,980. Who had held the mark?

ANSWERS

- Robby Thompson hit in 21 consecutive games in 1993
- Barry Larkin of the Reds in 2000
- Chicago's Gayle Sayers, at age 34, was elected in 1977
- Twenty-three consecutive seasons
- Mario Lemieux in 1988 (three goals) and 1990 (four)
- Clint Dempsey, with Fulham in 2012
- Janica Kostelic set the previous record in 2006 (1,970)

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MAY 28, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might have to turn your Arian charm up a few degrees if you hope to persuade that persistent pessimist to see the possibilities in your project. Whatever you do, don't give up.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A "tip" about a co-worker's "betrayal" might well raise the Bovine's rage levels. But before charging into a confrontation, let an unbiased colleague do some fact checking.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a relationship still seems to be moving too slowly to suit your expectations, it's best not to push it. Let it develop at its own pace. You'll soon get news about a workplace change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A continually changing personal situation makes you feel as if you're riding an emotional roller coaster. But hold on tight; stability starts to set in early next week.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Believe it or not, someone might dare to say "No!" to the Regal One's suggestion. But instead of being miffed, use this rebuff to recheck the proposition and, perhaps, make some changes.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might find it difficult to make a decision about a family matter. But delay can only lead to more problems. Seek out trusted counsel and then make that important decision.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Concentrate your focus on what needs to be done, and avoid frittering away your energies on less-important pursuits. There'll be time later for fun and games.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although the conflicts seem to be letting up, you still need to be wary of being drawn into workplace intrigues. Plan a special weekend event for family and/or friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your quick wit helps you work through an already difficult situation without creating more problems. Creative aspects begin to dominate by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be patient. You'll soon receive news about a project that means so much to you. Meanwhile, you might want to reconsider a suggestion you previously turned down.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) There are still some aspects about that new job offer you need to resolve. In the meantime, another possibility seems promising. Be sure to check that out as well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Opening up your emotional floodgates could leave you vulnerable to being hurt later on. Watch what you say, in order to avoid having your words come back to haunt you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're usually the life of the party, which gets you on everyone's invitation list. You also have a flair for politics.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On May 31, 1859, the massive clock-tower bell known as Big Ben, located at the top of the 320-foot-high St. Stephen's Tower, rings out over the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, London, for the first time. Just two months later, however, the heavy striker cracked the bell.

- On May 30, 1911, the inaugural Indianapolis 500 is run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indiana. With the exception of a break in 1917 and 1918 for World War I and from 1942 to 1945 for World War II, the 200-lap, 2 1/2-mile race has been run every year.

- On June 1, 1926, Norma Jeane Mortenson -- who will become known as the glamorous actress and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe -- is born in Los Angeles. During World War II, a photographer "discovered" the naturally photogenic Norma Jeane while she was working in a California munitions factory.

- On May 29, 1932, the so-called Bonus Expeditionary Force, a group of 1,000 World War I veterans seeking cash payments for their veterans' bonus certificates, arrive in Washington, D.C. One month later, that number had swelled to nearly 20,000 strong.

- On June 3, 1956, Santa Cruz, Calif., authorities announced a total ban on rock and roll music at public gatherings. Just two weeks later, Time magazine reported on similar bans enacted in Asbury Park, N.J., and San Antonio, Texas.

- On June 2, 1967, Capt. Howard Levy, 30, a dermatologist from Brooklyn, is convicted by a general court-martial of willfully disobeying orders. Levy had refused to provide basic instruction in skin disease to Green Beret medics, saying it would be used as a "tool of political persuasion" in Vietnam. He did 26 months hard labor and

was dismissed from the service.

- On May 28, 1987, Matthias Rust, a 19-year-old amateur pilot from West Germany, takes off from Helsinki, Finland, and travels undetected through more than 400 miles of Soviet airspace. After Rust landed his small Cessna aircraft in Red Square by the Kremlin, an American diplomat in the Soviet Union joked, "Maybe we should build a bunch of Cessnas."

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, who made the following sage observation: "No matter how much cats fight, there always seem to be plenty of kittens."

- If you are a stay-at-home mom, you probably won't be surprised by a recent study that found lower levels of stress in mothers who work outside the home than in those who stay with their kids all day.

- George Reeves is best known for playing the title role in the 1950s TV show "Adventures of Superman." The role was a risky one, though -- not in front of the camera, but during his numerous public appearances. It seems that fans wanted to test the strength of the Man of Steel, so they often kicked and punched him. At a 1953 appearance in Detroit, one boy pulled out his father's loaded .45 Army Colt and aimed it at Reeves' chest. By telling the boy that the bullets would bounce off his own chest and ricochet into the crowd, harming others, Reeves managed to get the boy to put the gun down.

- Though unenforced (and likely unenforceable), there is a law on the books in Tennessee that bars atheists, preachers and duelists from holding elected office.

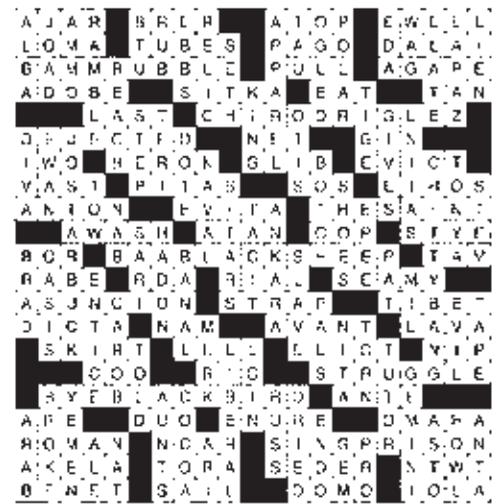
- Are you lissotrichous? If you don't have curls in your hair, you are. Of course, you may not be able to tell if you are atrichous (bald), a condition that may be caused by trichotillomania, the compulsion to pull out your own hair.

- If you've been married for 40 years or more, you can be pretty confident that the union will last. Only 1 in every 1,000 marriages of such duration end in divorce.

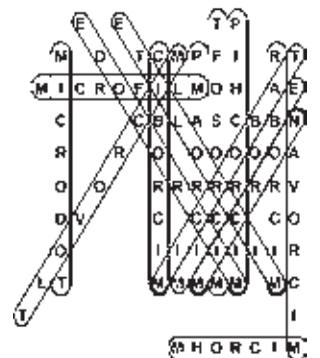
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I have only one superstition. I make sure I touch all the bases when I hit a home run." -- Babe Ruth

PUZZLE ANSWERS



MICRO WORDS



dearPharmacist

LDL Cholesterol Isn't Entirely Bad

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



Dear Pharmacist: Would you elaborate on cholesterol, and what LDL and HDL numbers mean.

CJ, Dallas, Texas
There's mass confusion, because everyone thinks

cholesterol is bad. Medical authorities and television commercials have convinced some people that the lower your LDL number, the healthier you are.

You should sit down for this: Cholesterol is a strong and wonderful anti-inflammatory and a potent antioxidant. Shocked? Because I bet you thought it was bad and that you should get rid of this bad awful cholesterol ASAP! Obviously, you don't want levels to run amok, but there is a point where you could lower excessively, and that's unhealthy.

Well-designed studies have repeatedly demonstrated that cholesterol can block two different pathways responsible

for inflammation and pain, 5-LOX and 5-COX. For the record, prescribed anti-inflammatories often work on those two pathways, but if you have enough natural cholesterol, it is doing the work for you... without cramping your legs and making you weak.

We commonly refer to our "bad" LDL cholesterol and our "good" HDL cholesterol. I've even used those terms myself because people automatically understand, but they're silly. LDL and HDL are not even made of cholesterol! They are just fatty proteins, hence the name "lipoprotein," where "lipo" means fatty and "protein" means just that. (Stick with me, we are getting to the fun part.)

There is no such thing as "good" or "bad" cholesterol. Why would your body make something bad for you anyway? LDL stands for low density lipoprotein, and HDL stands for high density lipoprotein. LDL is nothing more than a carrier molecule, a pick-up truck that shuttles cholesterol (fat) to the tissues. You don't want too many deliveries of fat to your arteries and organs, so doctors are correct in trying to tame LDL levels. HDL removes the fat from your tissues and returns it to the liver. Excellent! That's why you are trying to raise HDL all the time, while lowering LDL.

Balance is key. Total annihilation of LDL (and cholesterol) makes your life miserable. This LDL – the "pick-up truck"

– also shuttles nutrients and antioxidants such as vitamin E, which has anti-cancer properties. LDL helps you make steroid hormones such as pregnenolone, cortisol, DHEA, estrogen and testosterone, so you can feel youthful, happy, strong, fertile and much more.

I'm in your head right now, so let me tell you do not suddenly stop taking your medications. Good gracious, that is not at all what I'm trying to say. Just understand that your body has a set-point where you feel healthy and strong. Control them, but don't chase the numbers down too low. Natural considerations include niacin,

guggul fish oils, astaxanthin and soluble fiber. Discuss changes to your medication/supplement regimen with your pharmacist and physician(s).

(Clarification from last week: Neither Forteo or Evista are bisphosphonate drugs; they work by a totally unique mechanism of action.)

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. ✨

Call For Teams To Join Making Strides Event

The Lee County American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer leadership committee is calling for teams. For the public's convenience, the committee will hold a registration event in Fort Myers on Thursday, May 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Paul Mitchell School, located at 9941 Interstate Commerce Drive in Fort Myers.

Team leaders will be able to register their teams and pick up their team leader kits. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be given away. Individuals can RSVP to Toni Sheppard at tsheppard2010@aol.com. The first 50 people to rsvp will receive a special gift.

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event will take place on October 20 at Tanger Outlets in Fort Myers with registration starting at 7 a.m. The event is a noncompetitive 5K walk uniting people of all ages with a common goal to fight breast cancer and save lives. Premiere Oncology is the presenting sponsor for this year's event. This is the second year for Premiere as the presenting sponsor.

"We want to make forming a team a fun and easy process," said Debra Newell, event chair. "We believe this event in Fort Myers will allow more people to come find out about the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event."

If you are interested in starting a team, volunteering, or becoming a sponsor for the Making Strides event, contact Debra Newell at 985-2664 or debra.newell@iberiabank.com. You may also contact

the Lee County American Cancer Society office at 936-1113. ✨

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Classic Pro-Am

Entry fees for the tournament begin at \$5,000. All pro-am golfers will receive tickets to the highly-acclaimed 2012 Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction on Friday, November 16 at The Ritz-Carlton in Naples.

For more information, contact The Immokalee Foundation at 430-9122, info@immokaleefoundation.org or www.immokaleefoundation.org. ✨

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Pet Microchip

owners due to lack of identification. Microchips cannot only save lives but also taxpayer dollars that would be spent caring for these pets during their stay.

For more information about pet license fees, microchip clinics, or pet sterilization call Lee County Domestic Animal Services' clinic at 533-9234 or visit spay@leegov.com. Information is also available on the agency's website at www.LeeLostPets.com. ✨

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VPK Program

#C20LE7448), 2335 Clifford Street in Fort Myers, 332-5152

• HealthPark Medical Center (License #C20LE6274), 16150 RoseRush Court in Fort Myers, 481-8669

Contact your local Child Development Center for more information. ✨

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I am very concerned about my 47-year-old daughter. She is very depressed and extremely upset because she has recently been told that she is almost three months pregnant.

Her three children are away at college and they know nothing about this family event. Her husband, who is a very busy attorney, is very enthusiastic and looking

forward to this little bundle.

What can I do to help her and what advice do you have to help me?

Madeline

Dear Madeline,

I am sorry to hear your daughter is having a difficult time. I am sure you feel helpless as well. My advice is to emotionally support your daughter, but not get involved. The pregnancy is between husband and wife, not between husband, wife and mother-in-law. You may or may not agree with their choice, but it is not your choice. Support whatever their choice is as a family.

Pryce

Dear Madeline,

Once a mother, always a mother. Until we pass, most mothers are concerned about their children even if they are in their nineties and their children in their sixties and seventies.

We are told that we must let them make their own decisions, but at times it is extremely difficult to sit back and keep our mouths shut.

I have heard some mothers say, "My tongue bleeds after I visit one of my children's homes." But in the final tally, she and her husband must make the final decision.

Lizzie

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

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FGCU President Appoints New Board Members

submitted by Andrew Stansell

President Wilson G. Bradshaw has appointed three new members of the board of advisors to Florida Gulf Coast University's Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education. The new appointees are: Vikki Spruill, current president and CEO of the Ocean Conservancy and newly appointed president and CEO of the Council on Foundations; FGCU provost and vice president for academic affairs, and professor of marine sciences, Dr. Ronald Toll; and Akpezi Ogbuigwe, the head of environmental education and training for the United Nations Environment Programme.

Spruill brings a blend of expertise in both collaborative leadership and philanthropy with her involvement. She was the fifth person, and the only woman, ever to be the CEO of the Ocean Conservancy in its 40-year history. Prior to her appointment at Ocean Conservancy, Spruill was president and founder of SeaWeb, a non-profit organization that uses strategic communications techniques to advance ocean conservation.



Ronald B. Toll, PhD

FGCU Provost Dr. Ronald B. Toll holds an AA degree in biology from Union College in Cranford, New Jersey and a BA in zoology from Rutgers University. He received his doctoral degree in biological oceanography from the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Miami. Following a postdoctoral fellowship at the Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC, Dr. Toll began his facul-



Akpezi Ogbuigwe

ty career at the University of the South in Tennessee. He has held multiple administrative roles and is an accomplished publisher of marine science research.

Akpezi Ogbuigwe is known for her vast experience in the field of environmental education, research and training. Prior to joining UNEP, Ogbuigwe was a professor of law at the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Nigeria and volunteered her time at ANPEZ Centre for Environment and



Vikki Spruill

Development, Port Harcourt, Nigeria where she worked with schools, communities, government and the private sector on issues of environment and development and the running of an environmental library.

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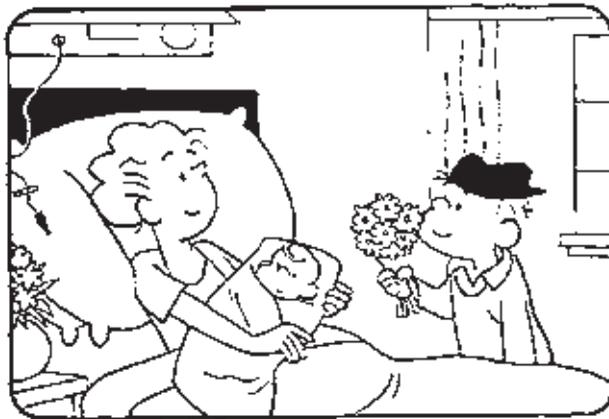
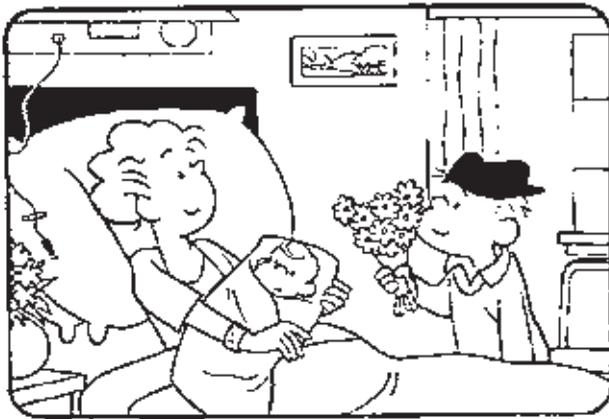
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Bob Schuchman

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TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 27

"There's nothing wrong with it that a few _____ at \$60 an hour can't fix."

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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answer on page 27

Pets Of The Week



Sweetpea ID #527667

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My name is Sweetpea and I am a 2-year-old female tan hound mix. I have a very outgoing personality and I love to be around people and other pets. I walk well on a leash and would really enjoy a new family that would keep me active. If you like long walks, great companionship, and loads of affection, I could be the perfect companion for you! I've been waiting for over three months to find my forever home, so please hurry!

My adoption fee is \$55 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services Friends & Family Adoption Promotion.

My name is Pippi and I am a 2-year-old spayed female black and white domestic short hair. I was named after "Pippi Longstocking" because my white legs make me look like I'm wearing stockings. My foster mom says I'm a lover because I'm so affectionate. She also says I'm very easy-going. So, if you are looking for an attractive companion with a great personality, I'm here waiting!

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LCDAS adoption fees for Friends & Family Month:



Pippi ID #533593

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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. 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 in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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| Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery..... | 332-5055 |
| Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio..... | 337-5050 |
| Art League Of Fort Myers..... | 275-3970 |
| Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall..... | 481-4849 |
| BIG ARTS..... | 395-0900 |
| Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre..... | 278-4422 |
| Cultural Park Theatre..... | 772-5862 |
| Edison Festival of Light..... | 334-2999 |
| Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade..... | 332-4488 |
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| S.W. Florida Symphony..... | 418-0996 |
| Theatre Conspiracy..... | 936-3239 |
| Young Artists Awards..... | 574-9321 |

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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| Angel Flight..... | 1-877-4AN-ANGEL |
| Animal Refuge Center..... | 731-3535 |
| American Business Women Association..... | 357-6755 |
| Audubon of SWFL..... | 339-8046 |
| Audubon Society..... | 472-3156 |
| Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR..... | 482-1366 |
| Caloosahatchee Folk Society..... | 321-4620 |
| Cape Coral Stamp Club..... | 542-9153 |
| duPont Company Retirees..... | 454-1083 |
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| Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614 | |
| (United Daughters of the Confederacy ®)..... | 728-3743 |
| Friendship Force Of SW FL..... | 561-9164 |
| The Horticulture and Tea Society..... | 472-8334 |
| Horticultural Society..... | 472-6940 |
| Lee County Genealogical Society..... | 549-9625 |
| Lee Trust for Historic Preservation..... | 939-7278 |
| NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees)..... | 482-6713 |
| Navy Seabees Veterans of America..... | 731-1901 |
| Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL..... | 667-1354 |
| Southwest Florida Fencing Academy..... | 939-1338 |
| Southwest Florida Music Association..... | 561-2118 |

Kiwanis Clubs:

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| Fort Myers Edison..... | 694-1056 |
| Fort Myers South..... | 691-1405 |
| Gateway to the Islands..... | 415-3100 |
| Iona-McGregor..... | 482-0869 |

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| Fort Myers High Noon..... | 466-4228 |
| Estero/South Fort Myers..... | 898-1921 |
| Notre Dame Club of Lee County..... | 768-0417 |
| 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 |
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AREA ATTRACTIONS

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| Burrough's Home..... | 337-9505 |
| Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium..... | 275-3435 |
| Edison & Ford Winter Estates..... | 334-3614 |
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| Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium..... | 321-7420 |
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