Digital Lee Offers Student-Created Design Showcase

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center and The Lee County Public School District’s Career & Technical Education Department will present the 4th annual Digital Lee exhibit, opening on Friday, May 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. during Art Walk and continuing through May 30. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Davis is located at 2301 First Street in the downtown Fort Myers River District.

The event, which is free, is an exhibition of students’ digital artwork, as well as a competition to earn recognition for their creativity and technology skills. Professionals from the local design industry will review and judge the submissions so students may earn donated prizes that range from digital cameras to a MacBook Pro for the Best of Show winner. Submissions were from middle school, high school and post-secondary technology students.

Digital Lee was established to create a more relevant, community and career focused learning experience for the district’s technology students. The goal is to provide exposure for students’ work, thereby spurring career and internship opportunities, scholarship awards and local involvement that will continue to make Southwest Florida a thriving and culturally rich community. The best of the district’s graphic design, animation, video game development and web design programs will be highlighted.

The public will vote for the People’s Choice Award during the Digital Lee Opening Night. For more information, visit digital-lee.com or www.sbdac.com.

2013 Best of Show winner Leonardo Acosta and the third place winner Brandon Howard along with Cape High School Principal Mat Mederios

Public Library Hosts Free Seminar

On Wednesday, May 14, join Clerk of Court Linda Doggett as she guides participants through the information available on the Lee County Clerk of Court website. The seminar, entitled the Value Of Searching Public Records & Online Services, runs from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Fort Myers Regional Library, located at 2450 First Street in Fort Myers.

Barbecue Competition And Music Festival Coming To Fort Myers

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will host barbecue cook teams from across the South to compete in the Smoke on the Water Barbeque Competition & Music Festival at the historic downtown Fort Myers river basin on Edwards Drive and Hendry Street. The competition will take place May 10 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

This official Florida BBQ Association competition includes teams from all across the Southeast – backyard masters to state champions – who will fire up their smokers for the Grand Champion title. The competition has also been named a Jack Daniel’s Invitational Qualifier and the winner will be invited to compete at the Jack Daniel’s Invitational in Lynchberg, Tennessee.

Southern rock, country and blues music artists will perform on the stage in front of the city pier building. Featured performers are the Sean Chambers Bard, Redemption and Sheena Brook. There will be a family fun zone and other...
When we look down First Street today, the term “historic” naturally springs to mind. But that wouldn’t have been the case in the early days of the Great Depression. People born around the turn of the twentieth century or later would have been justified in thinking the 1930 business district fairly new, rather than historic. After all, the structures pictured in the historic photo had been built in their lifetime.

Almost the entire south side of First – from the Franklin Arms Hotel (left) to the Kress Building way down on the corner at Broadway – arose during the building boom that spanned the 19-teens and 1920s. One exception is the Stone Block (now Leon) Building, which dates to 1905.

Kress was the newest building, having opened in December 1927. Note the vertical “Kress” sign outlined against the sky in the distance.

Another relative newcomer on the south side was the Collier Terminal Building, marked by the “Grille” sign. Constructed in the mid-1920s at Jackson, that building housed both the popular Garden Spot Restaurant and Tamiami Trail Tours.

It is the only south-side structure in the historic photo that no longer exists.

While much of the north side of First also sprang up during that period, it is downtown’s oldest block. The 1898 Heitman Building, downtown’s first brick structure, stands at Jackson (right), and the original 1905 section of the Bradford Hotel stands at the other end of the block on Hendry.

Recent downtown redevelopment has restored 1930 features such as brick streets, lamp posts and royal palms, thus recapturing that classic boom-time look.

But one major difference between the views of 1930 and 2014 is undeniable. The open sky and river view at the end of the street has yielded to a busy condo corridor along West First, which in 1930 was a street still in the making.

Perhaps two peripheral details in the historic photo best illustrate downtown’s rapid transformation in the early twentieth century. One links downtown to its pioneer past and one foreshadows the present.

Those balcony posts at the photo’s left edge are part of the two-story Carl F. Roberts Building, which had been built around 1907 after the first one on the site had been destroyed by fire. That apartment and office building stood until 1957, when it was demolished to make way for the First National Bank (now the Bank of America Building).

In the right foreground, the fencing, lush landscaping, and circa-1850 house at the former Harvie E. Heitman property have been cleared in preparation for the construction of a U.S. Post Office. It opened in 1933 and now is the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

Walk down to First and Lee and gaze westward for a scene reminiscent of 1930.
Fort Myers Public Art: 
New Exhibit Opens During Art Walk

by Tom Hall

In order to enhance access by residents and visitors to a full range of cultural experiences, the City of Fort Myers provides art and cultural grants each year to individuals and organizations that make meaningful contributions to the arts and culture of the city. On Friday, May 2, past recipients will exhibit works that represent their recent achievements as an artist.

The exhibition will be on view at the Harborside Event Center, with the 6 to 8 p.m. opening reception taking place contemporaneously with Art Walk in order to provide a maximum number of area art enthusiasts and collectors the opportunity to see these cutting edge works.

The exhibition will remain on view during May 2 at the Harborside Event Center.

Last year’s exhibition was held at the Alliance for the Arts, and included 55 works of art by 29 different artists in media, collage, watercolor, charcoal and mixed tricolor pencil to fused glass, photography and digital photography on die-infused metal, wood and fiber.

The City of Fort Myers has been supporting individual artists and arts and cultural organizations since the 1990s, and its investment has been repaid several-fold. A study released in 2012 by the Americans for the Arts revealed that in 2010 – while Southwest Florida was still locked in the throes of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression – Lee County’s nonprofit arts and cultural organizations contributed more than $68 million to the local economy and supported more than 2,000 full-time jobs. The exhibitions and other events they put on attracted more than 500,000 out-of-towners. The Lee County Visitors & Convention Bureau paid homage to the contribution the arts make in attracting cultural and heritage tourists by featuring a number of plein air artists in the Team Tourism Travel Rally Day it held in 2013 at the river basin just prior to the opening of last year’s Individual Artist Grant Exhibition.

“The artists displaying their work demonstrate a wide range of style, technique and purpose,” stated Ava Roeder, past chair of the City’s Public Art Committee during a Gallery Walk and Talk of last year’s show.” Those diverse styles, techniques and purposes will be on display again this year when the Individual Artist Grant Recipients Exhibition opens on Friday, May 2 at the Harborside Event Center. The exhibition will remain on view during normal business hours through May 28.

For more information, contact Ava Roeder by email at avaroeder@gmail.com or telephone at 565-7656 or Pat Collins by email at Pinknosedog@comcast.net or telephone at 822-7831.

An arts advocate, Tom Hall guides weekly walking tours of the River District’s public art collection in Fort Myers. For more information, go to www.truetours.net.

Ava Roeder, past chair of the City of Fort Myers Public Art Committee, and photographer Paul Rodino at the Harborside Event Center
Cause For The Paws Event Exceeds Goals

April Bordeaux, founder of Cause For The Paws Southwest Florida and mentor/member of the Professional Women’s Group, announced that the Yappy Hour Pawty – held on April 11 at the Bell Tower Shops Center Court – raised $2,024, with numerous donated items given in the Fill The Fountain portion. The funds raised and items donated benefited the Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS), a no-kill shelter.

This exciting event featured a Dogs On The Catwalk fashion show, with winners Shelley Cahill and Roscoe for Dressed For Success, Rosa Mathews and Dakota for Most Creative Costume and Steve Signore and Bailey for Miss Congeniality.

In addition, four long-time residents of GCHS also walked the catwalk in hopes of finding a forever home during the Diamonds In The Ruff segment. All four “diamonds” – Roscoe, Coda, Pancho and Colette – were adopted.

“Thank you so much to the over 300 people and their furry friends who attended the inaugural Cause For The Paws Yappy Hour Pawty,” said Bordeaux. “Your generosity in funds raised, gifts given and willingness to adopt a pet and not buy is amazing. Thank you especially to those that adopted our Diamonds In The Ruff, and for giving them a home and the love of a family.”

Major event sponsors included the Professional Women’s Group of Dress For Success SW Florida, Gulf Coast Humane Society, Bell Tower Shops, Walmart and CONRIC PR & Marketing Publishing.

The Professional Women’s Group (PWG) is a networking, job retention and professional development program that empowers employed Dress For Success SW Florida clients to aspire for self-defined success through motivation, mentoring, resources, training and partnership with professional women in the community. Membership is lifelong, free and open to all Dress For Success clients who are working or in school.

Bordeaux was selected as the 2013-14 delegate to represent PWG Worldwide with the Community Action Project, an annual project designed by Dress For Success Worldwide for the purpose of identifying a need in the community and positively affect the lives of a select group for the greater good. She chose to establish Cause For The Paws Southwest Florida to end the euthanization of healthy pets by educating the community about spay and neuter programs while inspiring people to adopt, not buy, their next furry family member. Bordeaux is creative director at CONRIC PR & Marketing Publishing in Fort Myers.

Each year, Dress For Success selects a delegate to work on a “pay it forward” project for the community. This year, Bordeaux selected the Gulf Coast Humane Society by founding Cause For The Paws, a project to share her passion by creating an inspirational program and event that changed the lives of pets and pet lovers. Last year, the Dress For Success SW Florida delegate selected a project to support After The Rain and the year before, Our Mother’s Home.

Visit www.CauseForThePawsSWFL.com or email info@causeforthepawsswfl.com for more information.

Shelley Cahill and Roscoe were Dressed For Success on April 11

Rosa Mathews and Dakota compete for Most Creative Costume

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Bailey and Dakota, “Love at first sight”

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Boys & Girls Clubs Poker Tournament

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County's 3rd annual Texas Hold’Em No Limit Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 21 at 5 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located at 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers.

“This is a must-attend event for any poker player,” said Justin Stockman, event chair and BGCLC board member. “Registered players will get a chance to compete against some of the best poker players in town while supporting our community’s youth and their futures. We’re looking forward to sharing the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs with all who attend while having a good time.”

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 5 p.m. immediately followed by the tournament at 6 p.m. Players are asked to arrive early and be seated before the start of the tournament. Prizes will be based on a first-come, first-serve basis. No player substitutions will be permitted. Players must be 21 years old or older to play.

The entry fee for the tournament will be $25 each. Additional sponsorship opportunities for the event range from $250 to $3,000 with limited availability. For more information about the available sponsorships, contact Shannon Lane at 334-1886 or slane@bgclc.net, or visit www.bgclcpoker.org.

Author Talk At Fort Myers Regional Library

During the month of May, the Friends Of The Fort Myers Library will be sponsoring two programs held at Fort Myers Library South, located at 1651 Lee Street.

On Monday, May 5 starting at 6 p.m., the library will host an Author Talk by The Janus Code writer J C Ferguson. The program will take place in Building Room A.

What if the ultimate computer firewall protection turned out to be the ultimate computer snooper? From science-fiction to reality, the concept of J C Ferguson’s The Janus Code is a very real possibility today. Ferguson worked in the computer industry for many years and knew computer protection software was very invasive. The story took shape many years ago, but as time passed and technology advanced, what was fiction became feasible. Mixing international travel into a techno-thriller, Ferguson has crafted a murder mystery that touches on the fear of every computer user. She will talk about what led her to the idea behind the book and the storyline it inspired. If you’re intrigued by technological possibilities, or enjoy fast-paced mysteries, this is a talk you shouldn’t miss.

Also on Wednesday, May 14 beginning at 10 a.m., Fort Myers Library South will host an Author Talk featuring Blue Water, Red Blood writer D L Havlin. The program will take place in Building Room A.

As early as 1919, Marine General “Howling Mad” Holland Smith feared another World War against Japan was only a matter of time. He figured the Pacific Islands would be where. How, he wondered, could the Marines possibly land troops and keep them alive long enough to fight? In 1928, the killer Okeechobee hurricane strikes Florida. Don Roebling, grandson of the builder of the Brooklyn Bridge, is determined to invent a rescue boat that can conquer the swamps, the flooding and the debris strewn-terrain to save lives. Together, these two Americans face nightmares of red tape, engineering challenges, corruption and personal setbacks to equip the U.S. Marines for the challenges of WWII. If you’re a history buff, military book reader, interested in Florida’s past, or how politics impacts life and death decisions, this is a can’t miss event.

For additional information, call 549-9625 or go to www.fortmyersfriends.org.

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The entry fee for the tournament will be a donation of $100 per person if registered during May and $125 if registered after May. All other guests not participating in the tournament will be $25 each.

According to Stockman, all event proceeds will benefit the BGCLC’s Summer Enrichment Programs that address the “summer learning loss” experienced by at-risk and underserved youth. With the funds, the clubs will be able to provide academically focused activities to ensure more than 400 of its members continue to make positive gains in their education and high-yield learning opportunities to promote creativity and participation in the arts. Free, nutritious lunches and snacks will also be provided daily during the camps to keep tummies full and minds sharp, while daily recreation and sports sessions will help youth stay active and healthy.

“When our clubs are commonly known to provide positive after-school programs to the community’s at-risk youth, we also continue our mission to inspire and enable these young people even through the summer months when academic retention is critical,” said Shannon Lane, chief professional officer of the BGCLC. “Unfortunately, when school doors close, many children struggle to access educational opportunities as well as basic needs such as healthy meals and adequate adult supervision. Our clubs are where these kids need to be, spending their summer days engaging in educational activities and other programs that we ensure create positive outcomes for our members both in school and the community.”

Space for the tournament is limited, so early registration is encouraged. To register, visit www.bgclcpoker.org. Registration will be based on a first-come, first-serve basis. No player substitutions will be permitted. Players must be 21 years old or older to play.

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Pilot Club Gives Away Bicycle Helmets For Kids

Members of the Pilot Club of Fort Myers distributed more than 250 bicycle helmets during the April 12 Safe Kids Day staged at Gulf Coast Town Center in Fort Myers.

The helmets were provided free of charge to children in an effort to emphasize the importance of wearing them whenever they are on their bicycles. At the same time, parents were encouraged to obtain and wear helmets also. The distribution of helmets is one of the major community programs the nonprofit club provides each year.

The focus of the Pilot Club of Fort Myers is helping organizations seeking to improve the quality of life for individuals with brain-related disorders through volunteer activities, education, and financial support.

For information about the Pilot Club, contact the president, Cindy Lopez, at 565-5043 or Lozcy9@gmail.com.

Angelina Schmidt, second from left, and Ashley Taparrini, second from right, received bicycle helmets from the Pilot Club of Fort Myers member Debbie Hall, standing right. Crystal Schmidt, mother of Angelina, is pictured on the left.

Goodwill And The Heights Center Partner For Community Drive

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. will be on site at The Heights Center, 15570 Hagie Drive, Fort Myers, on Thursday, April 24 collecting gently used clothing and household goods. The community drive will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“We love the opportunity to partner with our local community,” said Goodwill spokesperson Madison Mitchell. “There are so many great organizations in Southwest Florida and these drives are a fun way to benefit both.”

In return for hosting the community drive, Goodwill will be providing Goodwill Bucks to The Heights Center to use in Goodwill retail and donation centers located across Southwest Florida.

Goodwill Secure Shred will also be on hand from 1 to 4 p.m. collecting paper/documents for its document destruction program.

Items donated to Goodwill will go into Goodwill’s 29 retail and donation centers across Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades, and Lee counties to support the organization’s programs and services.

“All these donations go right back into helping our area,” said Mitchell.

LWV To Meet

The League of Women Voters of Lee County Florida will meet Saturday, May 3 at 9 a.m. for a presentation about Where We Were and Where We’re Going, with speaker Sharon Harrington, Lee County supervisor of elections. The meeting will be held at The Landings, Helm Dining Room, 4420 Flagship Drive in Fort Myers.

For reservations, call 278-1032 or e-mail lwvlee@yahoo.com by April 29. The cost is $15. for breakfast. Make checks payable to LWVLee. Student rates are available.
Democratic Women’s Club Monthly Membership Meeting Held June 14

On Saturday, June 14 beginning at 10:30 a.m., the Democratic Women’s Club (DWC) of Lee County will hold its monthly membership meeting at the Helm Club at The Landings Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club, located at 4420 Flagship Drive in Fort Myers. The featured speaker is Ellis M. Robinson, co-founder and CEO at Ruth’s List Florida. Members and guests should tell the attendant at the gate to The Landings they are going to the Democratic Women’s Club meeting at the Helm Club and the attendant will offer directions.

Ruth’s List is named for Ruth Bryan Owen, the first woman elected to Congress from the South. Ruth successfully ran for office in 1928 and represented a swath of Florida that stretched from the Georgia line to Key West. In 2007, Florida CFO Alex Sink and Shellite Levin of Emily’s List asked Ellis to explore creating an organization to help elect progressive, Democratic women to local, county and state office in Florida.

Ellis was a long-serving member of the DWC Lee County until her recent relocation to Pinellas County. She is the owner of The Buttonwood Partnership, a previous Lee County State Committeewoman, and served as a consultant with the Florida Democratic Party, Clean Water Action and Rails-To-Trails Conservancy. She attended Middlebury College and is the author of The Nonprofit Membership Toolkit, published by Jossey-Bass. She will provide an overview to the good work of Ruth’s List across the state during this election year and will take questions from the audience after her presentation.

An optional lunch will be served following the meeting at a cost of $18. Visitors may make reservations for lunch by contacting Pat Fish at fishpatricia@yahoo.com or by calling 466-8381.

The Democratic Women’s Club of Lee County is a member of the DWC of Florida. It works year-round to organize the Democratic voters of Lee County, Florida. The DWC of Lee County brings together in common purpose all Democratic Women of Lee County, although men are members as well. The DWC strives to stimulate interest in civic affairs, encourage good citizenship and educate the public on questions of public interest. The DWC encourages the active participation of Democratic voters, seeks to increase Democratic voter registration and supports qualified Democratic candidates for public office.

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On Friday, May 2, the opening reception for the Photographic Adventures of Julian Dimock and Clyde Butcher runs from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Museum of History. The event also features a lecture at 6:15 p.m. by Dr. Jerald T. Milanich, professor emeritus at University of Florida/Florida Museum of Natural History. He will discuss exhibited images selected from his latest publication, Enchantments: Julian Dimock’s Photographs of Southwest Florida.

The rare exhibition features the early 20th-century photographs of Southwest Florida by Julian Dimock, paired with select works by renowned modern photographer Clyde Butcher, comparing and contrasting the region’s remote landscapes 100 years apart. It contains more than three dozen pivotal, black-and-white images by the adroit photographers who journeyed a century apart to document the region’s untamed wilderness. Admission to the opening reception is free, but reservations are requested due to limited space.

Enchantments: The Photographic Adventures of Julian Dimock and Clyde Butcher runs from May 2 to September 6. Clyde Butcher is scheduled to give a presentation on Wednesday, August 27 at 6 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Museum of History. The event also includes a reception for the exhibit. Museum admission during normal operating hours is $9.50 for adults and $5 for students. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Southwest Florida Museum of History is located at 2031 Jackson Street, Fort Myers. For more information on exhibits and other events, go to www.museumofhistory.org or call 321-7430.

On Saturday, May 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Alliance for the Arts welcomes the public to meet members of the Gulf Coast Symphony. Admission is free.

Based on the popular Musical Discovery Zone from the Gulf Coast Symphony Family Concerts, the Musical Discovery Series offers children the chance to engage with musicians and their instruments in a fun, relaxed program.

For the first hour, children enjoy a Musical Discovery Zone, then the program moves into the Foulds Theater for a brief concert and presentation by the musicians. The musicians explain how their instruments work and the sounds they can make, followed by a question-and-answer session. Each month at the Alliance for the Arts, children can meet musicians with the Gulf Coast Symphony and try playing some instruments.

Alliance for the Arts offers a fun environment in which children learn to express themselves through art. On Saturday, kids can meet musicians with the Gulf Coast Symphony and try playing some instruments.

Krasshopper, aka Peter Klein, tattooist and owner of Skin Art Two Tattoo, hosted the first annual Art Anarchy exhibition in his hometown of Morfelden-Waldorf, Germany.

Pooch’s paintings blends Asian, Mexican Day of The Dead, traditional American tattoo art and rollercoaster carnival themes. Add tattooing to the mix and you have a blend of ancient mysteries and images of gods and monsters, which populate many of his highly detailed paintings.

Krasshopper’s recent forays into pop culture icons like Sons of Anarchy and Boardwalk Empire bring elements of Chicano black and grey realism tattooing rendered in iconic pencil drawings. Residing in the Hessen, Germany region, Klein likes to refer to his style as Hessecano.

Both artists also produce digital work on Wacom’s Cintiq monitor, which allows them to draw directly on the screen, many of these recent works will be available as limited edition canvas prints at the show.

Artists included in this show: Pooch (Lake Worth, Florida), Peter Klein (Germany), Luc (Germany), Marcus (Germany), YZ (China), Stilian Smokov (Bulgaria) and Bojan (Serbia).

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It’s a well known gathering place with indoor and outdoor patio seating. The combined menu offers all the lunch and dinner items from 11 a.m. until closing. It includes cedar plank salmon topped with a mango chipotle glaze or a marinated grilled chicken sandwich and there’s a well provisioned raw bar. Tropical drinks are a specialty, notably the signature rum drink, Island Mojito.
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SFCA Hosts Dinner & Auction

submitted by Lisa Kreps Blanchard

Twenty Years and Growing Stronger, the theme of Southwest Florida Christian Academy’s annual dinner and auction, was proven to be true as the house was full of fun. Netting a profit of almost $50,000 enables the school to increase its technology and security resources, and to purchase new furniture and fixtures.

Jay Severson, a local celebrity auctioneer, kept the laughter going and the bidding soaring. Thanks to our dinner sponsor, Carrabba’s Italian Grill, a delicious meal was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all other sponsors, including Platinum: UBS – Genesis Wealth Management – Bill White; Gold: B & I Contractors, Inc., Osterhout & McKinney, P.A.; Silver: Fireservice Disaster Kleenerup, Sloan Realty, Inc., Sun Harvest Citrus, Travel Associates; Bronze: Allstate Culbertson Agency, Law Office of Mary C. Evans, P.A.; Bid Paddle: Studio Elite Acro & Dance Academy.

Another thank you goes out to our many table sponsors for the evening.
Tarpon Are Now In The Building

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

This spring has been some of the toughest fishing I can remember for this time of year. I don’t know if it is the lack of shiners in the sound our the poor tide pattern but snook and redfish action has been hard work to say the least. What makes this more frustrating is the places I’m targeting these fish are holding them in good numbers yet they do not want to eat a bait. After fishing a hole with only a few bites or fish caught I will jump up on the tower just to check to see if the fish are there as we head out to the next stop, the fish are generally there and in good numbers.

Mangrove islands in the mouth of the river held some quality size snook on the higher phases of the incoming tide. Although there were not lots of them the few we managed to hook where real bruisers. We lost a couple of 15 pound plus fish while pitching shiners to the tide swept points of these islands this week. All these fish want to eat are shiners and shiners have been very hard to catch to say the least. These snook simply do want any other bait.

Redfish action has also been much more hit and miss than it should be this time of year. One day they are right where they should be on a high tide then for the next 3 days they are gone completely from that area. Oyster bars in the middle sound held a few reds along with some snook and giant trout. Cut mullet, ladyfish and even cut pinfish caught a few redfish this week on mangrove keys in the northern sound. With big afternoon high tides this week action should get a whole lot better.

Open water flats fishing for trout, ladyfish and sharks has been the best bite happening with lots of these fish around. Water in the 5 to 7ft range has been a good place to pop corrs with live shrimp or throw jigs. Locate a few feeding birds in these same area’s and this action has been non stop. In a little shallower the sand holes around the wulfert key and buck key area have been loaded with trout for weeks. Some days these trout are all over the 15 inch minimum with a few well over 20 inches then other days it seems almost impossible to get a single keeper.

Non stop action in these sandholes though has been pretty much a given. These same sandholes are also holding a few Spanish mackerel and jacks. If you just want to bend a rod or wait on the tide to get right before trying for snook and reds this is a sure thing.

Just like turning on of a switch as our water temperature in the sound hit that magic number of 78 degree’s mid week the tarpon appeared basically out of nowhere. Good numbers of rolling fish flooded into our waters and where easy to spot during the morning light wind calm conditions. Most places I ran in the sound I saw tarpon. Reports of good numbers of tarpon out on the beaches has also started.

With the snook and redfish bite being a little tough in recent days to say the least tarpon are a much welcomed arrival.

My only tarpon trip this week I sat in rolling and free jumping tarpon for over two hours without a hook up. Sharks where all we caught no matter what bait we tried on these fish they would not take a bait. Watching tarpon roll right next to you buffet of baits can drive you crazy. Tougher fishing just makes the fish caught that more satisfying, yeah right!!

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

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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:
Great Horned Owlet

by Patricia Molloy

The great horned owl (Bubo virginianus) is the quintessential owl of myth and folklore. As the most powerful of the common owls, these nocturnal avians grow to be 16 to 18 inches tall with thick bodies, piercing yellow eyes and long ear tufts. Fierce predators that silently prowl the night skies, they are seldom seen but their low-pitched calls are often heard from great distances: whoo, whoo-hoo, whooo, whooo.

Considered by many to be the most efficient predator on the planet, its superior hearing combined with visual acuity allows it to detect prey from high above the ground. Once detected, the great horned owl will react swiftly by swooping down silently from the dark sky, capturing its victim in the vice-like grip of its talons. As a result of its remarkable hunting skills, the great horned owl has earned the nickname “tiger of the sky.”

Several weeks ago, a baby great horned owl was found on Sanibel after presumably falling from its nest. Despite a thorough search for its parents and its nest, it was feared to be orphaned or abducted, by either human or predator. The fluffy chick was wrapped in a soft towel, placed in a ventitated cardboard box and dropped off at CROW.

Upon presentation, Dr. Heather found the frightened little bird to be a perfectly healthy nestling covered in soft, downy feathers. Without parents to provide it with food and protection, Dr. Heather had no choice but to admit the youngster, patient #0523, to the clinic. A large, quiet cage just outside of the baby bird room was prepared for the owlet’s stay.

Nestlings are unable to fly until they are 10 to 12 weeks old. Around the tender age of six weeks, however, great horned owlets begin to explore their surroundings by hopping from branch to branch. This activity helps them develop strong leg muscles, which they will need for hunting.

Before long, the owlet outgrew its cage and was moved to an outdoor enclosure. “He needed more daylight and a bigger cage because he is pretty big. He appears to be at the branching stage and he is eating well and gaining weight and turning into a giant baby,” said Dr. Kristin with a smile.

In order to keep the “giant baby” at a healthy weight, CROW must feed the owlet a staggering 12 to 14 mice per day, an expensive endeavor for the non-profit hospital. As a practitioner of the One Health Initiative, Dr. Heather is committed to doing whatever it takes to save these remarkable birds of prey because they do so much to control the island’s rodent populations.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our local area. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit: www.crowclinic.org.
Four weekly walks and activities plus a special Sea Monsters exhibit highlight the free programming offered all summer long at JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

The Sea Monsters exhibit – from Mote Marine Laboratory, a marine science institution based in Sarasota – opens June 2 in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center. Visitors can interact for free with the educational exhibit daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through August 18.

Refuge summer programs begin on National Trails Day, June 7, and run through August 2. They include a twice-weekly Family Beach Walk, Indigo Trail Walk, Reading in the Refuge activity, and Wildlife Wonders program. For a full schedule with descriptions, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/summer-programming. National Trails Day will feature specially scheduled hikes on Indigo Trail and the Wildlife Education Boardwalk plus Animal Tracking 101 in the Visitor & Education Center and Animal Olympics on Indigo Trail.

Summer programming was made possible by support from the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (IDWWS), the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, and a private family foundation.

The schedule of four weekly activities follows. No pre-registration is necessary.

- Wildlife Wonders, every Monday and Friday at 1 p.m.: What makes a bird a bird? Why is a manatee called a “sea cow”? Is it a crocodile or alligator? Find the answers to these questions and more as you join a naturalist in exploring the refuge’s unique ecosystem. Geared for adults and children, this 30-minute program meets in the education center classroom.

- Reading at the Refuge, every Tuesday and Saturday at 11 a.m.: Attendees of each 45-minute reading and crafts session will receive a free nature journal (one to each child) in which to record impressions of their refuge visit and future nature encounters. Meet in the education classroom.

- Indigo Trail Hike, every Thursday and Saturday at 10 a.m.: Join refuge naturalists as they lead a one-hour tour identifying and discussing the ecosystem’s plants, animals, birds and reptiles – fun for adults and children alike. Bring water and bug spray. Meet at the flagpole in front of the education center.

- Family Beach Walk, every Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m.: The one-hour program convenes at Gulfside City Park for a tour of the refuge’s gulf-front Perry Tract (city parking fees apply.)

For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 236 or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/summer-programming.


Plant Smart

Curacao Bush
by Gerri Reaves

Curacao bush (Cordia globosa) is a native shrub listed as endangered in the State of Florida. Found only in parts of South Florida and the Keys, it grows at the edges of hammocks, in coastal rock barrens and in open areas.

This long-lived perennial is a fast grower, reaching five to 10 feet tall and taking a symmetrical rounded shape. Multi-branched with dense foliage, it’s particularly suited to a wild garden.

Clusters of small white funnel-shaped flowers bloom on the branch ends most of the year. The flowers are followed by small bright-red berries that earn the plant another common name, bloodberry.

The flowers attract several species of butterflies, such as malachite, atala and dagger wings, thus yet another common name, butterflybush. Birds and other wildlife feed on the berries.

The coarse, hairy, gray-green leaves have toothed edges, pointed tips and prominent veins. Curacao bush is drought-tolerant when established and moderately salt-tolerant as well. It can survive in nutrient-poor sandy soil, but needs some organic content.

Give it a spot in full sun or light shade. Propagate it with the seeds or watch for seedlings near the parent plant.

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Barbecue Competition
attractions. Moonwalk & More will provide a bounce house, an obstacle course, slide, rock wall and crafts such as sand art. This event is sponsored by Victory Layne Chevrolet, The News-Press and 95.3 The River.
For more information, visit: sbdac.com.

Boys & Girls Clubs Receive 2014 Backwater Tournament Series Funds

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County has been named the recipient of proceeds from the 2014 Backwater Tournament Series, a collection of seven separate catch-and-release fishing tournaments held in Southwest Florida from March through October. The mission of the tournament is to provide a series that ensures the highest quality of excellence in representing the Southwest Florida community and supporting local anglers.

Started in September of 2008, the tournament offers the best payouts while giving back to local kids. Ten percent of this year’s tournament proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Lee County.

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Captiva Cruises

Here are just a few of the exciting cruises we offer:

**Marine Naturalist Adventure** A partnership between Captiva Cruises and the Bailey Mathews Shell Museum. Come aboard the Adventure, our 24-passenger sailing catamaran for an unforgettable island expedition. Passengers enjoy a Zodiac boat ride to the island, a naturalist guided shelling adventure, tropical island lunch and a fun sail back to Captiva.
Prices also include admission to the Shell Museum.
*Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday* 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Adults $100 / Child $75 (Plus tax)

**Sunset Serenade Cruise**
Enjoy live music & the fresh sea air while watching a fabulous Gulf of Mexico Sunset. The perfect way to end the day.
*Thursday Evenings* 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Adults $30 / Child $20 (Plus Tax)

**Cayo Costa Beach & Shelling**
Enjoy pristine Gulf Coast barrier islands & explore the secluded, undeveloped Cayo Costa State Park beaches only accessible by boat. *Full day & half day trips available.*

Please call Captiva Cruises at (239) 472-5300 for additional information or visit captivacruises.com
The Music Man Marches Onto Stage

Marching on the Broadway Palm stage from now through May 24 is Meredith Wilson’s The Music Man. The winner of five Tony Awards, The Music Man has been delighting audiences of all ages for over 50 years.

The Music Man follows Harold Hill, a fast-talking traveling salesman as he sets out to con the people of River City, Iowa. Hill tries to talk the townsfolk into buying instruments and uniforms for a band that he vows to organize, despite the fact that he doesn’t know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the town’s librarian. The crowd pleasing score includes Seventy-six Trombones, Goodnight Ladies, Shipoopi and more.

Directing this family-friendly classic is Brian Enzman, who has been with Prather Entertainment Group (PEG) for over 25 years and created over 200 productions as director, choreographer and actor for both Broadway Palm and the Dutch Apple. He also serves as PEG’s casting director and artistic producer. Choreographing The Music Man is Amy Marie McCleary. Her stellar choreography was previously seen in the critically acclaimed Cats. The duo most recently worked together on the monumental musical Les Misérables.

March on over to Broadway Palm for The Music Man playing now through May 24. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. The theatre features an upscale dinner theatre experience on Saturday nights. Tickets range from $35 to $58, with children’s rates available. Reservations can be made by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office, located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

A Visual Treat At Florida Rep

Heart Song is a new play by Stephen Sachs that is making its Eastern U.S. premiere at Florida Repertory Theatre and it’s a touching comedy that centers around the healing power of Flamenco. I love Flamenco, and the way it is interspersed in the play is a delight to behold. It’s an extra bonus in a play that deals with very serious matters. The entire cast took lessons in Flamenco.

Carolina Esparza, a classically trained Spanish performer from St. Petersburg, Florida, also dances throughout the show. There is a spectacular number near the end of the second act. I left the theater with a strong desire to join a Flamenco class.

As the play opens, Rochelle (Carrie Lund) is having a massage in her home. Tina (Jo Yang) is her masseuse. Rochelle is an emotional wreck following the death of her husband. Tina suggests she join her in a Flamenco class. Rochelle says, “I’m too old, fat and out of shape. I’m not doing it.” Tina replies “Yes, you are. It will change your life.”

Rochelle visits the circle of friends, which includes Stephanie Davis, Carolina Esparza, Beth Haedy, Jorina Martin, Patricia Idlette and Kathleen Moyer. They are led by a spit-fire of a teacher, Katarina de la Fuenta (Michelle Damato), whose role is essential to the story. She explains the history of Flamenco. The dance reflects the passion, romance and fervor of people and is basically a physical expression of the emotions felt by the dancer. The women stomp their feet and shout out joy for their children, anger at an ex husband, and frustration with a boss. Rochelle watches with mixed wonder and terror. She feels very out of place.

As act two begins, Rochelle has invited Tina and Daloris over for dinner. They end up getting stoned on wine and weed. What begins as a fun get-together soon ends up with Tina and Rochelle battling about intermittency and concentration camps. Both women have wounds from the past. Daloris acts as referee. This is a smart comedy with serious issues. Lund uses humor to hide her pain. Daloris and Tina rely on Flamenco. The acting is as good as it gets and the opening night audience enjoyed every minute of this new play about a middle aged Jewish woman who discovers herself through Flamenco dancing.

This is probably a show women can relate to better than men but believe me the men in the audience also had a good time. I strongly recommend seeing Heart Song. It plays through May 11 at Florida Repertory Theatre, in the Historic Arcade Theatre on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry. For tickets, call 332-4488.

The Friends Of The Fort Myers Library Sponsoring A Pair Of May Programs

During the month of May, the Friends Of The Fort Myers Library will be sponsoring two programs held at Fort Myers Library South, located at 1651 Lee Street.

On Monday, May 5 starting at 6 p.m., the library will host an Author Talk by The Janus Code writer J C Ferguson. The program will take place in Building Room A.

What if the ultimate computer firewall protection turned out to be the ultimate computer snooper? From science-fiction to reality, the concept of J C Ferguson’s The Janus Code is a very real possibility today. Ferguson worked in the computer industry for many years and knew computer protection software was very invasive. The story took shape many years ago, but as time passed and technology advanced, what was fiction became feasible. Mixing international travel into a tech-thriller, Ferguson has crafted a murder mystery that touches on the fear of every computer user. She will talk about what led her to the idea behind the book and the storyline it inspired. If you’re intrigued by technological possibilities, or enjoy fast-paced mysteries, this is a talk you shouldn’t miss.

Also on Wednesday, May 14 beginning at 10 a.m., Fort Myers Library South will host an Author Talk featuring Blue Water, Red Blood writer D L Havlin. The program will take place in Building Room A.

As early as 1919, Marine General “Howling Mad” Holland Smith feared another World War against Japan was only a matter of time. He figured the Pacific Islands would be where. How, he wondered, could the Marines possibly land troops and keep them alive long enough to fight? In 1928, the killer Okeechobee hurricane strikes Florida. Don Roebling, grandson of the builder of the Brooklyn Bridge, is determined to invent a rescue boat that can conquer the swamps, the flooding and the debris strewn-terrain to save lives. Together, these two Americans face nightmares of red tape, engineering challenges, corruption and personal setbacks to equip the U.S. Marines for the challenges of WWII. If you’re a history buff, military book reader, interested in Florida’s past, or how politics impacts life and death decisions, this is a can’t miss event.
New Opportunities at Shell Point

Shell Point’s Life Enrichment Series offers the opportunity to discover new things about yourself and the world you live in. Concerts, presentations, lectures, shows, special events, and more! The public is invited and many of these events are FREE!

May 6 The Story of Pakistan & Afghanistan
from 10am to 11:30am. Join Professor Adrian Kerr, as he leads us through the recent history and colorful cultures of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Often overshadowed by their neighbors - India and Iran - both have emerged into high profile as a result of the post 9/11 conflicts in the Middle East. Tickets are $10 each* and can be purchased by calling 489-8472.

May 7,13,21 & 27 Learn More
FREE About Shell Point at 10am.
Join us for a group presentation about the Lifestyle and Lifecare available at Shell Point followed by a narrated bus tour of the community. The presentation will also include information about Shell Point’s newest neighborhood, The Estuary, which will include 50 residences in a combination of single-family signature homes and twin villa homes, along with a community center and pool. Call 466-1131 or 1-800-780-1131 to reserve your place.

May 12 The Life and Times of Jay Norwood “Ding” Darling from 10am to 11:30am. Kristie Anders, Education Director for the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, shares her knowledge of local lore as she takes a closer look at the life of Jay Norwood “Ding” Darling. Norwood was a noted editorial cartoonist who chronicled the crossing of the Atlantic by Lindbergh, the fallen sons of World War II, and the creation of the League of Nations. He received two Pulitzer prizes, and some of his biggest contributions to the country were conservation-oriented. Of course, we know him best for the national wildlife refuge right down the road on Sanibel that bears his name. Please call 489-8472 to reserve your space.

May 28 & 30 A New Cold War: Russia Revisited – 2 Sessions from 10am to 12pm. Join Thomas Tyrrell, retired international lawyer and former economic advisor to the UK government, as he leads a series of talks aimed at a better understanding of the Russian people and the objectives of President Putin. Russia is on the march! America and Europe are sliding inexorably into a new kind of Economic Cold War. The crisis in the Ukraine has once again caught the West off guard. Putin knows his endgame. What is ours? Tickets are $10 each session* and can be purchased by calling 489-8472.

*Please note: If you are unable to attend a class that includes a fee, kindly give 24 hours notice to receive a refund.

Visit www.shellpoint.org/LES for full listings of this month’s events!

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The issue reminds me of a dangerous intersection where neighbors argue that a traffic light is needed. Nothing happens until a fatal collision occurs, and then the light is installed immediately.

Now, the NCAA realizes there have been wrongs and look what the organization recently announced:

- Provide better academic and career counseling.
- Insure student-athletes against career-ending injuries.
- Improve medical monitoring during their playing days.
- Enable student-athletes to finish their degrees even after their playing days are over.
- Provide enhanced well-being benefits including meals and nutrition.
- Cover the full cost of attendance by providing stipends for incidental expenses.

No doubt the unionization issue will be argued in the courts for years. Regardless of the final determination, Colter already has won.

Do you think the NCAA would have made all these changes without the threat of unionization?

Of course not.

**Miracle Baseball Team Sold By Goldklang Group**

The 25-year ownership of the Class A Fort Myers Miracle baseball team by the Goldklang Group ended Monday with the announcement that the franchise has been purchased by SJS Beacon, a privately held company.

Beacon is headed by Jason Hochberg, a New York native, who has worked in the energy business.

“I am excited to acquire the Miracle and have the opportunity to work with the community and the Minnesota Twins,” he said. The Miracle has been a farm team of the Twins for more than 20 years.

Why the Goldklang Group sold the franchise and the purchase price was not announced. Goldklang owns several minor league teams, but the Miracle was the first team the company had acquired.

**Miracle Defeat Bradenton To Move Into First-Place Tie**

The Fort Myers Miracle started the week with a 7-0 victory over first-place Bradenton to move into a tie for first in the Florida State League’s South Division. The Miracle won both teams with 14-10 season records.

Bradenton to move into a tie for first in the Florida State League’s South Division. The Miracle played host to Bradenton on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Hammond Stadium before a three-game road trip to Palm Beach.

Fort Myers returns to Hammond Stadium on Sunday for another three-game series against Bradenton.
Cops & Joggers
5K Wins Local Image Award

The 6th annual Cops & Joggers 5K won an Award of Distinction and a Judges’ Award at the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association’s 2014 Local Image Awards on April 22 at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. The awards were presented to the Fort Myers Police Department and Marie Kennedy of m.creativepr for the department’s Cops & Joggers 5K, an event benefiting organizations that aid the families of first responders who have been injured or killed in the line of duty. With the support of event sponsors, volunteers, local businesses, department employees and Southwest Florida residents, the 6th annual event set records with a total of 841 registered runners and more than $21,000 in raised funds.

“It is an honor to be recognized for our efforts in supporting our community’s first responders,” said Lt. Jeffrey Bernice of the FMPD. “We’ve always hoped this event would bring Lee County together to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our community, and I have to say we’ve gained much more support than ever last year. We’re stepping it up this year with a goal of 1,000 registered runners and look forward to increasing both the awareness and memorial funds in order to continue helping our fallen comrades and their families.”

This year’s Cops & Joggers 5K is set to take place on Saturday, October 11 at Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers.

FPRA’s Local Image Awards competition is conducted annually to recognize outstanding public relations programs in Southwest Florida and to encourage and promote the development of public relations professionals in our area. Entrants must demonstrate innovation, planning, design and execution within budget.

The Fort Myers Cops & Joggers 5K was established in 2008 to assist the family of fallen officer Andrew Widman, who was shot and killed in the line of duty on July 18, 2008. Proceeds from the 6th annual event benefited fallen officer Sgt. Mike Wilson’s family in addition to the FMPD’s Fallen Officers Memorial Fund and The Brotherhood Ride, nonprofit organizations that aid the families of first responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel, who have been injured or killed in the line of duty.

m.creativepr is a public relations, marketing and design firm established in Fort Myers in 2000. The firm has won numerous local and state Image Awards on behalf of its work for its clients including Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Bennett’s Fresh Roast, Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. and more.

For more information about this year’s Cops & Joggers 5K, contact Lt. Jeffrey Bernice at jbernice@fmpolice.com or 321-7698.

Creative Writing Scholarships

Three talented Edison State College students have been selected to receive the Rose Kosches Scholarship in creative writing. The scholarship was created by former Edison State College English creative writing professor Rose Kosches and recognizes exceptional writers at Edison State College.

This year’s winners are:

- Short Story First Place (tie): Paul Jon Paradis and Jessica Rucker
- Poetry First Place: Kyle Doty
- Honorable Mention in Poetry: Abigail Brown

To be considered for the scholarship, students submitted an original short story or poem, which were evaluated through a blind review process by three Edison State College English and writing professors.

Along with the $250 scholarship for the first-place winners, the winning entries will be included in Illuminations, a literary journal published every spring by Edison Writers.
SFCA Students Sign With Colleges

Whitman Wiggins, a senior at Southwest Florida Christian Academy (SFCA), will be taking his football talents to Wheaton College this upcoming fall.

Whitman has been a leader on SFCA’s football team and has been a stellar player, dominating both sides of the ball over the past three seasons. In each of the past three seasons, he has also been chosen as SFCA’s Defensive Player of the Year by his coaches.

“We recruit young men who have a heart for Jesus Christ, who are highly motivated in the classroom, and who can flat out play,” said Mike Swidel, head coach of the Wheaton College Thunder. “Whit is the type of football player Wheaton is looking for because he is outstanding in all three of these areas. This young man has the potential to be a fantastic player for us because of his size and strength. We are looking forward to having him join us next year.”

Wiggins’ recent honor of being selected as one of the 12 male student-athletes that were chosen by the FHSSA for the Academic All-State Team shows his overall commitment in all areas of high school student life.

This is the first time an SFCA student has been selected to this team. “Whit is going to leave a huge hole for us to try and fill next year. It is hard to replace a young man who leads on the practice field, in the weight room, and on the game field,” said SFCA head coach Mark Ackerman. “Whit’s work ethic and extraordinary play have paid huge dividends towards our programs success over the past four years, and I believe he will be an exceptional student and athlete at Wheaton. Southwest Florida’s Christian Academy’s loss is Wheaton College’s gain.”

In addition, SFCA senior Tyler Manes will be continuing his football career at Capital University in Ohio this fall. One of the school’s most committed football players almost since the inception of the program, he is a four-year letter winner for the King’s and has started the last two seasons on both sides of the football.

“We are really excited about Tyler joining our team next year. He brings with him a really high level of energy and a great attitude,” said Capital University’s head coach Craig Candeto. “We also love the fact that he is very physical, and we are looking forward to getting him up here and getting him plugged in to our program. Tyler is also a fantastic student, and that is the type of player we want up here at Capital. Since I arrived here, we have had a desire to recruit the Florida schools, and Tyler is our first commitment from down there,” added Candeto. “We have had five more players follow his lead for next year.”

Manes talked to a few different colleges, but in the end benefited greatly from the small college recruiting fair that was put on at Cape Coral High School, where he had the opportunity to meet with the Capital University coaching staff.

Tyler has been one of the most versatile players we have had in the program over the past four years. He has played running back, offensive line, defensive line, linebacker and was our long snapper for special teams,” added coach Ackerman. “There are very few young men that can play that many different positions. I credit Tyler’s willingness to play wherever needed as one of the reasons for the success of the football team this past year.”

Wiggins and Manes signed their letters of intent on April 23 at Southwest Florida Christian Academy.

Edison State Essay Award Winners

A new tradition has started with the Edison State College Research Essay Awards. “The purpose of the awards is to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional critical thinking and analysis skills, and can communicate their point of view in a clear, concise and convincing manner,” said Dr. Maria Cahill, coordinator, program development and professor of English at Edison State College.

The winners and titles of their essays are:

First place: Joni Jarvenpaa, How Does Immigration Affect the U.S. Economy?
Second place: Ryan White, Beyond Salem
(Tie) Shelby Starks, Affirmative Action: Balancing the Playing Field or Promoting Discrimination?
Third place: Ezequiel Rios, Economic Model that Can Save Lives

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Miller Named To Honor Roll

Jacob Miller of Fort Myers was named to the winter 2014 honor roll list at Spokane Falls Community College. To receive honor roll status, students must earn a 3.0 grade point average or higher.
St. Francis Xavier School 75th Anniversary Gala

St. Francis Xavier, the first Catholic school in Southwest Florida, will host its 75th anniversary gala on Saturday, May 3 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Lexington Country Club in Fort Myers. Limited tickets and tables are available.

The school invites members of the community to the gala, entitled Celebrating Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. There will be live music, dinner and a silent auction.

St. Francis Xavier School has officially met sponsorship, gift and in-kind donation goals from numerous companies and organizations. Proceeds from the silent auction, sponsorships, ticket sales and dedications will help fund tuition assistance and technology upgrades.

"On behalf of our St. Francis Xavier School family, I thank all those involved very much for your generosity in helping us continue our tradition of Connecting Faith and Families," said St. Francis Xavier School Principal Janet E. Ortenzo. "Together we can ensure the future of our school and the fine quality education we provide our students."

In 1938, five Franciscan Sisters from Allegany, New York arrived in Fort Myers with a mission – to establish a small Catholic school where children would receive an excellent academic education strongly rooted in the Catholic faith.

St. Francis Xavier School has honored the 75th anniversary throughout the year with numerous events for students and alumni as well as members of the community.

For tickets or more information, call 334-7707.

Honor Society Inducts New Members

The following local residents were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines:

Rachel Groening of Fort Myers initiated into University of South Florida chapter.

Jeneweve Perry of North Fort Myers initiated into University of South Florida chapter.

These residents are among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership.

Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

New Board Members

Rodney Ford, Maura Granger and Robert Parks have joined the board of directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County (BGCLC).

Greg Brock will serve as 2013-2015 board president/chief volunteer officer.

Brock has been with Allstate Insurance Company for 37 years and currently serves as field sales leader and agency consultant to Allstate agency owners in Lee and Collier counties. He has been a BGCLC board member since 1999 and has served on and chaired several committees over the years. He previously served as board chair of Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, a statewide alliance representing all Boys & Girls Clubs in the state of Florida. He is also a board member and allocations team member of the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades County and a member and current chapter president of the Xi Omicron Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in Fort Myers.

Ford serves as facility manager for Coca-Cola Refreshments. In addition to the Boys & Girls Clubs, he has served as a March of Dimes Bikers for Babies committee member, Earth Day Trash Bash team leader and volunteered with Keep Lee County Beautiful’s Coastal Clean Up.

Granger has worked for IBM since 1998 and currently serves as CIO project office program manager. For more than 25 years, she has donated her time as a volunteer with a number of charities, mostly those serving children. In addition to the Boys & Girls Clubs, she volunteers as a substitute teacher for the Lee County School District, a Run Club coach at Heights Elementary, and serves as president of Endurance Sisterhood, the largest all-female USA Triathlon Club in the U.S.

Parks serves as director of operations for Priority Payment Systems. A native of Ohio, he has lived in Lee County for nearly 30 years. In addition to serving on the board of the BGCLC, he is a member of the board of directors for the Sanibel and Captiva Chamber of Commerce.

Two VFK Board Members Added

Darlene Ann Grossman, executive director of Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida, Inc. (VFK), a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity serving abused, neglected and abandoned children in Southwest Florida, announced the addition of two new members elected to its board of directors.

Newly elected members joining the board of directors include Jessica Dunleavy, loan officer/assistant vice president, FineMark National Bank & Trust; and Jamie B. Schwinghamer, litigation attorney, Hahn Loeser & Parks.

“We are pleased that our new members are committed to helping make the lives of abused, neglected and abandoned children in Southwest Florida safer,” said Grossman. “Our board members help VFK raise funds that directly support the guardian ad litem program in the 20th District Circuit (Lee, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte and Collier counties) and our Kids Being Kids program which provides those items which give the children a sense of normalcy and help them ‘fit in.’”

For more information, visit www.voicesforkids.org or call 533-1435.
Financial Focus

Be Prepared For Life’s Changing ‘Seasons’

by Jennifer Basey

A few days before the observed May Day, a celebration of spring. And, after a long and hard winter in many parts of the country, most of us are ready for sunshine, warmer temperatures and the hopefulness that spring always symbolizes.

But as winter gives way to spring, we are also reminded that our lives have “seasons,” too – and it pays to be prepared for all of them. So, as you move into the “retirement season,” you’ll need to prepare for several possible challenges, including the following:

Outliving your resources – The idea of outliving one’s financial resources is certainly not one we want to face. In fact, in a poll of people ages 44 to 75 sponsored by Allianz Life Insurance, 61 percent said they fear depleting their assets more than

they fear dying. The best way you can overcome anxiety about running out of money is to invest and plan. Contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan – and when your salary goes up over time, increase your contributions.

As for the “plan” part, try to envision the type of lifestyle you want during retirement, and then estimate how much this lifestyle will cost. Once you reach retirement, you will also need to do some planning – specifically, you will need to calculate how much money you can afford to withdraw from your investments each year.

Becoming disabled – One-third of all people between the ages of 30 and 64 will become disabled at some point, according to the Health Insurance Association of America. If you become disabled, even temporarily, the loss of income could prove devastating to your financial security, and that of your family’s. To avoid this worrisome scenario, you may want to consider disability insurance. If your employer offers this coverage as an employee benefit, take it – but don’t assume it will be sufficient. Many times, an employer-sponsored disability policy will only cover a short-term disability and may have a long waiting period for benefits to kick in. Consequently, you may need to purchase your own disability insurance policy to supplement your employer’s coverage.

Requiring long-term care

Unfortunately, many people eventually require some type of long-term care, whether that involves a stay in a nursing home or the assistance of a home health care aid. This type of care is expensive, and Medicare only covers part of it. Just how costly is long-term care? The national average for home health aide services is nearly $45,000 per year, and a private nursing home is nearly $84,000 per year, according to a recent survey by Genworth, a financial security company.

To meet long-term care costs, you could self-insure, but that might be prohibitively expensive. But failing to do anything about meeting long-term care costs could result in the need for your grown children or other family members to get involved in some fashion – and that is something you no doubt wish to avoid. Fortunately, you can find solutions. To learn about appropriate protection vehicles, consult with your financial advisor.

With some thoughtful planning, constant vigilance and timely action, you can meet all these challenges – and enjoy all the seasons of life in which you find yourself.

Jennifer Basey is a financial advisor in Fort Myers. She can be reached at jennifer.basey@edwardjones.com.

Arlene Roth-Schmidt from Uncommon Friends Foundation

Arlene Roth-Schmidt has announced her retirement as executive director of the Uncommon Friends Foundation. She has been the executive director of Uncommon Friends Foundation, a nonprofit foundation focused on business ethics, character education and historic preservation, for the past 10 years.

During her tenure, the organization added a more robust character education curriculum and business ethics program. The organization also entered into a public/private partnership with the City of Fort Myers, allowing the foundation to operate and manage the historic Burroughs Home in Fort Myers, providing a showcase for the foundation’s archives.

Roth-Schmidt has over 30 years of senior management experience in nonprofits, including 20 as CEO in both Florida and New Mexico in the fields of healthcare, public policy, character and business ethics education, theatre and museums. Prior to New Mexico and then Florida, Roth-Schmidt spent a decade in marketing and public relations in the professional fields of fashion and broadcasting in New York City, including Westinghouse Broadcasting and the American Broadcasting Company.

“The board of directors just completed a strategic plan for the next three years. I am transitioning into a new life in Fort Charlotte,” said Roth-Schmidt. “It seems to be the perfect time to step down and

Roth To Retire From Uncommon Friends Foundation

Standard & Poor’s Rating Service Increases City’s Rating

Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services has raised the underlying rating on the City of Fort Myers series 2004A gas-tax revenue bonds one notch to “A-” from “A” based on the stabilization of good coverage of maximum annual debt service (MADS) payment and indications of the local economy’s recovery after the recession. The outlook is stable.

The rating further reflects Standard & Poor’s view of the city’s:

• Sound bond provisions and a fully funded debt service reserve

• No plans to issue additional new money debt, which protects from coverage dilution risk

• Rapid bond amortization schedule

The city’s population has grown 8.4 percent since 2009, to an estimated 66,835 for 2012. Consistent with national and statewide trends, key economic indicators weakened considerably during the economic downturn. New construction activity and foreclosures were widespread in the city.

Recent data, however, indicate a modest, yet uneven, recovery and potentially a bottoming of home prices. After reaching a high of 11.6 percent in 2010, unemployment fell to 6.8 percent in 2013, which is below the state and national rates. In Standard & Poor’s opinion, income indicators for the city are

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Reedus Lauded At Breakthrough Awards May 7

On Wednesday, May 7, Tamsyn Reedus will be honored at Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida’s Breakthrough Awards Luncheon. The annual event honors businesses and members in the community who have assisted others, or themselves, in overcoming disabilities or barriers on their path to employment and independence. Reedus will be receiving the Breakthrough Graduate Award.

Nearly a decade ago, Reedus – who is deaf – was having difficulty finding an employer who would give her a chance.

“Because of my hearing impairment, being deaf made it harder to find a job,” Reedus explained through a sign language interpreter. “Because I wouldn’t be able to hear, to be able to do things like answer the phone, that kind of stuff. I think that kind of hindered me.”

After being referred to Goodwill by Vocational Rehabilitation, her Job-Link consultant Ketirrna Gadsden found Reedus a volunteer position at Lee Physician Group – Pulmonary Associates in Fort Myers.

“I thought it would be a good fit for her to work with such a small group setting, explained Gadsden. ‘They gave her a chance.

When Reedus’ volunteer assignment was over, the office realized she was a significant asset to the staff and hired her permanently as a medical records clerk, where she continues to work today.

For Reedus, having a job means more than just a paycheck.

“I was so happy to finally get work,” she signed. “It’s so important. Having a job, I’m able to pay my bills, pay my rent, and I’m able to be responsible for myself. Take care of myself. Be dependent on myself.”

Other Goodwill Breakthrough Award winners include Breakthrough Employer Broadway Palm, Breakthrough Business GCG Construction and Breakthrough Achiever Mark Peirce. Goodwill will also be celebrating Volunteer of the Year continued on page 24.

For more information, call 337-9505 or visit www.uncommonfriends.org.

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Tamsyn Reedus
Symptoms And Solutions For High Blood Pressure

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: Are there any natural remedies one can take for high blood pressure? I do take medicine but I want to get off because it makes me cough. Can you help?

TL, Dallas, Texas

Promise to remain supervised by your physician before going off your medicine, some have to be weaned, you can’t suddenly stop. High blood pressure is one of those things I consider a symptom rather than a disease itself. It is “silent,” meaning there are few obvious signs that you have until a big event, for example, a heart attack. As blood pressure rises, you may get headaches in the back of the head, which may feel worse in the morning upon arising. You may also experience dizziness, blurred vision, ringing in the ears, fatigue, nosebleeds or the urge to urinate at night. So what are your options? Losing weight by exercising will help. A better diet is a must. Because hypertension is a risk factor for heart attack and stroke, physicians take quick action and prescribe medications to lower blood pressure.

ACE Inhibitors – Popular ones are lisinopril, benazepril and enalapril. These medications block your ACE enzyme.

Natural foods and supplements that do the same thing in a gentler way include garlic, seaweed, pycnogenol, omega 3 fatty acids, egg yolks, zinc and Hawthorn berries.

Calcium Channel Blockers – Verapamil, amlodipine and nifedipine. Medications in this category cause relaxation of the blood vessels. Natural options are omega 3 fatty acids, calcium, magnesium, vitamin E, vitamin C, Hawthorn berries, NAC and lipioic acid. You should also eat celery.

Diuretics – Blockbusters like furosemide and hydrochlorothiazide. These medications cause you to urinate more which reduces the amount of fluid in your blood vessels. When you reduce the squeeze in those tiny cramped vessels, pressure goes down. Natural gentle “water pills” include vitamin C, potassium, vitamin B6, Hawthorn berry, taurine and CoQ10. Celery too!

Certain foods and supplements are direct vasodilators, meaning they open up the blood vessels, thus relieving some pressure. These include taurine, potassium, omega 3 fatty acids, and you guessed it, celery! Even four stalks a week could help, more if you like it. Juice it, dip it in hummus or sunflower butter, and if you just can’t eat it, then consider supplements of “celery seed” extract. Compounds in celery like “3-n-butylphthalide” are known to reduce blood pressure. In China, this compound (extracted from celery seed) is sold as a drug to reduce beta amylase-induced neuronal apoptosis, which confers protection for people with stroke, dementia and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

The final piece of the anti-hypertensive puzzle is the beautiful beet. Solid research shows that beets, and beetroot juice can help with blood pressure and cholesterol. Drink about a cup a day. I juice a beet quite often myself. Consider massage to control cortisol. And yoga, it’s another fun, non-pharmacological way to reduce blood pressure and stress hormones. Plus, it makes you more flexible and strengthens your spine.

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.

Mom And Me

Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging 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 fed up listening to women complain about their sore knees. The other day, it happened again.

This woman—five-foot-two inches tall, weighing at least 250 pounds—complained that her doctor said that there was nothing more that he could do to reduce her pain. Her knee replacements went well, but she still was having pain.

What do these people expect? Do they not see that their problems may be self-induced? They just eat too much and their natural and artificial knees just can’t take the load. What do you think?

Dear Ardella.

Being overweight seems to cause a great deal of problems. It is possible that this woman at five-foot-two could have a great deal of problems. It is possible that their natural and artificial knees just can’t take the load. What do you think?

Dear Ardella.

I rarely see people who are normal or underweight with knee problems—but it certainly would not do any harm for this woman to go on some kind of a weight reducing diet.

Dear Ardella.

I have a difficult time understanding individuals that make poor health habits choices: smoking, eating, drinking…particularly when specific health habits are linked to significant health problems. I do not think people with poor health habits can or want to put their actions into consequences.

I try to put my energy and thoughts into controlling my behaviors and not toward getting angry with others for not controlling their behaviors. We all have freedom of choice and with those choices come consequences like painful knees.

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

Letter Carriers To Collect Food

Saturday, May 10 marks the 22nd anniversary of America’s largest single day of giving – the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive in Partnership with the U.S. Postal Service, Campbell Soup, Feeding America and other partners.

Currently, 49 million Americans – one in six – are unsure where their next meal is coming from. Sixteen million are children who feel hunger’s impact on their overall health and ability to perform in school. And nearly five million seniors over age 60 are food insecure, with many who live on fixed incomes often too embarrassed to ask for help.

In 2013, 74 million pounds of food was collected by postal carriers nationally, feeding an estimated 30 million people. Over the course of the 21-year history, the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has collected well over one billion pounds of food.

The food drive’s timing is crucial. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

Leave a non-perishable food donation in a bag by the mailbox on Saturday, May 10 and the postal carrier will do the rest. It’s that simple and millions of Americans will be helped.

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is available to children in need.

Call 415-7732, Fax: 415-7702

 Cypress Cove at HealthPark Florida, a continuing care retirement community located in south Fort Myers, has appointed Michele S. Wasserlauf as executive director.

Wasserlauf is a veteran in Florida’s retirement living industry. She was previously campus executive director for ACTS Retirement Communities at their St. Andrew Estates in Boca Raton. Wasserlauf replaces Joel Anderson, vice president of Cypress Cove’s parent company, Lee Healthcare Resources, who has been acting as executive director for the past year during the company’s executive search.

Anderson said of Wasserlauf, “She is a strong and compassionate leader whose confidence, skills and experience will serve Cypress Cove well, especially during our time of growth.”

She brings 25 years of executive non-profit senior living experience to her new position. Wasserlauf steps into her new role managing the day-to-day operations of Cypress Cove at a time when this 48-acre community is preparing to add a new care facility to their continuum – The Memory Care Residences at Cypress Cove.

This new residences is a much needed addition dedicated to enriching and enhancing the lives of those seniors in the greater Fort Myers community affected by Alzheimer’s disease, dementia or memory loss. Groundbreaking for The Memory Care Residences is planned for November 15.
BJ’s Charitable Foundation Grant

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. recently received a $5,000 grant from the BJ’s Charitable Foundation. Goodwill will use the grant to support the organization’s Palm Beach Job-Link Center, located at 4162 Palm Beach Blvd. in Fort Myers.

“We truly appreciate this grant from BJ’s Charitable Foundation,” said Goodwill spokesperson Madison Mitchell. “With it, we will be able to provide more opportunities to individuals with disabilities and disadvantages.”

“The BJ’s Charitable Foundation is dedicated to supporting hunger prevention, self-sufficiency, healthcare and education in the communities surrounding our Clubs,” added Jessica Newman, executive director of the BJ’s Charitable Foundation. “BJ’s Charitable Foundation donated a total of $431,000 to 70 non-profit charitable organizations across our footprint during this grant cycle, and we hope these donations benefit the incredible efforts of our partners working to impact the lives of individuals and families and enable them to continue to provide crucial services to those in need.”

Support Group For Families Of Long Term Care

A support group specifically for families of nursing home and assisted living facility residents will meet on Tuesday, May 20 at 10 a.m. at the Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center, located at 12468 Brantley Commons Court in Fort Myers.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns and questions families face as they cope with placing a loved one in a long-term care facility. The group is open to all interested families of nursing home or assisted living residents at no charge.

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center, a United Way partner agency, provides informational, educational and supportive assistance to individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders and their caregivers. For more information, call 437-3007.

City’s Rating Increased

adequate, with median household and per capita effective buying income at 61 percent and 70 percent of the national level, respectively. Per capita retail sales for 2013 were strong at 256 percent of the national level.

The stable outlook reflects Standard & Poor’s expectation that the debt service coverage will remain good despite the volatile nature of the gas tax revenues. Standard & Poor’s believes that lack of additional new money bond issuance and indications of the local economy’s recovery from the recession further support the current rating. Therefore, Standard & Poor’s do not expect to change the rating within the two-year outlook horizon.

Boys & Girls Clubs Receive Funds

“At the heart of our organization, is the desire of our community to positively influence the lives of our local youth,” said Shannon Lane, chief professional officer of the BGCLC. “We are more than just a ‘hangout,’ and donors, like the Backwater Tournament Series, are instrumental in helping us deliver the life-changing programs we offer to the hundreds of local kids our clubs serve every day.”

For tournament dates and information, visit www.backwaterseries.com.

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1. MYTHOLOGY: In Norse mythology, what is the name of the mischievous god who likes to play tricks?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the island nation of Nauru located?
3. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the element sulfur?
4. TRANSPORTATION: What is the name of France’s high-speed rail service?
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the Hollywood-based novel The Day of the Locust?
6. GEOLOGY: What kind of rock is marble?
7. ART: What outdoor school of painting was led by artists such as Rousseau, Corot, Millet and Daubigny?
8. MOVIES: Which U.S. state was the setting for the 1971 film The Last Picture Show?

ANSWERS

1. Loki
2. South Pacific Ocean
3. S
4. TGV or “Train a Grande Vitesse”
5. Nathanael West
6. Metamorphosis
7. Barbizon School
8. Texas
9. Edna
10. A fear of children.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MAY 5, 2014

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be tempted to be more assertive when dealing with a job-related matter. But a carefully measured approach works best at getting the cooperation you’re looking for.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While others urge you to act now, you instinctively recognize that a move at this time is not in your best interests. You should know when to do so by week’s end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A busy schedule keeps you on the move for much of the week. But things ease up by the time the weekend arrives, allowing you to reconnect with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Travel dominates the week, and despite some delays in getting to where you want to go, the overall experience should prove to be a positive one in many ways.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) YourLeonine self-confidence comes roaring back after a brief period of doubt and helps you get through a week of demanding challenges and ultimately emerge triumphant.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Virgos who have made a major commitment -- personal or professional -- should be able to tap into a renewed reservoir of self-confidence to help them follow through.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You soon could receive news from a surprising source that could cause you to change your mind about how you had planned to deal with an ongoing job-related problem.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A surprise move of support from a colleague who has never been part of your circle of admirers helps influence others to take a new look at what you’ve put on the table.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While a bold decision to take an “I know what I’m doing” approach impresses some colleagues, it also raises the risk of causing resentment among others.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A misunderstanding ‘twixt you and a friend might not be your fault at all, despite what he or she suggests. Talk it out to see if at what point the confusion might have started.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Getting into a community operation fulfills the Aquarian’s need to help people. It also can lead to new contacts that might one day help you with a project.

This Week in History

- On May 10, 1749, the 10th and final volume of Henry Fielding’s novel “Tom Jones” is printed. The serialized novel told the humorous story of the attempts of the illegitimate but charming Tom Jones to win his neighbor’s daughter.
- On May 5, 1904, Boston Red Sox pitcher Cy Young (born Denton True Young) throws a perfect game against the Detroit Tigers. It was the first perfect game of the modern era; the last had been thrown by John Montgomery Ward in 1880. It was the second of three no-hitters that Young would throw, and the only perfect game.
- On May 9, 1926, according to their claims, polar explorer Richard E. Byrd and co-pilot Floyd Bennett fly over the North Pole in a triple-engine Fokker monoplane, claiming, polar explorer Richard E. Byrd and co-pilot Floyd Bennett fly over the North Pole in a triple-engine Fokker monoplane, the resulting offspring is called a leopon.
- On May 7, 1965, in a Clearwater, Fla., motel room, a bleary-eyed Keith Richards awoke, grabbed a tape recorder and laid to the decision of the United States to boycott the 1980 games held in Moscow.
- On May 11, 1997, IBM’s supercomputer Deep Blue makes chess history by defeating chess champion Gary Kasparov. The Russian master conceded defeat after 19 moves in the sixth game of the tournament. It was the first defeat of a reigning world champion by a machine in tournament play.

Strange but True

- It was noted Democratic politician Adlai Stevenson who made the following sage observation: “In America, anybody can be president. That’s one of the risks you take.”
- You might be surprised to learn that notorious FBI director J. Edgar Hoover at one time had presidential aspirations. He reportedly believed he would be able to defeat President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936, though nothing came of his ambition.
- Those who study such things say that a lion and a leopard can successfully interbreed. The offspring of a lioness and a leopard is called a leopon.
- The first pocket calculator was introduced by Texas Instruments in 1961, intended originally for use by the Air Force. Weighing 10 ounces and being only slightly larger than a business card, the device could perform the same calculations as a computer 150 times its size.
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- As most health-care workers could tell you, emergency rooms are busier and more hectic than usual in the week before Memorial Day.
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- As most health-care workers could tell you, emergency rooms are busier and more mental patients are admitted during the full moon than at any other time of the month.
- The time of the new moon is only slightly less busy, however.
- The next time you’re dazzling honey on your biscuit, consider this tidbit: Bees must visit up to 2 million flowers just to produce a single pound of the sweetener.
- One might think that an event as momentous as the Wright Brothers’ first successful airplane flight in 1903 would have received widespread coverage in the media. One would be wrong. The only newspaper to carry an article about the historic flight was the Virginia Pilot, based in Norfolk.

Thought for the Day

“I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.” -- Mark Twain

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Entering 2014, which major-league team was the only one to not have a pitcher toss a no-hitter in franchise history?
2. Three pitchers during the 1990s led or co-led the A.L. in wins for a season without tossing a shutout. Name two of them.
3. Of Florida, Florida State and Miami, which was the only college football team to not play in at least one of the first five BCS national championship games?
4. When was the last time an NBA Finals team won Game Seven on the road?
5. In the 2013-14 season, the Anaheim Ducks became the second team in N.H.L. history to win 18 times in 19 games. Who was the first?
6. How old was driver A.J. Foyt when he won his last IndyCar race?
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Puzzle answers

BEND, BALTIMORE, ALTAL, AQUA, ELECTRONIC, COOP, RUDE, REACH, THT, OP, COUP, TAIL, GIRL, THE, MOM, MINIMUM, DEATH, MIRAGE, KEY, PAD, TO, EMAIL, ATTEND, ECO, IMAGINABLE, EDGE, IN, PARAMETER, ERIC, KEPT, UN, NEGATIVES, PLANETS, ART, DEN, IN, RELIGION, MAPPING, LEAF, DO, COUPING, DIN, IN, PAH, REST, NING, NEED, MAKE, FOR, NIER, ET, RYER, HERE, AERT, KEY, BOY, MARION, ET, RHA, CAR, GUN, UNNERY, CAT, HAP, ATANEM, FED, DO, FILL, ROMANTIC, FATE, CPU, KNOW, NALIGNMENT, BEAR, NENA, NAVELO, BERYL, GING, GRAY, GRAVEDANGER, ZEAL

Switching First and Last Letter Makes A New Word

1. F kèe ɔl ʌh ɛx æs əl
2. G ʊd əʊ ʃə th Іən ˈɡʌst ˈmætə
3. ˈɑ ɾch ˈi ʃət ˈɛt ɡə tə
4. ˈɜrl ˈtɔnəl ˈrɛl, ˈsɛlfˌhʊd ˈslıp
5. ˈbruːt ˈmei əz
6. ˈɪdɪəm ˈbiː ə
7. ˈbɛl ˈbɪlі ˈklʌb
8. ˈɪl ˈɛrəs ˈeɪs
9. ˈslɪ ˈdeɪt ˈscəd

Thought for the Day

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**Rock Shrimp Stuffed Florida Grouper**

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
3. In a medium-size sauté pan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onions, celery, bell pepper and garlic; cook 2 minutes, stirring, until the vegetables are wilted. Add the shrimp and season mixture with seafood seasoning. Cook for 2 minutes then remove the pan from the heat. Pour the mixture into a medium-size mixing bowl. Stir in bread crumbs and enough water to bind the mixture. Add the parsley and season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

4. On a cutting board, cut a v-shape pocket in the center of each fillet and fill with rock shrimp bread crumb mixture. Sprinkle the fillets with seafood seasoning and place on the prepared baking sheet. Drizzle with melted butter and bake 20 to 25 minutes until the fish flakes easily with a fork. Serve immediately.

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Landing a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you’re going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish.

• Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you’re going to release it.
• The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.
• If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water — and do it quickly.
• Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it’s ready to swim off.
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Weeding, installation of plants, trees and
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Lawn Service, shrubs and tree trimming
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Volunteers Needed

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For more details contact
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#MS 4/14 TCFN

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drug screenings, and have a valid drivers license.
Send resume as a Word doc to
sparkert@hmcb.com
#RS 3/11 CC TFN

Help Wanted

Help Wanted
Billy's Rentsal on Sanibel needs
outgoing individuals to assist customers
with bicycle rentals/deliveries and cashiers.
Hiring for new Bailey's location.
Transport from FM location available. Call
239-472-5248 ask for Robin.
#MS 3/2CC TFN

Collectables for Sale

Gold Records
24k Rock 'n Roll Gold Record framed
displays, limited editions with certificates of authenticity: The Beatles, Led Zeppelin,
Bob Marley, Marilyn Monroe, John Lennon.
Priced $91 to $250. Call 239-849-0907.
#NS 4/25 CC 5/2

Furniture for Sale

Love Seat
LOVESEAT, 58”, 2 cushion, like new.
Durable fabric marine blue, lime white
stripe. Mistral new $950 sell $350.
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#MS 5/2 CC 5/2

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Lost and Found

Found
Prescription sunglasses found in parking lot of Limetree Center on Wednesday,
February 27. Claim at Island Sun newspaper, suite 2 in Limetree Center,
or call 478-1213.
#NS 3/8 NC TFN

Multi Family Sale
Saturday, May 3, 8:30 am-4pm.
478 Lake Murex Cir., off West Gulf Dr.,
Sanibel. Men’s, women’s, teens clothing & shoes, bicycles, household items, decor,
greeting cards, toys & much more.
#MS 5/2 CC 5/2

The Sunshine Ambassador Program
is a new and exciting volunteer opportunity
offered at the Golliano Children’s Hospital
of Southwest Florida located within
HealthPark Medical Center. The Sunshine
Ambassadors will greet, assist, and be a
positive first point of contact for patients,
families and visitors entering the hospital.
The Ambassadors also make a difference
to families by providing educational
and healthful resources to assist in
GRANDparenting for GRANDchildren.
We are currently seeking year-round volunteers to work
one 4-hour shift Monday through Friday
from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
or 12:00pm to 4:00 pm.
If you would be interested in learning more
about this wonderful new opportunity,
please contact Lisa Ellinwood, Volunteer
Resources Coordinator at 239-343-5062
at the Golliano Children’s Hospital.
#MS 2/18 NC TFN

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Help Wanted

Volunteer/Job Opportunities
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Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for the
After School Program which runs
Mon.-Th, 2:30 – 3:15 pm
call Linda Reynolds 472-1617
#NS 1/4 NC TFN
Caren ID# 585357

**SUDOKU**

**To play Sudoku:**

Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.)

There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

**answer on page 27**

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**Pets Of The Week**

**Hello, my name is Midnight.**

I hope you will notice what a great dog I am. I have been overlooked here as many black pets seem to be. We just don’t stand out in the crowd. Spend some time getting to know me and you will see what a good girl I am. I know my basic commands too. I would love to be part of your family. My adoption fee (regularly $75) is $40 during Lee County Domestic Animal Services’ Real Housepets of Lee County May adoption promotion.

Hi, my name is Caren and I’m a friendly feline for sure. Affectionate describes me to a tee but I also love to play and entertain myself. Even though I’m a cat, I can play a pretty good game of fetch with a ball. My adoption fee (regularly $50) is equal to the day of the month so come and get me early during the May adoption promotion.

For information about this month’s pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services’ website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal’s ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

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

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

The adoption package is valued at $500.

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**Midnight ID# 571266**

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**Caren ID# 585357**
Super Crossword

ACROSS
1. Hunch over
5. Reading the same forward and backward
14. Sid stand
15. That’s it
20. Sea color
21. Cousin of techno music
22. Hon housing
23. Singer Vailes
24. Arrive at a peak
25. - d’ital
26. - chi
27. Envelope
28. Prestige
29. Giant Mel
31. Pooh’s manuscript pal
32. Demolish
37. Prince Harry or William
38. Schoolwise
39. Phone part
40. Pedicured part
41. - up at
42. - friendly
43. Not too fro
44. New Year in Vietnam
45. Doorway say
46. 60. Comic idle

DOWN
1. Composer Bela
2. Consider the same
3. Nudgedness
4. Week until
5. Of a dentistry branch
6. 1999-2004
7. Pipe mater.
8. Old tricking watchdog
go.
9. Ultimate
10. - & the Women
11. South Korean’s - Tao Woe
12. Bill in a slip jar
13. Tiny parasites
14. Ready or not here -
15. Feature of - Rose but not rose
16. Stress
17. Canadian dollar coin
18. Big-billed bird
19. Armitex
20. George Burns’ Allen
81. Tuc
82. Adult female
83. Fostering
84. Spooking
85. Emptiness
86. Alligator
87. Lookalike
88. Chino’s Sun
89. Fleur de lound
90. Herman
91. Sorry sort?
92. “Post” of accolade
93. Sort of
94. Gassing
95. Christians
96. Ceed
97. Camden's kid
98. Word form made with the big letter
99. To and
100. Facility
101. Crafty
102. On a notarized document
103. God's
104. Individually
105. Alone
106. Web address
107. Melodic
108. Anger
109. Error
110. Dry, as champagne
111. Cook and bull
112. Figure of speech
113. Sutor
114. - canto
115. Nightwatch
116. Encountered
117. Love god

NINETEENTH HOLE

ACROSS
9. United nations
5. Half (Pref)
8. TV 55 (Norwegian)
12. Pearl
13. Harbor site
14. Former mates
16. Carla’s lead in
19. Honesty of purpose
22. Change in bit
23. Sudden rush of wind
24. Gloisy
25. Alternate Earth tone
26. Apolo
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King Crossword

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DOWN
1. Cranberry territory
7. “Faccias” of Dr.
12. Discoverer’s cry
13. Interested in
15. Eat
17. Vast areas
18. Way out
19. Encountered
21. “Moby Dick” narrator

MAGIC MAZE

SWITCHING FIRST AND LAST LETTER MAKES A NEW WORD

YFBXUQMMAJFBYUROK
HDAXUQNKHBEYVSP
MJHEBYVLTKQOLIGD
BYSKTRPRALKIFSFD
BYWUDSDEARQOMEK
SIDFODHDBZWXLU
SEQLEOCREIGEDN
NFLMTJHPDFDECAN
TNLAWSMPLUSCVIT
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IKIIFHFRUSEFBDZ

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