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New Public Works director on the job

By JIM LINETTE

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All those vacation visits to Sanibel has paid off for Keith Williams and his family.

The payoff came last week when Williams left his native Georgia to start his new job as the director of the Sanibel Public Works Department.

"When we vacationed here my wife and I fell in love with the area," said Williams. "We've always kept an eye out for the chance to live here."

Williams, 33, replaces Gates Castle, who retired in April after 20 years of service on the island.

"I'm looking forward to working with him and his staff," said Sanibel City Manager Judith Zimomra. "He has a background in environmental engineering as well as



Keith Williams

engineering which makes him a perfect fit for Sanibel."

Scott Krawczyk, who served as acting director when Castle retired, returns to his former post as deputy director. He also was a member of the committee charged with finding a new director.

Since 2007 Williams had served as a city engineer in Smyrna, Ga., after a brief time in the private sector. He grew up in Marietta, Ga., and earned his civil and environmental engineering degrees from the University of Tennessee.

"I think he's a good guy and he has the right credentials," said Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane.

He brings a youthful energy to the Public Works Department in his new role as director.

"This is a great opportunity for me," said Williams. "It's my goal to continue the rich history of Sanibel. I like the setting of Sanibel and way the city and island have handled its culture and the natural element."

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READY SET RUN! FISH 10K expecting 400 runners

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Organizers of the 10K Race 4 FISH are hoping that forecasters are as generous with perfect weather on Saturday as they were last year.

"The FISH 10K is expected to attract more than 400 runners this year — last October's race saw perfect weather and the race had 385 runners," said Friends In Service Here (FISH) board VP Blanaid Colley. "We hear that this year's forecast predicts ideal running conditions again for Oct. 13."

The entire island community throws out the red carpet to welcome runners, their families and friends and casual visitors for the 4th annual event that is a major fund-raising effort for FISH. More than 40 island businesses and organizations are financially sponsoring the race.

Registrations are still being taken for Saturday's race, which starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Sanibel Community House on Periwinkle Way.

The entry fee is \$40 on race day, but anyone who can manage to sign up today, Oct. 12, there's a \$5 discount.

The more than 400 runners, about 75 percent of whom live off island, will snake their way around a marked 6.2-

mile course on the island to finish where they started — at the Community House.

The route heads east on Periwinkle to Casa Ybel Road for the first mile, picks up West Gulf Drive and turns north on Tarpon Bay Road after three miles. The course takes a turn on Island Inn Road before returning to Periwinkle at Bailey's Center for the final leg to the finish line.

A trade fair accompanies the race aimed at the families and friends as well as the runners. Refreshment tables and water stations are set up around the course for runners.

"The 10K really does three things for FISH," said board president Bill Fellows. "First, it helps raise much-needed funds to help keep the food pantry stocked; allows us to continue our back-pack program for Sanibel; and helps fund our Helping Hands emer-



gency financial assistance program.

"The race helps increase awareness about FISH and third, it is great for the community. This event brings a great atmosphere and people to the island."

In addition to the food pantry, FISH serves those on Sanibel or Captiva that are in need by providing free services like transportation, meal delivery, health equipment and emergency financial assistance. FISH served more than 750 people last year with its army of 200 volunteers.

Church application approved

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Sanibel Community Church's application to modify its original conditional use permit to include two additional air conditioning units was approved at Tuesday's Sanibel Planning Commission meeting.

That said, the matter was discussed for nearly three hours by commissioners, several upset resident neighbors and Ray Pavelka, representing the church.

To address complaints about excessive noise made by the air conditioning compressors that face neighboring residences, Pavelka provided data from three sound pressure level tests done at the site. Starting with a base "ambient" background noise level of 42 decibels, a church consultant recorded a level of 48 to 49 db with all seven A/C units running.

Code Enforcement readings ranged from 56 to 59 db, about the same results as an outside source.

City code states sound levels should not exceed a level of 60 db between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. and 66 db from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"Both readings are below 60 db, the lowest level allowed," said Pavelka. "We have to be responsive to the residents' concerns, but there are limitations. In the interest of being good neighbors, we will continue to look at options to reduce noise."

Pavelka said a number of measures already have been taken on the issue, such



Kevin Ruane

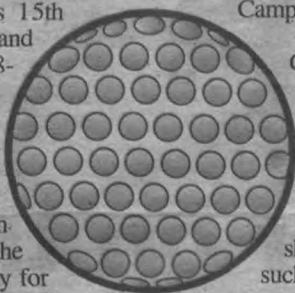
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Gala and golf to benefit Barbara's Friends

Special to the Reporter

The Everglades Region Florida Chapter of the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA) will make dreams come true for local children at its 15th annual Charity Classic Gala and Golf Tournament on Oct. 28-29.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Barbara's Friends - The Children's Hospital Cancer Fund. The organization, which has been raising funds for children in the Southwest Florida community for



many years, upped the ante last year when members committed to raise \$500,000 for The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida "Gift of a Lifetime" Capital Campaign within the next five years.

Since its inception in 1998, the Charity Classic has raised more than \$1.12 million for children in Lee and Collier counties.

This two-day event, which kicks off at Grey Oaks County Club in Naples, provides an opportunity for the host clubs to showcase their capabilities. As such, guests should expect a superb

presentation of heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, entertainment, and live and silent auctions.

The event continues with a Golf Tournament at West Bay Beach and Golf Club in Estero on Oct. 29. The tournament features a shotgun start and includes a continental breakfast and on-course refreshments. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and awards will be presented following play.

Golf and Gala ticket packages include eight Gala tickets and a golf foursome for \$1,600. Individual Gala tickets are \$100 per person.

The Children's Hospital of Southwest

Florida "Gift of a Lifetime" Capital Campaign seeks to raise \$125 million for construction of a new state-of-the-art pediatric medical facility on the grounds of HealthPark Medical Center in south Fort Myers. The new facility will house 128 beds (with expansion capabilities to 160 beds) and many new specialty services to help treat and heal the most critically ill children and their families.

To donate auction items, purchase gala tickets or register for the tournament contact Lori Cook North at (239) 287-0780 or lori@eventfulinc.com or visit the website www.cmaacharityclassic.com

Anglers compete for kayak in Blueway tournament

Special to the Reporter

In less than a month, the winner of the 2012 Calusa Blueway Fishing Tournament will take home a new Hobie Mirage Pro Angler 12 fishing kayak, courtesy of Hobie and Estero River Outfitters.

Cash prizes also will be awarded to those who place in the Nov. 3 tournament.

The event consists of a one-day competition for anglers who catch-and-release snook, redfish, sea trout and other species in Lee County waterways. There is a captains' meeting at Angler's Inn, Matlacha, on Nov. 2 with refreshments from Bert's Bar & Grill.

The Nov. 3 official weigh-in at Matlacha Park coincides with the annual Bluegrass for a Blueway and A Taste of Matlacha, featuring live music by the Skeeterland Bluegrass Band. This year's catch-and-release tournament is expected to lure 50 to 75 anglers to Lee County waterways as part of the Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival.

In addition to the fishing kayak, the first-place winner also gets accessories for a package valued at more than \$3,000.

The Hobie Mirage Pro Angler 12 is compact and versatile, equipped with fea-

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Broadway Palm event benefits Crime Stoppers

Special to the Reporter

If the thought of a night out with dinner and a show, and helping a non-profit organization at the same time, sounds pleasing to the palate then here is a win-win option.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers is hosting its 5th annual Broadway Series Fund-raising Event at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater. The evening's performance features the musical "9 to 5" based on

the Dolly Parton movie. Included at the fund-raiser will be dinner and a huge celebrity auction of donated items by some of the biggest names in music, sports and Hollywood.

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at the Broadway Palm box office or by calling 239-278-4422.

Every penny of ticket sales goes directly to support Crime Stoppers helping get the area's most wanted criminals off the streets.

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Word on the Island

What did you think of the first Presidential debate?



Karen Eaton
Orlando

"I think Mitt Romney won. He had a good handle on the facts and presented it in an intelligent way."



Michele Johnson
Idaho

"It was OK. I did not learn anything new. I think Mitt Romney changed his mind on reducing taxes and closing loopholes."



Sandy Ovard
Idaho

"I think both candidates were cautious with each other. I like the fact that the audience was not allowed to boo or cheer."



Marjie Salinas
Cincinnati

"Mitt Romney ran circles around Obama in such an important presentation. Obama was not on his game at all. It convinced me that I'm voting for the right person."



Wendel Swanson
Bonita Springs

"Without question Mitt Romney won the debate. He beat the pants off Obama, who I thought was very demeaning to Romney by not making eye contact. It was not respectful, and I come from an independent background."

We want your opinion

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Letters to the Editor

Money may drive presidential election

To the editor:

I can't believe that this is another election where the Republican Party couldn't find a leader that is capable of moving us away from the mess created by eight years of totally inept Republican leadership, a period that almost destroyed this nation's economy, as well as inflicting irrefutable damage to some European countries.

In the primary fight for the Republican presidential candidate it became obvious that all the Republicans cared about was getting President Obama out of office. It looked like they couldn't care less about putting in a leader that would be good for the entire country.

This hatred for one man that happens to be our president is a sickness that has given the country a health problem it may never recover from.

This hatred has put party first and our country last and implanted some incredible roadblocks to legislation that could have moved the country toward recovery. Now we have this chameleon called Romney who is pointing to some of the failures of President Obama knowing full well the role played by his own party.

Candidate Romney admits he has no recovery plan, but will form one with Congress when he gets elected. He can tell you what's wrong with the President's plan, but he can't tell you his plan. Bear in mind

a recovery plan is totally different from taking a stand on various issues.

We have now come down to an election that is under a new set of rules, allowing unlimited monies to flow forth under the label of Political Actions Committees, also known as PACs. These committees form to gather money to support a candidate or a cause. In view of this no limit rule the amount of monies spent for this election is astronomical compared to previous years.

The result of all this is that the one with the most money has a better opportunity to control the mindset of the nation. The scary part of all this is the vast amount of money that has been put into the hands of one

Karl Rove to once again control the lies and innuendos of a massive propaganda campaign between now and election day.

You might remember Karl Rove, who in essence was in charge of dirty tricks when he was part of the George Bush debacle. God help us if this man, once again becomes part of the ruling regime of this country.

Bernard Maher
Sanibel

Setting the record straight

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight on a recent Letter to

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Web Poll

Web Poll Results

In your eyes, is the local job market improving?

- Yes — 26%
- No — 49%
- Maybe — 4%
- I don't know, I'm not affected — 12%
- No, I can't find a job — 9%

Current Web Poll Question

With the Presidential election approaching and the state of the nation's economy, employment and debt today, is the country better off now than four years ago?

- Yes
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- I'm not concerned

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Obituary

Evelyn Stott

Evelyn Stott, 92, of Sanibel, passed away on Sept. 28, 2012. She was born Nov. 2, 1919, in Montclair, N.J., and has been a resident of Sanibel for eight years.

Evelyn loved being a wife and mother always providing and making a pleasant loving environment for her family. She was a member of the Order Eastern Star and Sanibel Community Church. Church activities, cooking and gardening were among her passions in life.

Evelyn leaves behind to cherish her memory her children Reverend



Evelyn Stott

Norman Stott Jr. and his wife, three children and four grandchildren of Wray, Colo.; and Britt Stott of Sanibel. Evelyn was predeceased by her husband Norman Stott in 1964. She also leaves behind her beloved Jack Russell terrier, Scout.

In the words of her family, Mom was a quiet private person. Her life was one of dedication to the Lord and her family. She will be terribly missed.

A visitation was held on Oct. 2 at Sanibel Community Church, 1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Pastor Daryl Donovan officiated the ceremony with a committal service at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home and Cemetery, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers.

A memorial service is being planned for late October or early November at the Sanibel Community Church.

Blueway From page 12

tures such as vantage seating, under-seat tackle storage, horizontal storage for four rods and a livewell-ready cargo area.

The runner-up receives \$500, based on 50 participants. The third-place angler collects \$300, the fourth-place winner \$150, and the fifth-place winner takes home \$50.

The tournament is part of the Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival, which includes instruction, demonstrations, speakers, guided paddles, a photo contest and evening entertainment throughout the weekend.

New this year is a streamlined online

registration site for anglers, who pay a \$60 fee to compete. Visit

www.CalusaBluewayPaddlingFestival.com and click on "activities" and "fishing tournament" to find the registration link.

Tournament proceeds benefit the Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism, which is hosting the event along with Florida Sea Grant, Lee County Parks & Recreation and volunteers. A portion of proceeds also goes to the Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail.

A Titanic responsibility

While vacationing this summer at my sister's home, an undiagnosed illness gave me plenty of time to watch James Cameron's blockbuster film Titanic.

You no doubt remember a scene at the beginning of the movie when the main character, Rose, is seen clinging to the outside railing on the back of the majestic ship as she contemplates a jump into the cold waters to end her life. For a moment Rose's life seemed so very empty, and she felt so alone, even in the midst of the 1,200 people who temporarily inhabited this floating city.

Her despair was so profound that when the film opens she is about to waste the most precious gift she has, her life, a gift which seemed worthless in spite of her numerous worldly possessions. But Jack Dawson intervenes in Rose's life, prevents her from jumping, and persuades her throughout the lengthy film that she has so much for which to live.

Indeed, the entire movie is a tale of Rose coming to appreciate the value of her life, and at the end of the film, in stark contrast to the beginning of the movie, we see Rose clinging to that same railing at the back of the ship as the Titanic sinks, hoping against hope that she can save that life that she nearly disposed of so casually at the start of

the film.

During the month of October, Catholics in the US celebrate Respect Life Month, a time to reflect in a special way on the dignity and specialness of human life at all of its varied stages. Regardless of where one stands politically, it is clear that we live in an age when life issues touch us on a daily basis. The front pages of newspapers and tabloid TV are filled with assaults on life, cheapening it and making it appear disposable.

Callous disregard for another person's life shows itself in how often people

are taken advantage of, in how often people are harmed personally, financially, socially, and in how often human life comes under attack.

If we want to make the world a better place then we all, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, must grow in our appreciation of the inestimable value of all human life, from womb to tomb. Like Rose in Titanic, we need to grow in our appreciation of what a special gift human life is, and we must work toward protecting all human life so that it never appears disposable, never appears cheap, and is never taken for granted.

Let us all do what we can to promote a genuine culture of life in the world in which we live, in order that all men and women may recognize human life as the most precious of gifts, a gift worth protecting and cherishing.

Father Christopher Senk is pastor at St. Isabel's Roman Catholic Church.



Father Christopher Senk

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Dolce Tesoro/Simply Cupcakes focuses on being the best

By SHANNEN HAYES

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Much like a shot of espresso, Dolce Tesoro/Simply Cupcakes of Sanibel packs a lot of flavorful goodness into a small space.

A combination coffee shop and bakery located inside the Tahitian Gardens Shopping Center, its new owner David Cicchinelli wants to bring the local market, residents and visitors the best of whatever they offer -- from simply delicious cupcakes to Queenie's homemade ice cream.

"We're not going to try and offer a lot of different products and services," said Cicchinelli, who took ownership in August. "But whatever we offer, our focus will be on being the best at it. That means having the best products, the best prices and the best service."

Among Dolce Tesoro/Simply Cupcakes of Sanibel's menu items are the Italian Lavazza coffee; signature drinks like hot chocolate, caramel macchiato and hazelnut latte; 13 different types of cupcakes with a core of 10 flavors that include funky monkey (banana bread cake with a white chocolate and peanut butter center topped with chocolate ganache and whipped peanut butter cream frosting and a banana chip), death



David Cicchinelli stands behind the counter of his new Dolce Tesoro/Simply Cupcakes of Sanibel located inside Tahitian Gardens.



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by chocolate, and the best seller, Keylime (sour cream cake with fresh keylime curd, keylime glaze and butter cream frosting with a zest of keylime on top).

"Cupcakes are all the craze right now," said Cicchinelli. "The key is, obviously, how they taste and the taste is determined by combining the right recipe to meet the customers demands and likes -- that's what makes our cupcakes special."

Cicchinelli doesn't just bake cupcakes; he bakes the ones customers request. Plus, at the right price it is an even sweeter deal. "Now you can enjoy a great personal size cake in the form of a cupcake without spending a fortune," said Cicchinelli, who has 40 years experience in the retail industry and been visiting the islands since the early 1990s.

"I've always wanted to get back," said

Cicchinelli. "Coming back as a business owner and resident is a vision come true."

The walk-in shop provides outdoor seating, free Wi-Fi access and free island delivery. The menu also features espresso, gelato, sorbet, smoothies and creamies. Customers can have cupcakes made to order or for an event.

Dolce Tesoro/Simply Cupcakes is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.



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Sanibel Captiva Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, from left, Chris Davison (Island Inn), Sheryl Tatum (Sanctuary Golf Club), Christin Collins (Lee Memorial Health System Foundation), Barbara Harrington (Royal Shell), Bridgit Stone-Budd (Sanibel Captiva Chamber) and Scot Herzoff (Congress Jewelers) met on Oct. 5 at the Holiday Inn.

Chamber Ambassadors plan new season

Special to the Reporter

The Sanibel Captiva Chamber of Commerce hosted its Ambassador's meeting at the Holiday Inn on Friday, Oct. 5.

The Ambassadors, who are chosen from the 600-plus Chamber membership, work as a Welcome Team for new Chamber members. Each Ambassador is assigned a new member and their role is to welcome them to the Chamber, explain how the Chamber works and to invite them to attend the next monthly Chamber business lunch and After Hours.

Ambassadors give new members a Chamber Welcome

Pack, which contains a contact list of all members, the latest Chamber magazine, the upcoming events calendar and a Chamber wall plaque.

Marketing director Bridgit Stone-Budd hosts the meetings, presents the new members and the nature of their business.

"Ambassadors also tell new members about the marketing opportunities available," said Stone-Budd, "particularly opportunities on our popular Chamber website, which gets more than 1.5 million unique visitors per year, and Chamber marketing initiatives such as Visitor Center advertising and

our Hot Deals online coupon listings."

The Chamber has welcomed more than 50 new members already this year. This month's new members included Artichoke and Company, Island BBQ, Jungle House Publications, and J. McLaughlin.

"With the help of our Ambassador team, we have seen a huge increase in our Chamber member retention rate. They work very hard to keep all new members in the loop, and we find that it helps new members get the best out of their new partnership with the Chamber," Stone-Budd said.

Fine art inspires fine beef

In 1950, a countess named Amelia Nani Moncenigo visited the famous Harry's Bar in Venice. Having been advised by her doctor that she should avoid cooked meat, she asked the chef at Harry's to come up with something she could eat.

The chef came up with the dish which essentially was very finely shaved red beef. The dish was named Carpaccio by the owner of



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Harry's, because the colors of the dish reminded him of paintings by the Venetian painter Vittore Carpaccio. Carpaccio was the most celebrated Venetian artist of 15th century and he was particularly renowned for his vivid use of colors, particularly reds.

Today, Carpaccio is a very popular modern Italian appetizer that can double as a light meal.

Its main components are thinly sliced, impeccable, fresh, raw beef dressed with

olive oil, lemon, fresh arugula, and thinly shaved parmigiano, which really ramp up the beef flavor. The classic meat for Carpaccio is beef and the preferred cut is tenderloin.

At Traditions on the Beach we use an electric slicer. When making this dish at home you can slice the meat thin and then pound out between two sheets of plastic wrap with a meat tenderizer or you can use

any heavy, flat object such as a small frying pan. Carpaccio can be prepared ahead of time and left covered in the fridge for a day.

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- Lay out sheets of plastic wrap and place each slice on the plastic. Top with another piece of plastic and gently pound the meat with a mallet until paper thin.
- Repeat until the meat is sliced and pounded.
- Divide the meat evenly among four chilled plates, drizzle with olive oil, ground fresh black pepper, top with shaved parmigiano and serve with arugula and lemon wedge.



Prime Beef Carpaccio

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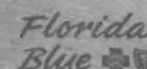
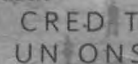
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From page 14

the Editor by Mr. Elton Shepherd regarding the City of Sanibel's budget for 2012/2013.

In the Shepherd's letter published in the Island Reporter, Mr. Shepherd mentions three budget items that are incorrect. As a former operator of a family owned CPA firm and a CFO of a subsidiary of Xerox, I have prepared and approved many budgets in my accounting career and I am very satisfied with the latest budget for the City of Sanibel for fiscal year 2012/13.

City Council adopts goals every year and for the last six years our number one goal has been to sustain and strengthen the City's financial outlook by reducing fixed expenses, accelerate debt reduction and protect reserves.

There have been some recent questions regarding this year's budget decision and I will clarify some of the erroneous or incomplete versions of our adopted budget 2012/13. The highlights of the budget are as follows: we reduced the taxes by two percent with property values declining by the same value, allocated \$300,000 to be redeemed in 2036 and 2035 recreation bonds in 2016 and put \$1.6 million back in reserves.

Additionally, we reduced the required increase for sewer fees from three to one percent as well as passed no increase in reclaimed water fees.

The first item Mr. Shepherd discussed was regarding the "Center for Life" and the major repairs of approximately \$350,000 that were postponed or deferred until next budget. After a great deal of information provided by staff, it was decided that the new roof

and HVAC would prohibit any other changes because of the 50 percent FEMA rule. The current property value of the property is approximately \$737,000 and the allowed improvements could not exceed \$368,500 in five years. Therefore, by postponing the improvements it allows us to put the funds in the ending balance (reserves) and have a complete evaluation of the options required for our "Center for Life."

Second, this year's project to maintain and clean the Sanibel River was sent for competitive bid and only one was submitted by Canoe Adventures, Inc. This happens to be operated by a person who coincidentally served as a council member several decades ago. I am not aware of any link between Mr. (Mike) Westfall's past volunteer public service and this competitively awarded contract. The process was advertised for all bidders and only one was received. It is extremely disheartening to have an uninformed member of the public question the entire council's ethics.

However, I would suggest that people perform their due diligence and all care is taken before making a slanderous statement.

Third, the decision to build a new recreation center was put to a public referendum and was voted by the citizens of Sanibel by over 70 percent. While it is unfortunate that a citizen cannot embrace the will of the people, Mr. Shepherd is certainly entitled to his opinion and disagree with over 70 percent of the voters of this community who overwhelmingly approved the construction of our recreation center.

However, as one of your elected rep-

resentatives, this City Council has a proven record of fulfilling the will of our citizens with the financial prudence as our top priority.

Additionally, to reiterate, we allocated \$300,000 to redeem 2036 and 2035 Recreation bonds in 2016 and will continue to accelerate early redemption as the bonds allow.

Lastly, as a proud member of a City Council that has been intensely focused on the financial affairs of the City of Sanibel, our commitment has been to reduce fixed costs, accelerate debt reduction, and protect and increase reserves. As I look back on my six budget cycles on council we have stayed focused on our goals — we have reduced overall fixed expenses by over 25 percent, payment of over \$20 million of debt (including \$9 million accelerated Debt Retirement and \$5 million in pension liabilities), and increased reserves with property values declining almost 22 percent during that period.

My wish is that other cities, states and the federal government could demonstrate the same fiscal prudence that Sanibel has of cutting taxes, accelerating debt reduction, protecting reserves and balancing a budget annually on a consistent basis.

While I always appreciate our citizens' comments regarding our financial affairs, it is only appropriate that the facts be reflected accordingly.

Kevin Ruane
Sanibel Mayor

Senior Center is a priority

To the editor:

In regard to Elton Shepherd's letter "Replace Senior Center," I'm not sure I understand why Mr. Shepherd is bringing this up at this time when it would seem that these concerns should have been addressed at one of the many hearings our City Council has held on the budget.

These meetings/discussions are not secret, everyone is welcome and anyone who wants to be heard has an opportunity each time they meet.

As for the Senior Center, I seriously doubt that building could be demolished and replaced for the \$490,000 Mr. Shepherd cites. I don't doubt that the money allocated by the Council for necessary repairs to the Senior Center was given serious consideration and was well thought out before the final decisions were reached for the present time.

It's obvious that we need to meet the current needs and think of how this building is evolving. The use of the Senior Center doesn't stay static and much has to be considered about its necessary requirements. This is a very important facility on Sanibel — a home-away-from-home for hundreds with dozens of interesting and fun programs, extremely well run, and at no time should anyone think it's not a priority.

Yolande Welch
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Planning From page 11

as additional vegetation buffer for the affected residences, installing larger trees, reducing sidewalk and hard surfaces and using smaller residential size dual compressor units made by Trane. Constructing sound abating fences or walls might not be a solution because of restrictions.

Though the church's request to add two A/C units, for a total of seven, still meets the city standard for noise level, neighbors in the adjoining area known as Island Woods are not satisfied.

"The natural vegetation barrier is now gone because of land clearing for the construction," said resident Kurt Harjung. "It protected us from the noise made by Jerry's Supermarket's cooling towers. We, the residents, added a vegetation barrier at our expense. This (church) is the most ambitious project on Sanibel in 20 years and it's right next to a residential area. It's now a big open area."

Neighbor Mark Mathusa spoke the harshest words for the project.

"My house is the closest to the church," said Mathusa. "They (church) knew going in there would be a problem with five air conditioners and they did nothing. Instead, they added two units and now they are hiding behind decibels. They have no will to get this done."

"You know the sad part is this has gone from a sound



The entrance to Bailey's Center located on Periwinkle Way adjacent to George & Wendy's has been closed since it no longer meets city code. The center is moving the entry drive east on Periwinkle and modifying much of its parking lot.

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issue to being personal, but we are not going to go away on this issue."

Commissioners kicked around the idea of reading decibel levels of the sound coming from Jerry's, or tabling the application to a later date, and even adding a condition to approval of the application for 30 or 60 days.

"I did hundreds of sound studies at a military base in Vietnam when I was there," said commissioner Dr. Phillip Marks. "Anything under 50 db is considered quiet. I moved here 10 years ago and I noticed a sense of harmony in the community, but there's a lot of emotion here, lots of hard feelings."

Commissioner Chuck Kettelman made and modified his motion to approve the application while recommending that the planning department try to work with the church and neighbors on finding solutions to the noise.

"We have rules and when the church meets those rules it is hard to say no," said Kettelman.

No data is available, from either residents or city officials, of what the ambient noise levels were before the church began to clear the vegetation from the 8.1-acre parcel to construct its new 10,000 square-foot sanctuary, office and Family Life Center. The city and church sound level readings were taken at the property line, 160-feet from the A/C units, but none have been taken at the affected residences, even by the residents.

"While I am sympathetic to the complaints of the resi-

dents, we in government will never be able to legislate good will between sides," said commissioner Chris Heidrick.

With the application meeting city standards, and despite empathy for the residents, commissioners approved the application.

"They (church) got what they wanted," Mathusa said afterward. "We got nothing."

Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane stepped in and offered a meeting between himself, City Manager Judith Zimomra, planning director James Jordan, the church and the residents to come up with solutions or appeals through the process.

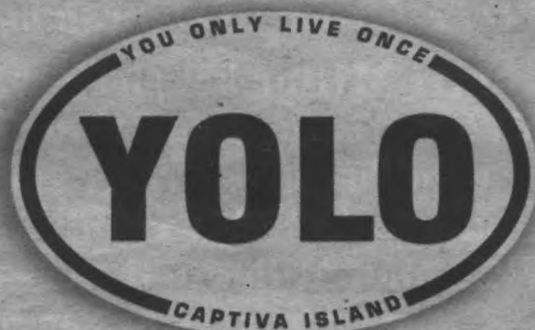
"In the interest of the community," said Ruane, adding, "I fought government from your side before I joined government. The way I did it was by doing research and with my own data."

In another matter, at staff request, a conditional use permit application for a new dine-in and carryout donut, coffee and sandwich shop with 40 indoor seats proposed for 1020 Periwinkle Way was postponed to the next Planning Commission meeting on Oct. 23.

Public works From page 11

Williams will be overseeing the city's utility department and water services as well as continuing to provide the island with safe, well maintained roads, shared use paths, parks and public beach accesses.

Williams and his wife, Tiffany, have three sons ages 8, 5 and 2.



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Community House hosts family trick-or-treat

Special to the Reporter

There will be no way to count how many island and vacationing families will play carnival games and enjoy a hay ride, but Sanibel Community Association volunteer Salli Kirkland estimates there will be 350 to 400 children and their families, event volunteers and folks that just want to see a bunch of kids having fun and wearing clever costumes.

It all happens at the Community House 5 to 7 p.m. on Halloween night,

Wednesday, Oct. 31. Admission is just one bag of Trick-or-Treat candy.

Kirkland and her daughter Vanessa Flynt originated the idea and have been the carnival event planners since 2000. Designed as a Halloween Trick-or-Treat spot for the entire family, this year's carnival offers 18 games with plenty of candy, a prize booth, dining area serving \$2 meals, and a hay ride that includes a trip to the theatre across the street. They hope to continue the retro photo booth and

claw machine that were added attractions last year.

Kirkland says the event is a success because of our unique community and businesses that continually donate money and supplies to support the event and the volunteer spirit. More than 50 volunteers are needed to help with planning, decorating, attending games and food booths, distributing prizes and cleanup after the event.

"We still need volunteers, and I guar-

antee a fun night and a chance to wear your favorite costume," says Kirkland.

Adults and middle to high school children are encouraged to call (472-2155) the Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, to sign up. School community service hours will be awarded.

The initial goal for the event was to provide a safe and well lit place for young children, families and island vacationers to experience Halloween.

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Pilot project connects kids to wildlife

By ANDREA GALABINSKI

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Are ducks actually interesting? Are flamingos really from Florida?

The answers are 1) yes and 2) no. You'd have no trouble with the answers if you attended recent classes at Patriot Elementary School in Cape Coral with "Ranger Becky" and "Mr. Lyons."

Through next week, more than 600 students in six school days will have taken part in a pilot project called "Art Through Science" and engaged in the world of wildlife at Patriot Elementary School.

"It is a pilot project with J.N. 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, combining numerous disciplines of education," said Patriot resource teacher Linda Grant. "Every student at our school has been engaged in this lesson. Everyone is on task, working and learning, among other things, about keeping our nation green, and respecting the environment."

The project is spearheaded through the school's art classes, and art teacher Chad Lyons. He holds the distinction of being Lee County's longest employed art teacher.

"This is my 40th year teaching art," he said.

His classroom is the focus for presentations by Ranger Becky Wolff, Florida Fish and Wildlife Service, Ding Darling. It is part of the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program, where "Ranger Becky" captivates kids with her presentation on ducks, and all types of wildlife and more.

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program itself is a



J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge ranger Becky Wolff talks about the history Duck Stamps with a group of Patriot Elementary fifth-graders.

MICHAEL PISTELLA

national dynamic arts and science curriculum that teaches wetlands and waterfowl conservation to students in kindergarten through high school. The program and its teachers incorporate scientific and wildlife management principles into a visual arts curriculum, with participants completing a JDS design as their visual "term papers."

Patriot Elementary took it a step further, including every student in the lessons and activities.

Dr. Ruthie Lohmeyer of Lee County School District's Parent Assistance Center observed several of the classes.

"What I'm observing is how Ranger Becky is integrating all of the disciplines into the art program," she said. "That includes history, math, social studies and more. What I also appreciate is what she has brought up — the importance of wildlife in the state of Florida."

Lohmeyer is a former principal at both the elementary and middle school levels.

"All of my students would have loved a program like this. And you never know how this will stimulate a career path for a student, and they are having a great time," she said.

A great time indeed. Ranger Becky's engaging personality keeps them interested and again engaged.

"I liked this a lot, and I learned a lot about animals and ducks," said Breeze Perez, 10.

One thing that was her favorite was feeling duck feathers Ranger Becky brought to the class.

Anna Costa, 10, said she also really liked the lessons.

"We got to see birds and learned how their body's protect their wings, and how to draw a duck," she said. "I also learned about types of birds that aren't from here (Florida)."

When question-and-answer time came, most students' hands went up.

"That's my 'light bulb moment,'" said Wolff. "That's when a question comes up. I describe the answer, and a light bulb goes off when they understand it."

She has a teaching degree from Ohio State, so she combines her knowledge of wildlife with knowledge of teaching. Of the Duck Stamp Project, she said, "It was started 20 years ago by an art teacher in Sanibel, Jaye Boswell. She noted that Ding Darling was the 'Father of the Duck Stamp.'"

Her lessons lead up to the final art project. "Where we go from here is at their next art meeting, I will take them step-by-step through the process of designing the stamp," said Lyons. "We'll do drawings of specific ducks and then we will go into landscaping, painting, watercolor and how to produce a piece of artwork."

The students then have time to finish their designs for the March 2013 contest deadline.

"What this project does is help with our environment, integrate art and the environment, and it brings in vocabulary, science, conservation and how we can help. It teaches the child to take care of the environment," said Lyons.

He said his students are very enthusiastic about the project and entering the final contest.

"What's nice about this contest is that any child who enters will receive something," he said. "That may be a certificate or a ribbon."

"It also enhances the art program, a prime example of why art in the schools is so valuable, such an intricate part of education."

Final stop



Workers with Flint & Doyle Structural Movers remove the transportation wheels and replace them with wood blocks at the permanent site for the Shore Haven house that was moved to the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village last week.

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'Everglades Adventure U' offers fishing, fun for women

Special to the Reporter

Are you ready to go on an adventure while learning the ins and outs of Florida fishing? Why not attend "Everglades Adventure University" this month?

Attendees at the "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" Everglades Adventure University will learn the basics of fishing in Florida waters, from how to tie the perfect knot to the best catch-and-release methods.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) educators will demonstrate ethical angler habits, such as safe hook removal, release techniques, fish venting and more. Local fishing guides will provide instruction on fishing techniques and methods before attendees try out their newly acquired skills by taking a fishing trip. Inshore and offshore trips include going out on a group boat, and a back-country boat or kayak fishing.

"This is a great 'out-there' fishing adventure, where women can learn and go fishing in an amazing area they might not visit on their own," said Ladies, Let's Go Fishing! founder Betty Bauman.

Everglades Adventure University is the weekend of Oct. 13-14 at Port of the Islands Everglades Adventure Resort in Naples. Attendees can also opt to take an excursion into the Everglades Oct. 12. Excursion opportunities include a swamp buggy ride, airboat tour, sunset cruise and dinner in Everglades City.

Everglades Adventure University and all Ladies, Let's Go Fishing! events are held in conjunction with the FWC through the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

To learn more, visit ladiesletsgofishing.com or call 954-475-9068.

Lions announce 2012-13 free health screenings

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club will again provide free screenings for glaucoma, diabetes, blood pressure and hearing October thru April. These screenings assess the most insidious problems — those for which people may be totally unaware and may create irreversible damage.

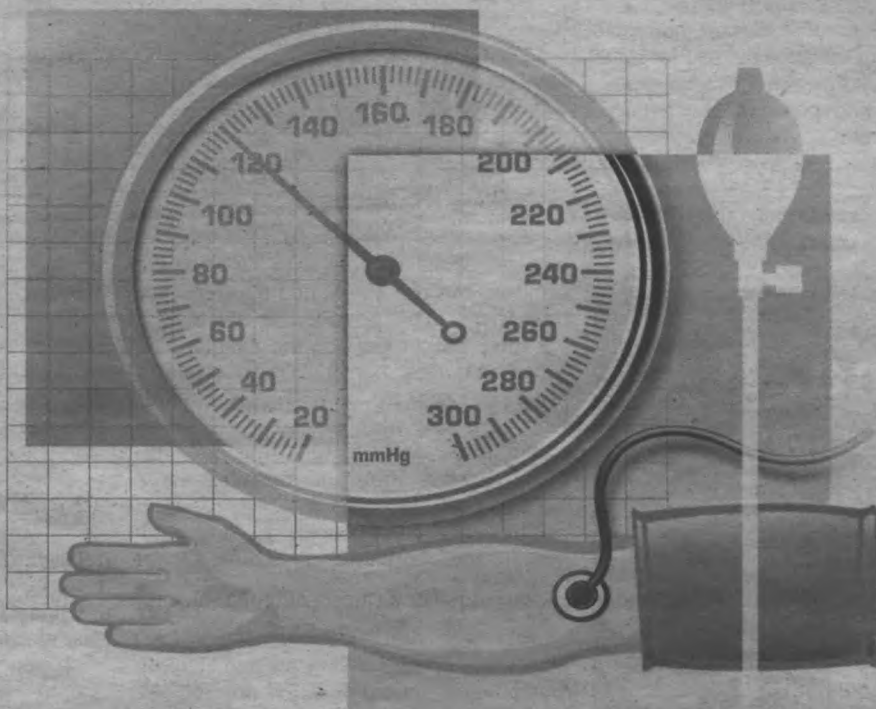
All screens will take place at the Sanibel Recreation Center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and are open to members and non-members alike.

The days and dates are:

■ 2012 — Mon. Oct 22; Fri. Nov 16; Sat. Dec 15.

■ 2013 — Fri. Jan 11; Mon. Jan 28; Wed. Feb 6; Tues. Feb 26; Mon. March 11; Thurs. March 21; Mon. April 15.

For questions please call Tom Rothman at 395-3248.



Party series coming to Community House

Special to the Reporter

Anyone looking for new ways to have fun this season will be happy to know there's something fresh on the Sanibel entertainment scene this year.

The Sanibel Community House has announced it will host a series of five unique "house parties" from October through April. Each party will feature a distinctive theme, with special music, dancing, entertainment activities, food items and beverages to match the theme. Each party features not only SCA, but another Island nonprofit beneficiary as well.

The lineup includes: the Zombie House Party on Oct. 19; Honky Tonk House Party on Nov. 10; a

Wedding in the House on Feb. 22; the Swamp House Party on March 15; and the House of Soul and R&B on April 13.

The Zombie party, for example, gets a jump on Halloween, as the widely-popular Zombie theme comes to Sanibel. Party-goers can wear Zombie garb & makeup, or just come as you are and laugh at the others.

Food at the house parties include snacks, served "tapas style" to allow parties to mingle, move around and focus on the entertainment. Alcoholic beverages are available by donation. Admission is just \$20 per person for individual events, or \$100 for the entire series (series buyers receive five free drink tickets).

Community House volunteer Nicole Decker, who has coordinated plans for the party series, said her goal has been to get creative and innovative.

"We felt it was time to do something fresh that would crank up the excitement level a bit," she said. "Fortunately, there are some great musical and entertainment resources here in Southwest Florida that we've been able to tap for these events."

The new House Party series is also an effort to provide activities of interest to the broad community.

Those interested in attending the House Parties should contact the Community House at 472-2155 to make their prepaid reservation.

Sanibel Rec selling beach parking permits

Special to the Reporter

Sanibel residents and property owners can purchase their 2013 Sanibel Beach Parking Permits starting on Monday, Oct. 15, at the Sanibel Recreation Center seven days a week during operating hours.

Permits no longer will be sold at the Sanibel Police Department.

To qualify for any beach parking permit, residents must show a valid vehicle registration for each vehicle and a valid state issued identification or driver's license showing a Sanibel address or proof of Sanibel property ownership. Payment can be made via cash, check or credit card.

Valid through Nov. 30, 2013, permits fees are:

A, resident property owner \$12; B, non-resident permit \$90; C, restricted permit \$90; A/C, resident permit \$102; B/C, non-resident permit \$180; decal transfer or reissue fee \$3; general parking meter rate, \$2 per hour or any fraction;



general parking, \$2 per hour or C permit required for parking at Gulfside City Park (Algier's), boat ramp and the Causeway parking lots.

"A" permit parking only at beach access lots 1 through 7 on West Gulf Drive.

The Sanibel Recreation Center, 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road, is open Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m.

City taking applications for Planning Commission

The City of Sanibel is currently accepting applications for the Planning Commission.

Any resident wishing to apply for a commission seat must fill out a City Council Advisory Committee Application form. Applications are available at City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, by calling (239) 472-3700.

The deadline for submission is Thursday, Nov. 1.

Lighthouse Assoc. to visit Sanibel

Special to the Reporter

On Oct. 26-27, the Florida Lighthouse Association (FLA) will hold its annual meeting at the Sanibel Community Center.

The mission of the FLA is to preserve, protect and restore the 30 remaining historic lighthouses of Florida so they can be enjoyed by future generations. Over the past year, FLA has given more than \$100,000 in grants to Florida lighthouses for preservation and restoration projects.

The Sanibel Lighthouse will be open on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. for FLA members to climb. Due to insurance requirements anyone who wants to climb the Lighthouse must join FLA and attend the meeting on Oct. 27.

Anyone interested should go to floralighthouses.org and join FLA and register for the event. The deadline for registering is Oct. 17.



Island Democrats meet to get out the vote

Special to the Reporter

The Democratic Club of the Islands will focus on getting out the vote at their Thursday, Oct. 18, meeting at the Sanibel Public Library. Attendees are urged to bring their cell phones at 5 p.m. to make calls for President Obama's re-election.

The main meeting begins at 7 p.m. and will focus on informing yourself and others. The club suggests folks bring a sample ballot, so they can learn important issues on which they will be voting. Amendments to the Constitution as well as Supreme Court Justices will be discussed in detail with opportunities to ask questions about the ballot.

Other get-out-the-vote activities will be available for everyone wishing to make a difference in the last days before the election on Nov. 6.

The Democratic Club of the Islands invites all interested islanders as well as any others who are willing to lend their voices and efforts to re-elect President Barack Obama, to take advantage of this last Sanibel-Captiva opportunity to make a difference in the outcome of the election.

Phone banking will be from 5-6:30 p.m., and the informational part of the meeting begins at 7 in Room 4 of the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. The meeting is free and open to the public. Contact the Democratic Club of the Islands, demclubislands@gmail.com or call 395-9078

for more information or to learn how you can participate.



Kiwanis donates to Sanibel School, FISH

Submitted by Eric Pfeifer

The Kiwanis bragging rights were on the line this week while handing out Happy Dollars for the big football wins over the weekend. Jay Richter (Florida State) and Bob Wimbush (Northwestern) were unusually silent and not reaching for their wallets.

Doug Congress didn't say a word about his Gators fearing their 5-0 record might be somewhat of a fluke. Doug said, "I just always get nervous about playing Vanderbilt (this weekend), so I don't want to say anything yet."

At our weekly breakfast meeting, we were proud to hand out two checks to groups very near and dear to our heart. As stated by Kiwanis International, "Kiwanis

is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child, and one community, at a time."

So it was very poignant to be able to present a check to the Sanibel School for \$12,000. Barbara von Harten graciously accepted our check and thanked us for our continued support over the years. The funds will be used to support the programs which made the Sanibel School the number one school in the state out of Florida's 3,078 public schools. Alan Marcus stood extremely tall and proud as he handed Barbara the check.

Of equal importance to our club is our continued support of F.I.S.H., Friends In Service Here, of Sanibel. Bill Fellows joined us for breakfast so he could accept



Barbara von Harten of Sanibel School accepts a donation of \$12,000 from Alan Marcus of the Sanibel Kiwanis Club.

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our donation and update us on the progress of F.I.S.H. While many people think there can't possibly be much need for food and support on the islands, Bill stated that they helped 578 households last year. There are currently 125 families who need help on a regular basis. Help comes in the form of food, medical supplies, transportation and financial assistance.

Not only do we pride ourselves on helping the community, but three of our members and one spouse are board members of F.I.S.H. Bill said they work very closely with other local assistance programs like Friends Who Care and Helping Hands, and they currently provide 42 backpacks of food for local kids who

might otherwise go hungry after they leave school.

If you would like to provide additional help, these 42 backpacks do not cover all of the kids who need supplemental food. To learn more about how you can help, please visit their website at <http://fishof-sanibel.com>

Also, don't forget about the F.I.S.H. 10K run this Saturday on Oct. 13. It is a great community event to support those local families who could use a little help right now. Just don't run over the parking attendants when you show up in the dark that morning!

If you would like to help out our community and feel you could endure the breakfast of champions with us, please feel free to join us at the Dunes every Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. We are looking for a few more people who know how to cook spaghetti, light candles and park cars. There is a short six-week training course and a very easy test to see if you have what it takes to call yourself a Kiwanian. We look forward to seeing you.

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Locals keeping an eye out for signs of red tide

While fishing was mostly consistent throughout our waters, there were also reports of the possibility of deadly red tide looming off-shore.

Inshore, trout continue to bite in northern Matlacha Pass, Charlotte Harbor's eastern shore and throughout Pine Island Sound, from the power lines north. Fish are averaging 13 to 17 inches with large fish mixed in. The best bet is to look for the clearest water you can find in 3 to 6-foot depths over grassy areas and a good tide flow. Drift fishing while casting a host of artificial lures or fishing live baits under popping corks is working well. Ladyfish, jack crevalle and Spanish mackerel were also reported in good numbers over the trout grounds.

Speaking of mackerel, they were caught around the Sanibel Causeway and pier at the southern end and throughout Charlotte Harbor to the north, and in the sound near the passes. Most are averaging 16 to 22



Capt. Bill Russell

On the Water

inches and were often located by watching for birds.

Fishing from the beach on Sanibel and Captiva was very productive for a wide variety of fish including trout, mackerel, jacks, bluefish, pompano, sheepshead, flounder, redfish and snook. Schools of small baitfish are working down the shore in the surf with a host of predators on their heels. Small silver Diamond Spoons worked great for many of the fish while live shrimp and shrimp tipped pompano jigs was a better option for others.

Offshore, there were some reports of decent fishing but also some bad news of dead fish floating, presumably from red tide. Good news first: Spanish mackerel were found busting up bait schools anywhere from a mile off the beaches out to 15 miles, plus a few king mackerel were also reported. Red grouper, lane snapper and grunts were caught southwest of Sanibel in 60 to 75-foot



Look for the larger trout around oyster bars. 14-year-old Sean Smith boated this fat 22-inch trout off an oyster bar near Patricio Island. It was caught on the falling tide with live bait while fishing with Capt. Bill Russell.

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depths over live coral bottom. Farther north in about the same depth, gag grouper were found over limestone ledge bottom along with a few big mangrove snapper.

Most of the boats running offshore reported concentrations of dead fish floating out to 30 miles. Sighted fish included smaller red grouper, grunts, pinfish and others. The affected areas were patchy with some grounds yielding a good bite and other areas not productive at all.

Not sure if there is any correlation between the fish kill offshore and the huge

amounts of water dumped from Lake Okeechobee through the Caloosahatchee River, but it seems like red tide appears in our area far too often after huge amounts of water are released. Let's hope it's not too bad, stays off the coast and fades away quickly.

If you have a fishing report or for charter information, please contact us at: 239-283-7960, www.fishpineisland.com or got2fish@live.com.

Have a safe week and good fishin'.

8-ball league resumes Oct. 22

Special to the Reporter

The Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League will start its 21-week season on Monday, Oct. 22. This year the League will have eight teams playing two shifts on the two tables at American Legion Post 123.

Now in its sixth year, the league has had more than 100-shooters compete in League matches.

Play starts at 5 p.m. with four players from each team playing four matches. The season ends on Monday, March 25. On the following Monday night a blind draw tournament for league play-

ers will be run at the Legion Post. This event is followed by an awards banquet at the Legion.

League teams this year are: Odd Balls - captain Kip Buntrock; Sanibel Cafe - captain Richard McCurry; Fresh Legion Crew - captain Gator Gates; Bathroom Magic - captain Dennis Bender; Bunt's Ball Busters - captain Bob Buntrock; Deep Pockets - captain Tom Schaner; Island Lifers - captain Connie Martin; and Sandycappers - captain Kevin Pottorf.

Last year's champions, Bathroom Magic, are back to defend their title. Three-time league winners, Bunt's Ball

Busters, look to regain the title that slipped away in the final match last season.

The Odd Balls, first-year champions, are attempting to recruit some super shooters to again contend for the league crown. The remaining teams have dreams of a league championship and have been practicing all summer to achieve the goal.

Spectators are welcome at all the matches and if you want to get in on the action call league organizer Bob Buntrock at 887-2704 or e-mail him at bobbuntrock@comcast.net.

New golf book for the mind game

By MEGHAN McCOY

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A book that was in the works for two years is finally available to purchase for golfers who are looking for mental and emotional tools to enhance their game.

Don Lay, a St. James City resident and former touring and teaching tennis professional, said his friend, Tracy Hanlon, who lives in West Palm, introduced him to Dr. Preston Waddington after he showed interest in writing a book. He said Waddington had a book to write, but did not have the time to write it himself.

"So that's where I came in," Lay said. Waddington, a private practice psychoanalyst provides help to top athletes — golfers — to increase their performance under pressure, therefore helping them reach their full potential.

"This is a book for golfers, all golfers," Waddington said in a prepared statement. "Playing golf correctly means playing

golf with a cohesive sense of self, which is elevating, enriching and positive."

Although Lay has written articles for magazines, along with screenplays, this is his first attempt at a book. He said the experience was different because he wrote other people's words.

"It was interesting to take what he gave me in terms of interviews," Lay said.

In addition, the book writing process was an adventure because Waddington and Lay published the book themselves through CreateSpace.

"We had total control over it," he said. "It's a really great project, love the cover and the illustrations look great."

He described the book to be different than the average golf book.

"It's not about golf, but the average golfer," Lay said. "There are no swing instructions, it's all about what is going on inside of you. We are working on the inside of people, what they are thinking

and feeling."

"The Now Golfer," he said, provides management techniques on how to change thinking and deal with emotions in high stressful situations in the last few rounds of a tournament.

Time is another topic throughout the book.

"He likes to teach people the perception of time," Lay said, which includes the past and the now.

While writing the book, Lay said he learned a tremendous amount of information, which includes the perception of time, stress, relationship with time and how to deal with your own mind. He said the book demonstrates different ways for individuals to see themselves in a different light, which is uplifting, beneficial and enriching.

Everblades sweep preseason matches

Special to the Reporter

The Florida Everblades prepared for the start of the new ECHL season this weekend by winning both exhibition games with the Orlando Solar Bears last weekend at Germain Arena.

The Blades prevailed 6-3 in the first meeting and capped that with a 5-1 win in the second.

Mathieu Roy and David Rutherford scored first-period goals to put the Blades in front for good in the finale on Saturday.

Matt Marquardt scored two goals, both assisted by Brandon MacLean, and Trevor Bruess tacked on another to finish the Blades scoring.

Blades goaltender Rob Madore stopped 23 of 24 shots.

Rutherford and Corey Trivino each scored two goals in the first preseason win. Aaron Bogosian and MacLean also scored goals for the Blades. MacLean also had three assists in the game. Taylor Ellington added two assists.

Goaltender Pat Nagle stopped 29 of 32 shots.

The Everblades make their regular season debut at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Germain Arena, once again hosting the Solar Bears. The team will raise its first Kelly Cup championship banner prior to the game while the first 2,500 fans each receive a mini banner souvenir.

Season opening weekend continues with a second game at 7 p.m. Saturday night.

The book also includes illustrations from Jennifer Holloway, a St. James City resident.

"The Now Golfer" is divided into various chapters, Lay said, so it could be used as a reference book.

The book can be purchased on Amazon.com and www.nowgolfer.com.

Lay said it also is available on Kindle within the next few weeks, as well as stores in the next month.

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October 12 vs. Orlando 7:30 p.m.	October 13 vs. Orlando 7:00 p.m.	October 19 vs. Orlando 7:30 p.m.	
October 20 at Orlando 7:00 p.m.	October 24 vs. South Carolina 7:30 p.m.	October 26 vs. South Carolina 7:30 p.m.	October 27 vs. Greenville 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 3 at Greenville 10:00 a.m.	Nov. 4 at Greenville 4:00 p.m.	Nov. 7 vs. Elmira 7:30 p.m.	Nov. 9 vs. Elmira 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10 vs. Gwinnett 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 15 at Greenville 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 16 at South Carolina 7:05 p.m.	Nov. 17 at South Carolina 7:05 p.m.



Sanibel Rec Center Calendar

New schedule starts Oct. 1

Monday Hours 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

- 7:00 a.m. 50/50 Cardio-Sculpt
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Hi-Low Aerobics
- 10:30 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 p.m. Slow Flow Yoga
- 5:30 p.m. Bosu Pilates
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba

Tuesday Hours 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

- 7:00 a.m. Flow Yoga
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Power Sculpting
- 10:30 a.m. Water Pilates
- 12:00 p.m. Zumba
- 4:00 p.m. Ball Core Strength
- 5:30 p.m. Cycle Zone

Wednesday Hours 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

- 7:00 a.m. 50/50 Cardio-Sculpt
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone Flex
- 9:00 a.m. Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Zumba
- 10:30 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 p.m. Flow Yoga
- 5:30 p.m. Restorative Yoga
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba

Thursday Hours 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

- 7:00 a.m. Flow Yoga

- 7:00 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Aqua Jogging
- 10:00 a.m. Power Sculpting
- 10:30 a.m. Water Pilates
- 12:00 p.m. Aquaritis
- 12:00 p.m. Zumba
- 5:30 p.m. Bosu, Ball and Strength

Friday Hours

6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

- 7:00 a.m. 50/50 Cardio-Sculpt
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Hi-Low Aerobics
- 10:30 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 p.m. Slow Flow Yoga

Saturday Hours 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Power Sculpting
- 12:00 p.m. Power Yoga

Sunday Hours Noon-5 p.m.

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Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly and annual memberships are available. For more information call the Sanibel Recreation Center at (239) 472-0345 or visit our web site at www.mysanibel.com

Light winds greet Summerset Regatta

Special to the Reporter

The Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society (CMCS) sponsored its 47th annual Summerset Regatta on Oct. 6-7 in the Gulf of Mexico off of Fort Myers Beach.

The weather was perfect for a regatta with easterly breezes off the beach and calm seas. Unfortunately, light winds in the afternoon limited the number of races, but two races were held over the two-day period.

More than 150 sailors from Charlotte Harbor to Naples competed in seven classes on 32 boats, making it one of the biggest regattas in the Fort Myers Area. Proceeds from this regatta will be used to benefit youth sailing.

Regatta Results

Multi-Hull Division: 1. Triumph (Erik Sorenen).

Spinnaker Division A: 2. Macushla (Joel Andrews), 2. Midnite Rider (Forrest Banks); 3. Foreign Exchange (Gunar Rogat).

Spinnaker Division B: 1. T Bone (Jason Richards), 2. Full Tilt (Eric Milbrandt), 3. Soulshine (Paul Robbins).

Non-Spinnaker Division A: 1. Fancy Free (Jerry Poquette), 2. Air Supply (Steve Romaine), 3. Nurdle (John Churchill).

Non-Spinnaker Division B: 1. Wicked Wicked Ways (Roger Horton), 2. Bentley (Tom Horner), 3. After You (Gary Blessing).

True Cruising Division A: 1. Vixen (Brock Johnson), 2. Jolly Mon (David Naumann), 3. Panache (Dayton Doray).

True Cruising Division B: 1. Windy City (Diane Fowler), 2. Winward (Bobby Lee), 3. Barefeet (Bill Meisenheimer).

The racing program is open to members and non-members alike.

For more information on CMCS and the Summerset Regatta and its sailboat racing program visit www.SummersetRegatta.org.



ISLAND FACES

Stars Shine at Celebrity Island Dinner

By SHANNEN HAYES
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The stars were out at Traders Cafe & Store last Wednesday night to help raise money for the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. There were a group of prominent island celebrities who came dressed in a variety of entertaining costumes ranging from Ginger of Gilligan's Island to a fashionable jellyfish and carnival worker.

Local businesses donated gift baskets

for a silent auction and higher-priced items including a sterling-silver necklace from Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery were auctioned off by auctioneer Jon Finstrom. A total of \$5,800 was raised for the shell museum.

"It was again a very successful event, thanks to the great support from the dedicated celebrity waiters and waitresses, Joe Archambault and the staff at Traders, our sponsors, and auctioneer, among others,"

said Bailey-Matthews Director Dr. Jose Leal.

Attendees were greeted by the Traders and shell museum staff. After cocktail hour, guests were seated for a unique dining experience. As the celebrity waiters worked with Traders' professional staff, some of them carried baskets seeking tips for service provided during the evening. While other celebrities solicited donations through carnival games and grinding pep-

per for guests.

Chris Workman, a local island favorite, provided the evening's entertainment.

"The museum's Celebrity Island Dinner, more than a fund-raiser, is a special event designed to bring together members of our community and raise awareness of the museum," said Leal. "I am elated and very pleased with the results."



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KOERNER
The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum hosted its Celebrity Island Dinner at Traders restaurant.



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KOERNER
Krista Fogelsong, co-anchor at NBC-2.



Anne Joffe.

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Jim Konig plays ring-a-bat game with Mark Blust.



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KOERNER
Celebrity waiters Karen Bell, left, Anne Joffe, Krista Fogelsong, Clay Miller with shell museum Director Dr. Jose Leal.



Dan Schuyler.

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Dr. Jose Leal, Director of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum was busy greeting guests and snapping photos.

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Celebrity waiter, Chief Danny Duncan, jokes around with Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Board of Trustees President Clair Beckman.



PHOTO BY CAROL ORR HARTMAN
Two generations of Ridlehoovers support Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum - Ed and Lynn Ridlehoover, Carolyn and Jonathan Tongyai.



PHOTO BY CAROL ORR HARTMAN
Diane Thomas, Karen Bell, Jennifer Hoert, and John Suau cheerfully registered guests at the beginning of the evening.



Jon Finstrom escorted the Gorgeous Grecian Goddess, Sandy Stilwell.

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PHOTO BY CAROL ORR HARTMAN
Mary Bondurant and Dan Schuyler ham it up for the Shell Museum cause.



PHOTO BY CAROL ORR HARTMAN
Dr. Jose Leal, Director of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum takes a moment to speak with John Suau, Public Relations and Marketing Director for the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.



PHOTO BY CAROL ORR HARTMAN
Blanaid Colley and Jeremy Kane, and Bill and Virginia Fellows came together to the event. The girls were showing off their red purses.



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Girlfriends Lynne Campian, Nancy Bender and Lynn Ridlehoover are active on many organizations together on the island.



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