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Francesco Attesti

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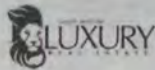
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Remember the expression "I'd like to be a fly on the wall?" That expression is another way of saying you'd like to pry into other people's lives and witness what no living being ever can.

But the reality of the situation is that being a fly isn't much fun. A fly is more interested in finding bread crumbs to eat than to gossip about what it had just seen. To be a fly on a wall that can wit-

ness truly private events no one else can isn't all it's made out to be.

Think of what you'd be giving up if you were a fly on the wall - life as we know it. If you were a fly you would be unable to have such human experiences as drunk driving, road rage, petty jealousies, breast enlargement, hair replacement, hip replacement, body rings, tattoos, hangover remedies and bargains at Noah's Ark.

As humans we occasionally stumble into situations we weren't meant to witness. If you were a fly on the wall witnessing someone's husband in bed with another woman there's not much you could do to exact revenge. Buzzing around the cheating husband's nose isn't exactly tit for tat.

But if you were the cheating husband's wife there's lots you can do if you catch him in bed with his fitness trainer.

While you're beating your husband into a helpless stupor with the ten pound weights he had just worked out with, the fitness trainer leaps out the third story window directly onto her waiting elliptical machine. Your husband's last conscious thought was that he wishes that you had been a fly on the wall instead of an avenging wife.

But we've never approached this from the point of view of a fly. Why do we assume that a fly would be interested in this husband's rendezvous with the fitness trainer? Are we assuming that a fly would take delight in witnessing events that no one else can?

Do you really want to be a fly on the wall? If you were, the last thing that would be of interest to you is seeing Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky doing their thing. All you'd be interested in is finding left over



Art Stevens

Shell Shocked

pizza on the Oval Office desk and then proceeding to the office of the White House chief of staff viewing pornographic movies from Iran to help identify prospective suicide bombers.

Frankly, if it were at all possible, I would rather be a tiny human being on the wall rather than a fly because I would be too microscopic to be seen and yet would be able to witness hair raising events. And the added bonus would be that as a human being I would grasp the meaning of those events far better than a fly. I'd like to be so tiny that I couldn't be observed and yet at the same time have all my faculties about me.

Imagine if I were a tiny human being on the wall when JFK met up with Marilyn Monroe. Maybe I would discover that Marilyn had an unusual fetish and insisted that JFK read her excerpts from the biography of Babe Ruth before she agreed to go further.

Or that President Reagan promised to get Russian premier Gorbachev a guest appearance on "Saturday Night Live." Or that Lance Armstrong coached Barry Bonds on how to pass random urine tests to detect Mallomars in his system. Or that Kim Kardashian and President Kim Jong-un of North Korea were secret lovers.

If I were on the wall and not a fly I would learn the truth about situations that are never revealed publicly. Yes, I would get to see a lot of sex but I'd also learn what public figures are really like as I flitted about in my tiny body onto bedroom walls.

But what if I flitted

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Inaugural Sanibel Fun Fest to kick off 2014 fundraising efforts for Community House

By **ROBBIE SPENCER**

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The Sanibel Community Association wanted to do something big this year, something for the whole family to join in on.

What they created could end up being one of the great fund-raising efforts of Sanibel's history with the Inaugural "Sanibel Fun Fest" at the Community House, which will be the weekend of Jan. 24-26.

The fun-filled weekend includes a special concert by Sanibel native and national recording artist Whitney Wolanin on Friday, a Saturday full of live entertainment, music, games, sand sculpture competition, food and drinks, a Polynesian Luau pig roast and Review, body painting contest, and a "Cool Wheels of the Island" car show on Sunday, among other events.

The SCA is the nonprofit organization that operates the Community House and, according to SCA President and Sanibel resident Tom Sharbaugh, the Board thought there was something missing on the calendar this year.

"There's no shortage of activities going on all through the season," Sharbaugh said. "The Community House does the Shell Fair, one of its major events, and it's been around over 75 years. Many other organizations have annual events run by people from CROW,

FISH, SCCF, to promote and raise funds for their organization."

While the Community House has a number of smaller fundraisers throughout the season, including last month's Holiday Mini-Golf, they didn't have a special event that would draw people from all walks of life.

"What seemed to be missing from that calendar, to us, was an event that could be more accurately called an all-family event that has things for younger people, kids, grandkids, as well as adults. We set out to be true to the original objective of the Community House when the SCA was formed, which was to be a resource for the entire community," Sharbaugh said.

The weekend will offer a number of events that appeals to all ages, starting with the concert with Whitney Wolanin.

"While her main audience is younger, her style is so broad, we think it'll be entertaining for everyone down here," Sharbaugh said.

Tickets for the concert are \$75, while VIP passes are \$200. The VIP pass includes admission to all of the weekend's events, including a Polynesian Luau-style pig roast on Saturday night, which would typically be \$50 for adults and \$25 for children. The VIP pass also provides guests with special seating to Wolanin's concert, as well as entrance to a pre-con-

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Fun Fest schedule of events

All festivities will be at the Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way

Friday, Jan. 24, 6 p.m.

- Whitney Wolanin in concert - VIP Reception, 6 p.m. - Concert, 7 p.m.
- Tickets, \$75
- VIP Tickets, \$200 (includes admission to all weekend events, special seating and pre-concert reception with Whitney)



National recording artist Whitney Wolanin

Saturday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Live entertainment on Outdoor Stage
- Music by Caribbean Chillers (Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band)
- Sanibel School Steel drum band
- Mermaid and Pirate Costume competition
- Sand Sculpture Display
- Kids' Games & Pirate Ship
- Local arts & crafts sale
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- Admission \$10/adults, \$5/children 6-12, Free/children 5 and under
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Saturday night, 6 to 9 p.m.

- Polynesian Luau and Review
- Polynesian music, pig roast dinner, family fun!
- Tickets \$50/adults, \$25/children 12 and under

Sunday, Jan. 26, noon to 4 p.m.

- Music by the Troublestarters
- "Cool Wheels of the Island" Car Show
- North American Body Painting Contest
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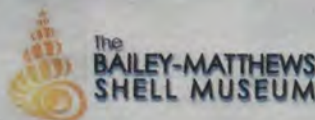
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Fun Fest 'Coolest Wheels' show invites Islanders to show off their treasured rides

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This month, owners of cool vehicles are invited to come out for a day and share them with the rest of us by participating in a vehicle show devoted to the Islands' "Coolest Wheels." The show will be held Sunday, Jan. 26 as part of Sanibel Fun Fest at the Community House. It's a chance for those who own these fascinating beauties to show them off to their fellow Islanders. And of course, it's also an opportunity for the rest of the island to get a better look at these mobile "works of art."

The Fun Fest "Coolest Wheels" show is open to all types of vehicles...cars, trucks & motorcycles, and open to all categories...classic, vintage, antique, exotic, custom, older muscle cars & hot rods.

Trophies will be awarded for excellence as determined by a certified Antique Automobile Club of America Senior Master judge, and also for the entry voted most popular. There is no entry fee, and those who display their vehicles will receive admission to all Sunday Fun Fest activities. Vehicle check-in and parking is from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Exhibition spaces are limited, so entrants are asked to call in advance to pre-register and reserve a spot. Call 472-2155 to enter.

Sunday's "Coolest Wheels" Show will cap off a weekend of activities at Sanibel Fun Fest. Sunday hours are Noon to 4 p.m. Other events that day will include: Music on the outdoor stage by The Troublestarters; A day-long exhibition of Body Painting Art,

with jury-awarded prizes for best designs; Judging and awards presentation for the Sand Sculpture Contest; and food and beverage concessions.

Fun Fest will kick off on Friday, Jan. 24 with a concert performance by Whitney Wolanin in the Community House auditorium. Showtime is 7 p.m., with a VIP "meet and greet" reception beginning at 6 p.m.

Daytime events on Saturday, Jan. 25 will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and include: Music on the outdoor stage by Caribbean Chillers, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band; performance by the Sanibel School Steel Drum Band; a Pirate and Mermaid Costume Contest for the kids; children's games, plus access to the Pieces of Eight Pirate Ship; local arts and crafts; and food and beverage

concessions.

On Saturday evening, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Community House will host a Polynesian Review Show and Luau, complete with Polynesian-style pig roast dinner. The show is family-friendly, so family groups with children are welcome.

For more information on this event or other SCA sponsored events, please visit us online at sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155. The Sanibel Community Association is a 501c 3 Organization whose mission is to enrich community spirit through educational, cultural and social gatherings in the historic Community House-the historical heart of Sanibel. The house relies solely on donations and fundraisers to keep it open for all.

Fun Fest From page 10

cert reception with Whitney.

Saturday kicks off interactive activities for all ages beginning at 10 a.m. Festivities include live entertainment and music from a Jimmy Buffet tribute band, a mermaid and pirate costume competition for the kids, a sand sculpture competition, kids' games and a pirate ship sponsored by Pieces of Eight pirate cruises, a local arts and crafts sale, and food and beverage concessions. According to Sharbaugh, the Sanibel School steel drum band will make an appearance as well on Saturday.

Sunday rounds out the weekend, start-

ing at noon, with music by the popular local band The Troublestarters, a special North American Body Painting Contest, and a classic car show.

All of these events are an effort to show Islanders just how important the historic Community House is to the islands and its caretakers.

"Everyone involved with the historic Community House believe they were given a sacred trust to safeguard the donated land and keep the house functioning for everyone," said Executive Director Teresa Riska-Hall.

Riska-Hall also mentioned volunteers

are always welcome, and more are needed for the weekend festivities. She also emphasized the importance of this fundraiser, as only 20 percent of the Community House's yearly budget comes from renting their facilities. The bulk of their budget comes directly from the community through donations and participation.

"This event is our primary fundraiser and we're counting on the generosity of both the locals as well as guests of our sanctuary island to purchase tickets, come out, and have a good time."

There's been an outpouring of support

from local businesses, as eight \$5,000 Gold Sponsors have already stepped forward. These include the Wilbur Smith Law Firm, Chico's, Suncoast Beverage, Sanctuary Golf Club, Times of the Island, John Grey Painting, Marge and Joe Meek, and the latest, the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

Many other sponsors have donated volunteers and funds to the Community House in an effort to make this their biggest fundraiser yet.

For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, call 472-2155 or visit sanibelcommunityhouse.net.

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ISLAND FACES

Island Jazz at Boler Garden

Sanibel's smoothest music-makers kicked off 2014 with their first free concert of the year at Boler Garden, the band Island Jazz. Hundreds turned up over an hour early to pull up their lawn chair and haggle for a good view. Some viewers had to line the sides of the garden and stand in the bushes just to get a look. The band will play every Sunday February through April, and possibly beyond, beginning at 3 p.m., rain or shine.

PHOTOS BY ROBBIE SPENCER



Hundreds of islanders turned up on Sunday, Jan. 5 to check out Island Jazz.



Gene Federico on guitar, Charlie Winkler on keyboard, and Bill Johns on guitar.



The view of Island Jazz, from the steps of Schein Performance Hall.



Spectators continued to show up in droves during the show, forced to post up along the wind path of Boler Garden.



Fred and Patricia Germann of Fort Myers came to see their friends from Island Jazz perform. Fred has performed in the past with several members of the band.



John Schiedo does his best B.B. King impression.



Band "denmother" Tom Cooley on the drums and band director/trumpeter Harry Reiner.



Robin Humphrey and Barbara Lawson of Sanibel stand and enjoy the smooth sounds of Island Jazz.

Watson MacRae Gallery welcomes artists from new exhibit

By **ROBBIE SPENCER**

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An array of contemporary fine art has made its way to the Watson MacRae Gallery this season.

In the first of several upcoming exhibits, the gallery has unveiled its latest, "The Fine Art of Contemporary Crafts II." The exhibit will be displayed through February 8 at the gallery, which is open Monday through



Anja Bartels with her porcelain, jellyfish-inspired creations.

ROBBIE SPENCER

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Two of the six displayed artists were on hand Wednesday, Jan. 8 for an "artist talk," a Watson MacRae tradition when unveiling new exhibits. Emerging artist Anja Bartels of Germany and longtime paper sculptor Akiko Sugiyama of Japan were the artists who joined excited guests the following morning to discuss their work. The talk followed an opening reception the night before.

Bartels completed a traditional three year apprenticeship in Germany with a master potter and received her journeyman ceramics degree from the German Chamber of Trade Crafts. She spoke at length of how much this experience meant to her preparation for being a traveling, professional artist.

"In school, you don't get to talk much with customers or learn what sells," Bartels said. "In Germany it's all about production, so it made me a lot faster with my work."

It also hampered her ability to freely create her own style, which she said began when she returned to the US following her apprenticeship. She is now an artist in residence at the Odyssey Center for the Ceramics Arts in Asheville, NC. This is Bartels' first gallery exhibition. Her expertise with porcelain and her love for the sea is displayed with her jellyfish, sea urchin, and starfish-inspired works of art.

Sugiyama is an accomplished sculptor using a rather unorthodox resource: paper. She creates complex and delicate sculptures as she rolls, twists, paints, textures, stripes, sews, wraps and spins the paper that she collects from all over the world. During the artist talk she spoke at length about her creative process and the piece of onion paper that changed her life.

"Originally I was a painter," Sugiyama said. "When I moved to the US, I saw all these amazing paintings and I thought, 'I'm not that good, how can I compete?'"



Bartels and Sugiyama with Gallery co-founder, Maureen Watson.

She recalled trying to throw a piece of paper she was painting on into her garbage can. She missed the can, and several days later came back to the receptacle, knelt down, and realized what she'd been missing.

"I noticed the interesting textures and the affect the paint had on the crumpled paper," she said. "It helped me find my identity as an artist."

Her abilities have made her a staple in several of the most prestigious crafts shows in the country, including the Smithsonian and the Philadelphia Museum. She has been honored with over 60 Best in Show Awards since 1984.

Other artists' work in the exhibit include Jason Bige Burnett, Melisa Cadell, Vicki Grant, Claire Prenton, and Maia Tsinamdzgrishvili.

The exhibit will be accessible at the Watson MacRae Gallery in the Village Shops until Feb. 8. For more information, visit watsonmacraegallery.com or call 472-3386.

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ISLAND HOME

FGCU Provost to discuss historic treasure find in lecture at the Shell Museum

Special to the Islander

Join The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum for a "Night at the Museum" Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 5:30 p.m. The Museum will host a presentation by Dr. Ronald B. Toll titled "Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea." The audience will be taken back in time to an 1857 hurricane-induced shipwreck. The S.S. Central America is known as one of the ten richest wrecks in the western Atlantic. Dr. Toll's lecture will include extensive deep-sea photography and videography related to the gold, artifacts, and historical lessons associated with one of the greatest adventures in maritime exploration. This special evening event costs \$10 and includes light snacks, beer, wine, and other refreshments.



Dr. Ronald Toll

The S.S. Central America came to rest on the ocean floor at a depth of 8,000 feet after sinking in a hurricane on the evening of Sept. 12, 1857. Encompassing the wonder of the discovery after years of searching and using the best technology of the day, this story of the recovery of the ship's gold, deep-sea science, and the pursuit of the American dream of finding lost treasure has captivated audiences around the world.

Presented by Dr. Ronald B. Toll, the senior biological oceanographer associated with the recovery expedition, this talk will explore the treasure, valued at \$300 million, and draw connections to the lives lost during the tragic sinking of the historic vessel, the legal ramifications of the find, and the impact of



PHOTO PROVIDED
A photo of some of the \$300 million in treasure found.

the expedition upon deep-sea biological research.

Dr. Ronald Toll is a native of New Jersey. He holds an AA degree in Biology from Union College in Cranford, New Jersey and a BA degree in Zoology from Rutgers University. He received his doctoral degree in Biological Oceanography from the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science of the University of Miami. Following a postdoctoral fellowship at

the Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, Dr. Toll's assumed his first faculty assignment at the University of the South in Tennessee. He held multiple administrative positions prior to joining the faculty at FGCU where he currently serves as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Toll has published over 35 peer-reviewed papers and monograph contributions in the area of marine invertebrates. His work has taken him from coastal studies on the barrier islands of Georgia to his participation as Associate Director of Adjunct Sciences for the S.S. Central America Project.

About The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road in Sanibel, Florida. Learn more about upcoming events by calling 395-2233 or visit shellmuseum.org.

Arts & Crafts Fair at the Center 4 Life

The Center 4 Life will offer islanders a great opportunity to buy handmade gifts by 35 local artists and craftspeople at their Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of creative items will be featured, including fused glass, jewelry, photographs, paintings, cards, tropical plant arrangements, books, shell craft, pottery, jam, chutney, hats & purses, and interesting fabric and hand-knit apparel. We will also feature a hot dog lunch for hungry guests.

Lily & Co. Jewelry supports Shell Museum's educational programming

Special to the Reporter

Get ready for the 2014 season with The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's "Under the Sea: Across the Pond" event. Scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 26, from 5-10 p.m. at the Sanctuary Golf Club, the event features a live performance by The British Invasion tribute band, a group of four talented musicians that recreate the sound and style of famous British musical artists. The program also includes dinner, dancing, and a live and silent auction.

Lily & Company Jewelry Gallery graciously donated a \$2,500 shopping spree that will be up for auction at the event. The shopping spree is good for one year and can be used all at once or in multiple visits. With a unique selection of designer jewelry, giftware and fine art, Lily's has a variety of items for gift-giving or home décor. Lily's even sells Sailor's Valentines — a Sanibel Island favorite!

Registration is now available online for Under the Sea 2014. Tickets are \$135 per person and reservations can be made directly online from the EVENTS page of the Museum's website, shellmuseum.org. For more information about the event, please contact Krystal Butherus at 395-2233 or email kbutherus@shellmuseum.org.

Founding Member Artists' Show at Hirdie-Girdie

Special to the Islander

Original artwork by six of Hirdie-Girdie Art Gallery's founding members is being shown as part of the gallery's 20th anniversary celebration this month. The alumni artists and their works include: Carol Rosenberg, figure drawings; Bea Pappas, multi media; Ann Bischoff, oil paintings; Joyce Rand, multi media; Mary Ann Devos, precious metal clay jewelry and Gordon Coughlin, oil paintings.

This special show and another one next month will recognize some of the fine alumni artists who have helped make Hirdie-Girdie a "must-stop" spot for visitors. The popular cooperative gallery, at the corner of Tarpon Bay Road and Library Way on Sanibel, regularly features the work of 15 local artists in varied disciplines that include painting, fiber art, jewelry, wood carving and wood turning, bead sculptures, fused glass, pottery, photography and basketry.

At 2490 Library Way on Sanibel, Hirdie-Girdie Art Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 395-0027 or visit hirdiegirdiegallery.com.



PHOTOS PROVIDED
Painting by Ann Bischoff.



Figure Drawing by Carol Rosenberg.



Multimedia work by Joyce Rand.



Jewelry by Mary Ann Devos.

Museum sponsors gear up for Under the Sea 2014

Special to the Islander

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is heading "Under the Sea" for its annual museum gala. "Under the Sea: Across the Pond" will feature a 1960s theme with The British Invasion, a tribute band with a set list that includes The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, and The Who.

Museum sponsors show enthusiasm to promote the upcoming event. Chris Davison from the Island Inn, Josh Stewart from Adventures in Paradise, Jim Young from Investors' Security Trust Company, and Tony Lapi from Tween Waters Inn represent their companies who have committed to supporting The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's educational programming.

Registration is now available for the event. Proceeds go toward educational programming. The event will take place at The Sanctuary Golf Club on Jan. 26, from 5 to 10 p.m. and will feature live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$135 per person and reservations can be made online directly at shellmuseum.org/events.cfm. For more information about the event, contact Krystal Butherus at kbutherus@shellmuseum.org or 395-2233.



Chris Davison from the Island Inn and Josh Stewart from Adventures in Paradise, Top Right: Jim Young from Investors' Security Trust Company, and Bottom Right: Tony Lapi from Tween Waters Inn.

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Paint party at the Community House

Special to the Islander

Coming Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m., local artist Sissi Janku will encourage the artist within by guiding and encouraging Islanders to complete a masterpiece, no experience necessary. Party and paint with the Community House's professional art instructor to create original beautiful works of art to take home. Come with friends, or come alone, and make new friends! All the materials will be provided:

a 16x20" canvas, paints, brushes and aprons...Islanders are encouraged to unleash their inner Cézanne with a little Chardonnay! The Community House will have wine and beer available for a gratefully accepted donation. Pack a snack for sharing with fellow artists. Pricing, "Member Special" \$40, non-members \$45, for the 2-hour event. Prepaid reservations required. Please call the Community House at 472-2155.

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Theatre Conspiracy hits paydirt with 'Relatively Speaking'

Grab hold of your funny bone, shake the Holiday blues away by watching 3 families get tortured in the most hilarious way in Theatre Conspiracy's latest offering, "Relatively Speaking," currently playing till Jan. 25. There are lots of laughs which Director Angie Koch has mined along with her fine cast of actors in this winsome trio of one-acts that comprise "Relatively Speaking."

Penned by a trio of heavy hitters with four-time Oscar winner Ethan Coen, two-time Oscar Nominee Elaine May,

and the ever so popular man of the hour himself, Woody Allen, joined forces for a one-of-a-kind evening of one act plays.

The evening opens with Ethan Coen's split personality take in "Talking Cure," which starts with a series of sessions between mental patient Larry (a menacingly intense, yet screamingly funny Todd Fleck) and his court appointed, somewhat uptight, politically correct shrink (disarmingly and convincingly played by Ken

Johnson).

The shrink has been appointed to find out why Larry had this violent outburst toward a senior citizen at the post office where he works. We soon see why when halfway through the sketch the scene switches to a flashback to an evening where a husband (Johnny Maloney) and his wife (Stella Ruiz ; whom we soon realize are Larry's folks) are bickering nastily while waiting for two very late dinner guests to arrive. We now see why Larry has this hang-up



Marsha Wagner

Center Stage

the three works was Woody Allen's screwball comedy "Honeymoon Hotel." In this sketch the entire wedding party from groom and bride to parents of the couple, as well as several hangers-on, wind up in a gloriously tacky bridal suite. As sex joke zingers and revelations about mid-life crises and regrets get combined for high pitched hilarity, the audience's delighted pleasure sent laughter bouncing off the walls.

There is much to savor in the performances given by Scott Tompson as the

sexually smitten, frantic father of the groom, Pam Erdman the ditsy, randy mother of the bride, Ann Dodd the glacial mother of the groom, Stella Ruiz as the voluptuous, Victoria's Secret model bride, as well as Jim Yarnes as the slightly tipsy, run off at the mouth Rabbi. Topping off the riotous sketch, is the arrival of a pizza delivery guy (Marcus J. Colon) who brings not only the pizza but also a message about tolerance and enjoying life; the perfect final note for ending the evening.

Theatre Conspiracy has once again started the 20th Anniversary, 2014 Season with a laugh riot, a trio of top flight writers offering us a fun time in the company of terrific community actors performing in a well directed, well produced comic play titled "Relatively Speaking." This offering has a limited run only till Jan. 25, so my advice is to phone now 936-3239 for reservations. When you call remind 'em Marsha sent you.

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Lily & Co. looks at the four C's of diamonds Part 2 of 4: Clarity

by Dan Schuyler & Karen Bell



We're now about one month away from Valentines Day. There are just a few more weeks for you to learn how to select the perfect diamond for your sweetheart. Every diamond is unique, but all diamonds have certain characteristics that affect their value: cut, carat weight, clarity and color.

Of the four C's, clarity is one of the easiest to discern. A diamonds "flaws" or inclusions are visible and easy too see. Clarity is defined as the

VS SI and so on. While VS doesn't stand for Very Shiny (it is an abbreviation for Very Slightly Included), the range of classifications from F for Flawless to I3 for Included, are a good way to describe the characteristics of the diamond. Sometimes the flaws are visible to the naked eye, such as in a I3 (Included level 3) diamond, but many such flaws would only be visible with several degrees of magnification.

The clarity of a diamonds effect on value is based directly on the rarity. Almost all diamonds have clarity characteristics. The less significant they are, the higher the clarity grade will be. The higher the grade, the greater the rarity, and the more expensive the diamond will be. However, in most grades, the characteristics will have no effect on the diamond's appearance.

Perfect or flawless diamonds are very rare, and it is the inclusions and blemishes that make each diamond unique. These unique characteristics help to separate a natural diamond from those that are synthetic. After all, when choosing a diamond for that special someone, you want a diamond that is as unique as they are.



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diamond's freedom or lack of features that are classified as blemishes or inclusions. Blemishes are irregularities in the surface such as scratches and inclusions are internal irregularities such as tiny crystals of other minerals.

The Gemological Institute of America (GIA) developed a system of descriptive terms for clarity that include abbreviations such as VVS,

Red Tide Research is topic for Shell Club Program

If any islanders can't walk on the beach without picking up a seashell, the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club meeting is a place to join fellow enthusiasts. The public is invited to hear guest speaker Alisha Gray, the 2013 recipient of the scholarship funded by the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club / Mary and Al Bridell Memorial Fellowship. Her presentation will focus on the red tide research she is conducting at the College of Marine Science at the

University of South Florida in St. Petersburg. She is a third-year graduate student and plans to finish her master's degree in the Marine Resources Assessment program this year. Door prizes and refreshments will complete the afternoon.

The meeting is open to the public and will be held on Sunday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. in the Education Room of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.

Fly From page 8

into a bedroom where there actually were flies on the wall already? I guess I'd better get out of there in a hurry, lest the flies mistake me for a pizza crumb. No fly on the wall has the ability to pick up the phone and call the National Enquirer. But tiny human beings that are smaller than flies could.

What a topsy-turvy world we would live in if we were able to spy on anyone we wanted to. So maybe it's better after all to just have a fly on the wall witness history. Could any fly divulge more secrets than Edward Snowden already has?

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FISH volunteers build friendships through visitation program

The FISH visitation program provides friendly visits for brief periods to those who would like some companionship in their own home environment. As some islander elders or disabled are no longer able to leave their homes, a shared cup of coffee while viewing favorite photos or reminiscing about the past can brighten the day and reduce social isolation.

Through the FISH visitation program, friendship is brought into the life of island

elderly or disabled friends and neighbors. Some volunteers help by taking them shopping or to run errands. Others stay at the home to enjoy coffee and conversation. Imagine the stories to share, the history to be learned, and the wisdom to be passed on! Lasting friendships have formed, and this program has proven to be extremely rewarding to all those involved. By providing companionship and outreach, FISH volunteers help relieve isolation and loneliness among older and disabled adults. FISH can also ensure they are receiving needed social and emotional support, and offer knowledge and access to community resources and services that may be of interest.

The volunteers of FISH truly believe that respectful attention to the islands' elderly and disabled friends enriches their lives. Volunteers bring the warmth of friendship with them during home visits, and help celebrate and improve their quality of life. FISH volunteers are truly the organization's greatest asset, as they make a difference to the hundreds of lives they touch each year. If islanders are interested in becoming a FISH volunteer, please contact the Walk-In Center at 472-4775.

Explore Sanibel's Weeds n Seeds

We are a group of amateur botanists who enjoy finding and identifying native plants on Sanibel. Our walks, visiting different locations on Sanibel, last for two hours, and are guided by a leader with a plant list. The group will meet at the Nature Center porch. Depending on the

location visited, you may need parking money. Please bring a hat, water, sunblock and comfortable enclosed shoes with socks. For more information, please contact Candice Etheridge at 395-9498. We meet on the first and third Mondays in January, February and March, the next walks will be on Monday, Jan. 20 and Feb. 3, both at 9 a.m. Meet at the base of the Nature Center porch. Walks are free but donations to SCCF are welcome.

Birding in the Preserves

Join experienced birders on outings for the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month to two island preserves: Sanibel Gardens Preserves, jointly owned and managed by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the City of Sanibel, and the Shipley Trail at the Bailey Homestead Preserve. Both new and experienced birders will enjoy a variety of birds in a diversity of wildlife habitats. Botany enthusiasts are also welcome to help identify plants along the trails. All walks begin at 8 a.m. but the locations do vary. Walks are free for members and non-members. Please call 472-2329 for more information.

■ Jan. 24 – For the Shipley Trail, meet in the parking lot at Roadside City Park on Periwinkle (just east of Islander Trading Post). The Shipley Trail runs through the Bailey Homestead Preserve and connects the City's Pond Apple Park Trail to Roadside City Park. NOTE: The Shipley Trail is not yet open to the public, nor is the rest of the Bailey Homestead Preserve, which is still undergoing restoration.

Join SCCF biologist for Tank Talks

On Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. visit the SCCF Nature Center and learn about the turtles, snakes, and other island critters SCCF works so hard to protect through research and habitat protection. Maybe the Diamondback Terrapins will be digging in their new nesting/sandbox. Indie the female Indigo snake is in Tampa with her new mate, but a young male is filling in for her...is it mating season in Indigo snake land? Cost of the program is \$5 per adult with children and SCCF members free. The SCCF Nature Center is located at 3333 San-Cap Rd, call 472-2329 for more information. Following the program visit the butterfly house and then take a walk on the trails to climb the tower overlooking the Sanibel River.

Coyote and Bear Tales

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, come to SCCF and learn about two newcomer species to the islands. A coyote and a Florida black bear were documented on the island for the first time in the winter of 2011. Come and learn about the behaviors of these two new species and how to live with them. Coyotes have now moved into every county in Florida. Both human and bear populations are growing in Florida. The island black bear was relocated to a new territory and then needed to be relocated again. There is a family of coyotes that islanders will hear calling again this winter season when the snowbirds arrive and the song dogs sing in response to sirens. Program is free to children and SCCF members, \$5 for adults and starts at 10 a.m. Call 472-2329 for more information.

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Internationally acclaimed artist's 'Florida's Flora and Fauna' exhibit on display at 'Ding' Darling

By **ROBBIE SPENCER**

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Toni Rash waited four years to get into "Ding" Darling's Visitor/Education Center, but she thinks it was worth the wait.



Toni Rash's painting of the historic Dragon Bridge of Ljubljana.

Rash, a retired school teacher and counselor of middle school children, has made a second career for herself writing poetry and creating beautiful works of art, including her exhibit entitled "Florida's Flora and Fauna." It can be found in the auditorium of the Visitor/Education Center through February.

"My husband of 50 years and I visited the 'Ding' Darling Wildlife Refuge annually and more than once each year," Rash said. They moved to Port Charlotte after retiring in 2001. "When I saw the beautiful egret, osprey, pelicans, ibis, wood stork, and roseate spoonbills, in addition to our favorite, the American Eagle, I went wild with enthusiasm to paint as many as I could, notwithstanding the anhinga."

Rash is internationally known for her work displayed in the Slovenian National Art Tour Exhibit, for which she was commissioned to paint a number of historic Slovenian landscapes, including the Dragon Bridge of Ljubljana. Her work has appeared in the Slovenian embassy in Washington D.C. and throughout the United States in Illinois, Ohio, and



Acrylic paintings of a tricolored heron and blue herons.

PHOTOS BY ROBBIE SPENCER

Pennsylvania.

"I paint for posterity as well as write poetry for posterity. My desire is to have made this planet a better place for future generations," said Rash's mission statement.

Rash has worked in a variety of media but prefers working with oils, acrylics, and watercolors, depending on the subject. Her repertoire includes portraits, animals, landscapes, seascapes, and florals.

When she was a school counselor, Rash said she used to draw portraits of the school children she'd helped and made copies for their families, to many of their delight.

Her exhibit at "Ding" Darling consists

primarily of acrylics, including renditions of many favorite local birds and flowers, including the roseate spoonbill, great blue heron, and anhinga.

Several works of art are coupled with poems Rash was inspired to write after observing these beautiful creatures.

"I've been writing poetry for decades and have been published by the International Reading Association, LaGazetta (an Italian newspaper), Cleveland State University, and several other 'poetry-compliation' companies," Rash said.

She's also helped write a manual for teachers on the topic of bullying, containing poems for 5th through 12th-grade stu-



A roseate spoonbill.

dents.

"We have not officially published it yet...New Year's Resolution!"

After visiting "Ding" Darling many times over the last decade, Rash felt compelled to ask Ranger Jeffrey Combs if there was a possibility of sharing some of her wildlife art in the Visitor/Education Center. When reviewing his appointment book, he found that the Center was "booked" solid for the next four years, and said their might be an opportunity in January/February of 2014, according to Rash.

"I said I might not be around in four years, facetiously," she said with a laugh. "I was a bit leery about a four-year out exhibit. It has come to pass, and I'm happy I was able to do it."

Rash's exhibit will be in the "Ding" Darling Visitor/Education Center auditorium through February.



A Florida Anhinga.

Florida's Anhinga

by Toni Rash

*Black and white as a domino
Wings outstretched in the sun's radiant glow,*

*Positioned as a statue midst bough of a tree,
Anhinga is Florida's treasure to see.*

*How exciting to spot you as you snake head about,
Exercising your vision while hunting fish which you spot.*

*You are a sight so majestic in might,
Rarely seen careening mid air in flight.*

*As you stand on a stoop of a branch on a tree,
Your checkerboard feathers a signal to see.*

*Amazing that you cohabitant with gators around
In swampy lowlands where wildlife can abound.*

*Anhinga, continue to grace Florida's land,
So that future generations can see you so grand!*

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Bus ordinance continued to next month

By **CHUCK BALLARO**

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A controversial ordinance that would prohibit buses to stop, park or stand in any public street for the purpose of allowing passengers to enter or exit will have to wait another month.

On Tuesday, the Sanibel City Council voted unanimously to continue the ordinance to the Feb. 4 meeting as requested by two organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce.

The Council did make some important



Mick Denham

decisions during its meeting, many of them coming in the final minutes.

Among them, it reappointed Chuck Ketteman, Tom Krekel and John Talmage as planning commissioners.

City Manager Judith Zimomra updated the council on

progress regarding the Verizon Tower. The company had its permit extended to March 17 while the city continued to evaluate ways to get better phone service onto the island.

Some council members, including Mick Denham, expressed concern that not only would be tower be too obtrusive, but in the nearly three years it has taken to get the tower up, the technology may now be out of date.

"A tower doesn't require as much height. The technology is different today," Denham said. "A selection for the location of the

tower must be done with today's technology in mind."

Indeed, residents complained that in order to get the best cell phone use, one would have to go to the end of the island and make contact with the tower on Fort Myers Beach.

Businesses, such as the Sanibel Arms, said that people pay good money to stay there, yet have to go to the party room to talk to anyone.

When asked if a committee would be set

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TALES FROM THE BACKWOODS

"Ding" Darling lecture series opens with law-breaking stories from a Florida game warden

By **ROBBIE SPENCER**

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The "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center isn't usually known for learning how to crack down on criminals.

That may soon change as islanders will hear about the underbelly of Florida wilderness and how state wardens track wildlife thieves during two lectures by Bob H. Lee, author of *Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden*. The free lectures begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17, in the Visitor & Education Center.

According to Lise Bryant, who runs the Refuge Nature Store in the Visitor & Education Center and works for the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, this is the 10th year of the lecture series.

"It's always free and first come, first serve," she said. "It's limited to 100 seats, which is why we do two sessions."

Most people have never imagined the often dicey, sometimes comical and bizarre, job of a Florida game warden. *Backcountry Lawman* tells what it's like to catch an armed poacher in the act — all while working alone, at night, without backup or a decent radio to call for help.

Lee spent over 30 years as a water patrol officer on Florida's St. Johns River and a land patrol lieutenant in Putnam, St. Johns, and Flagler counties. Before retiring in 2007, he taught man-



Bob H. Lee's memoirs as a Florida game warden.

tracking classes through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

His riveting stories describe the cat-and-mouse games often played between game wardens and poachers of ducks, turkeys, hogs, deer, gators, and other species. He reveals, for example, how "monkey fishing," the electrocution of catfish, carried the same outlaw mystique in the rivers of Florida as

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Historical Village to host another 'Twilight Talk'

By **ROBBIE SPENCER**

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The Historical Village will kick off their seasonal "Twilight Talk" series with a couple familiar faces.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, Richard Johnson and Mary Mead Bailey Johnson will join islanders in the old store at the Historical Village for a Twilight Talk from 7 to 8 p.m.

"We'll be talking about old times, how the store began," Johnson said. "And some stories told to us by the Bailey brothers. Walking up Bailey Road in 1926. And there will be a few surprises."

While this event is already sold out, Museum Manager Emilie Alfino said she has a waiting list just in case.

"They were very popular in the past, and we were especially anxious to have Richard and Mead to speak," she said.

Upcoming Twilight Talks include island historian Betty Anholt on Feb. 26, SCCF's Kristie Anders on March 19, and Sanibel Historic Preservation Committee chair Deborah Gleason on April 9.

Representing the third generation of ownership/operation of Bailey's General Store, Mary Mead, as her family knows her, is one of Francis Bailey Jr.'s five children. She grew up on



Richard Johnson



Mary Mead Bailey Johnson

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Anne Douglas of Community Foundation, Yaro Garcia of ACT, Alex Olivares of Catholic Charities, Nola Theiss of HTAP, Sarah Owens, Executive Director of Community Foundation.

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SWFL Community Foundation supports awareness of human trafficking

Special to the Reporter

A collaborative program developed locally was awarded a Southwest Florida Community Foundation Community Impact Grant.

Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP), as the lead agency, received a grant of \$20,000 to expand its "Point of Contact, Point of Rescue" program to hospitals, medical facilities, and libraries in Lee, Hendry-Glades, and Charlotte-Desoto counties. The program aims to educate employees and managers of businesses to recognize the signs of trafficking in their clients or patrons and to develop a protocol to know who to call and what to report.

Nola Theiss, executive director of HTAP, has seen the level of awareness grow in the area since 2005 when the first Human Trafficking Task Force was formed, initiated by the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva. Since that time, HTAP has trained over 24,000 individuals and has developed prevention and awareness programs.

"We have seen it all in SW Florida. There is no one kind of victim or one kind of trafficker," said Alex Olivares of Catholic Charities.

Over 150 victims of human trafficking have been identified in Southwest Florida over the last five years. They include women

and men, children and adults, American citizens and foreign born residents in both sex and labor trafficking and domestic servitude. The oldest victim was a 67 year-old woman and the youngest was only nine years old.

"If more people were trained to recognize the signs of trafficking, more victims would be rescued. Working together on this program enables the victims to get the services they need," said Yaro Garcia of ACT, who carries a caseload of victims all the time.

The reporting protocol varies depending on the type of business and is developed in partnership. In all cases, ACT, the local domestic violence center hot line is used (239-939-3112) usually in conjunction with 911 or an alternate number, depending on the situation and laws.

Trainers from ACT, Catholic Charities and HTAP share the training opportunities. Both the Lee Memorial Health System and the Lee County Sheriff's Office partner in this program. In the past, many local cases have been reported through the hospitals and the goal now is to train every employee to increase that number and to raise the level of awareness in other businesses as well.

For further information, please call: 415-2635 or email at info@humantraffickingawareness.org

Pornography distribution charge results in 7-year sentence

A Fort Myers man with ties to the island was sentenced last Monday to seven years in federal prison for distributing child pornography.

U.S. District Judge John E. Steele also ordered Charles Allen Nave, III, 39, to a lifetime of supervised release following his release from prison. The court ordered him to forfeit a Dell Precision laptop and a 2 GB SD card, which were used in the crime.

Nave, who was arrested last April, was found guilty on Sept. 17. He faced a mandatory minimum term of five years to a maximum of 20.

"According to court documents, on Jan. 31, 2013, Nave knowingly distributed child pornography over the Internet, to an undercover agent that he met in an online chat room," the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a prepared statement issued Jan. 6. "Nave sent the undercover agent four emails, along with images of child pornography as attachments. Subsequent to the execution of a search warrant, Nave was found to possess in excess of

300 images and 20 videos of child pornography."

The investigation was part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative begun in 2006 by the Department of Justice to curb child sexual exploitation and abuse.

Nave, who investigators say voluntarily turned over a laptop and an SD card with illegal images, admitted to downloading and sharing child pornography. He told investigators armed with a search warrant that he knew why agents were looking for him, that he was addicted to pornography, wanted to get help and would cooperate, according to the criminal complaint.

He was reportedly tracked down through a computer IP address and then identified through surveillance photographs.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, with participation from the Sanibel Police Department, the Fort Myers Police Department, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Yolande G. Viacava.

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Letters to the Editor

Fireworks folly

To the editor:
There was a distressing report on the local news on New Year's Day about the fate of an eagles nest on Marco Island. First it gave some background. A year ago, two eagle eggs were left unattended when their parents were frightened off by fireworks on New Year's Eve. They succumbed to the cold and died. Eagles breed in southwest Florida at this time of year and must incubate their eggs continually in order for them to remain viable. Following this experience, local authorities and conservationists on Marco made a public plea to fun seekers in 2013 to stay well away from the nest when setting off their fireworks. Nonetheless, some people just don't get the message. According to the news report,

the same thing happened this year. Last week, on New Year's Eve 2014, the same eagle pair fled their nest in fright as fireworks exploded around them. One recently hatched eaglet and an egg were left unattended during the night. The nest is now empty, both the eaglet and egg likely killed, say conservationists. Not by the cold, but by predatory birds while the nest was unattended. The sale of fireworks is currently illegal in Florida, though a loophole allows people to purchase them under an exemption that allows farms and fish hatcheries to use them to scare off birds. Apparently, some dealers use the exemption by simply asking purchasers to sign a waiver claiming the fireworks are to be used for agricultural purposes. Bills filed during the last legislative session would have repealed the

often-misused exemption, but they died in committee. But wait — it gets worse. This year, Rep. Matt Gaetz of Fort Walton Beach, over the objection of the Florida Fire Chiefs Association, has filed a bill, H.B. 4005, that would actually repeal the ban on fireworks completely. Passage of that bill, which has the strong support of the fireworks industry trade association, would expose members of the public to needless injury — there are thousands of fireworks related injuries each year — and threaten nesting birds not just at New Year's Eve but throughout the year. With all of the real life problems facing the state of Florida, let's hope our elected representatives see this bill for what it is

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— a gift to the fireworks industry — and vote a resounding “no” on H.B. 4005.

Larry Schopp
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SWFL Young Republicans board member leaves Republican Party

To the editor:

On Saturday, Dec. 28, I announced that I was stepping down as the Secretary of the SWFL Young Republicans. This is not in any way due to any hostility or major disagreement with the SWFL Young Republicans, but due to a deepening

rift between the GOP and myself. The history of both major parties shows a steady march by the Democrat party farther “left” seemingly by the day. In the same way the, through seemingly endless compromise of what they claim to be principals, the GOP follows in lock step down the same liberty killing “left” path being sure to stay just far enough behind as to give the illusion of a conservative choice. Because of this constant march toward authoritarianism the choice between Republican and Democrat has become nothing more than entertainment for the masses by giving us the choice of which horse we would rather ride in our race to the bottom.

The two parties have become a means

by which the political class can, through balkanization, (divide and conquer) remain in constant power. They have convinced the public that the choice is not between liberty and slavery, but instead between the “lesser of evils.” We have devolved into a society that no longer debates the merits of true liberty, but now the speed at which we descend into neo-feudalism.

I have joined the Libertarian party, not to spite the GOP, but to withdraw consent from what has become a shadowed single party. This “super party” has waged almost constant illegal war sense the end of WWII. It has made criminals of those who would report its own criminal activity. It has plundered the wealth of hard-

working people through inflation of the currency, market manipulation, exorbitant and unconstitutionally collected taxation and fraud. Both sides have, though executive fiat, worked to debase and overthrow the constitution of the United States and the liberties it recognizes. They have agreed to the destruction of habeas corpus by the passing, and this year upholding, of indefinite detention of American citizens contained in the NDAA. Because of this, we must declare the parties to be the usurpers they are, involved subversion against the constitution.

I am not saying that those who choose to try to change the GOP from within are

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Obituaries

Nancy Ann (Gebhardt) Bonser

Nancy Ann (Gebhardt) Bonser, 80, of Sanibel, Fla. and Bloomington, IN passed away Tuesday, Dec., 2013. She was born Sept. 30, 1933 in Springfield, OH, the daughter of Carl and Edna Gebhardt.

She graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1955 with a major in Education and Speech Therapy, and was active in her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta. Growing up with a love of dance, Nancy continued dancing in college, performing in several Bowling Green modern dance productions.

On July 3, 1955 she married Charles F. Bonser. Early in their marriage Nancy taught Speech Therapy in North Carolina, Louisiana, and Texas while Charles was in the Air Force. In 1959 they moved to Bloomington, IN. In Bloomington, she turned her love and energy to raising their children while also volunteering in the community and in the local schools. She especially enjoyed her work with special needs children in the schools.

Nancy was also an important partner and support for Charles during his years as Professor and Dean at Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), hosting many events for the School as well as visitors from around the world at their home, always with her bright smile. She was particularly involved with supporting the many programs the School conducted internationally.

Nancy enjoyed her time traveling the world with friends and family, always eager to see new places and meet new people. She also took time volunteering in the local schools while living in Australia, England, and



Nancy Ann (Gebhardt) Bonser

France. Her favorite spot to relax, however, was Sanibel, which she and Charles first visited in 1965, and bought a home in 1974. On Sanibel she enjoyed tap dancing, biking and attending performances at the BIG ARTS. She was a member of PEO, active in her church and a volunteer at the BIG ARTS. One of her greatest joys and blessings was being a grandmother to her four grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Charles F. Bonser of Sanibel, FL and Bloomington, IN; her daughter Catherine (Rob) Neal of Carmel, IN; her son Andrew (Heather) Bonser of Greenwood, IN; and her grandchildren Matt Neal, Meagan Neal, Emily Bonser and Jordan Bonser; her brother Carl (Sheila) Gebhardt of Duarte, CA.

She is preceded in death by her parents, son Jeffrey Aaron Bonser and brother Richard Gebhardt.

Nancy's beautiful smile and generous heart will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Celebration of Life Ceremonies will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2013 at 3 p.m. at The Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ with a reception following at the Sanibel Community House, and on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Indiana University Foundation in Bloomington, IN at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions can be made to any of the following organizations important to Nancy: The Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way Sanibel, FL 33957 or The Barrier Island Group of the Arts (BIG ARTS) 900 Dunlop Rd, Sanibel, FL 33957.

Alice Robinson Carpender Sharp

Alice (Bobbie) Robinson Carpender Sharp, 95, passed away on Jan. 8, 2014 at her villa at Cypress Cove in Fort Myers, FL. She is survived by her daughter Tyrrell Carpender Sharp, of the "Stone Cottage," Laughlinton, PA and her cat Cali of Cypress Cove. Bobbie and her husband Tom, now deceased, moved to Sanibel in 1980. At the time of his death in 2003 they had been married

62 years. Bobbie and Cali moved to Cypress Cove in 2004. While living on Sanibel, Bobbie wrote a weekly cooking column for The Islander Newspaper. She was a graduate of the Barnes Foundation School of Horticulture in Merion, PA and also studied at

Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. While residing in the Philadelphia area she helped start the sales rental gallery at The Museum of Fine Arts. Bobbie was an ardent traveler going to such countries as Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Bolivia, etc. Her interest and hobbies were vast: travel, books, theater, gardening, museums, entertaining and horses. The latter she gave up when she moved to Sanibel. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be sent to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Sanibel, FL 33957.

Vivian Luise Stidham

Vivian Luise Stidham, a resident of Sanibel since 1975, went to her eternal home to be with her savior and comforter on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013. She was 90 years old and was "still looking to make it to 100."

She was married for 71 years to Raymond Stidham, who is still with his family on Sanibel. Luise was born in Insko, Ky., in 1923. She and Ray were married on Sept. 12, 1942 in Bonham, Texas, where Ray was in Cadet School with the U.S. Army Air Corps. Later, Luise joined the WACs and was stationed at West Palm Beach, Fla., even learning to fly as well.

She graduated from business college and later worked many years as a manager at 711, including the original Sanibel 711 store. Luise loved spending time at the beach and traveling, especially on the Blue Ridge Parkway in the North Carolina mountains. She also thoroughly enjoyed fellowship within two church families: Pleasant Gap Baptist Church in Burnsville, N.C., and Southwest Baptist Church in Fort Myers.

Right up until her recent sudden illness, Luise was extremely independent, enjoying the beach, getting together with family and friends, and driving herself wherever she needed to go. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend, and best friend to her daughter, Gretchen.

Luise will be forever missed, but we know she is in a better place, and she is happy. She is survived by her husband Ray, daughter Gretchen, son-in-law Armin, grandson Byron, Judy Regner, and Chester Podgorny of Fort Myers, and many other extended family and close, dear friends. Luise wished for any contributions in her memory to be made to Southwest Baptist Church, 16940 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, 33908, or to Hope Hospice House, 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, 33908.

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Life IS all about relationships

Relationships. Hmmm...Lately, there seems to be a lot in the news media about relationships. An opinion piece recently focused on a new school in New York City where relationships between teachers and students, teachers and teachers, and students and students are as important as curriculum! Not really a "wow" piece of data - as most of us fully realize the importance of team teaching, student teamwork, and schools that have teachers "travel" with their students through all the grade levels. However, this new school has not only incorporated teaming ideas that have worked in the past, but also has made the development and nurturing of relationships a number one priority.

Last year I read Transforming Relations - a collection of essays on Jewish-Christian relationships over the centuries. It begins by in-depth research dispelling the stereotype that the only type of interaction in Medieval Europe



Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan

Faces on Faith

between Jews and Christians was adversarial. Purposeful actions led by leaders of both faiths DID lead - and has led - to healthy relationships. The book goes on to say that people of both faiths must continue to also see these steps toward understanding as healing relationships. Not long after that book was published, there was a NY Times article entitled "The Brain on Love!" More about how the delicate circuits of our brains shape our emotions and abilities to forge relationships - a new field called interpersonal neurobiology!

Relationships. Nothing new, right? We know all about how healthy relationships nourish and heal - whether in the context of a school, the context of different religions, or right here in our own backyard. I think of the varied and numerous relationships that continue to be forged on our islands and over the causeway - not only

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Bennett's Sanibel location now open

Special to the Reporter

Bennett's Fresh Roast's new Sanibel location officially opened on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

Located just over the causeway bridge at 1020 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel next to the Lazy Flamingo restaurant, Bennett's includes indoor seating for 40 people and patio seating for 10 people.

"We are very excited to not only be embarking on our second shop but also to have a location on one of our area's most treasured islands," said Bennett's owner Bob Grissinger, former local morning disc jockey C. David Bennett, in a prepared statement. "We have patrons who drive from Sanibel daily for our doughnuts and coffee, but now we will be able to accommodate them and our many visitors more conveniently."

According to Grissinger, major renovations on the 2,700-square foot building including exterior landscaping improvements caused the anticipated delay in opening. The new location will have the same hours and offerings as the current shop located in downtown Fort Myers. Bennett's is open Monday through Sunday from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We opened in downtown Fort Myers in February 2008 at the beginning of the country's worst economic downturn in 70 years," said Bennett's co-owner Frank Albano in the statement. "It's so gratifying to know that we've come so far in such a short period of time. We're grateful from the bottom of our hearts to Southwest Florida."

Albano, who will oversee the Sanibel location, said they have hired more than a dozen fulltime, year-round staff members to operate the new location.

"With the price of the property, renovations and new equipment and fixtures, this is a \$3 million investment that we are very proud of," said Grissinger.

Bennett's Fresh Roast has prided itself on its fresh-from-scratch doughnuts made daily. For the past five years, the Bennett's team has been known for unveiling new doughnut concoctions from flavors including maple



PHOTO PROVIDED

Bennett's Fresh Roast, now open on Periwinkle Way.

bacon, pumpkin spice, maple toffee crunch, s'mores and more. The shop has also become known for surprising offerings like its limited sale (which sold out) of Kopi Luwak coffee, often called "cat-poo coffee" after the prized bean from Indonesia that's eaten by wild civets, passed through the animal's digestive tract, and then collected and processed for brewing.

In addition to fresh roasted coffee and hand-cut-from-scratch doughnuts, Bennett's also offers fresh desserts from Grissinger's own recipe book including praline bread pudding, lemon bars and pies, giving area residents an alternative for afternoon treats. Bennett's also features

packaged whole bean or ground coffees, breakfast muffins, oatmeal and breakfast sandwiches. On the weekends, Bennett's Strata (a layered baked breakfast dish) is a regular sellout. Tea lovers can choose from a large variety of Harney & Sons Fine Teas.

Lunch offerings including paninis, soups, sandwiches, three signature salads and Bennett's "Chicken & Donut" and "Donut Dog" are available Monday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bennett's Fresh Roast's Sanibel phone number is 312-4651. For more information, visit BennettsFreshRoast.com.

Top Premier Sotheby's Agents



Augustina Holtz



Maxwell Thompson

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Premier Sotheby's International Realty accounded their top agents for the month of December 2013. Augustina Holtz was recognized as Top Sales Agent and Maxwell Thompson was recognized as their Top Listing agent.

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RE/MAX Associates Tops in State

Special to the Reporter

Chuck Andrews and Chuck Bergstrom were recently honored by RE/MAX International. Both were ranked in the top 100 out of over 5,000 RE/MAX Sales Associates in Florida in the month of November.

Art Corace, Broker and Owner of RE/MAX of the Islands, said, "I've known both of these men for over 30 years. They are not only business associates, but also very good friends. They epitomize professionalism in real estate and deserve all the recognition they receive. It's very rare when two associates with the same RE/MAX office are in the top 100 in the same month."

About RE/MAX

RE/MAX is the leader in marketing properties worldwide through its network of over 90,000 associates working from 6,400 offices situated in 91 countries. Each office is independently owned and operated but RE/MAX International recently became a publicly owned company trading on the New York Stock Exchange.



Chuck Andrews



Chuck Bergstrom

Sanibel Captiva Trust Company donates \$3,500 to the Sanibel Fun Fest

Special to the Reporter

The historic Sanibel Community House announced that the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company has become a \$3,500 Gold Sponsor for their inaugural Fun Fest in late January.

"The Community House has been a special place on the islands since 1927 and we are honored to help them further their mission," Trust Company President Dick Pyle said.

The inaugural three day Sanibel Fun Fest benefits the non-profit operations of The Sanibel Community House. Festivities kick off on Friday, Jan. 24 with a benefit concert from Whitney Wolanin, a top recording artist with roots on Sanibel. Her current song, Run, Run Rudolph, has shot to No. 2 on the Adult Contemporary chart this week, sandwiched between Kelly Clarkson's "Underneath the Tree" and Mary J. Blige's "This Christmas." This is a great opportunity to see this rising new star with her 6-piece orchestra. Tickets are on sale now.

Saturday and Sunday features many different activities such as a Sand Sculpture Contest, Local Arts and Crafts, Indoor games for children, Mermaid and Pirate Competition, Sanibel Steel Drum Band, 26' Pieces of Eight Pirate Ship, Car and Motorcycle Show, Sanctioned Body Painting Competition and featured music on the Outdoor Stage. There's even a Saturday



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Members of the Staff of Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. From left, Steve Greenstein, Ian Breusch, Frances Steger, Robin Cook, Phyllis Gibson, Chip Lesch, Beth Weigel, Lori Mobley, Kristi Lane and Robin Darden.

evening Polynesian Luau with floor show.

Gold Sponsors for this event include Wilbur Smith Law Firm, Chico's, Sanibel Captiva Trust Co., Suncoast Beverage, Sanctuary Golf Club, Times of the Island, John Grey Painting.

Additional sponsors include Bank of the Islands, West Wind Inn, Sweet Melissa's Café, Island Inn, John Grey Painting, Pieces of Eight Pirate Cruise, and Bailey's General Store, among others.

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management, trust administration, and financial counseling to individuals, families, businesses, non-profit organizations and endowment funds.

About Sanibel Captiva Trust

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company wealth management services are absolute-return oriented, performance-driven, and adhere to a strict philosophy and investment process. Clients' portfolios are separately managed and individually tailored to each client's total return and cash flow requirements.

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, believes that a strong foundation of quality investments purchased at reasonable prices produces favorable returns over time. Most importantly, their goal is to preserve their clients' assets and to meet and exceed their return requirements.

For more information on The Community House or other SCA sponsored events, visit sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155. The Sanibel Community Association is a 501c 3 Organization whose mission is to enrich community spirit through educational, cultural and social gatherings in our historic Community House-the historical heart of Sanibel. They rely solely on donations and fundraisers to keep the house open for all.

Business Briefs

Ten resolutions for a safe, scam-free new year

Now that the New Year is here, Better Business Bureau has 10 resolutions that can help you fight scammers, prevent identity theft and save money in 2014.

The following resolutions can help consumers have a safe, scam-free 2014:

- Always check a business out with BBB before you buy. Nearly 400,000 businesses meet BBB standards and are qualified to use an Accredited Business seal on their websites and at business locations. Visit www.bbb.org to find BBB Business Reviews for nearly 4 million businesses across North America.

- Be skeptical of "job offers" that promise easy money. With high unemployment and long job searches common, scammers are targeting people desperate to find jobs. Beware of any job offer, work-at-home scheme or business opportunity that promises big money for little work and no experience.

- Always read the fine print — especially with "free" trial offers. Thousands of consumers complained to BBB this year after signing up for a "free" trial offer online that resulted in repeated charges to their credit or debit cards, sometimes amounting to hundreds of dollars every month. Read the terms and conditions of any "free" trial offer before handing over credit or debit card numbers.

- Keep your computer safe. If you haven't already done so, install anti-virus software on your computer and check regularly for software and operating system updates and patches. Don't open attachments or click on links in emails unless you can confirm the email came from someone you trust.

- Never wire money to someone you don't know. Many scams require that the victim wire money back to the scammers. Scammers know that tracking money sent via MoneyGram or

Western Union is extremely difficult. Once you've wired the money, it's nearly impossible to get it back.

- Fight identity theft. Shred paper documents that include sensitive financial data and dispose of computers, cell phones and digital data safely. BBB offers tips and checklists on what to shred, and hosts annual Secure Your ID events nationwide to help you stay safe.

- Ask BBB for help. File a complaint with BBB if you have a disagreement with a business or have been ripped off by a scammer.

- Create a budget and stick to it. Setting a budget can help you stay afloat in 2014. The BBB has advice on how to create a budget to help you get out of debt and stay out of debt at www.bbb.org.

- Fight fake check fraud. Thanks to advances in printing technology, scammers have the ability to create professional-looking phony checks. Educate yourself on the common types of check fraud and be extremely wary of checks that come with claims that you've won the lottery, are eligible for a government grant or have landed a job as a secret shopper. These are almost always scams.

- Get everything in writing. Don't just take a company's word for it. Get every verbal agreement in writing to limit miscommunication and misunderstandings between what you expect and what the business delivers.

Consumers can learn how to protect themselves or find BBB Business Reviews of businesses or charities by going online to www.bbb.org.

AARP Driver Safety debuts refresher course

Since 1979, AARP Driver Safety has met the needs of older drivers through educational programs led by more than 4,000 volunteers and a myriad of resources. But they aren't the same programs and resources that were available nearly 35 years ago. AARP

Driver Safety has continued to evolve with the times, and as of Jan. 1, 2014, AARP Driver Safety has launched the new and improved AARP Smart Driver Course.

- Why a new course?

A lot has changed since many American drivers first got their driver's license. The roads have changed. Cars and the technology inside them have changed. Even the people behind the wheel have changed. As drivers, if we don't keep up with those changes we put others or even ourselves at risk.

- How is the AARP Smart Driver Course different?

The new and improved course curriculum was designed with the participant in mind, and it is different in many ways from previous editions including:

A completely new, easy-to-follow format that incorporates adult-learning principles, features reader-friendly print types, full-color pages, an easy-to-follow format, and videos to supplement course content.

With 19 areas of customization, the course is tailored to meet the needs of its participants by providing state-specific information that is easy to access and understand.

Based on the results of a two-year research study, the course has been adjusted to include a focus on areas where older drivers could benefit from additional training, including: roundabouts, pavement markings, stop-sign compliance, and safety issues such as speeding, seatbelt and turn signal use.

Sign up to take the new AARP Smart Driver Course.

The AARP Smart Driver course is available at several locations. To find one near you, visit: www.aarp.org/home-garden/transportation/driver_safety/ or call toll-free (877) 846-3299.

--submitted by Doug Heinlen, AARP Florida State President

Edison State named top college for teaching

Edison State College was recognized as one of the 'Top Colleges in Florida Shaping the Next Generation' for Teacher Education by the Online College Database. This honor recognizes post-secondary institutions in the state that graduated the most education and teaching professionals in 2012. All colleges recognized for this honor had to meet the following criteria: Fully Accredited; Four-year college; Public, Private or not-for-profit; U.S. College; and minimum of 10 graduates from education/teaching program in 2012.

The College Database is a not-for-profit organization whose goal is to provide free information about education options both locally and nationally to students, parents and other interested parties. The goal is accomplished by making all information and tools on the site free and easily accessible. The College Database has become a leader in providing educational information to libraries, high schools and career centers across the country. To view the full list of college rankings, please visit www.onlinecollegesdatabase.org/online-colleges-in-florida/#Best-Colleges-Shaping-the-Next-Generation-Florida.

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PRESERVING PARADISE

San-Cap Audubon Presents 'Hummingbirds and Heliconias of the Lesser Antilles'

Special to the Reporter

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will welcome Dr. Ethan J. Temeles, Professor of Biology, Amherst College, as guest lecturer in a program entitled "Hummingbirds and Heliconias of the Lesser Antilles" at 7:30 p.m. on



Dr. Ethan J. Temeles

Thursday, Jan. 23 at the Sanibel Community House.

With an undergraduate degree in Biological Science from Cornell, a M.Sci. in Zoology from LSU and a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of California, Davis, Dr. Temeles has been a full Professor of Biology at Amherst College since 2008. For the last ten years Dr. Temeles and many of his students have studied the Purple-Throated Carib hummingbird and it's relationship to the Heliconia floral plants native to the island archipelago of the Lesser Antilles of the Caribbean.

Hummingbirds, in general, take "extraordinary" to a whole new level, but the Purple-Throated Carib is even more unique as the pollinator of the Heliconia, tropical plants related to ginger & bananas. Utilizing remarkable photos, Dr. Temeles will amaze us on the role physical differences between the male and female of this species, sexual dimorphism, play in the accomplishment of this task.

This is the third of eight Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lectures to be held in

2014 on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Community House. All are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and parking is available at the Community House as well as across Periwinkle Way in the Herb Strauss Theater parking area. A \$5 donation is appreciated with proceeds after costs being used to promote conservation on Sanibel and in Florida. For additional information, call Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit the San-Cap Audubon Web site at san-capaudubon.org.



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The purple-throated Carib hummingbird.

San-Cap Audubon Bird Walk

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will have its first off-island bird outing on

Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Ft. Myers Beach Lagoon. Meet at Villa Santini Plaza (Approximately 5 miles south from the Ft Myers Beach Bridge diagonally across from the Holiday Inn on Estero Blvd). Free Parking. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. A \$2 donation is appreciated. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for details.

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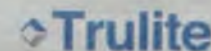
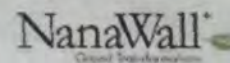
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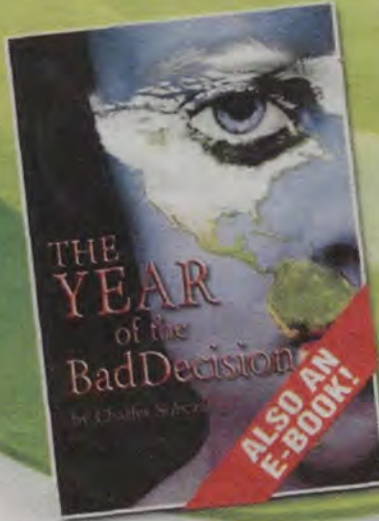


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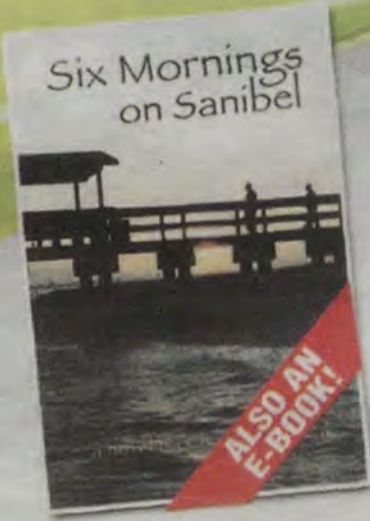
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Writers' conference set for February

Authors and writers, learn the secrets of successful marketing online, in print, and with promotions that will make readers buy your book. The Southwest Florida Romance Writers' 2014 Hearts In The Sand Conference, entitled SELL YOUR BOOK!, will be held 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15.

The conference will feature speakers experienced in website design, defining your brand, marketing plans, blogs, effective use of social media sites, and more. Editors from Simon & Schuster, Sourcebooks, and Taliesin Publishing will be on hand to take your pitch.

Barbara Vey, who writes "Beyond Her

Blog" at Publisher's Weekly, and Sheila Clover English, international speaker on book marketing and inventor of the book trailer, will speak about their book, "Book Marketing, Book Trailers & Author Etiquette." Jennifer Fusco of "Market or Die" Author Services will discuss promotions and different venues to get your book noticed. Rae Monet, a web designer specializing in sites for romance authors, will discuss the role your website plays in your marketing plan and will take

appointments for consultations.

The event will be held at the Elks Lodge, 3231 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs, Florida. Registration fee is \$85 and includes one pitch, in addition to breakfast and lunch. Additional pitches will be available at a cost of \$15.

A raffle to win writing critiques and gift baskets will benefit local literacy organizations. For information and registration, please visit www.SWFRW.org.

Big BBQ & Bash to benefit children

The Chamber of Southwest Florida's Leadership Lee County Class of 2012 announces a fundraising event to feed Southwest Florida children. Big BBQ & Bash is scheduled for Jan. 24, 2014 and will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Fort Myers Harley-Davidson, 2160 Colonial Blvd.

Big BBQ & Bash will feature live musical entertainment by the Killa-Watts, mouth-watering food from Deep Down South BBQ, raffle drawings, a performance by the Lee County Sheriff's Office drill team, and other fun activities. Admission is \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. The ticket price includes a full meal, two drinks and a raffle ticket. Additional drink and raffle tickets can be purchased during the event.

Proceeds from Big BBQ & Bash will benefit three local organizations that help feed our community's most vulnerable children: African Caribbean American Center (AFCAAM), Blessings in a Backpack, Lee County and the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Supporting sponsors include LCEC and Durand & Gallentine Investment

Management Group. Other sponsors include U.S. Sugar and Conestoga-Rovers & Associate.

Participants have a chance to win fun prizes, including a weekend rental of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and Riders Edge Learn to Ride lessons. Additional sponsorships are being sought, and donated raffle items are welcomed.

Leadership Lee County is an intensive 14-week program organized by the Chamber of Southwest Florida. Through bi-weekly outings to the community's unique facilities and assets, participants get an in-depth perspective on the area's economy, history, transportation infrastructure, education system, growth management needs, healthcare system, societal challenges, law enforcement, agriculture, local government, media, and more. Each year class alumni host a fundraiser event for the community following the completion of the program.

Sponsorship information and tickets are available by calling Miriam Pereira at 334-7007 or email mpereira@harrychapinfoodbank.org.

Hunger Walk set for Jan. 18

Start organizing your team for the 2014 Hunger Walk.

The 2014 WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Miromar Outlets in Estero. Registration will take place at 8:30 a.m., and the Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. Six Years-Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope is the theme of the event.

Co-chairs are Sandy Robinson of Northern Trust and Dr. Brian Schwartz of 21st Century Oncology. Participants raised \$1 million during the Hunger Walk's first five years. The goal for the 2014 Hunger Walk is to raise \$300,000. Lois Thome, WINK News anchor, is the honorary chair of the walk.

Each dollar donated to the Hunger Walk will provide \$6 worth of food to those in need in Southwest Florida. Donations will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank and its partner-agency network of pantries, soup kitchens and other

emergency food programs.

"We hope you share in our vision of a community-free of hunger," Robinson said.

The presenting sponsors are Garden Street Iron & Metal, Inc. and the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

Join in the fun and form a team! Individuals with a minimum of \$50 in pledges to their name by Jan. 10 will qualify for one t-shirt.

Contact Marta Hodson at 334-7007 (ext. 132) or martahodson@harrychapinfoodbank.org for details or more information. Individuals, businesses, and groups wishing to participate in the Hunger Walk may register by accessing www.harrychapinfoodbank.org and following the link to the Hunger Walk.

Additional information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, contact 334-7007 or go to www.harrychapinfoodbank.org.

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Edison State to offer ACE certification course

Edison State College Continuing Education is offering a prep course for individuals who wish to become certified ACE (American Council on Exercise) Personal Trainers starting Jan. 28. This course, which runs through March 13, is designed to give students the knowledge and understanding necessary to prepare for the ACE Personal Trainer Certification Exam and become effective personal trainers.

Students who complete this course can assess an individual's level of fitness using the recommended guidelines of ACE. They can also design and customize exercise programs for individuals based on their current fitness level, future needs and fitness goals. They will also be able to demonstrate proper execution of all types of exercises from free weights to strength machines as well as proper stretching and isometric exercise techniques.

This 45-hour course is completed

through 30 hours of lecture, nine hours of practical gym training, and six hours of study sessions for the ACE Personal Training Certification exam. Classes will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. The information provided in this course will help students learn how to facilitate rapport, adherence, self-efficacy and behavior change in clients, as well as how to design programs that will help improve posture, movement, flexibility, balance, core function, cardio respiratory fitness and muscular endurance and strength. (Adult CPR & AED required prior taking the ACE national certification exam.)

Space is limited, and advance registration and payment are required. To register, or to learn more about this course, call 433-6963 or visit www.edison.edu/ce/institutes/2.

--submitted by Jessica Clark

GCHS puppy needs Second Chance Fund

Special to the Reporter

The Gulf Coast Humane Society, 2010 Arcadia Street, Fort Myers, has 3-month-old puppy in need of the Second Chance Fund. Beauty, a pointer mix, arrived at the GCHS with visible tenderness in her right rear leg and is now in need of surgery.

Dr. Eisele, DVM, with Specialist in Veterinary Surgery, evaluated Beauty and determined she has been involved in a traumatic incident resulting in injury to the femoral neck and head of her right rear leg. To alleviate pain, he determined Beauty is in need of a Femoral Head Osteotomy (FHO) surgery which removes the neck and head of the femur. With a discount, Beauty's surgery is estimated at \$900. This amount does not include continuing medication.

The Second Chance Fund directly offsets the medical cost for those pets with needs beyond routine medical care and allows people to donate directly to the care of the Gulf Coast Humane Society's sick and special needs animals. Beauty's need for surgery makes her the perfect candidate for the Second Chance Fund.

For more information about Beauty or the Gulf Coast Humane Society's Second Chance Fund call 332-0364 or email info@gulfcosthumanesociety.org.



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Save the date for annual 'March in the Park'

Preparations are under way for the 6th annual "March in the Park," a plant and garden art sale, to be held on Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Jaycee Park in Cape Coral. The Garden Club is once again looking for vendors and crafters of plants and plant related items.

"March in the Park" is the major fundraising event for the Garden Club of Cape Coral. All proceeds from "March in the Park" help the Garden Club achieve their goals of awarding local high school students merit awards in horticulture, civic beautification, Habitat for Humanity, Wekiva Youth Camp sponsorships, and to promote civic awareness of environmental and conservation concerns.

Last year the Garden Club had over 40 vendors in attendance selling all kinds of plants, from ground cover to palm trees, and garden art, from stepping stones to

glass reflectors. Master gardeners will be available to answer questions. Every hour there will be informative speakers. Children's creative projects will be found at the kids Booth. Raffle drawings, food and music will be available thru out the day. This year plans are under way for an even bigger event.

Any vendor selling plants, food, or do crafts that are garden-related and want to join the juried show, please contact Ginny Huffer at 257-2654. Huffmom5@aol.com, or check gardenclubofcapecoral.com.

The Garden Club of Cape Coral meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Epiphany Episcopal Church of Cape Coral, 2507 Del Prado Blvd. All meetings are open to the public, come learn about Florida gardening and promote fellowship among gardeners.

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Rotary Happenings ...

Small business startups are the life-blood of our economy

When the guest speaker calendar came across my desk last month for January 2014, I really didn't pay that much attention to it...well, I should have. It wasn't until last Friday morning that I realized I might be in trouble writing on the topic Robert (Bob) Schmidt had selected to speak to us about... Government and the Innovation Ecosystem.

My anxiety only grew when Bob was introduced. How impressive are these credentials? Bob founded and is the chairman of Cleveland Medical Devices, Orbital Research, NeuroWave Systems, Great Lakes NeuroTechnologies Inc., and Flocel Inc. He received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and M.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; his MBA from the University of Utah, and his Juris Doctor from Cleveland State University. He is a licensed professional engineer and a patent law attorney. Bob personally holds 30 US patents, and has led two companies into the Inc. 500.

Bob brought along with him a handful of his company's product brochures; products that many of us are or will be using in the future. Here are a few notes about two of the products: SleepView Monitor is a



portable medical monitoring device used to alert and keep track of patient with Obstructive Sleep Apnea. A home sleep testing monitor whose collected information is then sent to your doctor via a computer web portal and used to determine the cause of action to treat the problem; Kinesia HomeView, an ambulatory monitor assessment system that captures Parkinson's Disease brain patterns - and similar symptom brain activity - this is done at home. The system allows the patient to upload information to the patent kit, capture symptom fluctuations in patients, interpret a comprehensive view of patient function, and tailor therapies to target specific symptoms and identifies administering medical protocol.

So why mention these products? Well the point here is that these products and many others are developed by small companies in their research and development departments in cooperation with government agencies and universities where technology-based networks work together. Most of the research is done with government funding and with National Science Foundation partners. A quote from the National Science Foundation, "NSF's contribution to the innovation ecosys-

tem encourages American colleges and universities to promote "engines of innovation" that operate in close partnership with industry across numerous disciplines. The ultimate goal is to extend America's historical reputation for ingenuity to a new recognition as "a nation of innovators" and these departments look for funding from the government for this research and development.

According to Bob some of the reasoning for continued support for small business grant monies are that small business generated 60 to 80 percent of new jobs annually over the last two decades, employs over 30% of high tech workers, produces 13 to 14 times more patents per employees than larger patenting firms, and small companies are the innovators for themselves and large companies.

Bob said although in the past our government has provided a great deal of funding through grants to small businesses for product development, within the last few years our government has decreased its funding with budget cutting or even delay of continued fund-



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Robert Schmidt, guest speaker for the Rotary club.

ing. So the Federal R&D grants for small businesses patents are harder to obtain with a longer patenting process, regulations previously afforded to patents have changed, and the cost to obtain patents have risen sharply. Schmidt told us that, "big business is taking their research and development money off-shore and developing a global outcome for

products." Small businesses are doing their research and development right here in the states, providing jobs.

US small business startups are to the economy what children are to the population, they are the life-blood of our economy. Nothing more needs to be said here, except ...how about long term planning?...what do we want the outcome to be here?...how about an environment that can provide jobs at home?

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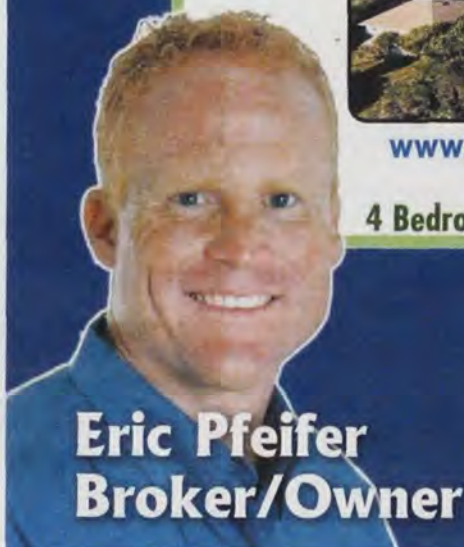
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Farewell Reception



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The St. Isabel Women's Guild recently hosted a Farewell Reception in the Parish Hall for Justin Cowan, Music Director at the church for the past five years. Justin is returning to North Carolina to further his education. Both his talent and personality will be greatly missed. Pictured with Justin at the reception are Father Christopher Senk, Pastor of St. Isabel's, and Arline Ford, President of the Women's Guild.

American Red Cross Community CPR / AED course at Recreation Center

Special to the Reporter

The American Red Cross Community CPR / AED course will be held Sunday, Jan. 19 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

The course provides participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to sustain life and minimize the consequences of injury or sudden illness until advanced

medical help arrives. Upon successful completion of this course, participants will hold an adult, infant, child CPR/AED certification valid for 2 years.

The cost of the course is \$70 for members and \$87.50 for non-members and includes all materials. Skills acquired in this course cannot be applied to a life-guarding certification as this course certifies participants in rescue skills for lay responders, not professional rescuers.

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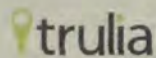
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■ **Open Painting** will be on Tuesdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m., at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. It's "open season" on Open Painting at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. Tap into your creative side, and make new friends at the same time. You will be inspired, even as you walk through our campus...and by sharing ideas with other artists - while you work on your own collection. Bring your own supplies (drop cloths are provided). There is no charge, but space is limited. If you need additional information or have any questions, please call Carol Good (618) 201-6252.

The Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is at 2050 Periwinkle Way in Sanibel. For more information, visit sanibelucc.org or call 472-0497

Sanibel Recreation Center

■ **January Fun Day**, Monday, Jan. 20 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Register your child now for the upcoming Fun Day, which will offer a variety of athletic games, craft projects and special entertainment. Enrollment is available for children kindergarten through eighth grade. Each child should bring a lunch, swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided. Information on the event, including pricing, is available at mysanibel.com, or call the Rec Center at 472-0345.

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BIG ARTS

■ Special Events

Returning to Sanibel as the featured performer for this special BIG ARTS fundraising event, please save the date for John Pizzarelli Quartet in concert on Jan. 24. The jazz performance will be followed by a fine wine and dessert reception. You also won't want to miss the splendor of two of Steinway's finest artists as the Lomazov/Rackers Piano Duo takes their place at two Steinway grand pianos on stage in Schein Performance Hall. The special event concert will be followed by a champagne reception and tickets are on sale now.

■ Theater

The Herb Strauss Theater season includes the internationally acclaimed Hamlet {solo} starring Raoul Bhaneja; an original fun-filled musical, Holiday Spectacular, written and directed by Bobby Logue and John Ramsey; Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's Tony-award winning musical, Into the Woods, the thought-provoking drama, Defamation, in which the audience is the jury; the light-hearted musical, Romance/Romance, with book and lyrics by Barry Harman and music by Keith Herrmann; and closing out the season with the hysterical madcap musical, The Big Bang, with music by Jed Feuer and book and lyrics by Boyd Graham. New this year, tickets to all Herb Strauss Theater performances are only \$5 each for students with valid student ID and for children 17 and under.

■ Family Programming

In addition to the summer arts camp, BIG ARTS offers several events specifically selected to appeal to the entire family. This season features a fantastical dance and musical performance by ArcheDream for HUMANKIND; National Geographic LIVE! speaker,

Greg Marshall, inventor of the Crittercam; the 2nd Annual Photography Scavenger Hunt; and the free BIG ARTS Family Day in May. New this year, tickets to most family programs are only \$5 each for students with valid student ID and for children 17 and under.

■ Classical

The Classical Afternoon series opens with a concert by the winner of the 2013 Cleveland International Piano Competition, Stanislav Khistenko, in December, and continues with a performance by violinist Miroslav Hristov and pianist, Vladimir Valjarevic, featuring works by Liszt, Bartok and Kodaly in January, before ending with chamber musician, cellist Dmitry Kouzov accompanied by pianist Peter Laul. Evening classical music concerts include internationally prize-winning ensembles, Calidore Quartet and The Fauré Quartet. Tickets to classical concerts are free for children 17 and under as well as for students with a valid student ID but must be reserved in advance.

■ Jazz/Pop/Contemporary

This season's roster of jazz, pop and contemporary musicians includes popular American folksinger and 2009 Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Tom Paxton; the Rossano Sportiello/Nicki Parrott/Eddie Metz Trio featuring Harry Allen offers a journey through "The Great American Songbook;" The Piano Men Starring Jim Witter performs a musical journey through the 70's, featuring the song of Billy Joel and Elton John; while Country Royalty rounds out the season with Jason Petty & Carolyn Martin's Musical Tribute to Hank Williams and Patsy Cline. BIG ARTS recently booked Tony-nominated Susan Eagan, who will be performing her "Belle of Broadway" concert in February. Tickets to all jazz, pop and contemporary performances are only \$5 each for students with valid student ID and for children 17 and under.

■ Dance

The universal language of dance will be showcased this season through the artistry of Dance Alive National Ballet and Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater. The award-winning troupes will awe audiences of all ages with stunning performances. Tickets to all dance performances are only \$5 each for students with valid student ID and for children 17 and under.

■ Visual Arts

All visual arts exhibits are free and open to the public, including the ISEA Annual International Juried Exhibition & Symposium, Sanibel Captiva Art League, Big & Small - Buy It Off the Wall, Based on Books, Gordon Coughlin Retrospective, Latin Beat, Trick of the Light: Black and White Photo Show, It's Illuminating, Eliza Brewster: Quilts and Prints, Beyond the Refrigerator Door (children's exhibit) and Open Doors (children's exhibit). In addition to the artwork on display, tickets are available for ART Poems and ARTSalons, which this season includes speakers Andrew Kurtz, Lydia Black, David Acevedo and Martha Graham.

■ Community Collaborations

Featuring productions and performances by Dance Alliance, Wendy Webb, BIG ARTS Community Players, Writers Read, BIG ARTS Community

Chorus, BIG ARTS Concert Band and three classical concerts by Southwest Florida Symphony, the new season offers a wide array of programming for all ages. Don't forget, tickets to most Community Collaborations events are free for children 17 and under as well as students with a valid student ID.

■ Forum

Experts in their fields, each renowned speaker in The FORUM lecture series will discuss a topical and key issue of our time. The 2013-2014 docket includes Luis Rubio (topic: Mexico), Tarek Masoud (topic: Egypt/Syria), David M. Walker (topic: U.S. economy), John Dickerson (topic: mid-term elections), Edward Luce (topic: India), Nicholas Eberstadt (topic: U.S. demographics), Anne-Marie Slaughter (topic: foreign policy) and Christie Todd Whitman (topic: the environment).

■ Film

The popular Monday Night, Not for Monday Night and Documentary film series return with a slate of intriguing titles, such as No, Barbara and Ginger and Rosa. Each Monday night screening is followed by a complementary reception and discussion led by knowledgeable film aficionados. A special chocolate and wine tasting reception followed by a Monday Night Film selection will be featured on Feb. 10.

Center 4 Life

■ **Arts & Crafts Fair at the Center 4 Life**

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■ **Hand & Foot - Tuesday at 1 p.m.**

Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

■ **Canasta - Tuesday at 1 p.m.**

Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

■ **Mahjongg - Thursday at 1 p.m.**

Cost is \$2.50 for members, and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

■ **Need a little help with you iPad, iPhone or Computer?** Rhonda Seifer Wallis is back and ready to help. 9-11 a.m. \$60/session for members and \$90/session for non-members. Class size limited to 4.

iPad - Introduction: Feb. 4 & 6

iPad - Intermediate: Jan. 14 & 16, Feb. 11 & 13

iPhone - Intermediate: Jan. 21 & 23, Feb. 18 & 20

■ **Page Turners with Ann Rodman** - If you are not on the Page Turners list, and wish to be, please email annrodman@aol.com or contact the Center 4

Tarpon Bay Explorers

Tarpon Bay Explorers in the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

Tarpon Bay Explorers is the licensed concessionaire of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, providing low impact recreational and educational opportunities to the public under contract with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

■ **Standup Paddle Board Tour of Tarpon Bay:**

Join a Paddlefit Certified Naturalist to learn the basics of standup paddleboarding while you tour the Tarpon Bay estuary. Get a birds eye view as you stand aboard these stable boards. You'll learn all about the inhabitants of the seagrass flats including fish, oysters, manatees, dolphins and birds of prey. The tour lasts 90 minutes. Tour times are either 9 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. All skill levels welcome but participants must be at least 13 years of age and weigh at least 90 pounds.

■ **Aquarium and Touch Tank:**

Get to know our local marine life during an interactive touch tank presentation with a marine biologist. Discover first-hand the creatures beneath the surface, including conchs, sea urchins, sea stars, horseshoe crabs and more. Presentations are daily at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

■ **Kayak Trail Tour:**

A great introduction to Tarpon Bay and the coastal environment. Kayak with a naturalist through the mangrove forest along the Commodore Creek water trail. Learn about the rich back-bay ecosystem and the wildlife that lives there. You'll be surrounded by red mangroves, wading birds, and unsurpassed peace and quiet. All ages and skill levels welcome. Tour times are 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

■ **Sunset Rookery Paddle:**

As the sun goes down, paddle to the Rookery Islands and see hundreds of birds return to roost for the night. The paddle lasts 2 and a half hours.

■ **Nature and Sealife Cruise:**

See wildlife up close while cruising the tranquil waters of Tarpon Bay during Nature and Sea Life Cruises. With a naturalist by your side, discover manatees and dolphins and observe amazing bird life on the rookery islands. And don't forget the popular breakfast and evening cruises, too!

Tarpon Bay Explorers is located at 900 Tarpon Bay Road on Sanibel. For days, times and to make a reservation, call 472-8900.

Sanibel Island Marina

634 Yachtsman Drive, Phone: 472-2723

Sanibel Marina is located at 634 Yachtsman Drive on Sanibel Island between the Causeway and Lighthouse off Periwinkle Drive. Owned and operated by Myton Ireland since 1985, it is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Call 472-2723 for times and reservations on any of the following scheduled cruises:

■ **Stars and Stripes:**

Enjoy the waters of historic Sanibel and the Pine Island Sound while on a sightseeing adventure. Travel from the Sanibel Lighthouse to the Back Bay Wildlife areas. View Dolphin and Exotic Wildlife. Departs at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Available for

private bookings. Reservations required at 472-2531

■ **Sanibel Thriller:**

Cruise the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Pine Island Sound circumnavigating the World's most prestigious Barrier Islands. During the narrated tour you will see wildlife such as Dolphins and Exotic Birdlife as well as the Historic Sanibel Lighthouse. Voted the best tour on the Islands, "A must do when visiting the Islands" Reservations are required at 472-2328

■ **Rental Boats:**

Fish, Picnic, or sight seeing aboard 20 foot Regal deckboats, fishing boats available. Boats include all safety equipment. Reserve a boat at 472 2531.

■ **Pro-Fishing Guides:**

All equipment and license provided, Backwater and Tarpon fishing available Book at 472-2723.

Adventures In Paradise Cruises

Departing from "G" dock at Port Sanibel Marina, Phone: 472-8443

■ **Shelling & Lunch Excursion:**

Shell the barrier islands and stop for lunch at Barnacle Phil's. Complimentary chairs, umbrellas and floats. Departs at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

■ **Backwater Fishing Cruise:**

All fishing equipment, bait, tackle and license will be provided. Departs at 9 a.m. daily.

■ **Morning Dolphin & Wildlife Cruise:**

A great way to start your day! Departs at 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

■ **Sanibel Trolley Tour:**

Learn about the island's history by trolley! Departs at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

■ **Sealife Encounter Cruise:**

See puffer fish, seahorse and starfish! Florida Gulf Coast University marine biologist on board for netting, observing, and hands on fun education! Departs at 12:30 p.m. daily.

■ **Afternoon Dolphin & Wildlife Cruise:**

Cruise the waters surrounding Sanibel watching for dolphins! Departs at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

■ **Sunset Dolphin & Wildlife Cruise:**

Enjoy a romantic sunset, watch dolphins, and experience the birds coming in to roost at night in remote sanctuary islands. Complimentary soft drinks and water. Departs at 7 p.m. daily.

COMPLIMENTARY trolley pickups are available by reservation. Call Adventures In Paradise at 472-8443 to make reservations or get further information, also visit www.adventuresinparadise.com

YOLO Watersports

Class begins at 9 a.m. sharp each Thursday for a one-hour session with yoga instructor Micaela Solomon. Arrive early and the cost is \$30 per student, which includes a SUP (stand-up paddleboard). Reservations are requested. YOLO is located at 11534 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva Island. For more information or to make reservations, call 239-472-9656 or 472-9656.

Captiva Cruises

■ **Cabbage Key/Useppa Island Lunch Cruise**

Choose your island destination and

enjoy a narration on the history and wildlife along the way. Cabbage Key and the Dollar Bill Restaurant is a true "Old Florida" island hide-a-way. Useppa Island, with lush vegetation and pink pathways, is the site of the historic Collier Inn and award-winning history museum.

■ **Dolphin & Wildlife Adventure cruise**

Spotting the Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphin is always a highlight for visitors to Southwest Florida and Captiva Cruises offers the perfect family cruise that provides the opportunity to see dolphins playing and birds feeding in Pine Island Sound.

■ **Night Sky Astronomy cruise**

Captiva Cruises' naturalist identifies planets, stars and constellations, mythologies and mysteries, and features of the Milky Way Galaxy, as well as the greater universe. A truly magical way to experience the night sky on the water.

Reservations for all cruises are required. Call Captiva Cruises at 472-5300 or go to www.CaptivaCruises.com for more information and to make reservations.

Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

Shell Museum Lecture Series 2014 Wednesdays at 2 p.m., free with museum admission/membership or \$5

■ **Jan. 22**

Holly Milbrandt, Environmental Biologist Department of Natural Resources, City of Sanibel: "Sanibel H2O Matters: A Review of the Summer of 2013."

■ **Feb. 5**

Goz Gosselin, Professional Shellcrafter, Fort Myers, Florida: "Shell Art by Goz."

■ **Feb. 19**

Charlie Sobczak, Sanibel, Florida: "Urban Wildlife" (and book signing, for his already-published books).

■ **March 5**

Hannah Milman, Editorial Director, Crafts, at Martha Stewart Living, New York: [Shell Craft Subject TBD].

■ **March 19**

Dr. José H. Leal, Curator and Director of Education The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum: "The Potential Effects of Repeated Freshwater Releases on Local Populations of Mollusks."

■ **April 2**

Dr. Eric Milbrandt, Marine Laboratory, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation: "Summer 2013 Water Releases Changed Seagrass Habitats Around Barrier Islands."

■ **April 16**

Dr. Joanne Muller, Assistant Professor and Program Leader for Marine Science Department of Marine and Ecological Sciences Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers: "Reconstructing the Long-term History of Hurricane Landfalls in Southwest Florida."

■ **April 30**

Pamela Jones Morton, Lovers Key State Park: "There is more to Lovers Key State Park than the beach!"

San-Cap Audubon

2014 LECTURE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Held at the Sanibel Community House

2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL

7:30 p.m. Start Time - Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

■ **Jan. 16** - "The Birds of Wintergreen" - Birding expert and photographer, Marshall Faintich, using his exceptional photos will highlight many of the more than 220 species that can be seen in the Wintergreen region of central Virginia.

■ **Jan. 23** - "Hummingbirds and Heliconias of the Lesser Antilles" - The relationship of hummingbirds to plants and nature's resulting adaptations will be celebrated by Amherst College Professor of Biology, Dr. Ethan Temeles. Utilizing dramatic photos, Dr. Temeles will reveal his years of research into the unique hummingbird male/female differences that are requisite for various tropical plant propagation.

■ **Jan. 30** - "Sanibel: The City that Almost Wasn't" - Education Director of Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, (SCCF), Kristie Anders, uses historical photographs, postcards and documents as well as her patented stimulating narrative to enlighten us on the tumultuous period leading to Sanibel becoming a city.

■ **Feb. 6** - "Images to Inspire: The Wonders of Peregrine Falcons, Sandhill Cranes and Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds" - San-Cap Audubon's own William Heyd returns to provide entry into the private lives of these unique species utilizing his remarkable intimate photographs and detailed research.

■ **Feb. 13** - "Beautiful Birds of Sanibel" - Renowned authors and long-time Sanibel winter residents, Don and Lillian Stokes will use examples of Lillian's stunning bird photography in a lively presentation to celebrate the wonderful birds of our island paradise.

■ **Feb. 20** - "Comets & Asteroids" - Back by popular demand Sanibel's winter astronomer, John Hicks, presents the good, the bad and the ugly characteristics of these celestial bodies prominent in recent news coverage. Are we in danger? John will provide some answers!

■ **Feb. 27** - "Unlocking the Secrets of the Mangrove Cuckoo" - For more than a year Rachel Frieze Mullin and her Ecostudies Institute associates have been conducting the first major study of the rare and elusive Mangrove Cuckoo here on Sanibel Island in Ding Darling NWR. Join Rachel as she divulges the current status of the findings of this study.

Lee County Parks & Recreation

Lee County Parks & Recreation announce their free seasonal guided walks along the shoreline and back bay habitats of Matanzas Pass Preserve, Bowditch Point Park and Bunche Beach Preserve. Tours:

Matanzas Pass Preserve, 199 Bay Road, Ft. Myers Beach, 33931 (free but limited parking)

■ **Life in the Mangroves**

Nov. thru March - every Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

This educational and inspirational walk through Matanzas Pass Preserve will provide you with opportunities to discover the diverse plant and animal communities in this maritime oak hammock, transitional wetland and man-

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Life. Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 2:30 p.m. - Featured book: "My 92 Years on Sanibel," by Francis Bailey. Mead Bailey Johnson, Francis' daughter, will provide some background information on Francis during the discussion.

■ **Coping with Life Series.** This will provide guest speakers on various topics at the Center. Beginning Friday, Jan. 17 at 1:30 p.m., the topic will be "What is Lifecare?" with Lynn Schneider, Assistant Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Shell Point Retirement Community. Lifecare is a positive option to meet the housing, medical, and long-term care needs of today's senior. This discussion will include information about housing, financial costs and considerations, estate planning, government benefits, medical care, and long-term care. Specific details about Shell Point's fees and unit selection will also be made available.

■ **Friday, Jan. 24** topic will be "Osteoporosis and Exercise" with Claire Coolbeth, DPT, CSCS - Physical Therapist. Demonstration of appropriate exercises and postural stretches, along with discussion of new evidence-based exercise approaches for osteoporosis.

■ **AARP Safe Driving Classes** - Thursdays, Jan. 23 & 30 or March 20 & 27, 1 to 4 p.m.

Classes are held in the Center 4 Life building on Library Way. Cost is \$20 with a \$5 discount for AARP members.

In addition to making our roads a safer place you will be eligible for a discount on your auto insurance. Register by calling Ed VanderHey at 292-4012.

■ **Caloosahatchee Oxbow & Riverlore Cruise** - Sunday, Feb. 9

This 2.5 hour adventure begins by locking through the W.P. Franklin Lock in Olga and cruises through the meanders of the historic upriver Caloosahatchee. The tour is guided by Rae Ann Wessel, river researcher, long-time river advocate, historian and SCCF Natural Resource Policy Director. Cruise is aboard the Manatee Rover pontoon boat (47-passenger). Cruise will depart at 1 p.m. from the W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam off SR 80 in Olga and return by 3:30 p.m. \$35 members \$40 non-members.

■ **Costume World Trip** - Monday, Jan. 27

Guided tour of the incredible costumes at Costume World, delicious sit-down lunch, story of the costumes and live Cabaret Show. \$89 members, \$99 non-members. Transportation included. Contact the Center if interested in attending.

■ **Shop till you drop** at Sawgrass Mills and IKEA - Wednesday, Jan. 29

Your choice of all day at Sawgrass Mills or half day at Sawgrass Mills and half day at IKEA. \$45/members, \$55/non-members. Transportation included.

■ **ECO-TOUR** to Crystal River, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 3-4 \$209 per person, double-occupancy

for members and \$249 per person, double-occupancy for non-members. Includes R/T transportation, overnight accommodations, dinner, and breakfast at the Plantation Inn, admission to Weeki-Wachee (the original City of Live Mermaids), boat tour with manatees, and more. Tour will be led by former National Parks Service Director Fran Mainella as part of the exclusive new Eco-Tourism Division.

■ **Tuesday kayaking** - Jan. 21, 28 at 8:30 a.m.

There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. Kayaks, paddles and life jackets provided.

Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Advance registration required.

Fitness classes are available and all ages are welcome.

■ **Island Seniors, Inc.** members pay \$3.50 per class or visitors \$6 per class. Island Seniors, Inc. annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership cards to attend.

Fitness class schedule is as follows:
■ **Happy Hour Fitness** - Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8 a.m.

This class keeps your brain fit and your heart, lungs and muscles strong with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises and balance. Hand weights, stretch cords, and

your body weight will be used to keep you strong. We will begin with a joke and end with a positive thought for the day. Silvia Villanueva is the instructor.

■ **Essential Total Fitness** - Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

■ **Power Hour Fitness** - Tuesday & Thursday at 8 a.m.

Hand weights, stretch cords and stability balls, along with mats, are used to strengthen your muscles. Improve core strength and balance. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

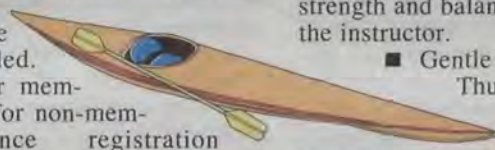
■ **Gentle Yoga** - Tuesday & Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Mats are used to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel. Kris Brown is the instructor

■ **Chair Yoga** - Tuesday & Thursday at 11 a.m.

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

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



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grove forest ecosystem.

■ **Exploring Ethnobotany**
Nov. thru March - every 4th Wednesday of the month 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Learn the historical importance of Florida native plants as food, shelter, medicine and clothing to humans, past and present. Discover how these indigenous plants have been used by the Calusa and early settlers.

■ **Bowditch Point Park**, 50 Estero Blvd. Ft. Myers Beach, 33931 (parking \$2 per hour)

■ **Barrier Island Ramble**
Nov. thru March - every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Discover the unique and constantly changing features of this barrier island ecosystem.

Learn how the plants and animals are adapted to life on this fragile spit of sand.

■ **Bunche Beach**, 18201 John Morris Rd, Ft. Myers 33908 (parking \$2 per hour)

■ **Low Tide Loafing**
Enjoying a beautiful SW Florida sunset on a leisurely walk as the low tide uncovers the mysteries of the mud flats. Wear comfortable clothing, shoes that can get wet, bring water, bug spray, binoculars and camera!

Thursday, Jan. 16, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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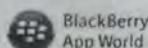
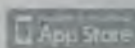
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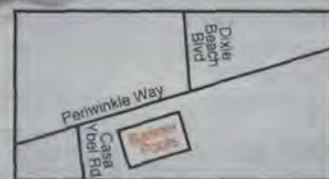
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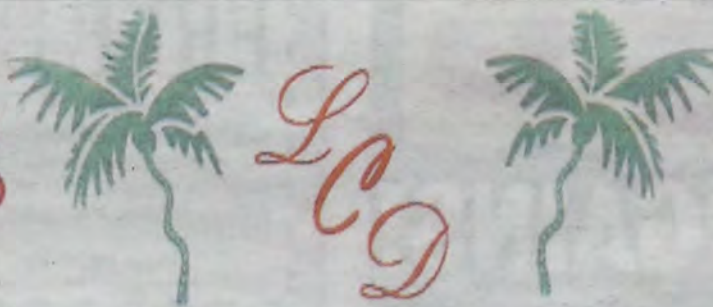
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without merit. I spent many years there with you. I would however openly invite anyone who can no longer stand and watch the "conservative" party draw good people into a state of hopeless submission to join me in a stand against the march I have described.

To those who would claim that I am "throwing away my voice and vote," I would encourage you to recognize your fear. This is not a fight that will be easily or quickly won. This will not be won by compromise which leads us farther down the path to authoritarianism, and this is not a fight for the weak minded. Thomas Pain said "I love the man that

can smile in trouble, which can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection.

"Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death."

Those with the strength of mind and conscience will continue to fight for those without it.

Matthew Worley
PaulRevereRadio.com

We're doomed

To the editor:

Corruption will be our demise. I should have known crony capitalism

was too entrenched for profit to be diverted to home owners for the sake of earth and humanity. Home energy independence is about to be thwarted because huge utilities like FP&L, with the aid of a political party, will dictate to Public Utility Commissions across America (California to Florida) to gut "Net Metering" because they can no longer compete. This was our last chance to even try to mitigate CO2 (carbon dioxide) polluting the atmosphere. So much for out with the old and in with the new and better.

Solar energy grid parity is here, and it will not be allowed to stand. This is "Who Killed the Electric Car" writ large. Many just don't want to believe for-profit corporations have the power to kill our future. They do and they will because stockholders and CEOs only look to the quarterly report. They know if they don't take the money and run someone else will. We'll lament our inaction on this.

Greed wins - we lose.

Michael Bartley
Fort Myers Beach

American or party member?

To the editor:

It saddens me to accept the fact that Americans are more dedicated to a political party than to being an American. Why is it that we accept ideology over facts. Finally, why would we accept a foreign alien to become our president?

Here are some facts to consider:

1. Amendment 14 of the U.S. Constitution plainly states that both the mother and father must be American born nationals to produce a newborn child that may become president. It's the law. Barack Obama's father is from

Kenya, his mother a United States citizen which disqualifies Obama's becoming president of the USA. Plus he is a self-proclaimed Kenya citizen.

2. Obama applied to the Fulbright Foundation for a scholarship which he was awarded. The major requirement is that the applicant be a foreign national.

3. Copies of Obama's college transcripts from Occidental College plainly reflects his registration as Barry Sortoro as being a foreign national.

4. Obama's Columbia University's student ID card plainly states across the front of it, that he is a foreign student.

5. During an interview with "60 Minutes," Obama admitted that he was born in Kenya.

6. Why is that Obama would spend upwards of \$950,000 of campaign funds to seal his past, unless he had something to hide?

7. During a "Meet the Press" press conference of 09/07/08, he was asked why is it that he refuses to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag. His response was that he did not wish to be perceived as taking sides. When asked his stance on the national anthem, he stated that it conveys a war-like message.

8. Obamacare passed both the Senate and House of Representatives and signed into law. Laws are not to be changed without proper protocol receiving approval of Congress. Obama has made 14 unauthorized changes without approval, mostly to large contributors and unions.

So where do you stand with America or with a political party?

C. Alexander
Bokeelia

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Letters to the Editor

From page 44 Clean water ecological event coming up

To the editor:

In an effort to continue to educate the masses of our water quality issues, we will be holding an educational ecological event. The Alliance of the Arts will play host on Feb. 1.

Many speakers will be on hand, eco-art installations from "The River Kids West Coast," fresh green market, as well as information provided concerning the Lake Okeechobee discharges that destroy out waterways in the summer months. We invite residents and tourists alike to attend

this informative event starting at 10 a.m.

As clean water activists, we strive for the notion "stay engaged without the outrage" as our educational method. Many have no idea of how our waters are devastated, our sea life or killed and ill, our oyster population is wiped out at 100 percent and so on during the summer months. Now we have a chance to educate those not in the know, those who are tourists, and those who simply want to learn more of how to help our struggling environment. We ask for your effort to "learn" and to "react" to help save our paradise in Lee county. We hope to see you there.

John. G. Heim
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up to look into the subject, Mayor Kevin Ruane said it wasn't likely.

During closing remarks, Denham said he had spoken with two hoteliers who were interested in perhaps coming to Sanibel, but were concerned with the city laws regarding room size limitations.

Denham made a motion to ask staff to look into changing the room code to allow rooms up to 600 square feet, because that was what the hoteliers said they needed and because he said such an increase would not impact room density.

One resident cautioned that if they allowed "overbuilt" resorts it would allow them to be overbuilt even more, perhaps with multiple stories.

Council voted 4-0 to look into it.

In his closing comment, Ruane said it had occurred to him there was not a set protocol regarding the evaluation of the city manager or city attorney.

"We've had one evaluation in my seven years in office. There's no formal process," Ruane said. "We should have this protocol on an annual basis."

Ruane made a motion to evaluate the city manager and city attorney on an annual basis and to formalize the process, as well as make it retroactive for the previous six years he's been in office. Both were approved unanimously.

Councilmember Jim Jennings was not at the meeting, having undergone surgery on his carotid artery.



Nicole McHale of FISH with Richard and Mead Johnson of Bailey's, helping raise food for FISH's pantry last month.

ROBBIE SPENCER



Twilight Talk

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Sanibel in the "Homestead," sometimes called the "Green House," as her family home. She had many memories there of growing up on the islands. Mary Mead graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a degree in marine technology and the University of North Florida with a degree in environmental science.

Richard graduated from Jacksonville University Davis School of Business with a degree in business management. He arrived on Sanibel just after Hurricane Charley and witnessed first hand the island at one of its worst points, but the community at one of its best. Since then, the island bug bit him. He is involved in the community through numerous nonprofits, including FISH, CHR, and others.

The price is \$5, or free for museum

members. It's encouraged to pick up and purchase tickets prior to the event. Tickets for future Twilight Talks are available in the old Bailey's General Store in the village during museum hours, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Emilie Alfino to reserve seats or for more information at 472-4648.

The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults 18 and older; those under 18 and members are free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings. Admission for entrance to the Gift Shop only is free. For information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit sanibel-museum.org.

Relationships

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the ones formed in groups or clubs or committees, but as importantly, the one-on-one interactions and small group gatherings - relationships that build trust and care and emotional and spiritual health. We know they happen all the time but we sometimes don't fully comprehend the power and potential of these interactions - whether the interaction is between friends, or between a friend and a stranger. Bodies and souls are strengthened when someone from F.I.S.H. brings a meal to a shut-in. Bodies and souls are nourished when someone takes the time to stop and listen. Bodies and souls are healed when a group gathers for coffee and support. Relationships are forged when a lonely person wanders into Noah's Ark and is taken under the wing of a tender smile. Whatever the type of caring interaction, relationships restore those bits of humani-

ty that seem to get lost or hurt in our hectic lives. Even the proliferation of social networking - Facebook, tweeting, and e-mail - seems to demonstrate our need to have human encounters - albeit not face-to-face.

However we do it, and with whomever we interact, we MUST make relationship building a priority in our lives. Whether we tweet or greet, whether we reach out an actual hand or reach out with our heart in an e-card, healing relationships are more important than ever in this fast-paced world in which we live. In this new year, take a serious look at all your interactions, and try to imagine how each encounter can begin to restore, refresh, and renew one person - one relationship at a time. You'll find that in your efforts, you will be incredibly refreshed, renewed, and restored as well.

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Author Bob H. Lee will be at the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center on Jan. 17.

Lecture series

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moonshining once did in the hills of Georgia and Tennessee.

Lee has lived through incidents of legend, including one of the biggest environmental busts in Florida history. His fascinating memoir reveals the danger and the humor in the unsung exploits of game wardens.

"Lee recounts his amazing and challenging career as a Florida game warden with wit, wisdom, and careful attention to detail," said Jeff Hahr, a former patrol supervisor for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "You will travel with him as he boats the St. Johns River, walk beside him as he wades past resting alligators, and listen for that gunshot on a cold Putnam County night."

Admission is free to the lecture, which is sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust

Company and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), as part of its 12-week Friday Afternoon Lecture Series.

Bryant said she created the lecture series ten years ago after Hurricane Charley devastated the islands.

"Not all the hotels were open on the island after Charley, we started the series to draw people back to the refuge," she said. "It's been pretty successful."

Following the lectures, Lee will sign copies of his book, which are available for purchase in the Refuge Nature Center. Proceeds will benefit refuge conservation and education programs.

For more information on future lectures, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or visit dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures.

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Fishing in January

January should bring us some of the coldest days of the year in Southwest Florida. Just how cold it gets will determine how and where to fish. Up until this point our weather has remained pleasantly mild but we should expect cooler days ahead. This month the primary inshore targets are sea trout, sheepshead, redfish, pompano and, if it's relatively warm, Spanish mackerel.

When it turns cold, looked to protected areas like canals, creeks and deep water on the leeward side of islands as fish seek shelter. Often fish may be found ganged up in a deep hole or along a shoreline. If the weather is mild for several days the fish may be more widespread on the shallower flats, bars and structures.

For bait it's hard to beat live shrimp. Shrimp are user friendly, readily available and everything eats them. If it's cold, think slow and low, meaning fish the bait at or near the bottom either stationary or with a slow retrieve. One of the best ways to cover the bottom and



Capt. Bill Russell
On the Water

catch fish on a chilly day is with a live shrimp/jig head combination. Take a live shrimp, bite or pinch off the tail and thread the shrimp tail first on 1/4 ounce jig head just like you would a soft plastic shrimp or shad tail. Now you have the best of both worlds, live bait but you can cover ground with like an artificial. This combination will entice everything from big snook to pompano. Sheepshead and pompano are primarily bottom feeders, it's imperative to keep your

bait at or near the bottom if they are your target.

With milder weather the same combination also works but likely the fish are spread out over shallower depths so a change of technique is often necessary. Look for fish holding in areas that are a short distance from the deeper protected areas. They often hold in areas where they can quickly get back to shelter when the next front arrives. Fish these areas with shrimp rigged the same



Look for inshore sheepshead fishing to peak this month. Pictured is Jimmy Brickey visiting from St. Louis Mo., with one of many he caught while fishing Matlacha Pass with Capt. Bill Russell.

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method described above with a little quicker retrieve, or suspended under a popping or rattling cork. Sometimes if you are looking for trout, redfish or maybe pompano, it's all about covering as much area as possible. Scented soft baits like Gulp shrimp are another great option. If your target is sheepshead, concentrate around structure with deeper water such as oyster bars, docks, bridges, artificial reefs, etc.

Fishing can change quickly this month — to be successful you need to monitor the weather conditions and adapt accordingly. Most of us don't like to be cold, that's why we live in Florida, with the exception of

sheepshead that thrive in the cold, our Florida fish are no different. When its cold we move a little slower. Learn that most of our fish react the same and you will be on your way to catching winter fish in all conditions.

If you have a fishing report or for charter information, contact us at 239-283-7960, on the Web at www.fish-pine-island.com or e-mail: gcl2fish@live.com

Have a safe week and good fishin'.



From left, Barbara Johnstone and her partner, Jim Grzymala (across table) play bridge at the Community House with Karen & Geoffrey Moss. Two sanctioned games will be held each week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. Participation has more than doubled in just a few short weeks.

ROBBIE SPENCER

SCA Bridge results

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, there were eight tables in play at the Sanibel Community Association. The winners were:

North/South

1. Dorothy & Irwin Levy
2. Karen & Geoffrey Moss
3. Joan & Bob Kent

East/West

1. Lydia & Walter Freedman

2. Joanne Glick & Will Smith
3. Myra Fisher & Ann Levensohn

There are two sanctioned games on Tuesdays and Thursdays which run for four months, January through April, at 1 p.m.. Games are at the Community House at 2173 Periwinkle Way.

For further information, please call Susan Willoughby at 281-3258.



Jack Tukey, Wayne Turner, Hunt Ethridge, and David Smith celebrate their victory at Blue Coyote Supper Club.

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Sanibel Island Golf Club men scramble into the New Year

On Saturday, Jan. 4 the Men's League at Sanibel Island Golf Club played a regular scramble. Gross scores were used to determine finishes with one half of the foursome's lowest handicap participant subtracted from the final score.

The team of Wayne Turner, Hunt Ethridge, David Smith and Jack Tukey won with a final score of 57.5. Everyone on that team had at least one natural birdie and Wayne Turner, the Captain of the

foursome, had three. Several pars and a couple of bogies contributed to the win. In second place was the foursome of Chuck Bye, David Wiseley, Don Bradford and Jerry Mader. With a score of 58.5. Close behind them with a score of 59 were Fred Zimmer, Dick Cordair, Guy Tober and Bill Blankenship.

After the scramble was completed the men all gathered for lunch at the Blue Coyote.

Dunes Golf & Tennis Club

Dunes Women's Golf Association Event Results Friday, Jan. 3

1. Mardi Glenn 68
2. Nancy McConnell 71
3. Anne Frymoyer 72
4. Annie Wainwright 73

Chip In's

- #18 June Muench
 - #15 Joan Kent
- Congratulations to the Winners!

Format: Beat the Pro Target Score (74)

1. June Muench 68

Sports Calendar

HOCKEY



■ Home
□ Away

Jan. 17
vs. Orlando
7:30 p.m.

Jan. 18
vs. Orlando
7:30 p.m.

Jan. 24
at South Carolina
7:05 p.m.

Jan. 25
at South Carolina
7:05 p.m.

Jan. 26
at Orlando
3 p.m.

Jan. 29
vs. Greenville
7:30 p.m.

Jan. 31
vs. Greenville
7:30 p.m.

Feb. 1
vs. Greenville
7 p.m.

Feb. 4
vs. Orlando
7:30 p.m.

Feb. 7
vs. Gwinnett
7:30 p.m.

Feb. 8
vs. Gwinnett
7 p.m.

Feb. 14
at Greenville
7 p.m.

Feb. 15
at Greenville
7 p.m.

Feb. 16
at South Carolina
3:05 p.m.

Feb. 19
vs. Fort Wayne
7:30 p.m.



Sanibel Rec Center Calendar

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. Zumba
- 10:30 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 p.m. Basic Yoga
- 5:00 p.m. BOSU Pilates
- 6:00 p.m. Kickboxing
- 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/Zumba Basic
- 5:30 p.m. BOSU, Ball & Strength

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

- 8:00 a.m. Slow 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 Basic
- 12:00 p.m. Aquaritas Class
- 5:30 p.m. Cycle Zone
- 7:00 a.m. Low-Interval Training
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. High Energy Low Impact Aerobics
- 10:30 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 p.m. Basic Yoga
- 5:00 p.m. Aqua Zumba

Wednesday 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. Zumba
- 10:30 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 p.m. Power Yoga
- 5:00 p.m. Zumba
- 6:00 p.m. Restorative Yoga

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

- 7:00 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 8:00 a.m. Slow Flow Yoga

Saturday Hours 8:00 a.m.-5 p.m.

- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Power Sculpting
- 11:00 a.m. Power Yoga

Sunday Hours 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Weight room, tennis, gym, water slide, features pool, splash pad and lap pool use.

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

Tampa Thunder to hold clinic for wheelchair soccer players

Tampa Thunder, a nationally recognized soccer club for people who use wheelchairs, will be in North Fort Myers soon to host a free event at Lee County Parks & Recreation's newest center.

From noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, people can watch a demonstration and participate in what's dubbed a Power Chair Clinic with team members of the Tampa Thunder Power Soccer Team. The event with Tampa Thunder Assistant Coach Tari Carpenter is at the North Fort Myers Recreation Center, 2000 North Recreation Park Way, North Fort Myers, FL 33903. The center is at North Fort Myers Community Park next to the North Fort Myers Library.

Power Soccer is the first competitive team sport designed and developed specifically for Power Wheelchair users. Participants include people with quadriplegia, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, head trauma, stroke, spinal cord injury and other disabilities. Power Soccer combines the skill of the wheelchair user with the speed and power of the chair itself to participate in

an extremely challenging game similar to soccer.

The game is played in a gymnasium on a regulation basketball court. Two teams of four Power Chair users attack, defend and spin-kick a 13-inch soccer ball in an attempt to score goals. Power Soccer is a growing sport, both nationally and internationally. Founded in 2004, the Tampa Thunder team has played in 150 games and competed in more than 25 regional and national tournaments. The Tampa Thunder is currently ranked third in the nation.

Participants on Jan. 18 must be users of Power Chairs and must bring their own. Registration is in person on the day of the event, but prospective participants are asked to call Lee County Parks & Recreation's Terri Farrell at 267-2181 or Tfarrell@leegov.com.

For more information, visit www.tampathunder.org or www.powersoccerusa.org. For directions to the North Fort Myers Recreation Center, go to www.leeparks.org.



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The committee organizing the Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge, from left, Mike Valiquette, Ralph Clark, Gordon Coons, Chip Roach (Chairman), Mike Greenstein (Co-Chair), Al Hanser, GM and COO of Sanctuary Golf Club Ken Kouril, and Director of Golf, Brett Kist.

Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge date announced

Special to the Current

The Sanctuary Golf Club, as title sponsor, is hosting the 12th Annual Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge on Jan. 25. This event has raised over \$920,000 for the Charitable Foundation of the Islands and its predecessors solely from the generous support of Captiva and Sanibel residents.

There are numerous sponsorship opportunities ranging from the \$5,000 Diamond Partnership, which includes additional rounds of golf, lunch, and dinner at The Sanctuary

Golf Club, to a \$150 Hole Partnership. All proceeds go directly to the Charitable Foundation of the Islands, which in turn distributes the funds to assist island nonprofit organizations and individual island residents, and workers who have experienced hardships such as medical and financial emergencies.

"The Sanctuary Golf Club's members have warmly embraced this event with their exceptional generosity and commitment to this fundraiser. The Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge allows opportunities for

our community to contribute and say thank you," said Ken Kouril, General Manager of The Sanctuary Golf Club.

The Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge begins at 10:30 a.m. with a brunch followed by a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. After, golfers meet at the clubhouse for drinks and hors d'oeuvres, an awards presentation, and the ever-popular Helicopter Drop. For more information about The Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge, contact Brett Kist at 472-6223 or bkist@sanctuarygc.net.

SCCF Conservation Forum: Valuing Nature

Join SCCF and the Everglades Foundation at the Sanibel Community House on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m. for an entertaining and engaging program by Dave Sackett, founding partner of The Tarrance Group, one of the most respected and successful Republican survey, research and strategy teams in American politics today. Sackett has an extensive background in campaign strategy, political media and

message development, and demographic targeting.

Sackett serves as the pollster and strategic consultant for over thirty Republican Governors, U.S. Senators, Members of Congress, and State leaders, including House Speaker John Boehner, U.S. Senators Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire and Jon Barrasso of Wyoming, and Governors Brian Sandoval of Nevada and Rick Snyder of

Michigan. Sackett also served as a pollster for the Giuliani for President campaign and as a member of the polling team for President George W. Bush's re-election campaign.

During the 2012 election cycle, Sackett served as the pollster for Senators Dean Heller of Nevada and Jeff Flake of Arizona, and helped defend key targeted incumbent Members of Congress Mike Coffman

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Use your Lee County Library System card to visit romance that lives on in stories of times past

Reminder: the Captiva Memorial Library is closed for building renovations. The library is slated to reopen during January of 2014. While renovation of the Captiva Memorial Library in ongoing the outside book return will remain open for return of Lee County Library System materials. Visit the Lee County Library System website at leelibrary.net or call 479-4636. Details of this donor funded Captiva Island community project are at: ccacaptiva.org.

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Ann Bradley

At the Library

An Untamed Heart by Laura Snelling

(book, large print and Ebook)

"The Long-Awaited Prequel to the Red River of the North

Series... Twenty-year-old Ingeborg Strand is certain she is destined to be an old maid. She's had several suitors but none she deemed worthy of spending her life with. That is, until she meets a university student from Oslo, and feelings stronger than friendship begin to develop between them. But tragedy strikes, and the future begins to look bleaker than ever. Grief settles heavily over Ingeborg, and her mother suggests that she leave Norway and start afresh in America, as so many others have done before her. But how will she accomplish that with little money and no one to accompany her? It isn't long before she meets Roald Bjorklund, a widower who has been planning to go to America for some time, lured by the promise of free land. He's a good man, a hard-working man--and he has a young son who desperately needs a mother. He's clearly interested in Ingeborg, but is he the answer to her prayers? And what about love? This isn't how she's always imagined it. Ingeborg Strand has a heartrending decision to make..." *

The Spanish Queen: A Novel of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon by Carolly Erickson

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"From the New York Times bestselling author of The Last Wife of Henry VIII comes a powerful and moving novel about Catherine of Aragon, Henry VIII's first wife and mother of Mary I. When young Catherine of Aragon, proud daughter of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, is sent to England to marry the weak Prince Arthur, she is unprepared for all that awaits her: early widowhood, the challenge of warfare with the invading Scots, and the ultimately futile attempt to provide the realm with a prince to secure the succession. She marries Arthur's energetic, athletic brother Henry, only to encounter fresh obstacles, chief among them Henry's infatuation

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Lily says 'Yes' to saying 'I Do'

by Dan Schuyler & Karen Bell



Lily & Co. Jewelers is ringing the wedding bells with the recent engagement of its namesake Lily the Labradoodle and her owner Karen Bell to Dr. Leonard Thatch.

"It is a proud moment for Lily & Co.," said Dan Schuyler, co-owner with Bell of Lily & Co. Jewelers on Sanibel Island. "The Lily team is thrilled to have Leonard become a member of the Lily family, even though he has already been with us for five years."

On Dec. 22, 2013, Leonard asked for Lily's paw and Karen's hand in marriage. They said, "Yes." Leonard said, "Thank you." For the ring, he went to Lily & Co. and collaborated with Schuyler to create an exquisite piece designed by Beny Sofer, a 40-year family-owned diamond and jewelry firm.

When I asked her to marry me, Karen immediately said "Yes", said Leonard, who practices medicine in Santa Fe, N.M. Lily, however, turned and looked away towards the Gulf for a moment. She then returned her gaze to her Daddy with a look that said "I need some more time to think about this...". Later, when she saw how happy her mother was with the

stunning diamond engagement ring from Lily and Co., she gave her paw to Leonard as a sign of acceptance.

Visit Lily & Co. Jewelers to discover the perfect piece of fine jewelry to celebrate any momentous occasion in your life. Sanibel's only jewelry gallery offers stunning pieces by creative and talented designers, such as Beny Sofer, Charles Krypell and Denny Wong, among many others.

"We are very excited about this next phase in our lives," said Karen, who has been a Realtor on the islands with VIP Realty for the past 27 years. "Leonard, along with Dan and Beny Sofer, could not have created a more perfect ring to symbolize our love."

About Lily & Co. Jewelers

The four-legged friends at Lily & Co. Jewelers, Lily, Gracie and Angel (plus their owners: Sanibel-Captiva Realtor Karen Bell and jeweler, G.I.A. Gemologist Dan Schuyler) offer the latest jewelry trends and tips every week.

Lily & Co. is Sanibel's only jewelry gallery, combining couture jewelry, fine art and giftware all in one location.

The Lily & Co. gallery features a large selection of fine couture jewelry, loose G.I.A. and A.G.S. certified diamonds, colored stones and is a full-service jeweler. Services include jewelry repair and restoration, certified Rolex watch and clock repair, glass and metal hand engraving services, bead and pearl re-stringing, pewter repair and restoration, and appraisal services. Through the Positively Precious Program, Lily & Co. purchases previously worn jewelry, stones, diamonds,

Rolex watches and stemware from customers for liquidation purposes.

Lily & Co. has garnered several national awards: Voted "Coolest Jewelry Store" in the nation by INSTORE magazine. They won the "5 Designer Retailer" award by Jewelers Circular Keystone (JCK) in their first year of business and also won from 2006-2011; JCK awarded them a "5 Star Store" in 2009 and was given the "Top Dog Award" from Smart Show in 2011 in Chicago. Locally, they have received "Best of the Islands" seven consecutive years.



Lily & Co. Jewelers, Karen Bell and Dr. Leonard Thatch are proud to announce their engagement.



Lily & Co. Jewelers, Karen Bell and Dr. Leonard Thatch are proud to announce their engagement.

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with the alluring but wayward Anne Boleyn. In *The Spanish Queen*, best-selling novelist Carolly Erickson allows the strong-willed, redoubtable Queen Catherine to tell her own story — a tale that carries her from the scented gardens of Grenada to the craggy mountains of Wales to the conflict-ridden Tudor court. Surrounded by strong partisans among the English, and with the might of Spanish and imperial arms to defend her, Catherine soldiers on, until her union with King Henry is severed and she finds herself discarded — and tempted to take the most daring step of her life. Carolly Erickson's historical entertainments continue to succeed in creating a unique blend of historical authenticity and page-turning drama." *

Stella Bain by Anita Shreve

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"An epic story set against the backdrop of World War I...When an American woman, Stella Bain, is found suffering from severe shell shock in an exclusive garden in London, surgeon August Bridge and his wife selflessly agree to take her in. A gesture of goodwill turns into something more as Bridge quickly develops a clinical interest in his houseguest. Stella had been working as a nurse's aide near the front, but she can't remember anything prior to four months earlier when she was found wounded on a French battlefield...a narrative that takes us from London to America and back again...an engrossing and wrenching tale about love and the meaning of memory, set against the haunting backdrop of a war that destroyed an entire generation." *

To Love and Cherish by Tracie Peterson and Judith Miller

(book, large print, Ebook and audio Ebook)

"A story of romance and intrigue on a beautiful island resort...When Melinda Colson's employer announces they'll be leaving Bridal Veil Island to return to their home in Cleveland, Melinda hopes her beau, Evan, will propose. But Evan isn't prepared to make an offer of marriage until he knows he can support a wife and family. Evan works as the assistant gamekeeper on Bridal Veil but hopes to be promoted soon. Letters strengthen their love, but Melinda remains frustrated at being apart from the man she wants to spend the rest of her life with. Then she learns of a devastating hurricane in Bridal Veil and knows she must give up her position as a lady's maid and make her way back to Evan. The destruction on Bridal Veil is extensive,

meaning every available person is needed to help with cleanup and repairs. Melinda finds a new job on the island, but Evan seems even busier than before, meaning she still never gets to see him. Has she given her heart to the wrong man? And when Melinda overhears a vicious plot against President McKinley, who is scheduled to visit the island, is Evan the one she should turn to? Will Melinda and Evan ever get the chance to stand at the front of a church and promise "to love and cherish"?" *

The Red Garden by Alice Hoffman

(book, large print, Ebook, audio book and audio Ebook)

"The Red Garden introduces us to the luminous and haunting world of Blackwell, Massachusetts, capturing the unexpected turns in its history and in our own lives. In exquisite prose, Hoffman offers a transforming glimpse of small-town America, presenting us with some three hundred years of passion, dark secrets, loyalty, and redemption in a web of tales where characters' lives are intertwined by fate and by their own actions. From the town's founder, a brave young woman from England who has no fear of blizzards or bears, to the young man who runs away to New York City with only his dog for company, the characters in *The Red Garden* are extraordinary and vivid: a young wounded Civil War soldier who is saved by a passionate neighbor, a woman who meets a fiercely human historical character, a poet who falls in love with a blind man, a mysterious traveler who comes to town in the year when summer never arrives. At the center of everyone's life is a mysterious garden where only red plants can grow, and where the truth can be found by those who dare to look. Beautifully crafted, shimmering with magic, *The Red Garden* is as unforgettable as it is moving." *

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(book and Ebook)

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Captiva Current

Shell Finds

Junonia and Scotch Bonnet

Newlywed Elizabeth Wetmore (now Garrow) and her friend Elizabeth Lucas found an early wedding present on the bountiful beaches of Captiva.

Elizabeth Wetmore and Jakob Garrow married on New Year's Eve, 2013 in Captiva. Elizabeth is a Vermont native, and she brought a host of Vermonters down as Jakob's mother, Gail Garrow, lives in Captiva.

In addition to being a beautiful wedding setting, the non-native Vermonters were swept up in the search for shells on Captiva. A few days after the wedding, one of the bride's Vermont friends, Rachel Lucas, found both a Scotch Bonnet and a perfect Junonia, on the same day. They're now officially hooked on returning to Captiva to search for shells.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Newlyweds Jakob and Elizabeth Garrow.



Elizabeth and her shell-finding friend, Rachel Lucas.

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of Colorado, Dan Benishek of Michigan, and Dan Webster of Florida. He also served as a pollster for American Crossroads, American Action Network, and the California Chamber of Commerce.

Roll Call has twice named Dave Sackett as one of the top twenty consultants in the country, calling him "one of the most influential pollsters in the business." In addition to his domestic political work, Sackett is also very active in international politics, having served as a pollster and strategic advisor for two different Canadian Premiers, and national campaigns in Canada, France, Ukraine, Montenegro, Cyprus, Russia, and the Philippines.

Sackett's public affairs work centers around children's issues, and he has spent

the last fifteen years working with foundations and organizations involved in children's health, adoption, before-and-after-school programs, and abuse prevention strategies.

Prior to joining The Tarrance Group, Sackett served as a Political Director for the National Republican Congressional Committee, as a producer/director for a media consulting firm, and as communications director for a California Congressman. Sackett grew up in Canada and is a graduate of Trent University. He switched to politics when his hockey career was cut short by a lack of talent.

The free program will be at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and the program starting at 7 p.m.

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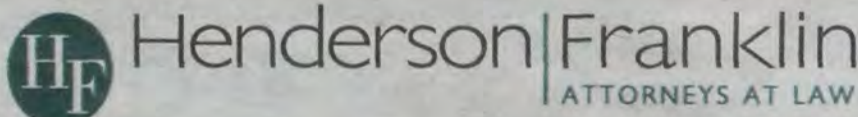
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Two Florida Winter Poems

Winter Solstice 2003
(Year of My Quintuple Bypass)



Joe Pacheco
Poetic License

I thought at first
the cataracts had come back —
the sun glinting cold and yellow
over the courts into my eyes
brought the Bollé glasses
out of the tennis bag.
I kept missing overheads
and it stayed that way
the entire morning.

Nor was noon much better —
the sun still low and stuck in time
as I drove on the causeway
to and from
the mainland mall madness,
gray Gulf and sky,
whatever was left of day
shrouded in jaundiced twilight.

So that for once
I was relieved to see night begin
with Venus burning bright
and low like a jetliner
and even lower on the horizon
the thin crescent of moon
slivering into renewal.

From darkest day had come
most shining night
and on this longest night
of my longest year —
the promise
of ever-brightening days
waiting to rise
above my horizon.

Cold Winter Morn on Sanibel

For blood grown thin
forty Fahrenheit is Siberia;

breezes suddenly blue
and brittle
shiver through citrus leaves;

a birdsong
bleak and off-key
chills our sense;

sunlight,
pale and tentative,
shelters us from shade
where wisps of vapor
from our mouths recall
northern winter breath
thicker than cigarette smoke,
that reminds us:

Death owns a time share here
and watches,
dressed in warm-ups,
from his lanai.

Sanibel H2O Matters: Shell Museum Lecture Series Discusses Water Quality

Special to the Islander

Join Holly Milbrandt, Environmental Biologist in the Department of Natural Resources for the City of Sanibel, on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. Her presentation is titled "Sanibel H2O Matters: A Review of the Summer of 2013." The lecture is free with museum admission/membership or costs \$5.

Holly's lecture includes a discussion on how rainfall and repeated fresh water releases from Lake Okeechobee can affect our beaches and our business. Learn how water quality affects both our environmental interests and our economy.

The Shell Museum Lecture Series continues throughout the season. For a full schedule of events, visit shellmuseum.org.

BIG ARTS Presents Southwest Florida Symphony concert series this season

Special to the Islander

BIG ARTS welcomes Southwest Florida Symphony on Wednesday, Jan. 22 for their first appearance in a series of three concerts to be performed this season in Schein Performance Hall. In addition to their January appearance, the Southwest Florida Symphony Sanibel Series will feature concerts on Feb. 12 and March 26. BIG ARTS is offering a special discount ticket rate of \$90 for all three concerts in this series.

Conducted by Maestro Andrew Kurtz, Southwest Florida Symphony's concert, *Miracle of Mozart*, is a multimedia presentation depicting the brilliance, as well

as the tragedy, of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. It has been said that Mozart's final symphony sums up an era and provides glimpse into the intimate life of this childlike genius. To be performed at the conclusion of the concert, *Symphony No. 41 in C major (Jupiter)* offers a key to unlocking the miraculous world of Mozart.

The special concert series will continue on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. with *Great Music of the Opera*, which focuses on several renowned operatic composers. During the second concert in the series, the Southwest Florida Symphony will perform the magical *Overture to*

Cinderella by Gioachino Antonio Rossini and the joyous *Symphony in C* by George Bizet. Iconic works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Giacomo Puccini will also be performed by the winner of the 2013 Prescott Music Award, Lauren Davis.

The final concert in the series, *Mendelssohn Marathon*, will be performed at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26. In a musical mini-marathon dedicated to Felix Mendelssohn, the concert features an array of romantic compositions, including works inspired by the symphon-

ic poem *Fingal's Cave* and the Scotch Symphony. The performance will also include *The Fair Melusina Overture* and *Midsummer Night's Dream Overture*.

Take advantage of the \$90 special discount ticket price for all three Southwest Florida Symphony concerts or individual concert tickets are \$36 for adults and \$5 each for students with valid student ID and for children 17 and younger with the purchase of an adult ticket. Please reserve all student and child tickets in advance to guarantee seating by calling BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

The Kaleidos Duo to perform at Phillips Gallery

BIG ARTS is pleased to present classical musicians, Miroslav Hristov (violinist) and Vladimir Valjarevi (pianist) performing as Kaleidos Duo in Phillips Gallery at 3:30 pm on Sunday, January 19, 2014.

Surrounded by artwork, Phillips Gallery provides an intimate setting for a musical program designed to ignite your imagination, featuring Dohnányi's *Sonata Op. 21 in C minor*, Liszt's *Grand Duo Concertante*, Bartók's *Sonata No. 2*, Kodaly's *Adagio* and two pieces by Jenő Erno-Hubay - *Zephyr* and *Hejre Kati*.

Kaleidos Duo's most recent recording, *Music from the Balkans*, has been critically acclaimed and they have performed at Carnegie Hall, the Bulgarian Consulate and the Bechstein Center Hall.

Tickets are \$32 for adults but are free



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The Kaleidos Duo to perform at Phillips Gallery.

for students with valid student ID and for children 17 and younger with the purchase of an adult ticket. Please reserve all student and child tickets in advance to guarantee seating by calling BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

Spring into the New Year with Dance Alive National Ballet Performance at BIG ARTS


Special to the Islander

BIG ARTS kicks off its season of dance programming with a performance by Dance Alive National Ballet at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18 in Schein Performance Hall.

Featuring an international award-winning troupe of 15 full-time professionals, Dance Alive National Ballet offers a diverse repertoire of programs ranging from quintessential classics, such as the *Nutcracker* to the neo-classical beauty of Balanchine to the cutting-edge movement of contemporary ballet. Throughout this choreographic tapestry are woven the ballets of artistic director Kim Tuttle and choreographer-in-residence Judy Skinner whose distinctive artistic styles brand the company.

Dance Alive National Ballet holds the State Touring Company of Florida record for an astounding 40 consecutive years. The troupe frequently tours Russia, Brazil and Costa Rica as well as the continental United States under the auspices of the National Endowment for the Arts, South Arts, Allied Concert Services, *Conciertos Internacionales* and the Florida Department of State.

Tickets to this special performance are \$47 for loge and \$42 for general seating but only \$5 each for students with valid student ID and for children 17 and younger with the purchase of an adult ticket. Please reserve all student and child tickets in advance to guarantee seating by calling BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900.



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Cast announced for An Evening of Radio Theater

Special to the Islander

BIG ARTS Community Players is pleased to announce the cast for An Evening of Radio Theater, which is scheduled to be performed at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30 and Friday, Jan. 31 at Schein Performance Hall.

The nostalgic evening features staged readings of two of America's favorite episodic radio programs from the 1940s and 1950s, The Bickersons and Dragnet, as well as a segment devoted to a selection of hit songs originally performed by the Andrew Sisters.

The cast for The Bickersons includes Leslie Anding, Tom Giles, Judy Koloski, Don Hogg and Francine Dale, while the cast for Dragnet includes JoAnna Bowers, Fay Carney, Michael Raab, Bob Mahers, Robert Runck, Judy Yenklolole and Don Hogg. The

supporting cast features John Carney (stage manager); Ken Moriarty and Bill Rahe (announcers); Lynne Champean, Dorothy Donaldson, Sandy Greco and Maddy Hanlon as well as BIG ARTS Community Chorus as singers. Jim Hanlon, Tom Giles, Sandy Hahn and Marge Norstrom round out the production staff for the shows.

Radio Theater will evoke memories of the Golden Age of radio, when families gathered together at the end of the day to listen to broadcasts of live drama, comedy, music and the news. The BIG ARTS Community Players' production sets the scene with a selection of radio programming of the late 1940s and 1950s presented live from WBIG Sanibel Island, Florida.

One of the founding members of BIG ARTS Community Players, Shirley Jewell, is producing the shows as well as directing

The Bickersons. Jewell has written, produced and directed several local theater productions for BIG ARTS, including three original one-act plays Mega Man to the Rescue, Waiting for Wilma and Paul Newman Hops the Amtrack Auto-Train.

Making her BIG ARTS debut, Debbie Paine Malmros takes over the directing duties for Dragnet. A graduate of Marymount Manhattan College, Malmros is a veteran of stage and screen. Her credits include starring as Lily Van Cleve in the 1965 television movie, Mr. Belvedere with Victor Borge, as well as playing Annie in the Walt Disney film, The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes, alongside Kurt Russell and Cesar Romero. In addition to performing on Broadway in The Porcelain Years with Arthur Hill, Barbara Bel Geddes and Martin Balsam,

Malmros has worked in theater education programs with The Children's Theater Workshop in Washington Crossing, Mercer County Community College, where she was a guiding force behind the mission and direction of the Kelsey Theater; and most recently, Pennsylvania as Founder, Producer, and Director of The Washington Crossing Repertoire Company in Washington Crossing.

Produced by BIG ARTS Community Players, An Evening of Radio Theater showcases dedicated volunteers and performers, both onstage and backstage. BIG ARTS Community Players provide local live theater, performed for the community, by the community.

Lydia Antunes Black to discuss the nonprofit arts community

Special to the Islander

BIG ARTS welcomes Lydia

Antunes Black to speak about the Socio-Economic Value of the Nonprofit Arts Community during an ARTSalon to be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16 at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

A self-described "non-profit junkie," Black is the Executive Director at Lee County Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers, and she believes the arts are essential to the quality of life and economic prosperity in Lee County.

An active community

volunteer, proud member of Rotary Club of Fort Myers and the newest member of the Fort Myers Conference & Convention Council, Black was recently named a Paul Harris Fellow, a Gulf Shore Business "40 under 40" recipient, a FL Weekly's 2010 Power Woman and one of Gulf Shore Business' Influential Women. Black earned a Masters degree in Nonprofit Management as well as undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Communications.

For tickets, visit bigarts.org, call 395-0900 or email info@bigarts.org.



Lydia Antunes Black

Gordon Coughlin exhibits on display at BIG ARTS

Special to the Islander

BIG ARTS is proud to present a Gordon Coughlin Retrospective exhibit in Founders Gallery. Showcasing oil painting by the award-winning Sanibel artist, the exhibit will be on display from Jan. 20 to Feb. 26 and is free and open to the public.

An abstract landscape painter in the tradition of Jay Connaway and Arthur Legg (with whom he studied), Coughlin has been painting for 50 years as a plein air artist in New England, Europe and Sanibel. The retrospective features the evolution of Coughlin's loose painting style through different stages of abstraction along with the use of vivid colors and lively texture. All of his works are alla prima, meaning, the painting are completed on site with no re-working or corrections in studio.



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Everglades National Park: Gulf Coast Visitor Center

Considered the gateway to the Ten Thousand Islands, the Gulf Coast Visitor Center is a charming outpost on the western edge of Everglades National Park. Established in 1934, Everglades National Park, encompassing 1.5 million acres, is the third largest park in the lower 48 of the United States, exceeded only by Death Valley (3.36 million acres) and Yellowstone (2.22 million acres). It has been declared an International Biosphere Reserve, a World Heritage Site, and a Wetland of International Importance.

There are no hiking trails located in the vicinity of the Gulf Coast Visitor Center except those accessible by watercraft. Outdoor recreational activity in this area is focused on the surrounding waterways, including freshwater rivers, brackish estuaries, and the Gulf of Mexico. The western end of the Wilderness Waterway Trail is here. The trail itself runs 99 miles to Flamingo Station on the eastern edge of the Everglades and can take more than a week for the average canoeist or kayaker to complete. Because of the bewildering maze-like nature of the mangrove forest and the Ten Thousand Islands, this journey is not recommended for novice paddlers. It is easy to get lost in the backwaters of the Everglades, and mosquitoes, a lack of freshwater, and a host of other challenges can turn an ill-planned adventure into a potential nightmare.

Plenty of shorter paddling trips are recommended for the less adventurous visitors, including a paddle up the Turner River, through Halfway Creek, the East River Canoe Route, or a journey to and from nearby Sandfly Island.



Charlie Sobczak
Living Sanibel

The Sandfly Island trip takes approximately 2.5 hours and can be combined with a one-hour hiking trail on Sandfly Island. The only concern a paddler might have on this trip is traversing the open waters of Chokoloskee Bay, which can be rough during winter cold fronts and summer thunderstorms. Canoes and kayaks are available for rent at the Gulf Coast Visitor Center.

One popular way to see the area is a guided tour aboard one of several

boats operating as independent concessionaires out of the visitor center. On the Mangrove Wilderness Tour visitors spend just under two hours on a 24-foot Carolina Skiff, heading deep into the mangroves where they might see alligators, American crocodiles, mangrove and fiddler crabs, eagles, osprey, ibis, herons, and egrets. The Ten Thousand Islands Tour takes visitors on a 42-foot catamaran through the maze of islands and channels that make up the outside edge of the Everglades. On this 1.5-hour tour you might expect to see bottlenose dolphins, striped mullet, osprey, eagle rays, stingrays, and possibly even manatees. Both tours are narrated by trained naturalists and offer an inexpensive and safe way into the tangled mangrove forests.

The visitor center features a number of interesting displays about the region. One of these includes important information about catching, measuring, and releasing smalltooth sawfish, a critically endangered species once common throughout the estuary. Other displays include various animal skulls, several interpretive movies, interactive comput-

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Everglades National Park.

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In the Know

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Admission fees charged, though admission is free to the Gulf Coast Visitor Center.

Plant Subject: Glory Bower Vine (*Clerodendrum speciosum*)



Anita Force Marshall

What's Blooming in Paradise

First impression: Dramatic, exotic, shades of purple and red, bell-shaped flowers that cascade in multitudes. The deep red stamens and styles are extra long and showy extending far out from the flowers. Its dark green leaves are heart shaped on a vine that starts out woody then has thin long tendrils that attach itself easily to any surface or protrusion. No detectable fragrance, but pollinators are all around. You can peek at this profusion of pretty petals at the Botanical Gardens of the Sanibel Moorings.



PHOTOS BY ANITA FORCE MARSHALL
Glory Bower Vine (*Clerodendrum speciosum*)

lavender color. Look closely, the bells open and another dramatic red flower emerges with super long filaments that form a curl-i-cue. These double decker blooms are massed in clusters of 19-20 flowers making an everlasting impression. These pretty blossoms are plentiful, dense, and never ending. No one can resist stopping, touching, smelling or collecting pollen from this beauty! The evergreen leaves are dark, green and shiny. The spiral tendrils that emerge from the vine are thin and long and make our star appear and hang around anywhere she wants to. Prune heavily after flowering or

it may take over your garden. It is large and in charge so, you will need substantial support for this vine. I routinely recommend this vine to complement any existing mature hedge. Our Glory Bower vine is supported via an arbor of Orange Jasmine. Many times I explain that the flowers are not the hedge, but a fabulous vine that flowers 2-3 times a year. Placing surprises in your garden are always a great way to make everyone smile.

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Peter Zell's island-themed paintings on display at the Library this month

Special to the Islander

Sanibel artist Peter Zell is exhibiting 40 of his island-themed oil paintings as the featured artist for January at the Sanibel Public Library. The solo artist show continues until Feb. 3. Entitled "The Islands Painted," this display of plein air paintings represents eight years of painting in and around Sanibel since Zell moved to the island in 2005. Most of these works were painted outdoors and celebrate Sanibel and the surrounding region and also the Library's continuing support of the visual arts in Sanibel.

Zell is an award-winning artist and member of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, BIG ARTS, and the Florida Artists' Group. He also serves on the BIG ARTS Visual Arts Committee and shows his work at the Tower Gallery, located at 751 Tarpon Bay Road. Last summer, The Butler Institute of



Oil painting, "Sanibel Lighthouse" by Peter Zell.



Oil painting, "Painting Studio at BIG ARTS."

American Art in Youngstown, Ohio accepted one of his paintings for its annual Mid-Year Art Exhibition.

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er learning centers, and more. The gift shop handles a wide array of nature books on local flora and fauna and any number of Everglades Park souvenirs.

Fishing is a popular activity in the park and for good reason. The nearshore waters abound with record-breaking snook, redfish, sharks, tarpon, goliath and gag grouper, mangrove snapper, sheepshead, seatrout, and dozens of other species. Ranger-guided programs are available during the winter season; check the park's website for schedules and topics ([http://](http://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/things2do.htm)

www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/things2do.htm). Other ranger-led activities include evening canoe trips, bike tours, and guided nature walks around the grounds of the visitor center itself, helping people to identify the various plants and creatures that make the Everglades their home.

In addition to the Gulf Coast Visitor Center, the park has several other visitor centers. The largest is in Flamingo 38 miles to the south of the main park entrance. It has educational displays and nearby hiking and canoe trails. Also

popular is the Shark Valley Visitor Center, on U.S. 41 about 70 miles east of Naples. Here you can enjoy a 15-mile bike ride through the famous "River of Grass" or take a guided tram tour.

With its immense size and amazing array of wildlife, Everglades National Park is a destination that is hard to overlook while visiting Florida's southwest coast.

This article is an excerpt from *The Living Gulf Coast-A Nature Guide to*

Southwest Florida by Charles Sobczak. The book is available at all the Island bookstores, Baileys, Jerry's and your favorite online sites.



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CALENDAR

Have an event you want to appear in *The Islander's* calendar section? E-mail it to the editor, marked as "Calendar Item" to rspencer@breezenewspapers.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Island Jazz at Boler Garden outside BIG ARTS' Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road
Sundays at 3 p.m.
 ■ Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23
 ■ March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 ■ April 6, 13, 20, 27

The Sanibel Community House

A list of the events hosted for 2013-2014.
 Community Association Events:
 ■ "The Mentalist Dinner Show" on Fri. Jan. 17
 ■ Paper Shredding on Sat. Jan. 18
 ■ "Sanibel Fun Fest" Community Festival on Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan. 24-26 with Whitney Wolanin & Orchestra, Caribbean Chillers, Sand Sculpture contest, body painting, Luau and more.
 ■ Luncheon, a one woman show, called "A Voice in the Everglades" on Wed. Feb. 12.
 ■ Oldies-Theme Dance Party on Fri. Feb. 21
 ■ Sanibel Shell Festival on Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Mar. 6-8
 ■ Luncheon Show Wed. on Mar. 26 with "Amelia Earhart"
 ■ Honky Tonk Dance Party on Sat. Mar. 29
 ■ "An Evening With Maureen McGovern" on Tues. Apr. 1
 ■ Wedding-Theme Dance Party on Fri. Apr. 11
 Major Public Events:
 ■ Antique Show on Sat and Sun., Feb. 8-9
 ■ Sanibel/Captiva Heart, Stroke and Wellness Walk, Feb. 9
 ■ Rotary Arts & Crafts Show on Sat. and Sun., Feb. 15-16
 ■ Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner on Feb. 22
 ■ Art League Clothesline Sale on Sat. Mar. 1
 ■ Antique Show on Sat. and Sun. Mar., 15-16
 ■ Lions Art & Craft Fair on Fri. and Sat., Mar. 21-22
 ■ Ding Darling Recycle Art Fest on Sat. and Sun., Apr. 26-27
 Clubs and Service Organizations:
 ■ ABWA on second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
 ■ Audubon Society on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in January and February
 ■ Art League on second Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
 ■ Bicycle Club on second Monday at 6 p.m.
 ■ Fishing Club on second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
 ■ Garden Club on second Tuesday at 11 a.m.
 ■ Lions Club on first and third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
 ■ Sail & Power Squadron on third Tuesday at 5 p.m.
 ■ Zonta on first and third Wednesday at 8 a.m.
 ■ Shell Crafters every Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lessons 10 a.m.
 ■ Beading with Shell Projects on Wednesday 9 a.m.
 ■ Duplicate Bridge from Nov.-April, every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m., and from Jan.-April, every Thursday from 1-4 p.m.
 ■ Island Yoga, Mon. and Thurs. 8:30 a.m.
 ■ Zumba, Tues and Thurs. 10 a.m.
 ■ Join Karen L. Semmelman, director of Semmelman Energy Center, in a free monthly workshop designed to

optimize your health, with each month's topic targeted for a specific condition. Energy Medicine provides the tools to add to our collective health care kit... for ourselves, our families and our community. Free, self-applied and effective, it is powerful and empowering. It has been shown that working with the body's subtle energies can help to: relieve pain; sharpen your mind; relieve stress and anxiety; strengthen the immune system; improve digestion; relieve allergies; enhance well-being; manage weight; and alleviate insomnia. So, please join her for one or more of the workshops at The Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

■ Jan. 15, 2014 at 1-3 p.m. (Wednesday):
Joints Groaning? Arthritis, stiffness, replacements? Create movement and looseness with Eden Energy Medicine
 Learn "hands on" tools that take 5 minutes daily to shift the "Bla's" to "Ah Ha's" with Eden Energy Medicine. The October issue of Prevention Magazine extolls the virtues of energy medicine. Work with subtle energies to restore your energy when tired; sharpen your memory; boost your immune system; and alleviate stress and pain. After addressing the 5 Minute Routine, we will learn tools for those joints that "whine too much", or that discomfort from that hip or knee replacement. What happens if your child or grandchild sticks a ball in the toilet? It is blocked and the water seeks an alternative route. That's what happens with joints. They need space and fluidity to move. This class will provide tools to create space, to unlock frozen muscles, to get energy into those tight joints or provide pathways to reroute energy flow around replacements. It works, it's fun, it's easy and it's under your control. Empower yourself with EEM.

■ Feb. 13, 2014 at 4-6 p.m. (Thursday):
Cancer "dis--ease"? Body, mind or spirit in overdrive? Unleash the innate ease with Eden Energy Medicine
 Learn "hands on" tools that take 5 minutes daily to shift the "Bla's" to "Ah Ha's" with Eden Energy Medicine. The October issue of Prevention Magazine extolls the virtues of energy medicine. Work with subtle energies to restore your energy when tired; sharpen your memory; boost your immune system; and alleviate stress and pain. After addressing the 5 Minute Routine, we will discuss that with cancer, normal cells have learned a new habit field that does not serve our overall health. Shifting the habit field energetically opens new cellular memory to the cell. This class will work with the Commander of our Energies to rebalance all the systems to enable shifts to the habit the cancer cells have created. By calming the energies and boosting Spleen energy (which metabolizes everything we take in from emotion to food), a new nice dance begins. It works, it's fun, its insightful and it opens the body, spirit and mind's innate desire to heal itself.

■ March 12, 2014 at 10 a.m. to noon (Wednesday):
Stressed? Dropping a fork set you into meltdown mode? Activate your internal "Joy Juice" with Energy Medicine?
 Learn "hands on" tools that take 5 minutes daily to shift the "Bla's" to "Ah Ha's" with Eden Energy Medicine. The October issue of Prevention Magazine extolls the virtues of energy medicine. Work with subtle energies to restore your energy when tired; sharpen your memory; boost your immune system; and alleviate stress and pain. After addressing the 5 Minute Routine, we look at Stress. We all have it-it's part of our culture. Not only

does it deplete our spirit, but it depletes our body and minds too! You will learn how to activate the "Radiant Circuits" of your energy systems, to find the positivity and joy even when the lynch pin falls! Really. It works—these exercises create the joy juice of life, relying on defined circuits in our body to wake the joy in each of us. Of course, singing, dancing and playing help too.

■ April 9, 2014 at 4-6 p.m. (Wednesday):
Eyes Sad? Cataracts, night vision, bright light hurts; macular degeneration? Activate your inner healing with Energy Medicine shifts. Learn "hands on" tools that take 5 minutes daily to shift the "Bla's" to "Ah Ha's" with Eden Energy Medicine. The October issue of Prevention Magazine extolls the virtues of energy medicine. Work with subtle energies to restore your energy when tired; sharpen your memory; boost your immune system; and alleviate stress and pain. After addressing the 5 Minute Routine, we will see. The EYES have it. Anyone do daily eye exercises? No? Why not—we realize the importance of exercise for our body and mind; but the "Windows to our World" get neglected. This class will provide exercises for improving eye health and assisting with healing for cataracts, night vision, bright light that hurts the eye, others and teach daily eye routine. Give it a blink! Try it. It's fun, it works and it's empowering.

For more information visit semmelmanenergy.com or call for Karen at 443-786-0472.

■ The Sanibel Community House is hosting Sanibel FunFest from Jan. 24-26. National recording artist Whitney Wolanin, a native of the island, will headline the festival. It will also include local bands, fun competitions, car and bike shows, sand sculptures, and a Polynesian-style Luau. For more information, call 472-2155 or visit sanibelcommunityhouse.net.

BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS will be hosting the ninth season of Island Jazz Concerts at the Boler Garden. The band plays many styles of music ranging from jazz, Dixieland, pop, and bebop. Island Jazz Concerts are free and in the case of rain they are moved to the Gainer Veranda. The concerts are on Jan. 5 and 12; Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; and April 6, 13, 20, and 27.

J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge announced its new schedule for the 2014 Nature Store Friday Lecture Series at the refuge. The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is sponsoring the 2014 lecture series with support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). Due to their popularity, the free lectures will be held twice each Friday, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Book signings follow all of the starred (*) lectures. Seating for the lectures is limited and available on a first-come basis. For more information, visit dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures. Lecture Series schedule:

- *Jan. 17 - Bob H. Lee, Author - Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden
- *Jan. 24 - Charles LeBuff & Deborah Gleason, Authors - Sanibel & Captiva Islands: A Look Back in Time
- *Jan. 31 - John Englander, Author - High Tide on Main Street: Rising Sea Level and the Coming Coastal Crisis

The Week Ahead and Beyond



January 16

Turtle Tracks at SCCF

Thursday, Jan. 16 at 10 a.m. come learn about the life cycles and habits of sea turtles that nest on island beaches in the summertime and what SCCF's nest monitoring program is doing to protect them. The program is free to SCCF members and children, \$5 for adults. Call 472-2329 for more information.



January 20

Sanibel Recreation Center January Fun Day

January Fun Day, Monday, Jan. 20 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Register your child now for the upcoming Fun Day, which will offer a variety of athletic games, craft projects and special entertainment. Enrollment is available for children kindergarten through eighth grade. Each child should bring a lunch, swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided. Information on the event, including pricing, is available at mysanibel.com, or call the Rec Center at 472-0345.



November - April

Sanibel Island Farmer's Market

The Sanibel Island Farmer's Market is now open for business on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sanibel City Hall. Parking is available at the Sanibel Public Library, City Hall, BIG ARTS, and the Herb Strauss Theater, and handicapped parking is also available. For more information, visit buylocallee.com.

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- *Feb. 7 - Don & Lillian Stokes, Authors - 3 Easy Steps to Bird ID
- Feb. 14 - Brian "Fox" Ellis - John J. Audubon Re-enactment
- Feb. 21 - Kenneth Meyer, University of Florida - Magnificent Frigatebird
- Feb. 28 - Volunteer Luncheon/No Lecture
- March 7 - Joy Hazell, Florida Sea Grant - Learning and Loving Mangroves
- March 14 - Mike Owen, Biologist - Fakahatchee Strand
- March 21 - Rick Bonney, Cornell Lab of Ornithology - Citizen Science
- March 28 - Erin Myers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Florida Panthers
- April 4 - Charles LeBuff & Chris Lechowicz, SCCF - Amphibians & Reptiles of Sanibel & Captiva Islands
- *April 11 - Clyde Butcher, Nature Photographer - Florida: Where Water, Earth & Heaven Meet

Community Housing & Resources

The Community Housing & Resources (CHR) is hosting its second annual Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, March 1. The affordable and family-friendly event will be at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Resort and include a Cajun dinner, children's activities, silent auction, and raffle. Attendees are encouraged to wear themed costumes and the Dixieland band will perform. For more information, visit sanibelchr.org.

FISH of Sanibel

FISH of Sanibel will host its first annual fundraising evening, Go F.I.S.H., on Sunday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m. at The Sanctuary Golf Club. The focus of the event is to upgrade and enlarge the F.I.S.H. Food Pantry. For more information, visit fishofsanibel.com.

F.I.S.H. Upcoming January Workshops - Open to All Islanders

F.I.S.H. of Sanibel, Inc. is pleased to announce upcoming complimentary workshops for the month of January as follows:

■ Mom and Toddlers Group - Open to All Islanders
Monday, Jan. 27, from 10 to 11 a.m. the Island Mom's Group will meet at the FISH Walk-In Center. All island moms with children aged birth through five years are welcome, either alone or with their children. It is a time for learning, and sharing with other moms and their children. This group is sponsored by FISH, Healthy Start of Lee County, and the United Way of Lee County.

■ VITA Tax Preparation

Friday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. VITA will offer tax preparation on Friday, Jan. 31 at the FISH Walk-In Center. The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program offers free tax assistance for qualified taxpayers. Households who make \$58,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their tax returns qualify for the VITA program. Certified trained volunteers provide basic income tax return preparation to individuals in our community. They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may be eligible such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for Elderly or the Disabled. Appointments are required and can be made with Christine at the Walk-In Center. Other dates will be available throughout the tax season.

To sign up or to request more information on these workshops please call Christine or Jessi at the FISH Walk-In Center at 472-4775.

Sanibel Public Library

- The Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, May 8-12, 1864, will be the featured presentation this Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. The program will be held by Duane E. Shaffer.
 - Jan. 21 at 2 p.m., a presentation on "Getting the Most from you iPhone and iPad"
 - Jan. 28 at 2 p.m., Dr. Rachel K. Wentz, RPA, will present her program "The Archaeology of Death"
- Programs will be held in Meeting Room #4 of the library. All programs are free and open to all.

ENTERTAINMENT

Shell Point Retirement Community

The new lineup for Shell Point's 11th annual Fine & Performing Arts Concert Series is available. From instru-

mentalists and vocalists to solo acts and extravagant big bands, this series of five performances brings an exciting variety of entertainment to The Village Church auditorium located on The Island at Shell Point.

- Glenn Miller Orchestra - Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Jim Curry "Take Me Home: A Tribute to the Music of John Denver" - Monday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m.
- Shell Point Retirement Community has announced its 2013-2104 Concerts & Conversations Series, which offers classical music lovers an opportunity to experience concerts in an intimate setting and enjoy a dessert reception with the musicians following the performance. Tickets go on sale Sept. 6.
- Bassoonist Shelley Monroe Huang - Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.
 - Washington Saxophone Quartet - Monday, March 3 at 7 p.m.
 - Pianist Young-ah Tak - Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

Il Cielo

Located at 1244 Periwinkle Way, Il Cielo features thoughtful, local cuisine Monday through Thursday evenings from 4:30 to 9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.. Il Cielo will continue its daily happy hour specials from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the bar, which include specially priced appetizers and two-for-one drink specials on all domestic bottled beer, well drinks and house wine selections. A three-course \$38 per person price-fixed menu, complete with two complimentary glasses of house wine per person, will also continue Monday through Thursday evenings from 4:30 to 5:45. Il Cielo includes space separate from the main dining room for private functions or community events as well as an outdoor patio dining area. Call 472-5555 to make a reservation.

Sundial Beach Resort and Spa

Sundial Beach Resort has enjoyed a \$5 million renovation and is celebrating its first winter season open to the public in five years with three new restaurants for your dining pleasure and a talented new chef specializing in fresh Gulf seafood and other culinary creations.

Diners may choose from Waterview for an elegant dinner or the more casual Sea Breeze Cafe. Both have panoramic beach and gulf views. Be sure to try their signature dish: Clay Pot Baked Mediterranean Gulf Grouper.

■ Enjoy daily al fresco dining at Sea Breeze Cafe with an all-day menu served until 10 p.m. or a Gulfview dining experience in Waterview (Wednesday-Sunday from 5-10).

■ At Turtles Beach & Pool Bar for poolside dining casual diners choose from menu selections from 11-7 daily. Or sample our All-You-Can-Eat poolside BBQ buffet every Saturday from 1-4.

■ There is live entertainment in Sea Breeze Cafe every Friday and Saturday from 7-10 p.m. and at Turtles every Saturday from 2-5 p.m.

■ There are Two fun-filled Happy Hours Daily: Turtles from 3-5 p.m. and at Sea Breeze Cafe from 5-7 p.m.

The Sundial Beach Resort and Spa is at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive. For more information, visit www.sundialresort.com or call 472-4151.

Jacaranda Patio Lounge

Playing Nightly:

- Monday: Renata (jazz and dance) at 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday: Trevor Earl (contemporary, top 40 and reggae) at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.
 - Thursday: Eric Malibu (contemporary, reggae, and dance) at 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.
 - Sunday: Jamaica "Dave" & Co. (reggae and dance) at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.
- n Friday and Saturday: Jan. 3 & 4, Renata; Jan. 10 & 11, DYS (playing classic rock and oldies); Jan. 17 & 18, The Riverside Band (playing classic rock and oldies); Jan. 24 & 25, Cruzin Vibes (playing reggae and dance); Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, The Wildfire Blues Band (playing classic rock and R&B)

The Jacaranda Patio Lounge is at 1223 Periwinkle Way. For more information call 472-1771.

George & Wendy's Seafood Grille

All entertainment 9-12 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Karaoke every Thursday. Ladies Night every Saturday with half price drinks for the ladies. Great Food and Drink Specials. Schedule:

- Friday 1/3 The John Allender Band - rock & blues band
 - Tuesday 1/7 (6-7:30pm) Chris Coile - 50s and 60s hits
 - Friday 1/10 Marty Stokes and the Captiva Blues Band
 - Tuesday 1/14 Open Mic Night (8-11pm) - Join us for vocal, guitar and other musical performances by various local artists
 - Friday 1/17 Mary Winner Band -rock band
 - Tuesday 1/21 (6-7:30pm) Chris Coile - 50s and 60s hits. (8-11pm) Open Mic Night
 - Friday 1/24 The John Allender Band - rock & blues band
 - Tuesday 1/28 (8-11pm) Open Mic Night
 - Wednesday 1/29 Roy Schneider & Kim Mayfield - Americana singing style with guitar & mandolin
 - Friday 1/31 Robby & the Absent-Minded - rock band
 - Sunday Jazz Brunch
Every Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Live Jazz Music 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a brunch buffet
- George & Wendy's is at 2499 Periwinkle Way. For more information, visit www.sanibelseafoodgrille.com.

Traditions on the Beach

Traditions On the Beach features live music and entertainment, just right for dancing that rounds off the perfect evening. Live musical entertainment and dancing from 7 p.m. until late at Traditions On The Beach with Sanibel's famous 'Pianoman' Joe McCormick and friends. This week's lineup includes:

■ Wednesday, Jan. 15: Jazz night! The live jazz ensemble boasts well-loved vocalist Paul Ventura, also known as "Mr. Swing" and will be joined by Father Al & the Jazz Congregation.

■ Thursday, Jan. 16: Sanibel's own Pianoman Joe McCormick for popular favorites and smooth vocal styling's, R&B, Jazz and Pop - dancing and great music.

■ Friday, Jan. 17: Traditions Friday Night Dance Party with Joe McCormick & Barbara Smith bringing you the classic R&B, dance & disco sounds of the 70s as well as top contemporary dance music hits.

■ Saturday, Jan. 18: Guests are entertained to smooth music and dancing with Joe McCormick & the fabulous Marvilla Marzan.

■ Sunday, Jan. 19: features the popular Dusk Duo with Dean & Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar & vocals. Kathy & Dean from Milwaukee perform all your favorite pop, R&B, country, & Jazz standards.

■ Monday, Jan. 20: Mike Arnone aka "The Jersey Kid" features a pop pianist & vocalist performing everything from The Rat Pack to Mo-Town.

■ Tuesday, Jan. 21: Features the multi-talented Woody Brubaker on the piano, saxophone, and vocals accompanied by Barbara Smith.

The award winning restaurant is located inside the historical Island Inn on West Gulf Drive.

Sweet Melissa's

Wednesday through Saturday, 6:30-9:30 p.m. resident musician Michael David will perform. Music will be light acoustic, background music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Youth Chorus January Concerts

- Sunday, Jan. 19
New Year's Concert, 2 p.m.
The King's Crown at Shell Point
15101 Shell Point Blvd, Ft. Myers FL 33908
 - Saturday, Jan. 25
Porcelain Artists High Tea, 3 p.m.
St. Hilary's Episcopal Church
5011 McGregor Blvd Fort Myers, FL 33901
 - Friday, Jan 31
New Year Concert, noon
Health Park Medical Center Atrium
9981 S. Health Park Drive, FM, 33908
- For more information, visit communityyouthchorus.com.

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CALENDAR

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"Ding" Darling 2014 Weekly FREE Tours and Programs Jan. 2- April 25

■ Sunday

9:30 Birds & Wildlife Tour: Come along on a car caravan tour of the refuge. This tour highlights the fascinating natural wonders of this unique mangrove ecosystem and the wildlife that live here. Meet at the flagpole. 1 ½ hours

11:00 Florida Manatees: Explore the world of one of America's most endangered species, the Florida manatee, as it faces a challenging future. Find out what you can do to help save this species. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes

1:00 Endangered Species: The habitats of animals throughout the world are disappearing, affecting species everywhere. Come discover endangered species of Southwest Florida and what you can do to help. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes

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11:00 Nature Photography: Get back to nature! Learn the art of nature photography using basic equipment. We will teach you how to understand your subject and the etiquette involved in getting a great picture without disturbing the subject. Great for family outings in nature. 30 minutes. Inside the Education Center

11:00 Birds of the Refuge: Not sure which feathery friends you are seeing through your binoculars? Learn interesting facts about birds and how to identify them in the estuary. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes

1:00 Florida's Venomous Wildlife: Learn about the venomous wildlife that live in Southwest Florida. We will teach you how to identify the animals and their habitats. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes. Inside the Education Center

■ Tuesday

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10:00 Plants of the Bailey Tract Tour: Walk the trails of the Bailey Tract with a naturalist to learn about the plants and trees of this freshwater ecosystem of Southwest Florida. Fun for all ages! Meet at the Bailey Tract Parking Lot. Approximately 2 miles, 1 ½ hours

10:00 Shorebirds of the Refuge: Sort the jumble of "Little Brown birds" as you learn to identify different shorebirds found in the refuge. 30 minutes

1:00 Gators & Crocs: Is it an alligator or crocodile? Learn about the order Crocodylia, including crocodiles, gharials, alligators and caimans. Learn how to identify families and local species in the refuge. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes

1:00 Calusa/Shell Mound Trail Tour: Meet naturalists who will enthral you with tales of the Calusa peoples history and teach you about native Florida plant life on this enchanting boardwalk trail. Meet at the Shell Mound Trail Parking Lot. 1/3 mile, 12 - 2pm continuously

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11:00 Birds, Bills & Beaks: How do they eat? What is on the menu for the birds in the estuary? Learn how to identify the birds of the refuge, their adaptations and interesting facts about each species. Watch a demonstration showing how these birds use their specialized bills to live in this diverse mangrove ecosystem. 30 minutes

1:00 Reptiles & Amphibians: Come and discover our underappreciated refuge residents: snakes, lizards, toads, frogs and anoles! 30 minutes

■ Friday

8:30 Bailey Tract: Birds, Wildlife and Plants Tour: Join naturalists as they lead you through this freshwater, spartina marsh ecosystem to learn about the birds, wildlife and wild flowers. Fun for all ages! Meet in the Bailey Tract Parking Lot. Approximately 2 miles, 1 ½ hours

9:30 Beach Walk: Meet at Sanibel's Gulfside City Park for a guided exploration of the refuge's Perry Tract. Learn about this vital beach ecosystem. Don't forget to bring your shell bag! Note: Parking fees at Gulfside City Park apply. 1 hour.

10:00 Indigo Trail Hike: Naturalists lead a tour identifying and discussing the ecosystem's plants, animals, birds

and reptiles. Fun for all ages! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center. Approximately 2 miles, 1 ½ hours

2:00 Nature's Pollinators & Plant Walk: Join a naturalist to discover the importance of pollinators in the ecosystem and to our survival. Meet in the Education Center then walk with a naturalist on the boardwalk of the Indigo Trail to find out what pollinates our native plants. Approximately ¼ mile, 1 ½ hours

■ Saturday

10:00 Gators & Crocs: Is it an alligator or crocodile? Learn about the order Crocodylia, including crocodiles, gharials, alligators and caimans. Learn how to identify families and local species in the refuge. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes

11:00 Raptors of Southwest Florida: Discover which raptors live in SW Florida and learn about their adapta-

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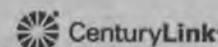
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tions for survival. 30 minutes

11:00 Family Craft & Story: Join a naturalist for story-time at our refuge. Bring your family to hear an exciting wildlife themed story and make a craft about an animal in our estuarine ecosystem. Story-time is appropriate for pre-K through 6th, although everyone is welcome. 30 minutes. Inside the Education Center

1:00 Birds of the Refuge: Not sure which feathery friends you are seeing through your binoculars? Learn interesting facts about birds and how to identify them in the estuary. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes

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Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ

The Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ announced three new events, including a Sunday Seminar Series, Tuesday Morning Bible Study, and Theological Studies.

■ Want to learn more about how to navigate and use your iPad to its full potential? Bruce Findley, Registered iOS Developer, and Carol Good will lead Beginner & Intermediate iPad classes, beginning Thursday, Jan. 16. The Beginner class is at 6 p.m., and the Intermediate class will begin at 7:30 p.m. Registration is required, as seats are limited. The cost is \$15 per session. Please call Carol at 618-201-6252 to register.

Island Worship

■ **Bat Yam Temple of the Islands**
Meets at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 472-0177 or presbatyam@gmail.com. Shabbat Services, Fridays, 8 p.m.

■ **Captiva Chapel by the Sea**
11580 Chapin Lane, Captiva, 472-1646
Sundays 11 a.m.
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■ **First Church-Christ Scientist**
2950 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, 472-8684
Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

■ **Sanibel Community Church**
1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 472-2684
Sunday Worship Hours: Traditional Service with Communion, 8 a.m.; Contemporary Service with kid's church, 9 a.m.; Fellowship in courtyard, 10:15 a.m.; Adult and Youth Sunday School classes, 10:45 a.m.; Traditional Service with choir, 11 a.m. Childcare available at all services.

■ **Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ**
2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 472-0497
The Rev. Dr. John H. Danner, Sr. Pastor; The Rev. Deborah Kunkel, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship
10 a.m. Full service with Sunday School and Nursery Care

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■ **St. Isabel Catholic Church**
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Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m.
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Holy Days please call

■ **St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church**
2304 Periwinkle Way
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Saturday Eucharist - 5 p.m.
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Tuesday Morning Prayer - 9 a.m.
Wednesday Healing Eucharist - 9 a.m.
1st Wednesday of the month 6 p.m. service followed by Potluck Supper. Sunday School beginning Oct. 6. For more information call: 472-2173 or www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org

■ **Unitarian Universalists of the Islands**
2050 Periwinkle Way, 433-4901
(Sanibel Congregational Church), (Ruth Iyengar, ryi139@aol.com) Service on first Sundays of the month. December through April, 5 p.m. Potluck supper on third Sundays of the month, December through April, at member's home.

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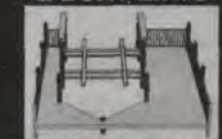
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	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Sunrise	7:18 AM	7:18 AM	7:18 AM	7:18 AM	7:18 AM	7:18 AM	7:18 AM
Sunset	5:58 PM	5:59 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:01 PM	6:02 PM	6:03 PM
Redfish Pass	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --
Hi	--	12:03 AM	12:38 AM	1:15 AM	1:54 AM	2:36 AM	3:25 AM
Lo	6:52 AM	7:20 AM	7:47 AM	8:14 AM	8:41 AM	9:09 AM	9:40 AM
Hi	2:12 PM	2:28 PM	2:43 PM	3:00 PM	3:21 PM	3:48 PM	4:20 PM
Lo	5:38 PM	6:17 PM	6:57 PM	7:41 PM	8:29 PM	9:23 PM	10:24 PM
Punta Rassa	Lo 6:47 AM	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --
Hi	2:06 PM	Hi --	12:32 AM	1:09 AM	1:48 AM	2:30 AM	3:19 AM
Lo	5:33 PM	7:15 AM	7:42 AM	8:09 AM	8:36 AM	9:04 AM	9:35 PM
Hi	11:57 PM	2:22 PM	2:37 PM	2:54 PM	3:15 PM	3:42 PM	4:14 PM
Lo	--	6:12 PM	6:52 PM	7:36 PM	8:24 PM	9:18 PM	10:19 PM
Sanibel Light	Lo 6:54 AM	Lo 7:22 AM	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --
Hi	1:17 PM	1:33 PM	Hi --	12:20 AM	12:59 AM	1:41 AM	2:30 AM
Lo	5:40 PM	6:19 PM	7:49 AM	8:16 AM	8:43 AM	9:11 AM	9:42 AM
Hi	11:08 PM	11:43 PM	1:48 PM	2:05 PM	2:26 PM	2:53 PM	3:25 PM
Lo	--	--	6:59 PM	7:43 PM	8:31 PM	9:25 PM	10:26 PM
Captiva (Outside)	Lo 5:38 AM	Lo 6:06 AM	Lo 6:33 AM	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --	Lo --
Hi	12:47 PM	1:03 PM	1:18 PM	Hi --	12:29 AM	1:11 AM	2:00 AM
Lo	4:24 PM	5:03 PM	5:43 PM	7:00 AM	7:27 AM	7:55 AM	8:26 AM
Hi	10:38 PM	11:13 PM	11:50 PM	1:35 PM	1:56 PM	2:23 PM	2:55 PM
Lo	--	--	--	6:27 PM	7:15 PM	8:09 PM	9:10 PM

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Day	Forecast
Wednesday	More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Thursday	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 40s.
Friday	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.


TIDES

	Cape Coral Bridge	Captiva Redfish Pass	Fort Myers	Mt. Airy Pass	Point Ybel	Punta Rassa	St. James City
Wednesday	Low --	Low --	Low --	Low --	Low --	Low --	Low --
Hi	12:56 AM	2:15 AM	1:02 AM	12:00 AM	--	--	--
Low	10:10 AM	6:54 AM	10:50 AM	9:36 AM	8:34 AM	6:52 AM	6:49 AM
Hi	4:27 PM	2:17 PM	4:38 PM	3:55 PM	2:53 PM	2:34 PM	2:11 PM
Low	8:57 PM	5:41 PM	9:11 PM	8:23 PM	7:21 PM	5:31 PM	5:36 PM
Hi	--	--	--	--	11:21 PM	11:54 PM	--

Thursday

	Cape Coral Bridge	Captiva Redfish Pass	Fort Myers	Mt. Airy Pass	Point Ybel	Punta Rassa	St. James City
Low	2:10 AM	12:00 AM	2:53 AM	1:38 AM	12:36 AM	--	12:25 AM
Hi	10:39 AM	7:23 AM	11:17 AM	10:05 AM	9:03 AM	7:28 AM	7:53 AM
Low	4:43 PM	2:33 PM	5:04 PM	4:11 PM	3:09 PM	2:08 PM	2:58 PM
Hi	9:41 PM	6:25 PM	9:56 PM	9:07 PM	8:05 PM	6:20 PM	6:55 PM

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North Fort Myers
72/49 Wed
63/49 Thurs
71/55 Fri
71/53 Sat

Cape Coral
71/49 Wed
63/49 Thurs
70/55 Fri
70/53 Sat

Pine Island
72/52 Wed
62/52 Thurs
69/57 Fri
69/55 Sat

Sanibel Island
72/52 Wed
62/52 Thurs
69/57 Fri
69/55 Sat

Fort Myers Beach
72/52 Wed
62/52 Thurs
69/57 Fri
69/55 Sat

Lehigh Acres
71/47 Wed
64/47 Thurs
71/54 Fri
72/52 Sat

Bonita Springs
74/57 Wed
83/67 Thurs
79/69 Fri
78/69 Sat

ROATING FORECAST
 Wind: NNW 10 KNOTS
 Seas: 3 TO 5 FEET
 Bay & Inland: Choppy

EXTENDED FORECAST


SATURDAY: PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE LOW 70S AND LOWS IN THE LOW 50S.

SUNDAY: SUNSHINE. HIGHS IN THE MID 60S AND LOWS IN THE LOW 50S.


Forecast brought to you by the National Weather Service.

STATE FORECAST-WEDNESDAY

CITY	HIGH/LOW
CAPE CORAL	71/49
DAYTONA BEACH	65/43
FT. LAUDERDALE	74/54
FT. MYERS BEACH	72/52
GAINESVILLE	62/37
JACKSONVILLE	60/38
KEY WEST	73/64
KISSIMMEE	68/42
MIAMI	74/55
ORLANDO	66/42
PANAMA CITY	55/38
PENSACOLA	56/42
SARASOTA	66/50
ST. PETERSBURG	63/50
TALLAHASSEE	56/36
TAMPA	64/47
VERO BEACH	69/49
WEST PALM BEACH	74/52



SUNRISE
Wed 7:18 AM
Thurs 7:18 AM



SUNSET
Wed 5:57 PM
Thurs 5:58 PM

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