



WULFERT IN 1970'S

## LOOKING BACK AT WULFERT POINT

The Sanctuary celebrates 25 years on island

By TIFFANY REPECKI

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As the Sanctuary Golf Club marks its 25th anniversary, the story of the club — the inception of the project and how it eventually came to be — is as interesting as the historical ties to the lands it sits on.

On March 7, the club was treated to the program "A Look Back In Time: Wulfert Point and The Sanctuary Golf Club." Presented by fellow

member and Sanibel Historical Preservation Committee Vice Chair Susan Cassell, it covered the beginnings of Wulfert to recent updates at the property.

The first known inhabitants were the Calusa Indians, followed by the Spanish and Cubans.

"There actually was Calusa on Wulfert Point," Cassell said. "Somewhere around the fourth green."

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Susan Cassell, vice chair of Sanibel's Historical Preservation Committee and a member of The Sanctuary Golf Club, hosted a presentation on March 7 on the history of Wulfert Point and the property in recognition of the club's 25th anniversary this year.

## Lee County Commission reaches agreement on impact fees

By CHUCK BALLARO

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Impact fees will increase in Lee County but in increments, a compromise to satisfy area builders as well as those who say it is time to raise more money for infrastructure in a booming area.

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners on March 6 agreed to a five-year plan that will raise impact fees



Brian Hamman

sharply the first year by about \$2,400, then go up by about 2.5 percent in each of the next four years.

The county is currently collecting 45 percent of a base fee of \$13,000 based on the "impact" the new construction will

have on Lee County infrastructure. Under the structure approved, the base will be adjusted to nearly \$18,000 and the percentage collected will bump up to 47.5 percent, to 50 percent and so on, up to 55 percent in 2023 when the issue is revisited after the five-year period.

"It was made clear by much of the public that impact fees adversely affect fami-

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## Council moves forward with sewer system expansion project

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The Sanibel City Council approved two resolutions for the Phase 4 sewer system expansion project, establishing the special assessments, as well as filled the vacancy on the planning commission.

At its March 6 meeting, the council unanimously backed both resolutions, which address 18 parcels along Woodring Road and a portion of West Gulf Drive. A \$10,000 special assessment per property was approved, along with a \$4,386.21 connection fee for all but one parcel and a \$1,948.31 transmission main charge for two of the properties.

Mayor Kevin Ruane asked for an update on where the city is at with the expansion project.

City Manager Judie Zimomra explained that certain parcels were previ-

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# Sam Price leaves behind legacy of helping youth

By MEGHAN McCOY

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A businessman who was dedicated to the youngsters of the island passed away Feb. 16, leaving behind fond memories for some of the island's ball players.

Sam Price, originally from Brooklyn, New York, moved to Sanibel with his family. Richie Price, Price's son, said they moved to the island in early 1972 after living in Tampa.

"I was 11 and a half years old. We grew up on the island. I was an island kid," he said.

Born on Oct. 8, 1939, Price owned many island businesses during the '70s and '80s. The businesses included Primo's Island Pizza, Casa del Mama, Sam's Meats, a butcher shop, Flamingo Cafeteria and PJ's Motorcycle Rentals.

"My dad had the first pizza place out there," he said. "We dabbled in a lot of things."

In addition to having many businesses, Price said his

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While Sam Price lived on the island he coached and managed a baseball team, which was referred to as the "Bad News Bears."

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"Yes. I'm going to watch the Washington Nationals play in West Palm."



**Mindy Pruchnal**  
volunteer  
Sanibel

"No, I don't."



**Mike Layton**  
retired  
Sanibel

"No."



**Katie Oneil**  
stay-at-home mother  
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"We try to. We don't always get there."



**Brendan Saage**  
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"Nope, can't say I'm a baseball fan."

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#### Let voters decide whether Lee taxpayers should fund Children's Services Council

To the editor:

Red counties have them — like Martin, Okeechobee, and Lake. Blue counties have them — like Palm Beach, Broward and Dade. A growing number of counties have Children's Services Councils because it is not about politics, it is about our children's health, safety and education. The only common factor among all the counties is that their county commission chose to allow voters decide by putting the issue on the ballot.

The nine counties that currently have Children's Services Councils have increased the number of children that are kindergarten ready, improved low birth weight numbers, have wellness programs for all new mothers, improved 3rd grade reading levels and graduation rates. The same counties have lowered juvenile crime rates, lowered child abuse rates, lowered teen pregnancy and STD rates, and improved care for mental illness. Currently Lee County fails in comparison to state averages in every one of these categories. We are failing our children.

Lee County can have a Children's

Services Council for less than we currently pay for mosquito control and never as much as we pay for libraries. But first our county commissioners must put the issue on the ballot so voters decide.

Please take the time to contact all county commissioners and the county manager by phone, email or letter. Tell them you Love Lee County Children and want to exercise your right to determine the best for Lee County. Let citizens decide.

**Steve Sherman**  
Fort Myers

#### Congressman Rooney deserves our respect

To the editor:

All I could do reading Susan McGuire's letter was smack my head!

First of all, the disrespect shown Representative Rooney is blatant. Please note, his title is Representative, not Mr.

The writer cites statistics of support or opposition to several policies but, as liberals are wont to do, doesn't cite her sources.

Eighty percent support Net Neutrality? Ummm...who in their right mind would support the federal government running anything given their abysmal history of running programs from Social Security to

(hardly fans of conservatism) don't think or don't know if the investigation has been fair. Do most want it to continue? You betcha since we now know the Clintons and their dupes were up to their eyeballs in spreading lies about President Trump to influence the outcome of the election (yes, President Trump, not "Trump.") When you have Democrats, who needs Russians?! Just ask Bernie Sanders.

Oh, and then of course, the letter has to bring up guns and claims no one wants to talk about that. Really? While I did not hear Representative Rooney's thoughts on this admittedly volatile topic, I would like to hear the writer's idea of how to protect schools and churches from lunatics and keep freedoms balanced? It's likely those killed and wounded in the S.C. and Texas church shootings wish someone in the church had a gun. And what if the law enforcement on the scene in Parkland had not been told to stand down and actually were allowed to use their weapons to take down the shooter sooner? We don't need more gun laws but rather enforcement of those currently on the books. But liberals won't be happy until there are no guns needing legislation. Knowledge that weapons may be present provides a deterrent, unlike gun free zones such as that in which the Parkland school was located. I can tell you I sleep very well at night knowing there is an NRA sticker on my front door and a Lady Smith in my nightstand.

Ms. McGuire is a member of ROAR — Rise Up, Organize, Agitate and Resist. That is not the American way nor is it in the best interests of American citizens. Please ignore such blatant propaganda as was set forth in this letter to the editor. Denying the truth doesn't change the facts!

**Kathy Jones**  
Saint James City

### Web Poll

#### Previous Web Poll Question What can be done to address school shootings?

- More common-sense gun control, 10%
- Ban "assault style" weapons, 26%
- Improve mental health care, 16%
- Combination of solutions needed, 48%
- Nothing can be done, 0%
- Other, 0%

#### Current Web Poll Question Do you attend MLB spring training games?

- No.
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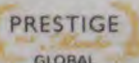
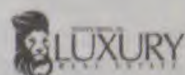
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### Original Sanibel Arms condo manager honored

By PEYTON LOGAN

Special to the ISLAND REPORTER

The owners and long-term guests of the original Sanibel Arms recently honored Nancy Wright, manager of the condo, for her 10 years of growth and large numbers of returning guests.

A memorial was established in recognition of Wright's mother.

"My mom was a wonderful guide and role model for me and I am truly honored by this recognition for the continued success our original Sanibel Arms community has had," she said.

The memorial consists of a small area of flowers and plants, with a bench set in front of a Hong Kong orchid tree, directly across from the condo office. Wright said the plants and flowers were selected as friendly to a variety of butterflies because her mother was very fond of them.

"What was especially, warmly, wonderful about this is that my friend, Monica DeBarr, and her two daughters, Savannah and Autumn, designed it themselves," she said. "Monica, who now teaches at Shadowlawn Elementary School in Naples, worked for us at Sanibel Arms for six years, part of a wonderful team we've always had."

A native of Dearborn, Michigan, Alvilta Wright left her retail career to become a stay-at-home mother for Wright and her sisters.

"When my sister visits from Michigan, we always visit mom's memorial and spend some good time together with memories," she said.

**Nancy Wright and her sister, Patti, at the memorial installed by owners and long-term guests of the original Sanibel Arms in honor of their mother, Alvilta Wright.**

DAVID TRUBY



### Smith appointed to Lee County Tourist Development Council

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners appointed Sanibel City Councilwoman Holly Smith to the Lee County Tourist Development Council at the board's March 6 meeting.

Prior to becoming a council member, Smith served on the Sanibel Planning Commission since 2009, the last two years as vice chair. She is also the council liaison to the Contractors Review Committee, the Sanibel Bike Club and the Planning Commission. Additionally, Smith serves on the Florida League of Cities' Municipal Administration Legislative Policy Committee. She is a member of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association of Southwest Florida.

Smith and her husband, Jason, are Lee County hoteliers and owners of Gumbo Limbo Management Development. The Smiths relocated to Southwest Florida in 1988 and moved to Sanibel in 2001.

Smith's commitment to community involvement spans more than 20 years in Lee County. She is serving her second term as a member of the F.I.S.H. of Sanibel-Captiva Board of Directors.

In February, the Sanibel City Council unanimously approved Smith to complete the remainder of the two-year Tourist Development Council term, a seat previously held by Mayor Kevin Ruane.

The nine-member TDC is an advisory board to the BoCC and was established in 1983.

For more information about the TDC, visit [www.leevcb.com](http://www.leevcb.com).



Holly Smith



### Sanibel Captiva Trust Company announces advisory board

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company recently presented its 2018 advisory board members. Ginny Fleming, Hank Humphrey, Virginia Stringer and Jim Pigott are all long-time residents of the Sanibel-Captiva community. Fleming has also served on the board of directors since the firm's inception in 2001. The group contributes to the development of certain services and materials, as well as meets the evolving needs of the company's clientele. The members also serve as community ambassadors. Pictured are, from left, standing, Steve Brown, Founder and Chairman Al Hanser, Cheryl Giattini and Chief Executive Officer Terry Igo; sitting, George Heisler, Ginny Fleming, Hank Humphrey, Jim Pigott, Virginia Stringer and Chuck Kettman.

PHOTO PROVIDED

### Kingfisher Real Estate announces top agents for the month

Kingfisher Real Estate announced its top listing and sales agents for the month of March.

Valerie Tutor is the top sales agent for March. Tutor has been part of the islands for decades and is a tenured real estate professional. She also dedicates her time to community involvement.

Brooke Brownyard is the top listing associate for March. Brownyard has been a top producer for over 22 years and is a founding member of the Sanibel Community Chorus. She is also a supporter of Special Equestrians.

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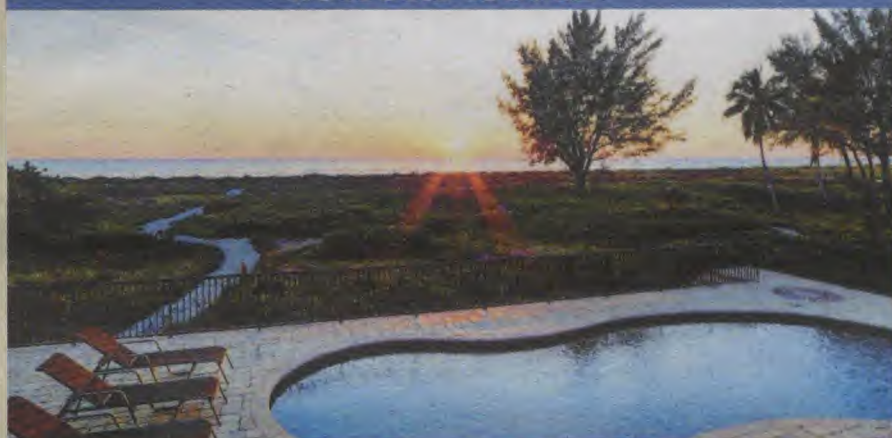
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SCCF's Jeff Siwicke and Erick Lindblad raise glasses with Richard and Feyza Shipley.

## Shipleys are Beer in the Bushes travel sponsor

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation recently announced that Richard and Feyza Shipley have become the travel sponsor for Beer in the Bushes, an annual fundraiser. The headliner this year is Keller Williams, with More Than A Little. The event is set for March 31 from 6 to 10 p.m. on the grounds of the SCCF's Nature Center. Nine local microbreweries will offer tastings of their finest craft beers, while six local food trucks will have offerings. Tickets are \$70 and include \$10 for food. To buy tickets, visit at [www.sccfbeer.eventbrite.com](http://www.sccfbeer.eventbrite.com).

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## John Grey Painting returns as platinum sponsor

John Grey Painting returns as a platinum sponsor of the Sanibel Captiva Lions Club's 35th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair. It will be held March 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 17 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. inside and on the grounds of The Community House on Sanibel. Shown are club members, left, Jeff MacDonald and Bill Sartoris, right, with John Grey Painting's team of Dean, John and Derrick, center. A long-standing island event, the fair showcases the works of more than 100 artists and crafters people. There will also be a silent auction, with items ranging from pieces by local artists, to restaurant and jewelry gift certificates. The proceeds raised will go toward Sanibel charities, vision- and hearing-based charities and local scholarships. For more information, visit online at [sanibelcaptivalions.org](http://sanibelcaptivalions.org).



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## Bank of the Islands named Spring Festival sponsor

Bank of the Islands has become a gold sponsor for the 24th Annual Spring Festival on March 31 to benefit the Children's Education Center of the Islands. Children's Education Center Director Cindy De Costa is pictured with Susan Schulte, teller at Bank of the Islands. The family-friendly celebration will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Sanibel Community Park, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. The event will feature pony rides, an Easter egg hunt, bounce house, giant slide, live music, crafts, food and drinks, and more. For more information about the center, visit [www.childrenseducationcenter.com](http://www.childrenseducationcenter.com).

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## Book signing

Dr. Daryl Donovan, senior pastor with Sanibel Community Church, will hold a book signing on March 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Carpenter's Cafe at the church, at 1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Donovan's book, "Esther's Friend," was recently released in a new edition with illustrations by his daughter, Kay. It is a Christian novel wrestling with the issue of demonization. While fiction, the book contains a section of instruction on the reality of demonic influence and the tools to overcome them.

Donovan will give a brief overview of the book, including some of the teaching on demons. His daughter will join the signing via Skype and will share her inspiration for illustrating the book.

There will be free hamburgers, chips, frappes and Donovan's homemade chili. A love offering receptacle will be available for those who would like to donate to Feed the 5000 Now.

The book is available for a suggested donation of \$10, with the proceeds going back into ministry.

For more information, call 472-2684 or [www.sanibelchurch.com](http://www.sanibelchurch.com).

# Zonta salutes major Peek sponsors

The Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva recently thanked the house sponsors of its 17th annual Peek at the Unique. The list included Gene's Books, Dan Hahn Custom Builders/Sanibel Design Center, John Grey Painting, Gulf Breeze Cottages, Sanibel Home Furnishings/Diane Knight and Architecture Joyce Owens. Joan Sherman provided a contribution to sponsor the event's home base at the Sanibel Community Church. Other individual benefactors included Sharon and Jim Ellen and John and Martha Wolf. Numerous other island businesses and individuals who provided sponsorships and personal donations were recognized in a keepsake program given to the attendees. Proceeds from the event are awarded in grants to local organizations that empower women and to Zonta International for its global initiatives. In January, \$105,918 was awarded in local grants and \$33,000 pledged to the international initiatives. In addition, Zonta distributed 11 emergency grants in September of \$500 each to grantees recovering from Hurricane Irma. For information, visit [www.zontasancap.com](http://www.zontasancap.com).

Major sponsors for the 17th annual Peek at the Unique were, from left, rear, Kevin Vertesch with Dan Hahn Custom Builders, Joyce Owens with Architecture Joyce Owens, and Derrick Grey with John Grey Painting; front, Diane Knight, Laura Dieckman and Cindy Somerville with Sanibel Home Furnishings, Joan Sherman, Dan Hahn, Nate Grey, Marya Teets with Sanibel Design Center, and John Grey. Not pictured are Gulf Breeze Cottages and Gene's Books. PHOTO PROVIDED



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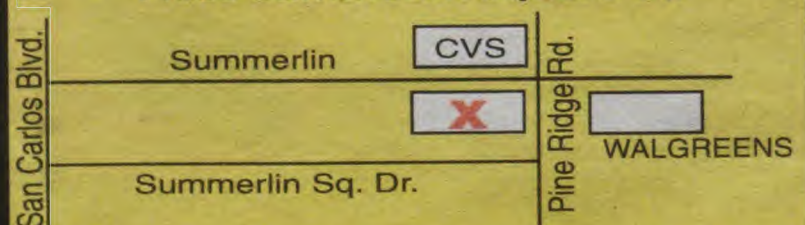
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## Healthy lifestyle highlighted at chamber luncheon

Christine Collins, with Lee Health, recently discussed the importance of a healthy lifestyle at the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce's February luncheon. Hosted at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa, the program featured the "Wellness Wheel," which showed the components of a healthy lifestyle — stress management, mental and behavioral health, sleep, nutrition and physical exercise. Lee Health has taken steps to become a preventive care organization by offering various courses and classes, including virtual programs. The luncheon was sponsored by Hershey Management Group. The March event will be at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, with the sponsor and speaker to be announced. Registration is required at [sanibel-captiva.org](http://sanibel-captiva.org) or by calling 239-472-1966.

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# Miller to resign as DDWS executive director

Birgie Miller, executive director for the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge since 2010, has tendered notice of her resignation to the board of directors, effective this summer.

"I am making a life change and leaving the island," she said. "But because of my commitment and loyalty to the 'Ding' family, I felt the responsibility to let them know even before I knew where my future will be taking me."

"Those of us on the board of directors are only too aware what a great loss Birgie's departure will be," DDWS President Mike Baldwin said. "Her accomplishments while serving as executive director have been nothing short of remarkable, achieving tremendous growth within the organization and greatly strengthening our mission to support the refuge."

The board of directors hired Miller as DDWS' first-ever executive director. She had previously served as a member of the board for three years. A Sanibel resident for almost 19 years, Miller brought nearly 20 years of non-profit experience to "Ding" Darling.

Incessant cutting of refuge system budgets fueled DDWS' decision to hire an executive director.

"It became abundantly clear to the society board that we needed to take a bold step to support the mission of the refuge in the areas of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, and public education," former DDWS President Jim Scott said. "The obvious answer was to hire a dynamic executive director to focus on our immediate needs as well as our long-term goals."



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J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Ranger Paul Tritaik, Executive Director Birgie Miller, Deputy Refuge Ranger Nate Caswell and Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland at Miller's pet project, the Learning Lavatories.

Raising millions of dollars through donations, fundraisers and grants, Miller has overseen the acquisition of several parcels of new refuge lands and the implementation of more than a dozen new exhibits, improvement projects and research studies. She worked to design and fund the first-ever of the national wildlife refuge system's game apps and an iNature trail that uses QR code technology. She also spearheaded

the SanCap Solar Connect program to offer affordable solar conversion to island residents and businesses. To help accomplish all of this, Miller grew the DDWS staff from two full-time and one part-time employees to six full-time employees and two full-time interns.

"Birgie has been the brains and muscle behind starting the 'Ding' Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament, the 'Ding' Darling-Theodore Cross High School Photo

Contest, Go Wild for 'Ding' fundraisers, our seasonal film series, the 45/82 legacy society and so many more programs," Baldwin said. "We will miss her sorely, but must begin the process of seeking a successor to fill the position. We have formed a search committee made up of two past presidents and three board members, including myself, to work with a hired search firm to fill the position."

"Birgie has transformed the 'Ding' Darling Wildlife Society into a powerhouse professional nonprofit that is the envy of refuge support groups across the country," Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik said. "She will probably best be remembered for her accomplishments in supporting the refuge. Under Birgie's leadership, the society has successfully increased support for educational and research programs and hired a new conservation educator to teach thousands of children the wonders of nature."

"We jokingly call her 'Red Bull' because of her fierce energy," Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland said. "Her crowning achievement, funny as it may seem, was to see the Learning Lavatories project come to fruition last year. She has talked about turning our restrooms into award-winning educational exhibits for years, and we are all proud to say she certainly has achieved that goal."

"The refuge is in much better shape thanks to the support that Birgie has generated, and we will miss her passion, enthusiasm, vision, friendliness and commitment," Tritaik said. "On behalf of the refuge staff and volunteers, we are eternally grateful for Birgie's contributions."

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### Lee County Elementary Honor Choir

Ava Camputaro, Grace McKinney, Sonia Otlavaro and Summer Stewart were selected to participate in the 2018 Lee County Elementary Honor Choir festival. The students were selected by music teacher Joseph Giangreco to sing in an honor choir featuring select fifth-graders from elementary schools across the

School District of Lee County. The four will have a chance to work with and learn from guest clinician LuAnne Leone through an all-day choir workshop on March 8. They will conclude their experience by performing in the Lee County Elementary Honor Choir concert on March 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. at South Fort Myers High School, at 14020 Plantation Road, Fort Myers.

## Police Blotter

*Editor's note: The police blotter contains public information obtained from the Lee County Sheriff's Office and Lee County Jail booking log and Sanibel Police Department records. Arrests made are suspicions of crime(s) committed. All persons are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Arrests

■ David R. Staver, 67, of 1420 Albatross Road, Sanibel, was given a notice to appear on March 2 for possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

## Sanibel Recreation Center registering youth for Spring Break Camp

The Sanibel Recreation Center will host a week of athletics, games and crafts for Spring Break.

The Spring Break Camp will be held March 19-23 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Enrollment is open for children in

kindergarten through eighth grade.

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# Rotary Happenings ...

## The life, history of Gen. Robert E. Lee shared at meeting

Season is in full swing and before we know it season wrap-up meetings will be underway. Our new Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club officers will be sworn in the beginning of April for the year of July 1 to June 30, 2019. Our incoming President John Danner is, as I write this, at Rotary Florida PETS District 6960 training. What is PETS? It is President Elect Training Seminar.

Rotary Florida PETS is a partnership of eight Rotary districts, covering the state of Florida and Grand Bahama Island. The elevating and informative seminar exposes presidents-elect to the latest trends and techniques in the operation of a Rotary Club. The PETS experience is also a wonderful opportunity for great fellowship and networking with approximately 650 Rotarians from our entire area and beyond.

The training is aimed specifically at giving practical information and best practices to prepare incoming presidents for their year of service to their club. Bringing in the best speakers in the Rotary world make the sessions extremely impactful. Every year the unique PETS experience transforms those selected to lead their clubs, giving them the knowledge and confidence to lead with innovation and inspiration. PETS is a participation sport — the more you put in, the more you get out, and the more your club benefits.



I'm not sure John knew he was going to be away at PETS when he invited good friend Rabbi Rubin to come and speak at Rotary, but such is life. Rubin has had a long-standing interest in the American Civil War and his topic was Gen. Robert E. Lee. Lee's life played out in many ways — pre-Civil War, wartime and post-war.

Lee was born in 1807 to a family with an impressive history of its own, with Maj. Gen. Henry Lee and Anne Hill Carter as his parents. According to Wikipedia, "Major-General Henry 'Light-Horse Harry' Lee III was an early American patriot and politician who served as the ninth governor of Virginia and as the Virginia representative to the United States Congress." His mother grew up on Shirley Plantation, one of the most elegant homes in Virginia. However, even with that pedigree, his life had struggles. His father fell into great debt, eventually spending time in debtor's prison. He then incurred an injury and never truly recovered and died in 1818, when Lee was 11.

His mother held the family together with the help of her well-heeled relatives and friends. He went to the right schools and showed a great deal of promise in mathematics. When Lee was old enough, he was accepted into the United States Military Academy of West Point, following in the footsteps of his father. Lee had



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**Rabbi Rubin spoke about the life of Gen. Robert E. Lee at the recent meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club.**

many accomplishments in his early military career. In 1831, he married the girl from back home, Mary Anna Randolph Curtis, the great-granddaughter of Martha Washington.

His involvement in the Mexican-American War propelled him upward bound in his military career. The Mexican-American War was the first encounter between Lee and Ulysses S. Grant. With the Mexican-American War over, Lee was appointed in 1852 to superintendent of the Military Academy at West Point, where he stayed for three years before being promoted to second in command of the cavalry regiment in Texas.

When Lee's father-in-law died in 1857, he had to take a two-year absence from the military to handle his Arlington, Virginia, plantation and properties, including the Curtis slaves. It was a complicated matter for Lee and his devotion to

family, heritage and his U.S. military service with the Union Army.

War was brewing over the emancipation of slaves. Slavery was interlaced with the Southern economy, but the North had already abolished slavery and saw no need to keep slaves as property. When Lincoln was elected president in 1860, there was a fear the United States would abolish slavery. Some southern states revolted by seceding from the U.S., starting with South Carolina in 1860 urging other states to do likewise and then forming the Southern Confederacy.

Lee ignored an offer to command the Confederacy; Lee wanted to stay with the U. S. Army. But after ratification of Virginia's seceding, Lee was wavering toward his home state of Virginia and state rights. Lee was offered a position as the U.S. major general to command the defense of the national capital. He could not go into battle with his native state. He resigned from the U.S. Army; two days later, he was elected as commander of Virginia state forces. The rest is history; a lot of history. Rubin has a lot of knowledge on the subject and went further into it, but there is only so much space here to share.

For information about the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club, visit [sanibelrotary.org](http://sanibelrotary.org) or [www.facebook.com/sancaprotary](http://www.facebook.com/sancaprotary). The club meets every Friday at 7 a.m. at the Dunes Golf and Tennis Club, at 949 Sand Castle Road, Sanibel; visitors are always welcome to attend.

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# Bob and Jane go to a bar

Bob and Jane were single and alone. Each had gone the online dating service route but to no avail. But then one day they connected online and agreed to meet each other for cocktails. Each sensed that the other's back-

ground, personal experience and neuroses were similar. They found each other at the cocktail lounge and viewed each other warily. Each of them had gone through this process countless times. Would it be different this time?

**Bob:** Hi, Jane. Good to meet you. You, Jane, me Bob. (Bob laughs uproariously).

**Jane:** (already wishing she were somewhere else). That's very funny, Bob. I guess you're a huge Tarzan fan.

**Bob:** I sure am. Listen to this. Aghh, eee, aghh, ee, aghh. (Bob is now standing on the bar counter emitting a Tarzan like scream that shatters the glass behind the bar. After a few moments of negotiating with the bartender, Bob and Jane find their way to a private table in the rear.)

**Jane:** Bob. You sure know how to bring down the house. That's the best Tarzan scream I've heard in ages. How is your Godzilla imitation?

**Bob:** I just love movies. I can see them over and over.

**Jane:** Well, we certainly have that in common. I'm a movie lover myself. What are your favorite movies?

**Bob:** I simply love "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein" and "Bugs Bunny Does Dallas."

**Jane:** I love those movies, too, Bob. Are you a "Casablanca" fan?

**Bob:** Am I a "Casablanca" fan? Round up the usual suspects. Of all the gin joints. There will always be Paris.

**Jane:** Bob, what do you do for a living?

**Bob:** I'm a parallelogram.

**Jane:** Now you're being funny. Everyone knows that a parallelogram is a symbolic abercenture.

**Bob:** Say, what? I'm only kidding, of course. I'm a meter reader.

**Jane:** Our careers parallel each other, no pun intended. I'm an expert on Dewey decimal systems. In other words, I'm a librarian.

**Bob:** A librarian who loves movies. Who could ask for anything more?

**Jane:** Isn't that the verse of a popular song? I'm also a huge fan of the great American songbook.

**Bob:** Do you like "Night and Day" by Cole Porter?

**Jane:** I thrive on it. You and I certainly have some things in common. What else do you like?

**Bob:** I enjoy collecting ants.

**Jane:** Oh, my God, me too. I've never met anyone else who enjoys collecting ants. Could this be the start of something new?

**Bob:** You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.

**Jane:** Bei Meir bist di shcein, I'll sing that refrain.

**Bob:** I found my thrill on Blueberry Hill.

**Jane:** Do you give your ants names? I do.

**Bob:** Yes, I do too. I name them after Broadway musical characters like Aunty Mame, Sweeney Todd, The Music Man, Jesus Christ Super Star and Hello Dolly.

**Jane:** Oh, Bob. Is this really happening? After so



**Art Stevens**  
**Shell Shocked**

# Lions Club's Arts and Crafts Fair is last big art festival for season

By TIFFANY REPECKI  
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Residents and visitors will have one last opportunity to get their artistic fill — on a large scale — before the season ends with the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club's 35th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair.

Taking place on March 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 17 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Community House on Sanibel, the event will feature the work of approximately 100 artists and crafters. Designed as a juried show, there will also be a silent auction, raffles and a door prize giveaway.

Proceeds from the annual event benefit charities and programs supported by the club, including Lighthouse of SWFL, LARC, the Trailways Camp, Conklin Center and Southeastern Guide Dogs.

"It's by far our biggest fundraiser for the year," Jeff MacDonald, who is an event co-chair with Bill Sartoris, said. "It's a long-standing tradition for us. It used to be one of the only fairs when it started."

A portion of the funds raised also go toward local initiatives.

"Some of the fair proceeds go to funding the free vision, hearing and diabetes screenings our Lions Club provides to both adults and children here on the island," he said. "We also provide free retina screenings once a year as part of this program."

Last year's event raised about \$40,000.

As for turnout, more people tend to swing by on the first day.

"The number was around 4,500 total over the two days," MacDonald said of 2017.

Roughly 100 artists and crafters will display their work, with many of them returning exhibitors.

"In some ways, most folks that are in the show have been in the show a long time," he said.

This means visitors can likely pick up another must-have piece from their favorite.

"We have folks that are painters, people that are in photography, people in jewelry," MacDonald said, adding that there is a balance of fine art and crafts. "And some of the crafts are pretty eclectic."

Because it is a juried show, exhibitors have to pass a panel and all of the work is original.

"It's things people have to make themselves," he said.

For those looking to buy, the price range is wide due in part to the variety.

"Some of the artists might have large artwork that's kind of expensive, while some of the craftsmen have things that are more affordable," MacDonald said.

The exhibitors are judged in three categories: 2-D art, 3-D art and creative crafts. Honors are given to the first place,

## If you go:

**What:** 35th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair  
**Who:** Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club  
**When:** March 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 17 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Where:** The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel  
**Why:** To raise funds for the charities and programs supported by the club

second place and third place winners in each category, as well as one Best of Show.

Best of Show wins \$300 and a free booth in next year's show, and the top winners get a booth.

"They get invited back the next year," he said.

Inside of The Community House, the silent auction will be open to bidding.

"Part of how the fair runs is that all of the exhibitors donate something," MacDonald said. "Also, we get artwork donated, we get all kinds of gift cards from the local restaurants and service industry."

Bidding on the items will close on March 17 at 1 p.m. Winners do not have to be present to win.

In addition, raffle tickets will be for sale for a variety of items.

"There are cash prizes, as well," he said.

With entry into the fair, attendees can fill out a form for a chance to win an iPad mini 4.

"It's just something we did last year and it was a lot of fun," MacDonald said.

Again, the winner does not have to be present to collect the door prize.

"We draw it on Saturday," he said.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

"There are actually going to be three different food vendors at the fair," MacDonald said.

"It's a pretty eclectic mix," he added. "Nobody has the same food items."

Parking is free, with a \$5 donation for entry; children ages 12 and under are free.

The major sponsors for this year's event are John Grey Painting, Royal Shell, Lily & Co. and Bailey's General Store.

The community is encouraged to stop by and enjoy the show.

"It's actually a fun event," MacDonald said. "It's a nice, little tropical atmosphere to walk and spend time as a family. We have a lot of kids that come."

The Community House is at 2173 Periwinkle Way.

# Piano great Olga Kern, son to perform at Sanibel Music Festival

One of the great pianists of the current time, Olga Kern, and her son, Vladik Kern, will perform a joint piano concert on March 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

With family ties to Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff, Kern has been a festival favorite since winning the gold medal in the 11th Van Cliburn Piano Competition. Since then, she has had an international career as a soloist, teacher and competition jury member.

In 2016, she launched the Olga Kern International Piano Competition for pianists ages 18-32. In 2017, she joined the piano faculty of the Manhattan School of Music.

Vladik Kern studied at Juilliard from 2011-2016. In 2012, he made Juilliard history when, as a pre-college student, he won the prestigious Van Cliburn scholarship. In 2016, Vladik



**Olga Kern and her son, Vladik Kern.**

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became a Young Steinway Artist.

The program will include Kern choosing and narrating selections from Beethoven, Liszt, Debussy, Ravel, Rachmaninoff and Balakirev in a "surprise program."

Tickets may be purchased for \$50 at [www.sanibelmusicfestival.org](http://www.sanibelmusicfestival.org) or by calling 239-344-7025.

Tickets may also be purchased by cash or check only at the Bank of the Islands, at 1699 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, or at the door one-half hour

before each performance.

Celebrating its 32nd season, the Sanibel Music Festival presents world renowned artists in March. Incorporated in 1987 as a non-for-profit, its mission is to present classical music of the highest standard at affordable prices and to promote the careers of young artists through performance opportunities.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is at 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.





LEFT: Labyrinth expert Zara Renander will bring a labyrinth fashioned after the world-famous one at the Chartres Cathedral in France to the March 16 workshop at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church. RIGHT: The workshop organizers are, from left, Judy Addison, Judy Workman and Rector Ellen Sloan.



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## St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church to host labyrinth workshop

Labyrinth expert Zara Renander will return to St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church to lead a labyrinth workshop on March 16 from 10 a.m. to noon, with an optional lunch to follow.

The workshop is free and open to the public.

"We invite islanders and those off-island to experience this ancient spiritual pathway of release of burdens, rest and re-entrance into the world," Rector Ellen Sloan said.

The workshop will consist of a presentation by Renander, followed by an opportunity for all participants to walk the labyrinth. The event will conclude with a light lunch.

Renander will be joined by the Rev. Kerry Holder-Joffrion, who is an Episcopal priest, the founder of the Nativity Center and the president of Turning Point Consultants.

According to Sloan, the workshop has been scheduled during Lent, "so that attendees can focus specifically on Christ's suffering and its relevance to our daily pain and



Zara Renander

suffering. Zara's empathy and compassion enable her to help participants discover healing in their lives."

Born in Lahore, India, Renander holds a master's degree in theology from the University of St. Catherine in



Rev. Kerry Holder-Joffrion

Minnesota and trained as a nurse at the Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis and the Westminster Hospital in England. She brings the wisdom of a cross-cultural background to her work in pilgrimage and conflict resolution. Director for five years of the Nativity Center for Pilgrimage and Reconciliation in Alabama, she is a guide for those seeking spiritual healing or fulfillment.

For information, call 239-472-2173 or visit [saint-michaels-sanibel.org](http://saint-michaels-sanibel.org).

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On October 28, 2016, Fr. Senk, Pastor of St. Isabel Catholic Church, was placed on administrative leave by Bishop Frank Dewane. Using a dismissed, meritless case as his justification, a case that had been closed by the Lee County Sheriff's Dept. and the State Attorney's Office months before, Bishop Dewane banished Fr. Senk from the St. Isabel property. Vehemently denying the false accusations against him, Fr. Senk is resisting Bishop Dewane's attempt to remove him from the priesthood. Over 500 parishioners supporting Fr. Senk have formed a group known as **Parishioners For Justice**. Since its formation, PFJ has vastly increased in the number of parishioners supporting Fr. Senk. As a group they have hired both a canon lawyer and civil lawyers to defend Fr. Senk against the actions brought against him by Bishop Dewane. In June 2017, Bishop Dewane sent the case to Rome seeking to permanently end Fr. Senk's 41 years as a priest.

In the 17 months since his removal, not only has Fr. Senk painfully suffered undue humiliation and the loss of his right to perform his duties as a priest, but parishioners, dissatisfied and spiritually unfulfilled by the temporary "priest in residence", have chosen to go off-island to other Catholic churches or attend the more welcoming St. Michael's Episcopal Church on Sanibel. A widely shared sentiment is that the church is no longer a joyful community without Fr. Senk.

Other changes have happened at the church that have also caused parishioners and visitors to stop attending Masses at St. Isabel Church. The forced resignation of the talented music director and other changes made by the "priest in residence" and the office manager have created an unpleasant atmosphere. It is difficult to imagine that those responsible for what has been taking place at St. Isabel don't realize that their actions only aggravate an already devastating situation. Some parishioners who still attend St. Isabel maintain that they are "fine", but church officials cannot deny that attendance is drastically diminished. Declining numbers might also explain the shortened office hours, continuing the summer hours year-round with the staff only available to parishioners four days a week for a total of only 24 hours. This season, the annual Orchid Ball fund raiser, which always "sold out" with 200+ under Fr. Senk, was attended by only a fraction of that number, even with complimentary tickets being given to some parishioners.

Understandably upset by what has happened to Fr. Senk and to their beloved parish, parishioners have expressed their discontent by withholding financial support, 26% of which is taken by Bishop Dewane and the diocese. Some parishioners have reluctantly stopped performing their personal ministries due to the actions of the "priest in residence" and the office staff, and most social and charity functions sponsored by the church's Women's Guild have been canceled because of new draconian restrictions imposed by the staff and diocese. However, unwilling to cease their charitable work in the community, a group of Sanibel Catholics is now holding their charity and social events at other locations.

While Bishop Dewane and the parish staff work against Fr. Senk and his supporters, Parishioners For Justice continue to fight for Fr. Senk and their Parish. If you would like to find out more about Fr. Senk's case, go to [parishionersforjustice.com](http://parishionersforjustice.com). Sign up to be a Follower and receive current notifications about the Tuesday morning Prayer Services for Fr. Christopher and many other topics pertaining to his case.

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Railroad vine.

## Running wild over the beaches

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Also referred to as the beach morning glory, the vine gets its nickname for good reason, as it's tolerant to the salty winds of our local beaches. Native to Florida, its preference for sandy soil makes it a good candidate for dune stabilization. The Sunshine State offers the native perfect conditions for full sun year-round, and though it blooms sparingly throughout the year, its peak bloom time is May through November. An occasional flowering of lovely pink buds follows a pattern of opening in the mornings and closing by mid-afternoons, so catch a must-see glimpse of its beauty before it goes away.

Something to remember when installing the plant is to give it plenty of room to grow and blossom. Nothing can quite stand in the way of its weaving tendrils, so be sure to trim your railroad vine before it latches onto another plant among your landscape. Providing 3-5 feet of space in between fresh sprouts gives potential for the vines to tangle among each other and create sufficient ground cover. With a height reaching about 16 inches, the plant grows out more than up, though if managed properly, the railroad vine isn't too much of a burden, but rather an attraction to your garden.

Plant this Florida native among your garden and watch in amazement as its vining branches grow before your eyes.

*In The Garden* is a joint effort by all at the local garden center, at 3889 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel. For information, contact 239-395-5859 or visit [www.facebook.com/rswalshinthegarden](http://www.facebook.com/rswalshinthegarden).



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The Sanibel Captiva Art League recently kicked off its annual Bailey's bag fundraiser with the help of Bailey's General Store on Sanibel, with the proceeds raised to benefit F.I.S.H of Sanibel-Captiva.

## Bidding opens on Bailey's bags painted by Sanibel Captiva Art League

The Sanibel Captiva Art League recently kicked off one of its annual fundraisers with the help of Bailey's General Store, which donates their store bags, storefront and lots of support.

"We have 32 Bailey's bags hand-painted by 32 of our talented local artists," Jeannine Desmarais, a SCAL artist, said. "They are ready for bids and all proceeds go to F.I.S.H of Sanibel-Captiva."

Each artist transforms their recyclable shopping bag it into a piece of original art.

The SCAL artists contribute their time and supplies.

"We appreciate all the support that we receive from the Bailey family and staff for this important F.I.S.H. fundraiser," Desmarais said. "It's easy to bid on the bag you want, just come in the store and they are right up

front."

The bidding starts at \$20 and the sky is the limit.

The bags will be on display for bids until the final day, March 26.

Winners not on island can have their bag shipped to them.

F.I.S.H of Sanibel-Captiva receives 100 percent of the proceeds from the bids.

"I really enjoy the creativity it takes to transform the bags," Desmarais said. "This year we have still lifes, birds, shells, animals, portraits and beach scenes — every year we find a new way of expressing Sanibel."

For more information, email [jjdesmarais@gmail.com](mailto:jjdesmarais@gmail.com).

Bailey's General Store is at 2477 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

## SCUCC presents monthly artist on display



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During the month of March, paintings by Dr. Leon Skolnick are on view in Fellowship Hall at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, at 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. The exhibit may be seen during office hours when the hall is not in use and on Sundays after the services. The pieces are for sale, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the church. For more information, call 239-472-0497.





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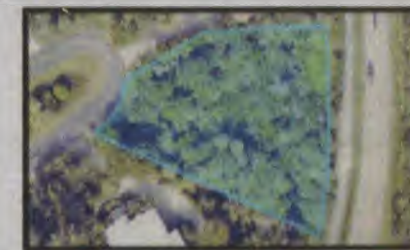
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## Documentary to premiere on Gavin-Walker Legacy

In 2017, the first Sanibel Legacy Trail plaque was dedicated to the history of the Gavin-Walker families, the island's pioneer black citizens. A feature-length documentary on the Gavin-Walker legacy is in production and will premiere on March 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. More than a dozen interviews have been conducted with family members and an extended series of interviews was done with Eugene Gavin, the family historian. Nearly 100 vintage photos are featured in the film. The project is being produced by seven-time Emmy winner David E. Carter. Tickets are now on sale for \$7. For more information or tickets, call 239-472-2155 or visit [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net).



The BackPorch Bluegrass Band.

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## Sanibel Community Church to host free bluegrass concert

The BackPorch Bluegrass Band will perform on March 18 at Sanibel Community Church.

The free concert will begin at 5 p.m., with refreshments available at 4:30 p.m.

Based out of Wilkes County, North Carolina, the BackPorch Bluegrass Band is known for its hard-driving style — everything from the traditional songs of Bill Monroe, Flatt and Scruggs, The Stanley Brothers, Illrd

Tyme Out, Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, The Lonesome River Band and Blue Highway, to the contemporary flair and artistry of the Kruger Brothers.

A love-offering will be received for the band.

Sanibel Community Church is at 1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

For more information, visit [www.sanibelchurch.com](http://www.sanibelchurch.com) or call 239-472-2684.

## New Bible study course at Sanibel Community Church

Sanibel Community Church will offer a new Bible study beginning March 19 based on John Piper's book, "Don't Waste Your Life."

The class will meet weekly at

6:30 p.m. for 10 weeks.

Pastor Doug Hummer will lead the study.

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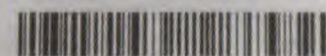
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## 'Did I see Versailles ... ?'

By ROBERT HILLIARD

*Did I see Versailles and the Eiffel Tower,  
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Don't know as I did, sir, I spent my time  
right up front on the firing line  
where we only saw mud that reached our knees  
and our skin would crack and our feet would freeze.  
Where there were no cities or generals,  
just rubble and dirt and sickening smells.  
There were no chateaus, no sights to pick.  
I'm sorry, sir, just damned Krauts to lick.*

*Did I see the castles upon the Rhine  
or the blue Danube that flowed like wine?  
The only rivers that I saw there  
were the rivers of blood while men would swear  
and bind their wounds and wait for aid  
and live ... and wait for aid and die ... afraid.  
Our castles were deep, four feet or so  
out of frozen earth and filled with snow  
and rocks and dirt that the shells would flick.  
We were busy, sir. Damned Krauts to lick.*

*Did I see the fields and the small canals  
and the snow-capped peaks of the tow'ring Alps?  
Yes, I saw the fields with their many dead  
and the fresh green grass that was now blood red,  
and the streets and paths with their waiting mines,  
and the booby-traps at the German lines.  
I looked on high for the Alps, but found  
only bloody pieces of men on the ground.*

*I saw them, sir: hell and death so quick.  
You see, sir, we had the damned Krauts to lick.*

Robert Hilliard wrote "Did I See Versailles ... ?" at the age of 19 upon returning home to the United States after World War II. It is included in "Poems of Love and War," his first poetry book written at the age of 92. "Poems of Love and War" is available for purchase from Amazon at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).



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## Recipe of the Week: Tuscan Ribollita Soup

By **LORETTA PAGANINI**

A favorite soup in Tuscany, ribollita is usually made one day and reheated and served the next day to enhance the flavor. Serve it with crostini and a sprinkle of cheese it will become your favorite too. Serves 12 (Chef tip: I use delicate cannellini beans, cooked until tender or if using cans, drained and well rinsed before you add them to the soup.)

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil  
1 small onion, minced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 carrot, peeled and cut into a 1/4-inch dice  
1 small zucchini, 1/4-inch dice

1 yellow summer squash, 1/4-inch dice  
1 russet potato, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch dice  
4 roma tomatoes, seeded and cut into 1/4-inch dice  
8 cups vegetable stock, preferably homemade  
1/4 cup dry white wine  
1/2 pound green beans, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch lengths  
2 cups green cabbage, shredded  
2 cups fresh baby spinach or kale, stems trimmed and leaves cut into thin strips  
1 (15 oz.) can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained  
1 teaspoon sea salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese  
12 crostini

Heat the oil in a large stockpot over medium-high heat. Stir in the onion, garlic, carrots, zucchini, summer squash and potatoes; cook, stirring frequently for 10 minutes. Add salt. Stir in the tomatoes and cook five minutes longer.

Pour in the vegetable stock and wine, and then add the green beans, cabbage and spinach. Simmer the soup uncovered, stirring occasionally, for 45 minutes.

Stir in the cannellini beans into the soup. Season to taste with more salt and pepper. Simmer for 10 more minutes.

Serve in large bowls with plenty of parmesan cheese and crostini.

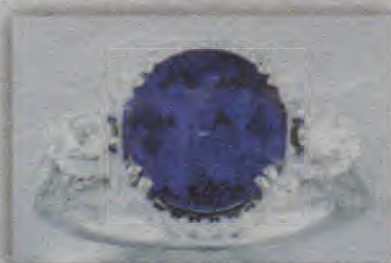
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## Temple Bat Yam to hold Passover Seder celebration

Temple Bat Yam will hold its community Passover Seder on March 30 at 6 p.m. at The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Rabbi Stephen Fuchs will lead the Seder, with the musical assistance of Cantor Murray Simon.

There will be a catered dinner, including all the favorite traditional foods, supplemented by some home-made dishes and desserts. Guests are encouraged to bring their own personal Seder plates, matzo covers, Elijah and Miriam cups, and any other traditional table items; the food items for the Seder plates will be provided.

The family-oriented Passover Seder meal is steeped in tradition and ritual. The focal points are matzo to remember the hasty departure, bitter herbs as a taste of the bitter slavery in Egypt and wine to celebrate freedom. The "Haggadah" is the special textbook that describes the events that bring the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to freedom. Reading the "Haggadah" fulfills the biblical obligation to make the story known to the children so that the message and meaning are not forgotten.

Space is limited; reservations and

payments are required by March 20.

Every spring, Jews around the world celebrate the Passover holiday to commemorate the liberation of the ancient Israelites from Egyptian slavery. According to the current Hebrew lunar calendar, this year's festival begins in March rather than April. The story is described in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) in the Book of Exodus. Passover also serves as the spring harvest festival.

The name of the holiday derives from the last of the 10 plagues inflicted to convince the Egyptian Pharaoh to let the Israelite slaves go from Egypt. The doorposts of the Israelites were specially marked so that the Angel of Death would know to "Pass Over" the Jewish households.

When the Egyptian Pharaoh finally relented and freed the Israelites, it is said that they left in such a hurry that they could not wait for the bread dough to rise (leaven). Therefore, the tradition has continued so that for the duration of the Passover holiday, matzot — flat unleavened bread — is eaten.

For reservations, contact Sue Danford at 239-579-0744 or Annette Pacyga at 941-740-1650.

## A journey into theater history

Courageous Bill Taylor at Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts takes us back to 1889 with a production of a classic play. Most of you who have been theater buffs for a long time most likely have seen Henrik Ibsen's play "The Doll House." This version may well shake up the memories.

"The Doll House" is a play about a married couple. Torvald Helmer, well played by Brendon Powers, looks upon his wife Nora, played by Dena Galyean, as an almost adolescent toy. He has pet names for her, calls her his "little skylark, little bluebird, and little sparrow." He sees her as mostly an object as too many men see women.

Nora's days are spent trying to look pretty. They have three children who she rarely sees because they are cared for by a nanny, played well by an actor making her theatrical debut, Paula Sisk. That nanny, it seems, is with the children 24 hours a day. There is also an overworked cook-servant, nicely played by Eren Sisk, who does the work Nora doesn't care to do. I told my companion the night we saw the play that I sure wouldn't ever have asked Nora out for a date back in my college years.

Self-righteous Helmer asks very little of Nora, except to look pretty and to admire him. Nora lives a caged life and the creative set by Taylor and Curtis Jones depicts this with its floor to ceiling bent pipes, reminding us constantly of the cage Helmer has put Nora in.



Sidney B. Simon

### Theater Notes

Act I was hard for this liberal to sit through, what with Helmer's obnoxious prissy power control over Nora — and her taking it — until some real issues start to explode. After the intermission, we begin to feel the courage it took Ibsen to confront the society around him. He uses a character named Kristine Linde, an old high school friend of Nora's, played so skillfully by a veteran founding member at the Theatre Conspiracy — Karen Goldberg — to open the cage. Kristine, to my mind, is the only real adult in the play.

She works to have Nora stand up and find her own voice and that makes this whole evening worth it. History tell us

that when the play first opened, Ibsen received an enormous amount of moral outrage and condemnation for daring to have a woman brave enough to leave a marriage. Upstart women in those days were seen as a disgrace, not something to celebrate on the stage.

By the curtain call, which was loud, it was clear that this play is relevant today. Women are speaking their truths and letting men know about it. It's all around us. One contender for an Oscar has a male character, played by Daniel Day-Lewis, as compulsive and authoritarian as Helmer. Go see "Phantom Thread" and compare the movie to the play. Get involved. It's what great drama confronts us to do.

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Carter's new documentary is a feature-length film done "Ken Burns style," with narrators reading "postcards and photos from Sanibel" with a storyline that

follows life on Sanibel from 1946 to 1984.

Photographs and postcards from Sanibel are the foundation of the piece.

The film will feature over 60 historic photographs from the Charlie McCullough collection.

The original film, "Postcards & Photos from Sanibel, 1884-1947," premiered in 2017 and covered from 1884 — when the Sanibel Lighthouse was built — to 1947. The sequel picks up in 1946 to provide a

transition between the two stories, ending in 1984 with the 100th anniversary of the lighthouse.

This is the fifth and final documentary in the Pfeifer Documentary Series.

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## wednesday, march 14 Award-Winning Documentary

BIG ARTS Sanibel Island screens award-winning documentaries at the Island Cinema, at 535 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel. The next film is "The Eagle Huntress" at 12:30 p.m.

For information or tickets, call 239-395-0900 or visit [www.bigarts.org](http://www.bigarts.org).

### Experience Virtual Reality

Five-minute VR experience on "Under Sea Adventure: Blue Whale Encounter and Great Reef Migration" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, at 770 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. For ages 10 and over. One user per session; first come, first served.

No registration required. Also on Mondays.

### Family Storytime

An all-ages program from 10 to 10:45 a.m. and 1 to 1:45 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, at 770 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, that encourages the development of pre-reading skills through songs, rhymes, fingerplays and stories.

No registration or cost. For information, call Deanna Evans at 239-472-2483.

### Birds and Wildlife Tour

Follow along on a car caravan tour of J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The free tour highlights the mangrove ecosystem and the wildlife that live in the area; entrance fee to Wildlife Drive applies.

Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor & Education Center.

### Florida Manatees Program

Explore the Florida manatee as it faces a challenging future. Find out what you can do to help save the species during the free program from 11 to 11:30 a.m.; entrance fee to Wildlife Drive applies.

Meet at the Crossdike Pavilion off Wildlife Drive at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

### Birds of the Refuge Program

Learn interesting facts about birds and how to identify them in the estuary in the free program from 1 to 1:30 p.m.; entrance fee to Wildlife Drive applies.

Meet at the Crossdike Pavilion off Wildlife Drive at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

### Bailey Homestead tour

The walking tour of the Bailey Homestead Preserve from 10 to 11 a.m.

blends SCCF's mission-driven work on the historic property, the history of the land itself and some stories about the Bailey family. Cost is \$5 for non-members.

Meet at the Conservation Gateway Kiosk at the head of the Shipley Trail.

### Bowman's Beach, Bayou Walk

The SCCF provides a guided walk from 9 to 10 a.m. along the beach toward Blind Pass, then along the back dune trail. Keep your eyes open for shorebirds and gopher tortoises. Meet your guide at the foot of the bridge that crosses the bayou. Walk is free; attendees must pay to park.

### Trail Walks: Interior Wetlands

Join the SCCF from 11 a.m. to noon for a guided walk through the interior

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wetlands and mid-island ridges of the Center Tract with discussion of native habitats, natural and cultural history and preservation efforts. Cost is \$5 for non-members. Meet at the Nature Center and proceed to the trails. Also on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

### Gator/Croc Tales

Learn from the SCCF about alligators and crocodiles and what we must do to ensure our safety and their survival on the islands from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Nature Center.

### Retirement Roadshow

Shell Point Retirement Community will host a Shell Point Retirement Roadshow at 9:30 a.m. at The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Retirement counselors will cover the options and lifecare available at Shell Point. Guests will have an opportunity to ask questions and schedule a tour. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Seating is limited, so reservations are requested at 239-466-1131 or [www.shellpoint.org/roadshow](http://www.shellpoint.org/roadshow).

## thursday, march 15

### After-school Crew

Favorite books, new books and never-knew-existed books, plus puzzles, games, crafts and more from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, at

770 Dunlop Rd, Sanibel. Geared toward kindergarten to third grade. Snack provided. No registration or cost. For information, call Deanna Evans at 239-472-2483.

### R.E.A.D. with Bessie

If you love dogs and books, then you might enjoy reading to Bessie, a bearded collie and Reading Education Assistance Dog, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, at 770 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Sign-ups are on-the-spot and in order; no registration or cost. For information, call Deanna Evans at 239-472-2483.

### Yoga for Everyone

Join Barbara Cline from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at The Community House, at 173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. She teaches a gentle Hatha Yoga, which is receptive to all types and levels of practice. Classes include meditation, breath work and postures. Cost is \$15 paid to the instructor; mats and other aids provided.

### All-Levels Yoga

All-Levels Yoga from 10 to 11 a.m. at The Community House, at 173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Use of asana (postures), pranayama (breathing techniques), mudra, philosophy, meditation and guided relaxation techniques. Instructor is Dr. Susan Pataky. Cost is \$20 and \$18 for members; limited

props provided for free. Also on Tuesdays.

### Chi Yoga

Chi Yoga from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at The Community House, at 173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Utilize a free-form meditative approach. Class may include active as well as restorative asanas, as well as other modalities. Students who have physical limitations or other special challenges can benefit. Instructor is Dr. Susan Pataky. Cost is \$20 and \$18 for members; limited props provided for free. Also on Tuesdays.

### Duplicate Bridge

Duplicate Bridge is offered from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at The Community House, at 173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Cost is \$10 paid to the organizer; refreshments provided. Also on Tuesdays.

### Biking the Refuge Tour

Learn about the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's bird life and ecology in a free tour with a naturalist from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the Wildlife Drive/Indigo Trail loop; entrance fee for Wildlife Drive applies. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center.

### Gators and Crocs Program

Learn about crocodiles, gharials, alligators and caimans during the free program from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at J.N.

"Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge; entrance fee for Wildlife Drive applies. Learn how to identify families and local species. Meet at the Crossdike Pavilion on Wildlife Drive at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

### Reptiles, Amphibians Program

Discover some of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge residents — snakes, lizards, toads and frogs — during the free program from 1 to 1:30 p.m.; entrance fee for Wildlife Drive applies. Located at the Crossdike Pavilion on Wildlife Drive.

### Shorebirds of Sanibel and Captiva

Join SCCF biologists to learn about the shorebird species that nest on Sanibel beaches, including snowy plovers, least terns and wilson's plovers from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Nature Center. Learn how you can safely share the beach and help us protect our feathered friends.

## friday, march 16

### Documentary Film Showing

A documentary film is selected and played from the Sanibel Public Library eShelf from 1 to 3 p.m. Use your library card barcode and pin — last four digits of barcode — to gain access. For information, call the library at 239-472-2483.

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## TriviaHQ

The Sanibel Public Library, at 770 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, will host a live trivia game you can participate in from 3 to 4 p.m. by downloading a mobile app. For information, call the library at 239-472-2483.

## Recycled Percussion

Recycled Percussion will perform at BIG ARTS Sanibel Island at 7:30 p.m. in Schein Hall, at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. For information and tickets, call 239-395-0900 or visit [www.bigarts.org](http://www.bigarts.org).

## Beach Walk

Join J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge for a free guided exploration of Perry Tract from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; parking fees apply. Learn about the vital beach ecosystem. Meet at the Gulfside City Park parking lot on Algiers Lane, off of West Gulf Drive.

## Indigo Trail Walk

Free naturalist-led tour identifying and discussing the ecosystem's plant and animal species along the Indigo Trail from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meet at the flag-

pole in front of the Visitor & Education Center at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

## Bailey Tract Tour

Walk the trails of the Bailey Tract with a naturalist from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to learn about the inhabitants of the freshwater ecosystem of Southwest Florida. Meet at the Bailey Tract parking lot at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

## Garden Walk

Take a SCCF guided walk through the native plant, wildflower, kitchen and tea gardens at the Bailey Homestead Preserve from 1 to 2 p.m. Learn about the uses of the plants by humans, butterflies, birds and pollinators. End your walk with a sip of tea from the gardens, infused with sea grape honey. Cost is \$5 for non-members. Meet on the deck at the Native Landscapes and Garden Center.

## Shipley Trail at Bailey Homestead Guided Walk

Take a free guided walk from 10 to 11 a.m. on the SCCF Shipley Trail. Stroll across the Star Thomas Memorial Bridge and then connect with Pond Apple Trail.

Learn how SCCF manages the property as wildlife habitat. Park and meet your guide at the Welcome Kiosk at the head of the Shipley Trail, at the SCCF Bailey Homestead Preserve, at 1300 Periwinkle Way.

## New Moon Meditation

A New Moon Meditation class will be held at 7 p.m. on South Beach on Captiva. Enjoy a guided meditation on the beach as the sun sets and the moon rises. Bring a towel or blanket to sit on. Meet at Alison Hagerup Beach Park, at 14790 Captiva Drive. Cost is a suggested donation of \$10-15, with all proceeds to benefit the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's sea turtle research program. For more information, visit [www.ambuyoga.com](http://www.ambuyoga.com) or call 239-314-9642.

## saturday, march 17 Story and Wildlife Wonders

Join a naturalist for free story time from 9:30 to 10 a.m. at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's Visitor & Education Center and learn about different wildlife that call the refuge home.

## Birds of the Refuge Program

Learn interesting facts about birds and how to identify them in the estuary in the free program from 11 to 11:30 p.m.; entrance fee to Wildlife Drive applies. Meet at the Crossdike Pavilion off Wildlife Drive at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

## Gators and Crocs Program

Learn about crocodiles, gharials, alligators and caimans during the free program from 1 to 1:30 a.m. at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge; entrance fee for Wildlife Drive applies. Learn how to identify families and local species. Meet at the Crossdike Pavilion on Wildlife Drive.

## Bird Walk

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will hold a bird walk at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Meet in the overflow parking lot to the left at 8 a.m. Open to the public and all levels of experience; a \$5 donation is appreciated; refuge fees will apply. Duck Stamp and Federal Senior Pass are accepted. For

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more information, visit [san-capaudubon.org](http://san-capaudubon.org).

## sunday, march 18 Island Jazz

Enjoy the tunes of the Island Jazz musicians from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Boler Garden at BIG ARTS Sanibel Island, at 900 Dunlap Road, Sanibel. The concert is free and open to the community; bring a chair.

## Beach Walk

Join J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge for a free guided exploration of Perry Tract from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; parking fees apply. Learn about the vital beach ecosystem. Meet at the Gulfside City Park parking lot on Algiers Lane, off of West Gulf Drive.

## Endangered Species Program

Discover endangered species of Southwest Florida and what you can do to

help them during the free program from 11 to 11:30 a.m.; entrance fee for Wildlife Drive applies. Meet at the Crossdike Pavilion at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

## Florida Manatees Program

Explore the Florida manatee as it faces a challenging future. Find out what you can do to help save the species during the free program from 1 to 1:30 a.m.; entrance fee to Wildlife Drive applies. Meet at the Crossdike Pavilion off Wildlife Drive at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

## monday, march 19 Film Premiere

"Postcards & Photos from Sanibel, Part 2: 1946 - The 1980s" is the fifth film in the Pfeiffer Documentary Series that is directed by Emmy winner David E. Carter. The story of Sanibel is told, Ken Burns style, with photos and narrations of "postcards and letters" that show the

island's history. See more than 160 photos, including a large number by island photographer Charlie McCullough.

## The City That Almost Wasn't

Learn about the genesis of Sanibel, other foresighted efforts to preserve the islands and why in the end Captiva decided not to join in from 10 to 11 a.m. at SCCF's Nature Center. Sanibel was celebrated throughout the country as one of the first cities based on how the natural systems work. Its land use plan was used as a textbook by many universities. Find out what made it so revolutionary.

## Monday Night Film

BIG ARTS Sanibel Island will hold its Monday Night Film at 7 p.m. in Schein Hall, at 900 Dunlap Road, Sanibel. The film scheduled for the screen is "The Other Side of Hope." For information and tickets, call 239-395-0900 or visit [www.bigarts.org](http://www.bigarts.org).

## Yoga for Everyone

Join Barbara Cline from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at The Community House, at 173

Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. She teaches a gentle Hatha Yoga, which is receptive to all types and levels of practice. Classes include meditation, breath work and postures. Cost is \$15 paid to the instructor; mats and other aids provided.

## Shell Crafters

Shell Crafting Class from 10 a.m. to noon at The Community House, at 173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Make flower figures or animals. Limited class size; first come first served. Children must be accompanied by an adult due to the complexity/dexterity required.

## Biking the Refuge Tour

Learn about the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's bird life and ecology in a free tour with a naturalist from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the Wildlife Drive/Indigo Trail loop; entrance fee for Wildlife Drive applies. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center.

## Nature Photography Program

Learn about the art of nature photography during the free program from 11 to 11:30 a.m. in the Visitor & Education Center at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

## Florida's Venomous Wildlife Program

Learn about the venomous wildlife that lives in Southwest Florida during the free program from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Learn how to identify the animals and their habitats.

## Meditation

Meditation class from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Island Cinema, at 535 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel. Two guided meditations; no experience is necessary. Cost \$10. For information, call 239-472-2155.

## tuesday, march 20 Twilight Talk

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will host a Twilight Talk at 7 p.m. at The Community House, at 173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. The program is "Gamma Dot's story told by her granddaughters ... how they all came to Sanibel." Tickets are \$10 each; seating is limited. For more information, contact Emilie at 472-4648 or [info@sanibelmuseum.org](mailto:info@sanibelmuseum.org).

## After-school Clique

Favorite books, new books and never-knew-existed books, plus puzzles, games, crafts and more from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, at 770 Dunlap Road, Sanibel. Geared specifically for




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children in fourth grade through sixth grade. Snack provided. For information, call Deanna Evans at 239-472-2483.

### Birding the Refuge Tour

Follow a naturalist along Wildlife Drive in your car during the free program from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the J.N. "Ding"

Darling Wildlife Refuge; entrance fee to Wildlife Drive applies. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center.

### Birds and Wildlife Tour

Follow along on a car caravan tour of J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The free tour highlights the mangrove ecosystem and the wildlife that live in the area; entrance fee to

Wildlife Drive applies. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor & Education Center.

### Horseshoe Crabs

Learn why the "living fossil" is not a "true crab" and its importance to migrating shorebirds and to the medical field during the free program from 11 to 11:30 a.m. inside the Visitor & Education

Center at the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge.

### Mollusk Matinee

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum's will present an acclaimed intramural series on "Wildlife of Sanibel," with Leigh Gay, from 2 to 3 p.m. It is at 3075 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel.

## The Sanibel Community House Calendar of Events

### How Does Your Garden Grow?

Ken Ryan, a local microgreen farmer and Lee County Extension services teacher, will host the lunch and lecture "Garden Grow Series: Producing Micro-Greens" on March 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Micro-greens are young nutritious seedlings of edible vegetables and herbs that are harvested and eaten in less than 14 days. Acquire knowledge and techniques on how to grow, nurture and excel at producing micro-greens to be enjoyed year-round in salads, soups and sandwiches. Cost is \$30. Registration required by March 15 at [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net) or 239-472-2155.

### Chef Jarred Cooking Demo

Resident Chef Jarred Harris will present "Four Desserts Every Home Cook Should Master" on March 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost

is \$75 for members. For information, visit [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net).

### Art by You with Jenny

Come make painted glassware on March 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. Register at [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net) or 239-472-2155.

### Colorful Sips with Sissi

Sissi Janku will host Colorful Sips on March 21 from 7 to 10 p.m. Explore new ways to paint with acrylics; no experience needed. Bring a snack or beverage. Cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. Register at [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net) or 239-472-2155.

### Foodies and Yogis

As part of the Foodies and Yogis

series, Dr. Susan Pataky and Resident Chef Jarred Harris will host "Rosemary and Restorative Yoga" on March 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. Each segment in the series features a different healing herb or spice, along with information on its applications in the kitchen as well as medicinal uses for the body and mind. The program includes a one-hour beginner-friendly yoga session led by Pataky, followed by a nutritious meal prepared and served by Harris. Cost is \$49. Registration required at least 72 hours in advance at [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net) or 239-472-2155.

### Rain Barrel Workshop

A Rain Barrel Workshop will be held on March 30 at 10 a.m. The barrels capture and save rain water collected from a home's rooftop, which can be used on

indoor and outdoor plants. It is a way to supplement natural rainfall. Florida-Friendly Landscaping will be on hand to assist. Cost is \$45 and includes all materials and instruction. Minimum number of participants needed to hold the program, so early signups are requested at 239-472-2155.

### Couples Cooking

Couples Cooking with Chefs Jarred Harris and Loretta Paganini will be held on April 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. The chefs will collaborate for "Taste of Napa Valley." Menu to include heirloom tomato, beet and micro green salad with goat cheese vinaigrette, lobster ravioli with lemon butter sauce and Wagyu Teres major medallions, with passion fruit creme brulee. Cost is \$75 for members and \$95 for guests.

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## Bob and Jane

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many dating disappointments could it be that I've finally found my match?

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**Jane:** (jumping on top of the table). Top of the world, ma.

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*Art Stevens is a long-time columnist for The Islander. His tongue-in-cheek humor is always offered with a smile.*

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# Captiva Current

## Pawul takes on role as new fire chief

By TIFFANY REPECKI

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Recently-promoted Fire Chief Jeff Pawul always knew he wanted to work in the industry, but he considers himself lucky to get to call the Captiva Island Fire Control District his home base.

At its Feb. 12 meeting, the district's board voted 3-0 to approve Pawul as the new head of the department. As deputy chief, he had been serving as interim chief following former Fire Chief Rich Dickerson's announcement of retirement. Dickerson's last official day on the job was Jan. 25.

Pawul's employee agreement for the new position went into effect on Feb. 1.

Commissioners Robert Brace, C.W. Kilgore and Sherrill Sims voted to



Jeff Pawul

approve a four-year contract with Pawul with an annual salary of \$125,000, while retaining the benefits shared by the district.

"Honestly, I'm just truly blessed and honored to be selected by the commissioners for this role," he said. "If you would have asked me 10 years ago if I would have thought I'd be in this position one day, I would have

said no. There's something to be said about being in the right place at the right time."

Originally from Brunswick, Ohio, Pawul earned a bachelor's in business administration from the University of Cumberlands in Kentucky. When his

now-wife, Kelly, finished college, they moved to Southwest Florida. Having known each other since about age 5, they grew up in the same suburb.

"It was a high school sweethearts kind of thing," Pawul said.

He explained that both of their families had longtime ties to Fort Myers.

"We both had known and been familiar with the area," he said.

She got a job in her field working as a pharmacist, and Pawul joined Pulte Homes as a customer relations manager. Despite having an interest in firefighting, he had college scholarships and did not want to waste them. Upon obtaining his degree, Pawul sought a job path where he could apply it.

"But this was kind of always the field I wanted to go into," he said of firefighting.

Growing up, Pawul was drawn to the big fire trucks like most youth. It was

only with age that he learned about the impact firefighters can have in a stranger's life, beyond battling house fires.

"You see how much of a difference we can make, as far as helping people and being there for them. You see how much of a difference in people's lives you can make," he said. "It's pretty special."

When the construction industry began to stumble, Pawul and his wife had saved up enough that he could stop working and pursue his desired field. He attended and graduated from the Fort Myers Fire Academy, as well as attended and completed EMT training at what was once Edison State College.

In 2008, Pawul joined the Captiva Island Fire Control District as a firefighter-EMT.

"I got lucky, as I like to say. I could-

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## New mascot for the library



PHOTO PROVIDED

The Captiva Memorial Library has a new ambassador — Cappy and his bird friend, Sandy. Cappy likes to accompany staff in the Captiva Library Book Bug to promote the library wherever they go. When at the library, Cappy is reading "Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession, and the Search for a Legendary Pirate Ship," by Robert Kurson. The library is at 11560 Chapin Lane. For more information, call 239-533-4892 or visit [www.leegov.com/library/branches/cv](http://www.leegov.com/library/branches/cv).

## Expert to discuss primates at library program

By TIFFANY REPECKI

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A great apes expert will host a primates program on March 16 at the Captiva Memorial Library.

At 1 p.m., Donna Griffin will present "The Talking Apes: Are they just aping us or do they grasp what we consider language?" The program is free and open to the public; no pre-registration is required.

Griffin has worked with great apes, specifically orangutans, gorillas and chimpanzees. She has explored tool use and handedness in chimpanzees and has worked with cognition in chimpanzees and orangutans, as well as with social behavior in gorillas.

The discussion will include research, an overview of the great apes and their status, and ways they can be helped. Branch Manager Colleen Barany explained that the library tries to mix it up for patrons.

"We try to do something a little different and this is very different," she

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### If you go:

**What:** "The Talking Apes: Are they just aping us or do they grasp what we consider language?"

**Who:** Donna Griffin

**When:** March 16 at 1 p.m.

**Where:** Captiva Memorial Library, 11560 Chapin Lane

**Details:** Free and open to the public



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## New fire chief

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n't think of a better place to serve," he said, noting the district's smaller size when compared to other agencies in the region. "You're not just a number out here, and the support we receive back from the community is just tremendous."

A couple years later, Pawul was promoted to lieutenant, followed by deputy chief.

"The group of firefighters that I have now to work with, they're just like me. They care so much about the community and keeping it safe," he said. "The guys I work with are just so devoted that they make my job easy. It's more of a family atmosphere out here, which is how we like it."

The district staffs 14 full-time positions, of which two are currently vacant — one because of Pawul's promotion. The district also has three volunteer

firefighter positions, occupied by island residents.

"We're still considered a combination department," he said of the mix.

As for the future, Pawul views continuing to meet the community's needs as a top priority.

"Meeting the health and safety needs of our residents and visitors. We have a lot of tourists that come out here," he said. "Providing those services to the best of our ability is very high on our agenda."

Constantly changing fire tactics and emergency medicine will require continuous training.

"We always have to be changing and adapting our role," Pawul said.

One big project that the district has on the horizon is the acquisition of its first-ever fire and rescue boat. In October, it received a grant from the

West Coast Inland Water District for the purchase.

"It's been a tool that we've kind of been relying on other agencies for," he said.

Pawul explained that emergencies out on the water, outside of the spectrum of the U.S. Coast Guard, requires a call to nearby agencies for assistance, such as Sanibel, Pine Island and Iona-McGregor.

"They don't engage in active firefighting," he said of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Ten percent of the district's calls are water-related, compared to about half of that a few years ago.

"Our call volume on water-related

calls has gone up," Pawul said.

The boat will enable the district to serve at a higher capacity.

"That's our immediate project," he said, noting that the addition will require new and different training for staff on usage and techniques. "It's almost a whole other division or aspect for our department."

The boat is estimated to cost about \$200,000, including equipment and accessories.

The district anticipates getting it within the next three to six months.

Pawul, 36, lives in Fort Myers with his wife and daughters, Samantha, 7, and Brooklyn, 6.

## Library program

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said.

Griffin graduated from The Ohio State University with a major in natural resources, specializing in wildlife management. She attended East Carolina University for graduate school and received a Master of Arts in anthropology, specializing in primatology. Griffin wrote her thesis on hand preference and tool use in chimpanzees while working with the chimpanzee troop at the North Carolina Zoo.

After graduation, Griffin went on to complete a research internship at Zoo Atlanta, where she worked with orang-

utans and gorillas conducting behavioral and cognitive research. She worked with chimpanzees for six years at Yerkes National Primate Research Center. Griffin has continued to work with all species of animals in various zoos and in veterinary medicine.

She currently resides in Northern Virginia with her husband and daughter.

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## Celebrating life by serving islanders

F.I.S.H. of Sanibel-Captiva hosted its 5th Annual Go F.I.S.H. Celebration on March 4 at The Sanctuary Golf Club on Sanibel, with over 250 guests in attendance.

This year's program was themed "Celebrate the Circle of Life," with live performances of "The Lion King" by The Sanibel School's performing arts students.

With a 43 percent increase in demand for services, F.I.S.H. showcased Island Giving opportunities to bring increased awareness to its programming and give guests the opportunity to donate toward the programs. Auctioneer Eric Pfeifer and F.I.S.H. Board Chair Nicole McHale entertained the crowd.

"We are always so humbled by the generosity of our community. Every dollar raised goes directly back to this community," F.I.S.H. President and Chief Executive Officer Maggi Feiner said. "I cannot even find the words

to reflect the deep appreciation I feel toward each and every person, business and organization who contributed, from our volunteers who worked so hard, to our sponsors, to our staff, to our board and to The Sanibel School performing arts students."

The live auction items included: six hand-painted dessert plates by Patty Sprinkle, paired with six desserts from The Sanctuary Golf Club; a Lazy Flamingo wood sculpture by Jim Sprinkle; a gourmet dinner for eight with wine pairings at the home of Sheridan and Dick Snell and prepared by Joe Albertelli, certified executive chef, Olympic culinarian and executive chef at The Sanctuary Golf Club; a double-room two-night package at The Gasperilla Inn for the Annual Food & Wine Weekend; an I. Reiss 14-karat yellow and white gold cuff with round pave diamonds by Congress Jewelers; a

collection of fine wines; a three-night two-bedroom villa stay and golf excursion at the Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club; and a private sunset dolphin cruise with Adventures in Paradise, with catering provided by Sanibel Catering Company by Bailey's.

F.I.S.H. is the only human services organization on Sanibel and Captiva. Some of the services that are provided are a food pantry, Meals on Wheels for seniors, transportation, visitation and medical equipment loaner, as well as a youth backpack lunch and after-school programs.

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- Mahjongg - Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
- Rummikub - Tuesday at 1 p.m.
- Hand & Foot - Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
- Canasta - Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
- Hearts - Friday at 12:30 p.m.

## Events:

■ Today, March 14 - Book discussion on "The Orphan Train," by Christina Baker Kline, at 2:30 p.m.

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■ Today, March 14 - Complimentary memory screenings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Angel C. Duncan, of the Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida, will conduct complimentary memory screenings. Duncan works with leading agencies in brain health initiatives throughout the world, with an extensive background in counseling psychology as a marriage and family therapist, art therapist and neurosciences clinical researcher. Advanced registration is required.

■ March 15 - Potluck featuring BIG ARTS Community Chorus at 5:30 p.m.

Free for members/\$5 non-members

The BIG ARTS Community Chorus will perform after the monthly potluck dinner. The chorus will provide a sample of its upcoming spring program. Island Seniors will provide the main course, drinks and dessert; attendees should bring a covered dish to share such as a vegetable, salad or casserole. Seating is limited; sign up early.

■ March 15 - Kayaking at 8:15 a.m. (weather permitting) \$5 members/\$20 non-members

There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and limited space for those who own their own kayaks. Sign-up is available for experienced kayakers two weeks prior to each launch date. Island Seniors Inc. will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets, which must be worn at all times. Bring water, a small snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, hat and change of clothing — your shoes and clothing may get wet. Advance registration is required.

■ March 15 - AARP Driver Safety Course from 1 to 4 p.m.

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■ March 23 - Minnesota Twins vs. Houston Astros at 1:05 p.m.

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Must be a current Island Seniors member to purchase Minnesota Twins spring training baseball tickets. Ticket sales are for limited time only; all sales are final. Transportation is on own.

■ March 25 - Minnesota Twins vs. Boston Red Sox at 1:05 p.m.

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■ March 27 - Walking guided tour of ECHO

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ECHO's Global Farm Tour is a guided walking tour of a working farm. Find demonstrations, plants and techniques useful to farmers and urban gardeners in developing countries. Experience the seven settings of the farm, which feature crops, techniques and animals from around the world. Goats, chickens, ducks, fish and rabbits are all found, and ECHO is home to one of the largest collections of tropical food plants in the United States. See demonstrations in the urban garden, which features wacky yet effective ways to grow crops where there is little or no soil. Lunch (on own) at Farmers Market Restaurant in Fort Myers. Advanced registration is required. Carpool arrangements for transportation.

■ March 27 - Kayaking at 8:15 a.m. (weather permitting) \$5 members/\$20 non-members

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■ March 30 - Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum beach walk

\$20 members/\$30 non-members

Begin at Bowman's Beach for an overview of beach ecosystem and search for local shells. Afterward, travel to the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum for a guided tour. Participants will watch an introductory video, view a live animal tank talk and explore shells from across the globe in the exhibit hall. Lunch to follow at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille. Cost covers beach walk and museum admission. Carpool arrangements for transportation. Advanced registration is required.

■ April 3 - Kayaking at 8:15 a.m. (weather permitting)

\$5 members/\$20 non-members

There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and limited space for those who own their own kayaks. Sign-up is available for experienced kayakers two weeks prior to each launch date. Island Seniors Inc. will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets, which must be worn at all times. Bring water, a small snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, hat and change of clothing — your shoes and clothing may get wet. Advance registration is required.

■ April 3 - RS Walsh garden tour

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Private tour at RS Walsh's Retail Garden Center and Outdoor Showroom — In The Garden. Enjoy the tropical oasis with wandering paths through display gardens, plant nursery and gift shop. There is an assortment of native and tropical plants, pottery, fountains, outdoor seating, garden accessories and original works of garden art from local artists. Lunch to follow at Cip's Place, with an informative talk about the Wall of Faces mural. Advanced registration is required. Carpool arrangements for transportation.

■ April 10 - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at 1 p.m.

Island Seniors Inc. loves its volunteers and wants to honor them with a luncheon.

■ April 11 - Ostego Bay working waterfront walking tour

\$15 for members/\$20 non-members

Learn about the shrimping industry from Ostego Bay working waterfront during a three-hour guided tour. Also learn about Florida's "Pink Gold" and the oldest and largest fleet in Florida. The tour will also include 1 ½ hour guided visit at the museum, which contains numerous hands-on exhibits. Depart from the center at 8 a.m.; carpool arrangements for transportation. Advanced registration is required; registration deadline is April 6.

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The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum offers daily arts and crafts from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at 3075 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel. Paid admission required.

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The Bible is filled with prophetic promises of help through prayer. James 5:16 says: “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” God’s eternal care for us is expressed in Isaiah 49:16, “I have graven you upon the palms of my hands,” and Isaiah 41:10: “Fear thou not for I am with thee; be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

While the book of Psalms is filled with prayers for restoration, redemption, healing and blessing, most of these are prayers of petition. Quoting Eddy from her textbook, she writes: “If we pray to God as a corporeal person, this will prevent us from relinquishing the human doubts and fears which



June Sieber

### Faces on Faith

attend such a belief, and so we cannot grasp the wonders wrought by infinite, incorporeal Love, to whom all things are possible.”

When I was a young public school teacher in the Cleveland suburbs, and became pregnant, I began to study Christian Science and to attend public lectures by teachers of Christian Science. I had been raised in the Methodist church, but had witnessed remarkable healings of people relying on Christian Science, so when I went into labor, I called a Christian Science practitioner to prayerfully support me through the delivery. In the

middle of the night I began hemorrhaging, and when my blood pressure dropped precipitously, my husband called the practitioner, who came to my bedside, and after a few moments of targeted prayer, was able to stop the bleeding. My doctor told me the next morning that the practitioner had saved my life.

His prayer was not a prayer of petition, but one of absolute affirmation of Divine Love’s very present care for me, controlling every effect, holding me safe, secure and unharmable. Do thoughts and prayers help? You bet they do!

June Sieber is affiliated with the Sanibel Christian Science Church.

## West Wind Inn celebrates 50 years with free vacations

The West Wind Inn on Sanibel Island recently launched a year-long celebration of its 50 years of hospitality with the “50 Cheers for 50 Years” promotion.

“50 Cheers for 50 Years” will award 48 individual winners each one three-night Sanibel Delight vacation at one of TripAdvisor’s top-rated Sanibel resorts. In addition, one winner will receive a four-night Super Stay, with another winner enjoying a five-night Grand Stay.

Winning entrants will be drawn randomly from online and social media entries at [www.WestWindInn.com/50-Years](http://www.WestWindInn.com/50-Years) or at [www.Facebook.com/SanibelWestWind](http://www.Facebook.com/SanibelWestWind).

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# TIOF annual meeting to feature program on fish-eating avians

The annual meeting of The International Osprey Foundation will take place on March 18 and will feature Dr. Jerome J. Jackson speaking about the wonders of fish-eating avians.



Dr. Jerome J. Jackson

It will be held 7 p.m. in the Center Room at The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the program also including a short business meeting and updates.

An author and broadcaster, Jackson is professor emeritus at Florida Gulf Coast University and Mississippi State University. He will discuss



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**Jim Griffith, president of The International Osprey Foundation, adds some sticks to a newly-built osprey nesting platform in March with help from the Lee County Electric Cooperative to encourage new occupants.**

avians, including the local osprey, other raptors and the swallow-tailed kite, which has nested on Sanibel in recent years.

Admission is free for members, with a \$3 requested donation from non-members.

The International Osprey Foundation board recently voted unanimously to approve four internationally-focused research grants in 2017 for a total of \$7,000.

Osprey platforms on Sanibel and Captiva suffered some damage during Hurricane Irma in September and have required repair, replacement and other maintenance. President Jim Griffith reported that he installed or repaired six nesting platforms in 2017.

The 2017 nesting season produced 97 chicks, up from 54 in 2017. The 2018 season is under way and continues through May, with TIOF nest monitors checking them regularly and compiling data on chicks until they fledge.

# San-Cap Orchid Society announces guest speaker for month

The Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society will meet on March 19 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, at 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Jose Luis Exposito, owner of Sorora Orchids in Homestead, will be the guest speaker.

Orchid novices are encour-

aged to come at 1 p.m. for a fundamentals session, where members talk about their techniques for growing orchids. Anyone with questions or an "ill" orchid that needs diagnosis can bring their plants to the meeting during show and tell.

Most meetings include an orchid sale, as well as a raffle.

Members are invited to participate in a monthly show at each meeting. Ribbons are awarded for the best hybrid and the best species orchids.

Membership is \$25 per person or \$45 for couples; guests are \$5.

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## Sanibel Charter Review Committee holds final meeting

By TIFFANY REPECKI

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The Sanibel Charter Review Committee met for the final time on March 7, wrapping up loose ends to send its recommendations on the charter's articles to the Sanibel City Council for consideration.

In a meeting that lasted less than 10 minutes, the group voted unanimously to authorize Chair Aaron Pruss to presents the committee's findings to the council at its April 3 meeting. It also voted to approve the minutes from its February meeting and to permit Pruss to approve the minutes from the final one.

There was no discussion from the committee on any of the items and no public comment.

Only one person was present in the audience for the meeting.

Before adorning it, Pruss thanked the committee members for their time and commitment.

The group met for the first time in December, when it set up its working

schedule.

At its January meeting, it tackled the first three articles of the city's charter, which covered powers, corporate limits and legislative. After discussing possible term limits and compensation for city council members and planning commissioners, it voted to recommend keeping the charter's language as is.

At the February meeting, the committee reviewed the last sections of the document, including administrative; nominations and elections; initiative, referendum and recall; and general provisions. Again, the committee voted to not make any recommendations to the city council for changes.

The Sanibel Charter Review Committee was made up of Pruss, Vice Chair Tim Garmager and Committee Members Kristie Anders, Richard Johnson, Jeff Powers, Larry Schopp and Linda Uhler. Dorothy Donaldson and Roger Triftshauser were alternatives, and Charles LeBuff and Porter Goss were ex-officio members.

## Sam Price From page 2

father was the first guy to start a rec center for the youth at the island's Episcopal church. He said his father wanted to put some pinball machines and a pool table together in a game room to keep the children out of trouble.

"That ran for about two years or so," he said.

After Casa del Mama began, his father put together a baseball team.

"We were the original Bad News Bears," he said laughing. "There were so many races (on the team.)"

Price said playing on the team was fun, although they did not win a lot of games.

Since Sanibel baseball only had teams for Little League players, Price said his father picked up the youth and loaded them in his van and took them straight to Page Field where there was a baseball park.

"He put a lot into coaching. He did it for the kids. We played two games a week. Tim Irving helped my father out. He was the assistant coach," he said.

Price said his father always gave 110 percent to everything.

"To see what my pop did was pretty neat," he said.

While living on the island, Price said

his father donated a lot, as well as met up with a bunch of guys to have coffee at Coconut Grove.

"The old dudes got up early and had coffee and just talked about everything going on," he said.

Some of Price's fond memories of growing up on the island included going out on the boat fishing with his family.

"I'm a charter guide, so something must have come out of that," he said.

Price's father lived on the island from 1972 to 1987. Once he decided to retire, he moved to Pennsylvania because he wanted to try something different — to live in the mountains.

"Ten years ago when he left, he went to Pennsylvania and he was literally in the clouds," he said.

His father ended up moving back to the Southwest Florida to live in North Fort Myers when he could not take the cold anymore.

Price is survived by his sister, Marguerite; son, Richie; daughter, Jan; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A celebration of life will be held on March 18 from 2 to 6 p.m. at 715 Hutto Road, North Fort Myers. For more information, call Richie Price at 239-209-1091.



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Mr. Guest will talk about a number of environmental issues of current interest, including the status of the Land Legacy Amendment litigation and the status and future of the Everglades.

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## Council From page 1

ously exempt from having to connect to the system until their septic systems failed. She estimated that there are less than 100.

"It's just that they had such low usage," Zimomra said of the exemption's approval.

In addition, the properties were facing the highest assessments and were more difficult to access.

She explained that the project was designed to skip over them, focusing on the others first.

"We're going to do all of those and save the toughest ones for last," Zimomra said.

First readings were held for two ordinances to amend the city codes relating to elevated swimming pools and floodplain management. Public hearings were scheduled for the next meeting in April.

The council also unanimously appointed Matthew Kirchner to the Sanibel Planning Commission, filling the opening left by the resignation of former Commissioner John Talmage. Prior to the vote, the councilmembers each shared their pick via a scrap-paper vote. Kirchner received four of the votes.

He is a year-round resident and general contractor with Kirchner Contracting Inc.

The fifth vote went to Tim Garmager. The other applicants included Thomas Foley, William Mills, Thomas Rothman, James Urbelis, Roger Triftshauser, Walter Cheatham and Jonathan Tongyai.

"We've got some great applicants," Councilwoman Holly Smith said before the paper vote.

Also at the meeting, the council voted to keep Councilman Jason Maughan on as the liaison to Community Housing and Resources. Having worked with CHR as a planning commissioner, Smith voiced interest in the role and noted that she was approached when Maughan missed a meeting.

"I did hope to continue my work with below market rate housing," she said.

Richard Johnson, president of CHR's board of directors, spoke before the council.

"I just want to make sure we don't lose any momentum," he said. "I want to make sure we have the support of the full council."

The Lee County Municipal Planning Organization sought input from the council on Sanibel's Shared Use Path Master Plan update. The MPO is conducting the study and asked for direction on selecting a consultant, whether the city would support one from a pre-approved list of nine

firms or an outsider.

County staff reported that eight of the nine had already expressed interest in the project.

Keith Williams, director of the Sanibel Public Works Department, explained to the councilmembers that he believed one could be secured from the list and that an interview and review would still follow.

"It's not just grabbing from out of a bag," he said.

Maughan recommended going with a local firm if more than one rose to the top.

"I'd rather pick somebody who's local on the scene," he said. "It's be nice to have them close to home and nice to support local business."

The council voted in support of going with the list. It also voted in favor of Williams and Craig Chandler, with the planning department, serving on the consultant team as representatives.

Following some discussion, the council voted to allow the San Cap Motor Club to hold car shows at Periwinkle Place without requiring special event permits, which arose from a recent parking issue.

Scot Congress, one of the club's founding members, explained that it had been holding the shows for three years and never needed a permit. At its last one, there had been an overflow parking problem.

He explained that the issue had been resolved, so the permit seemed unnecessary.

"We don't sell anything, we don't need signs, we don't use any traffic control," Congress said.

Council agreed to let the car shows continue as is.

"As long as you have the responsibility of directing traffic," Ruane said.

A five-year agreement that was up for approval between the city and the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village was tabled until a later date. Some councilmembers questioned a portion of the agreement that required the city to pay to the museum \$50,000 per year for administrative and operational costs.

Ruane pointed to the almost \$800,000 in reserves held by the museum.

"Cash is certainly tight at the moment," he said, noting that the city is looking into loans and lines of credit to replenish its emergency funds after Hurricane Irma. "The reserves give me some pause."

Ruane asked for clarification on what the museum planned to do with its

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lies and first-time homebuyers more than any other segment, and I want to help make this the place people can achieve the American Dream," Commissioner Brian Hamman said.

Hamman said the philosophy behind the increases is that they will keep pace with the increased costs of construction as building roads gets more expensive annually.

Although the measure passed there were some who thought the fees, first reduced to 20 percent of base when the real estate market collapsed, needed to go up to the original full fee amount.

"Growth should pay for growth. We are compromising our drinking water and aquifers," Stephanie Eller, of North Fort Myers, said. "We live in rural area, impact fees have caused communities to explode. You made the commitment to sunset this and building is going on like crazy."

Kitty Green, chief executive officer for Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, said raising the impact fees would lessen their ability to provide affordable housing to those who need it.

"We would have to pay \$300,000 in increased impact

fees; that enough for us to build three homes. Show compassion to struggling families," Green said.

Business people added that increased impact fees would affect small businesses, as larger stores like Target all made deals years ago with the county to have the fees waived so they would come here.

The week before the meeting, Commissioner Frank Mann submitted a compromise that would have called for a full restoration of the fees over three years, backing away from a proposal to restore the full impact fees immediately. He said if he was in Collier County or in any municipality, he would be in the majority. He just has a different perspective of things.

Commissioner Larry Kiker, who submitted the compromise plan brought forward, said the deal will still result in a sharp increase, but will not do nearly as much as do other taxes, such as for gas.

He cited statistics to support his case.

"Homes under \$300,000 represent 84 percent of homes in Lee County. At \$17,000 over a 30-year mortgage, that would be more than \$77,000," Kiker said. "In

Lehigh Acres, homes under \$250,000 represent 99 percent. There are no cash buyers. That's why first-time buyers have problems qualifying."

Construction leaders were satisfied with the outcome, adding that the original plan, if passed, would have potentially ground new construction to a halt.

"We're happy to see the commissioners kept the impact fees where they're at. It allows for people to buy first-time homes and we want to keep it that way," Bill Johnson Jr., executive director of the Cape Coral Construction Industry Association, said. "At the end of the day it's about putting people in houses. If those fees were brought back to where they were, it would have made first-time home buying almost impossible."

"We thought the commissioners would find a middle ground in raising fees to pay for infrastructure," Richard Durling, president of the Lee Building Industry Association, said. "For every \$1,000 of cost approximately 600 families would be unable to qualify for a home loan. If we had gone to 100 percent, it would have put the brakes to the construction industry as a whole."

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reserves and why the city would be financially supporting the museum when it appeared to have a funding mechanism in place.

"I'm just looking at a cost that seems to be escalating," he said.

Others on the dais agreed.

"The city does not have a growth in revenue stream over the next couple of years," Vice Mayor Mick Denham said, adding that inflation will increase over the next several years. "We do have to nickle and dime things and that's going to be the fact of life for a little while."

The council voted unanimously to table the agreement until answers were

available.

A request from The Sanibel School to serve alcohol at its Annual Sea Horse Festival on April 21 was also tabled at the meeting. Before even addressing the alcohol issue, council voiced concerns about the Parent Teacher Association not having a clear parking plan for the event, set for the Community Park.

"Nobody can vote for it without those pieces relating to parking nailed down," Maughan said.

Others on the council agreed.

"Traffic becomes a major issue here," Ruane said.

The PTA will work with city staffers

to iron out the issues, then bring it back to council.

### In other news

■ The council unanimously approved six food trucks for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's annual Beer in the Bushes event on March 31.

■ Natural Resources Department Director James Evans reported that staff is continuing to see green algae growth in the Pine Island Sound and bay. He added that red tide is being observed from Pinellas County down through Monroe County, with Sanibel staffers continuing to follow a patchy area of it.

"We have seen numerous fish kills reported," Evans said.

"We did have reports of respiratory irritation on a number of our beaches," he added.

During public comment, one resident suggested looking into charging fees at the boat ramps to better protect the shallow beds, help prevent manatee deaths and improve water quality from gasoline.

Another resident suggested reserving some spots at the city's beach parking lots for residents who pay about \$100 for the annual parking sticker. She reported that it can be hard to find a spot in season.

# Open House Schedule!

## When

Wed. 3/14/2018

Thur. 3/15/2018

Fri. 3/16/2018

Fri. 3/23/2018

Tues. 3/27/2018

Thur. 3/29/2018

## Where

Sunset South, 1341 Middle Gulf Dr. 1-A

474 Lake Murex Cir., Sanibel

Breakers West, 3041 W Gulf Dr. Unit A4

9225 Belding Drive, Sanibel

6047 SanCap Rd., Sanibel

474 Lake Murex Cir., Sanibel

## Time

11:30 - 1:30

10:00 - Noon

1:00 - 4:00

10:00 - Noon

12:00 - 2:00

10:00 - Noon



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# Wulfert Point

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## Homesteaders

In 1888, Sanibel Island was opened to homesteading. Oliver Fellows Bowen and his wife, Mary Dos Santos, were the first homesteaders to settle near Wulfert Point, residing off of Bowen Bayou. After his death, Bowen's grave was set up near Wulfert Road, where it remains today listed as a historic place.

"It's located just beyond the Sanctuary limits," she said.

Some of the next settlers to Wulfert were Mason and Anna Dwight, who built their home along the fairway of the fourth hole. They homesteaded over 100 acres from it down to the clubhouse. Partners Thomas Holloway and Josiah Dinkins were also among the earliest homesteaders to Wulfert Point.

Cassell noted that Dinkins established the one-acre Wulfert Cemetery, which still exists.

Homesteaders Louis and Jennie Doane set up the first post office and supply dock for Wulfert.

"It's hard to overemphasize the importance of this dock," she said, noting that a steamboat visited the area daily. "The only communication the homesteaders had with the outside world was from this dock."

At the time, literature seeking to entice land buyers boasted of a store, dock, homes and a school with six students, along with 13 registered voters. Many in Wulfert Point relied on farming for survival.

"Their big crop was tomatoes," Cassell said. "There were tomatoes everywhere."

The challenging part was getting the crops to the northern communities.

She explained that the crops first were taken to the Gibson Family Packing House for packing, then transported to the Wulfert dock, where they were then loaded onto a boat and carried to a structure out on the water. On stilts, the structure was in deeper water where the steamship could gain access to it.

The items next traveled to Punta Gorda, where they were loaded onto the railroad for transport.

"It's a heck of a way to make a living," Cassell said.

In 1914, the county finally dredged a channel to the Wulfert dock.

"So the boat could come right to the dock," she said.

In 1920, the area had a population of about 50. The farming homesteaders were hit hard by storms in 1921 and 1926, later known as the "Great Miami" hurricane, which essentially decimated the soil.

"It was a disaster," Cassell said. "It flooded the island with saltwater. It made it unusable."

Many settlers left, abandoning their homes, while others sold off their properties.

## New blood

In the 1920s, Clarence Chadwick moved to Captiva and began purchasing up homesteaded properties from families like the Dwights and Bowens. He acquired almost 400 acres of land on Wulfert Point. At the same time, John Oster — who manufactured the



Susan Cassell

Osterizer blender — bought the Holloway home.

In the 1940s, Oster moved it to Sanibel Captiva Road, where the White Heron House still sits.

"It's one of the oldest structures on Sanibel," she said.

Also in the 1920s, Bill and Stella Mitchell moved to Wulfert.

"Their house is still next to the Mad Hatter Restaurant," Cassell said.

The Mitchells owned quite a few pieces of property, such as the Castaways and SandCastles resorts. When their son, Dean Mitchell, was older he began to get rid of some of them, including one located in Wulfert. In 1969, Mitchell and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation came to an agreement.

"They had only been formed the year before," she said of the SCCF.

With little funding available, the SCCF leaned on the U.S. Nature Conservancy, which bought and held the land until the SCCF could purchase the title four years later. It is known as the Mitchell Preserve.

Thomas and Frances Mitchell — no relation to the other family — also lived in the area.

"The house was located near where the second hole is today, so it was in the middle of nowhere," Cassell said, noting that Thomas Mitchell became interested in conservation, like many new islanders.

"He was one of the original founding members of the SCCF," she said.

World War II came along in the 1940s. Not many stayed around during those years.

"They used Wulfert (Point) as a bombing target range, so you didn't want to spend a lot of time there," Cassell said.

## A plan for Wulfert

With the arrival of the 1970s came John and Lucy Ruth. With five other investors, they bought up the nearly 400 acres that made up the base of

Sanctuary and created the Sanibel Bay Shore Associates.

"They thought it would be a great place for an upscale, private golf course community," she said.

Around 1976, they approached the city of Sanibel with their idea, which included setting up a marina within Dinkens Bayou and constructing 1,600 homes. The city told them that they could build 58.

"They sued the city of Sanibel for suggesting that they could only build 58 houses," Cassell said.

"The lawsuit dragged on for years and years and years," she added.

In 1982 — right before the case was going to be addressed by a court judge who was fed up with the drawn-out situation — the city and Sanibel Bay Shore Associates came to an agreement on the project. The city approved it for 465 dwellings, plus a community center, tennis courts, a pool and clubhouse.

BTS Development Corporation was hired to develop Wulfert Point.

"They were chosen because they had successfully developed several on the Gulf of Mexico," Cassell said, adding that the developer aimed to "build a golf club that fit into the natural environment."

Before the permits had even been granted, club memberships were being sold in 1988.

Before submitting the master development plan to the city two years later, BTS approached the city about rerouting Wulfert Road. Despite opposition from the community, it eventually received approval. When the preliminary development permit was signed, along with it came 29 pages of requirements.

About 25 acres of Eagle Buffer had to be donated to the SCCF.

"BTS had to give up about 200 acres to 'Ding' Darling," she said. "They had to just hand it over."

BTS had to set aside park space at Wulfert Point, where an observation spot now sits.

It eventually gave up on the marina and retail space, with the density dropping to 350, then 288.

"Today, we have 225 residential units," Cassell said.

## The Sanctuary

On April 17, 1992, a ground-breaking ceremony was held for The Sanctuary. The project started in June, with holes 9 to 17 finished first, followed by holes 1 to 8 and 18. It was completed in 1993.

"That's what we're celebrating this year," she said of the club's 25th anniversary.

The clubhouse was built soon after. What is now the snackery was once the pro shop.

In 2005, the clubhouse underwent a renovation.

"The clubhouse couldn't be expanded by expanding the footprint," Cassell.

So, some of the outdoor patio area was enclosed instead. Over the years, the club's pro shop, kitchen and other amenities have been recognized with awards. Another renovation took place in 2016.

In 1998, a five-member turnover committee was formed.

"To turn the club over from the developer to the members on time and debt-free," she said.

The committee finished the job the following year, completing the transfer.

Cassell touched on Hurricane Charley, which rolled through in 2004.

"It made a mess out of the island," she said. "Fortunately, there was no storm surge."

"Also, the damage to the clubhouse was minimal," Cassell added.

The course was regressed in 2005, and a new wellness center and pool opened in January 2017.

Today, the property features an Arthur Hills-designed golf course that weaves for 6,657 yards around preserves and lakes, providing panoramic views of the Pine Island Sound and mangrove forests.

Led by its award-winning culinary team — Executive Chef Joseph Albertelli, Executive Sous Chef Derek Bryner and Sous Chef Kyle Muller — the clubhouse offers casual dining in the Grill Room, fine dining in the Veranda Room, and diverse club and private events in the Main Dining Room. Cooking demonstrations, wine dinners and in-home assistance are available, as well as in-home catering.

For more information about the community, visit [www.sanctuarygc.net](http://www.sanctuarygc.net).

The Sanctuary Golf Club is at 2801 Wulfert Road, Sanibel.



PHOTOS PROVIDED  
ABOVE: Plotted map of Sanibel Island by the Florida Land Company dated 1833.  
LEFT: Photo of Coconut Grove in Wulfert, which was later developed as part of The Sanctuary.  
RIGHT: Final plan for The Sanctuary submitted to the city by the BTS Development Corporation in 1990.





# PRESERVING PARADISE

## 'Ding' Darling refuge 'kicks' out all plastic bottles with campaign

By TIFFANY REPECKI

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The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge has stepped up its Kick the Bottle campaign.

Seven years ago, the refuge initiated the effort to "kick" plastic by stopping the sale of typical water bottles from its Nature Store, removing them from its shelves. Birgie Miller, executive director for the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, said multi-use refillable ones replaced them.

"It was one way to kick the bottle," she said of the refuge's first replacement product.

"It wasn't a great option, but it was the only option at that point," Miller added.

Free water refilling stations were set up at the refuge for visitors to use.

"We needed something affordable for people," she said.

"It was still made from plastic, but it was multi-use," Miller added.

Jeanne Walsh, manager of the Nature Store, explained that while the refuge's intentions were great regarding the replacement product, the visitors were not very keen on the multi-use refillables.

"They just didn't want it," she said. "They didn't want to have to fill it up (on purchasing it)."

"They weren't that customer-friendly," Walsh added. "They couldn't really wash them."

Deciding it needed an even better product, the refuge recently switched to JUST Water bottles.

"It's a huge difference," Walsh said on March 9. "We've sold 265 in two and a half weeks."

She estimated that the store would have sold five or six of the others in same period.

"We have a lot of active fit people who come here," Walsh said of the numerous bicyclists, runners and walkers who utilize the refuge. "I think they're really happy to have cold water that's ready to go."

JUST Water is a product envisioned by an eco-conscious group, including actor Will Smith.

It is made of 82 percent renewable resources, primarily paperboard sourced from forests where new trees replace harvested ones. While they may appear to be plastic, the cap and shoulder components are derived from sugarcane — a renewable resource. At \$2 per bottle, they are recyclable and refillable.

"It is a much better option than what we did have," Miller said.



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**ABOVE:** First effort the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge took in its Kick the Bottle campaign, before it switched over to the Just Water cartons. **RIGHT:** The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge has taken its Kick the Bottle campaign up a notch, eliminating the sale of plastic bottles onsite and replacing them with Just Water. Just Water is made from 82 percent renewable resources and now stocks the Nature Store shelves for \$2 a bottle.

"It's not made from plastic and it is like a milk carton, so to speak," she added. "It's biodegradable."

While they are sold as "single use," Miller noted that staff has repeatedly been using them.

"You can clean it and you can rinse it and you can reuse it," she said.

The materials of the JUST Water bottles represent a 47 percent to 74 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emission compared to PET plastic bottles.

In addition, JUST Water is trying to be a good steward of the community it is based in.

Walsh explained that the spring water is sourced and packaged in Glens Fall, New York. Hit by economic downturns, the city had been struggling to maintain services without tax increases. JUST Water did not "pump and go" — it partnered with the city and pays six times the municipal rate.

JUST Water also only bottles excess water that the city would not otherwise need.

The revenue is used to make needed repairs to the city's aging water infrastructure system.

Walsh noted that it bought and renovated an abandoned church for its bottling site.

"So that's helping the community," she said. "They put more money into the local economy and are creating jobs."

Miller pointed out the labeling on the bottles talks about recycling and such.

"It's an educational opportunity, as well as an opportunity to quench their thirst," she said.

As for logistics, the JUST Water bottles are easier for the Nature Store to display.

"One of our volunteers donated a little fridge," Walsh said. "They're square, so they stack really easily."

"The fit in a bicycle water holder, they fit in a car cup," she added. "Because of the wider mouth, you can even put ice cubes into them if you want."

The company recently announced its new JUST Water Infused line.

"They're making a flavored infused water now," Walsh said.

With no artificial flavors, no added sweeteners or sugar, and no preservatives, the options come in organic lemon, organic tangerine and organic apple cinnamon. The store expects to sample some soon.

"Ding" Darling was the first refuge in the nation to "kick" plastic bottles.

"Single use plastic bottles are just horrible on the environment and the wildlife," Miller said. "We're just doing our small part."

For more information on the refuge, visit [www.fws.gov/refuge/jn\\_ding\\_darling](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/jn_ding_darling).

For more information about JUST Water, visit [www.justwater.com](http://www.justwater.com).

The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel.

## SCCF Conservation Forum set for March 20

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's annual Conservation Forum is returning.

On March 20, the program will focus on what is being done to identify and improve water quality in the bay and Gulf of Mexico, which has been severely impacted by water management and events like Hurricane Irma. It will be held at 7 p.m. at The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

SCCF Marine Lab Director Eric Milbrandt and Research Associate Mark Thompson will be joined by SCCF Natural Resource Policy Director Rae Ann Wessel and James Evans, director of the city's Natural Resources Department.

"We are proud of the rigorous research we have undertaken in collaboration with Dr. Evans and his staff,"

Milbrandt said. "We look forward to sharing the data with all islanders eager to learn the latest information about challenges to our island ecosystem."

The speakers will summarize and explore the results of the past seven years of research identifying sources and concentrations of nitrogen and phosphorus in lakes, groundwater and stormwater runoff, specifically on Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

The research has been a collaborative undertaking by SCCF and the city. The presentation will be followed by a panel discussion on the current status of projects to improve island water quality.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit online at [www.sccf.org](http://www.sccf.org).

## City to offer guided native vegetation and landscaping tour

The city of Sanibel's Vegetation Committee will offer a guided native vegetation and landscaping tour today, March 14, at 10 a.m. of the City Hall grounds, which is planted exclusively with native plants.

Walk the grounds for ideas on planting native vegetation that requires no fertilizer. See how to plant a garden that reseeds itself with very little maintenance, is good for the environment and will attract birds and butterflies.

Vegetation Committee members will provide valuable information on proper planting and care of native

vegetation. The city encourages planting of vegetation that is indigenous to the area as it requires very little maintenance, no fertilizer and no supplemental irrigation.

Additional tour dates will include:

■ March 24

■ April 11

■ April 28

Registration is not required.

Meet at City Hall, at 800 Dunlop Road, at the bottom of the City Hall main staircase.

For more information, contact the Natural Resources Department at 239-472-3700.



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# ISLAND LIVING

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### Island Notes

#### FGCU grant recipients to speak at club meeting

Each year, the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club's profits from the Annual Sanibel Shell Festival are distributed via grants and scholarships and Florida Gulf Coast University's Marine Science Department is one of the recipients.

Michael Savarese, professor of marine science at the Coastal Watershed Institute and director of graduate studies at FGCU, will be the guest speaker at the club's March 18 meeting at 2 p.m. at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum. She will be joined by three scholarship recipients, Antonio Arruza, Erica Krueger and Kylie Palmer.

The title of their presentation is "The Geology of Estero Bay and Its Influence Upon Calusa Cultural Development."

"We, as geoscientists, are collaborating with archaeologists to better understand the environmental history the Calusa Native Americans experienced while living within Southwest Florida. The Calusa were fisher-gatherers, without reliance on agriculture. Consequently, they relied heavily on shellfish," Savarese said. "Our contribution to the greater project looks at how the estuaries changed in response to climate change and sea-level rise and how this promoted the availability of food resources."

The program is free and open to the public.

Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given.

The guest speakers are sponsored by Royal Shell.

#### BIG ARTS announces additional FORUM speaker for season

BIG ARTS Sanibel Island has added a special FORUM speaker, Stephen J. Hadley.

He will speak on March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Schein Hall.

Hadley served as national security adviser to President George W. Bush and is a principal of RiceHadleyGates, an international strategic consulting firm founded with Condoleezza Rice, Robert Gates and Anja Manuel. The firm assists senior executives of major corporations within industrial, financial, Silicon Valley tech and other industries to successfully work with business challenges in major emerging markets.

Urged by past FORUM speakers to share his experiences and knowledge, Hadley looks forward to meeting with the island community and discussing current foreign affairs and national security issues.

"I look forward to engaging in an open discussion with the island community regarding risk factors to consider including economic, financial and political transitions in major emerging markets," he said. "In relation to China, U.S. businesses need to put together a strategy for a China that is in transition and restricting access to U.S. companies and investors with ever changing policies, regulations and politics."

Hadley served as the assistant to the president for National Security Affairs from 2005-2009. In that capacity, he was the principal White House foreign policy advisor to Bush and ran the inter-agency national security policy development and execution process.

"The one thing that I hope the audience takes away from my lecture at BIG ARTS is that America needs to stay engaged," Hadley said.

The event is sponsored by Northern Trust and Sue and Tom Pick.

While BIG ARTS' THE FORUM sells as a series and is currently sold out, unused single tickets go on sale as they become available. For details and ticket availability, call the box office at 239-395-0900.

## Island Seniors create incentive program to help with parking

By TIFFANY REPECKI

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Finding a parking spot at some Sanibel facilities and businesses can be a problem, especially during season, but one venue has implemented an innovative program in an effort to address the issue.

Last season, the Center 4 Life realized that there was a growing problem with the lack of available parking at the facility. Island Seniors, the membership group at the center, knew something had to be done. Member Bud Reinhold explained that the issue was most apparent for the morning programs.

The group currently has about 850 members, with only 46 on-site parking spots. In the mornings, the handful of exercise classes and such are well attended, leaving many searching for a place to park.

"We had a parking problem," he said, adding that it was worse between January and Easter.

"This is during high season," Reinhold said.

In addition, the center's aim is to provide a place for members and guests to spend their time.

"It's a community center, a social center, so we encourage people to stay," he said.

Reinhold came up with a campaign to promote biking, walking or carpooling in the morning.

"This would prevent someone from parking there," he said.

Stickers were created and handed out, and posters were printed and put up at the center, even signs were concocted and put up at local businesses. But, the campaign was not gaining any traction.

"We tried to encourage people," Reinhold said. "It really wasn't having an impact."

"There just didn't seem to be much motivation," he added.

As high season arrived again and the problem began to arise, Reinhold suggested a new option.

"I thought of the idea of rewarding people for biking, walking, carpooling," he said.

Around mid-February, Island Seniors began offering \$1 per day to members who bicycled, walked or carpoled to the center — anything that did not involve driving and taking up a parking lot space.

As of last week, over \$100 had been dispensed to people participating in the program.

"It's very positive," Reinhold said. "There's a lot of buzz about it."

Mondays through Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m., when attendance is at its peak, a rotating schedule of volunteers hand out the dollars. The volunteers include Tom Addison, Sandy Baumchen, Judy Davis, Peter Davis, Terry Dorr, Michael Holloway, Diane Kavalauskas, Steve Kavalauskas, Eileen



EILEEN KEHOE

**Volunteer Diane Kavalauskas provides member Kathy MacRae with a dollar for braving the rain and riding her bicycle to the aerobics class at the Center 4 Life on Sanibel.**

Kehoe, Dick Talsky and Joyce Talsky, as well as Reinhold. The program will run through March.

"So it addresses a specific problem at a specific time," he said.

As estimated 10 percent of the eligible recipients have declined the dollar.

Kehoe, former Island Seniors board member, explained that others "light up" over the dollar.

"I think they're surprised to hear about it for the first time," she said of the program. "I think it's just something different. No one else on the island is doing this."

Reinhold explained that the center had previously tried to come up with a solution to the limited parking. The nearby Timbers Restaurant and Fish Market has always been happy to share its parking. The center even considered building a bridge over the swamp separating the lots, but it was costly.

"This program is a lower-cost solution to parking problems than spending thousands of dollars to connect with other parking lots or renting vacant lots," he said.

Kehoe pointed out that similar programs could be implemented elsewhere on-island.

"I think it could grow," she said. "It's an idea other businesses could use."

Reinhold agreed.

"We're just trying to highlight there's a problem and here's a solution and they can participate in the solution," he said.

While the board will have to approve the program for next season, the issue will still exist.

"We're stuck with what we have," Reinhold said of the center's parking situation. "We do have a continuing parking problem."

For more information about the center and memberships, call 239-472-5743.

The Center 4 Life is at 2401 Library Way, Sanibel.



**Former Island Seniors Board Member Eileen Kehoe with Treasurer Bud Reinhold, who came up with incentive program to help address the limited available parking at the Center 4 Life on Sanibel.**

TIFFANY REPECKI



# ISLAND FACES

## Warm welcome

The city of Sanibel held a New Resident Reception on March 7 at City Hall with about two dozen islanders in attendance. Hosted by Mayor Kevin Ruane, Vice Mayor Mick Denham and City Councilmembers Chauncey Goss, Jason Maughan and Holly Smith, the event served as a meet-and-greet with officials and staffers, as well as an opportunity for the new transplants to ask questions. The receptions are routinely held as an introduction for new islanders. Literature was also available on Sanibel, what it offers, services and government entities. City Hall is at 800 Dunlop Road.

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The city of Sanibel held a New Resident Reception on March 7.



ABOVE: Andrew and Sally McGowan are now full-time residents from Ohio. ABOVE CENTER: Anette and John Gritti are now seasonal residents from Ohio. ABOVE RIGHT: Arlene and Mike Doran are now seasonal residents from Illinois. RIGHT: New seasonal resident Bill Millar with City Councilwoman Holly Smith. FAR RIGHT: Paul and Mindy Prucnal are now seasonal residents from New Jersey. BELOW: Diane and Rich Henley are not full-time residents from Colorado. BOTTOM LEFT: Patricia Norton and Hank Feldman are now full-time residents from Minnesota. BOTTOM RIGHT: Vice Mayor Mick Denham with new seasonal residents Veronica and Mike Tonkovic.





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WEST

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♥ 7 4 3

♦ Q 7

♣ K J 4 3 2

EAST

♠ Q 10 7 5

♥ 9 5 2

♦ J 10 4 2

♣ 9 8

SOUTH

♠ J 9 8 4

♥ K 10 8

♦ K 9 8 6 3

♣ 6

The bidding:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♣ Pass

2♥\*

Pass

3♣ Pass

3♦

Pass

3♥ Pass

4♥

Pass

6♥ All pass

\*Exactly two controls — one ace or two kings

Opening lead: Two of ♠

The actual auction is unknown to us. We offer the auction above. West was the late Bobby Richman. Richman was from Cleveland, but made his life in Australia. He became one of the most colorful and beloved characters on the Aussie bridge scene, not to mention one of their finest players.

Declarer won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace, led a diamond to his king, and a club to dummy's queen for a successful finesse. The ace of clubs and another club saw East show out and South ruff with the eight of hearts. There were five side-suit tricks and declarer would succeed if he could score seven trump tricks on a cross-ruff. The battle was on to prevent dummy from scoring a trick with the six of hearts.

South crossed to the ace of diamonds, ruffed another club with the 10 of hearts, and led another diamond. Richman ruffed this with the seven of hearts, dummy over-ruffed with the jack. The last club was ruffed with the king of hearts, leaving a four-card ending. Dummy had the spade three and the ace-queen-six of hearts. East had the spade queen and the nine-five-three of hearts.

South led a diamond. Richman had to ruff or dummy's spade would have been discarded, forcing East to give dummy the six of hearts. Dummy over-ruffed with the queen, and East smartly under-ruffed! Had he shed his spade instead, the ensuing spade lead would have end-played him. Dummy's spade was led, and Richman overtook East's queen with the king. Any lead from him at this point would ensure the nine of hearts as a trick for the defense.

## Sudoku Solution

7	9	6	5	2	8	1	4	3
2	3	1	6	4	9	5	8	7
4	8	5	7	3	1	6	9	2
3	4	9	8	5	6	2	7	1
8	5	2	1	7	4	9	3	6
1	6	7	2	9	3	4	5	8
9	2	8	4	6	7	3	1	5
6	1	4	3	8	5	7	2	9
5	7	3	9	1	2	8	6	4

## Crossword

ACROSS

1 Now,

on a

memo

5 Sphere

8 Rights

org.

12 Illicit

14 Ergo

15 Pink

wading

bird

16 Employ

17 Rock's

Brian

18 Destroys

20 Point of

view

23 Com-

poser

— Carlo

Menotti

24 Pop

flavor

25 In the

distant

past

28 Trio after

R

29 African

language

group

30 Eggs

32 Trade

ban

34 Mint

product

35 Clumsy

fleet

36 Home-

buyer's

option

37 Warnings

40 Capote

nickname

41 Show-

room

model

42 Samoan

port

47 Rhett's

last word

48 Mythical

beasts

49 "The —

the limit!"

50 U.K. fliers

51 Scruff

DOWN

1 "— Wie-

dersehen"

19 Prego

rival

20 Rm.

coolers

11 Exploits

13 Cellar

supply

39 TV trophy

40 End-of-

wk. cry

43 Literary

collection

44 Coach

Par-

seghian

45 Econ.

statistic

46 Sugary

suffix

3 In the

manner

of

4 Actress

Ander-

son

5 Point —

return

6 Bad

hairpiece

7 Force air

through

8 Goddess

of

wisdom

9 Swank

10 Hide

in the

33 Industry

tycoons

34 Clipped

money-

saver

36 Gator's

kin

37 Tosses in

38 Plumbing

woe

21 Memo-

randum

22 Morose

23 Cymbals'

kin

25 Delphin-

ium

26 Thug

27 "Meta-

morphoses"

poet

29 Lisa's

brother

31 Year,

in San

Juan

33 Industry

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34 Clipped

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## Sudoku

	9	8						
				8	3			9
5				9	4			2
	5					7		
9			4	7	1			8
		2					4	
	6		1	3				4
7			6	4				
						9	6	

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 through 9. Each number can only appear once in each row, column and 3 by 3 block.



# ISLAND FACES

## Conservation based on data

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation held its "Evenings at the Homestead: Tracking Sea Turtles" on March 5 in the pavilion at the Bailey Homestead Preserve. Sea Turtle Coordinator Kelly Sloan, joined by Dave Addison, of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, and Dean Bagley, from the University of Central Florida's Marine Turtle Research Group and Inwater Research Group, shared what has been learned from telemetry projects and how the results contribute to sea turtle conservation. Decades ago, experts believed that green sea turtles in Florida were on the brink of extinction. While years of targeted conservation efforts appear to be having a positive impact, long-term protection of requires an in-depth understanding about their distributions, migratory patterns and habitat utilization.

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LEFT: Anne and Don Suss, Nancy Selzer and Paul Naylor.



ABOVE:  
Michael Lapko and  
Janet Damian.

ABOVE CENTER:  
Maryanne Daly and  
Kristin Harvey.

ABOVE RIGHT:  
Linda and Pat Voelker.



CENTER RIGHT:  
Kay Morse and  
Amy Herd.

CENTER FAR RIGHT:  
Lori and Rick Hypes.



BOTTOM RIGHT:  
Meredith Roberts  
and Mia Claridy.



BOTTOM FAR RIGHT:  
Jim Harvey and  
Tom Uhler.





## OBITS

### Sanibel



#### Richard J. Schilling, M.D.

Dr. Richard "Dick" J. Schilling, 90, a humble servant of Jesus Christ and a dear, dear friend to many, went home to be with his Lord, family by his side, on February 26, 2018.

Dick was born to George A. and Ruth (Tournier) Schilling in Detroit, MI, on January 12, 1928 and raised in Hinsdale, IL. His youth was spent working alongside his family caretakers and close friends, Floyd ("Kelly") and Eleanor, in Hinsdale, IL, working the family farm near Attica, IN, and his beloved Glen Lake in Michigan, where his father instilled a love of the lake and cottage life, shared by his family to this day.

Dick attended grammar and high school in Hinsdale, and was a knuckleball pitcher for the University of Michigan baseball team as an undergraduate, where he also enjoyed membership of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. He graduated from medical school at Indiana University and subsequently served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy during the Korean War.

In 1949 he married Frances ("Betty") Fink and together raised three children, Kathryn E. (Schilling) Cozzens, Dr. Richard F. ("Rick") Schilling and Nancy R. (Schilling) Stanwick in Grand Rapids, MI and Bloomington, IN. He maintained a surgical practice in Bloomington that was singularly focused on caring for his patients, treasuring the friendship of many for life.

Following retirement in 1984, Dick and his wife Betty turned their attention to the medical mission field, serving in Kenya and Sierra Leone under World Medical Missions. Betty went home to be with her Savior during a mission to Sierra Leone in November of 1985.

Dick married Barbara (Whiteside) in 1986, with whom he attended school in Hinsdale in the 1930's and 40's. Together they enjoyed many years with their cherished friends and family at Glen Lake, Bloomington and Sanibel, FL. He also loved stomping around the oil fields of Indiana, Illinois and Texas during these years, enjoying the fellowship of his business partners and the thrill of watching drilling operations in the field. Business with Dick was regularly done on a handshake, indicative of his trust in people.

Dr. Schilling continued with his missionary work in retirement with projects in Africa, Honduras, Mexico and elsewhere. Of particular importance to him is the work of Our Little Roses Foreign Mission Society, which focuses on providing rescue, education, and a lifetime of structured Christian love and support, as well as encouragement to orphaned and abused girls in Honduras.

Known affectionately as "Opa" by his eight grandchildren and their spouses, and ten great-grandchildren, Dick loved sailing on Glen Lake in his Flying Dutchman, fly-fishing the Platte River and baseball at every level. He was an enthusiastic fan of the Detroit Tigers.

Following in his father's footsteps, he actively supported the programs of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Additionally, he was a patron of the Interlochen Center of the Arts and the Grand Traverse Musicale. He provided scholarships and encouragement to music students in all of these organizations. He was a member of the Glen Lake Association and the St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church of Sanibel, FL, where he treasured true Christian fellowship.

Dick is survived by his wife, Barbara, children Kathy (Bruce) Cozzens, Dr. Rick (Meredith) Schilling, Nancy (Greg) Stanwick and stepson, Bill Harris (Jamie Moore).

Also surviving him are his grandchildren Jeff (Monica) Cozzens, Richard "Matt" (Amanda) Cozzens, Stuart Schilling (Jessica) Cozzens, Carolyn Schilling, Richard "Mac" (Morgan) Schilling, Samuel Schilling, Annie (Kelly) Kiogima, Rebecca "Becky" J. Stanwick, Katherine and Luke Moore; great grandchildren Franny and Gemma Cozzens, Graham, Max and Fisher Cozzens, Shepherd and Oliver Cozzens, Ruthie Jean Schilling, Paloma Schilling and Logan Kiogima. He is also survived by his niece Carolyn Schilling Gery, nephews George W. Schilling, James Cheney and David Cheney. He was preceded in death by his parents,

George A. and Ruth T. Schilling, brother George T. Schilling, sister Nancy Schilling Johnson, nephew Christopher Cheney and niece Martha Schilling.

Two celebrations of Dick's life will be held. The first will be April 21, 2018 at 11:00 at St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL. A second service to be announced will be held in Glen Arbor, MI, at a later date. Details are pending and may be found on the Reynolds-Jonkhoff website (reynolds-jonkhoff.com). Instead of flowers, Dick personally requested that all memorial contributions be made out to: Our Little Roses, FMS, P.O. Box 530947, Miami Shores, FL 33153 or online at [www.ourlittleroses.org](http://www.ourlittleroses.org). Please indicate gifts dedicated to his memory. For more information regarding further support of Our Little Roses please contact [wendy.bourgault@ourlittleroses.org](mailto:wendy.bourgault@ourlittleroses.org).



#### Joan Elizabeth Karsten Born: July 7, 1933 Died: February 14, 2018

Joan Elizabeth (nee Hesse) Karsten. We are honored to share the life of our incredible mother, Joan. It's a life that should be celebrated and remembered as one filled with love, laughter and commitment.

Joan Elizabeth Hesse was born to Alphonse and Ruth Hesse in Bronxville, NY, on July 7th, 1933. She met her husband, Edward August Karsten, and wed on September 28, 1958.

Joan and Ed had strong family values, which they passed on to four children, Edward Jr. Karsten, Deborah Miller and Laura Jane Savarie, who reside in the Chicagoland area, and Suzanne, who recently moved to Nashville, TN. Joan has ten amazing grandchildren. Her legacy has been passed on to AJ Bruce, Tori Karsten, Christine Karsten, Molly Miller, Keeley Miller, Riley Miller, Chip Savarie, Ryan Savarie, Clayton Savarie and Logan Savarie.

Joan was a woman of faith and was active in the Catholic church. She served on the Chicago Women's Board for the Chicago Rehabilitation Institute. She was surrounded by great friends, who valued strength, character, purpose and a good glass of wine! Joan was very creative and her Christmas ornaments were cherished by all. She was athletic, competitive and played a great game of tennis.

Joan joined our dad on Valentine's Day at the pearly gates. We are confident he picked her up in his red convertible and they went off to play a fabulous game of tennis and started catching up on lost time. This special woman, mother, wife and friend will be greatly missed.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Lehigh Acres

Gerald Robert Wilson, Jr., 47, of Lehigh Acres, passed away Saturday, March 3, 2018. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Fort Myers, is entrusted with final care.

### Fort Myers Beach

Janice Risch, age 72 of Ft. Myers Beach passed away on March 3, 2018. Harvey-Engelhardt Funeral and Cremation Services are handling the arrangements.

## Cape Coral

Isabel Vargas, 92, of Cape Coral, passed away Monday, March 5, 2018. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

Janet K. Buffum, 92, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on March 2, 2018. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service. [www.fullermetz.com](http://www.fullermetz.com)

Jeffrey Charles Barr, 73, of Cape Coral, passed away Friday, March 2, 2018. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

John N. Ferguson, 84, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on February 28, 2018. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service. [www.fullermetz.com](http://www.fullermetz.com)

Nidia Silva Freitas, 61, of Cape Coral, FL passed away Saturday, March 3, 2018. Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home & Cemetery is entrusted with final care.

Sam Dudley Massengale, 79, of Cape Coral, passed away Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

Wilhelmine Eyster, 88, of Cape Coral, passed away Monday, March 5, 2018. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

Alexander Perez, 49, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on February 26, 2018. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service. [www.fullermetz.com](http://www.fullermetz.com)

William "Bill" Aubrey Cusick, 65, of Cape Coral, passed away Sunday, March 4, 2018. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

Charlotte F. Wodak-Riddle, 90, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on March 4, 2018. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service. [www.fullermetz.com](http://www.fullermetz.com)

Ingeborg Nordberg, 86, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on March 5, 2018. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service. [www.fullermetz.com](http://www.fullermetz.com)

Cynthia Marie Lopez, 53, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on March 2, 2018. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service. [www.fullermetz.com](http://www.fullermetz.com)

Harold Douglas Roscoe, 92, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on March 1, 2018. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service. [www.fullermetz.com](http://www.fullermetz.com)

## Other Areas

Osmar Alberto Martinez, 25, of Tamarac, FL passed away Sunday, March 4, 2018. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

## North Fort Myers

Nadine Alyce Pugh, 65, of North Fort Myers, passed away Monday, March 5, 2018. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

Wilfredo Vera, 69, of North Fort Myers, passed away Monday, March 5, 2018. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

## Fort Myers

Larry Linkous, age 78, of Ft. Myers passed on 3/3/2018. Harvey-Engelhardt Funeral and Cremation Services will be handling the arrangements.

Viswanatham Piratla, age 82, of Ft. Myers passed away on 3/5/2018 at his residence. Harvey-Engelhardt Funeral and Cremation Services will be handling the arrangements.



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# Cooler weather interrupts good fishing

Right as fishing was getting good and you could feel the transition from winter to spring, Mother Nature had other thoughts. A cool front followed by strong winds made tough fishing conditions. Action was good early in the week ahead of the front for both inshore and offshore, but conditions made fishing a challenge over the weekend.

For trout anglers, large fish are showing up in good numbers throughout Pine Island

Sound and in areas of Charlotte Harbor. Many were running over 20 inches with several measuring up to 25 inches. Of course, the recent weather slowed the action down for a few days, but the bite will pick right back up as the weather subsides. The best fishing was in Pine Island Sound — trout reports came from areas including the flats north of Chino Island, sand holes along the shorelines on either side of the Sound,

and between Cayo Costa and Cabbage Key. Fish were caught with shrimp under popping corks, Redfish Magic shad tails in white color, Berkley Gulp Shrimp, suspended Mirrolures and live pinfish or shiners.

On my boat we noticed a big jump in the size of the trout over several days leading up to the cool down. We caught trout up to 25 inches with a good number of fish just shy of 20 inches in northern Pine Island Sound.

The Spanish mackerel bite was strong ahead of the cool down and should pick right back up as the wind settles. Look for action over bottom with a sand/ grass mix in 5 to 10-foot depths. Hot areas included Charlotte Harbor, west and north of Bokeelia and just outside the gulf passes. If you are shore-bound, the Sanibel and Bokeelia piers are a good choice to hook into some mackerel along with a variety of other fish.

Early last week small schools of redfish were reported on the eastern side of Pine Island Sound where fish up to 30 inches were taken on various artificials. On the afternoon high water, reds up to 27 inches were caught on live bait around oyster bars and shorelines in Charlotte Harbor.

The snook bite was going good with fish caught throughout Pine Island Sound, Matlacha Pass and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge. Cooler weather probably effects the snook bite more than any other fish, so needless to say, the bite went from good to so-so. Anglers putting in the time over the weekend and fishing protected waters scored with a few fish up to 32 inches. Look



Capt. Bill Russell

## On the Water

for their appetite to grow after a few warm, sunny days.

Offshore, red grouper to 10 pounds were boated in depths between 70 to 95 feet before the north winds kicked up the seas. At times the bite was extremely slow and other times good. Anglers patiently working an area were rewarded with a box of nice fish. Closer to land the near shore reefs continue to yield a mix of sheepshead, grunts, snapper, flounder and Spanish mackerel. Most fish were caught on shrimp/jig combination or shrimp fished on a small circle hook. Big sheepshead

were also reported near the Sanibel Causeway and at Boca Grande Pass.

In March, fishing rebounds from cold fronts quickly, the days are growing longer, average temperature is warmer and the water just doesn't stay cold as long. Look for good fishing as a front approaches, followed by a day or two of slow action after it arrives.

Once the north wind settles down and the bright Florida sun returns, look for the action to pick right back up again.

If you have a fishing report or for charter information, please contact us at: Gulf Coast Guide Service, phone: 239-283-7960, Website: [www.fishpineisland.com](http://www.fishpineisland.com) or email: [gcl2fish@live.com](mailto:gcl2fish@live.com)

Have a safe week and good fishin'.

As a native of Pine Island, Bill Russell has spent his entire life fishing and learning the waters surrounding Pine Island and as a professional fishing guide for the past 18 years.

## Sanibel-Captiva Tides

March 14 - March 20, 2018

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These predictions are mathematical calculations based on average conditions. They do not include the effects of storm surge caused by hurricanes or other weather conditions.

		Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Sunrise		7:39 AM	7:38 AM	7:37 AM	7:36 AM	7:35 AM	7:34 AM	7:33 AM
Sunset		7:37 PM	7:37 PM	7:38 PM	7:38 PM	7:39 PM	7:39 PM	7:40 PM
Redfish	Lo	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pass	Hi	--	12:16 AM	12:57 AM	1:37 AM	2:17 AM	3:00 AM	3:48 AM
	Lo	6:30 AM	7:01 AM	7:28 AM	7:54 AM	8:18 AM	8:43 AM	9:08 AM
	Hi	1:42 PM	1:55 PM	2:06 PM	2:19 PM	2:36 PM	2:58 PM	3:25 PM
	Lo	6:01 PM	6:39 PM	7:15 PM	7:52 PM	8:31 PM	9:15 PM	10:05 PM
Punta	Lo	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rassa	Hi	--	12:05 AM	12:46 AM	1:26 AM	2:06 AM	2:49 AM	3:37 AM
	Lo	6:45 AM	7:16 AM	7:43 AM	8:09 AM	8:33 AM	8:58 AM	9:23 AM
	Hi	1:31 PM	1:44 PM	1:55 PM	2:08 PM	2:25 PM	2:47 PM	3:14 PM
	Lo	6:16 PM	6:54 PM	7:30 PM	8:07 PM	8:46 PM	9:30 PM	10:20 PM
Sanibel	Lo	6:32 AM	--	--	--	--	--	--
Light	Hi	12:47 PM	--	12:02 AM	12:42 AM	1:22 AM	2:05 AM	2:53 AM
	Lo	6:03 PM	7:03 AM	7:30 AM	7:56 AM	8:20 AM	8:45 AM	9:10 AM
	Hi	11:21 PM	1:00 PM	1:11 PM	1:24 PM	1:41 PM	2:03 PM	2:30 PM
	Lo	--	6:41 PM	7:17 PM	7:54 PM	8:33 PM	9:17 PM	10:07 PM
Captiva	Lo	5:16 AM	5:47 AM	--	--	--	--	--
(Outside)	Hi	12:17 PM	12:30 PM	--	12:12 AM	12:52 AM	1:35 AM	2:23 AM
	Lo	4:47 PM	5:25 PM	6:14 AM	6:40 AM	7:04 AM	7:29 AM	7:54 AM
	Hi	10:51 PM	11:32 PM	12:41 PM	12:54 PM	1:11 PM	1:33 PM	2:00 PM
	Lo	--	--	6:01 PM	6:38 PM	7:17 PM	8:01 PM	8:51 PM

## Co-Ed Softball League

The spring Co-Ed Softball League will hold the following games:

- Today, March 14: Young Professionals vs. Bailey's at 6:20 p.m.
- Today, March 14: Bubble Room vs. Gator Bites at 7:25 p.m.
- Today, March 14: Island Inn vs. Bubble Room at 8:30 p.m.

## WEATHER FORECAST FOR MARCH 14TH - MARCH 16TH

<b>Wednesday</b>		A mainly sunny sky. High 71F. Winds NNW at 10 to 20 mph.
A.M.	P.M.	
<b>Thursday</b>		Sunny skies. High around 70F. Winds N at 10 to 20 mph.
A.M.	P.M.	
<b>Friday</b>		Sunny. High 74F. Winds NE at 10 to 15 mph.
A.M.	P.M.	

## TIDES

	Cape Coral Bridge	Captiva Redfish Pass	Fort Myers	Matlacha Pass	Pine Island	Point Ybel	Punta Rassa	St. James City
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## Wednesday

Low								
Hi	1:31 AM	--	2:42 AM	12:59 AM	--	--	--	--
Low	9:53 AM	6:37 AM	10:35 AM	9:10 AM	8:17 AM	6:27 AM	6:32 AM	7:07 AM
Hi	2:58 PM	1:48 PM	4:51 PM	3:26 PM	2:24 PM	1:17 PM	1:42 PM	2:13 PM
Low	9:12 PM	5:56 PM	9:54 PM	8:38 PM	7:36 PM	5:54 PM	5:51 PM	6:26 PM
Hi	--	--	--	--	--	11:23 PM	--	--

## Thursday

Low								
Hi	2:18 AM	12:08 AM	3:11 AM	1:46 AM	12:44 AM	--	12:02 AM	12:33 AM
Low	10:22 AM	7:06 AM	11:04 AM	9:48 AM	8:48 AM	6:59 AM	7:01 AM	7:36 AM
Hi	4:10 PM	2:00 PM	5:03 PM	3:38 PM	2:36 PM	1:11 PM	1:54 PM	2:25 PM
Low	9:55 PM	8:39 PM	10:37 PM	9:21 PM	8:19 PM	6:32 PM	6:34 PM	7:09 PM
Hi	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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## EXTENDED FORECAST

SATURDAY: SUNNY SKIES. HIGH 77F. WINDS SE AT 10 TO 15 MPH.

SUNDAY: SUNSHINE. HIGH AROUND 80F. WINDS SSE AT 10 TO 15 MPH.

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## STATE FORECAST-WEDNESDAY

CITY	HIGH/LOW
CAPE CORAL	71/47
DAYTONA BEACH	68/41
FT. LAUDERDALE	74/51
FT. MYERS BEACH	70/48
GAINESVILLE	67/34
JACKSONVILLE	65/36
KEY WEST	70/62
KISSIMMEE	70/43
MIAMI	74/52
ORLANDO	70/42
PANAMA CITY	65/39
PENSACOLA	65/41
SARASOTA	68/45
ST. PETERSBURG	65/50
TALLAHASSEE	64/46
TAMPA	67/45
VERO BEACH	72/46
WEST PALM BEACH	73/49



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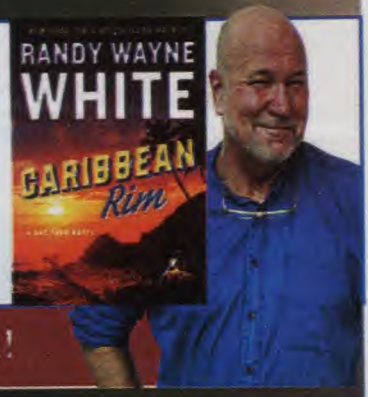
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