

SPRING FESTIVAL

Event to feature egg hunt,
Easter Bunny and more

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This weekend's 25th annual Spring Festival will offer holiday fun for families on the islands.

Hosted by the Children's Education Center of the Islands, it will take place on April 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Sanibel Community Park, located adjacent to The Community House. It will feature an egg hunt and photos with the Easter Bunny, a bounce house and giant slide, pony rides, games and more.

"This is our way of bringing communities together and families together," CECI Director Cindy DeCosta said. "It also helps support our scholarship program, which this year was highly relied on as a lot of families were affected by the lack of tourism because of the red tide."

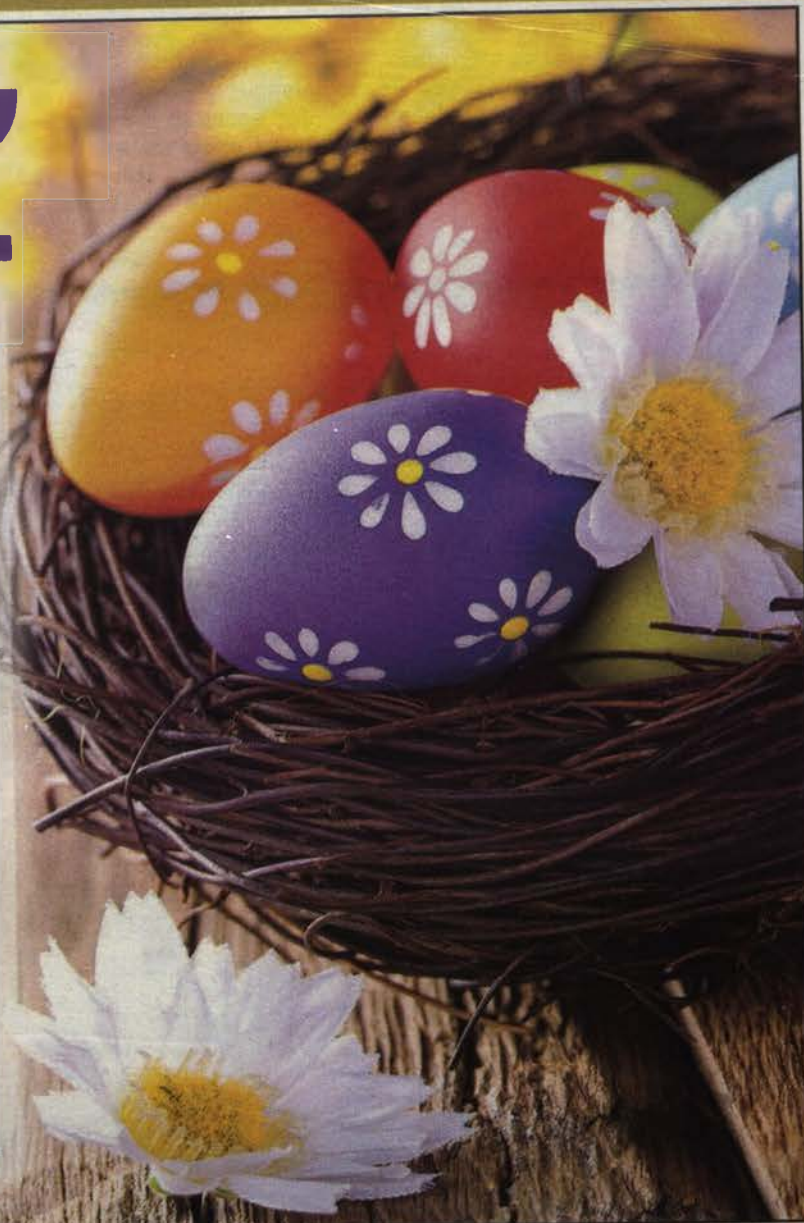
The free Easter egg hunt will start promptly at 9 a.m., so families should arrive early.

She explained that the hunt is divided into three age groups and no reservations are required.

"They just show up," DeCosta said. "Bring a basket."

The oldest age group will go first, with the youngest group going last.

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Sanibel, Captiva feature variety of holiday activities

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There is something for everyone on the islands this year for those looking to celebrate Easter.

From the Captiva Island Art & Food Hop and Easter Egg Hunt at Sanibel Community Church, to the Easter Sunrise Celebration on the Sanibel Causeway and Easter Egg Hunt & Dolphin Cruise out to Picnic Island, locals and visitors have a mix of activities to choose from to commemorate the holiday.

Captiva Island Art & Food Hop

Free and open to the community, the Captiva Island Art & Food Hop will be held on April 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the entrance to the South Seas Island Resort, at 5400 Plantation Road, Captiva.

The event will feature over 30 local

artists, crafters and food artisans.

The participating vendors will be selling art, crafts and one-of-a-kind products.

Designed for all ages, there will be visits from the Easter Bunny.

Some of the holiday-themed activities will include cookie decorating and a balloon artist.

Parking is limited, so attendees are encouraged to walk, bike, ride the trolley or drive a golf cart.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/CaptivaIslandFarmersMarket.

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District, city talk options for station

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An update on talks with the city about the possibility of a third fire station, a visit from a medical call patient and information shared about a condo fire all transpired at the fire district's recent meeting.

On April 10, Sanibel Fire and Rescue District Commissioner Jerry Muench reported that he had recently met with Sanibel officials, including City Manager Judie Zimomra and Police Chief William Dalton, to discuss what options the district has for building a new station on the island's east end.

At last month's meeting, the commission was presented with a report on response times around the island.



Jerry
Muench

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Final open house scheduled for SUP Master Plan update

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The public has one last shot to share input in-person on the island's Shared Use Path system.

In updating the Master Plan, the city and Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization will hold the second and final open house on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

"We encourage everyone, motorists, pedestrians and cyclists, to join us at the April 22 Open House to contribute as we move into the recommendation stage of this important project," City Manager Judie Zimomra said. "Public safety, protection of our natural environment and public comment are the three most important comment of updating our Master Plan."

The open house also provides people with a chance to ask questions as staff will be present.

The existing Master Plan was adopted in 2009 and



has guided the implementation of updates to the SUP system over the past decade. An update of the plan is currently being conducted to guide the long-term vision for the system, and input and feedback from the community is one step in completing it.

As part of the process for updating the plan, an eight-member Project Advisory Committee was established. It has since held meetings in January and March. The firm Tindale-Oliver, out of Tampa, is

overseeing the project. It is aiming to complete it and present the plan to the city council in June.

In addition to hosting open houses, the firm has organized pop-up community events at the farmer's markets and festivals, as well as has created an online survey and conducted face-to-face polls.

People can submit comments online until April 30 at sanibelbikeped.com.

"As we have experienced historically, public participation in the process to update the Shared Use Master Plan has been robust," Zimomra said on April 15. "As of this morning 2,151 persons have provided their input via the online survey."

For more information or questions, visit the project website or contact Keith Williams, director of Sanibel's Department of Community Services, at 239-472-6397 ext. 507.

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"It's not a good idea."



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Dr. Bruce Neill

Guest Commentary

What is missing?

If this was your first spring on our islands, or if you are not an observant, seasoned beachcomber, you might not notice that something on our islands is amiss. This spring is not like the others. The beaches are not the same as in the past. The difference is not a subtle one.

Many of us mark the seasons along our shores, and this year, the bastion of beach spring is missing — lightning whelk egg cases. Those two-foot long, "snake-like" helical structures laid by female lightning whelks to house and protect her

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SANIBEL SEA SCHOOL
Beachcombers gather around a lightning whelk egg case in March 2017.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you for the support

To the editor:

The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club thanks the following organizations, businesses and people who contributed to another successful "Sanibel Uncorked" Food and Wine Fest:

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We want your opinion

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Web Poll

Previous Web Poll Question

Should texting while driving be a primary offense in Florida, enabling police to stop drivers?

- Yes, upgrade it to a primary, 78%
- No, leave it as a secondary, 22%
- Should not be an offense at all, 0%

Current Web Poll Question

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Stevens Construction begins on BIG ARTS

Stevens Construction has begun construction on the new, two-story complex for BIG ARTS.

It is providing construction management services for the 27,000-square-foot facility, which will house a 3,800-square-foot performing arts center with a 414-seat theater. The first floor will also feature a spacious lobby, green room, box office, gift shop, catering kitchen, dressing rooms with showers and an expanded art gallery.

An education center will be situated on the second floor to host lectures; as well as painting, drawing, photography, music, dance and pottery workshops and classes. The second floor will also include an administrative department with conference rooms and offices.

BIG ARTS will feature an expansive, impact-resistant, reflective glass façade at the front of the building, which will overlook an outdoor veranda while reducing the building's heat load. A broadened driveway for guest drop-off, landscaped walkways and ample parking will provide convenience.

BIG ARTS is being constructed with energy efficient elements, such as a metal roof to reflect heat, chilled water heating and cooling system to provide energy efficient climate control, spray foam insulation to provide a thermal barrier from the exterior to interior, and LED lighting.

It took only four days for Stevens Construction to demolish the old 18,000-square-foot building.

Slated for completion in January, the company has been providing pre-construction services for the past year by providing recommendations and constructability reviews to ensure that the project could be achieved within the budget and tight schedule.

The BIG ARTS project was designed by Amy Nowacki Architect.

Summer hours to begin at Sanibel Historical Museum and Village

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will switch to off-season summer hours on May 1.

The summer hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

The museum will close on Aug. 1 and will reopen on regular full-time hours on Oct. 15.

Regular hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Museum staff and board members plan a busy off-season, working on key administrative tasks and many museum improvement projects that often take a backseat during the busy tourist season.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will remain open during the BIG ARTS construction project. The project will continue through the remainder of the village's season and into next season, but parking and access for village guests and volunteers will be available throughout that time.

The traditional entrance to the village has been closed off for the construction and a new temporary entrance has been made available down the road to the west at what was the exit drive. That drive will now function as both an entrance and exit access. Clear signage has been added at both places.

Admission is \$10 for ages 18 and older; children and members are free.

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upon decent availability.

Beginning May 1, the tours will available at 10:30 a.m. only.

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Carolyn Tongyai was top written transaction. Her years of experience in the remodeling industry along with her commercial leasing and business management experience were a natural transition to a career in real estate. She has earned the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Specialist Designation.

Babs Maughan received the productivity award. A University of Idaho alumnus, her prior career entailed holding corporate senior management positions with high-end international retailers. Maughan has extensive experience in sales, business management and customer service.

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Ellie See



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Business Notes

SanCap Trust award presented

The final Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers concert of the season was held on April 5 at the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, where Dr. Zack Stanton was awarded the inaugural Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Prize in Choral Composition.

Over 200 entries were submitted nationwide and Stanton's work, "Before You Kissed Me (text by poet Sara Teasdale)," was chosen as the winner by Artistic Director Jeff Faux.

Presenting the award was Executive Vice President Steve Greenstein, who also presented a \$750 prize to Stanton.

Macaroons still available

Those looking for myMacs by Susan Hecht, of Macarooned, can still get their hands on them.

While unable to do the farmer's market this year, she has still been baking and selling her macaroons.

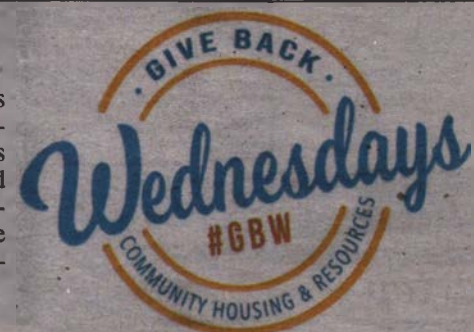
Her myMacs are gluten and preservative-free and are made using all kosher ingredients. The almond paste is shipped from California, where she had her first bakery before retiring to Sanibel in 2017.

Available in four flavors — original, chocolate bot-tomed original, fudgy chocolate and fudgy chocolate dipped in dark chocolate — they come in 9-ounce bags and 2-ounce individually wrapped packages.

For more information or to place an order, visit Macarooned.com or contact susan@macarooned.com or call 239-674-6556.

Local business giving back to CHR

On Wednesdays since May, Community Housing and Resources has been hosting a Give Back Wednesday campaign at one of its supporter's locations. The location donates a percentage of its daily sales to CHR. The next one will take place today, April 17, at Malia Island Fusion Cuisine, at 1100 Par View Drive, Sanibel. Businesses interested in participating in the campaign can contact CHR Executive Director Melissa Rice at 239-472-1189 or Melissa.rice@sanibelchr.org.



VIP Realty Group announces top producers for the month

VIP Realty Group announced its top producers for the month of March.

Rose Dakos had top listings. A lifetime member of the prestigious VIP President's Club and a Star Power member, she knows first-hand what a wonderful experience it is to live on the islands.

Becky Mulka had top sales. A long-time island resident, she has over a decade of hospitality experience and business knowledge that are the perfect combina-

tion to guide and assist buyers and sellers.

Deb Smith was the top producer. Smith has a background in accounting and holds the Second Home and Resort Specialist, Sanibel Captiva Island Specialist, Accredited Buyer's Representative and Senior Real Estate Specialist.

For more information, call 239-472-5187 or go to SanCapIslandRE.com.

VIP Realty Group is at 1560 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.



Rose Dakos



Becky Mulka



Deb Smith

Pfeifer Realty Group presents top producers for month

Pfeifer Realty Group recently named its top producers for the month of March.

Jennifer McSorley was the top listing agent. A Cornell graduate and Realtor, she has been a member of the team for over a decade. An island resident, McSorley specializes in Sanibel, Captiva and Fort Myers real estate sales.

Greg Demaras was the top sales agent. With over 30 years of real estate expertise, he launched his career in the commercial management, sales and leasing side. Demaras later



Jennifer McSorley



Greg Demaras

expanded his skills into the residential market, before recently moving to Florida and becoming a state-licensed Realtor.

The Pfeifer Realty

Group is at 1630 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

For more information, call 239-472-0004 or visit www.mysanibel-realestate.com.

RE/MAX of the Islands announces most productive for the month

RE/MAX of the Islands announced its most productive associates for the month of March.

Christopher Kirchner was their top producing listing marketer. A Realtor, he attended Vincennes University and the Art Institute of Indianapolis. He served in the Indiana Army National Guard from 1997-2003 and later worked for the U.S. Postal Service, before getting into real estate in 2014.

Bruce Cochrane was the top selling sales associate. An island resident since 1976, he began his career as a Realtor on the islands in 1982. In 2002,



Christopher Kirchner

Cochrane joined RE/MAX of the Islands, where his wife was a Realtor. He and his wife also own and operate Dorado Property Management.

For more information,



Bruce Cochrane

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Recreation center to host Mobile Mammo Coach

The Sanibel Recreation Center will host the Radiology Regional Center's Mobile Mammo Coach on April 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Mobile Mammo Coach is a state-of-the-art breast imaging clinic, providing full field digital mammography services. Most insurances are accepted and discounted self-pay pricing is available.

According to estimates from the American Cancer Society, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. More importantly, with early detection, the survival rate for an early diagnosed breast cancer at five years is better than 97 percent. Mammography is one aspect of breast health, in addition to monthly self-exam and annual physician exam.

For an appointment or questions, call the Radiology Regional Center at 239-936-4068.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel.

Everyone should see Israel with their own eyes

At 8:10 one morning in Israel, I boarded the 8:10 a.m. bus to Jerusalem at the Tiberias Terminal. There were only a few people on the bus so I had two seats to myself — one for me and one for my carry on which was a bit heavy.

After about an hour we arrived in Afula where many passengers boarded the bus so my luxury two-seats-to-myself ride ended when a young man about twice as tall and twice as wide as I am claimed the seat next to me. Now I was scrunched next to the window with my carry-on on my lap. He looked like a typical young Israeli and we chatted a bit in Hebrew about the kind of innocuous things that strangers on a bus talk about.

When he received a call and



Rabbi Stephen Lewis Fuchs

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began talking rapidly on his cell phone. I could not understand a word that he was saying. Frustrated, I said to myself, "I thought my Hebrew was better than that." Then I realized with a shudder that the man was speaking Arabic and that it was clearly his native tongue.

His name is Sameer, and he is a Muslim from Nazareth. He told me he was not subjected to any discriminatory examinations or questions.

I took a cab from the Jerusalem bus terminal to my hotel. My driver was a Muslim named Nael. He was pursuing his livelihood just like anyone else. The man who checked me into my hotel is named Muhammad. Same goes for him.

Yet, if you believe the anti-Israel

propaganda in the media, you would think that the Arabs in Israel walk about in chains. Of course Israel must be very conscious of security, and for some Arabs and Palestinians in some parts of the country life is very difficult because of horrible acts of terror that have been perpetrated against the Jewish State.

My experiences in Israel convince me that in order to have credibility everyone should visit Israel to see with his or her own eyes what it is like before commenting about its political situation. It is complicated to be sure, and Israel is far from perfect, but putting the bulk of the blame on Israel for the current situation hardly reflects reality.

As you read these words, Pastor John Danner and I are preparing to lead a group of Jews and Christians on a joint trip to Israel. We eagerly look forward to helping our travelers see Israel with their own eyes.

Rabbi Stephen Lewis Fuchs is with the Bat Yam Temple of the Islands.

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- 1 tsp white sugar
- 1 tsp cider vinegar (for each color of egg)
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tsp hot mustard
- salt and pepper to taste
- paprika for garnish
- Assorted food coloring

Directions

- Place eggs into a saucepan in a single layer and fill with water covering eggs by 1 inch. Cover saucepan and bring to boil over high heat. Remove from heat and let eggs stand in hot water for 15 minutes. Drain. Cool eggs under cold running water. Peel once cold. Halve eggs lengthwise and scoop yolk into a bowl.
- Fill a glass 2/3 full with water. Add a tsp of cider vinegar and 3 drops of food coloring. Add a couple of halved eggs to absorb the color. Remove with a spoon when they are a pastel color. Drain on a paper towel. Repeat with different colors.
- In the bowl, mash the yolk with a fork. Stir in mayonnaise, spicy brown mustard, hot mustard, sugar, salt and pepper into the yolk until well combined. Spoon into a quart-size, resealable plastic bag. Snip a corner of the bag.
- Squeeze the yolk mixture into the egg halves and sprinkle with paprika.

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SanCap Cares raises \$650,000 rocks The Sanctuary

A night of giving and appreciation turned into an all-out concert and dance party as SanCap Cares raised more than \$650,000 for pediatric health programs at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

The 19th Annual SanCap Cares Island Celebration focused on giving thanks for the impact the Sanibel and Captiva communities have had in creating a world-class children's health care center in Southwest Florida.

"Because of you, children's lives have been saved. Because of you, families have been transformed," Armando Llechu, chief administrative officer at the Golisano Children's Hospital, said.

"There is no doubt that Golisano is Sanibel and Captiva's baby. You helped make that building possible," he continued. "But it's more than just a building. It's about the life-saving programs and services that you have made possible."

The night at The Sanctuary Golf Club kicked off with a festive cocktail hour, with a variety of food and wine pairings and an opportunity to support the Give-to-Give silent auction. Decorated with Norman Rockwell prints and featuring displays of needed equipment to enhance current programs and services, the Give-to-Give is a popular feature of the event and has helped fund transport ambulances in past years and have now added specialized pediatric wheeled cots to further improve the transport operation. Other featured items this year were specialized "costume" like hospital gowns, sleep sacks, and weighted blankets. More sophisticated items included a lifelike comput-



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The 2019 SanCap Cares committee members.

erized preemie training simulator, arthroscopic surgical instruments, pediatric ophthalmology funding, and support for several mental and behavioral health programs.

The event moved into the main dining room for an exquisite plated dinner followed by a brief program by the Golisano team, showcasing the progress the hospital has made in tackling the many pediatric healthcare needs in the community.

But it was the after-dinner entertainment that made the night even more mem-

orable. The celebration shed the usual auction and live cash call, and turned the microphones over to national music act The Modern Gentlemen. The Los Angeles-based quartet performed an hour-long set of hits, while guests danced and sang.

"We remain amazed by how our community has supported children's health care through all these years," Valerie Tutor, a member of the SanCap Cares committee, said. "This was a night to say thank you. We changed things up and had

a blast. And our guests loved it and supported the mission, and for that, we are grateful."

The SanCap Cares event is one of the last fundraising events of the season. Started by a group of concerned mothers in 2001, it has raised nearly \$16 million for the children's hospital in its 19 years.

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company once again served as presenting sponsor.

For more information, contact Jeff Muddell at 239-984-0381 or SanibelCaptivaCares@gmail.com.

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From left, Lynnae Messina, Anne Mitchell, Susan Tucker, Sierra Hoisington, Carol Gestwicki, Kathryn Brintnall and Jim Schnell.

Donation to help fund osprey education

The International Osprey Foundation recently presented a \$1,000 check to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, earmarked to underwrite osprey education at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

CROW Calendar of Events

Today, April 17

■ Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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following tour with Animal Ambassador. Advanced registration required; to register, contact the Visitor Education Center at 239-472-3644 ext. 229 or reservations@crow-clinic.org.

■ Wildlife Rescue 101 at 11 a.m.

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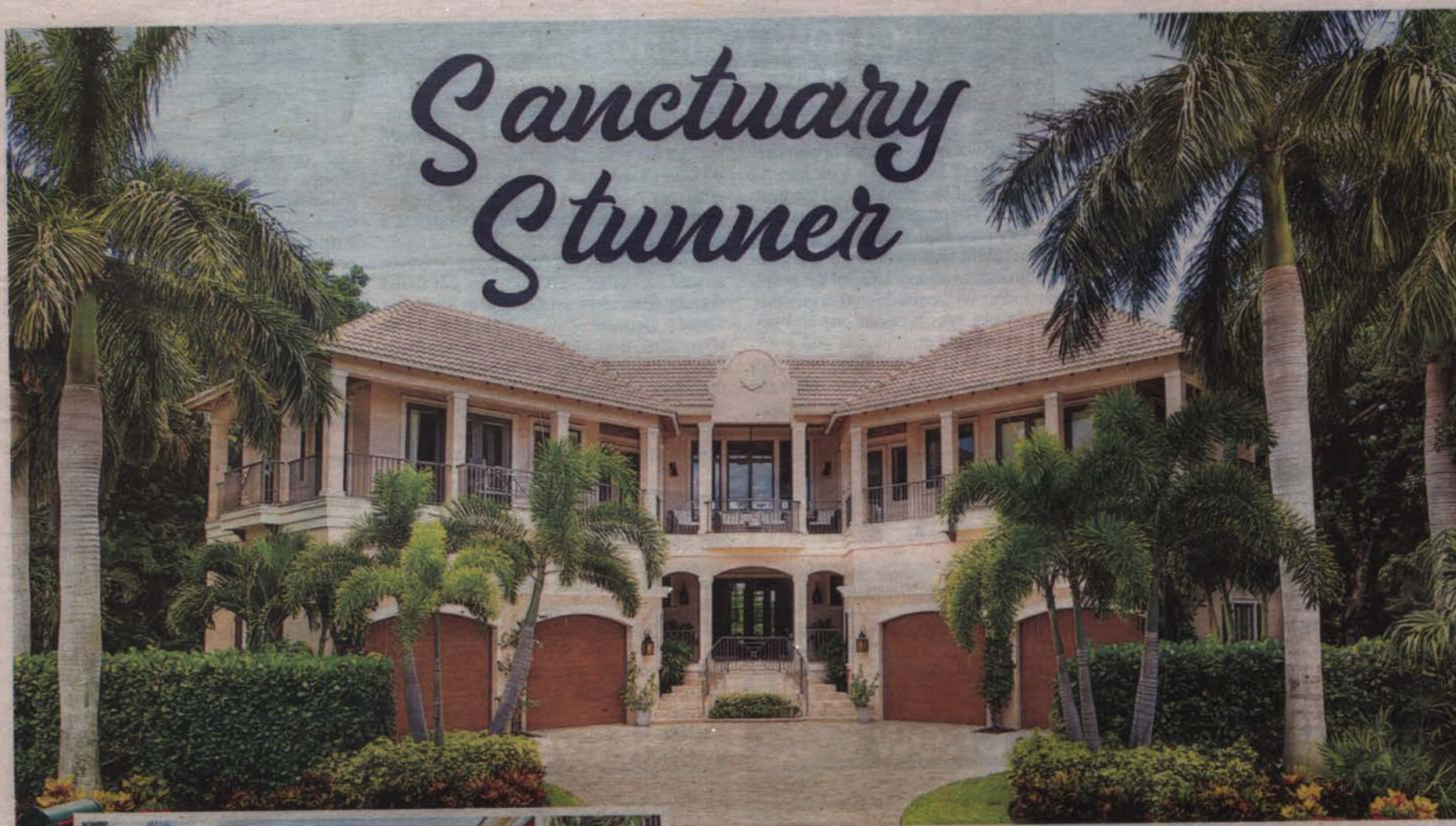
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to over 700 terrestrial animals and other invertebrates, which all depend on sustainable recreational practices to survive. From posturing to vocalizations, animals communicate in a variety of ways and, at times, indicate their need for human assistance. Whether it is deterring visitors from feeding birds on the beach or detaching a pelican from fishing line in the mangroves, the program will cover wildlife rescue assessment, as well as handling techniques. Adults are \$12; ages 4-12 are \$7.

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The life of a gopher tortoise revolves around its burrow. The tortoises are found digging from southern Georgia to Southeast Florida. Because of its contributions to the ecosystem, it is classified as a "Keystone Species." Come listen as CROW's presenter describes why they are admitted how the medical staff treats this species. Adults are \$12; ages 4-12 are \$7. One of CROW's Animal Ambassadors will be present.

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■ **Patient Profiles: Virginia Opossums** at 2 p.m.

Virginia opossums are the only marsupial, or pouched mammal, native to the United States. They are highly adaptable animals and can live in a variety of habitats, both natural and human made. Although it may not be obvious to some people, opossums are a unique member of Florida's wildlife, playing an important role in the function of a healthy ecosystem. Adults are \$12; ages 4-12 are \$7. One of CROW's Animal Ambassadors will be present.

Friday, April 19

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■ **Why Animals Come to CROW** at 11 a.m.

Do you wonder how and why animals become patients at CROW? Whether animals are sick, injured or orphaned, CROW aims to lead in their recovery. From fishing line entanglement to abducted babies, the presentation will address the most likely reasons patients are admitted to the hospital. Adults are \$12; ages 4-12 are \$7.

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■ **Patient Profiles: Owls of Southwest Florida** at 2 p.m.

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For more information, call 239-472-9979 or visit "American Legion Post 123 Sanibel Florida" on Facebook.

CROW Calendar

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of the most effective hunters. The presentation discusses the unique adaptations of the native and migratory raptors of Florida, specifically the five species of nocturnal hunters known as owls. Adults are \$12; ages 4-12 are \$7. One of CROW's Animal Ambassadors will be present.

Saturday, April 20

■ Baby Care at CROW at 11 a.m.

Wildlife parents are very devoted to the care of their young and rarely abandon them, and juveniles found "abandoned" might actually be in a natural stage of development. Those needing assistance are placed in a specialized wing of the wildlife hospital and are provided supportive care around the clock until they are old enough to care for themselves. Adults are \$12; ages 4-12 are \$7.

■ Patient Profiles: Birds of Prey at 2 p.m.

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Monday, April 22

■ Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Southwest Florida is filled with fascinating wildlife, and CROW provides a unique opportunity to look into wildlife rehabilitation and meet the staff responsible for their care. Wildlife walks are the best opportunity for visitors to get an in-depth look into the inner workings of our hospital and the treatment process. The program has two parts: an introductory presentation covering our medical and rehabilitation methods; and a guided tour through treatment areas of the hospital, concluding on the rehabilitation grounds. Wildlife Walks take between one and two hours; a 45-minute presentation and a 45-minute tour. The program is open to all, but it is not recommended for children under the age of 13. Cost is \$25 per person. Photography opportunity available following tour with Animal Ambassador. Advanced registration required; to register, contact the Visitor Education Center at 239-472-3644 ext. 229 or reservations@crowclinic.org.

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■ CROW Case of the Week at 2 p.m.

CROW's teaching hospital offers externship, fellowship and internship opportunities for natural science and veterinary medicine students. While on site, students learn the ins and outs of conservation medicine and wildlife rehabilitation and are excited to share their favorite patient stories. Adults are \$12; ages 4-12 are \$7. One of CROW's Animal Ambassadors will be present.

Tuesday, April 23

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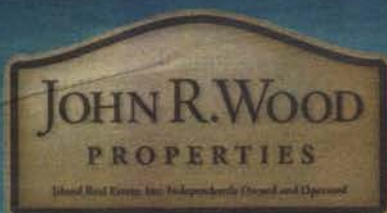
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■ Patient Profiles: Virginia Opossums at 11 a.m.

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Spring Festival

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"For the older group, there will be shiny dollar gold coins provided by the Bank of the Islands," she said. "And, of course, there will also be candy and stickers and trinkets."

For access to the rest of the festival's activities, armbands are \$15 per child; adults are free.

The Easter Bunny will hop in for a visit at 10:15 a.m.

"There will be an appearance, with free pictures," DeCosta said.

The activities will include pony rides, a bounce house and giant slide, and face painting.

"There are games and crafts," she said. "Like a bean bag toss or a fishing game. Also scratch art, spin art, making edible Easter necklaces."

Local musicians Shawn and Abbey Allison will provide live entertainment.

Helping to raise additional funds, a silent auction will feature a mix of items to bid on.

"There's usually about 50 baskets with varying values," DeCosta said, adding that there will be offerings aimed at both adults and children. "We'll have work from local artists, Congress Jewelers jewelry, gift certificates to local restaurants."

In addition, raffles tickets will be sold for \$1 each to win an Easter basket.

"It's geared toward children," she said of the goodies inside.

Snow cones, hot dogs, drinks and such will be available, with the proceeds

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"Some concessions will be available for purchase," DeCosta said.

The armbands can be bought day of at the event or in advance by stopping by the center.

"So they don't have to wait in a long line," she said.

Families are encouraged to come out and enjoy the festivities.

"It's a safe enclosed place where your children can go and have fun," DeCosta said. "There's various games suited for children ages 12 and under, and it all supports the local preschool."

For more information, visit www.childrenseducationcenter.com or call 239-472-4538.

Sanibel Community Park is at 2231 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Holiday activities

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Easter Egg Hunt

Open to island families and visitors every year, Sanibel Community Church will host its Gospel-themed Easter Egg Hunt on April 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Find and open thousands of eggs and redeem them for prizes.

In addition to the egg hunt, there will be indoor and outdoor games, inflatables and pony rides.

A free lunch will be provided, with cotton candy and snow cones available.

For more information, call 239-472-2684 or visit www.sanibelchurch.com.



Easter Sunrise Celebration

Open to all, Sanibel Community Church will hold its Easter Sunrise Celebration on April 21 at 6:30 a.m. on Island A of the Sanibel Causeway, which is the island located closest to the toll booths.

Join hundreds of others at the break of dawn in celebrating the risen Jesus Christ.

SCC's praise band will lead the audience in lively music, followed by special music from its H2O Youth Ministries and Teen Challenge. In addition, Mark Cahill will share an inspiring Easter message centered on Jesus Christ and the hope of new life available to all.

At the conclusion, baptisms in the Gulf Mexico will be offered to those attending.

Arrive early to find the perfect spot on the beach and enjoy free coffee and donut holes.

A love-offering will be accepted for Teen Challenge in Fort Myers.

For more information, call 239-472-2684 or visit www.sanibelchurch.com.

Easter Egg Hunt & Dolphin Cruise

Adventures in Paradise will offer its Easter Egg Hunt & Dolphin Cruise on April 21 from 9 to 10:30 a.m., leaving from dock "G" at the Port Sanibel Marina, at 14341 Port Comfort Road, Fort Myers.

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Easter pails and bottled water will be provided.

Tickets are \$45 per adult and \$35 per child. Tickets sell out; reservations are required.

For more information or for tickets, call 239-472-8443 or visit www.adventuresinparadise.com.

While the Easter Bunny will not make an appearance, Captiva Cruises will offer a cruise to Cabbage Key for lunch on April 22 and a Dolphin & Wildlife Adventure Cruise on April 21 for those on the north island looking to hit the water. For details, call 239-472-5300 or visit www.captivacruises.com.

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SCCF receives gift for new truck

A \$30,000 gift from John Madden has enabled the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Wildlife & Habitat Management to purchase a new truck for its monitoring of shorebirds, tortoises, frogs, sea turtles and more.

"I am extremely grateful for the beautiful new truck, as it is perfect for my daily work needs," shorebird biologist Audrey Albrecht said. "I work in the field year-round on a variety of projects including but not limited to migratory shorebird surveys, shorebird nest monitoring, bald eagle nest monitoring, gopher tortoise monitoring, freshwater fish sampling, vegetation surveys, frog call surveys, sea turtle monitoring, rescue of sick and injured wildlife, and trail camera maintenance."

"I need a vehicle that can fit into crowded beach parking lots during busy season but also safely traverse wet and muddy firelines out on our preserves," she added. "The new truck, which we have dubbed the Madden Mobile in John's honor, is perfect for all these things."



John Madden and Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation shorebird biologist Audrey Albrecht with SCCF Wildlife & Habitat Management's new truck.

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The intransitive verb blues

As I get older I keep coming up with strange new symptoms. The other day I woke up with a roaring case of intransitive verbs.

I don't know how this occurred. I'd been eating the right foods to protect me against such possibilities. And yet, despite my diet of subjunctive clauses, dangling participles, proper nouns, prepositions and conjunctions I still woke up with it. I also knew that I had sloughed off recently with my transitive verb work outs in the gym.

I went to my doctor. He was ready for me. He knew a visit from me meant that I was experiencing symptoms that no other patient ever had. He had the medical books on his desk ready to hear me out on my latest medical lament.

"What is it this time?" he asked me warily.

"It's a case of intransitive verbs," I reported.

"And what exactly are the symptoms?" he asked. I told him that my toaster was rejecting bread and that I wasn't able to express myself in transitive verbs.

"Give me an example," he said. "I can't come up with a treatment unless you're more specific."

"All my verbs don't lead to a direct object," I said. "There's no word that comes to me that tells who or what received the action. This results in incomplete sentences that meander and ultimately leads to grammatitis, a failure to articulate correct words."

The doctor said "Please, let me do the diagnosis. You just tell me the symptoms."

"Okay. Here's exactly what happened. I was on the phone with a friend of mine and found myself saying 'I'm learning to dance.'"

"My friend who is a trained bigamist immediately grasped my issue. He said 'do you realize you used an intransitive verb?'"

I told him that I didn't realize it but was alarmed by my use of such a verb. I told him that I'll use a transitive verb in a sentence. I thought a moment and began a sentence — "I learned football from — from —".

Had I produced someone's name from whom I learned football I would have generated a sentence with a transitive verb. But I couldn't think of the name of the person who taught me how to play football.

I tried it again with another transitive concept. "I punched — I punched —". But I couldn't think of the most recent person I had punched. Again I couldn't come up with the object of the verb. I began to panic. My friend made me realize that I couldn't express myself with transitive verbs at all that morning.

"I kept drawing blanks every time I tried to describe the object of my verbs and decided it was time to see a doctor. That's why I'm here."

The doctor thought a moment and said: "Repeat after me — I'm here to see the doctor."

That sounded easy enough. I said "I'm here to see the — the — the." I couldn't say the object of the verb. I was blanking out. I had a panic attack.

"Stop panicking," the doctor said. "Repeat the following — 'He hit a home run.' I said 'he hit a — a — a.'"

The doctor thumbed through his desk medical reference guide. He obviously had never witnessed a case of intransitive verbs before.

His eyes lit up. "I found it in the medical book. It says that the patient must be immediately injected with a heavy dose of proper nouns along with a week-long dosage of dangling participles."

I did what the doctor ordered and within a week my transitive verbs were restored. But now I suffer from sub-junctivitis.

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



Art Stevens

Shell Shocked

Refuge to host programs, films and more for Earth Day

By TIFFANY REPECKI

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The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will celebrate Earth Day with activities for all.

In partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge and Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge will offer a mix of tours and programs, a showing of films, arts and crafts, refuge clean up and more on April 22.

In addition, bicyclists and hikers can enjoy Wildlife Drive for free from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"This year is a little different than years in the past," Ranger Monica Scroggin said, explaining that students in the Lee County School District do not have school. "And, it's the actual Earth Day."

So, the refuge has planned more programs and activities than it has before for visitors of all ages, with an emphasis on environmentally-friendly practices that people can implement in their everyday lives.

"We thought we could reach more families coming out to the refuge," she said.

Last year, hundreds were estimated to have stopped by for Earth Day.

"It was definitely a success — it's toward the end of season, so we try to get as many people as we can," Scroggin said. "Hopefully, this year we can get more people because there is no school."

For those looking to visit Wildlife Drive, admission is free for bikers and hikers.

"It's normally a dollar per person," she said.

The admission for vehicles will be the typical \$5 each.

"They can keep their receipt and come in the morning," Scroggin said, explaining that the receipt is always valid for the entire day it was paid. "They then can come again more toward the evening."

But, getting out on foot is recommended as more wildlife is typically seen.

"You really get to immerse yourself in the refuge," she said.

For those without a bicycle, just stop by Tarpon Bay Explorers and pick up a rental.

TBE will also offer guided tram tours of Wildlife Drive.

Those who ride their bikes to Tarpon Bay Explorers will receive a free gift.

As for the programming schedule for Earth Day, the morning will kick off with a free Biking the Refuge Tour from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wildlife Drive and the Indigo Trail



There will be Earth Day crafts, including upcycled art and reusable item projects.



A free beach walk will be offered at 10 a.m. at Gulf Side City Park; parking fees apply.

If you go:

What:
Earth Day

When:
April 22 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where:
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge,
1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel

loop. Learn about bird life and ecology at the refuge from a naturalist. Meet at the flagpole at the Visitor and Education Center.

"They're also going to be collecting trash along the way," Scroggin said.

From 9:30 to 11 a.m., there will be a Birds and Wildlife Tour. Following along on a car caravan, the tour will highlight the mangrove ecosystem and wildlife that reside in the area. The normal \$5 entrance fee to Wildlife Drive will apply per vehicle. Participants will meet at the flagpole outside the center.

There will be a Beach Walk from 10 to 11 a.m. Learn about the vital beach ecosystem with a guided exploration of the Perry Tract. Meet at the Gulfside City Park on Algiers Lane; parking fees will apply.

During the walk, microtrash, soda bottle caps, cigarette butts and such will be collected.

"We're actually going to report that data to the Ocean Conservancy," she said.

Scroggin explained that microtrash is mostly pieces of plastic, such as from a soda or water bottle, that have broken down or decomposed into smaller particles after being exposed to the sun and elements.

"Which can sometimes be consumed by animals or used for nesting," she said, adding that it is normally the type of plastic found inside of whales, fish and other marine animals.

From 11 a.m. to noon, visitors can take part in a free photo walk along the Indigo Trail.

Meet at the flagpole in front of the center.

"It's just another way for us to show people how they can enjoy nature," Scroggin said.

"It's another huge initiative right now, conservation through photographs," she added. "When you actually start taking pictures of wildlife, you really start sitting and watching and learning."

A free Horseshoe Crabs Program will be held from 11 to 11:30 a.m. inside of the center. Learn why the "living fossil" is not a "true crab" and its importance to migrating shorebirds and the medical field.

From 1 to 1:30 p.m., a Gators and Crocs Program will cover crocodiles, gharials, alligators and caimans. Learn how to identify families and local species for free. Meet at the Crossdike Pavilion.

An Earth Day first for the refuge, a public clean up will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

"In the past we've done it with groups, like the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, but we've never incorporated it into our Earth Day," Scroggin said, adding that the site will be decided that day.

"We're going to be providing gloves," she said. "We're going to be using brown paper bags."

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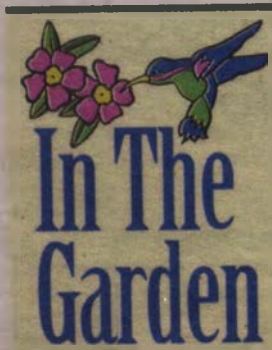


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Florida peperomia

Florida peperomia is ideal for carefree gardeners

Florida peperomia (*Peperomia obtusifolia*) is a native groundcover primarily used for natural landscapes and shade gardens in Southwest Florida.



The unique species is an epiphytic herb with thick succulent leaves 2-6 inches long. The plant grows 6-9 inches in height and spreads and forms clumps broader than it is tall. Preferring shade environments, the plant does best in moist, less fertile and well drained environments that mimic the moist hammocks and swamps where they are found naturally.

The plant is ideal for carefree gardeners as it is very easy to take care of once established. Characterized as a slow growing groundcover, the plant can be spaced close together to encourage them to fill in faster.

The plant is classified as endangered in its natural environment as its numbers have declined due to poaching, exotic species invasion and habitat loss. The Peperomia plant can be propagated by cuttings, which makes the plant all the better to share with friends.

The plant will cascade over the side of a hanging basket or planter, making for a beautiful shade ornamental piece. The Peperomia also comes in non-native variegated varieties that tolerate a few hours of sunlight.

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.

SCCF to examine sea level rise in Earth Day presentation

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will host its Annual Earth Day Presentation on April 22 at 2 p.m. at the Nature Center, at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel.

Underwritten by the Donald Slavik Family Foundation, the program is free but pre-registration is requested since space is limited. To register, visit sccf.org and click on "Resources," then "Calendar."

The presentation will tackle the topic of sea level rise from multiple perspectives with Marine Lab scientist Dr. Rick Bartleson and research associate Leah Reidenbach. An overview of the causes, challenges and next steps in confronting sea level rise will be discussed. Subjects will include fossil fuel CO₂, greenhouse gas emissions, warming and acidifying oceans, effects on sea life and more.

Specific impacts on sea turtles and shorebirds will be addressed by Sea Turtle Program Coordinator Kelly Sloan and shorebird biologist Audrey Albrecht.



TROPICAL AUDUBON

"Before After" Left image is today; right image is a rendering of 120,000 years ago, when all of South Florida was underwater. Images courtesy Tropical Audubon.

Shorebird populations are declining rapidly worldwide due to many factors, including sea level rise. Florida coasts are critical nesting and wintering habitat for a number of species, like shorebirds and sea turtles. Many species are already imperiled, and nesting habitat is already at risk from human development and recreational use.

The four SCCF speakers will answer questions from attendees.

Following the presentation, the Brush of Excellence drawing will be held to see who will take home "Six Dolphins," a limited edition signed and numbered print by Brush of Excellence recipient Ikki Matsumoto; winner does not have to be present to win. To purchase tickets, stop by the Nature Center or the Native Landscapes and Garden Center, visit online at sccf.org or call 239-472-2329.

The SCCF J.N. "Ding" Darling Brush of Excellence Environmental Art Program was created to provide a continuing tribute to Darling's legacy and an annual recognition of environmental artists following in his footsteps. Marking its fourth presentation, the program is administered by SCCF's Brush of Excellence Committee, comprised of Sandy Gross, Janie Howland, Diane Neitzel, Ran Niehoff, Carol Strange and Peter Zell.

Climate facts and figures

■ Current CO₂ levels in the atmosphere are 400 parts per million. The last time CO₂ was that high, Arctic temperatures were 14 degrees F (7.7C) higher.

■ The rate of sea level rise is increasing — and the rate is now three times what it was during the 20th century.

■ The oceans have been absorbing 60 percent more than was previously thought; meaning that as the data shows more ice melting and more heat absorption by the oceans, estimates of the range of sea level rise have been increasing over the years. The high end of two recent estimates, one by NOAA, is over 8 feet by 2100.

■ Temperatures were where they are today 3 million years ago, and sea level was 20 meters higher than today.

■ Florida already has high temperatures. Many plants and animals are near their high temperature threshold.

■ IEA estimates \$3.5 trillion per year cost from inaction, so risk handing future generations a bill of up to \$535 trillion.

■ With a 2 foot sea level rise, a lot of Lee County and Sanibel will be under water.

Source: Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation

Last call for Beer in the Bushes tickets

It is last call to buy tickets for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's end-of-season fundraiser, Beer in the Bushes, set for April 20, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the SCCF Nature Center on Sanibel.

Attendees will enjoy craft beer and food truck offerings, live music, dancing and a few surprises.

"We are very humbled and grateful for all of the support that SCCF gets from our local community to put on an event like no other that you will find on Sanibel," event creator Jeff Siwicke said. "This year's head-

liner, Langhorne Slim and the Law, will have the crowd singing and dancing with them, but that is only one part of this not-to-be missed evening.

"Besides the amazing headlining act, we are bringing in another act that will not be a 'support' act for long. The soul stylings of Miss Tameca Jones are a force of nature not to be missed. You don't want to be late this year," he added. "Please help us celebrate our community by dressing in all white and see what we have in store for you at this year's

Beer in the Bushes."

A rain or shine event, it is open to ages 21 and older.

Advance tickets are \$70 and can be purchased at www.beerinthebushes.com.

Event proceeds support SCCF's mission of conserving coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed.

For more information, call 239-472-2329.

The SCCF Nature Center is at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

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Those interested in participating will meet at the flagpole at the center. Scroggin recommended that they be prepared by bringing a reusable water bottle and wearing a hat, sunscreen and bug spray.

"Everything is first come, first served," she said of the planned programming.

Throughout the day, a series of films will be shown in the center, with discussions to follow.

Each is limited to 100 people, so people should grab a seat early.

The films being shown are:

- "Straws" at 9 a.m.
- "Bag It" at 10 a.m.
- "Addicted to Plastic" at 1 p.m.
- "Plastic Paradise" at 2 p.m.

Scroggin explained that plastic is the theme of the series. The various short films cover the different types of plastic, their impacts on the environment

and alternatives to using them for consumers.

"And how they can inspire others maybe to stop using plastic or one-use items," she said.

Also inside of the center, recycled Earth crafts will be offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We're going to be doing all kinds of different crafts to give people ideas to take something they have at home and turn it into art or something they can use again instead of throwing it away," Scroggin said.

"So, what people can do with what they have," she added.

For example, one project is how to turn tennis tubes into a way to collect trash.

"Definitely all ages are welcome," Scroggin said.

Bagzilla, one of the refuge's characters, will also make an appearance.

"It shows how many bags an average American consumer uses in a year," she said. "It's a good visual of our usage and shocks a lot of people."

"Hopefully, it will be less one day and we won't even have to have Bagzilla," Scroggin added.

Islanders and visitors are encouraged to spend Earth Day at the refuge.

"It's a great day to come and participate in free programs and films that are all revolving around the concept of conserving and protecting



"Bag It"

"Plastic Paradise"

our Earth for future generations to enjoy," she said.

"And it's free, free, free," Scroggin added.

For more information, contact Ranger Monica Scroggin at 239-472-1110 ext. 249 or visit www.fws.gov/refuge/jn_ding_darling.

For more about TBE, visit www.tarponbayexplorers.com or call 239-472-8900.

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

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Bagzilla will make an appearance to help educate visitors on consumer plastic usage.

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Jan Ellen Atkielski

Artist to critique work at San-Cap Art League meeting

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League will meet on April 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. at The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Guest speaker Jan Ellen Atkielski will critique the work of SCAL members. Those interested in participating may bring one painting for review.

Atkielski is a contemporary impressionist who works in oil, pastel and watercolor. Often working directly from nature, her work emphasizes the effects of color and natural light. A professional artist who has exhibited for over 40 years, Atkielski is an experienced teacher, judge, author and lecturer.

Her popular workshops begin with a 2-3 hour demonstration showing how to mix colors and create a painting from start to finish. Each workshop ends with a critique.

The league's meetings are free and open to the public.

For more information, visit sancapart.com.



Joyce and Joe Sirkin.

Dancing into spring

The Island Cotillion held its Spring Dinner Dance on April 3 at The Sanctuary Golf Club on Sanibel. Members and guests danced to the music of the Double Dare Band. The Island Cotillion is made up of Sanibel and Captiva residents who enjoy dancing. It hosts two formal dinner dances and one informal one each year. For more information, contact Julie Boyd at 239-395-0464. PHOTOS PROVIDED



Carmen and Mike DeTommaso.



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Recipe of the Week: Shrimp Wontons with Hoisin Dipping Sauce

By CHEF LORETTA PAGANINI

By the time one of my good friends on the island telephoned to invite my husband and I to a going away party to celebrate the end of the season, most of my refrigerator and freezer were already cleaned out and my pantry was already bare. As I asked her what I could bring to the get together, I kept thinking of what I could make with the few items I had left at hand. "An appetizer would be great," she replied. "No problem, what is your menu?" I asked her. "We are keeping it light and simple, we are grilling fresh fish and vegetable and ice cream for dessert, see you soon" she said. As I opened my freezer to take inventory of what was left, I kept thinking of her words "Light and simple." Well this is it I thought, a simple recipe with the few shrimp left in the freezer, the condiments I had in the cupboard and the wonton wrappers that I purchased at the local grocery store. Best of all, I was able to make the wontons ahead of time and fry them the day of the party. I felt like this was a winning recipe and was feeling very proud of myself and very clever for coming up with it. After plating them on a nice platter and sprinkling them with a few extra green onions and putting the sauce in a cute little bowl we left for the party. As we arrived at our friend house, we were warmly greeted by her saying "I hope you made your barbecue meatballs, you know how everyone loves them." Well, you just can't win all the time! Makes about 24 wontons. (Chef's tip: To prevent the wonton wrappers from drying out, cover them with plastic wrap.)



Loretta Paganini

1 package wonton wrappers
Egg white, beaten with one teaspoon of water
Cornstarch, as needed
Vegetable oil for frying

Filling:

1 pound large shrimp, cleaned, peeled and finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 teaspoons ginger, grated
1/4 cup green onion, minced
2 teaspoons sesame oil
1 tablespoon soy sauce

Combine all the filling ingredients in a bowl. Use your hands to blend the mixture. Lay a wonton wrapper on a flat surface and brush with the beaten egg white. Drop one tablespoon of the filling into the center of the wrapper. Fold the wonton in half, corner to corner, to form a triangle.

Press around the filling to knock out any air bubbles, press the seam together to seal. You can leave them this shape or continue on by brushing the two side points with beaten egg white. Lay your index finger in the center so you have something to press up against, then fold the two sides into the center, slightly overlapping, and press the dough against your finger with your thumb to form a tight seal. Lightly dust the filled wontons with cornstarch to keep them from sticking together and place them on a cookie sheet.

Heat 2 to 3 inches of oil in a deep heavy saucepan to 375°F on a deep-fry thermometer. Add a few of the wontons to the oil and cook, turning them a few times to get them nicely browned all over. Carefully lift them out of the pan with a slotted spoon and onto a paper towel-lined platter to drain. Repeat with remaining wontons. Serve with hoisin dipping sauce.

Hoisin Dipping Sauce:

1/2 cup hoisin sauce
2 teaspoons sesame oil
1 teaspoon sriracha hot sauce
1 teaspoon honey
1 teaspoon rice vinegar

Mix all ingredients together in a small bowl, serve with shrimp wontons.

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When a year or two past they did not own a phone
But I'm forced to use all my prestige and power
To sabotage BET and the MTV hour
And divert some resources to education
That can teach them to think without syncopation
And start reading and writing with motivation
And dream about working for my corporation
Where they can be exploited in the proper way
With two week vacations and a 401K
And after twenty-nine years of serving The Man
Be downsized a month short of their pension plan
When their kids are preparing to go into college
And impress everyone with their white bread knowledge
And the wife's tummy tuck is no longer covered
And they're left de-boned like Old Mother Hubbard
I'll be out on the golf course with my gold parachute
With the coupons from pension funds I helped to loot
And I'll laugh at the rappers no longer around
'Cause the kids will have switched to a different sound
T.S. Eliot and his Cats will be ruling the roost
As the kids rock to readings of Marcel Proust
And it's Swinburne and Tennyson and William B. Yeats
Who'll be bigger than Eminem and even Bill Gates
What a pleasure to hear the Top Ten of the Day
Will be headed by Poe and St. Vincent Millay
What a pleasure to know ne'er again will be heard
An expletive or curse after each other word
And to know the dead poets won't collect e'en a dime
'Cause I own all the rights to their writings in rhyme!



Joe Pacheco

Poetic License

Annual Writers Read marks 35 years of shared poetry

It's hard to believe that Writers Read recently celebrated its 35th anniversary. It seems only yesterday that I attended the first one under the careful dedication of its founder, Winnie Donahue. But then as now Writers Read is a testament of the creative abilities and courage that our residents express in poetry and prose. These are avocational writers for the most part; people, who found their voices when they retired from the real world, and migrated to the safety of our sanctuary island.

Moderator Joe Pacheco opened with a welcoming tidbit, then proceeded to introduce our first reader, Mort Levy. Levy gave us a thumbnail, hilarious version concerning his birth entrance into this world, titled "I Enter the Scene." His timing was off until his frustrated Dad and Mom got things moving with a bumpy ride on some railroad tracks, and a raunchy, shock producing visit to a local Burly Que show; and voila Levy made his entrance. This labor induced entrance produced gales of giggles from the delighted audience.

Writer Sandy Greco shifted the mood



Marsha Wagner

Center Stage

to a meaningful look back at mixed couples dating in a piece titled "The Rainbow Room 1979." The Rainbow Room was a swank, supper club in midtown New York City.

"My Sister's Husband," the poem that followed, dealt with the reflections on the unseen scars left on this veteran, after fighting in the Vietnam War.

Nancy Carlisle related a tender tale of a poor neighbor's son, finding a world of friendship, fun and games at the Carlyle home with her brothers, sisters, mom and dad; called "Ricky Remembers."

Carol Zell used the image of The Elephant On, the Page, to perfectly describe what "writer's block" feels like.

Dawn Schumann took us on a magical journey to far off Tibet, and the city of Lhasa, which is full of pilgrims, bejeweled temples, and Buddhas.

Chris Godwin painted mental word pictures in "Tangled," "Just Now" and "From the Headlines." Words can paint even better pictures than oils, water colors, pastels, or even crayons.

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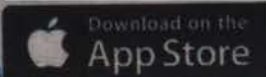
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Cooking Demo

Resident Chef Jarred Harris will host a cooking demonstration April 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. The menu will feature: vegetarian sausage rolls, vegetable paella, and marinated melon and grapefruit sorbet. Cost is \$35 for members and \$50 for guests.

EFT Tapping

Jenny Li Ciccone will host her series, "Emotional Freedom Techniques Tapping," on April 23 from 1 p.m. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for guests.

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Final open house on shared use path system

The city of Sanibel and Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization will host an open house on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sanibel Recreation Center, at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The city's Shared Use Path Master Plan was adopted in 2009 and has guided the implementation of updates to the system over the past decade. An update of the plan is currently being conducted to guide the long-term vision

for the system, and input and feedback from the public is being sought to do so.

The open house will serve as an opportunity for residents and visitors to express their thoughts.

In addition, the public can submit comments via an online survey until April 30.

To fill out the survey, visit sanibelbikeped.com.

For more information or questions, visit the project website or contact Keith Williams, director of Sanibel's Department of Community Services, at 239-472-6397 ext. 507.

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COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for a Gospel-centered family event, Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Includes lunch, 1000s of eggs, pony rides, games, bounce houses, face painting and family fun under the Big Top.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE ON THE SANIBEL CAUSEWAY & BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 a.m. - Vibrant worship led by the SCC Praise Team Band
Join us to celebrate the resurrected Christ. Our praise band leads with meaningful, uplifting songs followed by a powerful message from author, speaker and evangelist Mark Cahill.

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(Words for the songs available on your smart phone by going to www.sanibelchurch.com).

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Celebrative Music with Brass Ensemble, Sanctuary Choir & Contemporary Praise Team!

8 a.m. in the Historic Chapel with Pastor Shelton Gwaltney.

9 and 11 a.m. services in the Main Sanctuary with guest speaker Mark Cahill.

Special "Kids Church" time for children infant through third grade in the Family Life Building during the 9 & 11 a.m. services.

Please Pre-check in your children prior to the Worship Service time.



LOCATION	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Casa Ybel Resort 2255 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel				DAN TUDOR 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.			
Crow's Nest Beach Bar & Grill, 5400 Captiva Drive, Captiva	KARAOKE 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	CRAB RACES FAMILY SHOW 6 p.m. ADULT SHOW 9 p.m.	THE NEW VINYLs 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.	THE NEW VINYLs 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.	THE NEW VINYLs 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.	CRAB RACES FAMILY SHOW 6 p.m. ADULT SHOW 9 p.m.	
Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grill, 5400 S Seas Plantation Road, Captiva	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT OUTDOOR PATIO 6 to 9 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT OUTDOOR PATIO 6 to 9 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT OUTDOOR PATIO 6 to 9 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT OUTDOOR PATIO 6 to 9 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT OUTDOOR PATIO 6 to 9 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT OUTDOOR PATIO 6 to 9 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT OUTDOOR PATIO 6 to 9 p.m.
George & Wendy's Seafood Grille 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel	DJ RAY 8 to 11 p.m.	ELECTRIC MUD 9 p.m. to midnight	MARTY STOKES 9 p.m. to midnight	BUSTED STUFF 9 to midnight	BUCKEYE KEN 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.	REX BONGO 8 to 11 p.m.	OPEN MIC NIGHT 7 to 11 p.m.
IL Cielo Restaurant 1244 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel	SCOTT McDONALD 6 p.m.	SCOTT McDONALD 6 p.m.	SCOTT McDONALD 6 p.m.	SCOTT McDONALD 6 p.m.	SCOTT McDONALD 6 p.m.		SCOTT McDONALD 6 p.m.
Island Cow 2163 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel			DAN CONFREY 6 to 9 p.m.	GENE FEDERICO 6 to 9 p.m.	DAN CONFREY 6 to 9 p.m.		
Keylime Bistro 11509 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva	SAM FELKER @ noon SMOKIN BILL & MEAGAN ROSE 6 to 10 p.m.	FACE 2 FACE @ noon FACE 2 FACE 6 to 10 p.m.	FRANK THOMSON @ noon PAT McCUNE 6 to 10 p.m.	HAROLD MITCHEM @ noon FACE 2 FACE 6 to 10 p.m.	MARC VEE @ noon DAVID JOHNSON 6 to 10 p.m.	FRANK THOMSON @ noon CHRIS WORKMAN 6 to 10 p.m.	MARC VEE @ noon KEN LIMERI 6 to 10 p.m.
Mucky Duck 11546 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva	GENE FEDERICO 4:30 to 9 p.m.	PETER REDPATH 4:30 to 9 p.m.	PETER REDPATH 4:30 to 9 p.m.	PERRY ENGLISH 4:30 to 9 p.m.	GREG WATTS 4:30 to 9 p.m.	MARK DUPUY 4:30 to 9 p.m.	JOHN McLANE 4:30 to 9 p.m.
Point Ybel Brewing Company, 16120 San Carlos Blvd. Fort Myers		OPEN JAZZ & BLUEGRASS JAM 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.	LIVE MUSIC 2 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.		REGGAE 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. EVERY FIRST SUNDAY		WEEKLY OPEN MIC 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
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Summerlin Jake's 17501 Harbour Pointe Drive, Fort Myers	FACE 2 FACE 6 to 10 p.m.	STEVE McDOUGALL 6 to 10 p.m.	SMOKIN BILL & MEAGAN ROSE 6 to 10 p.m.	MARIO INFANTI 6 to 10 p.m.	FACE 2 FACE 6 to 10 p.m.	BRYAN HULING 6 to 10 p.m.	CHRIS WORKMAN 6 to 10 p.m.
Traders 1551 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel	CHRIS WORKMAN 7 to 10 p.m.	DANNY MORGAN AND FRIENDS 7 to 10 p.m.					DANNY MORGAN AND FRIENDS 7 to 10 p.m.
Traditions on the Beach 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel	DUSK DUO 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	WOODY & BARBARA 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	WOODY & MARVILLA 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	DUSK DUO 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	DUSK DUO 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	MIKE ARNONE 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	WOODY BRUBAKER 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Upper Deck Pool Bar at West Wind Inn 3345 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel	SAM DeARMOND 5 to 7 p.m.	BERNIE HYLAND 5 to 7 p.m.	JEFF GREENE 5 to 7 p.m.	RYAN GOODE 5 to 7 p.m.			

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today, april 17 Family Storytime

An all-ages program from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.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. For information, call Deanna Evans at 239-472-2483.

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 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Geared specifically for children in fourth grade through sixth grade. Snack provided. 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 National Wildlife Refuge from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The 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, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-1100.

Birds of the Refuge Program

Learn interesting facts about birds and how to identify them in the estuary at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at the Visitor & Education Center, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-1100.

Florida Manatees Program

Explore the Florida manatee as it faces a challenging future. Find out what you can do to help save the species 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, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-1100.

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Join the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation from 11 a.m. to noon for a guided walk through the interior wetlands and mid-island ridges of the Center Tract with discussion of native habitats, natural and cultural history, and preservation efforts. Meet at the Nature Center, at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel, and proceed to the trails. For information, call 239-472-2329 or visit www.sccf.org.

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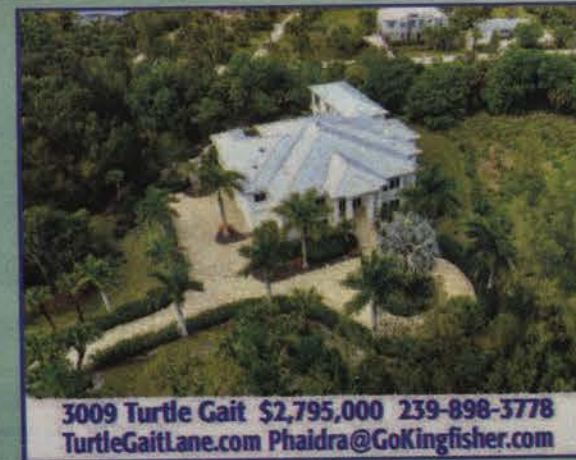
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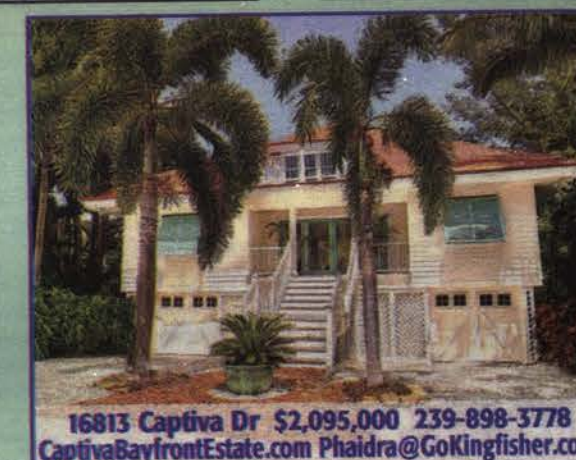
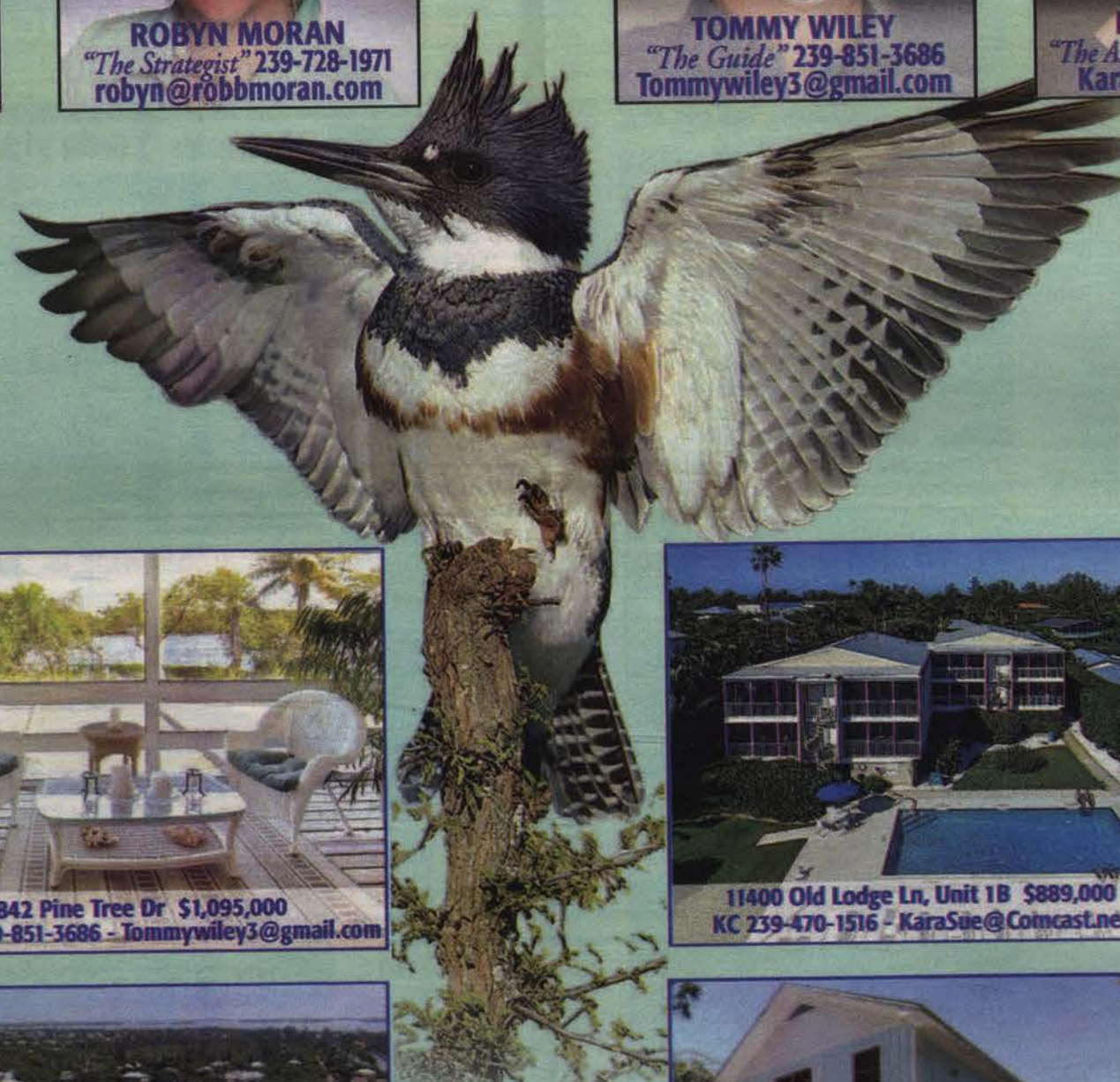
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Dog, from 3:50 to 4:50 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, at 770 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Sign-ups are on-the-spot. For information, call Deanna Evans at 239-472-2483.

Island Yoga

Island Yoga will be held from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. at The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Designed for all experience levels. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. For information, call 239-472-2155 or visit sanibelcommunityhouse.net.

Vinyasa Yoga

Vinyasa Yoga will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Instructor is Dr. Susan Pataky. Designed for all experience levels. Cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for guests. For information, call 239-472-2155 or visit sanibelcommunityhouse.net.

Chi Yoga

Chi Yoga will be held from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Instructor is Dr. Susan Pataky. Designed for all experience levels. Cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for guests. For information, call 239-472-2155 or visit sanibelcommunityhouse.net.

Biking the Refuge Tour

Learn about the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's bird life and ecology in a 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 Visitor & Education Center, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-1100.



Florida's Venomous Wildlife Program

Learn about the venomous wildlife that lives in Southwest Florida from 11 to 11:30 p.m. in the Visitor & Education Center at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. Learn how to identify the animals and their habitats. For information, call 239-472-1100.

Birds of the Refuge Program

Learn interesting facts about birds and how to identify them in the estuary at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge from 1 to 1:30 p.m.; entrance fee to Wildlife Drive applies. Meet at the Crossdike Pavilion off Wildlife Drive. For information, call 239-472-1100.

Making the Land Work

A walking tour of the Bailey Homestead Preserve from 10 to 11 a.m. blends the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's mission-driven work on the historic property, history of the land and stories about the Bailey family. Suggested \$5 donation; free to members and chil-

dren. Meet at the Conservation Gateway Kiosk at the head of the Shipley Trail, at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-2329 or visit www.sccf.org.

Turtle Tracks

Learn about the life cycles and habits of the sea turtles and shorebirds that nest on Sanibel beaches, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's monitoring activities and what it is doing to protect them from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Nature Center, at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel. Cost is \$5; free to members and children. For information, call 239-472-2329 or visit www.sccf.org.

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Coffee, Tea and Trivia

Coffee, Tea and Trivia at 7 p.m. in the Carpenter's Café & Bookstore at Sanibel Community Church, at 1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Family-friendly fun for all ages. Café opens at 6:30 p.m.; all cafe proceeds go to missions. For information, call Beth Burns at 239-896-0058.

friday, april 19

Experience Virtual Reality

Enjoy a 5-10 minute HTC Vive VR experience from 10 a.m. to noon 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. For information, call 239-472-2483.

Beach Walk

Join the J.N.

"Ding" Darling

National Wildlife

Refuge for a 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. For information, call 239-

472-1100.

Indigo Trail Walk

Naturalists lead a tour identifying and discussing the ecosystem's plant and animal species from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge; entrance fee applies. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor & Education Center, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-1100.

Bailey Tract Tour

Walk the trails of the Bailey Tract with a naturalist from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to learn

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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, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-1100.

Making the Land Work

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saturday, april 20 Beach Walk

The Sanibel Sea School will host a free Beach Walk from 9 to 11 a.m. for all ages. Join the organization's marine science educators and explore what has washed ashore. They will talk about any interesting organisms and objects found, share some basic shell biology and answer questions. Meet at the flagship campus, at 455 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. For information, visit sanibelseaschool.org or call 239-472-8585.

Story and Wildlife Wonders Program

Join a naturalist for story time from 9:30 to 10 a.m. at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's Visitor & Education Center, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. Learn about different wildlife that call the refuge home. For information, call 239-472-1100.

Gators and Crocs Program

Learn about crocodiles, gharials, alligators and caimans from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel; entrance fee for Wildlife Drive applies. Learn how to identify families and local species. Meet at the Crossdike Pavilion on Wildlife Drive. For information, call 239-472-1100.



Indigo Trail Walk

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Sanibel Island Farmers Market

Organized by Local Roots, the Sanibel Island Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sanibel City Hall, at 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. For information, visit buy-locallee.com.

Beach Walk

Join the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge for a 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. For information, call 239-472-1100.

Endangered Species Program

Discover endangered species of Southwest Florida and what you can do to help them from 11 to 11:30 a.m. in the Visitor & Education Center at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-1100.

Florida Manatees Program

Explore the Florida manatee as it faces a challenging future. Find out what you can do to help save the species 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, at 1 Wildlife

Drive, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-1100.

monday, april 22

Island Yoga

Island Yoga will be held from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. at The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Designed for all experience levels. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. For information, call 239-472-2155 or visit sanibelcommunityhouse.net.

Shell Crafters

Shell Crafting Class from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Community House, at 2173 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. For information, call 239-472-2155 or visit sanibelcommunityhouse.net.

Birds and Wildlife Tour

Follow along on a car caravan tour of J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The 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, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-1100.

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Horseshoe Crabs Program

Learn why the "living fossil" is not a "true crab" and its importance to migrating shorebirds and to the medical field from 11 to 11:30 a.m. in the Visitor & Education Center at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-1100.

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Learn about crocodiles, gharials, alligators and caimans from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel; entrance fee for Wildlife Drive applies. Learn how to identify families and local species. Meet at the Crossdike Pavilion on Wildlife Drive. For information, call 239-472-1100.

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Captiva Island Farmers Market

Organized by Local Roots, the Captiva Island Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Seas Island Resort, at 5400 Plantation Road, Captiva. For information, visit buy-locallee.com.

Vinyasa Yoga

Vinyasa Yoga will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Instructor is Dr. Susan Pataky. Designed for those with prior yoga experience. Cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for guests. For information, call 239-472-2155 or visit sanibelcommunityhouse.net.

Chi Yoga

Chi Yoga will be held from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at The Community House, at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Instructor is Dr. Susan Pataky. Designed for all experience levels. Cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for guests. For information,

tion, call 239-472-2155 or visit sanibelcommunityhouse.net.

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Drive in your car from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge; entrance fee to Wildlife Drive applies. Meet at the flagpole in front of

the Visitor & Education Center, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-1100.

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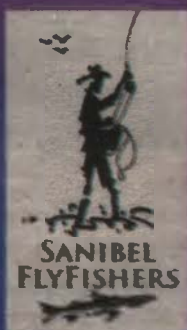
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From page 41 Biking the Refuge Tour

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Nature Photography Program

Learn about the art of nature photography from 11 to 11:30 a.m. in the Visitor &

Education Center at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. For information, call 239-472-1100.

Calusa/Shell Mound Trail Tour

Meet naturalists who will enthrall you with tales of the Calusa people's history and teach you about native Florida plant life on the enchanting boardwalk trail from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, at 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. Meet at the Shell Mound Trail parking lot on Wildlife Drive; entrance fee applies. For information, call 239-472-1100.

The Community House

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on April 30 from 1 p.m. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for guests.

Kids Cooking

Kids Cooking is held on the first Monday of each month, except March, from October through May from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. On May 6, the menu will be a surprise. Resident Chief Jarred Harris will teach fundamental nutritional cooking skills and help students develop basic kitchen awareness and food preparation. The culturally-based menus will stress healthy and nutritious whole foods. Students will make the items, then sit down for a meal together. Cost is \$50; some

scholarships are available due to sponsorships by the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and private citizens. Prepaid registration with required paperwork is encouraged.

The Community House is selling honey harvested from its hive, along with other products made by Resident Chef Jarred Harris.

For more information about a program or activity, or to register or purchase tickets, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or contact info@sanibelcommunityhouse.net or 239-472-2155.

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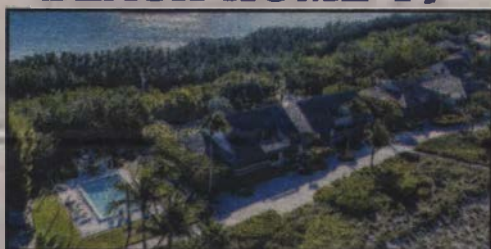
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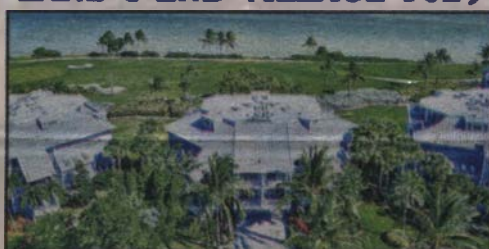
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High tea, fashion on menu at fundraiser for preschool

The High Tea and Chico's Fashion Show, held on April 8 at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, has been deemed fun, delicious, beautiful and, perhaps best of all, a great success.

The sold-out event will benefit students at Sanibel Christian Preschool, an outreach of the church.

The fundraiser was planned and presented by the Sanibel Congregational Women in Mission.

Event chair Sherry Halleran explained that the SCWIM members had workshops rather than meetings. They created or supplied all the charming invitations, decorations and table settings that followed a spring-floral high-tea theme. They made a sumptuous array of tea sandwiches, fruit salad and desserts.

Presented by the original Chico's shop at Periwinkle Place, the style show featured a wide variety of dressy-casual ensembles like slacks, tops, jackets, dresses and accessories in the latest styles and colors.

The models were Associate Pastor Deb Kunkel, Parish Nurse Linda Convertine and SCWIM members Jill Bugby, Suzanne Gobel, Carol Good, Mollie Lassy, Moon Price, Jane Saghir, Betty Van Tassel and Linda Winn.

The "gentlemen servers" were Dick Amould, Dave Bugby, Aaron Cohen, Senior Pastor John Danner, Jim Drotleff, Fred Gobel, Neal Halleran, Gene Hardy, Dennis Hayes, Randy Jayne, John McBroom, Dick Lassy, Tom Lisle, Ray Luebbers, Don Maurer, Church Ramseth, Marcel Saghir, Bob Van

Tassel and Tom Ware.

Pianist Judy McBroom volunteered to play and Barbara McClure organized a silent auction of jewelry, artwork and other items with proceeds benefiting the preschool. Betty Hayes and Betsy Foreman poured punch for the guests after Judy Baran and Judy Palaia welcomed them and provided name tags.

Prior to the show, Kunkel introduced a brief video of the students singing and dancing to lively tunes. She explained how the event proceeds would benefit the school, including providing scholarships.

For more information, call 239-472-0497 or visit sanibelucc.org.

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



PHOTO PROVIDED
Preparing for their first foray onto the "runway" wearing Chico's fashions at the tea benefit for the Sanibel Christian Preschool are 10 Sanibel Congregational Women in Mission members.

Shared poetry

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Jean Jensen tugged at heartstrings and played a psalm of courage, love, compassion and healing in her version of An Ode to Joy in her poem "Medical Mystery." Thank you, Jensen, for sharing and reminding us what faith looks like.

Pacheco read for Richard Fox, one of the wonderful Uncle Louis stories; this is a guy who swears like a trooper, a fella small size but big in courage, with guts enough to lick anybody in "Uncle Louis Avenges the Playground."

After intermission Renny Severance — former editor of the Islander newspaper and a dear friend — read Bob Maxeiner's witty telling of the "Interview," an in-depth cross-examination by a college professor of a young, male frat. Member, questioning his take on and off campus activities

such as drinking, carousing, loud or lewd language. All this before dating the prof's young daughter. Severance played this script to the hilt proving not only was he a great newspaper editor but he also has acting chops. Well done, writer and reader.

Ariel O'Hara's "All Things Chinese" turned out to be reflections on China before and after the "people's revolution." O'Hara questions how much was gained and how much was lost. Powerful reflection on political wins and losses.

Lorraine Walker Williams pondered the changes one experiences when selling and leaving a beloved island home, in her evocative "Last Look." The next poem "Saw" told of her dad's tool shed where the saw hangs. She suggests its many different purposes; a saw is used to sever, to expose, to prepare

what is slices for diverse functions. "Fashion Retrospective" examined "fitting in," more than a fashion statement.

Mary Donovan gave us a sneak peek on "How Really Good Friends Go to the Movies." You bet, I'm not going to give away what happens in the dark. That this poem got high marks on the giggle meter, is all you're getting from me.

Bob Hilliard may have titled his sonnet "Death" but to me it was a reminder to live life to the fullest; that age is only a number, life is not a dress rehearsal, but the real thing. My takeaway, live large! Thanks Hilliard, "Right on" — and do "write on."

Ed Sessa gave us a fish story titled "Finding Nemo," a cute little fish tank resident clownfish. Turns out Nemo the fish is a reminder of a family relative, a fish tale character that swims through life much the

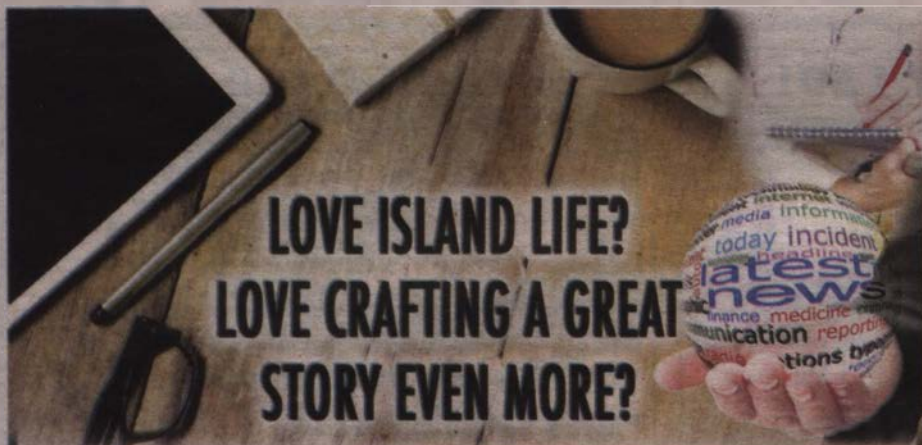
same as his finny counterpart. This fish tale came off swimmingly well!

Pacheco closed Writers Read by reading his tribute poem dedicated to the memory of local painter and friend, Florida native and renowned artist Hollis Jeffcoat, featuring her painting of a jellyfish titled "Medusa Jellyfish." Pacheco and Jeffcoat partnered in a past season edition of Art Poems. What a loving memorial of a fine artist who like the jellyfishes that inspired her, to "live exactly as she needed to."

To which I can only add that like Pacheco and all the rest of our writers, they too do exactly what they need to do; and that is in writing.

Thank you one and all for sharing yourselves and your creative abilities.

Wow! Writers one and all, write on and on.

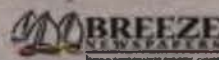


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ISLAND FACES

Historical village recognizes volunteers at luncheon

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village recently celebrated its volunteers at a luncheon at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club on. Nearly 70 volunteers gathered to honor those celebrating key anniversaries. Also recognized were outgoing Board Members Alan Lessack, Ellen O'Neill and Jane Holder. Each having served six years, the trio were retiring in accordance with board term limits.

"We hold this annual event to show our volunteers how much they are appreciated," Sanibel Historical Museum and Village Executive Director Emilie Alfino said. "Words are really inadequate to express how much we count on them to keep the historical village operating, and how much we enjoy working with them. Simply put, without our wonderful volunteers, there could be no village."

At 950 Dunlop Road, the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will remain open during the BIG ARTS' construction project. The project will continue through the remainder of the village's season and into next season, but parking and access for village guests and volunteers will be available throughout that time. The traditional entrance has been closed off for the construction and a temporary one has been made available down the road to the west at what was the exit drive. That drive will function as both an entrance and exit access. Clear signage has been added at both places.

Jeri Magg marked 20 years.

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LEFT:
Helene and Alan
Smith marked 15
years.

BELOW:
Barbara
Broadhurst, Terry
Jacob and Bonnie
Frankel marked 10
years.



Barbara Freeman and Judy McBroom marked five years.



Event co-chair Terry Jacob and board President Bill Bachman.



The new docents at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village.



Nancy Siegel, Karen Roberts and Ginny Darby.

ISLAND FACES

Reunion and celebration time for Trailways Camp

Hosted by Sharon and Jerry Miller, in conjunction with Captiva Chapel by the Sea and Grampy's Charities, Trailways Camp held its 6th Annual "I AM SPECIAL" Trailways Camper Reunion on April 6 at the Sanibel Community Church. At least 300 campers, family members and caregivers attended the event, which featured music, dancing, games and photo opportunities, along with awards and prizes. Steve Greenstein was the emcee for the celebration, with a special guest appearance by Grampy. Honorary Chair Benjamin Miller marked his 44th birthday, and a highlight of the event was a drawing for a respite week at a Sanibel resort for two families while their children attend the fall camps. The family support donation was made possible by Chet and Nancy Niesel. Low-income campers are able to participate at the Trailways Camp due to support provided by scholarship donations to The Robert V. & Benjamin G. Miller Fund. For more information, visit www.trailwayscamps.org.

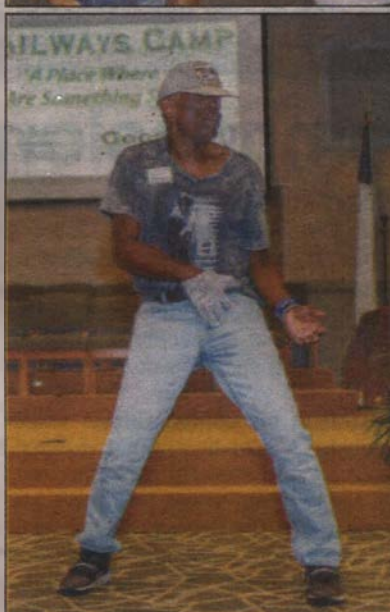
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A packed house for the 6th Annual "I AM SPECIAL" Trailways Camper Reunion.



ABOVE: Sharon Miller recognizes Nancy Niesel, co-host and chair of the event planning committee, and Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida Disability Services Director Megan Feeney as Trailways Camp coordinator Mike Clay stands by. LEFT: Donald Francois demonstrates his dancing talents with a rendition of Michael Jackson's "Beat It." BELOW: Pat Boris and Susan Berg, with Captiva Chapel by the Sea, enjoy a dance with Honorary Chair Benjamin Miller.



Bob Risch, Jim Castle, Grampy, Joe Callaghan and Jonatha Castle, with Grampy's Charities, present a \$5,000 check for camper scholarships to Trailways Camp founders Sharon and Jerry Miller.



Melissa Berry, second from left, receives the Founders "Biggest Fish" Award for 2019. Also pictured are Mike Clay, John Nadeau of Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, and Jerry and Sharon Miller.



Sanibel Captiva Lions Club Board Member Cliff Nolan was recognized as one of the Volunteers of the Year.



Honorary Chair Benjamin Miller receives the birthday cake from Trailways Camp coordinator Mike Clay as Sharon Miller assists.



Jean Robinson, Donna Leahy, Beth Smith, Nancy Niesel and Bev Web serve up the cupcakes.



Captiva Current

CCP approves pilot program to combat iguanas

By TIFFANY REPECKI

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The Captiva Community Panel supported moving forward with a pilot program at its recent meeting to determine if iguana control is necessary, as well as received updates on two ongoing panel projects.

On April 9, the panel voted 10-0 to approve spending \$5,000 for 10 weeks of service with Alfredo Fermin, owner of AAA Wildlife Trapping and Removal Services, as part of a trial run. The goal is for the panel to find out if the iguana population is a big enough problem to warrant ongoing services.

Panel Member Dave Jensen, who has been fielding the iguana issue, explained that Fermin and he walked around to some



TIFFANY REPECKI

Captiva Community Panel Member and Wastewater Committee Chair Jay Brown, second from left, provides an update on the consultant's efforts to gather supplemental wastewater information.

properties the week before to get an idea of the current situation. They visited nine properties in the Village and spoke with land owners or property managers for seven of those.

"He showed me many nesting holes and tracks from iguanas," he said, noting that he had never been aware they made tracks or what to look for. "He thought we potentially have a big growth issue."

Jensen added that Fermin thought it is possible to keep the population in check.

While using a snare and traps might work on the bayside with the seawalls, Fermin suggested that using the pellet gun would be the most effective form of control after touring areas of Captiva.

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CEPD gets green light to use new vehicle with SOP

By TIFFANY REPECKI

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At its recent meeting, the Captiva Erosion Prevention District's commission approved the standard operating procedures for the beach vehicle, as well as heard about plans for Turner Beach Park.

On April 8, the commissioners voted unanimously 5-0 to adopt the proposed protocols.

Administrator Carolyn Weaver told the commission that staff received back the draft standard operating procedures from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, which had recommended some edits.

"They suggested that we only go out and monitor the beach once a month," she said, noting that the vehicle is not for "joy rides" but once a month is too limiting. "That's not going to work for us."

She added that other suggestions were kept in, however.

The CEPD obtained the vehicle with the intention of using it periodically, such as to gather up old discarded crab traps, to monitor dune grasses, and to maintain the ropes and poles on the beach. When the beach renourishment gets under way, it will also be useful in monitoring the project's progress.

All of which was previously done by staff walking the beach, or having to rent a vehicle.

"We don't want to use the vehicle until we get some approval," Weaver said.

She noted that the protocols can be updated and adjusted as needed.

"They are SOPs, so they are living documents," Weaver said.

Also at the meeting, representatives from Coastal Engineering Consultants in Naples conducted a presentation on the shoreline stabilization project

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Commissioner's era with district ends

By TIFFANY REPECKI

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Despite it being a small audience, Captiva Island Fire Control District Commissioner Robert Brace received a standing ovation at the recent meeting as his time serving the district came to a close.

On April 9, the commissioners voted unanimously 3-0 to accept his resignation.

"We are very sad to see Bob leave his position with the fire district. He has dedicated a tremendous amount of time," Fire Chief Jeff Pawul said. "Bob has helped to advance this department from a mainly volunteer to full-time fire department as the needs of the island have grown."

"We are very thankful for the work he has done and the time he has volunteered supporting our efforts to make this island safe for all the residents and guests alike," he added.

Brace submitted his resignation to the district on April 2.



TIFFANY REPECKI

The Captiva Island Fire Control District's commission accepted the resignation of Commissioner Robert Brace, second from right, at its recent meeting. He is pictured with Commissioner Sherrill Sims, Fire Chief Jeff Pawul and Commissioner C.W. Kilgore.

"I think you know how we all feel and we thank you for the bottom of our hearts," Commissioner Sherrill Sims said, with Commissioner C.W. Kilgore voicing agreement.

Brace was presented with a hat and an engraved trophy from the district thanking him for his 18 years of service

to the community, a combination of his time as a commissioner and volunteer firefighter.

Asked about his years serving the district, Brace recommended it.

"If you get a chance to do it, do it," he said.

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CCP reviews report on island Plan, Code

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Having concluded discussions on issues raised by islanders as part of its process for updating the Captiva Code, the Captiva Community Panel turned to Plan and Code topics highlighted by its consultant.

At its April 9 meeting, the panel reviewed information from local planner David Depew.

Over the summer, he was charged with reviewing the new Captiva Plan, current Code and county ordinances on land use and development, then proposing any additional steps that the panel could take to protect the island's Plan and zoning from future amendments that increase density and intensity.

Depew submitted his findings to the panel in September, and a review was set for April.

At the meeting, the topics discussed included: notification to the panel for any permits requiring removal of mangroves; providing the panel with copies of dredge and fill requests for island properties impacting uplands, wetlands and submerged lands on or within 500 feet of the high tide demarcation; impervious surface ratios to be determined and placed in the Code; and other highlighted issues.

After separate discussions, the panel decided to look further into the subjects of the dredge and fill requests and the impervious surface ratios and directed its staff to conduct additional research.

On the notification for mangrove removal permits, the members on the panel discussed the current process of going through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and questioned if there is a problem that needs to be addressed. They decided to keep it on

their radar, but not look further into it.

The panel also agreed to see what comes from its new Sea Level Rise Committee on the topic.

One of the other issues highlighted by Depew and discussed by the panel was evacuation routes on Captiva and Lee County's future plans for the maintenance and upkeep of Sanibel-Captiva Road.

"I think it's very important," Secretary Mike Mullins said. "I think we should try to preserve the evacuation routes."

Mintz proposed asking county staffers to attend a meeting to discuss the subject. The panel voiced agreement for the plan, noting that staff could also touch on other issues like storm drains and speed.

Over the past few months, the panel has focused on discussing and deciding whether to look further into several topics raised by islanders through an online sur-

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"His recommendation and my recommendation is if the community is concerned, we maybe go forward with this test proposal," Jensen told the panel, referring to the pilot program.

He added that the trial's success and ensuring the data collected reflects the current state, however, will depend on gaining access to as many properties as possible. South Seas Island Resort has opted out.

Resident Lisa Riordan, who was in attendance, pointed out that South Seas does not own all the land, mostly the common areas. She volunteered to speak to the homeowners associations for approval.

Jensen noted that individuals in South Seas have reached out about wanting the service.

Rauschenberg Residency Director Ann Brady, who was also present for the meeting, reported that she would permit Fermin's company to access the properties to work, as long as no artists are on site.

Panel President David Mintz said he alerted Lee County officials to the possible trial.

He motioned for the panel approve the contract, then seek reimbursement for the funds from the county. If ongoing service is needed, the panel will try working with the county on a contract.

Also at the meeting, Mintz provided an update on the Captiva Drive walkway.

At last month's meeting, the panel voted unanimously to designate up to \$43,000 for Johnson Engineering to design and engineer the blueprint for the project. At the time, Panel Member Rene Miville questioned the firm's quote, and Mintz agreed to work with Miville and re-examine it.

"We did get it reduced," Mintz told the panel.

With Miville's help, he was able to get the price to \$37,250. In addition, Mintz and staff have been reaching out to stakeholders and those who may benefit from the project in search of donations.

"We've raised about \$6,300," he said.

Another project update provided during the meeting came from Panel Member and Wastewater Committee Chair Jay Brown. He reported that he had spent the last month contacting land owners in order to compile a list of at least 30 properties for the soil sample tests related to septic systems.

"I've recruited approximately 40 people," Brown said.

As part of the panel's efforts to gather supplemental information to go with the TKW study on wastewater alternatives for Captiva, the panel recently hired a consultant. Part of the contacted work includes determining the high water elevation of the water table under 30 island septic systems.

Those on the list have volunteered to let the soil engineer on their land to sample it.

"I figured he's probably going to encounter some problems," Brown said of why he compiled more than the 30 needed, citing that someone may not be home and the engineer may not gain access.

He added that the soil sampling could start the second week of May.

Brown brought up a concern about what the engineer should do if he discovers a malfunctioning system, questioning if he should tell the owner or property manager or say nothing at all. After some debate, the panel voted that he

should collect the data confidentially, as planned, and do nothing.

If owners want any details, they can reach out to the panel.

In other news

■ Mintz reported that Panel Member Bob Walter's seat is up in December and he is termed out. He suggested a list of names to make up the nominating committee in overseeing his replacement.

Mintz noted that he hopes to maintain South Seas' representation on the panel.

"They represent half of the island," he said.

The panel voted in support of Mintz's suggestions for the committee.

■ Panel Member Michael Lanigan, chair of the Hurricane Communications Committee, reported that members met and discussed what they thought the island needed or lacked in terms of information. The committee felt that preseason information was less important than details before and after a storm.

"Once that storm is announced and really after the storm, I think that's where there's a real demand," Lanigan said. "So, we focused a lot on that and identified sources of information."

He noted that Lee County Sheriff's Office Lt. Mike Sawicki suggested reaching out to the city of Sanibel and asking if a Captiva representative could join in on its hurricane partners' meetings.

"It's going to take some time to put together a scope and plan," Lanigan said.

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planned for Turner Beach. Engineer Jeremy Herget explained that there are two main issues: erosion in the parking lot and rip-rap along the shoreline.

"We're mainly looking at the parking lot area," he said.

According to Herget, areas targeted for improvement include the asphalt curtain at the entrance and the catch basins at the entrance and south end, as much of the erosion is focused on the lot's south end.

"So all of the stormwater will slope toward one or the other catch basin," he said.

The firm is also recommending shutting down pedestrian access to the beach through the dunes by building them up about 4 feet, extending the fence to the rip-rap and planting new vegetation.

Herget added that the only access would be adjacent to the parking meters.

"All of our work is landward, except for the rip-rap," he said.

Herget explained that the rip-rap along the shoreline will be approximately 300 feet and raised to an elevation of 6 feet, and it will tie into where the CEPD has already done some rehabilitation work.

"We're not going outside of the existing footprint," he said of the project.

"The number of parking spaces will stay the same," Herget added.

The firm is contracted with Lee County and the city of Sanibel on the project, but the Florida Department of Environmental wanted approval from all stakeholders before it provides permits.

Weaver reported that she asked APTIM, the CEPD's engineering consultant, to review the project. It had no concerns with the plans, nor that it may interfere with the upcoming beach renourishment.

The commission voted 4-0 to support the project; Treasurer Bob Walter had stepped out.

During the meeting, the commissioners also discussed adjusting the schedule for approving the tentative apportionment for the beach renourishment and for scheduling the public hearing. In a 5-0 vote, they agreed to accept a methodology and then hold the meeting, but no later than January.

In other news

■ Weaver reported that staff located a 2012 survey of the Alison Hagerup Beach parking lot, which is

being submitted to Lee County to determine if it will suffice to proceed with the permitting work.

■ Deputy Administrator Joe Wagenti reported that he met with the company that will work on redesigning the CEPD website with him. The project will likely get under way in the next week.

Weaver noted that the commission will have a vote on the design once it is completed.

■ CEPD staff will implement a new project management software called Monday.com to help manage and track its ongoing projects in a user-friendly format accessible to them and the commissioners.

It will cost about \$450 a year for five users to have access.

In addition, Wagenti is working on moving the CEPD's documents onto NextCloud, a file share and communication platform. There are about 500 to 1,000 folders, with more than 6,000 documents.

■ The commission voted 5-0 to approve the fiscal year 2017-18 financial audit.

■ Weaver was given approval to draw up a request for proposal for a new accountant.

Commissioner

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As for filling the now-vacant seat on the commission, the district is accepting letters of interest. Pawul explained that the letters can be sent to him, and the commissioners will appoint the new member. His email is jpawul@captivefire.com.

He said the hope is to fill the seat in the next month or so.

To be considered for the fire commissioner position, interested applicants must be a resident of the district and must be a registered voter in Lee County; no prior fire service experience is needed.

Also at the meeting, Pawul reported that the district's annual audit got under way.

The audit must be filed by the end of June.

He also told the commissioners that the district received a thank you letter for its participation in this year's Fill the Boot campaign, held from March 8-10, from the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

It also received a thank you letter from a couple locked out of a home on Feb. 14.

In the letter, they explained that they contacted the property manager and the Sanibel Police Department with no success before turning to the district, which did answer their plea for help.

"It was nice they took the time to write something," Sims said.

In other news

■ There were 35 incident calls in March, as compared to 46 in 2018

■ The district conducted three inspections in March.

Review

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vey and at public workshops conducted last year. At last week's meeting, it reviewed concerns written in the comments section of those surveys.

On the topic of cleaning up and landscaping the entrance to the beach on Andy Rosse Lane, panel members and those in the audience debated whether to simply fix the issue or get the county involved.

"We can fix it, landscape it," Panel Member Rene Miville said. "The county is not going to care."

Resident Wendy Childers, who brought the issue forward with her hus-

band, explained that doing so would only be a temporary solution as the area would require ongoing maintenance to keep it up.

"We need a plan that's enduring and can last," she said. "That's easy to maintain."

All agreed that a committee would be formed to come up with a plan.

As for the issue of an island-wide bicycle path and sidewalk or boardwalk needed for pedestrians, the panel and attendees discussed and agreed that there is some concern for safety on some of the roads.

Lee County Sheriff's Office Lt. Mike Sawicki recommended that the panel consider creating and enforcing a required setback for vegetation along the roads throughout the island. He explained that it would provide shoulder and safety space, without the time and money needed for road expansion.

"It would be the most readily available solution," Sawicki said.

The panel directed staff to research possible existing setbacks and ones that could be adopted.

The panel decided not to do anything

on the subjects of: burying power and cable lines, trolleys and other alternative transportation, affordable housing for island employees, alert system to limit vehicles on Captiva, toll on Blind Pass Bridge, cohesive plan and image for dissemination, and rabbit control.

Two issues — better hurricane communication, and better facilities and parking lot improvements at Alison Hagerup Beach — are being handled by the panel's new Hurricane Communications Committee and the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, respectively.

ONGOING EVENTS CALENDAR



Report your news to CAPTIVASANIBEL.COM

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

Center 4 Life

The Center 4 Life is at 2401 Library Way, Sanibel. The Island Seniors is accepting donations for the annual Trash & Treasures Sale. It needs donations of clean gently-used items; clothes, shoes, books, computers and old TVs will not be accepted. Tax deductible receipts will be provided for donations. Items can be dropped off at the center from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Meet your friends and make some new. Browse through the activities listed below and then stop by and see us!

Games: Cost for all Games: \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

■ Bridge - Monday and Wednesday - Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Game begins at 1 p.m.

■ Mahjonn - Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

■ Hand & Foot - Thursday at noon

■ Hearts - Friday at 12:30 p.m.

Events:

■ Today, April 17 - Painting with Friends from 1 to 4 p.m.

\$6 members/\$10 non-members

A relaxing afternoon with a friendly group of experienced painters. It is a non-instructional course designed for having fun with friends and making new ones. Must bring own painting supplies and drop cloths. Limited to 10 participants; advanced registration required.

■ April 23 - Kayaking at 8:30 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. Island Seniors Inc. will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Bring water, a small snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, hat and change of clothing. Advance registration is required.

■ April 23 - Line Dancing Class at 1:30 p.m.

\$2.50 members/\$5 non-members

An hour-long line dancing class. The instructor will review the dance steps and then turn up the music, with participants taking to the floor to dance. Bring a friend and have a fun-filled time.

■ April 24 - Painting with Friends from 1 to 4 p.m.

\$6 members/\$10 non-members

A relaxing afternoon with a friendly group of experienced painters. It is a non-instructional course designed for having fun with friends and making new ones. Must bring own painting supplies and drop cloths. Limited to 10 participants; advanced registration required.

■ April 30 - Line Dancing Class at 1:30 p.m.

\$2.50 members/\$5 non-members

An hour-long line dancing class. The instructor will review the dance steps and then turn up the music, with participants taking to the floor to dance. Bring a friend and have a fun-filled time.

■ May 8 - Book discussion on "After Anna," by Lisa Scottoline, at 2:30 pm.

Page Turners with Louise Fitzgerald and Ann Hartman (email oceann@comcast.net or contact the Center 4 Life to be added to the list)

"Dr. Noah Alderman, a widower and single father, has remarried a wonderful woman, Maggie Ippolitti, and for the first time in a long time, he and his young son are happy. Despite her longing for the daughter she hasn't seen since she was a baby, Maggie is happy too, and she's even more overjoyed when she unexpectedly gets another chance to be a mother to the child she thought she'd lost forever, her only daughter Anna. Riveting and disquieting, 'After Anna' is a ground-

breaking domestic thriller, as well as a novel of emotional justice and legal intrigue. And New York Times bestselling author Lisa Scottoline will keep readers on their toes until the final shocking page." - Scottoline.com

■ May 15 - Leisure Lunchers Trip to Sweet Melissa's Cafe

Sweet Melissa's Cafe Executive Chef Melissa Talmage will challenge your taste buds to explore a creative menu with a wide array of different tastes, textures and eclectic ingredients. There will be an opportunity to speak with Talmage and find out about her background and approach to food. She is a semi-finalist James Beard nominee. Limited seating available; separate checks will be provided. Advance registration is required.

Center 4 Life Fitness Class Schedule

Island Seniors members pay \$4 and non-members pay \$10 per fitness class. An Island Seniors annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership card to attend. The class schedule is as follows:

■ Happy Hour Fitness - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m.

Keep your brain fit and your heart, lungs and muscles strong with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises and balance. Hand weights, stretch cords and your body weight will be used to keep you strong. Begin with a joke and end with a positive thought for the day. Athletic footwear is required. Instructor is Connie DiCicco.

■ Essential Total Fitness - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Athletic footwear is required. Instructor is Mahnaz Bassiri.

■ Power Hour Fitness - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m.

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

■ Gentle Yoga - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

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

■ Chair Yoga - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Similar to gentle yoga, but all poses are done in a chair. Instructor is Kim Kouril.

For more information about a fitness class or becoming an Island Seniors member, call 239-472-5743 or stop by the Center 4 Life at 2401 Library Way, Sanibel.

Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum offers educational programming for all ages.

Learn about the mollusks that make the shells found on the beach during Tank Talks held at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily. Make souvenir treasures during Shell Crafts held from noon to 3 p.m. daily, with Shell Jewelry on Wednesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Included in museum admission and no reservations are required.

The museum also offers daily beach walks from 9 to 10 a.m., departing from the lobby of the Island Inn, at 3111 W. Gulf Drive, Sanibel. They are led by knowledgeable shell experts and space is limited, so reservations are required. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$9 for ages 12-17 and \$7 for ages 5 to 11; children under 5 are free, but still must be registered. To register, visit ShellMuseum.org or call 239-395-2233.

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum is at 3075 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel.

Island Worship

■ Bat Yam Temple of the Islands

2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel (Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ), batyamsanibel@gmail.com, batyam.org

Rabbi Stephen Fuchs

Reform Jewish Shabbat service on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. from October through April or at 7 p.m. from May through September.

■ First Church of Christ, Scientist

2950 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, 239-472-8684, christiansciencesanibel.com

Services on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. Reading Room on Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon, plus 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Wednesdays from January through March.

■ Historic Captiva Chapel by the Sea

11580 Chapin Lane, Captiva, 239-472-1646, www.captivachapel.com, www.facebook.com/Captiva-Chapel-By-The-Sea

Rev. Dr. John N. Cedarleaf

Services on Sundays at 11 a.m. from November through April; Chapel open daily for visitors.

■ Sanibel Baptist Church

Meets at the Island Cinema, 535 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel, 239-284-7975, warsawsbcc@yahoo.com

Pastor Mark Hutchinson

Sunday service from 9 to 11 a.m., including Bible study at 9 a.m. and family worship at 10 a.m.

■ Sanibel Community Church

1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 472-2684/sanibelchurch.com

Sunday Worship Hours: Traditional Service with Communion, 8 a.m.; Contemporary Service with kid's church, 9 a.m.; Fellowship in courtyard, 10:15 a.m.; Adult and Youth Sunday School classes, 10:45 a.m.; Traditional Service with choir, 11 a.m. Childcare available at all services.

■ Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ

2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-0497, www.sanibelucc.org

Rev. Dr. John H. Danner, senior pastor; Rev. Deborah Kunkel, associate pastor

Sunday chapel service at 7:45 a.m., blended worship service at 9 a.m. and traditional worship service at 11 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery care available at 9 a.m. Programs and services are free and open to the public.

■ St. Isabel Catholic Church

3559 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel, 239-472-2763, www.saintisabel.org

Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Saturday vigil at 5 p.m.; and Sunday Mass at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Call for Holy Days schedule.

■ St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-2173, www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org

Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan, rector

Saturday Eucharist at 5 p.m.; Sunday Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday morning prayer at 9 a.m.; Wednesday healing Eucharist at 9 a.m.; prayer and potluck on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.; and Taizé service on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

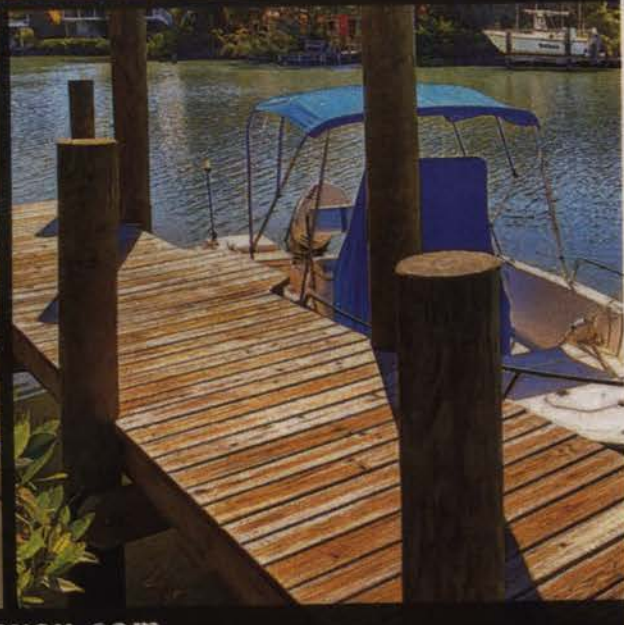
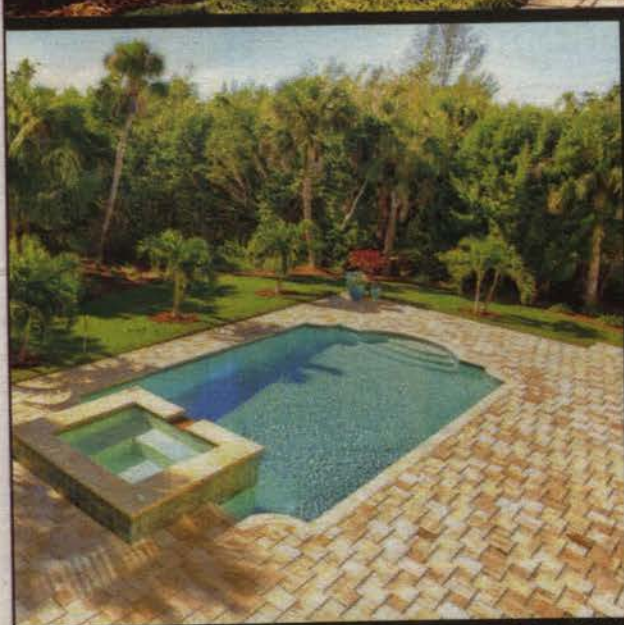
■ Unitarian Universalists of the Islands

2050 Periwinkle Way, 433-4901

Service on second Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. (Dawn Schumann/dawn.schumann@gmail.com)

The Botanical Gardens at Sanibel Moorings

The Botanical Gardens at Sanibel Moorings offers 90-minute walking tours to the public on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person, plus tax; check in at the front office. Reservations required at 239-472-4119.



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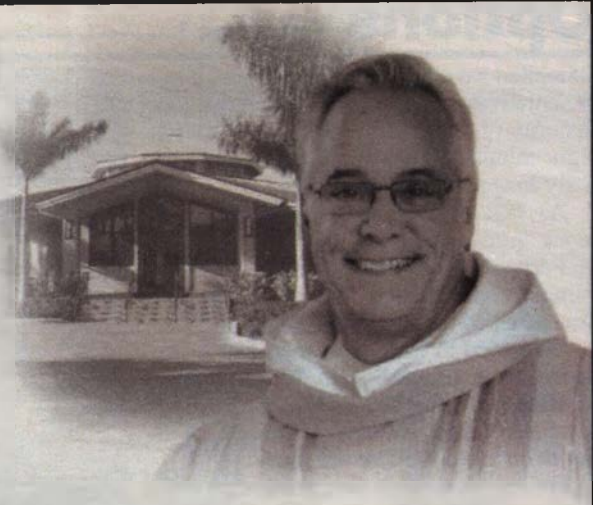


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Regarding Fr. Christopher Senk and Saint Isabel Catholic Church

Island residents, and visitors alike, have been following what we consider to be the unjust actions against the long-time Pastor of St. Isabel Catholic Church, Fr. Christopher Senk. Since October 2016, Fr. Senk and his literally hundreds of devoted supporters have suffered terribly as a result of actions taken by the Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, Bishop Frank Dewane. After nearly 30 months, a letter inserted in the St. Isabel bulletin (weekend of March 30-31) and posted on its website described the decision made and the consequences regarding the false allegations against Fr. Senk. The letter stated that the Congregation for Clergy (in Rome) and Bishop Dewane decreed that Fr. Senk should be sent to a health facility in Michigan for a year of "prayer and penance" and also be subject to various penalties for several years to come, implying that Pope Francis had signed off on this decree as well. Below is our reply to the Bishop's letter.



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The letter from Bishop Frank Dewane inserted into the St. Isabel Parish bulletin on March 31, 2019, has brought, yet again, profound anguish and disillusionment to our beloved pastor, Father Christopher Senk, and serves as an instrument of division and distrust within the parish and wider community.

Parishioners For Justice continues to support our pastor, Fr. Christopher, because the decisions communicated by the Bishop are unwarranted and unjust, and the Bishop's letter itself is, unfortunately, misleading. Here are the facts as we understand them:

- Despite what the Bishop says, there is no reason to believe that Pope Francis had any role in this matter or ever saw or approved anything that the Bishop or the Congregation for Clergy proposed. There would have been no reason for the Pope to become involved, since Bishop Dewane was admittedly forced to withdraw his original, unfounded request that Fr. Christopher be dismissed from the clerical state, which is the only action that would have required the Pope's attention.
- The Bishop's artful reference to the "Apostolic See," as if he were describing actions by the Pope, is misleading, since the Apostolic See actually comprises the entire bureaucracy in the Vatican, such as the Congregation for Clergy.
- The contention that Fr. Christopher's acceptance of gifts from members of the parish constituted an "appearance of impropriety" and maybe even "exploitation" cannot be reconciled with the affidavits and other written assurances provided to the Bishop and to the Congregation. Those affidavits were authored by the persons who chose to make those gifts, or who were personally familiar with the circumstances under which they were given. These witnesses from the parish explained that not only did Fr. Christopher not solicit these gifts or trick them into giving them, but in all cases the parishioners chose to show their generosity for his faithful service to the parish without his prior knowledge.
- Evidence that showed that Fr. Christopher was innocent was disregarded as allegedly "implausible." This cavalier and condescending dismissal of the evidence from mature and sophisticated members of the parish who know the facts is gratuitously insulting to the witnesses and should be insulting to all members of the parish. Neither the Bishop nor his brother bishops on the Congregation for Clergy in Rome know Fr. Christopher nearly as well – or at all in the case of the Congregation – as do the many parishioners who provided the exculpatory evidence that they chose to ignore.
- For the Bishop and the Congregation to order Fr. Christopher to move to a remote facility for a year of "prayer and penance," when he has done nothing warranting any punishment, is unwarranted and cruel. It disregards the fact that he already has been excluded from his home at the rectory, banished from the parish, and forbidden to celebrate the Sacraments publicly for two and a half years.
- Ironically, Fr. Christopher's banishment also punishes the parish, the very people the Bishop and the Congregation supposedly are protecting. It is time for the hierarchy to recognize that "enough is enough" – indeed, too much – and to abandon this vendetta against Fr. Christopher.

Let us provide more background explaining why we continue to support Fr. Christopher, despite the actions of the Bishop and the Congregation.

Not one parishioner has ever stepped forward during Fr. Christopher's 42+ years of ministry to accuse him of exploitation. The only unhappiness was expressed by a single absentee relative of a parishioner. This relative also made certain that the supposedly exploited person was unavailable for comment by the time that the Bishop initiated his investigation. By that time, of course, the civil authorities in Lee County, to whom this same relative had complained, had concluded that there was no basis to charge Fr. Christopher with any misconduct. Indeed, the Sheriff later provided a letter formally acknowledging that Fr. Christopher had been exonerated by the civil authorities.

Even so, after the Bishop decided to open his own investigation, several parishioners, including trained medical and psychological professionals who knew that supposedly exploited parishioner well, provided affidavits that when she chose to make her gifts, she was competent, deliberate, and insistent about her desire to express her appreciation for Fr. Christopher's assistance to her and the parish in tangible ways. It is difficult to imagine a legitimate reason why the Bishop or the Congregation for Clergy, in full possession of the facts, would decide to impose sanctions based on supposed appearances that that are belied by the evidence.

In seeking to understand this action, we note that, at the beginning of Bishop Dewane's intervention into Fr. Christopher's ministry, his efforts were geared to having Fr. Christopher dismissed from the clerical state. It is reasonable to infer that this extraordinary action reflected the Bishop's desire to rid himself of another priest of the diocese who had had the temerity to question the his administration of the diocese. Apparently, it became clear that this tactic would be unsuccessful, so the Bishop had to withdraw this demand that Fr. Christopher be subjected to the death penalty for his priesthood. Fr. Christopher was never advised that this direct threat to his priesthood had been withdrawn almost a year ago, another cruel abuse of a good priest. To allow the Bishop to "save face" in this widely publicized matter, the Congregation allowed him to impose a long sentence of confinement and exile at a site of the Bishop's choosing.

Even if Fr. Christopher completed this year of proposed exile, the Bishop makes no commitment that he will ever allow Fr. Christopher to return to active ministry.

The Bishop also foresees a probation period of five years in which he will exercise detailed oversight and scrutiny of Fr. Christopher's finances. He also assumes the right to exercise this oversight over the future financial dealings of anyone for whom Fr. Christopher "has exercised priestly ministry" over his forty years of ministry. The stated oversight demonstrates a condescending, even contemptuous attitude, toward the laity and particularly the members of St. Isabel's Parish. The members of this parish are mostly successful professionals, entrepreneurs, people who are highly respected in their respective fields and communities. They have achieved the opportunity to live on Sanibel because of a lifetime of good judgement, personal efforts, and abilities. It is ironic that, in light of the extensive criticism the Bishop has received for his total lack of accountability in managing diocesan resources, he claims the right to oversee individuals in managing their own resources. Further, these people are mostly the ones whom he aggressively targets for funding for his own massive pot of cash.

From its inception, Parishioners For Justice has maintained that all abuses of power are inconsistent with the message of the Gospel. The hierarchy has fumbled its responsibility to address predatory sexual abuse, which festered and flourished because of lack of accountability of the bishops. Bishops must be called to account for their failures to respond to all forms of abuse. The actions and activities of the Bishop of Venice are abusive and require assertive reactions that call for an end to this behavior. PFJ takes no pleasure or delight in calling the Bishop to task. We nevertheless have a moral and spiritual obligation to our faith and our community to continue our efforts to right the wrongs of this Bishop that have brought scandal to our Church. We cannot stand by while a good priest is vilified and attacked.

We continue to stand with Fr. Christopher and urge all members of the Parish to do so as well.

Parishioners For Justice

To see the letter from Bishop Dewane go to: <http://tinyurl.com/Letter-from-Bishop-Dewane>

Options From page 1

Compiled by district staff as requested by the commission, the data revealed that the majority of the calls to the east are taking eight minutes to 10 minutes — substantially longer than to other areas.

As part of the report, staff set up a mock third station near the Dairy Queen on Periwinkle Way and reran the numbers using the model. Response times in the area dropped to four minutes or under.

"We tried to explain to them what our needs are," Muench said of his recent meeting with the city, which Fire Chief Matt Scott also attended. "That we need better coverage on that east end."

He explained that they looked at and discussed potential parcels in the area, including a property located near Periwinkle and Bailey Road. Muench added that the talk was strictly fact finding.

"This was all preliminary," he said. "Nothing is cast in stone."

Muench noted that available undeveloped property on the east end is limited and most of the parcels, like the one at Periwinkle and Bailey, are zoned as conservation land, so it would require rezoning.

Scott reported that as it was explained to them, the city council would have to approve a measure for placement on a ballot to release a parcel zoned as such, then the voters would decide in an election.

"It's up to the council right now, from my understanding," Muench said.

He added that a new station would be a tax increase, but it would also drop the district's ISO rating.

"But, how do you put a price on life?" Muench asked.



A fire on March 22 in the Sandalfort Beachfront Condominium resulted in 80,000 in damages.

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Also during the meeting, resident Dr. Stan Gordon shared his experience as a patient.

On April 4 at about 3:30 p.m., a crew responded to a home on Punta Caloosa Court for a call about chest pains. On arrival, Gordon reported having chest pressure and there were signs of a possible heart attack. The crew began advanced life support on him and immediately dispatched for the helicopter.

"So we could get him to the hospital as

quick as possible," a crew member at the meeting said.

Within one minute of getting Gordon to the helicopter pad, the transport arrived.

"The timing was just right," the crew member said.

It turned out Gordon had an anterior heart attack, which resulted in three coronary stents.

"I'm so grateful," the 63-year-old retired dentist, who attended the meeting, said. "I'm a lover of God and lover of this life."

He praised the perfection in which the crew carried out its protocols and its professionalism.

"They were here just unbelievably fast," Gordon said. "I'm so grateful for what you guys do."

District administrators noted for the commissioners that the same crew responded to another call regarding chest pains on March 26 and it devolved into cardiac arrest. The crew worked tirelessly on the patient for nearly 30 minutes and brought him back. He was in intensive care for over a week.

Assistant Fire Chief William Briscoe reported that crews responded to a kitchen fire on March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at 671 East Gulf Drive, Unit 4C2, located in the Sandalfort Beachfront Condominium.

It appears to have started from a backpack or laundry being placed on a hot or still-hot stove.

He reported that most of the fire damage was contained to the kitchen area, but the unit sustained smoke damage throughout for a total of approximately \$80,000 in damages. In addition, the unit below it sustained water damage as a result of the incident in the amount of about \$20,000.

Scott told the commission that the new hire, Bryan Clement, started on April 2.

"He is on shift, working out well, getting along with everybody," he said.

Training Officer Capt. Tim Barrett agreed.

"He seems to be a really good guy," he said. "Really appreciates what he has."

Fire Marshal Rick Tassoni reported that IL Cielo's over \$1 million in renovation plans are in.

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"I got the plans for that," he said. "The city approved that yesterday."

It is estimating that the project will take about six months.

Tassoni also noted that Gene's Books' newest building is almost done.

"It's really a top-notch building," he said.

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum is expected to begin work on the bottom floor of its renovation within the next month, and the Sanibel Sunset Beach Resort is still working on its design.

Barrett told the commissioners that the fire crews trained on infectious diseases and bio-hazardous waste this month. Last month they trained on pediatrics, and the district recently received new pediatric age-categorized cardiac arrest kits to enable the crews to aid patients more efficiently, saving time.

He added that the crews trained on electric vehicle rescues.

"Apparently, there's a lot of them out here on the island," Barrett said.

In other news

■ Briscoe reported that the foundation for the replacement radio tower is finished.

■ The following employees were recognized for their years of service to the district: Firefighter-paramedic Anthony Fontaine for nine years; and firefighter-paramedic Shane Grant for nine years.

■ There were 193 calls for service last month, as compared to 190 in March 2018. So far this year, the district has responded to 566 calls for service.



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The Sanibel Fire and Rescue District's commissioners congratulate district staff on the success and turnout at its annual Open House held recently.

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Toni Halski, from the Beachview Tennis Club, with Jim Castle, with Grampy's Charities, and Joe McEntyre, also from the Beachview Tennis Club.

Grampy's Charities to sponsor tennis tourney

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation announced that Grampy's Charities will be the presenting sponsor of the 27th Annual Tennis Tournament on April 27-28 at the Beachview Tennis Club, at 1101 Par View Drive, Sanibel. The tourney categories are 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 men's and women's doubles. Runners-up will receive a Luc Century etched wine glass. The entry fee is \$75; deadline to register is April 24. Participants will receive an tournament T-shirt, plus breakfast and lunch on both days. Proceeds from the event will benefit the work of SCCF, which is dedicated to the conservation of coastal habitats and aquatic resources on the islands and in the surrounding watershed. To register, call the tennis club at 239-472-9099. For sponsorships, contact the SCCF at 239-472-2329. Sponsorship levels are championship, \$1200; match, \$500; set, \$250; and game \$150; credit cards accepted.

Historical Village spotlights some of its volunteers

At the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, the duties of the volunteers run the gamut, from greeting guests at the door, to working in the store and giving tours, to farming the pioneer garden.

The following are some of the faces visitors to the village may meet:

■ Carol Brodersen started volunteering 18 years ago in 2001. Originally from the suburbs of Chicago and later Wisconsin, where she was an elementary school teacher, Brodersen stays on Sanibel from October to May every year. She came to the island after visiting her brother and sister-in-law in 1999.

Brodersen started as a docent — her first guest was Sam Bailey — then did scheduling for a year. She did some cataloging when the museum started to inventory its collection and organized and printed brochures for past fashion shows. For the last few years, Brodersen has clipped newspaper articles on the museum and organized them in a binder. She also helps decorate Morning Glories for Luminary.

■ Barbara Eisenberg started volunteering 15 years ago. There was a call for helpers to move the old school, then The Pirate Playhouse, to the village and restore it. She arrived and was assigned to hold up the electric and telephone wires with a long wooden pronged pole as the old building slowly went by on Periwinkle Way to its place in the village.

Originally from Solon, Ohio, Eisenberg has been a



Carol Brodersen



Barbara Eisenberg

snowbird for 38 years, having a mobile home in Periwinkle Park. She started out in the old Bailey's General Store, sharing stories and history about the fascinating store and the daily lifestyles the residents and visitors lived back them.

■ A Sanibel resident who stays on-island from the end of October to mid-June, Ted Hoesel spends his summer months in Port Townsend, Washington. Hoesel worked for Bell Telephone Laboratory doing particle physics tours and prairie ecology tours. He also worked as a docent at the Naperville Museum Village, which consists of 13 buildings.

Hoesel was an AKC tracking judge and director of training for the Canine Search Group. He trained dogs for hunting and taught dog obedience for the Naperville Park District.

For information, call 239-472-4648 or visit online at www.sanibelmuseum.org.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is at 950 Dunlop Road.



Ted Hoesel



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Education Notes

District re-launches Change-for-Change website

The School District of Lee County has unveiled a new version of the Change for Change webpage at www.leeschools.net. The updated site makes information about the revenue raised from the half-cent sales tax and how it is being spent easily accessible.

In early April, the state distributed \$6.3 million in sales tax revenue to the district, the first of monthly scheduled distributions.

The updated website has two main pages. One for the district, displaying the amount of revenue from the sales tax, any interest earned and what has been spent. There are four categories for the projects the voters approved: construction, maintenance, safety and technology. A fifth category, reserves, has been added to account for money being saved for future projects.

The second section features pull down menus for every school to find the projects underway or planned and the amount spent or budgeted. An information section on each school page allows for updates and project pictures so parents and the community stay informed.

The data on the sites represents revenue and planned spending for Jan. 1 through June 30. Money spent on sales tax projects before the start of the year is not included. When the next fiscal year starts July 1, a new set of revenue and planned spending will be available with the previous year being archived for easy retrieval.

The Sanibel School

The Sanibel School, at 3840 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel, presents the following:

Track, field team members excel

The Sanibel School track and field team were noted for a job well done. Extra congratulations were directed

to members Grace McKinney, Gabby McKinney, Wyatt Whalen and Henry Sergeant for recently placing at the regional meet. They were next headed to the championship on April 10-11 at Fort Myers High School.

For more information, call 239-472-1617 or visit sbl.leeschools.net.

Shell Islands Garden Club presents donation

The Shell Islands Garden Club recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Native Landscapes and Garden Center, at 1300 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. The money will support SCCF's intern program at the center. For more information, visit www.sanibelgardenclub.org.



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From left, Shell Islands Garden Club Treasurer Irene Nolan and President Glenda Campbell with Sue Ramos, Jenny Evans, Becca Grotian and Emily Harrington, of the native plant nursery, and incoming club President Lisa Cochrane.

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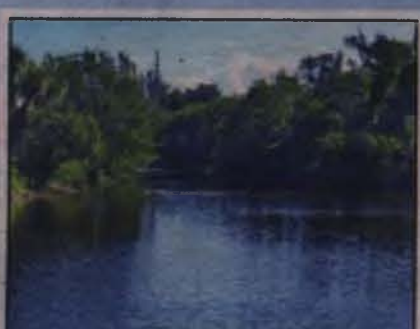
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thousands of offspring, until the young snails are a millimeter or two in diameter and crawl from their natal egg case into the sand to begin their new life. Originally, they are anchored in the sandy bottom, but many become detached during storms and wash ashore to either puzzle, horrify, or delight beach goers.

I say snake-like because that's how they are commonly described by beach goers who are curious of their origin. They really don't look much like snakes, but we humans are enthralled by snakes — whether in a good, or a not-so-good way. And somehow that large helical structure, at least in our minds, looks like a snake.

By now, our beaches should be littered with them. Over the years, I have created a private game with one player — me — to see how early I encounter my first lightning whelk egg case. My record is early February. But as of this third week of

March, I had yet to find a single, glorious egg case. Maybe, just maybe, lightning whelk reproduction is late this year, and soon we will return to normal spring beaches festooned with egg cases. But sadly, a more likely explanation is that there will be no accumulation of egg cases this year, or perhaps maybe the next.

This likely loss is a lingering result of the red tide algal blooms of last summer and early fall. One of the phases of an intense and prolonged algal bloom is a separate but related biological process of mass decomposition; the decomposition of animals killed by the red tide toxins, and the decomposition of the billions of algal cells that bloomed and caused the red tide.

Decomposition is a process in which free-living bacteria consume organic matter. These bacteria undergo respiration (i.e., they breathe), consuming oxygen and giving off carbon dioxide. When an

algal bloom is so intense, and produces so much organic matter, the bacteria reproduce very rapidly (they also bloom) and ultimately consume all of the oxygen in the water and upper layers of the sandy bottom. This portion of the ocean stripped of oxygen is called an hypoxic zone.

Hypoxic areas are also known as dead zones. They are areas not life-supporting for the animals that normally occupy the sandy ocean bottom habitats. The good news is that we no longer have hypoxic zones just off our shores. Most of the organic matter is gone, as storms have mixed the water and returned oxygen levels to normal.

The bad news is that seemingly most of the lightning whelks of reproductive age were killed during the hypoxic event. Now we wait, to see how many years it will take until our spring beaches are again decorated with lightning whelk egg cases.

Dr. Bruce Neill is the executive director and co-founder of the Sanibel Sea School. It is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the ocean's future, one person at a time. For more information, visit sanibelseaschool.org.

Letters

From page 4

Apologies to any donors inadvertently omitted. Additional thanks to club members and friends who set up, ran and took down the festival grounds.

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Mayor speaks at CASI meeting

The Condominium Associations of Sanibel recently hosted its breakfast meeting at the Sundial Beach Resort and Spa, at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel. Mayor Kevin Ruane was the guest speaker. He provided an update on the city's financial stability, water quality efforts, dealing with traffic and more. Following his presentation, a question-and-answer session took place.

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Mayor Kevin Ruane, Doreen Ruane, CASI President Linda Naton, Ted Magie, CASI Board Member Julie Smith, Jennifer Rebazza and CASI Board Member Jim Wynn.



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Grace Deltonville, Jane Michaud, Davis Wahl and Fran Wilson.



Blake Devitt and Mike Holloway.

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Campaign benefits CHR

Island businesses are giving back to Community Housing and Resources through the Give Back Wednesday campaign, which entails donating a percentage of their daily sales on a set Wednesday. An event was held on April 10 at The Island Store, at 11500 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva. The next one will take place today, April 17, at Malia Island Fusion Cuisine, at 1100 Par View Drive, Sanibel. Businesses interested in participating in the campaign can contact CHR Executive Director Melissa Rice at 239-472-1189 or Melissa.rice@sanibelchr.org.

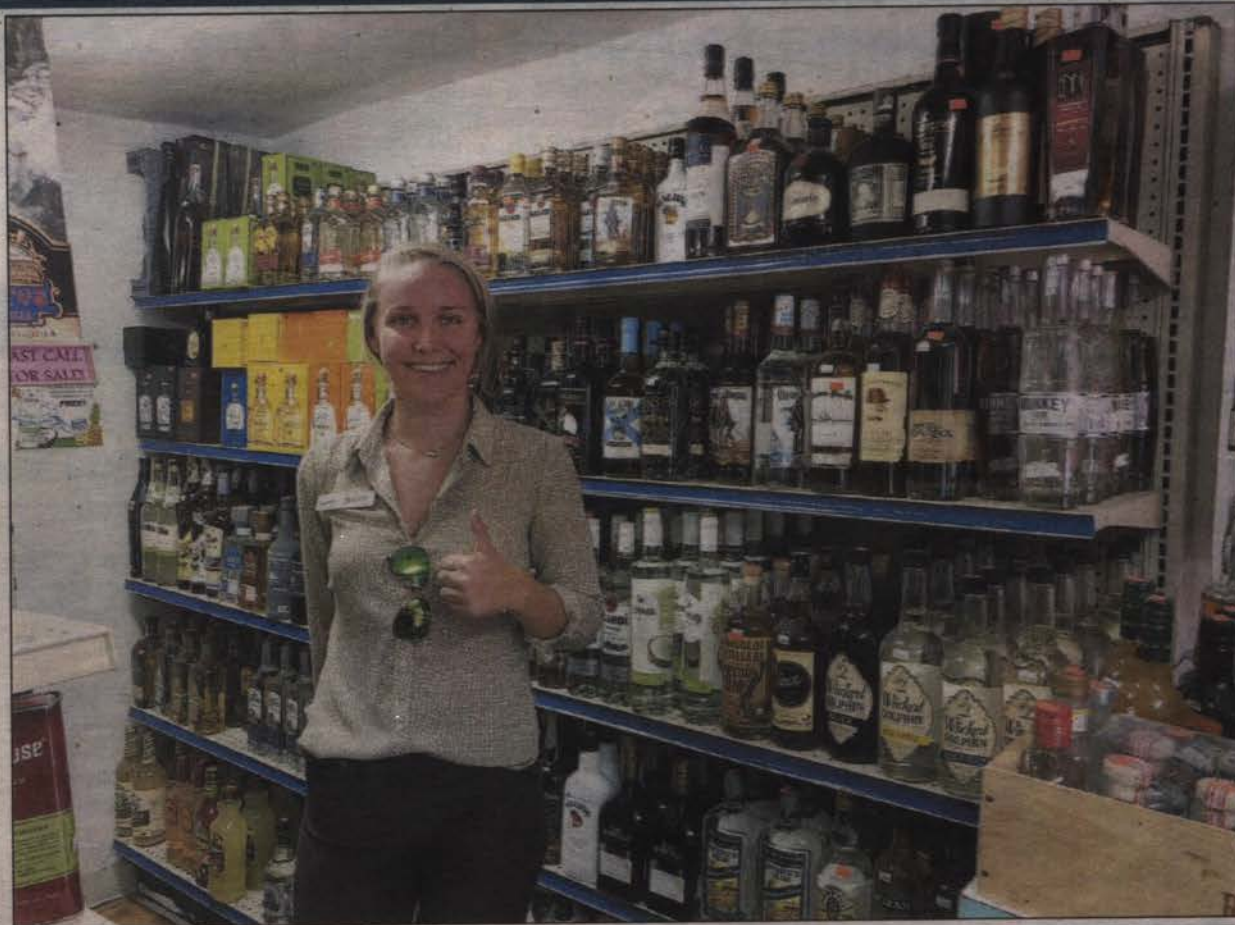
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Lenny and Lin Rau.



Lorraine and Tom Langan.



Baillie Johnson.



Visitor from New Hampshire.



Moe and Eric Dampier.



The Island Store.



Buddy.

PRESERVING PARADISE

The Big Calusa to honor Earth Day with week-long activities

By MEGHAN BRADBURY

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In an effort to reconnect the community to the waterways, Calusa Waterkeeper, a non-profit clean water advocacy group, is kicking off the inaugural, The Big Calusa, a recreational, educational and cultural family friendly week-long festival this month.

The event is an ambitious creation to get the community out for a fun week of recreation, culture and cleanup.

"We wanted to create a positive event and make people feel good about the water and reconnect people," KC Schulberg, Calusa Waterkeeper's executive director and creator of The Big Calusa, said. "We wanted to create a fun water festival and at different opportunities talk about water advocacy."

The group has been in the front of the community holding events on such topics as public health, economic damage and legislation policy and regulation since last year's red tide and blue-green algae outbreak.

Now it is time to devote some time on the resource itself.

"We have had amazing support. We are pretty pleased. It will become an annual event," Schulberg said.

The event will kick off on April 22, Earth Day, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with the Calusa Kayakers Clean-up Kick Off Party at Millennial Brewing Company in Fort Myers.

"Millennial Brewing is such a wonderful community member. They are throwing us a big party," he said.

The event will unveil a specially crafted brew, The Big Calusa, which will be on tap at various venues all week. The event will also feature musical entertainment, food trucks, as well as the opportunity to sign up kayak races and clean-up crews.

The "Race for Clean Water" is \$25 and can be purchased at calusawaterkeeper.networkforgood.com/events/12364-big-calusa-race-sign-up.

A film crew will also be onsite walking around and recording the festivities for the end of the week compilation film.

On Earth Day, The Big Calusa will team up with Keep Lee County Beautiful in initiating Calusa Clean-Up, a week-long effort to clean local waterways while partnering with kayak outfitters, civic associations, homeowners associations, service groups, churches and schools.

The clean-up will be held from April 22-28. Those interested can contact Mike Thomas of Keep Lee County Beautiful at mike@klcb.org or by calling 239-334-3488.

Schulberg said individuals participating in the clean-up are encouraged to take a picture of their clean-up location, refuse they have collected and tag themselves with #calusacleanup on their event Facebook page. The clean-

up can be done on foot, in canoes and kayaks or on power boats.

"We will keep track of what people are collecting and give some awards out," he explained.

In addition, from April 22-28, kayak outfitters who join the program will hand out garbage bags, rubber gloves and tagging details. They are encouraged to reimburse one hour of rental fee for those kayakers who return with a bag of refuse.

Those bags will be photographed and tagged #CalusaCleanup on the Big Calusa Facebook page and entered to win awards.

On April 24, the event will continue with Calusa Culture Night at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

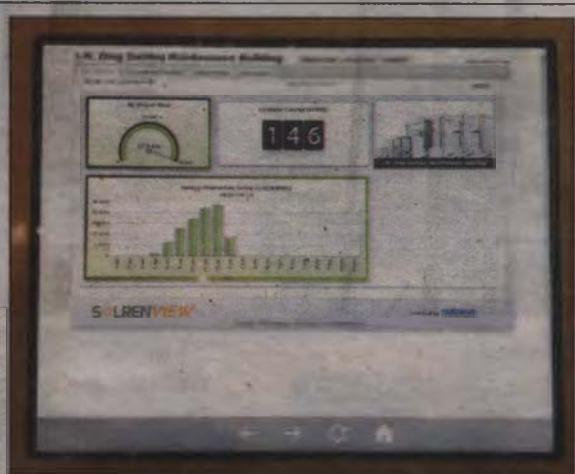
The speakers for the event include Woody Hanson, Ralph Woodring, Seminole Tribe member Brian Zepeda, Cindy Bear from the Randell Research Center, Amy Bennet Williams, Bill Hammond and John Cassani with Calusa Waterkeeper.

Schulberg said there will be some very colorful stories told, as some of the speakers have known the area for generations.

He said Sanibel artist Myra Roberts, who has been generous to Calusa Waterkeeper, will provide some culture that night with her artwork. Naples-based painter Paul Arsenault will also have water-themed works of art on display. In addition, a Seminole dugout canoe will be on display.

The Calusa Culture Night will also feature music by electric acoustic duo, Roots 2 Vine, who will premiere "The Big Calusa," a song written for the occasion.

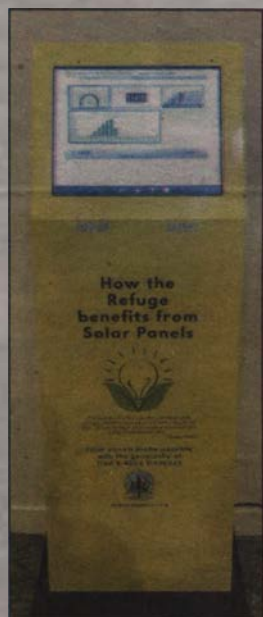
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Refuge harnesses solar power for island

Work has been completed on installing and connecting solar panels on the roof of the Visitor & Education Center at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the final phase of the refuge's solar installation. The new solar kiosk shows information from the solar panels on the maintenance building. Visitors can interact with the kiosk to see how much energy is being generated and what the total energy can be equated to, in terms of tons of CO2 emissions avoided, smartphones charged, electric cars charged, gallons of gasoline offset and such. They can see how much energy is produced hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, yearly and in total — since the panels have been operating. The "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge has plans to create interactive solar components and exhibits inside and outside the center as part of the project, which was made possible by the 2015 San-Cap Solar Connect program and donations from Fred and Alice Stanback. San-Cap Solar Connect has brought affordable solar conversion to island residents and businesses through cooperative buying.



Ocean Tribe Paddlers to explore Bowman's mangroves

Ocean Tribe Paddlers, which is affiliated with the Sanibel Sea School, hosts excursions for paddling enthusiasts to enjoy a group paddle, share tips and ideas, and meet new friends to paddle with.

The next one will be held today, April 17, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Paddlers will explore the Bowman's Beach mangrove canals. Participants can look expect beautiful views of Sanibel's unique "walking trees," wildlife watching opportunities, and a chance to learn a bit about the local flora and fauna.

Those interested in taking part can



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bring their own paddling craft or borrow one from Ocean Tribe Paddlers. To reserve a loaner, email oceantribepaddlers@sanibelseaschool.org in advance.

Meet at 2:45 p.m. at the kayak launch in the beach parking lot, at 1700 Bowmans Beach Road, Sanibel.

Be sure to visit the Ocean Tribe Paddlers Facebook page for any weather-related updates; schedule changes will be posted at least one hour prior to the event.

For more information, visit oceantribeoutfitters.org or follow on Facebook and Instagram.

Sanibel Sea School to offer free beach walk

The Sanibel Sea School will offer a free guided beach walk on April 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. Join the organization's marine science educators and explore what has washed ashore. They will talk about any interesting organisms and objects found on the beach, share some basic shell biology and answer questions. Meet at the flagship campus, at 455 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. The event is family-friendly. No reservations are required. For more information, visit sanibelseaschool.org.

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'Father of Timeshare' and more set for Sanibel library

The Sanibel Public Library recently announced its upcoming programs for adults and youth.

On April 15, the popular "Fill-A-Bag for A Dollar" book sale kicked off at the library. The sale will continue until the available inventory is depleted.

There will be a book talk on April 18 at 2 p.m. with the "Father of Timeshare," Keith Trowbridge, who invented the concept of timesharing, starting with a single resort on Sanibel in 1973. Relive the adventures, by turns comic and tragic, of his hardscrabble childhood in Samia, Ontario. Learn how intelligence, promises to himself, and most of all perseverance brought him fortunes won and lost — and won again.

The library also hosts the following weekly programs for children:

- **Family Storytime:** Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 11 a.m. For young readers and their caregivers, the program helps develop pre-reading skills through songs and stories.

- **After-School Clique:** Wednesdays at 3 p.m. Geared for children in fourth through sixth grade, the group will craft, build, make and play, with books and a provided snack thrown in.

- **After-School Crew:** Thursdays at 3 p.m. Children in kindergarten through third grade will enjoy favorite books, never-knew-existed books, games and crafts, with a snack provided.

- **Reading to Bessie:** Rain-free Thursdays from 3:45 to 5 p.m. Have fun reading to Bessie, a bearded collie and Reading Education Assistance Dog. Participants can sign up on the spot.

In addition, a Bedtime Storytime will take place on April 25 at 7 p.m. Designed for infants through elementary-age, youth can wear jammies, bring a teddy bear, and enjoy stories and a few cookies.

Library cards are available to residents of Sanibel and



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The "Fill-A-Bag for A Dollar" book sale kicked off on April 15 at the Sanibel Public Library.

Lee County at no charge.

The Sanibel Public Library is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It

is closed on Sundays.

For more information, call 239-472-2483 or visit online at www.sanlib.org.

The Sanibel Public Library is at 770 Dunlop Road.

IWA offers tips to secure water before leaving town

As the end of season approaches and part-time residents begin to prepare to head off the islands, the Island Water Association offered the following tips to help keep their water secure while away:

- **Contact IWA and take advantage of the annual free turn off and turn on of the water at the meter.** For those who do not have a pool or irrigation system and will be gone until next season, it makes sense to have the water turned off at the meter. IWA does not recommend that homeowners operate the curb stop on their meter. Contact IWA so one of the technicians can turn the water off at the meter. Alternatively, they can turn the water off at the backflow prevention device if the property has one. Turning the water off at the meter or the backflow device just behind the meter turns off all the water to the property.

- **For those who do not want their water turned off at the meter and do not have a backflow prevention device, they can still turn off their house valve.** Turning off the house valve will turn off all spigots that are attached to the house and water to the inside of the house. It is usually recommended if the water is turned off to shut off the hot water heater valves and the corresponding circuit breaker. Some IWA members have had a locking device put on their house valve or have had the house valve moved inside their garage. Turning off the house valve does not usually turn off the irrigation

system.

- **As a precaution, remove any outside hoses that will not be used while away.**

- **Have the home watch read the water meter to check for high usage and to see if water is going through the meter.** IWA is only at each property once a month to get a meter reading. A lot of water usage can occur in the span of a month. Scheduling a home watch visit for the day after the pool person can prevent a hose left running, whether due to a failed timer or just forgotten.

- **Check the usage and the amount of the water bill every month.** If the usage seems excessive, check with the home watch, irrigation person or give IWA a call. Membership Coordinator Kathy is diligent about contacting members with high usage that appear on the leak log — members who show continual usage 24 hours a day — but it is impossible to monitor every members' water usage.

- **Put a fresh battery in the irrigation controller.** During the summer months, power outages and power surges are common. The irrigation system controller has a battery back-up for these instances, but if the battery is dead, some irrigation controllers will default to a setting to water every day. Check the rain sensor to make sure it is operating properly and set appropriately for your landscaping.

Sanibel Recreation Center registering youth for Fun Days

Registration is open for Fun Days on April 19 and April 22 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Recreation Center, at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel.

They will offer a variety of athletic games, craft projects and special entertainment.

Enrollment is available for kindergartners through eighth-graders.

The cost is \$36 for members and \$48 for non-members per day.

Financial assistance is also available to qualifying families.

Each child needs to bring a lunch,

swimsuit and towel; light snacks will be provided.

The Sanibel Recreation Center offers daily, weekly, semi-annual and annual memberships.

For more information or to register, call 239-472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.

Bailey's announces spring contest winners

Bailey's General Store recently named the winners of its annual spring contest.

Kindergarten

- First place: Lucy Wolf
- Second place: Ethan Doss
- Third place: Delaney Shawkster

First grade

- First place: Marlow Plassard
- Second place: Taylor Peach
- Third place: Grant Muddell

Second grade

- First place: Harrison Jones
- Second place: Emma Noggle
- Third place: Dawsyn Riggio

Third grade

- First place: Anna Koloboua
- Second place: Karminidy Schaser
- Third place: Kirby Padgett

Fourth grade

- First place: DJ Jenkins
- Second place: Jacky Chavez
- Third place: Pierce Farhat

The pictures are currently on display at Bailey's. Winners can pick up their Easter surprise starting on April 18 by stopping by the office.

For more information, call Roni at 239-472-1516. Bailey's General Store is at 2477 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals X

ANSWER: WHAT IS THE TERM FOR SOMEONE WHO'S EXAMINING THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD EXPLORER.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NEEUUV

PEDIT

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



WHEN ASPHALT BECAME COMMONLY USED ON ROADS, IT ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer: HANGAR

Jumbles: VENUE TEPID WEAKLY HANGAR

Sudoku

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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.

Bridge

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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THE DOG IN THE NIGHT

Neither vulnerable, West deals

NORTH

♠ 853

♥ QJ92

♦ A32

♣ A Q8

WEST

♠ AKQ1096

♥ K8

♦ 965

♣ K10

EAST

♠ 72

♥ A10654

♦ J87

♣ 753

SOUTH

♠ J4

♥ 73

♦ KQ104

♣ J9642

The bidding:

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ Dbl Pass 2♣

2♠ Pass Pass 2NT*

Pass 3♣ All pass

*Pick a minor

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

"Watson, what about the curious incident of the dog in the night time?" "But Holmes, the dog did nothing in the night time." "Yes, Watson, that was the curious incident," Sherlock Holmes deduced, from the stable dog's silence while a crime was committed in the stable, that the criminal was well known to the

dog. Sometimes in bridge we draw inferences from what our opponent, or our partner, didn't do.

West in today's deal was Australian Martin Bloom. He continued with the king of spades at trick two, East following with the encouraging seven and then the two. Bloom reasoned that his partner had no interest in a spade ruff, as East knew from the auction that South was also short in spades. Should East have a strong diamond holding, he would have played the two of spades on the opening lead to encourage a shift. Bloom saw that his own club holding was doomed under the ace-queen, and the contract couldn't be defeated if South had the ace of hearts and the king of diamonds. Even just the queen of diamonds, instead of the king, would make the contract solid.

Bloom saw that the only helpful card partner could have, consistent with the play so far, was the ace of hearts. Bloom shifted to the king of hearts at trick three and continued with a heart to East's ace. A third heart was ruffed by South and over ruffed by Bloom for the setting trick. Nice shift!

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this paper or tcaeditors@tribpub.com)

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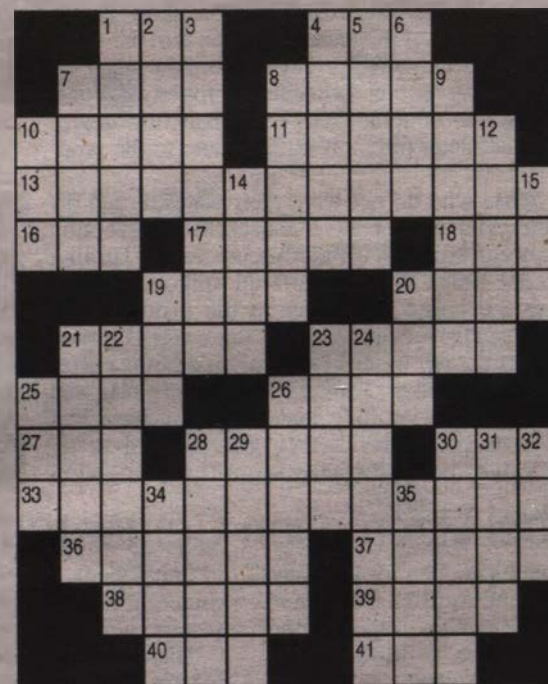
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| 7 Ashen | 37 Start of a supplication | 6 Data crawler | 22 Beach |
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| 10 Director Forman | 39 Smile | 8 Fountain of Rome | 24 Mentalist's claim |
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| 13 Breakfast order | 41 Thesaurus wd. | 10 CEO's deg. | 26 Salsa singer |
| 16 Simile center | 12 Answers an invitation | 11 Phone bug | 27 Borneo ape, for short |
| 17 Four-star reviews | 13 Island south of Sicily | 14 Incursion | 28 "Mack the Knife" singer |
| 18 FDR project | 15 Phone bug | 16 Phone bug | 29 "This — outrage!" |
| 19 107, to Cato | 17 Phone bug | 18 Phone bug | 30 Pigs' digs |
| 20 Actor Johnny | 19 Phone bug | 20 Phone bug | 31 Teen hangout |
| 21 Velocity | 21 Phone bug | 22 Phone bug | 32 Grand Ole — |
| 22 Apple centers | 23 Phone bug | 24 Phone bug | |
| 25 And others (Lat.) | 25 Phone bug | 26 Phone bug | |
| 26 French cheese | 27 Phone bug | 28 Phone bug | |
| 27 Plopped down | 29 Phone bug | 30 Phone bug | |
| 28 Pink hue | 31 Phone bug | 32 Phone bug | |

Solution time: 23 mins.



Sudoku Solution

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9	5	3	4	2	1	8	6	7
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Warm weather brings good fishing



Capt. Bill Russell

On the Water

April kicked off with a front dropping down early in the week bringing a few windy days and scattered showers. As we moved closer to the weekend, we were back to sunny days with light wind. Offshore fishing was good for grouper and snapper, and a good mix of fish were caught inshore.

Many boats found their limits of red grouper in the Gulf of Mexico while targeting depths from 90 to 120 feet. Grouper, with a good number over 30 inches, were hooked while dropping live

squirrel and pinfish or dead squid and sardines. Hard bottom and ledges over the same depths also yielded mangrove snapper to 5 pounds, plus lane and yellowtail snapper, plus a few porgy.

Trolling silver spoons around bait pods in depths from

40 to 60 feet, several boats found good action on Spanish mackerel, plus a few king fish or king mackerel. Barracuda and sharks were also reported around the bait schools.

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GAMMA's Grand Slam held at Sundial

Sundial's GAMMA Pickleball Tournament took place on April 4-7 at the Sundial Beach Resort and Spa, at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel. Directed by pro Lucy Kitcher, it was open to all ages from all levels — 2.5 to 5.0 — and featured singles, doubles and mixed. Sponsored by GAMMA and Zero Zero Stay and Play, the tourney offered four days of competition and fun at the resort's 12 pickleball courts.

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Officials: Boating and alcohol is a recipe for disaster

Many boaters are not aware of the very real, life-threatening dangers associated with consuming alcohol while boating. Add environmental stressors to the usual factors resulting from drinking alcohol, and a truly perilous condition is present, according to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Consuming any type of alcohol produces certain physiological responses that directly affect safety and well-being of the captain, passengers and other boaters. Judgment and skills deteriorate impacting peripheral vision, balance and ability to process information. Physical performance and reaction time are reduced.

Alcohol reduces depth perception, night vision, focus and the ability to distinguish colors, especially red and green navigation lights. Alcohol consumption can result in inner ear disturbance, which can make it impossible for a person suddenly immersed in water to distinguish up from down. Life jackets are designed to move unconscious victims face up, providing they are wearing one in the first place.

People from around the globe come to enjoy the local waterways. One of the biggest challenges is they bring their own boating perspectives from back home and are unfamiliar with navigating the Florida waterways and fail to realize the physical impacts of the Florida heat, sun and wind.

The leading cause of fatalities in Florida are falls overboard, with 81 percent not wearing a life jacket. Public safety experts encourage boaters to wear their life jackets and save the drinking for the marina.

"The Coast Guard has a zero tolerance policy for boating while intoxicated," U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Commander Nick Kaveski said. "Always have a sober captain and save the party for the pier."

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission — the lead agency in investigating boating accidents — reported that in 2017 that 67 percent of boating accident fatalities did not take a boating safety class.

All boaters should learn more about safe boating by taking a safe boating class. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, must have a Boating Safety Education ID Card to legally operate a boat in Florida. Boaters can find the local classes at www.aux91fmb.org/safeboating or call 239-690-6780 option 1.

For more information, visit www.cgaux.org

Beachview team named division champs

Lee County has 44 tennis teams divided among six divisions for men over 70 years old. The winner of the bronze division was the team from the Beachview Tennis Club on Sanibel. The matches were played over a four-month period at various tennis clubs throughout the county. Unlike the over 50 league, where players are grouped according to skill level by red, white and blue divisions, the over 70 has age as the only requirement. Consequently, the skill levels are very mixed. Capt. Gil Royal was able to put players together to maximize their skills, which resulted in a comfortable winning margin for the Beachview men on their division championship.



SANDRA CHEN-DAVIS

From left, Art Tupper, Rich Ream, Capt. Gil Royal, Jerry Miller, Gene Lopez, Bob Macchia, Hunt Ethridge, Luis Barroso, Steve Kuberski, Jim Davis, Juris Kaps and Dan Moeder. Not pictured are Don Aldridge, Ed Buttolph, Larry Haas, Steve Jerrett, Bob Kamino and Wayne Turner.

Paddling Tip of the Week

Avoid paddling in main channels if at all possible. Although you can expect most boat traffic to flow through the channel, smaller power boats can still travel through shallow water and are a lot less predictable. They tend to present the most notable threat to paddlers. Stay close to shore and cross channels as quickly as possible to stay safe. The weekly paddling tip is provided by the Ocean Tribe Paddlers, which is affiliated with the Sanibel Sea School. For more information, visit oceantribepaddlers.org.

Co-Ed Softball League

The spring Co-Ed Softball League has the following games set for today, April 17:

- Swingers vs. Bailey's at 6:20 p.m.
- Swingers vs. Knuckleheads at 7:30 p.m.
- Sea Dogs vs. Knuckleheads at 8:40 p.m.

The games are played at the Sanibel Ball Fields.



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Annual 'Will to Live' golf tourney raises over \$8K

On March 27, almost 50 golfers participated in the ninth annual "Will to Live" golf tournament at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club on Sanibel.

Three different flights were held, with additional winners in a number of skill challenges.

More than \$8,000 was raised, which pushed the DMGA's overall totals to almost \$80,000 given over the last nine years.

The highlight of the day was the DMGA luncheon with a captivating message from John Trautwein, founder and head of the Will to Live Foundation. After the suicide death of their oldest child, 15-year-old high school freshman Will, Trautwein and his wife, Susie, started the foundation. Its motto is "For the kids, by the kids, through the kids."

Since 2010, they have been spreading awareness of teen suicide, along with education of not only mental health issues to the young people of communities, but also teaching them to recognize the love they have in their lives today — through their friends — their "life teammates."

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Tickets are available at www.sbdac.com or by calling 239-333-1933.

On April 26, Schulberg said Lee County officials stepped up and said they wanted to participate in the event. They will host a Filter Marsh Tour at Powell Creek Preserve. The tour is organized by the Lee County Natural Resources and Parks & Recreation's Conservation 20/20 department.

The Big Calusa Day on April 27 at North Shore Park, located along the Caloosahatchee in North Fort Myers, will feature an ACA-sanctioned kayak and paddleboard races, which are held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The races are staggered every 10 minutes.

The race will include three kayak heats of 20 boats/one paddle board heat. The three-mile course will take participants along the north shore of the Caloosahatchee under two bridges and back to the North Shore Park. The event's film crew will follow the action.

For more information about the race, contact Matt Willison at matwillison@att.net or by calling 860-839-3987.

The event opens to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a great deal of activities for the entire family to enjoy. At 10 a.m., the Calusa Clean-Up kayak, canoe and paddleboard clean-up champions set off to collect trash and return at 3:30 p.m. Also at 10 a.m. a Fossil Finder's activity for children ages 5 to 10 years old will begin and run until noon.

The magical tugboat, "Little Toot," arrives by water at noon. Capt. Christopher Robin will share

on-shore life lesson stories. Yemaya the Mermaid will also share stories during the event.

Three Fishermen Seafood Restaurant and food trucks will provide lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The scheduled events will resume at 1:30 p.m. with fly fishing competition and demonstration. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. two seat kayaks for parent and their child with expert instruction will be provided for the kid kayak tours. The Fort Myers Power Squadron will provide boating safety lessons at 3 p.m.

Other adult and family activities include Hobie Cat sailboat rides, Master Naturalist Manatee Eco Tours and rowing demonstrations.

Schulberg said Keep Lee County Beautiful will also have a dumpster set up at Hancock Creek, which is a mile from their principal location, for those who wish to bring their canoe and paddle craft to clean up the waterways, which has not been done for a few years at the location.

Those who participate are encouraged to bring their own paddle craft. The comprehensive Big Calusa Clean-Up of Hancock Creek will work from the Hancock Creek Moody Boat Ramp in North Fort Myers.

The Big Calusa will conclude on April 28 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with the Big Calusa Awards Ceremony. The ceremony will announce the Calusa clean-up champions, race-winners and local clean water heroes at the Edison and Ford Winter Estates, at 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers.

South Florida Water Management District Chairman Chauncey Goss will give remarks at the awards ceremony.

He said they will also recognize people who have done some amazing work to clean and preserve the waters for the last decade.

Also on April 28, the Calusa Waterkeeper Membership Dinner, annual membership and elections meeting will be held with keynote speaker Goss.

"The Big Calusa was created to remind our community why it is important to protect and preserve our waterways," Schulberg said. "These precious natural resources, including our palm-lined beaches, exotic mangrove islands, unique ecosystems of marshes, tributaries, rivers and estuaries, not only provide boundless recreational opportunities, they serve as the underpinning of our economy, our livelihood and our enjoyment of Southwest Florida. We need to cherish and preserve these resources for future generations."

Those who would like to sponsor the event can do so by emailing Schulberg at kc@calusawaterkeeper.org.

For more information about the Big Calusa, visit www.calusawaterkeeper.org/bigcalusa, www.facebook.com/events/297036610993211/ or follow Calusa Waterkeeper at www.Facebook.com/calusawaterkeeper.

Volunteers are also being sought. Those interested can fill out a form at calusawaterkeeper.org/events/big-calusa/ or contact info@calusawaterkeeper.org.

Obituaries

Fort Myers



Richard (Dick) H. Hulit

Fort Myers, FL — Richard (Dick) H. Hulit, 87, died Sunday, April 7th at his home in Shell Point Fort Myers FL. He leaves his beloved wife of 63 years, Peg; his son, Richard and his wife Siobhan, his daughter, Betsy Delfosse and her husband Duane; his son Douglas; seven grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and many other close family and friends.

Born and raised in East Orange, NJ, he was the son of Mabel and Edward Hulit. As a young man, Dick was an avid baseball player and was signed by Bill Dickey of the New York Yankees. His love of the Yankees and all things baseball continued throughout his life.

Dick met his wife, Peg, at Rutgers University and they became united from that moment on and have been married for over 63 years. Dick and Peg raised their family in Rye, NY and then retired to Sanibel, FL where they have lived for close to 30 years.

Dick was a dedicated volunteer, business man and family man. He purchased Hoffman Engineering, a small lighting laboratory, in the mid 1970's and grew it to a national company that contracted with the US government and Fortune 100 companies. Dick's commitment to volunteering was outstanding. He served in a leadership role for many organizations including over 20 years with the Rye Fire Department and Rye Baseball League. After retiring to Sanibel, he continued with his volunteer spirit and leadership with the Sanibel

Lions, Ding Darling Bird Sanctuary, Healthpark, Sanibel Fire Department and Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. He received many volunteer service awards including recognition from US Fish and Wildlife for his contributions to the new Ding Darling Visitor's Center and over 3,500 hours of service. Dick was a role model with his commitment to family, service, entrepreneurship and mentoring many special people along the way.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Dick's life will be held at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on Friday, April 26 at 11 am. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ (2050 Periwinkle Way; Sanibel, FL 33957; 239-472-0497).

Death Notices

Lehigh Acres

Barron Lang, 74, of Lehigh Acres, passed away on April 3, 2019. Arrangements are in the care and trust of Baldwin Brothers Funeral & Cremation Society

Chrisann Latkowski, 53, of Lehigh Acres, passed away on April 7, 2019. Arrangements are in the care and trust of Baldwin Brothers Funeral & Cremation Society

John Murray Jr., 74, of Lehigh Acres, passed away on April 3, 2019. Arrangements are in the care and trust of Baldwin Brothers Funeral & Cremation Society

North Fort Myers

Daniel Roy Miller, 71, of North Fort Myers, passed away on April 4, 2019. Arrangements are in the care and trust of Affordable Cremations by Baldwin Brothers.

Herbert Williams, Jr., 68, of North Fort Myers, FL passed away April 1, 2019. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Services.

Marilyn Ann Healy, 92, of North Fort Myers, passed away Monday, April 8, 2019. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

Richard Drew, 84, of North Fort Myers, passed away on April 8, 2019. Arrangements are in the care and trust of Affordable Cremations by Baldwin Brothers.

Roseann Noonan, 79, of N. Ft. Myers, passed away Thursday, April 4, 2019. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

Verbia M Vicky Hill, 89, of North Fort Myers, passed away on April 11, 2019. Arrangements are in the care and trust of Affordable Cremations by Baldwin Brothers.

Kenneth Adam Vande Linde, 81, of North Fort Myers, passed away Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

John Richard Pinamonti, 76, of North Fort Myers, passed away on March 31, 2019. Arrangements are in the care and trust of Affordable Cremations by Baldwin Brothers.

John David Willits Sr, 76, of North Fort Myers, passed away on April 6, 2019. Arrangements are in the care and trust of Affordable Cremations by Baldwin Brothers.

Pine Island

Johnny Ray Messer II, 33, of St. James City, FL passed away on April 3 2019. Arrangements are by Coral Ridge Funeral Home, Cemetery and Cremation Services, Cape Coral. Please visit www.coralridgefuneralhome.com for additional information.

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Fishing

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Once the wind settled down, tarpon sightings were on the rise both inshore and offshore. Tarpon in good numbers were sighted a few miles off the beach from Sanibel's Knapp's Point south to Bonita Beach. In and around the Gulf passes, tarpon were reported around the

C-span of the Sanibel Causeway, plus Redfish and Boca Grande passes. With very clear waters inshore, it was often possible for anglers to sight several dozen or more tarpon together in Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. More often than not, it was extremely

difficult if not impossible to get one to take a bait, however their appetite should improve in the coming days as our waters continue to warm.

Spanish mackerel and ladyfish were commonly found together inside or just outside the Gulf passes and over grass flats just off the intracoastal waterway in Pine Island Sound. At times they provided non-stop action for anglers tossing small silver spoons, flashy lures and live baitfish. Sharks averaging in size from 3 to 5 feet were also in good numbers. A chunk of fresh ladyfish is a sure bet to get a shark's attention.

Catch-and-release snook fishing continued strong throughout the inshore waters and around the Gulf passes. For live bait, pilchards, herring, pinfish and large shrimp were top baits, with Z-Man Jerk Shads and Mirrodines working well for the artificial guys. Snook were reported across both sides of Pine Island Sound, Blind and Redfish passes, north Matlacha Pass, and the eastern wall of Charlotte Harbor. From shore, snook were hooked from the Matlacha Drawbridge, plus the Bokeelia and Sanibel fishing piers. All snook remain closed season and are catch and release only.

Spotted sea trout were caught in Matlacha Pass, the eastern side of Pine Island Sound and in Charlotte Harbor. Fish ranged in size from 13 to 24 inches, with a decent number reported in the 15 to 17-inch class. Many of the larger fish were hooked off shorelines and oyster bars, while better numbers of smaller fish up to 18 inches were caught over bottom with a grass/sand mix in 3 to 7-foot depths. Best baits included live pinfish, shrimp, pilchards and DOA shad tails or Vudu shrimp.

Most redfish caught were hooked while fishing the same area for snook. Fish up to 32 inches were caught from northeast Pine Island Sound and up the eastern side of Charlotte Harbor. Fish reported took either live or dead bait,

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

■ Nereo Salas Valadez, 49, of 918 Deep Lagoon Lane, Fort Myers, was charged on April 9 with DUI unlawful blood alcohol.

■ Luis Alonso Ordonez, 32, of 18588 Evergreen Road, Fort Myers, was charged on April 10 with operate motor vehicle without valid license.

including shrimp, pilchards, pinfish or cut herring and ladyfish. Redfish are also out of season and strictly catch and release only.

Give us one solid week of a consistent weather and watch what happens. For the past month, just as the fish and bait begin to get into a pattern, our weekly front drops down and we hit the reset button. Tarpon are here in good numbers with reinforcements arriving daily, plus schools of bait are here with more on the way. We just need a string of good weather for some great April fishing.

If you have a fishing report or for charter information, please contact us Gulf Coast Guide Service at 239-283-7960, via the Website www.fishpineisland.com or email gcl2fish@live.com.

Have a safe week and good fishin'.

As a native of Pine Island, Capt. 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

April 17 - April 23, 2019

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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	Lo	7:03 AM	7:02 AM	7:01 AM	7:00 AM	6:59 AM	6:59 AM	6:58 AM
	Hi	7:54 PM	7:54 PM	7:55 PM	7:55 PM	7:56 PM	7:56 PM	7:57 PM
Redfish Pass	Lo	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Hi	12:08 AM	1:09 AM	2:04 AM	2:58 AM	3:52 AM	4:50 AM	6:00 AM
	Lo	6:21 AM	6:52 AM	7:19 AM	7:43 AM	8:03 AM	8:22 AM	8:37 AM
	Hi	12:58 PM	1:16 PM	1:36 PM	1:59 PM	2:25 PM	2:53 PM	3:26 PM
Punta Rassa	Lo	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Hi	--	12:58 AM	1:53 AM	2:47 AM	3:41 AM	4:39 AM	5:49 AM
	Lo	6:36 AM	7:07 AM	7:34 AM	7:58 AM	8:18 AM	8:37 AM	8:52 AM
	Hi	12:47 PM	1:05 PM	1:25 PM	1:48 PM	2:14 PM	2:42 PM	3:15 PM
Sanibel Light	Lo	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Hi	--	12:14 AM	1:09 AM	2:03 AM	2:57 AM	3:55 AM	5:05 AM
	Lo	6:23 AM	6:54 AM	7:21 AM	7:45 AM	8:05 AM	8:24 AM	8:39 AM
	Hi	12:03 PM	12:21 PM	12:41 PM	1:04 PM	1:30 PM	1:58 PM	2:31 PM
Captiva (Outside)	Lo	5:07 AM	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Hi	11:33 AM	--	12:39 AM	1:33 AM	2:27 AM	3:25 AM	4:35 AM
	Lo	5:23 PM	5:38 AM	6:05 AM	6:29 AM	6:49 AM	7:08 AM	7:23 AM
	Hi	11:44 PM	11:51 PM	12:11 PM	12:34 PM	1:00 PM	1:28 PM	2:01 PM
	Lo	--	6:11 PM	6:56 PM	7:41 PM	8:27 PM	9:15 PM	10:08 PM

WEATHER FORECAST FOR APRIL 17TH - APRIL 20TH

Wednesday		Mostly Sunny		88/72	
A.M.		P.M.			
Thursday		Isolated Thunderstorms		86/72	
A.M.		P.M.			
Friday		Isolated Thunderstorms		83/69	
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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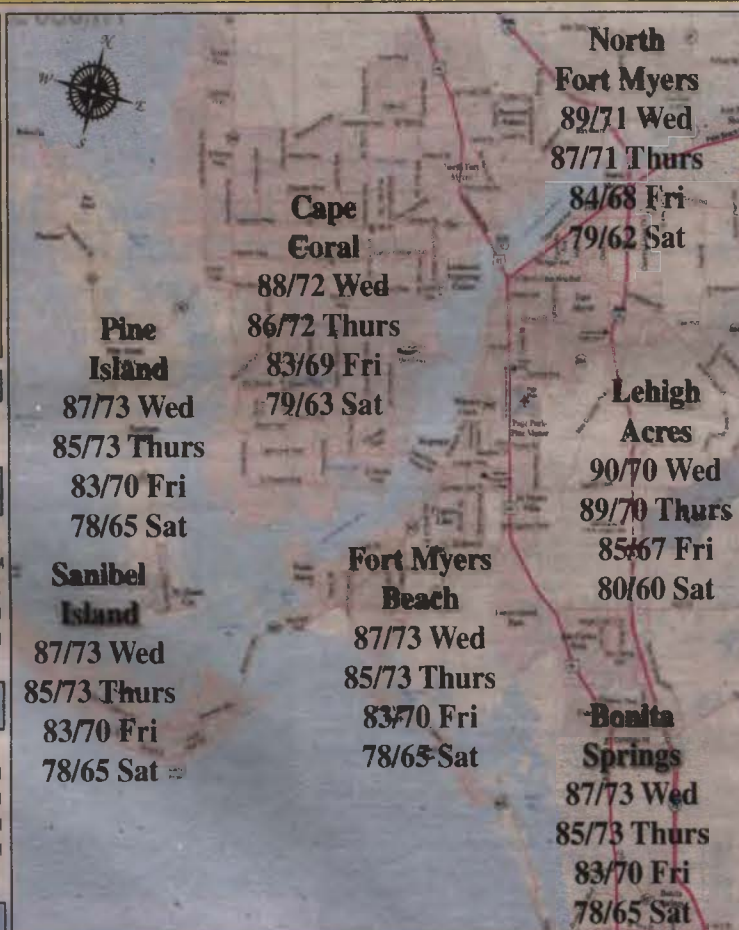
Wednesday

Low	2:11 AM	12:01 AM	3:04 AM	1:39 AM	12:37 AM	--	--	12:26 AM
Hi	9:35 AM	6:19 AM	10:17 AM	9:01 AM	7:59 AM	6:20 AM	6:14 AM	6:49 AM
Low	3:06 PM	12:56 PM	3:59 PM	2:34 PM	1:32 PM	12:25 PM	12:50 PM	1:21 PM
Hi	9:52 PM	6:36 PM	10:34 PM	9:18 PM	8:16 PM	6:43 PM	6:31 PM	7:06 PM

Thursday

Low	3:12 AM	1:02 AM	4:05 AM	2:40 AM	1:38 AM	12:23 AM	12:56 AM	1:27 AM
Hi	10:08 AM	6:52 AM	10:50 AM	9:34 AM	8:32 AM	6:52 AM	6:47 AM	7:22 AM
Low	3:25 PM	1:15 PM	4:18 PM	2:53 PM	1:51 PM	12:39 PM	1:09 PM	1:40 PM
Hi	10:41 PM	7:25 PM	11:23 PM	10:07 PM	9:05 PM	7:29 PM	7:20 PM	7:55 PM

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FT. MYERS BEACH	87/73
GAINESVILLE	90/68
JACKSONVILLE	85/68
KEY WEST	83/77
KISSIMMEE	90/69
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TAMPA	92/71
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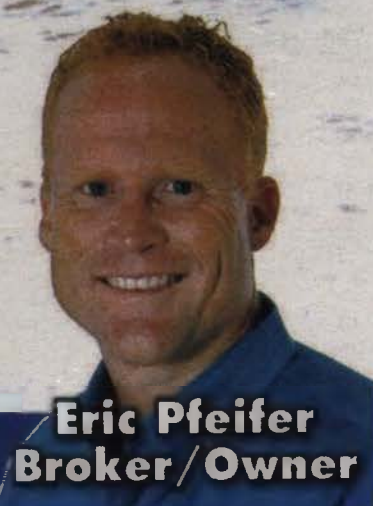


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