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Saturday, February 25, 2023 at Noon

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Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 1pm

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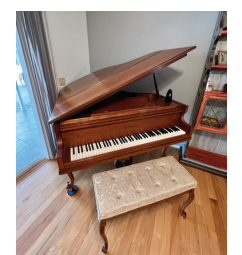
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| 8 drawer cherry wardrobe | Drop leaf server buffet with tray | Mirrors | Sawhorses |
| Cherry side tables | Glass front hutch | Antique stool | GE refrigerator/freezer |
| Cherry 8 drawer double dresser with tri-fold mirror | Glassware | Futon | Cleaning supplies |
| Cherry sleigh beds | China | LG Smart Drum washing machine | Hand tools |
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| Glass dome clocks | Dining chairs | Garage shelving | Bicycle rack |
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Around the Town

Cracker Fair

The 19th Annual Cracker Fair takes place on **Saturday, February 11** from **10am to 4pm** at Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. Come and enjoy live entertainment, a cracker whip demonstration, and Peace River Wildlife. There will be vendors, food trucks, local authors, artists, lemon dessert baking contest, and all sorts of crafts & fun. Musical

entertainment will be Vinyl Recall, Gottfried Creek, James Hawkins, and John Tuff & Friends. The Fair is presented by the Lemon Bay Historical Society as their gift to the community. Free admission. The Cracker Fair is the culmination of the week-long Lemon Bay Fest, "Englewood History with Zest". For more information, visit www.lemonbayhistory.com.

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

Everyone is invited to the Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 S. McCall Road in the Gulf Cove area. The breakfast will be served on **Saturday, February 11**, from **8am to noon**. This is a great way to start your day and have a break from your "winter" doldrums – or at least give your loved one or yourself a break from cooking! The menu includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, omelets, grits, and a beverage. All proceeds will be used to help Scout Troop 776 attend summer camp. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids 10 and younger and may be purchased at the door. For more information, contact the church at **941-697-1747**.

Manta Market

The Manta Market brings you more of the arts, crafts, artisanal foods, and other items that you have loved in the years past, one Saturday each month. The next market date is **Saturday, February 11, 9am to 2pm**. Shay's Legendary BBQ and a variety of goods will keep you replenished. Each Market is a

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The Lemon Bay Historical Society

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The 19th Annual

CRACKER FAIR

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street

Schedule of Events

10am: Opening Announcements and Greeting

10-11am: Entries for Lemon Dessert Baking Contest accepted.

10:15-10:45am (approx.): Crack Whip Demonstration by Bit of Hope Ranch. (Note: Only presented once at this time)

10:45-11:30am (approx.): Music by James Hawkins, a singer/songwriter from Venice whose current focus is on Florida history through stories and songs.

11am: Judging for Lemon Dessert Baking Contest.

11:30am-12 noon:

Demonstration by Peace River Wildlife (plans for a visit by great-horned or albino screech owl).

Noon: Lemon Dessert Baking Contest winners announced.

12:15pm-1pm: Music by Gottfried Creek. Bob Kinsley & Bill Keehne perform an eclectic mix of folk, bluegrass, and 60s & 70s rock.

1-1:45pm: Music by Vinyl Recall. Paul Quinn, Jeff Dillon, and John Munn are a three-piece eclectic classic rock band.

2-3:30pm: Classic Country Music with John Tuff and Friends who feature classic country music of the country legends.

All day (10am to 4pm): Crafts, food vendors, artists, authors, music, and more. Free admission. Englewood history books will be on sale at the Historical Society tent.



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Elsie Quirk Library Turns 60!
 Everyone is invited to the Elsie Quirk Public Library Diamond Anniversary Celebration on **Saturday, February 11.** Throughout the day, enjoy refreshments, party favors, a youth scavenger hunt, local artist exhibit, and fun. From **11am to 12:30pm**, there will be live music and speakers. Bucky & Gigi will provide children's entertainment **between 2 and 3pm.** The Creation Station will have an open lab **2 to 4pm.** The library is located at 100 W. Dearborn Street and is open **Saturdays from 10am to 5pm.**

On **February 23-25**, the gymnasium-sized Fellowship Hall at Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn, will be filled inside and out with thousands of items. This is the 37th season for the biggest annual rummage sale in the area. **Thursday, February 23 from 3 to 6pm**, is a special "Early Bird" Pre-Sale. A \$5 "Shop Early Admission Fee" charged at the door, that day only, will give shoppers an edge over others in finding prime treasures. There will still be countless great deals with no admission fee on the traditional Friday and Saturday sale days, **February 24, 9am to 3pm**, and **February 25, 9am to noon.** An affordable hamburger and hot dog stand will be available **Friday, 11am to 2pm**, and **Saturday, 11am to 1pm.** Shoppers can browse through furniture, small appliances, electronics, toys, clothes, jewelry, fabrics and crafts, books, artificial flowers, artwork, yard and shop tools, hardware, kitchenware, home décor, and just about everything imaginable at this bargain hunters' paradise.

TLC Grand Re-Opening
 Everyone is invited to attend The Literacy Center for Dyslexia's (TLC) grand re-opening celebration at 695 Old Englewood Road on **Saturday, February 11 from 3 to 6pm.** Please join

them for refreshments and hors d-oeuvres to celebrate the tenacity of their students, their resilience, and their perseverance. TLC offers a variety of interventions specific to dyslexia, including Wilson Reading System,

Orton Gillingham, Brain Integration Therapy, and Yoga & Mindfulness. To learn more, please call **941•473•2266** or email tlc@tlcfordyslexia.com. Website: www.tlcfordyslexia.com.

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Scout Troop 26 Celebration
Englewood's 1st Troop 26 was founded in 1953 by Mr. Lee Walker, 1st Scoutmaster. There will be a 70th year anniversary celebration banquet on **Scout Sunday February 12**, from **1-3pm** at the Scout Hut at 290 S. Maple Street. Please bring a covered dish to share plus your own dinnerware. Former Eagle Scout Dave Dignam is providing the meat. Special Guests: Richard Walker, Brian Walker and all former Eagle Scouts, all Troop 26 alumni, families & friends. Let's make this day special and share with others.

Pastor Installation Services
Community Presbyterian Church, 405 S. McCall Road, invites you to the installation service for Pastor Scott Andrews on **Sunday, February 12 at 3pm**. Weekly Sunday morning worship services are at **10am** with a message by Pastor Andrews, organ, hymns, choir, handbells, children's message, and first Sunday communion. Services are also available online at www.cpcenglewood.com. For more information, call **941-474-9579** or email cpcenglewood@gmail.com. You can also follow the church on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CommunityPresbyterianEnglewood.com.

Circus Sarasota
In its 25th anniversary year, Sarasota's hometown circus, Circus Sarasota, is ready to bring chills, thrills, and laughs aplenty to audiences of all ages with "Circus Sarasota Legacy: 25th Anniversary Show" from **Friday, February 10 through Sunday, March 5**. Featuring new and innovative acts, Circus Sarasota's 2023 production will offer high-flying action, heart-stopping thrills, laugh-out-loud comedic antics, and acts that defy both expectations and the boundaries of physical limitations. Both matinee and evening performances. Ticket prices vary according to seating. The Big Top is located at Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota. For tickets, call the box office at **941-355-9805** or online at www.circusarts.org.

Newcomers Group
New to the area and looking for information and want to meet new friends? Drop in and join Elsie Quirk Library staff for board games, snacks, and conversations on **Monday**,



Marie LaForge is an accomplished amateur photographer and one of her photos was recently awarded First Place for a photo in the category iPhone Photography in National Wildlife's 2022 Photo Contest that received 30,000 entries. Marie shared that her winning shot was taken right in front of a wave breaking towards the shore and she stooped low to the ground with her iPhone. She is always

fascinated by light shining through water as well as water movement and this shot combines both. Winning this honor was quite a surprise for Marie. She is extremely honored to have won other photo competitions and one of her photographs was the #1 photo in the Facebook Photography Contest in 2021. Another photograph, this one of a white egret, will be used to advertise the photo contest for next year.



Marie says she only uses her iPhone as a camera; she loves the limitations of it as well as the practicality of always having it with her and never missing an amazing photo moment. Congratulations, Marie!

February 13, 2 to 3pm.
For more information, call **941-861-1225**. The library is located at 100 W. Dearborn Street.

Luncheon & Fashion Show
The Gulf Theater in the Military Heritage Museum is the site for the Sweetheart Luncheon & Fashion Show on **Monday**,
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Did you know that there are two species of gopher tortoises on Manasota Key? How severe was the impact of Hurricane Ian on area water infrastructure capacities? Gophers and water quality will be discussed on **February 13 and February 20** respectively at the 34th annual Manasota Beach Club lecture series. On **Monday, February 13**, Dr. Jeff Goessling and Susan Duncan, Professors of Biology at Eckerd College, will speak on the Manasota gopher tortoise. Over the past two years Goessling and Duncan and their students have completed surveys at the 25-acre Manasota Beach Club and will report on their findings. On **Monday, February 20**, Ray Burroughs, Administrator for the Englewood Water District, will address "The Impact of Natural Disasters, such as Hurricane Ian and Development and Water Resources". All are welcome to join the annual "Lunch and Learn" series. MBC is located at 7660 Manasota Key Road, and the presentations are outside from **noon until 1:30pm**. The cost is \$35, plus taxes/gratuity for talk and delicious lunch buffet. Reservations are required. For additional information and reservations, contact MBC at **941-474-2614**. Photo: MBC visitor Carolyn White feeds a gopher tortoise a hibiscus flower.

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February 13 from noon to 2:30pm. Lunch will include Mimosas. Fashions are by Anthony's Ladies Apparel and fashions will be modeled by the Calendar Girls. The Fashion Show will begin at **1pm**. Silent auction & 50/50 raffle. Admission is \$35 per person. The Military Heritage Museum is located at 900 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. Please register at www.militaryheritagemuseum.org/upcomingevents.

Power Couples in Art & Culture

Join in an informative lecture by art historian Baila Miller that will complement the 2023 One Book-One Community book choice, "The Personal Librarian", on **Tuesday, February 14 at 10:30am**. The lecture on the Power Couples in Art & Culture – John Pierpont Morgan & Belle da Costa Greene will be held in the meeting room of the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. J.P. Morgan hired da

Costa Greene to manage, curate, and purchase rare materials for his Pierpont Morgan Library. Free program, but registration is required by calling the library at **941-861-1225**.

Manasota Key Realty Grand Opening

All are invited to the Grand Opening for Manasota Key Realty & Conch Out Vacations at their new location, 473 S. Indiana Avenue. The date is **Thursday, February 16 from 4:30 to 6:30pm**. There will be live music, hors d'oeuvres, and libations. Come check it out!

Global Issues Series Continues

Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning's Global Issues Series continues in February with these upcoming lectures offered in Venice at the Venice Community Center, 326 W. Nokomis Avenue in Venice. **Tuesday, February 14, 2:30pm:** How Are Great Powers Responding to Africa's Population Growth & Economic Emergence; **Friday, February 17, 10am:** The Sneaky War: Russia, China, the U.S. and the Emerging Strategic Paradigm; **Tuesday, February 21, 2:30pm:** Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease: When Will We Find a Cure; **Friday, February 24, 10am:** Changing World: Changing Middle East; **Tuesday, February 28, 2:30pm:** Rivers of Iron: High-Speed Railroads and Chinese Power in SE Asia. To learn more detail, visit www.sillsarasota.org. Daily tickets to all lectures are \$10 at the door.

Cooking Around the World

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Congratulations Teachers Of The Year!



Congratulations to Ms. Bonnie Powell, who has been selected as Golden Apple Teacher of the Year in Charlotte County. Bonnie has been teaching English at Lemon Bay High School for 26 years. Besides Advanced Placement Literature, she coaches students in reading, writing, and speaking English. She is a graduate of Loyola University of New Orleans.



The Venice Symphony is happy to share that Tim Ferguson, their Director of Education and a music teacher at Garden Elementary School in Venice, has been named District Teacher of the Year for Sarasota County by the Education Foundation of Sarasota County. 2023 marks Tim's 21st year in education, his sixth year at Garden Elementary. He has been Director of Education for the Symphony since 2018 and is also production/stage manager. Tim will now go on to represent Sarasota County in consideration as the state of Florida's Teacher of the Year.

tips and a demonstration on how to cook healthy and affordable meals each month. On **Wednesday, February 15, 2 to 3pm**, his presentation will be Cajun & Creole Cuisine at the Tringali Community Center, 3460 N. Access Road. Free.

Does Bigfoot Exist?

Join producer & investigator Mike Familant as he shares his experiences researching and tracking down the truth behind North America's famous legend: Bigfoot. The program is free and takes place on **Wednesday, February 15 at 5pm** at the Port Charlotte Library, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte. Please register at **941-764-5562** as seating is limited.

Climate Change: Solutions Approach

UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County is offering a free webinar on climate change science and solutions and what you can do locally to make a difference. The webinar will be **Wednesday, February 15, noon to 1pm**. Register for this event only at ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com. For questions, call **941-861-5000**.

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On Wednesday, February 1st, residents of the Oyster Creek Mobile Home Community in Englewood assisted Charlotte County Parks and Natural Resources staff in the removal of debris from the northern property boundary of Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park. "This wonderful group has demonstrated what it truly means to be part of our community here in Charlotte County," said Environmental Land Management Specialist David Smith. Approximately 126 50-gallon bags of debris were removed as well as 15 truckloads of roofing material. Debris removed from the property included soffits, shingles, gutters, aluminum panels and Styrofoam insulation.

Philo, which meets once a month at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. The discussion will be on **Friday, February 17 from 11:30am to 12:30pm.**

Seafood & Music Festival
The Port Charlotte Seafood & Music Festival will be nothing but fun, relaxation, great food, amazing live musical performances, arts and crafts, and fine products for sale! Festivities run **Friday through Sunday, February 17-19, starting Friday evening at 4 pm** and continuing through the weekend, **Saturday 11am-10pm and Sunday 11am-6pm.** While eating, listen to the captivating sounds of live musical performances on stage by some of Florida's and the region's top musical talents. The event takes place at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, Pt. Charlotte. The entertainment schedule will be posted on the website at www.paragonfestivals.com.

Thunder by the Bay
The 25th Annual Thunder by the Bay Music & Motorcycle Festival is a three-day event held **Friday-Sunday, February 17-19**, at the Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, to benefit Suncoast Charities for Children. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy continuous live music. Featured headline acts include 38 Special (**February 18**)

and Colt Ford (**February 19**). The festival features over 100 vendors, motorcycle freestyle shows, a charity motorcycle ride, 17 class bike show, a motorcycle stereo contest, a burnout contest, a "little riders" kid zone, great food, a "Born to Be Wild" Festival kickoff party, and much more! Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate (12 and under free). Limited VIP tickets are also available. For more information visit: www.thunderbythebay.org.

Garage Sale
Save the date now for Englewood's Annual Community Garage Sale on **Saturday, February 18, 8am to 1pm**, at the Englewood Sports Complex. Registration is now open for vendors who wish to participate. Indoor spaces are \$15; outdoor spaces are \$10. All vendors must pre-register online at www.scgov.net/parks or call **941-861-1980**. Free admission and parking for shoppers. Please use the Pine Street entrance to the Sports Complex.

Vessel Safety Checks & Boating Classes
Start your year off right with a free vessel safety check by Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 99 to keep you and your loved ones safe. The Flotilla is also offering safe boating courses: "Suddenly in Command" (for those generally not at helm) on

Saturday, February 18; "GPS for Mariners" on **Saturday, March 11**, and "Paddle Craft Safety" on **Saturday, April 15**. The classes will be held at the South Gulf Cove HOA building, 14859 Ingraham Blvd., Pt. Charlotte. For more information about these classes, membership, or a free vessel safety check at your house or dockside, call the Flotilla 99 general number at **941-249-5848** and leave a voice message. www.cgaux.org.

Corvette Show
The public is welcome to view and pick the best Corvettes at the member-only Corvette Show on **Saturday, February 18, 9am to 2pm**, at Ideal Classic Cars, 2224 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice.

Braves Welcome Weekend
CoolToday Park, 18800 S. West Villages Pkwy in Venice, invites you to join them in welcoming back the Atlanta Braves on **Saturday, February 18**, starting at **noon**. The stadium will be open from **noon to 3pm** for you to preview seats, spring merchandise, grab a drink at the Tiki Bar, and purchase tickets. At **4pm**, the opening act, "Sound Waves", will perform and the B Street Band, the Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band, takes the stage at **7pm**. General admission is \$18, and VIP is available for \$120. Bring your own seating. Purchase tickets online at www.cooltodaypark.com/events.

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Craft & Bake Sale

St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 770 Kilbourne Avenue, will be

holding a Craft and Bake Sale on **Saturday, February 18** in the Parish Hall from **5 to 7pm**. Proceeds support local charities.

Pastor Garry Clark of Fellowship Church of Englewood will be hosting singer/songwriter & multi-instrumentalist Chris Golden in concert on **Sunday, February 26th** at both the **8:30am & 10:30am** Worship Services.



Chris has rich musical legacy and has been in music all his life. Chris was with the Oak Ridge Boys for over 17 years & now has a solo career as a Christian Country Gospel artist. In 2016, Chris Golden received the Crossover Artist of the Year Award at the 60th Annual International Country Gospel Music Association. He also received ICMA "Entertainer of the Year" in 2019. Fellowship Church Worship Center is located at 140 Rotonda Blvd. West. It will also be Live Streamed online at www.watchFLive.com. Complimentary refreshments of coffee, juice, fruit & pastries will be served in the Fellowship Hospitality Cafe beginning at **9:45am**. Free childcare is available. For more information, please call **941-475-7447** or log on to fcenglewood.com.

Cortez Fishing Festival

The Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival celebrates the historical Cortez's fishing heritage with a mix of great live music, nautical arts and crafts, children's activities, environmental exhibits,

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Jewish Food Festival

The Jewish Congregation of Venice brings back the Original Jewish Food Festival, a fixture since 1994, on **Sunday, February 19, 10am to 3pm**. Enjoy Jewish favorites such as corned beef & pastrami sandwiches, stuffed cabbage, chopped liver, knishes, kugel, matzo ball & cabbage soups, and don't forget homemade Jewish pastries! The festival will take place at the Jewish Congregation of Venice, 600 N. Auburn Avenue, Venice. Park at Achieva Credit Union, 1486 E. Venice Avenue, and ride a free shuttle bus. For more information, call **941-484-2022**.

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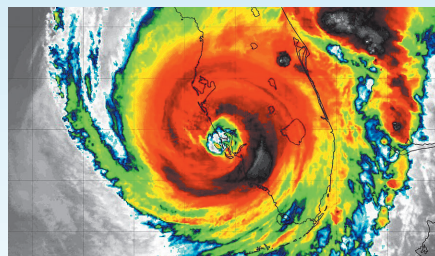
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The Englewood Review newspaper went to the Daytona International Raceway recently along with Francis Dance of Englewood. Mr. Dance attended the Rolex 24-hour race and had some time to read during the cautions and pit stops.

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 people and goods safely and efficiently, while balancing regional transportation needs with community concerns. There are materials available to review **February 20-March 6** online at SWFLinterstates.com/north-corridor-vpm. View in person on **February 23** from 5 to 7pm at

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The Englewood Area Orchid Society will be holding their annual Orchid Show and Sale on **Friday & Saturday, March 3 & 4** at a new location-the Tringali Community Center, 3460 N Access Road. Hours are from **10am to 5pm both days** with admission of \$5. Venice and Sarasota Orchid Societies will also be participating in the show. There will be retail orchids and supplies, books, and raffles. Free professional advice and culture information will be available. There will be plenty of parking. For further information, call **941-697-9237**.

seminar on basic estate planning, including last will and testament, power of attorney, and health care directives. It will also include planning tools for non-married couples and couples who have remarried. Callie Cowan, Esq., of Ledbetter Law Group of Venice, will present the seminar on **Tuesday, February 21, 10am**, at the Venice Area Beautification, Inc., 257 Tamiami Trail North, Venice. Please register at www.Englewoodbank.com or contact Kerry Hunter at **941-473-3629** or khunter@ebtfl.com.

Ashes to Go
 Don't have time for a formal church service on Ash Wednesday? Then visit Gulf Cove United Methodist Church on **Wednesday, February 22,**

between 7 and 9am; you can drive through for Ashes to Go and free coffee. If you do have time in the evening, come for the traditional Ash Wednesday service at **6pm**. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road (SR 776) in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte. For more information, contact the church at **941-697-1747** or GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com.

Italian Feast & Carnival
 The Italian American Club of Venice presents its 34th Annual Venice Italian Feast & Carnival on **February 23 through 26** at Venice Airport Festival Grounds, 610 Airport Avenue East, Venice. There will be live music, entertainment, vendors, rides & games, and of course, food. Free admission with \$10 parking.

The carnival opens at **4pm on Thursday & Friday;** it opens at **noon on Saturday & Sunday.** See entertainment schedule on Facebook page www.facebook.com/ItalianFeastAndCarnival.

Pt. Charlotte Greek Fest
 Feel like you're visiting Greece and enjoy being Greek for the day when you attend the Pt. Charlotte Greek Fest which runs **Friday through Sunday, February 24-26** at the Event Center, 24411 Rampart Blvd., Pt. Charlotte. Hours: **11am to 6pm daily.** Sample tasty and authentic food, watch the Greek dances, stomp some grapes, and shop until you drop. Fun for all ages! For more information, call **941-629-3888**.

Charlotte Harbor Book Festival
 Book lovers and readers rejoice! The Charlotte Harbor Book Festival will be **Saturday, February 25, 9am to 4pm**, at the Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. Keynote speaker will be Robert Macomber at **9am** and there will be numerous author lectures throughout the day. For the complete schedule, go to the www.militaryheritagemuseum.org and click on upcoming events.

Venice Home Show
 The Venice Home Show will take place **Saturday & Sunday, February 25 & 26** at the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Avenue South, Venice. For one weekend, there will be wall-to-wall displays and exhibits of the latest trends in

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The Literacy Center for Dyslexia (“TLC”) recently received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from The Englewood Moose. This grant will help to supplement TLC’s tuition support program for students who have dyslexia and other language-based learning differences. Their goal is to provide services to any student who walks through the doors, thanks to a tuition support program that uses an income-based sliding scale so that all families can afford tutoring.

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home improvement and speak with experts. Hours: **10am to 5pm**. Free admission.

Charlotte County Veg Fest
Charlotte County Veg Fest is a free, fun, outdoor festival centering around a plant-based diet on **Sunday, February 26, 10am to 3pm**. Hear informative presenters Dr. Will Tuttle, author of the best-seller “The World Peace Diet” and Dr. Jami Dulaney, a cardiologist in Pt. Charlotte who is co-author of the “Plant Based Wellness Cookbook”. There will be mouth-watering cooking

demos, fun activities for kids, entertainment, exhibitors, and more. The Veg Fest will be held at Laishley Park, 100 Nesbit Street, Punta Gorda. Hosted by aPlantBasedDiet.org.

Spring Fashion Show
Ladies, you won’t want to miss the Spring Fashion Show and buffet lunch on **Tuesday, February 28**, hosted by St. Raphael’s Catholic Church, 770 Kilbourne Avenue. Enjoy a delicious meal and see new spring fashions. Event runs from **noon to 3pm**. Tickets are \$25 and are available in the church office or call Sue at **508•308•1380**.

Englewood Farmers Markets

What does Thursday mean in Englewood? It’s Farmers Market Day on West Dearborn Street. The Englewood Farmers Markets offer everything from fresh produce to bakery goods, seafood, live plants, jewelry, handmade goods, and treats for the dog. There is also live music for your enjoyment. The outdoor markets are open **every Thursday from 9am to 1pm** in the 300 block of West Dearborn Street.

Water & Wastewater Facility Tours

The Charlotte County Utilities Department is offering tours of

the Burnt Store Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility to give citizens a behind-the-scenes look at the process involved in providing water and wastewater treatment and reclamation to the community. Tour dates are **Wednesdays, March 22 & April 12, 10am to noon**, at the Burnt Store Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility, 17430 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda. Guests must wear closed-toed shoes and be prepared to take part in a walking tour, mostly outdoors. Seats must be reserved in advance by emailing Caroline. Wannall@CharlotteCountyFL.gov or call **941•764•4304**.

Englewood Bank & Trust to Rebuild

Englewood Bank and Trust has reopened their drive-through at 1111 S. McCall Road after a four-month closure due to damage from Hurricane Ian. The last of the four branches to reopen due to the severity of the storm damage, the drive-through has opened for business but the branch building remains closed during renovations. “With the amount of damage that the branch sustained, we are looking to make significant structural enhancements to the facility that will better serve our community”, shared Jake Crews, Chief Executive Officer. “This storm devastated our area and knocked us down, but we are not out. We are committed to the Englewood community. We will rebuild and look forward to growing alongside our neighbors. In 2024, customers will be able to bank at our new state-of-the-art office”. The Englewood Bank

& Trust Drive-Thru is open **Monday–Thursday, 8am to 5pm; Friday, 8am to 6pm; and Saturday, 9am to noon**. For hours at other locations, please visit www.Englewoodbank.com/locations.

Final Storm Debris Collection
Charlotte County’s Hurricane Ian debris contractor, AshBritt, has begun its final pass of debris collection. As of **noon, January 25**, Ashbritt has collected 93,891 loads totaling 4,576,918 cubic yards of vegetative and construction and demolition debris. To see the progress of the final pass and where the pass has been completed, visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/debris.

December 31st was the last day to put storm debris in the right of way for pickup. Charlotte County residential property owners can bring storm-related debris to the West Charlotte Mini-Transfer & Recycling Facility, 7070 Environmental Way. Waste Management has resumed bulk pickup, including tires, white goods, and vegetative debris on regularly scheduled customer dates.

TLC Receives Community Foundation Grant

The Literacy Center for Dyslexia (“TLC”) recently received a \$7,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County to support future fundraising efforts dedicated to tuition support programs for its students. The grant will advance TLC’s mission of providing all children with an opportunity to fulfill their full potential through customized interventions focused

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on addressing language-based learning disabilities. “The Literacy Center for Dyslexia is very grateful for this grant and the opportunities it will fund to grow our essential fundraising activities. Sustainable fundraising requires an upfront investment which is now available to TLC through this grant,” said Tammy Tieu, Co-Executive Director of TLC. Learn more about TLC at www.tlcfordyslexia.com.

Truist Provides Grant

Truist Foundation has provided a \$38,000 grant to United Way of Charlotte County to support Hurricane Ian response and relief efforts. “We are sincerely grateful to Truist Foundation for seeing the need and stepping up to respond in a significant way”, said Angie Matthiessen, Executive Director of United Way of Charlotte County. “The generosity of this grant will allow us to give hope to individuals and families who are trying to rebuild after Hurricane Ian.” This grant will support the work of United Way of Charlotte County in administering assistance to residents of Charlotte County who were impacted by Hurricane Ian. “Truist is a company committed to care and we recognize that communities are still recovering from Hurricane Ian”, said Iwan Mohamed, West Florida regional president for Truist. Individuals in need of Hurricane Ian-related resources and assistance can find information at www.unitedwayccfl.org/ian.

Slow Down, Move Over

Everyone has observed disabled and/or emergency vehicles on the side of the road. What’s the proper way a driver should respond upon encountering this situation? Many people are not aware of the “Slow Down, Move Over” laws that require drivers to slow down and change lanes to give emergency responders more space on the roadside. AAA has launched a new campaign called “Move Over for Me”. AAA wants to take it one step further and have drivers move over for all disabled vehicles, not just for emergency vehicles. Let’s start now to reduce fatalities around disabled vehicles and their occupants!

Caring & Sharing

Volunteers Needed

Will you join Leadership Englewood as they invest in and renew Englewood waterways?

Hurricane Ian left waterways and canals littered with debris and your help is needed to clean-up the local waters. During February, there are three opportunities to get down and dirty collecting debris out of the canals. On **Sunday, February 12th**, there will be a clean-up at Mobile Gardens (414 Camino Real); **Saturday, February 18th** and **Sunday, February 26th** will be at 2840 Waxwing Lane. Both locations are off S. McCall Road (SR 776). Check-in time for all three is **7:30am** with clean-up running from **8am to noon**. High school students can earn volunteer hours. Contact Erica Raymond at Erica@DMartinPlumbing.com for more information and to register.

Kids’ Needs New Location

Kids’ Needs of Greater Englewood has opened its boutique at its new location: 2670 S. McCall Road, Unit 10, in the Heron Plaza in East Englewood. The kids clothing closet will be open **Thursdays from 4 to 6pm** and **Saturdays from 10am to noon**. Kids’ Needs collects donations from the Englewood area and distributes them to local families in need. For more information, call **941-830-0842** or email info@kidsneedsenglewood.org.

Sports

Fill the Freezer Fishing Tournament

Sign up now for the 2023 Annual Fill the Freezer Fishing Tournament sponsored by The Learning Center for Dyslexia. Entry fee is \$400 per vessel for up to four anglers (must provide your own boat). Winners will be determined by a Points System. Guaranteed pay outs based on total entry fees. Register and pay at www.TLCforDyslexia.com/events-calendar.

Adult Sailing Camp

Learn to sail on beautiful Lemon Bay. Englewood Sailing Association is offering Adult Learn to Sail classes **Monday through Thursday, March 6-9, 10am to 2pm**. The 16-hour camp is \$195. Register now as space is limited. Visit www.Englewoodsailing.org. For questions, email info@Englewoodsailing.org.

If you have an upcoming event you would like to have considered for please send info and/or photo to [The Englewood review@comcast.net](mailto:TheEnglewoodreview@comcast.net).

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The movie *She Said* (R) made less than \$6 million at the box office, disappearing rather quickly from the theaters. It's streaming now on Peacock. That's a shame because it's a terrific film, the best about the often-maligned field of journalism, since 2015's *Spotlight*.

By now, everyone knows about the Harvey Weinstein scandal and how the mega-successful film producer is now in prison for a history of sexual misconduct and abuse. But it took journalists to make the public aware of his crimes in 2017.

New York Times investigative reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor broke the Weinstein story which launched the MeToo movement. They went on to win a Pulitzer Prize and to write the book "*She Said*".

Twohey (Carey Mulligan) and Kantor (Zoe Kazan) have no idea of the extent of Weinstein's acts and as the extent of his misdeeds begin to become apparent and as more women come forward, the reporters face hesitant victims with non-disclosure acts, an army of lawyers and even personal threats.

She Said is not so much about a bad man doing bad things as it is about two women doing great work. Director Maria Schrader doesn't dwell on or sensationalize the victims' dramatic accounts. She focuses on the journalists who believed in them and helped some of them regain their voice and power. The reason they succeeded in getting their sources to finally go on the record, is that their sources liked them and trusted them. Twohey and Kantor listen and they care and they're smart.

Having worked for a newspaper, I might have been a bit overly-fascinated with the newsroom scenes and the back and forth with the reporters' editors. With those editors being played by Andre Braugher and Patricia Clarkson, who wouldn't be?

Mulligan is excellent as always, delivering a sensitive



and focused performance and Kazan is also very strong. *She Said* drops the appropriate famous names and Ashley Judd, who accused Weinstein, appears as herself. When things finally come together after years of hard work, and Twohey and Kantor get the OK to publish, that push of the computer key is kind of exciting.

She Said
 ★★★★★



Since I am catching up on my Oscar nominees, I decided to pair *She Said* with *Women Talking* (PG-13), writer/director Sarah Polley's Oscar-nominated film about, well, women talking. The women are members of a rural Mennonite community who discover that for years they have been tranquilized and sexually attacked by the men in the community. When the men are carted off to jail they have two safe days to decide if they are all

going to stay and fight or leave the community en masse.

Women from three families are charged with making that decision. They meet in a barn and because they weren't allowed to learn to read and write, bring in a former member of the community and teacher. August (Ben Wishaw) to take notes for them.

The powerhouse cast includes Claire Foy, Rooney Mara, Judith Ivey, Jessie Buckley and briefly Frances McDormand. Their discussion of "pros and cons" tackles everything from "What is forgiveness?" to "Can we still get to Heaven if we leave the community?" and "Can I take my 14-year-old son or is he already a lost cause?"

My daughter Emma commented that *Women Talking* would make a good stage play and I totally agree. You could actually call the move "stagey". Each character has a big scene or two where they are basically center stage. Do we get to know them? Not really. And can I just say for women who were never taught to read or write, they have better-than-average vocabularies. Ironically, I felt that I got to know the movie's one male, the best. Wishaw's August is a sweet, smart, fragile guy who has had a big crush on Ona (Mara) since they were kids. Ona, who is obviously very fond of August, for some reason doesn't want him in her life. Seriously? He is the only decent man in the whole community.

I liked a lot about *Women Talking*, which Polley adapted from a book based on a similar case in Bolivia. Watching these women taking their lives back and getting their first taste of power was kind of inspiring in an "I'm glad that's not me" way. Having three generations of women in a family brought up even more issues and questions and the older characters were an important part of the film. Yes, it was definitely "talky" but it's talk that's worth listening to. (*Women Talking* is only in theaters).

Women Talking
 ★★★★★

Arts & Entertainment

Friday Night Concert Series
 Venice offers its Free Music Friday Night Concert Series bimonthly from 7 to 9pm at Centennial Park, 200 W. Venice Avenue, Venice. Scheduled for **February 10th** is Kit M. Jones and **February 24th** will be the music of Steve Arvery. Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs and blankets. No alcohol permitted.

Four-Hand Piano Concert
 Venice Musicale's Suncoast Duo Pianists present "Love Is in the Air" on **Saturday, February 11, 3pm**, in the Community Room at the Venice Public Library, 300 Nokomis Avenue, Venice. The concert features music reflecting the theme of love in this four-hand piano concert of classical and popular works that are sure to warm the heart. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to support the Venice Musicale Scholarship Program. For more information, visit www.venicemusical.org or email info@venicemusical.org.

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Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is excited to present "Tiffany: The Pursuit of Beauty in Nature" as the 2023 installment of the Jean & Alfred Goldstein Exhibition Series, running from **February through June** at the downtown Sarasota campus. The exhibition will showcase the creativity and innovation of American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany in connection between Tiffany Studios and the natural world through unique horticultural displays. Admission to the exhibition is included in the gardens' regular admission cost. Adult guests are \$16 and youth 5 to 17 are \$11. The downtown campus is located at 1534 Mound Street and is open **daily 10am to 5pm**. Website: www.selby.org.



Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast is thrilled to host a collective of Florida Highwaymen for a special one-night-only exhibition of their legendary art. The event will take place **Wednesday, February 22** from 5 to 7pm at Bay Preserve, 400 Palmetto Avenue in Osprey. Artwork will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Conservation Foundation. Three of the original twenty-six artists, along with one second-generation Highwayman – Roy McLendon, Jr., will be in attendance. Registration is required. To RSVP, visit Conservation Foundation online at conservationfoundation.com/events or call **941-918-2100**. To learn more about the individual artists or the Highwaymen, visit floridahighwaymenpaintings.com. Photo: Painting by Robert L. Lewis.

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For any artist, their lived experience forms an integral part of the work they create. See how everyday experiences transform into loving works of art when Hermitage Fellows Tamara Anderson, Lesley Mok, and B. Ingrid Olson come together on **Thursday, March 2 at 5:30pm** on the Hermitage Beach, 6660 Manasota Key Road. Register for "Tell and Show: Art and Performance Expressing Identity" at www.HermitageArtistRetreat.org (\$5 fee). Pictured here (l-r): Lesley Mok, Tamara Anderson, and B. Ingrid Olson.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary season of the Hermitage Artist Retreat, Hermitage Artistic Director Andy Sandberg returns to his roots as a performer to sing a benefit concert at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, on **Monday, March 20 at 7:30pm**. He will be performing a concert of Broadway songs, joined by some of Broadway's brightest stars. This concert will benefit ongoing hurricane repair efforts at the Hermitage. Tickets range from \$25 to \$250 and may be purchased online at www.hermitageartistretreat.org or call **941-263-6799**.



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SILL's Music Mondays

Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning's (SILL) Music Mondays continue in February with the following concerts. **February 13:** Dean Shostak will revive Benjamin Franklin's glass armonica. **February 20:** Modern Marimba by Tihda Vongkoth and Steph Davis. **February 27:** Stefan Jackiw, one of America's foremost violinists, combines poetry & purity in his playing. Sessions are at **3pm** at Venice Presbyterian Church, 825 The Rialto, Venice. Tickets are \$10 at

the door. For more information and to purchase tickets online, visit www.SILLSarasota.org or call **941-365-6404**.

Venice Musicale: Heartfelt
The Venice Musicale will present the concert "Heartfelt" of both vocal and instrumental offerings, including the sweet sounds of a dulcimer group! The concert is **Thursday, February 16 at 3pm** at the Venice Public Library Community Room, 300 Nokomis Avenue S., Venice. This concert is free and open to the public.



One of the trickiest formats to get 'right' in performance or on the page, the monologue reveals individual character in an immediate and intimate manner. Come experience the process from the creative and audience sides when celebrated playwright and theater-maker Don Nguyen discusses the process of writing and shares examples of the form in "Mastering the Monologue" on **Friday, February 17 at 5pm** at the New College of Florida Black Box Theater, 5845 General Dougher Place, Sarasota. Registration fee is \$5, and you can register online at www.hermitageartistretreat.org.

Classic Country Music
John Tuff and Friends make their eighth appearance on the Lemon Bay Playhouse stage on **Saturday, February 18 at 7:30pm**. This very talented group of musicians will provide the audience with a fantastic evening of music consisting of

classic country hits of the past. Their performance will include classic country music of current and older country legends, such as Johnny Cash, Hank Snow, Ernest Tubb, George Jones, Johnny Horton, and more. The emphasis is on old-time country music and will lift your spirits. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or at the box office, 96 W. Dearborn Street, **941-475-6756**. Pictured here are Patty & John Tuff.

The Highwaymen Show
The Great American Outlaws Tribute Concert, The Highwaymen, will perform on **Saturday, February 18, 7pm**, at the Venice Performing Arts Center, One Indian

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Avenue, Venice. The show features Gray Sartin as Johnny Cash, Greg Bauman as Kris Kristofferson, Tyson Halford as Willie Nelson, and Stefan Superti as Waylon Jennings. Tickets are \$35 to \$60 and may be purchased online at www.veniceperformingartscenter.com or call 941-218-0627.

Jazz on the Lawn

The Punta Gorda Symphony presents Jazz on the Lawn with Lew Del Gatto & Friends on **Saturday, February 18 at 4pm**. Enjoy an afternoon of jazz performed by saxophonist Lew Del Gatto, formerly with the Saturday Night Live Band and

currently the Artistic Director of the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra, on the Charlotte Campus of Southwestern State College, 26300 Airport Road, Punta Gorda. Hear songs from the Great American Songbook and Duke Ellington tunes. Tickets are available at www.PGSymphony.org/performances. Adult price \$30; student \$15. For more information, call 941-205-5996.

LBP Auditions

Lemon Bay Playhouse is holding auditions for two of its upcoming plays: "The Amateur Killer" and "Now & Then". Auditions for both plays will be held on **Sunday & Monday, February 19 & 20**, starting

at 7pm at the Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn Street. Scripts and sides will be available for perusal on the website, www.lemonbayplayhouse.com, or at the box office between **10am and 2pm weekdays**. For more information, call 941-475-6756.

Music is My Time Machine

Join the North Port Concert Band as they travel back in time and perform music from the past on **Sunday, February 19 at 3pm**. How far back in time is unknown but the music is guaranteed to be from the finest composers. Adult tickets are \$15; student \$5. Purchase tickets online at www.northportconcertband.com or call 941-426-8479. The Performing Arts Center is located at 6400 W. Price Blvd., North Port.

Winter Concert Series

David Pedraza, a violist who has performed at the White House and the Kennedy Center, presents captivating & sonorous classical pieces with a keyboard accompanist as part of the Winter Concert Series at the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, 401 Shreve Street, on **Wednesday, February 22 at 5pm**. For more information, call 941-833-5460.

A Tribute to John Williams

There is no need to travel to a galaxy far, far away to hear unforgettable music by one of the

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Known for her improvisational prowess, jazz vocalist and spoken-word storyteller Fay Victor joins playwright Stacey Rose's biting wit and keen observation in a musical and theatrical experience during "Jazz & Theater: Keeping the Beat", on **Thursday, February 23 at 5pm** at the Fogartyville Community and Media Arts Center, 525 Kumquat Ct., Sarasota. Rose is a provocative voice at the forefront of celebrating the Black experience and Victor is considered a pioneer in her field, singing scat style for today's avant-garde, according to The New York Times. Registration is \$5 and you can register at www.hermitageartistretreat.org. Presented in partnership with Manasota ASALH. Photo: Stacey Rose (left) and Fay Victor (right) present "Keeping the Beat."



Angel Land Food Forest is having a fundraiser watercolor class with local artist Gela Gallant on **Saturday, February 25, 10am to 2pm**, at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue. No experience is necessary and at the end of class, you will have your own unique and completed painting of the Boca Grande Museum Lighthouse. The \$45 price includes materials & mount. Come have some fun and help Angel Land Food Forest, a nonprofit 501(c)3 charity. Learn more about the organization at www.angellandfoodforest.org.

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The Venice Concert Band, under the artistic direction of Mr. Bob Miller, presents "Step By Step" on Monday, February 20 at 7pm in the Venice Performing Arts Center on the Venice High School campus, One Indian Avenue, Venice. If you enjoy music that will keep your feet tapping, then you won't want to miss this concert filled with many of your favorite dance styles. Selections include "Choreography", "Fuego del Alma", "Blue Tango", "Andalouse" with flutist Mary Duer (shown here), soloist Seth Stone singing "Some Enchanted Evening", big band swing tunes, and selections of classical repertoire. Tickets available online at www.VeniceConcertBand.com and at the door for \$14 cash only.

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greatest living composers, John Williams. The Venice Symphony presents "The Movie Maestro: A Tribute to John Williams" at the Venice Performing Arts Center, One Indian Avenue, Venice. This concert for all generations includes world premieres and unforgettable works from "E.T: The Extra Terrestrial", "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone", "Star Wars", "Far and Away" and "Lincoln". Concert dates are **Friday, February 24 at 7:30pm** and **Saturday, February 25 at 3:30pm and 7:30pm**. Tickets are \$33-\$61 and may be purchased online at www.thevenicesymphony.org or call 941•207•8822.

Arabian Nights in Venice
Enjoy the classic "Arabian Nights" brought to life on Venice Theatre's Pinkerton stage from **Friday, February 24 through Sunday, March 5**. Through a mixture of song, dance, puppetry, and illusion, these magical folk stories of the Islamic Golden Age deliver a message of acceptance, freedom, and forgiveness. Evening performances start at **7:30pm** and **Sunday** matinees at **2pm**. Tickets are \$19 adult,

\$16 student, \$12 youth and may be purchased online at www.venicetheatre.org.

60s Music at LBP
Paisley Craze is a five-piece 60s Music Tribute Band from Sarasota, and you can catch them at Lemon Bay Playhouse on **Saturday, February 25 at 7:30pm**. They deliver high energy, Rockadelic 60s music played by five rock musicians who lived the 60s music scene and still love it! Tickets are \$25

and may be purchased online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or at the box office, 96 W. Dearborn Street, **941•475•6756**. For more information, check out the Paisley Craze website at www.paisleycraze.com.

Just Singin' a Song
The Sarasota Chorus of the Keys presents its 73rd Annual Show, "Just Singin' a Song", with musical guests, the award-winning quartet, "Nightlight". Audiences will relish the

exciting sound of four-part acapella harmony that include popular standards from the Great American Songbook made famous by beloved artists such as Bing Crosby, Glenn Miller, and Ella Fitzgerald. The lineup also includes the music of Irving Berlin, Fats Waller, Richard Rodgers and more. The concert takes place on **Saturday, February 25 at 2:30pm** at the Riverview Performing Arts Center, 1 Ram Way, in Sarasota

Brian Faro of Paradise Exclusive Real Estate (left), and Sydney Martin, Beach Shack Chic Garden Art (right), shown with Lemon Bay High School Principal Robert Bedford, have teamed up with the Englewood Chamber of Commerce to create the Artist Colony, supporting Dearborn Street businesses and arts in the community. Lemon Bay High School has hosted the December and January gatherings, receiving profits from those days. As a result, checks totaling \$850 have been presented for the Drama Department. The Artist Colony provides local artists a permanent outdoor gallery. Guests can watch artists working on art in their galleries or observe a class in the outdoor studio. The Artist Colony gathers at Pioneer Plaza at 325 Dearborn Street, on the **first and third Wednesdays from 10-3pm**. Mark your calendars for the next gathering on **Wednesday, February 15**.



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The Perlman Music Program Suncoast (Perlman Suncoast) is thrilled to present the Florida debut performance of the Renaissance Quartet with PMP alumni Randall Goosby, violin; Jeremiah Blacklow, violin; Jameel Martin, viola; and Daniel Hass, cello, **Wednesday, February 22, 7pm**, at the Sarasota Art Museum, 1001 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. The program features Beethoven's "Grosse Fuge", "Opus 133", Mozart String Quartet in D Major "K575", and the world premiere of Daniel Hass' "String Quartet No. 1". Tickets are \$40 (VIP) and \$20 (general admission). Purchase tickets at www.PMPSuncoast.org. Pictured here (l-r): Randall Goosby, Jeremiah Blacklow, Daniel Hass, and Jameel Martin.

Tickets range in price from \$30-\$35 and may be purchased online at www.ChorusoftheKeys.org.

Dallas Brass in Concert

The Charlotte Chorale is pleased to present the Dallas Brass in performance on **Sunday, February 26 at 4pm** at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. This concert will include selections from the album "Dallas Brass – American Musical Journey", an enjoyable selection of American music old and new. This ensemble has established a unique blend of traditional brass instruments with a full complement of drums and percussion, which creates a performing entity of extraordinary range and musical challenges. The repertoire includes classical masterpieces, Dixieland, swing, Broadway, Hollywood, and patriotic music. A Dallas Brass concert is intended for the entire family. Charlotte Performing Arts Center is located at 701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda. Tickets are Adults \$25; Students \$10. Get yours today by calling: **941•204•0033**. Website: www.charlottechorale.com

Carole King Tribute

"Natural Woman" is the premier tribute to legendary singer/songwriter Carole King, performed by professional piano entertainer Katie Pinder Brown, who will perform all the classic favorites from the 60s and 70s. The concert is **Monday, February 27, 7:30pm**,



Dallas Brass returns to the Lemon Bay Performing Arts Center, 2201 Placida Road, on **Thursday, February 23 at 7pm!** Make plans now to experience this incredible group of brass and percussion musicians as they dazzle you with American melodies old and new. The Dallas Brass will also perform alongside the Lemon Bay HS and L.A. Ainger MS Bands for an unforgettable evening of music. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased online at www.bandsoflbhs.com.

at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. Ticket prices are \$40-\$46 and may be purchased online at www.charlotteplayers.org or call **941•255•1022**.

Shen Yun: China Before Communism

Shen Yun returns to the Venice Performing Arts Center (One Indian Avenue, Venice) on **Saturday & Sunday, March 11 & 12** to take you on an extraordinary journey through 5,000 years of divinely inspired Chinese culture. Revisit a

time when scholars and artists sought harmony with the Tao, or the "Way" of the universe, and when divine beings walked upon the earth to inspire humanity. Be prepared for a theatrical experience that will take your breath away! Performances at **2pm** and **7:30pm** both days. Tickets range from \$80 to \$200 and may be purchased online at www.veniceperformingartscenter.com or call **877•663•7469**.

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Freedom Pavilion, 641 W Dearborn Street. For more information, visit the group’s Facebook page, Cowboy Chord Club. Songs are selected from the sheet music under Files on the Facebook page. All skill levels welcome.



Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn Street, invites you to have “Dinner at the Flemmings”. This show will run from **Wednesday, March 8 – Sunday, April 2**. At three separate dinner parties in the home of Henry Flemming, a fabulous private detective, several of his guests are mysteriously knocked off. In this comedy/mystery sequel to *The Flemmings*, Henry must try and figure out who is killing his guests before he and his wife have no friends left! Curtain time is **7:30pm Wednesday through Saturday** and **2pm on Sundays**. Reserved seat tickets are \$25. Student tickets are available at \$18 each. Visit www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or you can also call the box office **Monday-Friday, 10am to 2pm**, at **941-475-6756**.
Cast Photo: Standing (L-R): Murray Fitzhugh, Jim Litwin, Dallas Rivers, Joseph Giglia, Bob La Salle (Director) Seated (L-R): Linda Ramzell, L’Tanya Van Hamersveld, Jill Houghton, Francesca Mendola, Sharon Bartley, Stacy Katz (Stage Manager).



Three couples are entangled in a web of lies, confusion, and unexpected arrivals. “How the Other Half Loves”, by Sir Alan Ayckbourn, is coming to Charlotte Players **through Sunday, February 26** at the Langdon Playhouse, 1182 Market Circle, Pt. Charlotte. This famous fast-paced farce involves three men who all work for the same company. One younger man is having an affair with the wife of the oldest man. This couple invents stories of being absent from their marriages in order to help a third couple. Unfortunately, the third couple shows up unexpectedly and the hilarity begins. Evening performances starts at **7:30pm** and matinees at **2pm**. Tickets are available by calling the box office at **941-255-1022**. Tickets and show information can also be obtained through the Charlotte Players website at www.charlotteplayers.org. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$13 for students. Pictured here are Alisha Hunter and Douglas Landin.

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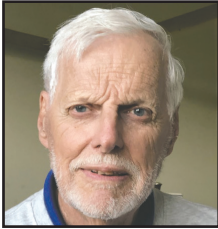
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By Dean M. Laux

Notable NEIGHBORS

James Bond He Wasn't ... Or Was He?

Editors Note: This article originally ran in the 3-11-22 Englewood Review. Dean Laux is still recuperating from an injury and hopes to be back at his typewriter soon.

Ray Humphrey is a man whose work was often a secret to many, but whose results were more often known to anyone who could read a newspaper. He has held so many positions that his briefest bio, in small type, would fill a page in the *New York Times* Sunday edition. And those exploits that he confesses to

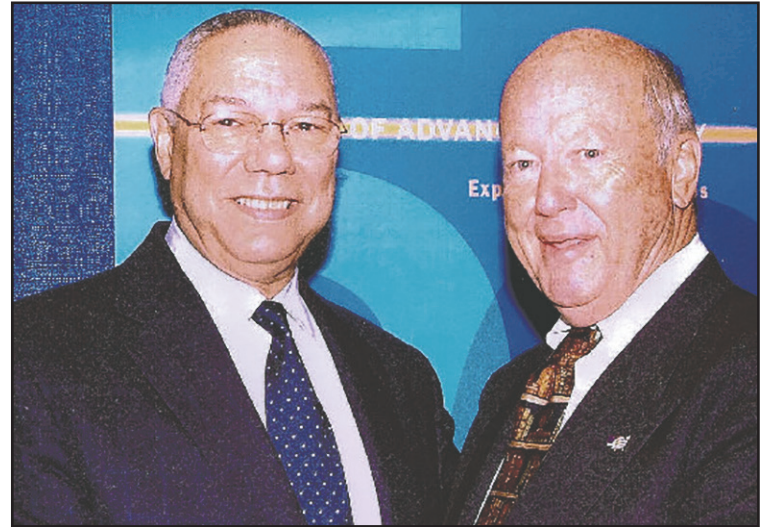
would be fodder for an exciting spy novel. In fact, he can claim to be the inspiration for at least four tomes of that genre.

Publicly he has been thanked by U.S. Presidents John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon for his work on behalf of our country. Privately he has lectured to or advised the FBI, New Scotland Yard and the New York City Police Department, among other institutions, on training, intelligence and security matters. And secretly he carried out

special assignments for certain U.S. government agencies that were ... well, secret, even now. Let's just say his activities took place in Germany, Italy, Russia, Iran, Nigeria and Vietnam.

Born in 1935 during the Great Depression, Ray grew up in Wayland, Massachusetts as the oldest of three children in a middle-class family. He showed leadership skills early, serving as his senior class president, chairman of the student council, co-editor of the yearbook and a "straight A all the way" student. "I was a bookworm and a wallflower," he avers. "I was shy, bashful and inhibited at the time," traits that were to vanish in the years ahead. "My favorite book was *Man of La Mancha*, and I've been charging at windmills ever since."

Ray was interested in politics. "I was patriotic, and I wanted to do something for my country," he says. He was able to get an academic scholarship at Norwich University in Vermont, the oldest private military college in the country, and he majored in public administration, minoring in psychology. The school had an ROTC program under which Ray was given a commission as a second lieutenant when he



Ray (at right) shares the podium with Secretary of State Colin Powell at an international security meeting.

graduated in 1957—but in the regular Army, not in the Army Reserve, thereby placing him on track for a 20-year career. It was during his military duty that, with the approval of his commanding officer, Ray was first tapped by an unnamed federal government agency for "extracurricular" activities.

After basic infantry officer training at Ft. Benning, Georgia he went on to paratroop and ranger training. After being posted to Ft. Devens, Massachusetts in 1960 as an officer in the 2nd Infantry Brigade, he volunteered for

military police training at Ft. Gordon, Georgia in 1962. Why the MPs? "They were always working," Ray says. "In the infantry you stood around and waited for something to happen. In the MPs, you made things happen." And when he was posted to the Granite City, Illinois Army Depot as a Captain and Provost Marshal in charge of law enforcement and security, things did happen.

Granite City was on the eastern bank of the Mississippi River, just north of a tough town: East St. Louis. "There was a lot of activity off-post – a



Ray Humphrey with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

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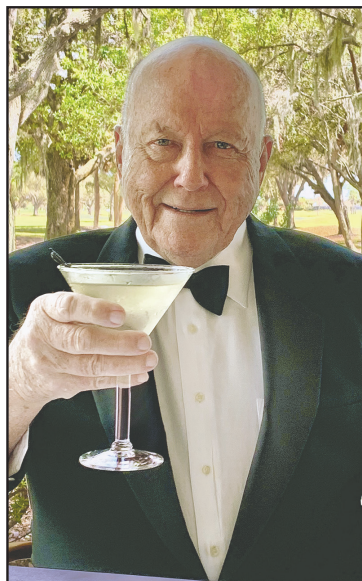
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lot of violence, and the Mafia was located across the river in St. Louis,” he says “I had to deal with this criminal element frequently.” Ray was one of the initial participants in the Mafia relocation program (later known as witness protection) during his three years in Granite City. “We were relocating Mafia members who were to testify against their bosses,” and would be dead ducks once they violated their oath of omerta unless they were whisked away and protected. It was a tricky business, dealing with the bosses while trying to keep certain of their underlings safe.

Shortly after Ray first reported for duty, there was a murder on post. A sergeant had killed his wife in their trailer and was holed up there with his three-year-old daughter, armed to the teeth. Ray, alone and unarmed, removed his uniform jacket and entered the trailer in an effort to talk the crazed and sweating noncom down. During their standoff, “I was just waiting for my help to arrive when a CID agent built like a tank crashed into the trailer and bowled everything over, including me.” The soldier was captured, his daughter rescued, and Ray received a medal for heroism.

“I think that was one of the reasons I was recommended for the White House Fellows program,” he says. He was already on an accelerated promotion program as a result of numerous outstanding efficiency reports, thereby getting promoted ahead of his contemporaries even though he was an ROTC guy and something of a nonconformist.

The Fellows program had been founded by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964 to bring together exceptional young professionals and give them a year-long first-hand experience working with high-ranking members of the federal government. About 35 candidates emerged from the initial vetting for the program’s first year, and Ray was one of them. They spent two weeks at the White House during the competition and each evening convened for a session with a member of Congress, the Supreme Court or the Cabinet. “It was an exhilarating experience,” Ray says, “but I didn’t get to take a year off from the military. The Army sent me to Vietnam instead, on the grounds that I was critically



Ray’s favorite drink? A vodka martini, very dry, and shaken, not stirred.

needed there. Ironically, when I got to Saigon, the military unit I was assigned to was surprised to see me because they thought I was going to work in Washington!”

In Nam he moved up in rank to Major with the Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV), responsible for security, law enforcement, internal affairs and investigations of major corruption scandals – one of which, the My Lai massacre, was of such international significance that Ray went to Washington D.C. to brief the White House on it. Twenty-six soldiers were charged with criminal offenses, but only Lieutenant William Calley, Jr., a platoon leader in C Company, was convicted of murdering 22 villagers. He was sentenced to life in prison but actually only placed under house arrest until President Richard Nixon commuted his sentence.

Ray had three-and-a-half tours on active duty in Vietnam and achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel when sent to the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College in Leavenworth, Kansas in 1972. Normally anyone sent there would be in line for eventual promotion to Brigadier General or higher. Ray completed his ACSG training and went on to become Provost Marshal of Ft. Devens before making an important decision. Xerox Corporation had been trying for some time to lure him into its ranks as Vice President for Global Security at a major league salary. He decided to first complete his 20-year career in 1977 and retire to the heady

life of a well-paid corporate executive.

Ray stayed at Xerox for five years before moving over to Digital Equipment Corporation in 1982, where he remained for 18 years. During those years he continued to work with federal government agencies on highly classified projects that one writer later described as “almost James Bondish, filtering personal computers into Russia to allow its citizens to secretly see a world outside the Soviet Union ... and countering tech theft by the Soviets” when our nation’s security was at stake. He was one of the founders of the anti-hijacking Sky Marshall program and led our government’s efforts to stem the activities of global drug cartels. Ray also put in some time as Chief of Industrial Security for the U.S. Army Command.

Ray “retired” in 2000 when he came to Englewood, but he has continued to be involved in major security issues. He spent three years consulting for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC). He’s served on several federal commissions in the U.S. and was president (and later chairman) of the

American Society of Industrial Security–International, the largest industrial security organization in the world. He’s a much sought-after speaker at assemblies and conventions related to international security. And he still gets phone calls from Washington, D.C. at odd hours and times.

For all that he’s done, he’s been given some great sobriquets around the world. “In Nigeria they called me The Black Man in a White Man’s Skin,” he says, and elsewhere he’s been dubbed “The Great Conciliator” and “Super Sleuth.”

That all begs the question: Was Ray Humphrey James Bond? The answer is clear: No, James Bond was just another Ray Humphrey wannabe.

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Changes Coming to Deer Prairie Creek

A long-time favorite launch of ours and one we tried for over a decade to keep off the radar to preserve its wild nature is being “upgraded” and changed. It won’t be the primitive, natural area we loved and tried to protect. Instead, a new pedestrian bridge, ADA kayak launch platform, and an enlarged fishing pier will bring a more developed feel here. We were granted a sneak preview of the coming changes that should be available for all to enjoy by mid-March, 2023. Until then, heavy equipment and construction make the closure necessary for the safety of the public.

Parking is a major consideration to accommodate the anticipated popularity of this new and improved facility. A new parking area near the lower launch is designed to accommodate 10 vehicles as well as 2 longer trailer spots. In the main lot, parking has been expanded to 26 vehicle spots with 3 additional drive-thru trailer spaces. If all of these spots are filled, upwards of 30 kayakers could be floating on this little creek previously loved for its pristine solitude, which is not available at any other kayak launch in the area.

One of the most obvious changes is the new pedestrian bridge across the outlet of the main lake above the spillway. This bridge will make access to the northern part of the preserve easier and drier for those who want to hike into this area. Wide enough for vehicles, it is structurally limited to the lighter loads expected from non-vehicular use. Bollards will be installed to help prevent vehicles from crossing this bridge and collapsing it. The bridge will facilitate access not only by hikers and bikers, but also make it easier for bad actors too. All of us who value and respect this preserve should be alert for suspicious activities in this newly opened area.

Another “improvement” is a full-fledged fishing pier in the location of the old pier and extending out into the lake. It will also

be a popular alligator viewing platform. The workers we saw during our visit drew the attention of several alligators by dipping buckets of water from the lake for construction use. Any commotion sounds like a dinner bell to these primitive creatures. An angler landing a fish will surely get their attention. With the ADA cutouts that lower the railing in several places, it will be possible to bring a chair to the pier and enjoy the scenery from a seated level. We hope this pier will not become an alligator feeding platform and create aggressive gators that will endanger kayakers.

The new ADA kayak and canoe launch will be the change most kayakers will have to deal with. This one uses the same floating dock concept with sloped ramp and two launch slots like the one at Senator Paul B. Johnson Park on US 41. Unlike the PBJ launch, this structure shaped like a “T”, may not require quite the number of right angle turns to hit the slot. Still, it will still be a challenge for even a non-disabled kayaker to use this structure. The slots and ramp are narrow, and the angles involved will make it difficult to line a kayak up with the slots. During landing the sloped ramp stops the bow of the kayak before the kayaker can reach the railings provided for pulling themselves up the ramp and into the slot. Getting in a kayak will require lowering oneself into the kayak from a standing position and crawling to get out, which is more difficult than getting in or out from a seated position while in ankle deep water. As with the Paul B. Johnson ADA launch, we suspect this one will also be little used as kayakers find alternative launch spots nearby.

New picnic shelters complete the upgrade and are connected by concrete walkways that replace the pavers previously used. You’ll also see more fences to restrict access to sensitive shoreline areas. Riprap has been imported to shore-up areas along the bank suffering from erosion caused by our recent Hurricane Ian. The old parking area went underwater during Ian, and we are interested

to see how the upgrades weather big storms.

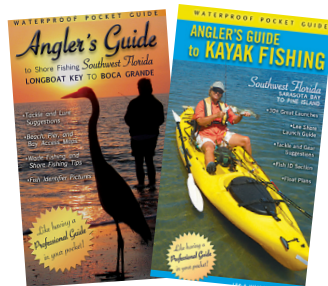
So, prepare for the changes you will encounter on your next visit to Deer Prairie Creek. All things change and evolve but manmade changes can occur shockingly fast. Let’s hope the folks at Sarasota Parks and Recreation are as dedicated to preserving the pristine feel of Deer Prairie Creek Preserve as they are to expanding access. It is difficult to manage an area like this in the face of ever-increasing population pressures. We hope the improved access to this small, pristine resource also includes a plan to conserve the beauty and solitude that visitors come here for. Thoughts and prayers for Deer Prairie Creek appreciated.

On Saturday, February 11, Les and Kimball will be at the Annual Cracker Fair from 10am to 4pm. Stop by their booth to get your signed Angler’s pocket Guides for Southwest Florida.

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Nature Calls

Oyster Gardening Workshop

The Lemon BayWatch will be on deck at the Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve Open House on **Saturday, February 11** and present an Oyster Gardening workshop from **10 to 11am** as part of their “One Dock at a Time” program and will provide information on a number of water-related projects: seagrass monitoring, oyster restoration, marine debris cleanup days, and the Lemon BayWatch “Eyes on the Water” program. If you are interested in volunteering, here is your chance to learn more. Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve is located at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

Open House

Come check out Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve during their Open House on **Saturday, February 11** from **8am to 2pm**. This event is open to the public and it’s your chance to see how the former golf course is reverting back to nature. Special programs and walks will be held throughout the day. There will be hourly guided walks, beginning at **8am** with the “Early Bird” Birding Walk. Charlie Woodruff will lead a nature walk at **9am** on the “Ecology of Wildflower.” At **10am**, Ann Risberg will take you on a nature walk with the topic, “Florida Butterflies in the Preserve.” Bob Cooper leads a fresh water exploration at **10:30am**. “Gardening for Butterflies” with Maura Qualls & Anne Weaver will be at **11am**. Visitors are invited to walk the newly created hilltop labyrinth at **11am** after the dedication at **10:30am**. At **11:30am**, Bill Fairbanks will lead a talk on “Birdwatching in Our Area.” Susy d’Hont will lead a nature walk, “Introduction to Wildflower Habitats” at **noon**. There will be a talk on “Sea Turtles on Gasparilla Island” with Denise Jurgens & Steve Bramlage at **12:30pm**. At **1pm**, there will be a nature walk, “Juvenile Tarpon Area Walk” with Steve and Tonya Bramlage. Local environmental groups will have informational tents and will offer short nature talks on a variety of nature topics. Special golf cart tours will be offered for visitors who may have difficulty walking the trails. Parking lot

is located at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. For questions, call **941•830•8922**.

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) Activities

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Bill Coy Preserve

Join CHEC at **9am, Saturday, February 11**, for a guided walk through the 81-acre Bill Coy Preserve. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot at 5350 Placida Road. For more information and to register, call **941•475•0769**. Also offered **Monday, February 20** at **9am**.

Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve

Join CHEC on a guided walk on **Monday, February 13** at **9am** on through Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve, 16259 Joppa Avenue, Port Charlotte. This 150-acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Meet in the parking lot. Please call **941•475•0769** to register or for more information. Also offered **Saturday, February 25** at **9am**.

Charlotte Flatwoods Env. Park

Join CHEC on a guided walk through Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park on **Wednesday, February 15** at **9am**. This 487-acre Charlotte County property features mature pines, dry prairie, marsh wetlands, and freshwater ponds. Its location adjoining state lands make it an important wildlife corridor. Meet at the parking lot on U.S. 41 (15801 S. Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda). Please call **941•475•0769** to register or for

more information.

Seagrass Wading Trip

Join CHEC for a free wading adventure through the seagrass beds of Lemon Bay on **Friday, February 17**! All participants will be guided approximately a half-mile to the wading site, where they will collect and view creatures of the bay. Participants will need to wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that may get wet during the trip. Participants are also encouraged to wear sunscreen and insect repellent and to bring plenty of drinking water. Meet outside the Cedar Point Visitor Center (2300 Placida Road) at **9am**. Advance registration is required by calling **941•475•0769**. Trips fill up fast!

Ann & Chuck Dever Park

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 125-acre Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park on **Saturday, February 18** at **9am**. Meet at the San Casa Entrance, 6791 San Casa Drive. Please call **941•475•0769** to register or for more information.

Amberjack Env. Park

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre Amberjack Environmental Park on **Wednesday, February**

22 at **9am**. Meet at the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd. Please call **941•475•0769** to register or for more information. Also offered **Monday, February 27** at **9am**.

The History of Cedar Point

Join CHEC for a free presentation about the history of Cedar Point Environmental Park on **Friday, February 24** from **11am to 12:30pm**. Greg Brezicki will walk you down memory lane of Cedar Point’s best accomplishments from its purchase by Charlotte County to how CHEC became involved and how the park has evolved. There will be a light lunch and a visit to the Cookie House. Must register in advance by calling **941•475•0769** or emailing tome@checflorida.org.

Mangrove Chapter Activities

The mission of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. The Mangrove Chapter serves Charlotte County and southern Sarasota County. For more information, contact them at mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

Insects in the Ecosystem

The Mangrove Chapter of the Native Plant Society will host “Insects in the Ecosystem – Why Insects Need Our Help” on **Tuesday, February 14, 1 to 3pm**, an educational program at Lemon Bay Park & Environmental Center, 570 Bay

Park Blvd. Last spring, Master Naturalist and Insect Enthusiast Kate Borduas presented a program about the critical role insects play in the ecosystem. This year, Kate will explore the multiple causes of insect decline and what can be done as groups and individuals to support healthy populations of these little creatures that run the world. Meet at the Environmental Center. For information email mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

Sunset Stroll

Join Dave and Linda Manley, from the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, for a Sunset Stroll on **Wednesday, February 22, 4:30-5:30pm**, at the Venice Rookery, 4002 S. Tamiami Trail via Annex Road, Venice. The Rookery is behind the county building. The Venice Area Audubon Society will provide a guide through this beautiful nesting area for waterbirds. The recently planted native tree thicket and understory offer great native plant viewing. For information email mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

LBC Guided Nature Walks

The free guided nature walks shown below are sponsored by Lemon Bay Conservancy and will be held at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., Englewood. Please come prepared for a hike. The preserve can be “buggy” this time of year. Consider wearing long sleeves and long pants. Water, a hat,

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Birding & Nature

Take a leisurely walk with Susy

d'Hont to observe some of the many bird species visiting Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve pm **Saturday, February 18 at 8am.** Bring your binoculars. Come prepared for a walk in the woods. Bug spray, sunscreen, and closed-toe shoes are required, along with long

pants, as there may still be some hurricane debris in areas. Meet in the parking lot at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

The West Side Story

Explore Lemon Creek and the western side of Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve with

Steve and Tonya Bramlage on **Saturday, February 18 at 9am.** Come prepared for a hike on rough trails with long pants and closed-toe shoes. See where tarpon enter the preserve. Meet in the parking lot at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

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Calendar *at a Glance*

These are the shortened calendar events that were added to our website www.Englewoodreview.com as of Friday, January 6. They represent events from February 10 - March 4. For the most up-to-date listings and to read about these events in full detail, visit our online calendar. All listings in our "Calendar At A Glance" must be entered on our website. Click on Calendar and fill out Event Submission Form.

**PLEASE NOTE: POSTED EVENTS MUST BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
SOME CLASSES MAY REQUIRE MASKS. PLEASE CALL BEFORE ATTENDING.**

FRI FEBRUARY 10

Hermitage Artist Retreat 6660 Manasota Key Rd. The Creative Language Accessibility Fellows Shannon Finegan and Chella Man call attention facets of daily life through their visual, performative, film and written works. 5:30-6:30PM

SAT FEBRUARY 11

Boy Scouts Pancake Fundraiser GCUMC, 1100 S. McCall Rd. 8AM-Noon. 941-697-1747

Manta Market Fine Arts, Crafts, Artisanal Foods and More! Lemon Bay High School 2201 Placida Rd. 9AM-2PM Mantamarket@comcast.net

Cracker Fair Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn St. 10AM-4PM www.lemonbayhistory.com

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Rotonda Golf & Country Club, 100 Rotonda Circle 5:30-9PM 941-270-2575

WED FEBRUARY 15

Pianist Awadagin Pratt Riverview Performing Arts Center, One Ram Way, Sarasota 7:30 PM 941-966-6161

Charlotte County Trump Club Austin's Olde World Grill, 14415 Tamiami Tr. North Port 11:30AM-1:30PM 410-443-6890 cctrumpclub@yahoo.com

Valentine Dinner Dance American Legion Post 113 3436 Indiana Rd, Rotonda 4:00PM 9:00PM \$15p.p baked ziti dinner w/dessert, cocktails 4PM, dinner 5PM. Bandana Band 6PM 941-697-3616 Rotondapost113@gmail.com

Englewood Amature Radio Society Englewood Chamber of Commerce 601 S. Indiana Ave. All are welcome 7-8:30PM 941-474-0662 info@earsadioclub.org

THURS FEBRUARY 16

Fellowship Church Senior Fellowship Fellowship Church, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 11 AM 941-475-7447

FRI & SAT FEBRUARY 17&18

Rummage & Plant Sale Lemon Bay Garden Club 480 Yale Street 10AM-1PM. \$3 admission fee on Thurs, Feb. 16. 413-336-7616.

SAT FEBRUARY 18

Run For The Beads Waterside Place, 1551 Halcyon Trail, Sarasota 8 AM 941-208-6799

Englewood Annual Garage Sale Englewood Sports Complex 1300 S. River Rd. 8AM-1PM Free Admission and parking. Concessions available 941-861-1980 lovely@scgov.net

Handfuls of Purpose Food Pantry, Englewood Christian Church. 6900 Gulfstream Blvd 10AM-11AM, A Charlotte County Mobile drive-through food pantry for those in need every 3rd Saturday 10-11am. 941-475-4973

Rummage Sale Rotonda West Community Center 646 Rotonda Circle 9AM-1PM Household, jewelry, clothing, etc, squad7@aol.com 917-573-5512

MON FEBRUARY 19

FC BLAST Youth Bible Study Heeg's Home 5-7PM 941-475-7447

MON FEBRUARY 20

Orchid Society Meeting St. David's Episcopal Church 401 S. Broadway 6:30-8:30PM All welcome 407-908-1914 jamishane06@hotmail.com

WED FEBRUARY 22

Ashes To Go Gulf Cove United Methodist Church 1100 S. McCall Rd. 7AM-9AM Drive thru for Ashes to Go & free coffee. Traditional Ash Wednesday service at 6PM gulfcoveumc@gmail.com 9416971747

THUR, FRI, SAT FEB 23-25

Rummage Sale Englewood United Methodist Church 700 E. Dearborn St. 3PM-6PM on Thur. for Pre-Sale shop \$5; Fri 9AM-3PM and Sat 9AM-Noon, free admission. 941-962-7639 info@englewoodumc.net

SUN FEBRUARY 26

Chris Golden Concert Fellowship Church 140 Rotonda Blvd. 8:30-11:45AM 941-475-7447 dina@fellowshipenglewood.com

FC YFF/& BLAST KIDS Fellowship Church Young Families Fellowship at Rotonda Park 100 Rotonda Blvd. E. 4PM-6PM 941-475-7447 dina@fellowshipenglewood.com

An Evening with Norm Lewis Venice Performing Arts Center, One Indian Ave. Venice 7:30 PM www.venicetheatre.org

TUE FEBRUARY 28

Spring Fashion Show St. Raphael Parish Center 770 Kilborne Ave. Noon-3PM Fashion show and buffet lunch. tickets \$25, avail at church office or call 508-308-1380

WED MARCH 1

St. Francis Parish Card Party 5265 Placida Rd. 11AM-2:30PM 1st Wednesday each month All are welcome 941-697-4899

SAT MARCH 4

Fellowship Church Men's Prayer Breakfast, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 8-9PM 941-475-7447 dina@fellowshipenglewood.com

Manta Market Fine Arts, Crafts, Artisanal Foods and More! Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Rd. 9AM-2PM Mantamarket@comcast.net

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

MON - FRIDAY

Englewood Beach Yoga 2100 N. Beach Rd. 8:30-9:30AM 941-473-0135, info@katjadietz.com

MON, TUES, WED

Jubilee Center Food Pantry Jubilee Center at St. David's, 410 S. Broadway, 10AM-12PM. Clothes Closet Tuesday only. 941-681-3550

MON & THURS

Englewood Community Care Clinic Mac Horton West County Annex, 6868 San Casa Dr. 5-8PM 941-681-2081

MON & WED

Zumba Fitness with Denise Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda Blvd. E. 9:30 - 10:30 AM. \$7 a class. Bring water. 941-268-8086

MON, WED & FRI

Hatha Yoga Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM 941-861-1980 lovely@ymail.com

Table Tennis Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-11AM 941-861-1980 lovely@ymail.com

Dynamic Walk Fitness

Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 10:30-11:30AM 941-861-1980 lovely@ymail.com

MON - THURS

Super Kids Martial Arts Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 12 and Under 6-7PM, 13 and up 7-8PM 941-258-7254 lovely@scgov.net

MON - FRI

Men's Senior Softball (60+) Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 8-11AM 717-982-8456

MON - SAT

Manasota Beach Yoga 8570 Manasota Key Rd. 8:30AM 941-313-0358

TUES & THURS

Boogie Chair by LAURENTZ Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM 941-237-8983

Open Play Pickleball Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 10:30AM-12PM 941-861-1980 lovely@scgov.net

TUES - FRI

Open Play Pickleball Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 12:30-2PM 941-861-1980

WED & THURS

Englewood Helping Hand Food Pantry Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St. 8AM-1PM 941-474-5864

WED & FRI

Line Dancing with Eve American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd., Rotonda 9:30-11:30AM. Learn to line dance! 941-697-8733 moraghan@comcast.net

MONDAYS

Zumba with Laurentz 118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda 10:45-11:45AM

Spaghetti Dinner

American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd., Rotonda W. 5-7PM 941-697-3616

Music Jam Session Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Ave. 5-8PM

Venetian Harmony Chorus

Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave. 6:30PM. A women's a cappella chorus meets weekly. Visitors welcome. 941-525-2376 venetianharmony@yahoo.com

TUESDAYS

Jubilee Center, St. David's Clothes Closet 401 S. Broadway Free Clothing 10AM-12PM 941-681-3550

Line Dancing with Eve Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda Blvd E, 10AM-12PM moraghan@comcast.net 941-697-8733

Beginner Tai Chi Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave., Venice. 10:30-11:30AM 941-492-2167

Zumba with Laurentz Centennial Park, 1120 Centennial Blvd., 11AM-12PM 941-237-8983

Fellowship Church Friend-to-Friend Fellowship Worship Center 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 1-3PM 941-475-7447

Open Mic Garden Party The Open Studio, 380 Old Englewood Rd. 5-8PM 941-473-8977 bonnie@comprocomputers.net

Writers on the Air 12735 US 41, North Port 5:30-6:30PM FREE OPEN MIC for writers, poets, comedians. Sign up 5:30PM. Airst on 97.5 FM 501C-3, Sundays at 3:04PM. lschell2@verizon.net, 941-223-1262

WEDNESDAYS

Cars & Coffee Englewood Square Shopping Center, 445 S. Indiana Ave. 8-10AM

TOPS Meeting EUMC 700 E. Dearborn St. 8:30-9:30AM 941-662-8079 overbyathome@gmail.com

Aqua Zumba with April Ann and Chuck Dever Pool 6791 San Casa Dr. 10:15-11:15AM 603-620-4027 all4fitness@comcast.net

Show Me The Money-Post 113 American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd. 2-4PM 941-697-3616

Grief Share Support Group Fellowship Church, Worship Center 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 4:30-6PM 941-475-7447

Celebrate Recovery Fellowship Church of Englewood, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 6-8PM 941-475-7447

Wednesday Night Bible Study Englewood Christian Church, 9600 Gulfstream Blvd. 6-7PM 941-475-4973

THURSDAYS

Farmers Markets W. Dearborn St. Area, 300 to 500 block of W. Dearborn St. 9AM-1:00 PM

Zumba Toning with Denise 303 Rotonda Blvd. E. 9:30-10:30AM \$7 a class. Bring 2 light hand-weights and water. 941-268-8086

Line Dance Club Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave. 9:30-11:30AM 941-474-6027 linerscountry@gmail.com

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Centennial Park, 1120 Centennial Blvd. 11AM-12PM 941-237-8983

FRIDAYS

Boogie Chair By Laurentz

Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda Blvd E. 9-10AM 941-237-8983
lalitenors410@gmail.com

Beginner Tai Chi

Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave. 10-11AM 941-492-2167

Lemon Bay Woodcarvers

Community Presbyterian Church Kastner Hall, 405 S. McCall Rd. 12-2:30PM 941-473-0626

Dinner/Music - American Legion Post 113

3436 Indiana Rd. 5-9:30PM 941-697-3616

SATURDAYS

Closet of Hope

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 McCall Rd. 9:30AM-12PM 941-697-1747

Cornhole - Amer. Legion Post 113

3436 Indiana Rd. 12:30PM-3PM 941-697-3616

Adventures with Needle Felt

Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay, 452 W. Dearborn St. 1-4PM
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SUNDAYS

Christ Lutheran Church

701 N. Indiana Ave. 9:30AM 941-474-1989

Englewood Christian Church,

9600 Gulfstream Blvd. Bible Study, 9:15AM; Service, 10:30AM 941-475-4973

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Englewood Christian Church 9600 Gulfstream Blvd. 9:15-10:15AM 941-475-4973

Englewood United Methodist Church

700 E. Dearborn St. 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM. Also available online at www.englewoodumc.net 941-474-5588

Community Presbyterian Church

405 S. McCall Rd. 10AM 941-474-9579

Faith Lutheran Church Worship

551 Rotonda Blvd. West 8:30AM and 10:30AM. 941-697-3313

Fellowship Church

Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 8:30AM and 10:30AM. 941-475-7447

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church

1100 S. McCall Rd. 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM. Online at www.GulfCoveChurch.com 941-697-1747

Living Hope Church

881 South River Rd. 10AM 941-460-8506

New Vision Church

6401 Sunnybrook Blvd. 10AM 941-475-2906

St. David's Episcopal Church

401 S. Broadway, 9AM 941-474-3140

Gospel Singing

Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Ave. 3-5PM 941-889-8899

Drum Circle

One hour before sunset, Englewood Beach North End

Club Chatter

Valentine Dinner Dance

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #113 will be hosting its Be My Valentine Dinner Dance on **Tuesday, February 14** to be held at the Post, 3436 Indiana Rd, Rotonda West. The cost is \$15 per person and the menu will include Baked Ziti with salad, bread, and dessert. There will be a cash bar. Cocktails are at **4pm**, dinner at **5pm**, and music by the Bandana Band from **6 to 9pm**. This event is open to the public. Tickets may be purchased at the bar and at the door. Call the Post at **941-697-3616** for information and reservations.

Trivia Night

GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club is presenting a Trivia Night hosted by Mr. Trivia, Jim Wasowski, on **Thursday, February 16** at the Rotonda West Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, from **6 to 8pm**. Doors open at **5:30pm**. Teams are forming now or join some new friends on Trivia Night. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club monthly meetings. You can also contact Debra Sigismondo at squad7@aol.com. There is a \$100 first prize, \$50 second prize, \$10 wine pull. Proceeds from this event will benefit the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club Scholarship Fund. Light refreshments will be served.

Rummage Sale

The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club will sponsor a rummage sale on **Saturday, February 18**, from **9am to 1pm** at the Rotonda West Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle. Household items, clothing, craft items, jewelry, and accessories will be available. GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Proceeds will benefit the club's local charities. The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club

welcomes new members. Residency in Rotonda West is not a requirement. If interested, contact Membership Chairman at rwwcmembership@hotmail.com.

Preserving Your Genealogy Research

The Englewood Genealogy Society will hold their February meeting on **Thursday, February 23 at 1:30pm** at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. The topic will be "What to Do with Your Stuff

– Planning for the Future of Your Genealogy and Artifacts." The guest speaker will be Peggy Jude, (live via Zoom) who will review ideas and strategies to ensure your research & treasures do not end up in the trash. Following the program will be a time of sharing on how others have arranged for the preservation of research. Guests are welcome to attend the meeting. Learn more about Englewood Genealogy Society at www.egsfl.org.



The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club recently installed the new officers for 2023-2024. The club was chartered by the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs in 1974 and now has over 135 members from Rotonda West and the surrounding areas. Pictured in the Woman's Club free library at the Rotonda West Community Center are (seated) Gwen Grace, President; from left to right, JoAnn Hopkins, Recording Secretary; Jane Tumanic, Corresponding Secretary; Gloria Rogoski, 1st Vice President; Anne Vickery, Treasurer; Jean Howard, Assistant Treasurer, and Jennifer Cope, 2nd Vice President. Visit them at www.GFWRotondaWest.org.



The Englewood Sunset Rotary Club exceeded all expectation for their Englewood Beer Fest held on January 28th at the Pioneer Plaza on Dearborn Street. They pre-sold approximately 500 tickets for the beer garden, and then almost another 500 the day of the event. Everyone had a great time during a near-perfect weather day. The event is expected to net more than \$30,000. All proceeds will benefit the Englewood community.



Don't miss the Lemon Bay Garden Club Rummage and Plant Sale set for **Friday & Saturday, February 17 & 18 from 9am to 1pm**. Search for treasures, buy gifts, purchase baked goods, and find some plants to spruce up your landscaping. There will be a preview sale on **Thursday, February 16 from 10am to 1pm** with a \$3 admission fee. The Clubhouse is located at 480 Yale Street (corner of Yale and Cedar Streets). Proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Fund. For information, call **413-336-7616**.

Keeping Up with KIDS

Read with the Dogs

Children are invited to read with certified pet therapy dogs at the Elsie Quirk Library on **Monday, February 13** from **3:30 to 4:30pm**. The program encourages conversation and develops reading and communication skills. The dogs love the attention and kids love the interactions. The library is located at 100 W. Dearborn Street.

Survivor Day at Cedar Point

Introducing Evergreen Saturdays! Once per month from **9am to noon** at Cedar Point Environmental Park, drop off your child(ren), ages 6 to 10, for the chance to partake in outdoor activities and skill building as they learn how to navigate their surroundings, identify plants, animals, and marine life, and take care of the environment! Kicking off the series is Survivor Day on **Saturday, February 18**. To register, please contact Mel@chee-florida.org or call **941•475•0769**. Registration is \$20 per child per day. Address: 2300 Placida Rd,

Kids Craft

Dress for a mess and prepare to have some fun in the monthly

kids craft for children ages 4 to 12 on **Friday, February 24, 4:30pm**, at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. Please register each child to be sure there are enough supplies for each child. Register by calling **941•681•3736**.

Lemon Bay HS Theatre Presents

Lemon Bay High School Theatre Troupe 0257 continues its season with Peter Bloedel's "Seussification of a Midsummer Night's Dream", which will be performed in the Black Box Theatre of Lemon Bay Performing Arts Center, 2201 Placida Road. The Bard's most beloved comedy gets the full Seuss treatment in this playful adaption told in rhyming couplets. Performances are **Friday, February 24 at 7pm, Saturday, February 25 at 2:30pm and 7pm, and Sunday, February 26 at 2:30pm**. Ticket prices are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or online at www.showtix4u.com/event-details/70098.

Egg-static Readers

Psst! Chickens are coming to the Pt. Charlotte Public Library, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte! **Starting Saturday, February 25** you can experience Charlotte County's UF/IFAS Extension embryology program by viewing and reading to chicken eggs while they incubate in the library. Learn how chicks develop in the egg and suggest names for the future hatchlings. **Saturday, March 18th** is Happy Hatch Day. For questions, call **941•764•5562**.

Family Art Day

Bring the whole family and participate in art projects led by professional artists at Creative Liberties Family Art Day on **Saturday, February 25, 9am to noon**. This month, enjoy learning about artistic, mixed-media weaving with Shelley Kishpaugh. Creative Liberties Artist Studios is located at 901-B Apricot Avenue, Sarasota. For more information, visit www.creativeliberties.net or call **941•799•6634**.

Family Storytime

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to drop in at the Englewood Charlotte Library for an interactive storytime **every Thursday** from **11am to noon**. The program incorporates books, felt boards, rhymes, and musical play to encourage early learning. No registration required. The library is located at 3450 N. Access Road. For questions, call **941•681•3736**.

"Our Living Democracy" Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Lemon Bay High School student to be applied to next year's tuition for college, vocational or technical school. The 2023 "Our Living Democracy" Award is sponsored by the Englewood Democratic Club. To apply, submit an original essay on the topic, "What contribution can I make to preserve and improve our democracy," with reference to the Preamble of the Constitution. Word count should be 1,000 to 1,800 words. Applicants also need to include a brief biography

explaining where they plan to go to school after graduation and what their major interests are. All essays are due by **March 31, 2023**, and should be delivered to Teresa Dailey, Career Counselor, at Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road, Englewood, FL 34224.

College News Briefs

Taylor Floyd of Englewood has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. To be on the Dean's List, UA Little Rock students must earn at least nine credit hours and maintain at least a 3.5 GPA. **Kjersten DeHaven** of Englewood graduated with a degree in Health Sciences-BS from James Madison University in Virginia during commencement exercises in December 2022. DeHaven was among almost 900 students who received undergraduate and graduate degrees. Middle Tennessee State University student **Sarah Fletcher** of Englewood was among almost 70 students inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa

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recognized for their academic achievements during the fall 2022 semester at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. and was awarded a Gold Star, given to those who achieve a 3.7 grade point average or higher.

If you have an event or happening you would like to have considered for 'Keeping Up with Kids,' please send information and/or photo to The Englewood REVIEW, 370 W. Dearborn St., Suite B, Englewood, FL 34223, or email: englewoodreview@comcast.net.

January Herons of the Month

Please join Vineland Elementary School in congratulating the January Herons of the Month. This program, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, recognizes students who display the attributes of the Vineland motto: Where Herons Soar (Show Respect, Own Actions, Accept Differences, Realize Potential.)



Grades K-2 Herons of the Month

Front Row (L-R): Ava Freitas, Scot Kirkpatrick, Brooklyn Brown, Brayden Feldman.
Middle Row (L-R): Alyda Randall, Eva McCauley, Leo Mazza, Anna Ramirez, Novalee Daley, Brantley Lewis, Amethyst Nixon.
Back Row (L-R): Kaydence Gauss, Zoe Bass, Ethan Gonzalez, Aurora Fitch, Katelyn Reed.



Grades 3-5 Herons of the Month

Front Row (L-R): Dillon Vosburgh, Mason Hock, Kade Hubbard, Elyzium Lambert, Neveah Cowan.
Middle Row (L-R): Sofia Cimmino, Mila Reed, Annabelle Chambers, Lilah Shamasian.
Back Row (L-R): Juan Herrera-Mercado, Brandon Perez-Domingo, Paisley Snyder, Addison Bonakoske, Jaxson McCarron, Skylar Hobin, Connor.

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Nola's Notes



DOGS at WORK



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Likes: Loves belly rubs!

Dislikes: Not happy if you leave her behind.

Pet Peeves: Don't eat lunch without her! Ivy demands to eat lunch when we do.

Office Jobs: She greets each of the clients and when it's time, she walks them back to the sink for their shampoo.

How Did You Acquire Your Human? Pete's late beloved soul mate, and former owner of Village Gifts and Gallery and Roasters Coffee Baron Dearborn Street, Ms. Shelly Stout and I rescued her ten years ago and gave her a new and happy life.

Owner Remarks: Everyone looks forward to seeing her when they come. Ms. Ivy receives birthday and Christmas presents as well.

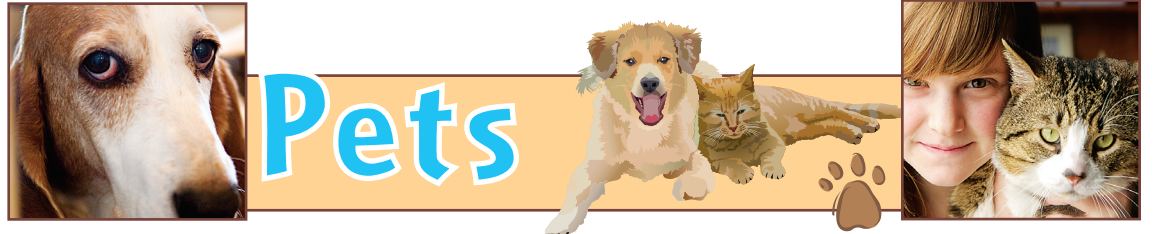


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Monday through Saturday, 10am to 3pm PH: 941-460-6757

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