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Read about the 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Tricycle Ride on page 5. Pictured here l-r are: Ella Kulik, Darlene Frederick, Mary Singleton, Rhonda Campbell, Marty Everett, Debra Ives, Sandy Hines, Sandy Eberly, and Cindy Daniels.

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Around the Town

Easter Cantata

Englewood United Methodist Church (EUMC) presents their Easter Cantata, *Praise the God of Resurrection Choral Cantata*, on **Sunday, March 27 at 9am and 11am**. The Cantata will feature the EUMC Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra with Narrator David Jones of WSRZ Radio. EUMC is located at 700 E. Dearborn Street. For more information, call the church office at **941-474-5588**.

Arts & Crafts Sale and Quilt Show

Everyone is invited to the Alameda Isles Arts and Crafts Sale along with a Quilt Show on **Sunday, March 27, 10am to 3pm**. Come pick up some craft items for gifts and for yourself. Make sure to view the quilts on display. Free admission and parking. Alameda Isles is located across SR 776 from Boca Royale at One Alameda Grande.

“Summerizing” Your Home Unoccupied homes in Florida are prime targets for mildew growth, storm damage, pests and a host of other issues. Learn how to prepare your home – inside and out – before leaving for a



The 40th Annual Spring Fine Arts Festival is happening **Saturday & Sunday, March 26 & 27, 10am to 4pm**. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Englewood, the festival will house 97 artists set up on downtown Dearborn Street who will display and sell their works. You can talk with the artists themselves who are on site during festival hours. Every imaginable handmade item is here – fine jewelry, art glass, paintings, photography, ceramics, sculpture, and more. The featured artist is Ademir Borgas, a Brazilian artist now living in Cape Coral. He works with the mediums of wood, acrylic, oil paint, stain, and epoxy. The show is free, but Rotarians will ask for a \$2 donation that benefits the Englewood Rotary Youth Foundation. For more information, visit www.Englewoodrotary.org. Shown here, Ademir’s featured painting, “Poppies,” is done in acrylic and adhesive texture for painting.

long time. UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County is offering a free webinar on **Tuesday, March 29, 10 to 11am**. A checklist will be provided to help you remember key tasks. Presenter will be Dr. Maria Portelos-Romero, Family & Consumer Sciences

agent. Please register for this event **only** at uf Sarasotaext.eventbrite.com rather than any third-party websites, as they are not affiliated with the extension office’s classes and events. For questions or further information, please call **941-861-5000** or email sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu.

Success in Business Workshop Join the Englewood Chamber of Commerce for an action packed, hour-long workshop that teaches the key tips to achieving business success. “Success in Business



The International Sarasota Chalk Festival returns to the Venice Airport Festival Grounds, **Friday through Sunday, April 1-3**. Professional pavement artists from around the world will create a “Museum in Motion,” chalking oversized masterpieces using the pavement as their canvas. Large 3D Pavement Illusions make the pavement appear to rise above or dip below, and onsite 3D Illusion Rooms immerse you into the painting. Watch these amazing artists take a unique ephemeral art form that originated in Italy in the 16th century when artists used the ground surface as a canvas and chalk as their medium to create oversized masterpieces for public viewing. The Chalk Festival has an interactive zone for the “Young and Young at Heart” to get creative with chalk. Art and craft vendors, food vendors, and beverages of all kinds are available, so you can spend time getting lunch, shopping the vendors, having a drink, and taking your time strolling the pavement art and interactive 3D illusions. Hours are **Friday & Saturday 10am to 5pm** and **Sunday 8am to 8pm**. Tickets vary in price according to the festival day and may be purchased online at www.chalkfestival.org or call **941-488-8877**. Free parking. The Venice Airport is located at 610 Airport Avenue East, Venice. Photo: This chalk drawing is a work in progress by Michelle Clinton (working on drawing) and co-artist Melissa Aldan from Bradenton.



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Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast announces the return of their Wild About Nature Festival on **Saturday, April 2**. This celebrated community event will take place from **11am to 4pm** at the organization's Bay Preserve headquarters located at 400 Palmetto Avenue, Osprey. With an exhibitor line-up featuring many local environmental and youth-serving organizations, this year's festival marks 13 years of connecting kids with the beauty and wonder of the natural world through a fun-filled day of nature-based activities and exploration. Activities include tree climbing, nature printing, planting native plants, animal encounters, dip-netting, face-painting, crafts, and more. Multiple food trucks will also be onsite including Big Blue Grilled Cheese Company, Currywurst, and Kona Ice. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Learn more on Conservation Foundation's Facebook page or at www.conservationfoundation.com/events.

Workshop: 10 Business Tips for Success" will be presented **Thursday, March 31 at 5:30pm** at the Chamber, 601 S. Indiana Avenue. Entrepreneur and SCORE Mentor, Michael Hantman, will be the presenter. Cost is \$25. The key points that will be covered include: the #1 complaint from customers and how to advert it or answer it, how to properly correct your mistakes with customers, the most important people to have as customers and how to keep them happy, importance of building relationships with everyone, hiring people that will help you succeed, social media importance, and how to make sure your business is running the way you want it to run. Cost is \$25. Registration is required on the Chamber's website: www.engagewoodchamber.com.

engagewoodchamber.com. For questions, call **941-474-5511**.

Barn Sale & Crafts Sale
 Find your treasures at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church on **Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2**, from **9am to 2pm** each day. There's no telling what can be found at the Men's Club Barn Sale. The Crafty Ladies will show off their handmade wares at the Crafts Sale in Oaks Cove. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road (SR 776) in Port Charlotte in the Gulf Cove area. For more information, contact the church at **941-697-1747** or GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com.

Friday Fish Fry
 Gulf Cove United Methodist Church (GCUMC) invites you to chow down at their Fish

Fry from 3-6pm every Friday through April 15; vegetarian & gluten-free options available. Meals are dine-in (includes a beverage) or drive-thru. Cost is \$15 and ages under 12 are \$5. For more information and to RSVP, go to www.gulfchurch.com. Phone: **941-697-1747**. GCUMC is located at 1100 South McCall Road, in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte.

Spring Vendor & Craft Fair
 Come browse the crafts, meet the artists, and enjoy some tasty food at the Spring Vendor & Craft

Fair on Saturday, April 2, 10am to 3pm, at the Englewood Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indiana Avenue. This outdoor event is open to the public and there is no admission fee.

Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
 You are invited to Boy Scout Troop 776's spaghetti dinner fundraiser to be held at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church on **Saturday, April 2**, from **4 to 7pm**. The menu includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and a beverage. The cost is \$12.50 for adults, \$7 children ages

10 & under. Get your tickets from one of the Boy Scouts in Troop 776, from Larry Davis at **770-869-5618**, or by visiting the church office during the week. Tickets will also be available at the door. Proceeds will help the Scouts with camping trips and other events. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte. The church's phone number is **941-697-1747**.

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St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, brought out the charming ladies of the Sanctuary in Englewood for the 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Tricycle Ride. Nine residents dressed in an array of greenery rode their tricycles from their community on Gasparilla Pines Blvd. out to and up Placida Road to their destination - Sassy Tarts Bakery. Along the way, horns tooted, and neighbors waved at these unstoppable ladies. Their bikes were packed with good luck decorations so that no leprechaun could get nary a pinch on the riders. Member Ella Kulik said, "One of the main benefits is the surge of endorphins that make me happy. You feel the collectiveness of community support. That makes a community stronger. Just getting on my tricycle, with or without my friends, I feel a joy that lifts me up." Member Mary Singleton reflects, "It makes you feel like a kid again. Riding improves my mental and physical health. You know, it's never too late to have a happy life." This momentum is spilling out of the Sanctuary to nearby neighborhood residents. They used to stand by and wave at the passing tricyclists but are now inspired to get their own bikes and starting a biking movement within their communities. Be on the watch for them. They might lead you to a pot o' gold.

on Dearborn, is still happening. Hundreds of cars and car lovers converge on Dearborn Street for this monthly car show on the first Saturday of the month from 2 to 8pm. Saturday, April 2 is

the next Cruisin'. Enjoy music to cruise by and music trivia sponsored by the Old Englewood Village Association. Don't forget to get your raffle tickets for prizes.

First Monday Supper
Gulf Cove United Methodist Church is offering free dinners, dine-in or carry-out, on the first Monday of every month. The April 4th menu includes hamburger steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, and dessert (plus beverage if dine-in). Dinners will be served and can be picked up on Monday, April 4, between 3:30 and 5:30pm. Please reserve your meal by noon on Thursday, March 31, by using the RSVP link on the church's homepage, www.GulfCoveChurch.com, or by calling 941-697-1747. Although the meals are free, donations are



Big Brothers Big Sisters has launched its "100 Men in 100 Days" campaign to encourage men to become a Big Brother and volunteer with the organization. The recruitment campaign comes at a good time, as there are 200 boys waiting to be matched with a positive male role model. Mentoring is one of the most rewarding, enjoyable, and simple things a volunteer can do. Professional staff from Big Brothers Big Sisters, carefully build and support each match, and ensure it meets the strictest standards. In as little as one hour a week, volunteers can add joy to the life of a child, and ultimately, contribute greatly to his or her potential. Big Brothers Big Sisters' evidence-based approach is designed to create positive youth outcomes, including educational success, avoidance of risky behaviors, higher aspirations, greater confidence, and improved relationships. This past year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast served over 1,500 youth across a ten-county footprint. Learn how to get involved at www.bbssun.org. Photo: Big Brother and School Resource Officer Jose Castellanos enjoys spending time with his Little Brother Jamari in the school-based mentoring program.

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Put on your best Hawaiian shirt and come to Christ Lutheran Church and enjoy a Hawaiian Luau on **Saturday, April 2 at 4pm**. The Kauai Kanakas band will be performing live, and ticket price includes a Hawaiian buffet along with the entertainment. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 10 and under. For tickets, call **978-500-8187**. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 701 N. Indiana Avenue.

appreciated. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road, in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte.

Bible Readathon

Don't miss out on this year's Bible Readathon at the Centennial Park Gazebo, 200 W. Venice Avenue in Venice.

This 13th Annual Readathon will start on **Tuesday, April 5 at 7pm** with praise and worship followed by a welcome message by Pastor Randy Burt of New Life Church. Scripture reading will begin at **8pm** with Genesis Chapter 1. Every 15 minutes, a different reader will continue the reading around the clock

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Eve Moraghan is proud to present her Beginners Line Dance class. The class celebrated St Patrick's Day dancing to traditional line dance tunes, but added a few Irish songs for the fun of it. A good time was had by all, good company, fun music, and great exercise! You are welcome to join them **every Thursday, 9:30-11:30am**, at the American Legion, 3436 Indiana Rd., Rotonda West. Call Eve for more information **941-697-8733**.

until the last word of Revelation is reached sometime **Saturday afternoon, April 9**. Come to read or just listen; everyone is welcome! Volunteer readers are needed as are volunteer leaders directing the readers. Reading the Bible publicly brings unity to the community. Over the years, approximately 50 area churches have participated, and individuals are more than welcome, too. This honors God and His Word and gives opportunity for the Holy Spirit to move in Venice. To volunteer to read, please sign up at www.biblereadathon.org or call Sandy Black at **941-882-2208**.

Lenten Quiet Day

Please join St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway, for a quiet day of guided meditation on the last seven words of Christ on **Wednesday, April 6**. Reverend Vickie McDonald

will read the Scripture and lead a guided meditation. Silence for your contemplative meditation on each of the seven sayings of Christ will follow. This Quiet Day begins at **10am**. Feel free to come for the whole day, or for specific times by entering the Red Doors at the front of St. David's, at exactly the time when the carillon bells toll (see the * below). Depart when they toll again at the next hour. (Please do not arrive late.) Below is the schedule for the hours and sayings: ***10 to 10:30am**: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). **10:30 to 11am**: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise" (Lk 23:43). ***11 to 11:30am**: "Woman, behold, your son ... Behold, your mother" (Jn 19:26-27). **11:30am to 12 noon**: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46 and Mk 15:34). ***12 noon to**

12:30pm: "I thirst" (Jn 19:28). **12:30 to 1pm**: "It is finished" (Jn 19:30). ***1 to 1:30pm**: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Lk 23:46). Please depart in silence and have a spiritual Holy Week and Joyous Easter. All are welcome to attend! For more information, call **941-474-3140**.

Learn to Knit or Crochet

Curious about knitting and crocheting, but don't know where to begin? Drop in the **first Thursday of each month** for Beginner's Day with the Quirky Knitters! The April meeting is **Thursday, April 7, 1 to 3pm**, at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. Materials will be provided to get you started while you work with fiber artists to complete a simple project. Registration is not required; come on in and learn to knit or crochet! Open to everyone.

Mystery Resale Shopping Bus Tours

Is visiting thrift stores one of your favorite activities? If so, The Happy Thrifter offers Mystery Resale Shopping Tours. Shops aren't disclosed until you board the bus. Be treated like a Resale Queen with lunch/snacks, games, laughs, prizes, swag bags, and more on your shopping excursion. Cost is \$67. Trips are held on **Thursdays: April 7 & 14** to Ft. Myers; **April 21** to Sarasota, **May 5** to Naples, and **May 12** to Ft. Myers. Pick up location is in Venice. Email happythrifertours@gmail.com or call **941-786-4847** for more information.

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Florida Lighthouse Day
Florida Lighthouse Day is celebrated every year at lighthouses throughout the state to commemorate Florida's lighthouse heritage and preservation. On Gasparilla Island, Barrier Islands Park Society celebrates with free cake

and lemonade on **Saturday, April 9, 10am to 4pm**, at Port Boca Grande Lighthouse & Museum, 880 Belcher Road, Boca Grande. Both the Port Boca Grande Lighthouse and the Gasparilla Island Lighthouse, 220 Gulf Blvd, Boca Grande, will be open for \$5 climbs to the top! Docents share history at each lighthouse, and unique souvenirs & gifts are available for purchase. All proceeds benefit both historic lighthouses. Registration not necessary. For more information, call **941-964-0060**.

Arts & Crafts Festival
JD Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Dr. in Sarasota, once again comes alive with a marketplace of arts, crafts, and fine products at the Second Annual Sarasota Spring Arts & Crafts Festival. The event takes place on **Saturday & Sunday, April 9 & 10, 10am to 5pm**. Exhibitors from across the country will set a landscape of sculpture, jewelry, painting, photography, glass, ceramics, mixed-media, metalwork, fiber art (clothes, purses, hats), woodworking, CBD products and more. Admission is free. For more information, call **941-487-8061**.

Financial Peace University
Learn how to handle your budget with "Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University." Gulf Cove United Methodist Church is offering this program, which will be held on **Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30pm**, starting on **May 2nd**. The program runs for nine weeks, and the deadline to register is **Wednesday, April 13**. For over 25 years, Dave Ramsey has been teaching commonsense, biblical money principles that work. You'll learn how to save for emergencies, pay off debt fast, spend wisely, and invest for your future. There are three levels of renewable, all-access Ramsey+ membership: \$59.99 for 3 months of access, \$99.99 for 6 months, and \$129.99 for 12 months. John Furtado will be facilitating each session and he can be reached at **941-830-0121** for registration and questions. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road, in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte. The church can be reached at **941-697-1747**.

Caring & Sharing

Food Drive
Help those in Englewood who need some assistance in feeding



Vice President and Retail Banking Officer Alison Henderson is celebrating her 15th anniversary with Englewood Bank & Trust. A native of Michigan, Henderson joined the Englewood Bank & Trust team in 2007 as a part-time teller at the main office. Not long after she joined the bank, she accepted a full-time teller position at the Gulf Cove office. Four years later, she was promoted to Senior Teller at Boca Grande, where she successfully ran the teller line and became involved in the Boca

Grande community. In 2012, she was promoted to Branch Manager of the Boca Grande office. Since 2020, she has managed the operations of the Rotonda/Cape Haze and Gulf Cove branch offices. Henderson is responsible for the day-to-day operations of both branches, ensuring that high levels of customer service remain a priority. She also pursues new business opportunities for the bank and participates in community events on behalf of the company. Heavily involved in the community, Henderson joined the Boca Grande Chamber of Commerce and Boca Grande Garden Club. She soon became a director and served as treasurer for each organization. For 10 years, she has volunteered with two Chamber tarpon fishing tournaments – the World's Richest Tarpon Tournament and the Ladies Day Tarpon Tournament. A member of Boca Grande Garden Club Leadership Team, Alison is chair of the "Deck the Halls" luncheon event. She is a past member of the Boca Grande Historical Society. Congratulations, Alison!

their families by dropping off some food and personal hygiene donations during the Food Drive on **Saturday, April 2 from 11am to 2pm** at the Rotonda West Community Center parking lot, 646 Rotonda Circle. The food drive will benefit Englewood Helping Hand and the Jubilee Center. Non-perishable food

items, canned goods, pasta, pasta sauce, toilet paper, bar soap, and ramen products all gladly accepted. It's contactless, just place your donations in your trunk and volunteers will unload them. Cash donations are also gladly accepted. If you would like to volunteer for this event, or have questions, contact Steve Reed at **239-300-8029** or email Steve at steve@havemysunshine.com.

April OneBlood Drives
The following OneBlood "Big Red Bus" blood drives have been scheduled for **April** in the Englewood area. Please note that blood drives are subject to change at any time. Donors are requested to visit the OneBlood website, www.oneblood.org, to schedule an appointment.
Saturday, April 9, 9am to 3pm: Symbiont Service Corporation, 4372 N. Access Road. **Sunday, April 10, 9am to 1pm:** Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street. **Sunday, April 10, 2 to 5pm:** Merchants Crossing, 1500 Placida Road. **Sunday, April 17, 10am to 4pm:** Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road. **Wednesday, April 20, 8am to 1pm:** Holiday Travel Park, 1475 Flamingo Drive. **Thursday, April 21, 7:30am to 1:30pm:** Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road. **Monday, April 25, 10am**



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Girls Dresses for Africa

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church has another mission – collecting dresses for little girls, ages 2 through 12. On a mission trip to Africa, Retired Pastor Rebecca Stephenson and her husband Jack learned there is the lack of clothing for little girls. Pastor Becky made a promise

to the local people that she would collect and send to them 1,000 dresses for little girls. The girls are allowed to wear only dresses (no shorts or pants) and it is preferred that the dresses have short sleeves. In the past five months, she has managed to collect just over 600 dresses. She would love to send the 1,000 dresses soon and sending even more would be wonderful. Pastor Becky, and especially the young girls in Africa, would be most appreciative for any gently used dresses, new dresses, and even hand-made dresses donated.

They can be delivered to Gulf Cove United Methodist Church at 1100 South McCall Road, in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte. For more information, call the church at 941•697•1747 and ask for Pastor Becky.

Sports

Kids' Needs Golf Tournament

The 11th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Kids' Needs Greater Englewood FL, Inc. is set for **Saturday, April 2** at Oyster Creek Golf Club, 6651 Oriole Blvd. This

is a four-ball scramble team competition. Shotgun start at **8am**. Cost is \$50 per golfer and includes green fees, cart, coffee, donuts, a light lunch, and prizes for low scoring teams. All proceeds go to provide clothing, school supplies, toiletries, and educational programs for needy children in Englewood. For more information and to register online, go to www.kidsneedsenglewood.org. Entry fees are tax-deductible.

Run for the Turtles

The 36th Annual Run for the

Turtles will be held on **Saturday, April 2** on Siesta Key Beach, 948 Beach Road, Sarasota. The One-mile Fun Run or Walk starts at **7:30am** and the 5K Manasota Track Club Sanctioned Run starts at **8am**. There is also a virtual Fun Run or Walk. This event is family-friendly, and spectators are welcome. Cost for each option is \$40. Race registration includes a complimentary race T-shirt, kids' activities area, food station access, and more. To register, go to www.runsignup.com and search for Siesta Key Run for the Turtles.

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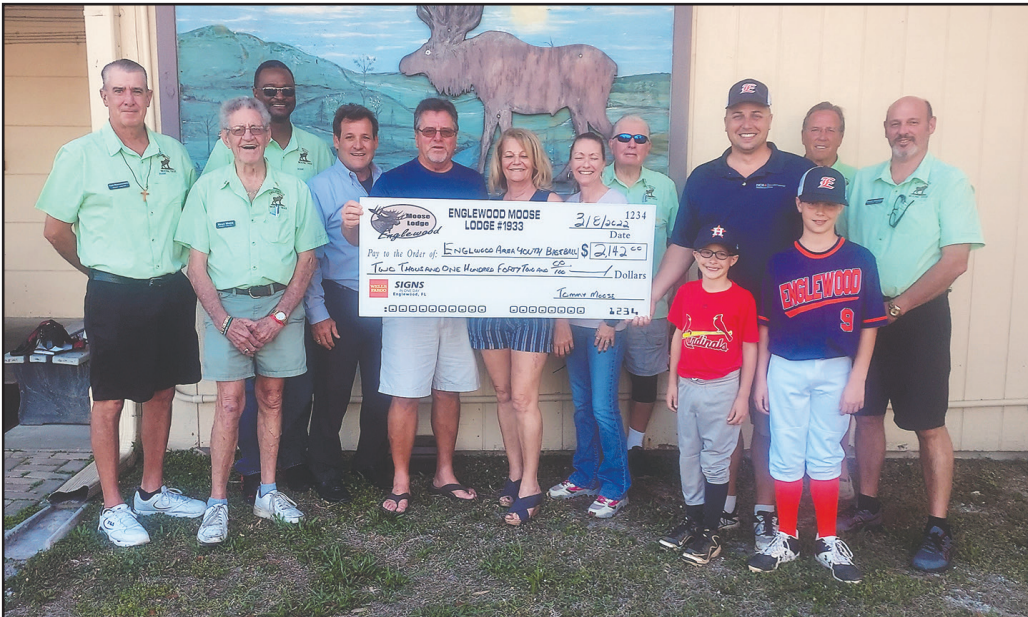
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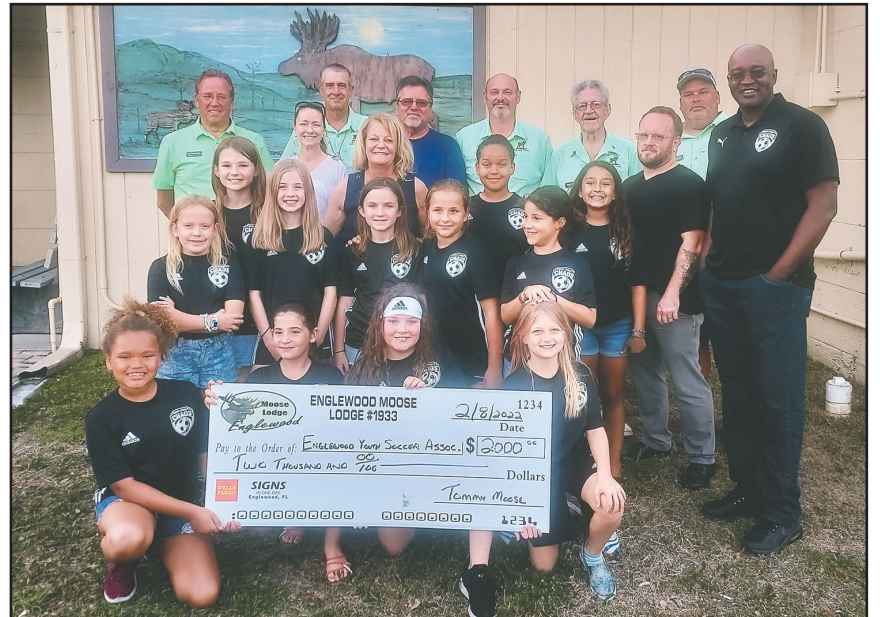
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On March 8th, the Englewood Moose presented a \$2,142 check to The Englewood Area Youth Baseball to replace a 30-year PA system. Pictured from left to right are Tom Romanowski, Newt Webb, Kelvin Hill, Rob Vetter, Mark Sipe, Debbie Boudreaux, Jean Clark, Bob Stayrook, Bryan McDaniel, Jim Thompson, and Brent Shelton along with Bryan McDaniel's sons Luke & Eli.



On March 8th, the Englewood Moose #1933 presented the Englewood Youth Soccer Association with a \$2,000 check. Pictured with some of the Englewood Soccer girls are (l-r:) Jim Thompson, Jean Clark, Tom Romanowski, Debbie Boudreaux, Mark Sipe, Brent Shelton, Newt Webb, and Jeff Steffani. In black shirts on the right end are coaches Robert Hilbert and Cody Henthorne. Thanks to Amanda Walker for the funding request!

Cycle-A-thon

Come spin your wheels for a good cause on **Saturday, April 9**. Leadership Englewood 2022 is holding a Cycle-A-Thon at the Englewood YMCA, 701 Medical Blvd., to raise money for their designated community charities – Kids' Needs of

Greater Englewood, Inc., E.A.R.S. (Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary,) and The Long Walk Home. Participants can sign up for one to four hours of cycling fun on one of the Y's spin bikes. The cost is \$25 per hour. There is also a Dress Up Your Bike Contest with the

winner receiving a three-month membership at the Englewood YMCA. To learn more and sign up, contact Lorsi Pizza at lpizza@lightspeedvoice.com or call **443-398-4922**.

Cornhole Tournament
Come be a part of the 2022

Cornhole Tournament benefiting the Lemon Bay Girls Basketball Team on **Saturday, April 30, noon to 4pm**. The fun takes place at The New Faull Inn, 2670 Placida Road. Cash prizes. Team entry fee is \$40 per team. There will also be a 50/50 and raffles. A custom cornhole board

raffle for \$5 a ticket will be sold before the tournament. For more information or to sign up, contact Kayla Reid at **718-354-0377** or Kayla@venuetoyouswfl.com.

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**PLEASE NOTE: POSTED EVENTS MUST BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
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FRI MARCH 25

Gottfried Creek Duo Performances
Lemon Bay Park, 570 Bay Park Blvd.
11:30AM-1:30PM
dcmandeville48@gmail.com

Disney's Beauty and the Beast
Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Ave. W.
Evenings 7:30PM, Matinee 2PM.
Runs through March 27.
www.venicetheatre.org

**The 28th Annual Silver Foxes:
Broadway for the Chill of It!**
Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Ave. W.
Evenings 7:30PM, Matinee 2PM.
Runs through March 28.
www.venicetheatre.org

**Musical Storytelling: A Conversation
with Jeanine Tesori**
Hermitage Artist Retreat,
6660 Manasota Key Rd. 6-7PM
HermitageArtistRetreat.org

SAT MARCH 26

Fiction Writers Group
Englewood Charlotte Library,
3450 N. Access Rd. 10:45AM-1PM
Tamiamifl@comcast.net

Gospel Concert - The Littles
Sonrise Baptist Church,
11050 Willmington Blvd. 4-7PM
941-475-5363

**SAT & SUN MARCH 26 & 27
Spring Fine Arts Festival**
West Dearborn St. 10AM-4PM

**SUN MARCH 27
Easter Cantata** Englewood United
Methodist Church 700 E. Dearborn
St. 9AM-12PM 941-474-5588

The Teenyboppers Improviganza
Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Ave. W.
Evening 7:30-9:30PM
www.venicetheatre.org

**MON MARCH 28
24th Annual Green Gala** Boca Pass
Bay Club, 898 Gulf Blvd. 5:30-10PM
941-964-0060

**THURS MARCH 31
Contemporary Batik Class**
Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay,
452 W. Dearborn St. 1-4PM
941-275-4874

Sunset Yoga by the Lighthouse
Gasparilla Lighthouse,
220 Gulf Blvd. 5-6PM
941-964-0060

**FRI APRIL 1
Barn & Crafts Sales at GCUMC**
1100 S. McCall Rd. 9AM-2PM
941-697-1747

La Musica Open Rehearsals
Bayfront Community Center,
801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
9:30AM & 10AM. Runs thru April 12.
LaMusicaFestival.org

**SAT APRIL 2
Fellowship Church Men's Prayer
Breakfast**, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W.
8-9AM 941-475-7447

Cruisin' on Dearborn
Vintage Car Show, W. Dearborn St.
2-8PM

**Boy Scout Spaghetti Fundraiser at
GCUMC** 1100 S. McCall Rd. 4-7PM
941-697-1747

**SUN APRIL 3
Fellowship Church Communion
Service** 140 Rotonda Blvd. W.
8:30AM -12PM 941-475-7447

**La Musica presents: Derek Han
Memorial Concert** Sarasota Opera
House, 61 N. Pineapple Ave.,
Sarasota 3-5PM LaMusicaFestival.org

**MON APRIL 4
First Monday Supper at GCUMC**
Gulf Cove United Methodist
Church, 1100 S. McCall Rd.
3:30-5:30PM 941-697-1747

**TUES APRIL 5
La Musica presents: Musical Bou-
quet** Marie Selby Botanical Gar-
dens, 1534 Mound Street, Sarasota
5:30-7:30PM LaMusicaFestival.org

**WED APRIL 6
Lenten Quiet Day** St. David's Episco-
pal Church, 401 S. Broadway
10AM-1:30PM 941-474-3140

**La Musica presents: Innocence
and Illicit Passion** Sarasota Opera
House, 61 N. Pineapple Ave.,
Sarasota 7:30-9:30PM
LaMusicaFestival.org

**THURS APRIL 7
Syracuse Alumni Reception &
Concert** Bird Key Yacht Club,
301 Bird Key Dr. 5:30-7:30PM
239-410-8207

**FRI APRIL 8
La Musica presents: Meet the Musi-
cians** Dolphin Aviation Hangar,
8191 N. Tamiami Trail #100,
Sarasota 5:30-7:00PM
LaMusicaFestival.org

**SAT APRIL 9
2nd Annual Sarasota Spring Arts &
Crafts Festival** JD Hamel Park,
199 Bayfront Dr., Sarasota
10AM-5:00 PM 941-487-8061

Fiction Writers Group Englewood
Charlotte Library,
3450 N. Access Rd. 10:45AM-1PM
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Easter Festival at GCUMC
1100 S. McCall Rd. 11AM-1PM
941-697-1747

**SUN APRIL 10
K of C Council 7672 Pancake
Breakfast** St. Francis of Assisi
Church, 5265 Placida Rd.
8:30-11:30AM dkasson@comcast

La Musica presents: Strut and Fret
Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pine-
apple Ave., Sarasota 7:30-9:30PM
LaMusicaFestival.org

**MON APRIL 11
Reading with the Dogs** Elsie Quirk
Library, 100 W. Dearborn St.
3:30-4:30PM 941-681-1225

**La Musica presents: Musical Chefs
Dinner** Michael's Wine Cellar,
1283 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
6-8:30PM LaMusicaFestival.org

TUES APRIL 12

**Charlotte County Trump Club
Meeting** The Grill at 1951,
1951 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
11AM-1PM
cctrumpclub@yahoo.com

**WED APRIL 13
La Musica presents: From Darkness
Into Light** Sarasota Opera House,
61 N. Pineapple Ave.,
Sarasota 7:30-9:30PM
LaMusicaFestival.org

**THURS APRIL 14
Englewood Fishing Club**
Rotonda Community Center,
646 Rotonda Circle 6:30-8:00PM
941-697-3685

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

**EVERY DAY
Englewood Beach Yoga**
2100 N. Beach Rd. 8:30-9:30AM
941-473-0135

**MON, TUES, WED
Jubilee Center Food Pantry**
Jubilee Center at St. David's,
410 S. Broadway, 10AM-12PM
941-681-3550

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

**MON, WED & FRI
Hatha Yoga** Englewood Sports
Complex, 1300 S. River Rd.
9-10AM 941-861-1980

St. Francis Food Pantry
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic
Church, 5265 Placida Rd.
9:15-11:15AM 941-697-4899

**MON - SAT
Yoga Classes** Loving Light Yoga
Studio, 3455 S. Access Rd.
8AM-6PM 941-473-0135

Manasota Beach Yoga 8570
Manasota Key Rd. 8-8:35AM &
9-9:35AM 941-313-0358

**TUES & THURS
Boogie Chair by Laurentz**
Englewood Sports Complex,
1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM
941-237-8983

**Arboretum Tour at the Elling Eide
Center** Elling Eide Center,
8000 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
10AM-12PM 941-893-4712

**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.
9:30-11:30AM 941-697-8733

MONDAYS

Boogie Chair by Laurentz
Centennial Park, 1120 O'Donnell
Blvd, Pt. Charlotte
11:45AM-12:45PM 941-237-8983

Creative Magic of Mosaics Art Alli-
ances of Lemon Bay, 452 W. Dear-
born St. 1-5:00PM 941-258-6873

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

Zumba Gold & Toning Lemon Bay
Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple St.
6-7PM 941-445-1310

TUESDAYS

Tai Chi / Qigong Ann & Chuck Dever
Recreation Center, 6961 San Casa
Dr. 9-10AM aqi.fulllife@gmail.com

Line Dancing with Eve
Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda Blvd.
East, 10AM-12PM 941-697-8733

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

Englewood Car Crazy Englewood
Square Shopping Center,
445 S. Indiana Ave. 8-10AM

Zumba with Laurentz Englewood
Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd.
8:45-9:45AM 941-237-8983

Zumba Fitness with Denise
Rotonda Elks 303 Rotonda Blvd. E.
9:30-10:30AM 941-268-8086

St. David's Noonday Prayer
St. David's Episcopal Church,
401 S. Broadway Noon
941-474-3140

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

Divorce Care Englewood United
Methodist Church, 700 East
Dearborn St. 6:30-8:00PM
941-474-5588

THURSDAYS

Farmers Markets W. Dearborn St.
300 to 500 Block 9AM-1PM

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

Homeschool Weekly Meet-Ups
Various Englewood Area Parks
svelte76@gmail.com

Line Dancing with Eve
American Legion Post 113, 3436
Indiana Rd., Rotonda 9:30-11:30AM
941-697-8733

Outdoor Family Storytime
Elsie Quirk Library,
100 W. Dearborn St.
10:30-11:15AM 941-861-1214

Tai Chi / Qigong Ann & Chuck Dever
Recreation Center, 6961 San Casa
Dr. 11:30AM-12:30PM
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FRIDAYS

Zumba with Laurentz Englewood
Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd.
8:45-9:45AM 941-237-8983

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

Boogie Chair SGC HOA Clubhouse
14859 Ingraham Blvd.
10:30-11:30AM 941-237-8983

Lemon Bay Woodcarvers

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

Friday Fish Fry at GCUMC Gulf Cove
United Methodist Church,
1100 S. McCall Rd. 3-6PM
941-697-1747

SATURDAYS

Zumba Fitness with Denise Lemon
Bay Woman's Club, 51 North Maple
St. 9-10AM 941-268-8086

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

Arts Advocates Member Exhibit
- **Tony Reinemann** Sarasota Arts
Advocates Gallery, 3501 S. Tamiami
Trail, Sarasota 2-5PM

SUNDAYS

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

**ECC Sunday Worship Englewood
Christian Church**, 9600 Gulfstream
Blvd. 10:30-11:30AM 941-475-4973

**Englewood United Methodist
Church** 700 E. Dearborn St.
8AM-12PM 941-474-5588

Faith Lutheran Church Worship
551 Rotonda Blvd. West 8:30 &
10:30AM. Masks encouraged.
941-697-3313

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

**Gulf Cove United Methodist
Church** 1100 S. McCall Rd. 8-Noon.
Also available 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. 9-11AM
941-475-2906

St. David's Sunday Worship
St. David's Episcopal Church,
401 S. Broadway 9AM
941-474-3140

Gospel Singing in the Park
Indian Mound Park,
210 Winson Ave. 2-4PM

Drum Circle
Englewood Beach North End
1 hour before sunset

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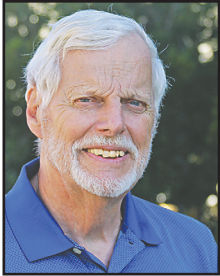
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Rich developed an early interest in going to West Point, and as you might suspect, he aced the mathematics part of his SATs as a senior at Linden (N.J.) High School. Unfortunately, he bombed the English section and ended up taking a year of college at nearby Rutgers University before reapplying. The second time around he passed with flying colors and earned entrance to the U.S. Military Academy, beating out four other finalists for a Congressional competitive appointment. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in military engineering at West Point.

Rich graduated from the Point in 1963 as a 2nd Lieutenant and then went through some rigorous training in the next two years: field artillery school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; airborne and ranger school at Fort Benning, Georgia; further field artillery training with the 101st Airborne Division in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and a course in military advisory training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was then sent to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California to take a

crash two-month course in basic Vietnamese before being shipped to Vietnam in December of 1965.

In fact, he was rotated to Nam twice, doing a second tour in 1969-70, before getting a heavy dose of problem solving after that: The Army sent him to the University of Missouri in Rolla, Mo. for a master's degree in applied mathematics, and then for further training with the U.S. Army Strategy and Tactics Analysis Group in Bethesda, Md. and six months of high-level course work at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va.

From there, now a Major, Rich returned to West Point in 1974 as a professor of mathematics, where he stayed on for three years, teaching plebes to solve calculus problems. But he was headed for future heights. After a three-year tour of duty in Germany, in 1982 Rich was selected to go to the U.S. Army War College, whose stated mission is to "provide graduate-level instruction to senior military officers and civilians to prepare them for senior leadership assignments and responsibilities." He spent



Rich and wife Sally returned to Vietnam in 2018, to visit some of the locales where he had been deployed during the war.

the last six years of his military service in just such assignments at the Pentagon, the last three as a full Colonel and Director of the Army Science Board. It was an appointment made by the Deputy Undersecretary of the Army.

The ASB had been established in 1977 to provide

high-level, independent advice and recommendations on scientific and technology-related problems of urgent concern to the Department of the Army. Most appointees to the ASB were civilians: scientists, including at least one Nobel prize winner, physicist William Shockley, one of the inventors of the transistor; but also engineers, researchers and retired military people. It was at the ASB that Rich began his involvement with some mighty big problems to solve.

As part of the Strategic Defense Initiative, President Reagan's "Star Wars" program that began in the early 1980s, the ASB examined how to develop better early warning systems, using over-the-horizon or space-based radar. They studied lasers and particle beam weapons, high-performance computer systems and advanced command-and-control systems that would be needed in a futuristic war fought with weapons from outer space and cyber attacks that could occur with little warning and devastating effects. These were life-and-death issues for our country.

"I was not doing the research myself," Rich explains. "I was the coordinator, getting advice on the nature of the problem, assembling the people who could come up with the answers, and getting them to deliver their recommendations in six months or a year." About six problems were taken up in any given year, and the results were presented to the Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. The program continues to this day.

Rich retired from the Army in 1989 after 26 years of service, but he wasn't done working on big-time military problems. In 1990 he became Director of the Air Force Studies Board under

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the aegis of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. In his three years there he coordinated the activities of research teams on technology to enhance special ops forces, counterforce options against tactical missile systems, maintaining high performance by Air Force personnel, the use of strategic relocatable targets and continuous modernizing of worldwide military command-and-control systems. These are not exactly the kinds of problems one faces in daily life, but rather vitally important to maintaining the security and deterrent capability of our nation so that the rest of us can enjoy our routine daily lives.



Colonel Rich Entlich at his retirement ceremony in 1979.

In 1994 Rich became a member of the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA), a nonprofit corporation that operates research and development centers funded by several government agencies, including the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). If you haven't heard of DARPA, it's time you did. DARPA was the developer of today's Internet. Its interests are far flung in such matters as nanotechnology, robotics, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and cellular computing in biological systems. IDA provides DARPA with objective analyses of issues in these and other fields, particularly, in their words, "those

requiring extraordinary scientific, technical, and analytic expertise." And if you want something *really* exotic, in 1999 they examined the feasibility of building a time travel machine.

Rich also spent several years working in the Engineering Research Facility of the FBI, dealing with cybercrime issues. He retired in 2005 after 11 years in dealing with esoteric problems and "after 47 years of getting paychecks from the federal government," as he puts it. He and his wife Sally, who have now been married for 56 years, had a house built in Stillwater, a serene, gated community that borders on the grounds of Englewood

Hospital. "We wanted to live in a quiet community, and we found it in Englewood," he says. Their five children are now grown, and they have bragging rights for 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Rich volunteers for Meals on Wheels—in the kitchen, not on the road—and has been playing softball in a senior league, where he served for 12 years as the league's commissioner. He also runs the hearings committee of the Stillwater homeowners' association. He can't seem to keep himself out of commanding positions.

And oh, yes. He is a volunteer teacher at Englewood Elementary School, teaching 5th graders how

to cope with word problems in mathematics. Once a problem solver, always a problem solver.

Editor's Note: This is an updated version of the article that originally ran in the October 11, 2019 Englewood Review.

Dean Laux is exploring interesting folks living in our community. If you know of anyone with an interesting background please send an email to: tomnewton@englewoodreview.com. Include the person's name, contact info and give a brief description of the person's background.

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Learn About Gopher Tortoises

Gopher Tortoise Day is April 10th! Celebrate early by taking a virtual walk on the wild side... of Sarasota, with Dr. Katherine Clements, ecology, and natural resources educator for UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County. In this zoom episode on **Friday, April 8, noon to 1:15pm**, the focus will be on gopher tortoises and the keystone role they play in the uplands scrub ecosystem. Please register for this event **only** at www.ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com rather than any third-party websites, as they are not affiliated. Once registered, you will receive an Eventbrite confirmation email providing you the webinar URL/link. For questions or further information, please call **941-861-5000** or email sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu.

Re-Wilding Grant

Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast recently received a \$75,000 grant from Gulf Coast Community Foundation in support of their joint project with Sarasota Audubon Society to re-wild the Quad Parcels at the Celery Fields in Sarasota. The Celery Fields is a wetlands site on the Great Florida Birding Trail, with an observation

mound, trails, and ponds. The re-wilding includes improvements to an existing stormwater pond on the northeast parcel, along with the addition of a stream on the southeast parcel, allowing for enhanced water filtration and storage, thus improving the water quality that flows into Phillippi Creek and, ultimately, Sarasota Bay. The re-wilding also includes extensive plantings of native species, benefiting birds and other wildlife while at the same time enhancing the ability of the soil to naturally process nutrients and retain water. To learn more about the re-wilding of the Quad Parcels, visit www.conservationfoundation.com/quads. The Celery Fields are located at 6893 Palmer Blvd., Sarasota.

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.

Myakka State Forest Walk

Join Bill Dunson from the Mangrove Chapter of the Native Plant Society for a nature walk on **Tuesday, March 29, 9 to 11am**, at Myakka State Forest, Main Entrance, 2555 South River Rd. The 1.5-mile walk will be along the Gordon Smith Trail through pine flatwoods and near a fresh-water pond. This is a spring walk to see what flowers are in bloom and to identify classic flatwood and wetland plants. Meet in the parking lot one mile east of the entrance to the forest. There is a \$2 entry fee. If you do not intend to pay online, bring \$2 cash to the parking lot.

Amberjack Nature Walk

Join Kate Borduas, from the Mangrove Chapter of the Native Plant Society, for a nature walk on **Saturday, April 9, 9-11am**, at Amberjack Environmental Park, 6450 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. This walk will take you through a 13-foot elevation change with an opportunity to explore a range of habitats. Starting in the high, dry, southern area of the preserve, rare scrub rosemary and other plants adapted to xeric areas can be seen, some that are almost exclusive to

Florida. Also on the walk, a large depression marsh where moisture-loving plants can be found. Many shrubs and flowers will be in bloom. Some parts of this walk are on sand paths, so closed shoes are recommended. For information, visit www.mangrove.fnpschapters.org.

Entwined: Biodiversity

On **Tuesday, April 12, 1 to 3pm**, the Mangrove Chapter of the Native Plant Society will host *Intricately Entwined: Biodiversity, Nature, and Human Health*, an educational program at the Cedar Point Environmental Park's Education Center, 2300 Placida Road. This presentation by Dr. Katherine Clements discusses the loss of biodiversity and potential impacts on human health, including how time spent in nature provides direct benefits for mental and physical health. Dr. Clements is the Ecology and Natural Resources Educator for UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability Sarasota County. Masks are required inside the education center. For information, visit www.mangrove.fnpschapters.org.

Curry Creek Nature Walk

Join Kate Borduas from the Mangrove Chapter of the Native Plant Society for a nature walk on **Saturday, April 30, 9 to 11am**, at Curry Creek Preserve East, 1500 Pinebrook Road, Venice. The eastern section of the preserve is home to a remnant longleaf pine forest. Once covering 90 million acres, longleaf pines were harvested heavily, with little thought to wildlife losses within the environment. Pond apple trees, rare for this area, may be found along the creek. The trails are unpaved but very even. Sturdy shoes are recommended. For information, visit mangrove.fnpschapters.org.

Lemon Bay Conservancy Activities

The Lemon Bay Conservancy activities listed below are open to the public. Lemon Bay Conservancy's mission is to protect and preserve the natural features of Lemon Bay, Charlotte Harbor, their surrounding waters and uplands, and vital fish and wildlife habitat, through property preservation, environmental education and advocacy for sustainable land and water conservation policies and practices. Membership and volunteer opportunities are open to all who wish to help

support their mission. Charitable donations are always welcome. Many of their activities take place at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, formerly an abandoned golf course, which the Conservancy purchased in 2010, and continues to enhance the natural habitats. The Preserve is located at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd and is open to members daily and to the public for scheduled events. Learn more at lemonbayconservancy.org.

Insects & Their Habitats

Join Dr. Bill Dunson as he discusses how to identify and locate insects based on their habitat preferences on **Saturday, March 26 from 9am to 11am** at the Preserve.

Guided Bird Walk

Join Mike Weisensee for a leisurely bird walk to observe some of the many bird species visiting Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve on **Sunday, March 27, 8 to 10am**. Bring your binoculars.

Wildflower 101

Take a guided nature walk with Tonya & Steve Bramlage and get an introduction to the beautifully restored habitats at the Preserve on **Wednesday, March 30, and 9 to 11am**. This walk is especially designed for those who may not have visited the Preserve recently, and everyone is invited to come out and enjoy this leisurely walk. Also offered **Sundays, April 3 and April 27, 9 to 11am**.

Stump Pass Guided Walk

Charlie Woodruff will lead a nature walk on **Thursdays, March 31, April 14, and April 21 at 8:30am** at Stump Pass State Park. Walkers can join Charlie for a 2.6 mile walk from the parking lot to Stump Pass. Park entry fee is \$3. Pre-registration is required by calling Charlie at **914-799-0664** (note area code is 914, not 941.) Stump Pass State Park is located at 900 Gulf Blvd, Manasota Key.

A Family Adventure

"Seek" is a smart phone app created under the guidance of the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society that allows explorers of all ages to download a "challenge" and then complete the challenge by snapping photos as you explore the nature around you. Bring your visiting guests and come out to the Preserve for

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an afternoon of fun on **Sunday, April 10, 1 to 3pm!** Mike Weisensee will help everyone learn how to use the app and then lead everyone out to explore! Seek is especially fun if everyone in the group has their own phone to see what each individual finds first. However, it also works well if only one member of your group has a phone. It is suggested you download the Seek app, available for both Apple and Android devices prior to the event.

Volunteer at Lemon Creek
 Lucia Schatteleyn will lead a walk and explain Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve volunteer opportunities. Come out and learn how you can help maintain and improve Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve. Scheduled for **Tuesday, April 12 at 9am.** Session dates and times are dependent on reservations. Reserve by calling Lucia at **941•662•7908.**

Butterflies and Insects
 Join Mike Weisensee on **Sunday, April 24, 9 to 11am** to visit the Preserve Butterfly Habitat and nearby trails to observe some of the many butterflies and other amazing insects present in the Preserve.

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) Nature Walks
On these casual walks with CHEC volunteers, you will search and learn about plants, animals, fungi, and more that live in Charlotte County preserves. Prepare for each walk with plenty of water, insect repellent, sunscreen, and clothing that will protect you from insects and plants. Advance registration is required. The health and safety policies for CHEC programs are subject to change. For information on programs, mask requirements and Covid-19 safety precautions, please call 941•475•0769 or email gerald@checflorida.org.

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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. Advance registration is required by calling **941•475•0769.** Trips fill up fast! Meet in the Cedar Point Environmental Park Visitor Center, 2300 Placida Road. Also offered **Monday, April 18 at 9am.**

Bayshore Live Oak Park

Join CHEC on a walk at Bayshore Oak Park along the shoreline of Charlotte Harbor on **Saturday, April 2 at 9am** to explore the various mangrove species found there. Covered will be mangrove identification, special adaptations that allow mangroves to thrive in salty environments, and why mangroves are important and protected in Florida. Bayshore Park is located at 23157 Bayshore Road, Port Charlotte. Call **941•475•0769** to register. Also offered **Tuesday, April 26 at 9am.**

Bill Coy Preserve
 Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 81-acre Bill Coy/Buck Creek Preserve on **Friday, April 8, 9am.** The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot, 5350 Placida Road. Phone **941•475•0769** to register or for information.

Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve
 Join CHEC on a guided walk through Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve on **Friday, April 15 at 9am.** This 150-acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Meet in the parking lot at 16259 Joppa Avenue, Port Charlotte. Call **941•475•0769** to register.

Go to www.CHECflorida.org for a complete program calendar.

Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 125-acre Ann and Chuck Dever Regional Park on **Tuesday, March 27 at 9am.** Meet at the San Casa entrance, 6791 San Casa Drive. Please call **941•475•0769** to register. Also offered on **Tuesday, April 12** and **Friday, April 29 at 9am.**

Amberjack Park

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre Amberjack Environmental Park, 6250 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., on **Saturday, March 29, 9am.** Meet at the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd. Please call **941•475•0769** to register or for more information. Also offered **Tuesday, April 5 at 9am** and **Friday, April 22 at 9am.**

Seagrass Wading Adventure

Join CHEC at Cedar Point Environmental Park for a free wading adventure through the seagrass beds of Lemon Bay on **Saturday, April 2 at 9am.** 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

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Easter Event/Safe Kids Day
The Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County has partnered with Sonshine Baptist Church and Safe Kids Southwest Florida, to bring the community some Easter cheer. The event will include an Easter Egg Hunt, goodie bags, carnival games, food pantry and vendors.

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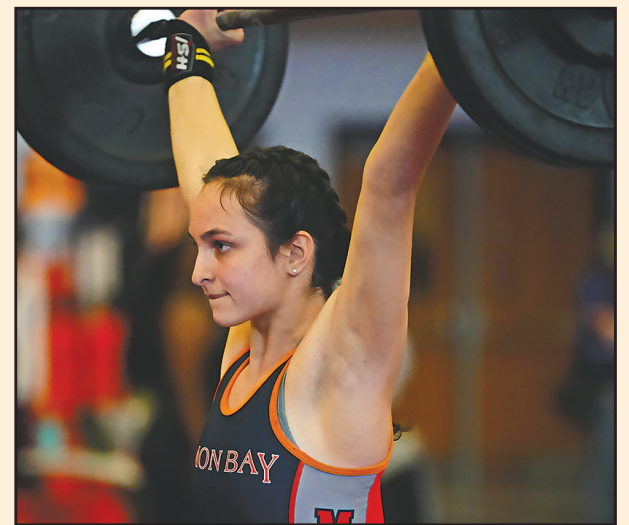
The Lemon Bay High School February 2022 Athletes of the Month

Congratulations to Juniors **Natalee Brown** and **Justin Brady**.

A member of Girls Weightlifting team as well as Track and Field, **Natalee Brown** was a dual silver medalist at states in her first season of weightlifting. Her combined Olympic Lifts, 290-pound consisting of the Snatch, and the Clean and Jerk, qualify her for both USA weightlifting age group nationals, and the actual (all ages) USA Nationals. She is the strongest girl, pound for pound, for the third-place high school Olympic Snatch team in the state of Florida, which is Lemon Bay. She also is currently ranked 5th in the state in the High Jump, based off her first meet jump at the Bobcat Relays.

Justin Brady, Junior on the Wrestling team, entered the state meet ranked 6th in the state. His overall record stands at 50-6. During February, Justin was undefeated at 15-0, including 14 pins. He was the Bidwell Memorial Champion, District Champion, Regional Champion, a 3-time State Qualifier.

Receiving Honorable Mention for the month of February are Girls Soccer: **Isabelle Ragazzone (So)**, **Jacoby Maldonado (Jr)**, **Kylie Robbins (Sr)**, **Addison Adcock (Jr)** and **Kerri Matson (Jr)** Girls Weightlifting: **Presley Engelauf (Jr)**, **Addison Adcock (Jr)** and **Kaci James (Fr)**. Girls Track and Field: **Kaci James (Fr)**. Girls Tennis: **Jordan Shirley (Sr)** **Marie L'Abbe (Sr)**. Boys Tennis: **Gray Lowder (Jr)**. Boys Weightlifting: **Alexander Truisi (Jr)**. Wrestling: **Chase Aiden (Jr)** and **Lance Schyck (Sr)**. On behalf of the entire athletic department at Lemon Bay High School, thank you for your support of the Manta Rays! School Website: www.lemonbayhigh.com. Facebook: www.facebook.com/mantaathletics. Twitter: @mantaathletics. Photos by Tim Kern.



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Cooking Matters for Kids and Chefs

Join staff from the UF/IFAS Extension Family Nutrition Program at the Englewood Charlotte Library for a discussion about the Nutrition Education Kit Featuring MyPlate. This free program on **Thursday, April 7, 11am to noon**, is a garden-themed nutrition education kit that introduces children to: three fruits - peaches, strawberries, and cantaloupe, and three vegetables - spinach, sweet potatoes, and crookneck squash. The program is for children ages 4 and up with their favorite adult. The library is located at 3450 N. Access Road. For questions, call **941-681-3736**. Also offered **Thursday, April 21 at 11am**.

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead!

Kids, ages 7 to 12, are welcome

to attend a full hour of S.T.E.A.M. fun on the second Friday of the month at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. The S.T.E.A.M. skills session for April, *Water Wonders*, is **Friday, April 8 at 4pm**. Registration is required, and each child must be registered separately by calling **941-681-3736**.

North Port Egg Hunts

The City of North Port will be offering its two free signature egg hunt events in April, hosted by the North Port Parks & Recreation Department. On **Friday, April 8**, the city will host a Flashlight Egg Hunt for families with children ages 6 to 11. The event will take place at **7:30pm**, once the sun has set on the City Center Front Green, 4970 City Hall Blvd., with the egg hunt starting at **8:15pm**. Don't be late - as the eggs go very fast! Children are encouraged to bring a flashlight and a basket to fill. Thousands of glow-in-the-dark eggs will be hidden in hay throughout City Center Front Green. Egg hunters will be divided into three age groups: 6-7 years old, 8-9 years old, and 10-11 years old. The following morning, **Saturday, April 9**, will be the Eggnormous Egg Hunt for families with children ages 3 to 9. This event will start at **9am** on City Center Front Green, 4970 City Hall

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Blvd. The Bunny will then count down the hunt for each age group starting at **10am**. Don't forget to bring a basket to gather as many of the eggs as you can find, and a camera to take family photos with the Bunny before or after the egg hunt! During the Eggnormous Egg Hunt, egg hunters will be divided into three age groups: 3-4 years old, 5-6 years old, and 7-9 years old. At both Egg Hunt events, children who find an egg with a special ticket inside, can redeem it onsite for an extra special basket from the Bunny!

GCUMC Easter Festival On **Saturday, April 9**, from **11am to 1pm**, children up to age 12 are invited to Gulf Cove United Methodist Church (GCUMC) for an Easter Egg Hunt; empty baskets will be available if needed. After the egg hunt, there will be family games and a bounce house for the kids. Free food and crafts will also be available. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 South McCall Road in Port Charlotte (Gulf Cove area.) The church can be reached at **941-697-1747** or GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com.

Great Seashell Hunt

During the years that lightkeepers lived at the Port Boca Grande Lighthouse, eggs were not always available. It has been said that for the spring holiday, they hunted seashells on the beach instead. That's why kids love BIPS' Annual Great Seashell Hunt, set this year for **Wednesday, April 13, 11am** at the Port Boca Grande Lighthouse, 880

Belcher Road, Boca Grande. During the program, kids will learn fascinating facts about the barrier island shells found in SW Florida. Then the exciting hunt is on to find your own seashells on the beach and turn them into awesome prizes! \$5 per person.

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You can RSVP at www.bips.org. For more information, call **941-964-0060**.

EUMC Egg Hunt

All kids, ages 11 and younger, are welcome to join in when Englewood United Methodist



"Into the Woods", the legendary Stephen Sondheim musical, with the book by James Lapine, comes to life **Thursday, March 31 through Sunday, April 3**, at Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road. This ground-breaking production brings together two incredible casts and over 50 of Englewood's best and brightest student actors and technicians. The casts will divide the performances between them. Knitting together many of the Grimm Brothers much-loved tales, *"Into the Woods"* takes you deep inside the pages of Little Red Riding, Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, and other stories to see what really happens when you achieve your "happily ever after." A baker and his wife desperately yearn to have a child but have been cursed by the witch who lives next door, thanks to the actions of the baker's father. The only way to lift the curse is to find four obscure, yet strangely familiar, items - a cow as white as milk, a slipper as pure as gold, a cape as red as blood, and a hair as yellow as corn. With only three nights to find them before the curse becomes irreversible, the couple head deep into the mysterious nearby woods only to discover more about themselves than they might ever have expected. Performances: **Thursday, March 31, 7pm; Friday, April 1, 7pm; Saturday April 2 at 2pm and 7pm; Sunday April 3 at 2pm and 7pm**. Ticket prices are adults \$20, youth 6th-12th grade \$10, and 5th grade and under \$5. Tickets are available at www.lemonbay.csstix.com. Use code REVIEW and receive 10% off your ticket price.

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Cole Grannan prefers primarily drums and hopes to pursue a degree in Jazz Studies.



Hunter Fisher has expressed an interest in Music Education.

The Charlotte Chorale is pleased to announce the winners of this year's R. Bruce and Caroline MacGregor Memorial Scholarship. The winner of a \$1,500 scholarship is Cole Grannan, currently a percussionist at Lemon Bay High School. An additional scholarship of \$1,000 has been awarded to Hunter Fisher, a bassoonist at Charlotte High School. Both young men have had an affinity for music from a young age and are outstanding musicians, being selected for prestigious ensembles such as Charlotte County Public Schools' All County Honor Band, the Florida Music Educators Association's All State Band Ensemble, and the by-invitation-only Florida State University Tri-State Band Ensemble. In addition to this, they have both received multiple awards for their musical ability, skills at various Solo and Ensemble events and other competitions over the years. Grannan is an Eagle Scout, member of the Interact Club, plays with the Westcoast Church band and has been guest musician with the Charlotte Chorale since 6th grade. Fisher was the Drum Major for the Silver King Marching Band this season, is involved with several local community service clubs on and off school campus and volunteers for St. Vincent De Paul Church. Both Grannan and Fisher plan to seek degrees in music at Florida State University.



Lemon Bay Conservancy is proud to support the joint efforts of the Lemon Bay High School Marine Conservation Club and the Key Club to eliminate the use of single-use plastic water bottles on campus. At its recent annual meeting, LBC awarded a \$1,000 grant to the Marine Conservation Club for the purchase of two additional water bottle filling stations to be installed at the school. The use of water bottle filling stations at the high school during the past year has resulted in preventing over 5,000 single-use bottles from ending up in recycling centers or landfills. The demand for water refills at the school has risen as the refill practice has taken off and reinforces good environmental practices. Lillian Keller made a brief presentation on the research she and classmate Jax Mendelsohn have done on the effect of microplastics on the life cycle of brine shrimp. Lemon Bay Conservancy urges all citizens to be aware of the toxicity of plastics and the detrimental effects on water. For more information on Lemon Bay Conservancy and its water quality protection initiatives, visit LemonBayConservancy.org or call 941-830-8922. Photo: Students Lillian Keller, Jessica Lince, and Jax Mendelsohn, along with Mia Conlon, their faculty advisor and Marine Science teacher, attended the LBC annual meeting to accept the grant.

Church (EUMC) holds its annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 16, 10am to noon**. There will be games, bounce houses, music, food, crafts, and, of course, a spectacular Egg Hunt. Please register your family today at www.Englewoodumc.net and click on Events. The church is located at 700 E. Dearborn Street. For more information, call 941-474-5588.

Summer Camp Sign-Up
Charlotte County Community Services has announced that their Summer Camp 2022 weekday program is open for registration. Sign up for one week or an entire session. The Englewood location is Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Drive. Discovery Camp is geared for kids entering kindergarten to second grade; Explorer Camp for incoming third to fifth graders, and Adventure Camp for incoming sixth to eighth graders. The camps are accredited by CAPRA (Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Areas.) Three ways

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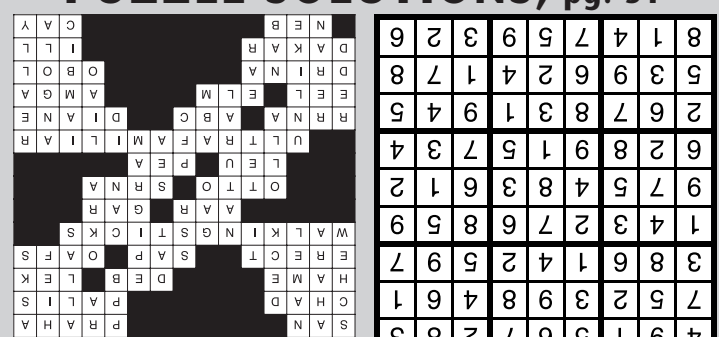


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Kids Summer Camp
Give your kids an outdoor adventure experience at Cedar Point Environmental Park's Kids Summer Camp. For kids ages 8 to 12, there will be water programs, field trips, hikes and more. Each week offers a different theme. **July 11-15:** Ancient Florida. **July 18-22:** Marine Explorers. **July 25-29:** Plant-a-Palooza, and **August 1-5:** Florida Animal Fanimalies. Camp hours are **9am to 3pm**. \$150 per week. To sign up, call **941•475•0769** or email Gerald@chechflorida.org. Cedar Point is located at 2300 Placida Road.

Summer Theatre Camps
Venice Theatre announces that registration is now open for their summer camps and classes for all ages. Both in-person and virtual opportunities. Browse the online catalog at www.venicetheatre.org and register now. Venice Theatre is located at 140 Tampa Avenue West, Venice.

Items appearing in this column are as accurate as possible. Please call the listed numbers for confirmation and further information. 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.

March Heron Of The Month Award Winners

Please join Vineland Elementary School in congratulating the February 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". **SOAR** (Show Respect, Own Actions, Accept Differences, Realize Potential).



Heron of the Month: Kindergarten through Second Grade. Row 1 (L to R): Jason Ruban, Enzo Mondesi, Hartlee Johnson. Row 2-(L to R): Daniel Zidanavicius, Diana Ulrich, Pamela Mosqueda-Torres, Josephine Boling, Lilah Kostuck, Lucas Mitri-LeGault, Morgan Strahan. Row 3 (L to R): Leland Mamalis, Chase Cunningham, Macy Hall, Sofia Cimmino.



Heron of the Month: Third through Fifth Grade. Row 1 (L to R): Patience Henthorn, Paige Gilbert, Emma Long, Lily-Anah, Mitri-LeGault, Audia VanSantvoord, Arina Pavlova, Maeken Pardue. Row 2 (L to R): Morgan Wheeler, Olivia Paulsen, Ryan Williams, Samantha Yusk, Mitchell Vasher, Cody Rigney.

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Arts & Entertainment



Paintings by Paul Findlay have recently been accepted into the permanent collection of the Burchfield Penney Art Center in Buffalo, NY. Mr. Findlay was a long-time resident of Englewood and an active participant at the Englewood Art Center. As well as being an educator, he had a long career as a professional artist whose work was widely collected in Western New York, Toronto, and New York City. He died May 5, 2021, and is survived here in Englewood by his wife, Trish Findlay, and his daughter, Mia Butsch.



The Hermitage Artist Retreat and Sarasota Contemporary Dance (SCD) will partner to participate in the biennial National Water Dance (NWD) event, with new work inspired by gratitude for water and the urgent need to preserve local water resources as part of this year's NWD theme, "Dancing Out of Time," on **Saturday, April 23 at 3:30pm**. This performance by the SCD company of professional dancers will be presented outdoors and socially distanced on the Hermitage Beach, 6660 Manasota Key Road. The performance will be broadcast simultaneously with performance groups from across the country and all around the world, with an introduction by Dr. Emily Heffernan, Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies at New College of Florida. Stated Hermitage Artistic Director and CEO Andy Sandberg, "We are honored that this new creative work from Sarasota Contemporary Dance has been inspired by our historic beachfront campus on Manasota Key, as we partner to raise awareness for NWD. We look forward to sharing this performance with the local community and participating in NWD to highlight the importance of preserving our ecological resources." Hermitage outdoor programs like this one are open to the public with a \$5/person registration fee. Due to capacity limitations and social distancing, registration is required at www.HermitageArtistRetreat.org.



Back by popular demand – from its world-premiere run during the summer of 2017 – Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe (WBTT) presents "Broadway in Black," updated for 2022. In this musical revue created, adapted, and directed by WBTT Founder and Artistic Director Nate Jacobs, WBTT will salute Broadway musicals with songs that span decades and a wide variety of musical styles that will appeal to audiences of all ages. The production will feature favorite songs – accompanied by WBTT's sizzling live band – from Tony Award-winning shows and breakthrough roles that helped launch the careers of such Black artists as Melba Moore, Ben Vereen, Jennifer Holliday, and Nell Carter. The show runs **through Sunday, April 24**. Performances, which take place in the WBTT Donnelly Theatre (1012 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota), are **7:30pm Tuesday-Saturday**, with **2pm** matinees on **Saturday and Sunday**. Tickets are \$47/adults, \$20/students & active military. Call the Box Office (941-366-1505) or purchase tickets online at westcoastblacktheatre.org.

Bluegrass Music

The next Heartland-Southwest Bluegrass Event features three top bluegrass bands, *Southwind*, *Cadence Hollow* & *The Union Academy Bluegrass Band* on **Saturday, March 26**. The show starts at **1pm** and takes place at Craig's RV Resort, 7895 NE Cubitis Avenue, Arcadia. You are invited to bring your instrument for the Beginner Friendly Bluegrass jam at **10am** that morning. A \$7 donation is asked of non-members of the Heartland-Southwest Bluegrass Association. For more

information, call **941-467-2051** or visit www.heartlandbluegrass.org.

The Magic of Music

The Charlotte County Concert Band presents *The Magic of Music* on **Friday, April 1, 7:30pm**, at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center (CPAC) at 701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda. Music truly is a magical part of each of life. This concert will bring to life a wide variety of musical selections that will both entertain and inspire you. This concert will bring to

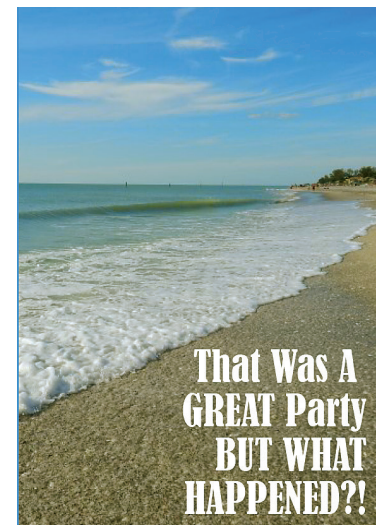
life a wide variety of musical selections. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at www.charlottecountyconcertband.com.

VIPA Musical Tributes

If you enjoy musical tribute shows, check out the upcoming performers scheduled by the Venice Performing Arts Institute.

Saturday, April 2, 7pm: *Simply Tina: The Ultimate Tina Turner Tribute*. **Saturday, April 9, 8pm:** *Queen Nation: A Tribute to the Music of Queen*. **Friday, April 15, 7pm:** *Ticket to the Moon: ELO Tribute*. **Saturday, April 16, 7pm:** *New York Bee Gees Tribute*. **Sunday, April 24, 3pm:** *The Terry Myers Orchestra – Tribute to the Big Band Generation*. **Saturday, April 30, 7pm:** *Breathe – Pink Floyd Tribute*. **Saturday, May 14, 7pm:** *The Rocket Man Show*

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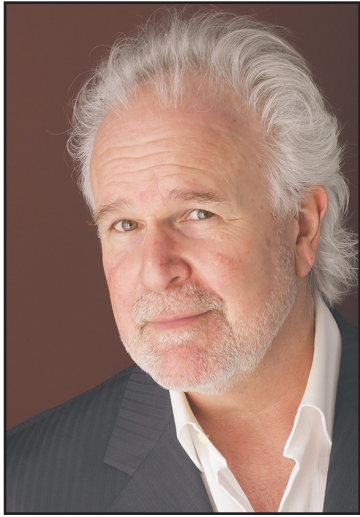
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Choral Artists of Sarasota's 43rd season continues with the long-awaited world premiere of "Listen to the Earth," **Sunday, April 24, 5pm**, at the Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota. The concert showcases "Listen to the Earth," a symphonic choral cantata by James Grant, an award-winning composer and part-time Sarasota resident. Also featured on the program is the "Song of the Universal" by Ola Ojeilo, Ralph Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending" and another work by James Grant, "Earth - Poem of Thanks to Our Common Home." The concert features baritone soloist Marcus DeLoach; the Women's Ensemble from Parrish Community High School; violin soloist Daniel Jordan; a full orchestra; and the Choral Artists singers, all under the direction of conductor Joseph Holt. A free reception, open to the public, follows the concert in the courtyard. Tickets are \$5-\$60. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.ChoralArtistsSarasota.org or call **941-387-4900**. Photo: Two works by part-time Sarasota resident composer James Grant, will be performed.

Greenfield Prize Dinner
The 2022 Hermitage Greenfield Prize Dinner, *A Celebration of Music*, recognizes this year's recipient, composer, and multi-instrumentalist Angélica Negrón. There will be a special cello performance of Angélica's work by Grammy Award Winner Nick Photinos, plus a special guest performance by Tony Award-Winning Hermitage Fellow Gavin Creel. This is the Hermitage's annual spring gala and takes place on **Sunday, April 10, 6pm**, at Michael's on East, 1212 S. East Avenue, Sarasota. Limited tickets

remaining. For more information, visit www.hermitageartistretreat.org.

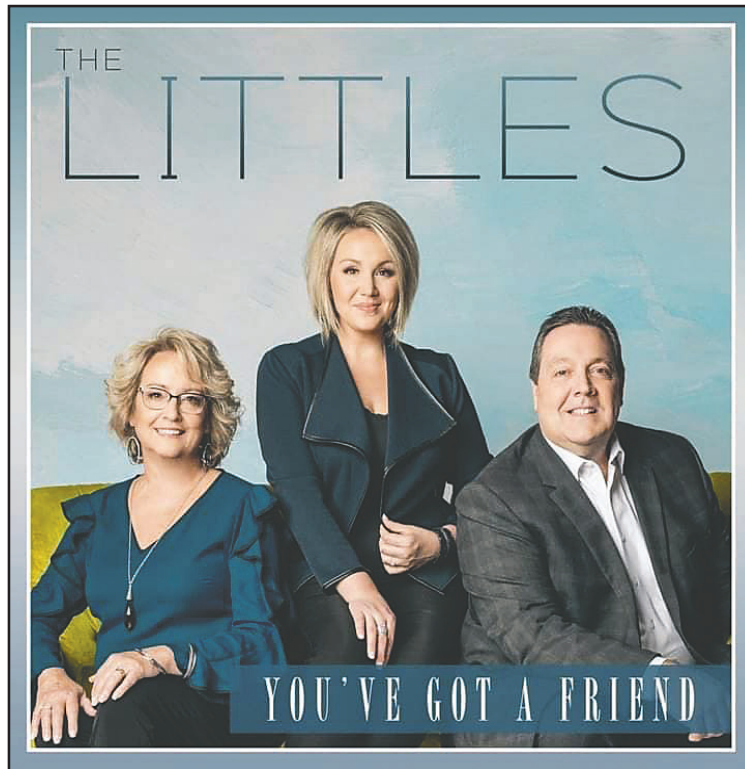
A Jazzy Anniversary
The Charlotte County Jazz Society celebrates bringing you 32 years of jazz. You are invited to the party at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, 4400 Lister Street, Pt. Charlotte. The event is **Saturday, April 16**, starting with cocktails at **5:15pm** and dinner at **6:15pm** with dance music by the Anniversary Jazz Band. Dinner prices vary according to menu choice and there is a cash bar. Secure your reservation by calling **941-629-5338**. Deadline

to purchase tickets is **Tuesday, April 12**. Learn more at www.ccjazz.org.

Blackbird
Guilt, rage, and raw emotions run high in what The Telegraph calls, "an extraordinary, no-holds-barred drama," when Blackbird comes to the stage at Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Avenue West, Venice. Una and Ray had a relationship 15 years ago and haven't set eyes on each other since. She's found him again and is seeking answers about the past. The drama runs **Friday, April 15 through Sunday, May 1**. Audience discretion advised as this drama

includes adult language and themes. **Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 7:30pm** and **Sunday matinees at 2pm**. No show on Easter. Tickets are \$25 adult, \$20 college, and \$15 youth. Purchase tickets online at www.venicetheatre.org.

To Kill a Mockingbird
Harper Lee's, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, comes to life on stage **Friday, April 15 through Sunday, May 1** at Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Avenue West, Venice. The facade of a seemingly peaceful Alabama town begins to crack when a young black man is accused



Sonrise Baptist Church, 11050 Willmington Blvd., will be having a gospel concert on **Saturday, March 26 at 4pm**. The Littles, a family band in full-time Gospel Music Ministry, will be performing along with local favorite, Gulf Breeze Bluegrass. A love offering will be taken. Open to the public and all are invited. For more information, please call **941-475-5363**.

Celebrate Judy Garland's 100th birthday and the season finale for the Punta Gorda Symphony with "Get Happy! Joan Ellison Sings Judy Garland." Joan Ellison takes you back in time on a nostalgic trip of sensational and iconic Judy Garland hits, which include "Get Happy!" "Over The Rainbow," "Zing! Went the Strings of My Heart," "The Man That Got Away," "Come Rain or Come Shine," and beyond. The concert starts at **7:30pm, Sunday, April 24** at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. After-party celebration included. Joan Ellison is an award-winning vocalist, actress, and popular voice teacher with a special love for Judy Garland's repertoire from the golden Hollywood years. \$65 adult, \$15 youth. For more information and ticketing, visit PGSymphony.org or call **941-205-5996**. Photo: Joan Ellison brings Judy Garland's songs to life.



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of a terrible crime. Lawyer Atticus Finch defends him in a trial that rocks the community. As told through the eyes of Atticus' daughter, this hard-hitting work explores prejudice, compassion, and courage. **Wednesday through Saturday performances are 7:30pm and 2pm on Sundays.** No show on

Easter. Tickets are \$28 adult, \$20 college, and \$15 youth. Purchase tickets online at www.venicetheatre.org.

LBP Presents *The Psychic* *The Psychic*, a comedy/mystery by Sam Bobrick, is coming to Lemon Bay Playhouse **Wednesday, April 27 through**



The Hermitage Artist Retreat presents "Angélica Negrón: The Journey, The Work, The Inspiration," a virtual live-stream program at **3pm, Saturday, April 9**. Angélica Negrón, winner of the 2022 Hermitage Greenfield Prize in music, is as equally at home composing for orchestras and chamber ensembles as she is for toys and electronics. Her music has been described as "playful and inventive" (The New York Times) as well as "mesmerizing and affecting" (Feast of Music.) In a live virtual event featured as part of this year's Hermitage Greenfield Prize Celebration Weekend, hear from one of the most innovative musicians working today as she discusses her journey so far, her body of work, and her hopes for this new commission. This conversation will be moderated by Hermitage Artistic Director and CEO Andy Sandberg. Presented in partnership with the Greenfield Foundation and the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. Registration is required at www.HermitageArtistRetreat.org with a \$5/household registration fee.



Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast is delighted to host the Sarasota Nature Printers and their exhibit "Nature's Artistry." Nature printing is an ancient art form that uses a variety of techniques to create art from materials found in nature on various substrates including paper, fabric, clothing, linens, silk, rugs, tile, wood, leather, and clay. Featuring the work of 12 different artists, "Nature's Artistry," promises to be a unique art experience for the nature lover. The exhibit's opening reception is **Tuesday, April 5, 5 to 7pm**, at Conservation Foundation's headquarters, Bay Preserve, in the Burrows-Matson House, 400 Palmetto Avenue, Osprey. Artwork will be available for purchase with a portion of proceeds benefiting Conservation Foundation. Live demonstrations and sales at Bay Preserve will continue **Wednesday & Thursday, April 6 and 7**. Registration for the exhibit and individual demonstrations is required. To learn more and RSVP, please visit conservationfoundation.com/events or call **941-918-2100**. The exhibit will be on display **April 6 thru June 24** and may be viewed **Monday-Friday, 9am to 4pm**.



Gary Padmore



Terrance McKnight

"Artistic License: Whose Story Is It?," with 2022 Hermitage Greenfield Prize Jurors Terrance McKnight and Gary Padmore will be presented live on the Hermitage Beach **Saturday, April 9 at 6pm**. Who has the right to tell a story? Where do the distinctions between art and documentary change the rules? These two jurors for this year's prize in music, Terrance McKnight (classical music host on WQXR) and Gary Padmore (Director of Education and Community Engagement at the New York Philharmonic), along with Sarasota's own Nate Jacobs (Founder and Artistic Director of Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe), take an illuminating dive into authentic authorship. Hear from these insightful thought-leaders as they bring their personal expertise and experience to bear on one of the most important artistic questions of this time. This panel discussion will be moderated by Hermitage Artistic Director and CEO Andy Sandberg. Registration is required at www.HermitageArtistRetreat.org (\$5/person registration fee). The Hermitage Beach address: 6660 Manasota Key Road.



To launch this year's Hermitage Greenfield Prize celebration weekend, **Friday through Sunday, April 8-10**, the 2021 prize recipient, Aleshea Harris, returns to Sarasota to share her theatrical journey over the past year and the latest plans for her commission. Focused on the lives of two black men a century apart, both subject to confinement and surveillance at the hands of western civilization, her work seeks to honor tragedy without losing sight of the levity that just might light a way forward. Her program, "A Theater Maker's Year: 'What Went Down,'" is **Friday, April 8, 6pm**, at New College Campus Bayfront, 300 College Drive, Sarasota. Registration is required with a \$5 per person fee at www.hermitageartistretreat.org.

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bizarre and hilarious murders. **Wednesday to Saturday** evenings, curtain time is **7:30pm** and **Sunday** matinees start at **2pm**. Tickets are \$23 and may be purchased online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or by calling the box office, 96 W. Dearborn Street, at **941•475•6756**, **weekdays 10am to 2pm**.

Behind the Curtain Tours
Venice Theatre offers monthly Behind the Curtain tours where guests are shown the various components that bring a stage production to life. Tour the wardrobe room, rehearsal rooms, the costume shop, the set design shop, and backstage. Learn the history behind this community

theatre that was created in the 1950s. Tours are 90 minutes and the next one is scheduled for **Thursday, April 28 at 10:30am**. These free tours fill up fast so don't wait to reserve your spot by emailing tour guide Cara Herman at caraherman@venicetheatre.net. Venice Theatre is located at 140 Tampa Avenue West, Venice. Website: www.venicetheatre.org.


These are as accurate as possible. Please call the listed numbers for confirmation and further information. If you have an art event or happening you would like to have considered for "Art Chat," please send information and/or photo to englewoodreview@comcast.net. Visit our website at www.englewoodreview.com and check out our interactive calendar where you are invited to add your event.



Victor Wainwright & the Train will be in concert at Englewoods on Dearborn, 362 W. Dearborn Street, on **Thursday, March 31** from **7:30 to 10pm**. Among his numerous accolades: Wainwright has won seven total Blues Music Awards, charted #1 on the Top Ten in the Billboard Magazine, and was nominated for a 2019 Grammy for "Best Contemporary Blues Album" for Victor Wainwright & The Train (Ruf). You'll hear Wainwright twist boogie-woogie tradition on barrelhouse thrillers driven by his visceral piano style. But you'll also hear him fearlessly explore the gamut of genre, from Latin flavors and New Orleans piano to near-psychedelia jam. It's a musical cocktail served up by Wainwright's inimitable gravel-flecked vocal. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call **941•475•7501** or visit www.englewoodsondearborn.com. Photo by Damian Battinelli.




Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn Street, is happy to announce folk singer/songwriter James Hawkins will be performing **Saturday, April 16** at **7:30pm**. James lives in Venice and creates songs about the early days of the area. Per James: "Beyond the historical roadside markers or hidden within the pages of a dusty book upon some shelf, lay the stories of the true Florida. Stop by and let me tell you the stories and sing you the songs I've written about the people and events that happened here on the sand just beneath our feet. Stop by and let's spend the evening as we Turn Back Time." Tickets are \$23 and may be purchased on-line at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or through the Box Office by phoning **941•475•6756**, **weekdays 10am-2pm**. Get your tickets soon for the best seats!



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Nola's Notes

Ohana Dog Show Comes to Boca

As part of the annual Boca Grande Woman's Club Spring Fair on **Saturday, March 26**, the Ohana Dog Show will present two entertaining shows at **11am** and **11:45am**. The family-owned and operated trick stunt dog show based in Plant City features three amazing Border Collies who will perform tricks and agility that is sure to make you say, "Wow!" The Boca Grande Spring Fair is held at the Boca Grande Community Center, 131 First Street West, Boca Grande. Along with the canine entertainment there will be popcorn, games, a cake walk,

pony rides, a petting zoo, bake sale, and more with a New Orleans flair from **11am to 1pm**. Preceding the Fair at **10:30am**, there will be a bike, golf cart, and scooter parade starting at Fifth Street.

Lucky Paws Auction Success
Suncoast Humane Society (SHS) thanks everyone who made the Lucky Paws 2022 Auction a success. From the lucky auction winners and those who tried their luck, to businesses and individuals who contributed paw-some items, and donors, you helped raise \$7,600 for the animals' care and the SHS community-based programs.

Springtime Means Kittens!

It's the time of year when animal rescue groups are receiving an intake of kittens. If you are thinking of adopting a kitten, visit your local animal shelter or rescue organization like Suncoast Humane Society, Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary (EARS) or Animal Rescue League of Charlotte County. Adopt from a shelter or a rescue group, and you get two feel-good bonuses: you save money -- and a life!

Here are some tips by PetMD to help you prepare for your new feline friend's arrival and keep the kitten happy and healthy.

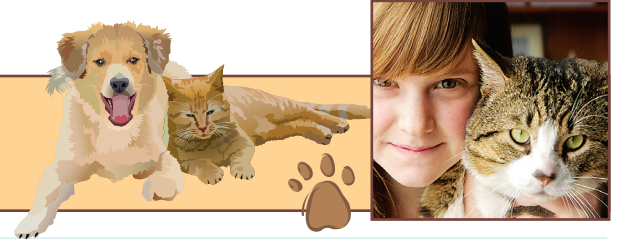
- **Supplies:** Before you bring home your kitten, make sure you have a litter box, cat carrier, kitten food and water bowls, a collar and tags, and toys to entertain your new pet. Cat-proof your house before kitty arrives.
- Buy food formulated for kittens as they need up to three times the calories as adult cats until they are one year old. So, look for food made especially for kittens. Talk to your vet about using canned food, dry kibbles, or a mixture of both.
- Always have lots of cool, clean water for your kitten. Some cats prefer moving water and may like a kitty water fountain rather than a regular bowl.
- Many vets suggest keeping cats indoors because indoor-only cats usually live longer, healthier lives. If you choose to keep your kitten indoors, make sure they

have window perches and toys.

- Cats often interact with the world through their mouth, and not everything in your house is a good toy. Keep string, ribbon, yarn, rubber bands, plastic milk jug rings, paper clips, pins, dental floss, and other temptations away. Also, put away cleaning supplies, pills, and drugs, as well as antifreeze and motor oil. Several plants can be dangerous to your kitten, including chrysanthemum, lilies, and oleander.
- Your kitten will need to learn the house rules. For example, to keep kitty off the curtains, give them a sisal-covered pole to climb. Don't want them clawing the couch? Put up scratching posts. If playtime involves using their teeth or claws, give them something to bite on or cling to as you play. Don't allow them to think biting your hand is fun.
- Cats sleep up to 16 hours a day, kittens even more. They'll happily curl up on a perch attached to a window ledge, a cat tree, or in their very own cat bed.
- Please spay or neuter your kitten to prevent unwanted litters of kittens. This procedure can be done as early as eight weeks. Some groups can help with costs.
- If you notice scratching, your cat may have fleas. Parasites are common in kittens, especially worms. See your vet for flea control and a dewormer. Vaccinate your kitten to keep it healthy and prevent common illnesses.



Pets



These are just a few of the many animals waiting for adoption. You can see all of Suncoast Humane Society's adoptable animals by visiting their Website, www.humane.org.



Meet & Greet and Adoption Hours (By appointment only)

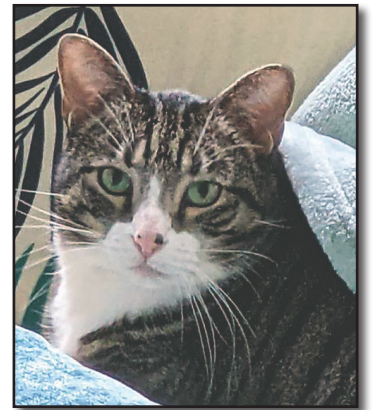
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Adoptions events are at EARS Tuesday thru Saturday, 10a.m.-3:00p.m.

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Tigger is a neutered male kitty and is tabby and white with 4 white paws. He is 5-6 years old and weighs 17 pounds. His fur is medium length.



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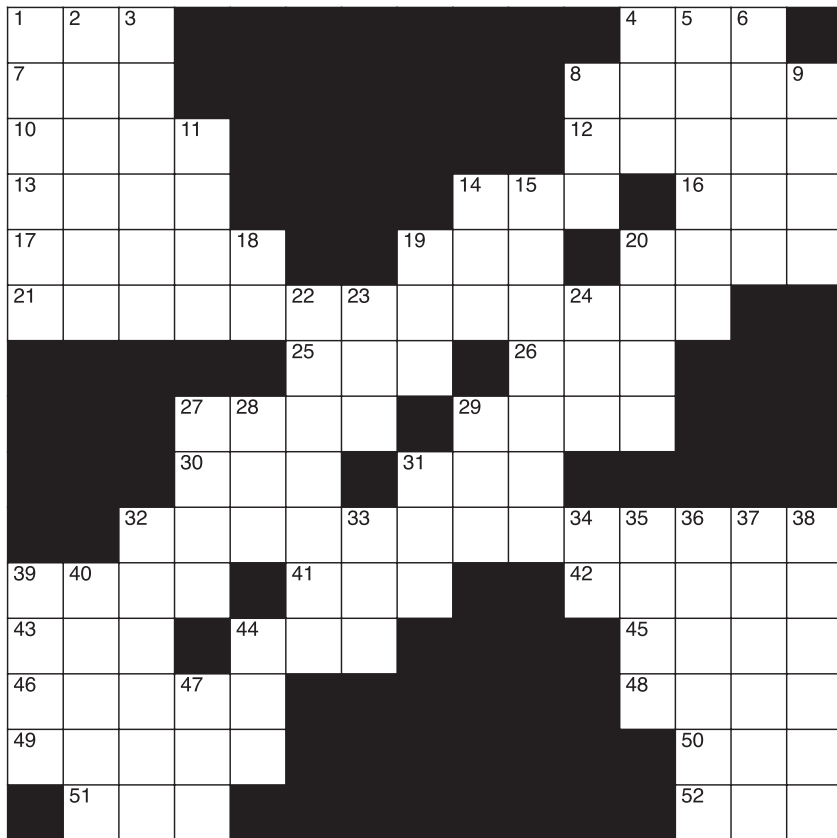
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EARS Animal Rescue's Thrift Store is the shelter's main source of income. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization, so any donation is tax deductible.

Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Midway between east and southeast
- 4. Sun up in New York
- 7. Japanese honorific
- 8. Czech name for Prague
- 10. Ochocinco's first name
- 12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
- 13. Scots word for "home"
- 14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)
- 16. Monetary unit of Albania
- 17. Raise
- 19. Drain of resources
- 20. Uncultured, clumsy persons
- 21. Hikers use them
- 25. Retrospective analysis (military)
- 26. Tibetan form of chanting
- 27. Influential European statesman
- 29. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 30. Monetary unit of Romania
- 31. Round green vegetable
- 32. Well acquainted with
- 39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 41. Basics
- 42. "The Godfather" actress Keaton
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 44. Tall deciduous tree
- 45. Russian river

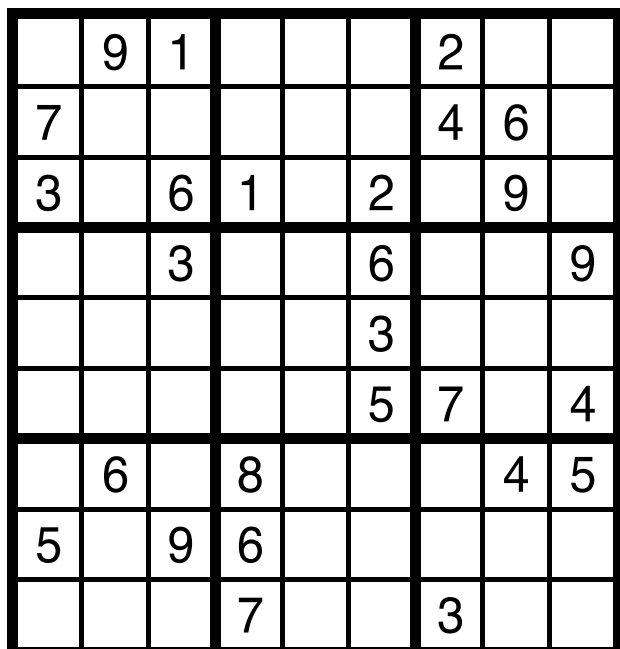


- 46. Long Balkans river
- 48. Ancient Greek coin
- 49. Senegal's capital
- 50. Unwell
- 51. Snout
- 52. Low bank or reef of coral
- 8. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 9. Questions
- 11. A pack of 52 playing cards
- 14. Recording of sound
- 15. Pithy saying
- 18. Atomic #22
- 19. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 20. Plant with ridged seedpods
- 22. Innate
- 23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
- 24. Soda receptacle
- 27. Spanish stew: ___ podrida
- 28. Viet Cong offensive
- 29. Large body of water
- 31. Beginning military rank
- 32. Dissimilar
- 33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
- 34. Shows who you are
- 35. Chinese dynasty
- 36. Type of verse
- 37. African nation
- 38. Quite
- 39. Former Bucks star Michael
- 40. Showed again
- 44. Body part
- 47. Steal

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Abstain from
- 2. Vast desert in North Africa
- 3. Cover the crown of a tooth
- 4. A major division of geological time
- 5. Urban center
- 6. Crook

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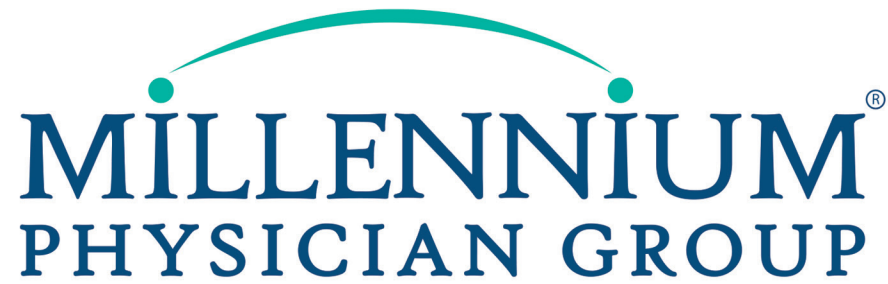
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