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Area businesses are once again collecting toys for the annual Toys For Tots campaign, now through December 2. Pictured: Caren Moody and Michelle Ravagni show toys collected at the Englewood Bank and Trust's main office last year. Read more on page 4.

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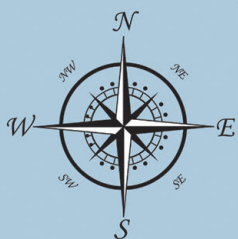
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Around the Town



Twenty-five local businesses partnered with Boca Cares Community Fund to sponsor the 2021 Fall "Play It Forward" Fundraiser and Day of Caring on October 23 for the Greater Englewood Community. More than 250 neighbors and friends of the Boca Royale Golf and Country Club participated in the inaugural "Play It Forward" fundraiser, where community members chose to walk, pedal a bike, play pickleball or tennis. The day ended with a sold-out Gala Dinner Dance. "In its three short years of operation, Boca Cares has contributed more than \$170,000 to local charities," said Bryan Domian, Treasurer of Boca Cares. Please note: 2021 Fall Grant Applications period is now open. Applications must be submitted electronically by **5pm on Friday, December 3**. Funding grant priorities are for food, shelter, health care, and social services targeting children, families, seniors, and veterans residing in the greater Englewood area. The application, criteria and instructions are available under Grants & Awards at www.bocaroyalcares.com. All organizations receiving grants from Boca Cares must be 501(c)(3) entities. Cyclists from the fundraiser pictured here (left to right) are: Kevin Mackay, Bob Sloboda, Joe Nardone, Ed Stanley, Ursula Fuhrer, John Folvig, and Ernst Fuhrer.

Sand Sculpting Festival

The Siesta Key Crystal Classic International Sand Sculpting Festival takes place **Friday through Monday, November 12-15**. Professional and amateur sand sculptors converge on Siesta Key to compete in an amazing Master Sand Sculpting competition. Throughout the weekend, there will be sand sculpting lessons and

demonstrations hosted multiple times daily and live music. Hours are **10am to 5pm on Friday, Sunday, and Monday, 10am to 9pm on Saturday**. Ride the Siesta Key Trolley to save on parking fees. Visit siestakeycrystalclassic.com for event schedule, ticket purchase and other information. Siesta Key beach is located at 948 Beach Road, Sarasota.

Barn Sale, Christmas Bazaar, & Bake Sale

Find your treasures at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church! 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 Christmas Bazaar in Oaks Cove and are also offering goodies for the tummy at their Bake Sale. The sale runs **Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13, from 9am to 2pm** both days. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road (SR 776) in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte. For more information, contact the church at **697-1747** or GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com.

Fellowship Church Anniversary

On **Sunday, November 14**, Fellowship Church of Englewood invites the community to celebrate their 19th Anniversary. A worship celebration will be held at the **8:30am** and **10:30am** services and features music by *Saltwater Worship*. There will also be a nursery & kids program available for both services. At **9:45am**, the Hospitality Café will be open



The Lemon Bay Historical Society invites the public to the Historic Green Street Church Museum on **Tuesday, November 16 at 7pm** for a special presentation on Charlotte County's 100th Anniversary. The speaker will be Dr. Jennifer Zoebelin, the historian for Charlotte County. Her presentation will celebrate Charlotte County's Centennial by examining its history before and after its creation in 1921, highlighting those individuals, places and events that have contributed to the county's development over the last 100 years. Passionate about

history since high school, Jennifer has worked for the New York Historical Society and the National Park Service. Admission is free, but donations for the upkeep of the iconic building located at 510 S. Indiana Avenue are greatly appreciated. For more information on Charlotte County's Centennial, visit: www.charlottecounty100.com. For more information on the historic Green Street Church, visit: lemonbayhistory.com.

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at englewoodbeachwaterfest.com. Tickets may also be purchased at select businesses around Englewood. The two-day ticket pass includes parking and bus transportation. Children under 12 are free with a paying adult but will need a children's ticket. Warning: There will be no parking at Englewood Beach. Find the complete schedule, parking lots for bus transportation, and more information at englewoodbeachwaterfest.com.

Venice Isle Estate Craft Show
 Don't miss the annual estate craft show at Venice Isle Estates on **Saturday, November 20, 9am to 2pm**. Spend the morning browsing through the 58 vendors. No admission charge. A light breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase. Venice Isle Estates Clubhouse 2 is located at 600 Cortina Blvd. in Venice.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner
 Gulf Cove United Methodist Church will serve a free Thanksgiving dinner for the community on **Thursday, November 25, from noon until 3pm**. Enjoy turkey and all the traditional fixings. Because of the pandemic, this year's dinner will be by drive-thru only; there will be no seating inside the church. Just pull up in the drive-thru lane and request the number of dinners you need! Church members will miss speaking with you over the dinner table, but blessings will be with you wherever you go. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road, Port

and serving free fresh coffee, donuts, pastries & trail mix. Then at **noon**, stay and enjoy a no cost meal of Southern fried chicken with all the trimmings, soft drinks & water, and anniversary cake at the picnic area under the oaks. Fellowship Church is located at 140 Rotonda Blvd. West, in the bullseye of Rotonda. For more information, please call **475-7447** or you can log on to www.fcenglewood.com.

Englewood Beach Waterfest
 November brings the return of the annual Englewood Beach Waterfest, **Thursday through Sunday, November 18-21**, at various locations around Englewood. The PowerUp Pre-Race Party takes place at the Lighthouse Grill, 260 Maryland Avenue, on **Thursday, November 18, 5 to 10pm**. This official pre-race party is open to the public and offers a chance for race fans to mingle with OPA boat drivers and officials. Live music provided by a local band

TBA. For more information, call **828-1368**. The Waterfest Block Party is the following evening on **Friday, November 19, 5 to 9pm**, at the Englewood Shopping Center, 262 S. Indiana Avenue. See the race boats on display and enjoy some great food, drinks, and live music. **Saturday & Sunday, November 20 & 21** are the Offshore Power Association (OPA) powerboat races, **10am to 4pm**, on Englewood Beach. The winners of these OPA races will be the 2021 world champions. Visit the Family Conservation Center in the Englewood Beach parking lot. Sponsored by Mote Marine, there will be exhibits by Mote Marine, FWC, Peace River Wildlife Center, Josh the Otter, Lemon Bay Conservancy, Friends of Stump Pass, and others. Children will also enjoy face painting, sand art, a scavenger hunt, boat building, photo booth, and the Butterfly Encounter. Purchase your tickets now online at the early bird price of \$20 (\$25 at the gate)



Englewood Bank & Trust once again is a proud participant in the Marine Corps Reserve's annual Toys for Tots campaign. Residents are invited to bring unwrapped toys to any branch during business hours **through Thursday, December 2**. Volunteers will distribute toys to less fortunate children throughout the area. Office hours are **9am to 4 pm Monday-Thursday and 9am to 5pm Friday** at three of the four branches: Main, 1111 S. McCall Road; Gulf Cove, 12651 S. McCall Road; and Rotonda/Cape Haze, 8725 Placida Road #10. The Boca Grande office, 302 Park Ave., opens at **8am Monday through Friday** and closes at the same time as the other branches. Toys should be valued at \$10 or more. Less expensive items are accepted and will be used as stocking stuffers. Toys for Tots is among America's top-rated charities. The program is run totally by volunteers under the leadership of the United States Marine Corps Reserve. The Toys for Tots motto is: "Every child deserves a little Christmas." For more information, visit www.toysfortots.org. Photo: Retail Operations Manager Caren Moody, left, and Retail Banking Office, Vice President Michelle Ravagni, display toys collected for the Toys for Tots campaign last year at the main office of Englewood Bank & Trust.

Charlotte, just ¼ mile south of the Myakka River. For questions, call **697-1747**.

RW Lighting & Boat Parade
 Rotonda West will kick off the holiday season on **Saturday,**

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Englewood Sailing Association held an Adult Learn to Sail Class recently at their sailing center at Indian Mound Park on Lemon Bay. The students, 19 in all, were taught the basic elements of sailing on the water in small boats by knowledgeable members. The instructors strive to make the class a pleasant experience for the students. Photo: Rainer Dehe, a member instructor, demonstrated handling the tiller as the students gathered around to learn. For more information about ESA, check their website at englewoodsailing.org.

Rotonda West Women's Club, and hot cocoa. A special guest in a red suit will also make an appearance.

Holiday Arts & Craft Show
The Annual Holiday Arts and Craft Show at Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Road, is returning on **Saturday, December 4** from **9am to 2pm**. It will be an indoor show offering 120+ indoor tables. Concessions will be available along with free admission and parking for shoppers. Shoppers are encouraged to bring a teddy bear to benefit the local nonprofit called "The Teddy Bear Project", or an unwrapped toy for the *Breakfast with Santa* event to be held at Laurel Park on **Saturday,**

December 18. For more information, call **861•5000**.

New Online Resource for Veterans

Sarasota County Libraries now offer the Brainfuse's VetNow™ program. This website supports the community's veterans and their families by providing them with academic tutoring services, employment transition assistance, and help in navigating the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) bureaucracy. Patrons can access VetNow™ from any computer or mobile device **daily, 2 to 11pm**. To learn more and explore how the site can help you, go to www.brainfuse.com/highed/helpNow.asp? If you have

questions, contact your local Sarasota County library. Elsie Quirk Library can be reached at **861•1225**.

Free Passport Photos for Veterans

In honor of National Veterans and Military Families Month, Roger D. Eaton, Charlotte County Clerk of the Circuit Court & County Comptroller, is offering **FREE** passport photos to all Veterans and Active Military Personnel for the **month of November**. Please visit the office on the second floor of the Justice Center, Official Records Division, located at 350 E. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, or visit CharlotteClerk.com.

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Historical Englewood Tours

Want to learn more about Englewood's history? The Englewood Museum offers tours of some of Englewood's historical sites in the downtown area via golf cart on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30am**. The one-hour tour starts & ends at the Old Florida Outdoor Center & Gallery, 463 W. Dearborn Street. Maximum six people per tour with \$5 donation per person. RSVP by calling Old Florida Outdoor Center & Gallery at **460•1561**.



Holiday Parade Entries Sought! Rotonda West has announced "Santa Paws" as the theme for their annual Holiday Parade. The Englewood community is invited to enter a unit to be part of the festivities on **Saturday, December 4, starting at 2pm**. There is no entry fee. Prizes and trophies will be awarded afterwards. Information about parade entries can be found at www.rotondawest.org. Under Applications & Forms, scroll down until you see Parade where you will find the necessary information and registration link. The deadline for parade entries is **Thursday, November 18 at 5pm**. The parade will travel along Rotonda Circle through the Pebble Beach, Pinehurst, and Broadmoor sections to the Rotonda West Community Center at 646 Rotonda Circle. The after party for prizes will be held at the Community Center, and food & drink will be available for purchase. The public is invited to view the parade along the route and welcome to bring canned good/nonperishable food items and pet supplies as part of the collection drive for Englewood Helping Hand and for Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary (E.A.R.S.) during the parade. Rain date is **Sunday, December 5 at 2pm**. Photo by David Pulaski.

Water Conservation Encouraged

Sarasota County's Public Utilities Department is asking the community to conserve water. According to Public Utilities Director Mike Mylett, there is ample water supply for customers in unincorporated Sarasota County. But, as Florida moves into the dry season, conservation will help ease any potential impacts to the system. "Our customers do not need to worry about a water shortage. We are simply asking them to

partner with us by using best conservation practices," he said. The Peace River Manasota Regional Supply Authority, which serves Charlotte, Desoto, and Sarasota counties, along with the City of North Port, announced their water treatment facility is being impacted due to rehabilitation work, which began in spring. That, combined with multiple utilities making repairs to their distribution systems and increased water demand, is why they are asking all their regional customers to conserve water. Water conservation tips and online learning courses by UF/IFAS Extension are available at sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu and search for water conservation tips. For additional information, call the Sarasota County Contact Center or visit scgov.net.

Caring & Sharing

Give Back to Englewood Drive

On **Saturday, November 13 from 10am to 4pm**, Grande Aire Services, Inc. is hosting a "Give Back to Englewood Drive" at their Englewood office (1606 Faust Dr.), which consists of a blood drive through One Blood (the Big Red Bus), as well as the Jubilee Center Thanksgiving Food Drive. Anyone who donates to the food drive and gives blood on that Saturday will receive a Thanksgiving Feast plate of food provided by several local businesses and Rotary clubs. Additionally, One Blood is also giving away a \$10 gift card and blanket. For more information, contact Linda Fugitt at **964•1142** or email lindaf@grandeaire.com.

Thanksgiving Dinner Items Sought

The Jubilee Center, St. David's Episcopal Church, is collecting donations for their client families in need to receive a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Last year, over 130 boxes were given away and the need is great again this year. The following items are being collected for Thanksgiving boxes: 3-4 lb turkey breast (for family size 2-3), 8-10 lb turkey (for family 4-6 or more), 15 oz can sweet potatoes, 15 oz can white potatoes, boxed stuffing (turkey or cornbread), canned cranberry sauce or jelly, instant mashed potatoes (any size), olives (black or green), pickles (any kind) and mayonnaise. Donations may be dropped off at the Jubilee Center, 401 S. Broadway, from **10am to noon on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday**; however, if this



Women's Resource Center (WRC) launches the second year of its Wonder Women Collective initiative with a live event featuring Game On Nation, a Bradenton-based firm that uses improvisation, game dynamics and role playing to open doors of authentic communication. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency, 1000 Blvd of the Arts in Sarasota, on **Thursday, December 2, 4 to 7pm**. "Every woman has heroic potential, and that untapped power is the inspiration behind the WRC's Wonder Women Collective," according to Ashley Brown, WRC's President and CEO, "The Collective brings together diverse voices with different experiences and perspectives to build unity and create conversations that engage, support, inspire and challenge." Tickets for the season launch event are \$50 and include complimentary appetizers and drinks. All proceeds directly support the programs of the Women's Resource Center. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.mywrc.org/collective/ or contact Anne Carter at **256•9721** or acarter@mywrc.org.

time does not work, please call **681•3550** to arrange a specific day/time. As always, anything is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Toys for Tots Tailgate Party

Tailored Inspections will host

the 3rd Annual Toys for Tots Tailgate on **Friday, December 10, 11am-1pm** at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited to swing by and donate new, unwrapped toys to help fill up a truck bed for local



Tai Chi can positively influence the rest of your life. This flowing-movement Chinese martial art form boosts immunity, improves muscle strength, balance, and flexibility, while also reducing stress and lowering blood pressure. Beginner classes meet on Fridays, 10 to 11 am, at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Avenue. Pay \$5 at the door; masks optional; no proof of vaccination needed. A class is also available in Venice at the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Avenue on **Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:30am** (cost \$6). Call Susan **828•2688** or Nancy **492•2167** for questions. Pictured here are Jo, Susan (instructor), and Linda.



Fifth Third Bank is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast for its annual Giving Tree Toy Drive campaign. The Giving Tree Toy Drive program is running now through Friday, December 3rd. Each Fifth Third Financial Center in the South Florida region will host a "Giving Tree" decorated with gift tags with specific information that pertains to the need of a child in the community. Your donation of a gift or gift card will help make a difference and ensure a brighter holiday season for the underserved youth in the community. Joy Mahler, President/CEO Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, states, "Our Fifth Third Bank partner is a champion and a connector for children throughout our ten-county footprint." To find the nearest location, visit 53.com. The Englewood location is 1550 Placida Road near Bealls and can be reached at 473-9762. Photo: Cindy Schindler, Lead Customer Service Representative, and Dave Norris, Financial Center Manager with Fifth Third Bank alongside the Giving Tree.

kids. The goal is to fill the truck in two hours – will you help do it? Charles Miller, owner of Tailored Inspections, will be grilling hot dogs in the parking lot for anyone that would like to "tailgate" and have a bite to eat. The Chamber, 601 S. Indiana Avenue, is once again a drop off location for Toys for Tots and is currently accepting donations. The office is open Monday-Friday, 9am-4:30pm. For questions, call 474-5511.

Wreath Sponsors Needed
Gulf Pines Memorial Park, an official Wreaths Across America (WAA) location, will host a wreath-laying ceremony, joining more than 2,500 other locations across the country for National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 18 at noon. Coordinated and led by local volunteers, they are currently raising funds to sponsor the placement of 1,350 veterans' wreaths on the headstones of the fallen service members laid to rest in Englewood. This annual event seeks to further the WAA mission of Remember, Honor, Teach, ensuring that the memory

of those who served this country endures. To sponsor a wreath, please stop by the Englewood

Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue or Gulf Pines Memorial Park, 2401 Englewood Road. You may also reach out to Holly Coleman at 474-2413 or Catalina Bakas at 207-752-7797 for sponsorship or volunteer opportunities.

Holiday Wreaths for Veterans
On Saturday, December 18 at noon, Wreaths Across America will be at the Lemon Bay Cemetery, 500 S. Indiana Avenue, to Remember and Honor this nation's veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of America's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud. The goal is to raise enough funds to place 139 wreaths on the headstone of the veterans buried there. Those interested in volunteering for Wreaths Across America or sponsoring a wreath for Lemon Bay Cemetery are invited to visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/47689 to learn more. National Wreaths Across America Day is a free, non-political, community event open to all people. For questions, contact Ryan Allain at 571-382-8061.

Sports

Englewood Turkey Trot 5K
Enjoy your Thanksgiving feast guilt free after starting the day at the annual Englewood Turkey Trot 5K on Thursday,

November 25 from 7:30 to 9am. The 5K run/walk is held at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Drive. Enjoy the route through Oyster Creek Environmental Park on well-maintained paths. Advance registration online at www.active.com is \$15 adult, \$5 child with goodie bags to the first 200 people registered. Event day registration starts at 6:30am for

\$20 adult, \$5 child. This fun event benefits the Englewood Area Cancer Foundation. For questions, call Real Bikes Englewood at 445-7325. Event sponsors are Real Bikes-Englewood, Amberjack Sanitation, and Erin Halstead-Realtor®-Michael Saunders & Company.



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include emotional attachment to a home, the current economic climate, and the cost of real estate. Current data points to a greater propensity for people to invest and improve upon their current properties rather than trading up for something new.

According to information collected by John Burns Real Estate Consulting, the percentage

of homeowners moving up to their next home is the lowest in 25 years. Many are opting to make starter homes permanent by expanding them and repairing homes for the long haul.

The National Association of Realtors said that, between 1987 and 2008, home buyers stayed in their homes an average of six years before selling. Since 2010, however, NAR says the average expected length of time people will stay in their homes before selling is now 15 years.

Part of what’s fueling this permanency is that many home buyers were able to acquire rock-bottom mortgage interest rates shortly after the 2008

recession. As a result, they’re not inclined to walk away from those rates, even if doing so means getting more house. Also, a low inventory of available houses has stymied repeat buying for many people.

Those factors and others have led many homeowners to invest in renovations instead. The experts at Bankrate say realistic budgeting and comparing renovation project costs against mortgages and interests rates can further help individuals decide whether to remain in their current homes or move out. Very often a smarter layout and more efficient



Many people now opt to stay in their homes and improve their properties rather than move out.

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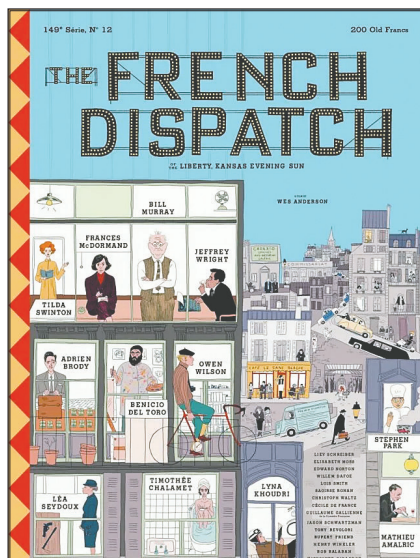
by Amanda Glam

There were just a handful of moviegoers at the Spotlight Theatre in Venice for the Sunday showing of *The French Dispatch* (R). Originally scheduled for a May 2020 release, it's the tenth movie from writer/director Wes Anderson and his first live-action feature since 2014's *The Grand Budapest Hotel*.

There is no mistaking a Wes Anderson film for the work of any other filmmaker. His movies are meticulously crafted, almost staged, with arresting visuals, choreographed action and an evocative mix of intense color, black and white and animated imagery. He's worked with the same cinematographer since his first film *Bottle Rocket*. He's just as loyal to his actors. His regulars Bill Murray, Tilda Swinton, Edward Norton, Jason Schwartzman and Adrien Brody are all here along with several dozen others. Alexandre Desplat, who won an Oscar for scoring *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, is also back.

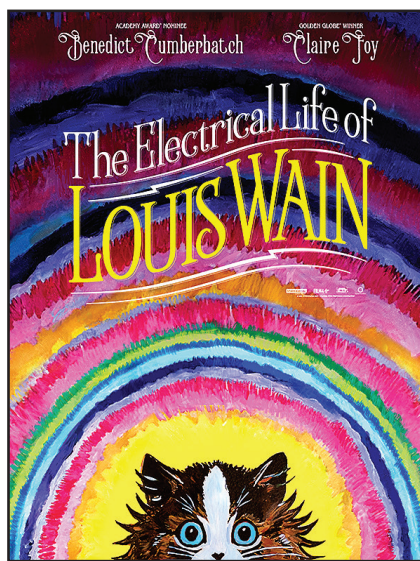
When publisher Arthur Horowitz, Jr. (Bill Murray) dies, the *French Dispatch*, a *New Yorker*-esque magazine based in Ennui sur-Blaise, France, will also cease publication. The movie is presented as a series of three vignettes, stories the *Dispatch* writers filed for the final issue.

Tilda Swinton, who for some reason just has to wear fake teeth in Anderson's movies, is the art critic who writes about a murderer/artist (Benicio Del Toro), who is inspired to paint by a prison guard (Lea Seydoux from *No Time to Die*). His paintings attract the attention of a gallery owner (Adrien Brody) and his uncles, (Yes, that's Henry Winkler). Then we meet a very monotone Frances McDormand, who plays a no-nonsense writer covering student revolutionaries, in what I felt was the least successful of the stories. In the final piece, Jeffrey Wright (also from *No Time to Die*) is a food writer who gets caught up in a kidnapping and shoot-out while writing about a prison chef.



I enjoy Anderson's unique and slightly quirky aesthetic, but his films can be overwhelming. There is so much to take in visually and there are so many players that actors like Christoph Waltz and Saoirse Ronan barely get any screen time. The dialogue is so artfully crafted and dense, the actors can come off as stilted. The exceptions are Murray and Owen Wilson, two of the most chill actors working today. Still, with all the derivative drivel out there, I'll take Anderson's unique look at the world any day.

The French Dispatch



I love it when a movie introduces me to a real-life character or story I knew nothing about, hence *The Electrical Life of Louis Wain*. I mean how could I resist this description, “The true story of eccentric British artist Louis Wain whose playful, psychedelic pictures transformed

the public's perception of cats forever.” And it stars Benedict Cumberbatch AND is free on Amazon Prime. Sign me up.

While there are plenty of cute cats and kittens, this movie is no fairy tale. Louis lives with his mother and five sisters, none of whom are in a hurry to get married. He's a bit odd and unhappy until he meets a woman ten years older than he is and from the wrong social circle, which in the early 1900s England, does not go over well. When his wife (Claire Foy) becomes ill, Louis, an illustrator, starts drawing pictures of their cat to cheer her up. Soon, his cat drawings are everywhere and people start thinking, “Hey, maybe cats aren't evil and it wouldn't be the worst thing to have one or two in my home.”

But there's that family thing again. Wain's mother and sisters are counting on the only man in the family to support them. Sadly, while his paintings are selling, Wain is really bad with money and he is experiencing symptoms of mental illness. The more he loses touch with reality, the wilder his cat drawings get.

Cumberbatch is terrific as the brilliant and tortured artist with a fondness for felines. He instantly makes you care about his character. You want Louis to be happy but you know that's not going to happen. The movie glosses over Wain's later life, but it was pretty grim. There is a lovely scene toward the end of the movie that ties back to an earlier scene that may or may not have happened, but made me happy. And can I just say that Cumberbatch sports some of the best old-age makeup I've seen in years. *The Electrical Life of Louis Wain*, is a fascinating true story with a stellar performance and adorable cats. It's worth checking out.

The Electrical Life of Louis Wain



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Hermitage Presents Sound & Color

The Hermitage Artist Retreat announces a new series: "Hermitage @ The Bay!" that takes place at The Bay's Civic Green on the north side of the Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. The first program, *Sound and Color*, is scheduled for **Thursday, November 18 at 5pm**. You are invited to join Hermitage fellows Jared Miller (composer) and Iva Gueorguieva (painter & sculptor) as they share their latest work and speak about their process. Miller's contemporary classical compositions range from the fast-paced rhythms of basketball to the seismic shifts everywhere. Gueorguieva's art has been celebrated as "the optical equivalent of surround sound" with a "perpetual suddenness" (LA Times). Register at www.hermitageartistretreat.org. \$5 per person fee. These events will be held outdoors and will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. Capacity will be limited, and registered guests will be notified of the plans within 24 hours of the event.



Punta Gorda Symphony celebrates a return to the concert hall on **Sunday, November 21, 7:30pm**, with a mix of well-known classics and newer works: the music of Giuseppe Verdi, Paul Creston's "Marimba Concertino," "Danzon No. 2" by living composer Arturo Márquez, and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 2." Most notably, Punta Gorda Symphony features its Principal Percussionist Dean Anderson (pictured here) as a soloist on Paul Creston's "Marimba Concertino." "I'm very interested in people seeing and hearing the marimba," Dean Anderson says. "Our audiences do not very commonly know it because when you look at the back of the orchestra in the percussion section, it isn't always there. This piece presents the instrument as a nice solo voice, and I hope I do it justice." Tickets are \$65 adult and \$15 youth. For more information, visit PGSymphony.org/performances or call **205-5996**. Charlotte Performing Arts Center is located 701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda.

PG Symphony Enrichment Programs

Punta Gorda Symphony is resuming activities of two popular adult enrichment programs: the *Composers Luncheons* organized and run by its volunteer affiliate group Symphony Friends, and the *Behind the Notes* lecture series featuring Maestro Raffaele Livio Ponti and guest musicians. *Behind the Notes* features a lively and informative lecture by Maestro Ponti and an appearance by a guest musician who will be on stage during the next concert. Topics often include a composer's artistic themes, distinguishing characteristics of their work, or comparisons of different conductors' recordings of the same piece of music. Always on display is Maestro Ponti's renowned brand of humor and wit. *Behind the Notes* takes place on Fridays, just days prior to a concert, with the first on **November 19 at 4pm**. The program will take place at Florida Southwestern State College Charlotte Campus, Rush Auditorium, 26300 Airport Road, Punta Gorda. Tickets



Artist Series Concerts welcomes the holidays with "Frisson," a dynamic ensemble made up of seven young master musicians performing together under the artistic direction of oboist Thomas Gallant, himself an acclaimed artist who the *New Yorker* has hailed as "a player who unites technical mastery with intentness, charm and wit." The holiday program features such classical and classic holiday favorites as "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," "O Come All Ye Faithful," selections from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," their own arrangements of selections from Handel's "Messiah" and Vivaldi's "Gloria," and more. The concert takes place on **Sunday, December 5, 7pm**, at the Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota. Tickets are \$20-\$55 and are available online at www.ArtistSeriesConcerts.org or by calling **306-1202, weekdays, 10am to 4pm**.

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weekend, with the next one for **Thursday, December 9 at 11:30am**. The luncheon will be held at the Punta Gorda Woman's Club, 118 Sullivan Street, Punta Gorda. \$20 ticket includes lunch. Call **205-5996** to RSVP and pay at door.

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Urbanite Theatre presents *At the Wake of a Dead Drag Queen* by Terry Guest, now running **through Sunday, December 5**. In rural Georgia, drag star Courtney Berringers (given name: Anthony Knighton) would like to welcome you to her wake. She has recently died from complications due to AIDS, you see. But make no mistake, this isn't your grandma's funeral. There will be no black, frocks, no perfumed flowers, and definitely no crying: this is a celebration! Performance times are **Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30pm with weekend matinees at 2pm**. Tickets are \$36 regular, \$20 under 40, and \$5 students. Purchase tickets

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Coming: the Elvira 40 Tour
There are still tickets available for the Oak Ridge Boys Concert presented by Charlotte Players on **Monday, March 28 at 7:30pm**. The *Elvira 40 Tour* concert will be held at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. The tour by these legendary acts of southern gospel music is named *Elvira 40* since that signature

album was released 40 years ago. Tickets range from \$59 to \$79 for preferred VIP. To find out more and purchase tickets, go to www.charlotteplayers.org or call 255•1022.

Augmented Reality Exhibit
The most ambitious and expansive exhibition to date of contemporary artworks created with augmented reality (AR) technology is viewable now **until August 2022** at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens' Historic Spanish Point campus, one of 12 participating gardens

across six countries. *Seeing the Invisible: An Augmented Reality Contemporary Art Exhibit* features works by more than a dozen international artists such as Ai Weiwei, Refik Anadol, El Anatsui, Isaac Julien CBE, Mohammed Kazem, Sigalit Landau, Sarah Meyohas, Pamela Rosenkranz, and Timur Si-Qin—including several artists' first work in AR. The first exhibition of its kind to be developed as a collaboration among botanical gardens around the world, *Seeing the Invisible* was initiated by the

Jerusalem Botanical Gardens and Outset Contemporary Art Fund, and is co-curated by Hadas Maor and Tal Michael Haring, with support of the Jerusalem Foundation. Visitors will engage with *Seeing the Invisible* via an app designed for the exhibition downloadable to smartphones and tablets. It is recommended that you download the app prior to arrival and your cell phone battery is fully charged. Ticket prices for nonmembers are \$15 adult and \$10 for ages 5 to 17. Historic Spanish Point is located

at 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey. For more information and ticket purchase, go to www.selby.org.

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Keeping UP with KIDS

Kids' Craft Grab & Go

Englewood Charlotte Library offers Kids' Grab & Go Crafts. Children, ages 5 to 12, can discover and explore different art mediums and create something cool for Native American Heritage Month! These take-home craft kits can be picked up at the library, 3450 N. Access Road, starting on **Friday, November 12** while supplies last. For more information, call the library at **681-3736**.

Teens' Craft Grab & Go

Teens, ages 12 to 18, can pick up a Teens' Craft Grab & Go at the Englewood Charlotte Library starting on **Friday, November 19** while supplies last. Explore different art mediums and create something cool at home for Native American Heritage Month! The library is located at 3450 N. Access Road. Call **681-3736** for questions.

Dog Tales

On **Saturday, November 27** from **2 to 4pm**, kids can come to the Englewood Charlotte Library and read with the dogs! Children, ages four and up, can practice their reading skills by reading to a certified therapy dog in a fun and low-pressure environment.



Joey Sacco – Boys Swimming



Meghan Brown – Girls Swimming

The Lemon Bay High School Athletic Department has announced their October 2021 Athletes of the Month. Congratulations to **Meghan Brown** and **Joey Sacco**! Senior **Meghan Brown** is an outstanding swimmer and student athlete on the Girls Swimming team. She led the girls team this year in points. Meghan had fantastic swims in her individual events at districts and regionals this month and qualified for the state meet in a very challenging region recently. Meghan has made States every year of her high school career. **Joey Sacco**, a senior on the Boys Swimming team, was chosen because he, too, is an outstanding swimmer and student athlete, as well as senior leader of the boys team this year. He led the boys team this year

in points. Joey had fantastic swims this past month at the district and regional meet. He qualified for States in a very challenging region in both of his individual events. Joey has been a member of the state team for his entire high school career. Chosen for Honorable Mention for the month of October are **Sophia Cherniak**, senior on the Girls Cross Country team; **Haley Gulsby** and **Marie L'Abbe**, both seniors on the Girls Golf team; Volleyball players **Gabi Crespo** (Senior), **Taylor Orris** (Sophomore), **Kendall Steinert** (Senior), **Brooke Andrews** (Senior), **Ocean Roth** (Sophomore), **Presley Engelauf** (Junior), **Riley Thibideau** (Junior), and **Elexis Lamparello** (Senior); **Bryce Noll**, senior on the Boys Golf team; **Becket Koss**, junior in Boys Swimming; and **Gabe Dickerson**, junior and **Jason Hogan**, senior, in football. 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.

segov.net/parks. If you would like to donate a toy for the event, the Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Road, is accepting toy donations. Registration closes on **Friday, December 10**, or when maximum enrollment is reached, so register today to ensure a spot for your children.

Adopted – 53 Kids to Get Forever Homes!

Good News for regional foster care children in need of a new home during National Adoption Awareness Month! Adoption hearings will be conducted in Charlotte, Collier and Lee counties during November to give 53 children a forever home as their adoptions are finalized during National Adoption Awareness Month. In Charlotte County, adoption finalization hearings will begin on **Monday, November 15th** for seven children who will be adopted by four families. Currently there are 227 children waiting for adoption. If you would like to find out more about adopting a child through Children's Network of SWFL, contact the agency at **855-933-KIDS** to learn what is needed to get involved.

Please visit the library, 3450 N. Access Road, to register for a 15-minute time slot or call **681-3736**.

Breakfast with Santa
Sarasota County invites you

to their Breakfast with Santa event, which will take place at Laurel Park, 509 Collins Road in Nokomis. This free event will be on **Saturday, December 18** from **10am-noon** for children ages 12 & under. The event features

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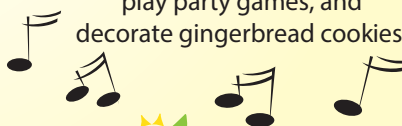


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The Charlotte Community Foundation (CCF) recently donated \$2,600 to the Charlotte County Imagination Library (CCIL), a nonprofit that provides free books to preschool age children whose parents or guardians register them. The gift is earmarked to increase the number of children in the program and enhance the CCIL's participation in Arts in the Park, a collaborative effort designed for families. "Dolly Parton's vision when she established her Imagination Library program in 1996 has come alive in Charlotte County," said CCIL Managing Director, Christine Zimmer, Ed.D. "Since our first books were mailed in March 2012, almost 129,000 books have gone out to the preschool age children in our community. The generosity of the CCF donors will provide free monthly books to 104 children over the next year," she added. "The books will be mailed directly to the children, in their own names. Parents report how much their little ones love getting mail and, when each new book arrives, they beg for it to be read to them over and over." For registration and additional information, visit the CCIL website at www.charlottecountyimaginationlibrary.org.



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Ella Extejt portrays Miss Scarlett in the murder mystery "Clue."



Lemon Bay High School Theatre Thespian Troupe #0257 presents "Clue" on stage **Thursday through Sunday, November 18-21**. The play is adapted from the screen play by Jonathan Lynn, the Paramount Pictures film, and the board game from Hasbro. Six guests, strangers to each other, attend a dinner party at an isolated mansion where their host, Mr. Boddy, admits to blackmailing the attendees. When Mr. Boddy turns up dead, the guests try to figure out the killer while knowing they are all potential suspects. Bryan Fernandez plays Colonel Mustard, Ella Extejt is Miss Scarlett, Tristen Sasser is Mr. Green, Jady Wilson plays Mrs. White, Jessica Lince is Mrs. Peacock and Trace Richardson portrays Professor Plum. Performances are **Thursday through Saturday evening at 7pm and Sunday at 2pm**. Ticket prices are \$15 adult and \$7.50 child. For more information and tickets, visit lbhstheatre.net/tickets or call **474-7702, ext. 7395**. Lemon Bay Performing Arts Center is located at 2201 Placida Road.

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The Butterfly Encounter

Englewood Beach Waterfest from the Kids' Angle

By Donna deWitt-Schnell

There is a fun place for kids at the Waterfest this year.

Englewood Beach Waterfest is giving a loud shout-out to families with kids. Not only will boats be running at the Waterfest, but a lot of learning will be happening, too. The Family Conservation Center will be the hub of these learning activities. Their 20' x 40' tent will be located at the north end of Englewood Beach between the basketball court and the restrooms, and will house many marine based activities.

The tent, sponsored by Ron and Matt Smith of State Farm Insurance, will be shared with Mote Marine Aquarium. Mote will be setting up six exhibits designed to educate and entertain visitors about our amazing marine life and their habitats. With over 8,000 miles of coastline in Florida, no Floridian is far from marine life activity. If you are curious about sharks, rays, dolphins, manatees and other Gulf aquatic life, you can expect to gain more knowledge about Gulf creatures, our beautiful waterways, and how to protect them.

Besides Mote, the Family Conservation Center will house other kid-friendly events. Under the direction of Dana Lutz, co-owner of Thoroughbred Carts, visitors can plan on having plain ol' fun mingled with more learning. One featured exhibit is The Eye On Nature. This table, developed through the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce, will introduce kids to local wildlife through a literary turtle mascot named Scout. He is the lead character in the locally written book, *The Adventures of Scout: Turtle Tales*. Sarasota resident Lucy Beebe Tobias authored the book, and Englewood artist Becky Barbier created the charming illustrations. The 16 page illustrated book is part of a kit that also includes a cloth backpack, a journal, a pen for



field studies, a metal Eye On Nature medallion, and a pewter sea turtle pin. These kits will be for sale at the tent.

Another exhibit, The Butterfly Encounter, will bring in a large screened-in tent that will house free-flying butterflies. This family owned and operated exhibit, out of Springhill, Florida, is brought to you by Jason and Deborah Lurie. While in the free-flying butterfly tent, children will be able to hold feeding sticks tipped with nectar and offer the nourishment to the butterflies. Are butterflies mammals, reptiles, or insects? Learn about them, their life cycle, and how to best protect them. Come and immerse yourself into the beautiful world of butterflies. On Sunday, the butterfly tent is opened up and all the butterflies are released.

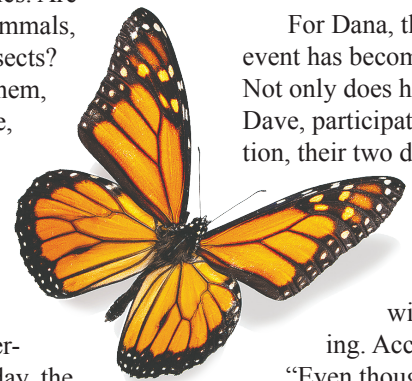
The Rotary Club of Englewood invites you to learn about Josh The Otter while visiting the tent. He is an otter with a special life saving mission: water safety. In book format, Josh teaches children what to do if they are in trouble in the water and how to help a friend in trouble, too. Both open water and pools are covered in the book. The Rotary Club's table will have a to-go bag filled with Josh's items: the *Josh the Baby Otter* book, a coloring book, stickers, a magnet for the car and a flyer about free swim lessons at the YMCA. This is for all children 18 and under need-

ing swim lessons in Englewood, North Port and Port Charlotte. Activities are planned to keep the kids entertained: coloring, ring toss, candy/snacks. The book will be read every hour on the hour from 11:00 to 3:00. With the abundance of water everywhere in Florida, water safety is a priority.

A face painting booth, as well as a photo booth, will both give and get bright smiles. According to Lutz, "These are all free activities with the purchase of a general admission ticket. Children under 12 are free. It's a great deal for two days. It's \$20 for the early bird ticket when bought online at www.Englewoodbeach-waterfest.com. Kids can revisit the tent as many times as they want. If they want a second face or arm painting or another photo, the admission ticket is great for repeat visits."

For Dana, this Waterfest event has become a family affair. Not only does her husband, Dave, participate in the organization, their two daughters are also involved. They will help at the gate and in the activity tent with face painting. According to Lutz, "Even though the tents are geared for children, everyone of any age can benefit from visiting. Learn about our beaches, our waters, our wildlife and how to protect them."

The 2020 Englewood Beach Waterfest was canceled last year due to Covid. This year it is roaring back with the expectation of over 40,000 visitors. The committee has worked hard to create a memorable Waterfest weekend for everyone. Grab your sunscreen, energy, and love of the great experiences that are found here in the waters of southwest. See you there!



Club Chatter

LBWC Fall Bazaar

The Lemon Bay Woman's Club (LBWC) will hold its Annual Fall Bazaar **Friday & Saturday, November 12-13 from 9am until 2pm** at the clubhouse at 51 N. Maple St, on the corner of Maple and Coconut Streets. The bazaar features handmade Christmas items, knit items, one-of-a-kind craft items, handmade Christmas cards, stocking stuffers and many treasures. The highlight of the bazaar is the raffle of a beach theme queen-sized quilt and two holiday items. Raffle tickets are a \$3 donation, or 2 for \$5. Proceeds from the raffle help to fund scholarships for Lemon Bay High School students. The Bazaar proceeds go to local

charities and to the upkeep of the clubhouse, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Come browse and shop to pick up some useful items for yourself or as gifts. Masks are encouraged for this event.

RWWC Craft Bazaar

The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club is holding a Craft Bazaar on **Saturday, November 13 from 9am until 2pm** at the Rotonda West Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle. The Bazaar will feature Cookies by the Pound, Chinese Auction, Decorations, Christmas Gifts, Coastal Art, and much, much more. All items are handcrafted! Don't miss this fantastic event!

Pancake Breakfast

The Rotonda West American Legion Auxiliary Unit 113, 3436 Indiana Rd, Rotonda West, will host an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, November 14 from 8am to noon** at the Post. The breakfast is open to the public. Cost is \$8 per person and includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, one order of bacon or sausage, and coffee or hot tea. An order of hash browns can be purchased for \$1 and extra bacon or sausage is \$2 per order. Bloody Mary and Screwdriver drinks are available for \$1.75 each. For additional information, contact the Post at **697-3616**.

K of C Pancake Breakfast

Join family, neighbors, and guests in the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center, 5265 Placida Road, Grove City, for a delicious Sunday morning Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, November 14, 8:30-11:30am**. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, biscuits and gravy, coffee, orange juice and fellowship are



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Last year Deborah Hegedus, Past President of the Rotary Club of Englewood, reached out to Ferst Readers to partner in bringing books to local Englewood children as part of Rotary's literacy program. Through a Rotary District Grant, Foundations Early Learning Center at Englewood United Methodist Church began receiving an age-appropriate book and literacy resources monthly for every child, birth to five years old, as well as in their classroom in January at no cost to the families or Foundation. Now, almost one year into the project, the 1,000th book was mailed! The Gulf Coast Community Foundation has awarded funds to continue the partnership with Ferst Readers to provide books to the children and classrooms at Foundations Early Learning Center and hope to expand the program during 2022, with the help of the Rotary Club of Englewood and the local community. Locally, 67% of the school-age children in Charlotte County and almost 50% of the school-age children in Sarasota County are on Free and Reduced Lunch, so buying books is not a priority when families are struggling. Since a baby's brain is 85% developed by age three, it is important to have access to books which will help build background knowledge, vocabulary, and above all, a love of reading before the child enters kindergarten. Ferst Readers' vision is to create better learners, brighter futures, and stronger communities by giving every child under five access to quality books in their homes. If you would like to help Englewood's children turn into little readers one book at a time, please email Michelle Maddox, Ferst Readers Program Manager, at michelle@ferstreaders.org or call **706-818-6016**. You can also learn more about the program at www.ferstreaders.org.

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On Monday, October 18th, 23 members of Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710 learned how to aid and assist in saving lives. Jennifer McManus from Bayfront Health of Port Charlotte (pictured here) and assisted by members of the Rotonda Communities Emergency Response Team taught a class on Hands Only CPR and how to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) located in the Lodge. The AED talking unit is what prompted a member to seek out the training. Exalted Ruler Jean Humphreys saw this as an important part of the Lodge's operation. Members participated and asked many excellent questions about the changes in how CPR is administered today versus the last time they were taught. Jennifer explained that the biggest change is how compression only is taught, although mouth to mouth is still used in some rare occasions. Attendees were given practice opportunities on plastic bodies. Just on a side note, there are CPR playlists that give you examples of songs to hum to the beats needed to provide the compressions for proper CPR. "Staying Alive" may be the most appropriate. Rotonda Communities Emergency Response Team (CERT) is one of several CERT teams in Charlotte County, a non-profit (501c3) and a FEMA based organization that provides disaster relief coverage. For more information about CERT programs, contact RotondaCERT@gmail.com.

all on the menu. The cost for the all-you-can-eat breakfast is \$8. Kids under 12 eat free! Service personnel in uniform will be honored with a free meal to thank them for their service. Bring your fellowship and support the Knights of Columbus Council 7672 and Assembly 2782. The Knights' first principle is charity at home and in the community. Your participation provides funds for charities within the St. Francis of Assisi parish and in the community. God bless you for your support. Breakfasts are held on the **second Sunday of the month.**

Democratic Club Meeting
The Englewood Democratic Club will hold its monthly membership meeting on **Wednesday, November 17 at 5:30pm** at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue. Please note that the club meeting has been moved up one week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. This is the last of the three-part series devoted to the water system. There will be a presentation by Richard Whitman, PhD, State Science officer of the Democratic Environmental Caucus of Florida. Dr. Whitman is an internationally recognized expert in beach and shoreline ecology and has written over 150

widely cited publications. After 40 years of studying aquatic ecosystems as a university professor and federal scientist, he is now retired and living in Port Charlotte. He will discuss the groundwater and surface water contamination from phosphate mining and explain

the Heal Our Harbor initiative. In addition, the winners will be announced for the Small Business Empowerment Award which recognizes Englewood businesses that pursue Employee Satisfaction, Sustainability, or Community involvement. All like-minded, fully vaccinated



For those who love beautiful gardens - The Lemon Bay Garden Club 2021 Garden Tour and Fair will take place on **Friday & Saturday, November 19 and 20, between 9am and 3pm.** A presale event is planned at the Lemon Bay Garden Club, 480 Yale Street, on **Thursday, November 18, 9am to noon.** The tour features six area gardens to visit, and a Crafts Boutique and Cards Corner along with Gift Basket raffle held at the clubhouse. Ticket cost is \$15 for the Garden Tour. For ticket information, contact **474-9068.**

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Poinsettia Sale

This holiday season the Englewood Lions Club is partnering with Joe "Poinsettia Man" Covello to offer beautiful potted poinsettia plants to the community. In past years, the



The Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) have invited Jacqueline House of Safe Children Coalition, Inc to be their guest speaker at their monthly dinner meeting on **Tuesday, November 16** at the Plantation Golf and Country Club, 500 Rockley Blvd., Venice. The public is welcome to attend. Jacqueline House, Director of Philanthropy for Safe Children Coalition, Inc., is a native Floridian and South Florida transplant by way of Fort Myers. She arrived in Sarasota and at Safe Children's Coalition in October 2019. She brings with her over 10 years of nonprofit fundraising experience with non-profits in child welfare, education, and human services. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Central Florida, a Master of Business Administration from Hodges University, and is a Certified Fundraising Executive. She's excited about the work of Safe Children Coalition and getting to know her new Sarasota community. Dinner is \$26. For reservations and information on BPWEV, please go to www.bpwev.org.



"When in Need, Moose Help is Guaranteed." Janet Clark, former employee of Englewood Moose, is dealing with cancer and confined to a wheelchair. Janet made this sign up to thank Moose members Merle Kolberg, Tim Rupert, Newt Webb, and Kevin Clark for building her a ramp. Learn more about Englewood MooseLodge #1933 at www.englewoodmoose.org.



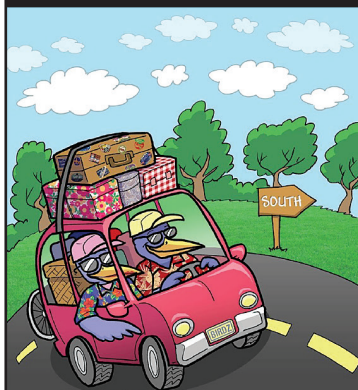
On November 2nd, Englewood Moose Lodge #1933 presented a \$2,000 check to L.A. Ainger Band Boosters. Accepting the check was Tim Ostrow, Director of Bands. Pictured (from L to R) are Mark Sipe, Newt Webb, Tim Ostrow, Bob Stayrook, and Jim Thompson. The focus of the Moose Lodge is to give back to the community.

Lions Club has donated more than \$13,000 in profits to worthy causes, most of them local. Poinsettia prices range from \$5 per four-inch pot to ten-inch pot at \$25. Winter Rose poinsettias are also available at \$10 for a six-inch pot. Price includes local delivery. Early ordering is encouraged, and delivery dates are between Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information and pricing, visit the web page: Englewoodfl-lionsclub.com. or contact Joe Covello at 320-8685 or poinsettiaman@gmail.com.

Please phone the listed numbers for confirmation and further information. If you have an upcoming event you would like to have considered for "Club Chat," please send info and/or photo to The Englewood

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Laurel Road SMH hospital opening soon

Sarasota Memorial Hospital–Venice is opening soon and is pleased to announce its inaugural team of physician leaders. The 13 physicians selected to serve on the Medical Executive Committee for Sarasota Memorial Hospital–Venice represent diverse specialties in both the Sarasota and Venice community. The

Florida state Agency for Health Care Administration completed its final licensing survey on November 2nd. As the hospital prepares to open this month, the physician leaders will serve an increasingly critical role in overseeing patient safety and the professional performance of the medical staff at the Venice hospital. Sarasota Memorial Health Care System Chief Medical Officer James Fiorica,

MD, will oversee the medical staffs at both the Sarasota and Venice campuses, with the assistance of SMH-Sarasota Associate Chief Medical Officer Joseph Seaman, MD, and SMH-Venice Associate Chief Medical Officer Kyle Garner, MD. The new hospital campus is located at 2600 Laurel Road East, North Venice. Phone: **261•9000**.

Ho Ho Ho – Santa’s Spirits Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for Englewood Community Services “Santa’s Sleigh of Spirits” raffle. The red wagon donated by Ron Smith State Farm Insurance is full with 25 bottles of spirits to make your holiday very merry indeed. The winner will be drawn live on Facebook **Friday, December 17** at the Englewood

Chamber of Commerce. The suggested ticket donation is \$20, and you must be 21 to purchase. Tickets may be purchased online at www.Englewoodchamber.com. For questions, call **474•5511**.

If you have an upcoming event you would like to have considered for “BIZ” please send info and/or photo to The Englewood REVIEW, 370 W Dearborn St, Suite B, Englewood, FL 34223 or englewoodreview@comcast.net.

These fine businesses have been recognized by the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce as Milestone Members.

*Congratulations to The Hills Country Club, one of the Rotonda Golf & Country Club courses. The Hills is recognized as an Englewood Chamber of Commerce Milestone Member with 30 years of Chamber membership. The Hills is located at 100 Rotonda Circle and offers 18-hole par 72 championship golf and an excellent restaurant for your dining pleasure. For more information, go to www.rotondagolf.com or call **697•2414**. Pictured here at the recognition ceremony are (l to r): Chamber Executive Director-Doug Izzo, The Hills General Manager-David Kelly & Membership Committee Member-Kendra Porter.*



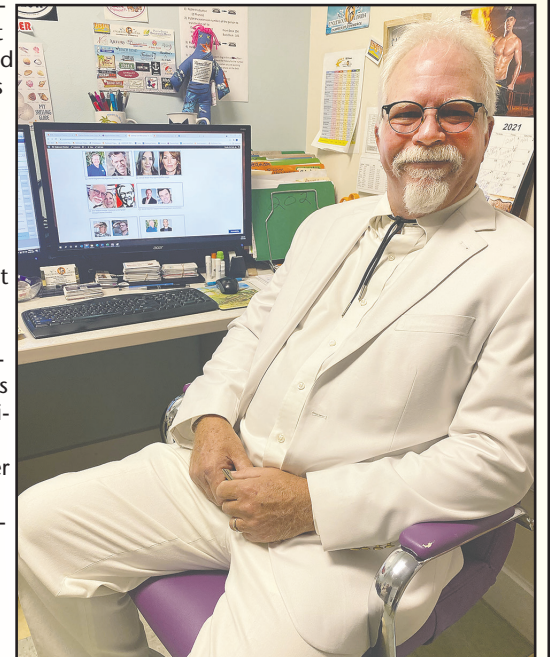
*Kirkey Roofing has been a Chamber member for 31 years but has been in business since 1951! Kirkey Roofing is located at 535 Paul Morris Drive. Call them at **474•2113** or go to www.kirkeyroofing.com. Pictured here are (l to r): Kristina Watts, Chamber representative; Steve*

Blanton-Production Manager; Dave Allison-Repair Specialist; Jimmy Collins-Superintendent; Cecilia Smith-Customer Care & Permitting; Josh Blanton-Repair Specialist; Melissa Benson-Accounting & Bookkeeping; Patty Squier-Corporate Secretary; Larry Cahill-Superintendent (over 30

years) is behind the truck; Craig Squier-President; Linda Hughes (front)-Field Coordinator; Sean Squier-VP Operations; Dustin Lagulli-Roofing Specialist (black shirt); Maria Cummings, Chamber representative; and Doug Izzo, Chamber CEO.

Chamber Celebrity Look-Alikes Contest Winners

The Englewood Chamber of Commerce held a Chamber Celebrity Look Alike Contest for the month of October. Only chamber members could be nominated, but the voting was open to the public. It was a huge success with 19 entries and 1390 votes. Coming in first place was Don Wilson of Xavier Financial Mortgage as Colonel Sanders with 335 votes. Second place was Dave Conti from Peacock Premier Properties, and third place was Caroline Clabaugh from the Boca Beacon. The winner not only has bragging rights but receives a trophy and a one-month ad on the Chamber’s digital billboard to promote his business. The contest was the brainchild of the Chamber’s Membership Coordinator, Kim Parks. “I am always looking at unique ways to promote our members and get people engaged. It’s just another reason the Englewood Chamber is seriously fun business,” said Parks. Visit the Chamber online at www.Englewoodchamber.com or stop by the office at 601 S. Indiana Avenue.



Colonel Sanders, aka Don Wilson of Xavier Financial Mortgage, won the Chamber Celebrity Look Alike Contest.



Tony Danza, aka Dave Conti of Peacock Properties, was the second-place winner.



Princess Diana, aka Caroline Clabaugh of the Boca Beacon, won third-place for this younger Caroline photo.

Englewood Bank & Trust Promotions

Englewood Bank & Trust recently promoted all five of its principal retail banking officers. New vice presidents are Michelle Ravagni and Kristina Watts, and new assistant vice presidents are Charlene Dorio, Alison Henderson, and Gretchen Holla. "These knowledgeable and talented women are committed to helping our customers reach their financial goals," said bank President Kevin Hagan. "They are leaders at the bank and in their communities. We appreciate each of them and congratulate them on this well-deserved recognition." For additional information about these extraordinary bankers, visit the "Meet the Team" page at www.engagewoodbank.com.



Vice President Michelle Ravagni is the Retail Banking Officer at the bank's Main office. She joined the bank in February of 2006 as a member of the Retail Support Team and was quickly moved into the Head Teller role. By mid-2007, she was promoted to Retail Banking Officer and manager of the Gulf Cove office, where she served until moving to the main office in January 2020 to assume the manager role.



Alison Henderson, in addition to being a new Assistant Vice President, is the Retail Banking Officer at the Rotonda/Cape Haze and Gulf Cove offices. Managing two offices at once is a testament to her banking knowledge, capabilities, and commitment to her customers and staff. She started at the bank in 2007 as a Teller at the Gulf Cove office and rapidly expanded her skills to the management level. She has great support at both locations she manages.



Assistant Vice President Charlene Dorio is a Retail Banking Officer, supervising the support team at Main office. Charlene joined the bank's retail team over 22 years ago and has demonstrated a strong commitment to serving her customers. She has been instrumental in training retail staff on systems, process changes and procedures to provide a consistent approach to the delivery of products and services in the Englewood market area.



Vice President Kristina Watts, who serves as the bank's Business Relationship Banker, has been with the bank almost 18 years. She has been a Customer Service Representative, assistant branch manager, Financial Relationship Officer, and branch manager. She moved into business development in 2014, focusing on leveraging her network in the community by growing relationships in lending, trust, and related business services. Her availability and willingness to help business owners and nonprofits earned her the sobriquet "Watts on Demand."



Vice President Gretchen Holla is the Retail Banking Officer at the Boca Grande office. She brought 20-plus years of banking experience when she joined the bank in 2019 as a Personal Banker at the Gulf Cove office. She assumed her current position in early 2020, and like other managers, she has continued to focus on growing business and serving customers.



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Nature Calls



Englewood Beach Clean-Up
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at **698-0499**.
Green Living for the Holidays
 There are many opportunities for becoming more sustainable in the way ecology-conscious individuals live their lives, but where should you start? On **Friday, November 19, noon to 1pm**, UF/IFAS Extension

Sarasota County is offering an online presentation via Zoom on *Green Living: Tips to Live Sustainably This Holiday Season*. This class will introduce ideas in the categories of energy, water, waste, transportation, and food, help you prioritize what will work best for you and connect you with resources available in

the community to get you started. In addition, learn seasonal, holiday sustainability tips! Reserve your place and get the Zoom link at <https://scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com/>

will be open to explore, and a guided walk will be offered at **9am**. Come see the newly restored habitats in this beautiful preserve that is normally only open to Lemon Bay Conservancy members. The preserve, formerly known as Wildflower Preserve, is located at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. Learn more at www.lemonbayconservancy.org.

Charity Plant Sale

If you love gardening or just need some plants for your landscaping, don't miss the Angel Land Food Forest Plant Sale on **Saturday & Sunday, November 20 & 21**. The sale runs both days from **9am to 2pm** at 2035 Michigan Avenue in Grove City. You will find many varieties of plants, flowers, cactus, and fruit trees, many of which are rare and/or edible. There will be dragon fruit cactus, ferns, gingers edible, shampoo, spiral, Thai, oh, and peacock gingers, lobster claw heliconia, native Lobster Claw, Giant Pink Crinum lilies and voodoo lilies and many varieties of bromeliads, both large and small. Edibles include many varieties of bananas, papaya, pineapple, coconut, ponytail & queen palms, Surinam cherry, longevity spinach, lemon grass, cranberry hibiscus, everglade tomatoes and moringa. Purchase fresh coconuts shucked onsite. Angel Land Food Forest is a nonprofit 501(c)3 charity that helps feed people in Englewood. For questions, call **909-0500**. Website: www.angellandfoodforest.org.

Freshwater & Upland Ecology Walk

Join Dr. Bill Dunson on **Wednesday, November 24 at 9am** to learn about plants and animals in the uplands and freshwater wetlands on the east side of the newly restored Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. Masks required. The leader has discretion to relax requirements on the day of the walk. The Preserve is only open to the public for special events such as this. Visit www.lemonbayconservancy.org for more information.

Estuarine Habitat Nature Walk

As part of an open house at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve on **Sunday, November 28**, Mike Weisensee will lead a free informative walk at **9am** to visit the estuarine habitats on the west side of the newly restored nature preserve at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. Masks are required; however, leaders have discretion to relax requirements on the day of the walk. Come see the newly restored habitats in this beautiful preserve at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd, that is normally only open to Lemon Bay Conservancy members. Learn more at www.lemonbayconservancy.org.

Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve Open House

The recently restored Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve will be open to the public on **Wednesday, November 24, and Sunday November 28, 8:30 to 11:30am**. The Preserve



A snowy plover is shading her chicks in this photo by Mary Lundeberg.

They Face. The one-hour presentation will feature her images of threatened beach-nesting birds, as well as coastal sea turtles. A full-time resident of Englewood, Lundeberg is a conservation photographer and writer who celebrates the natural world. Her photographs have been exhibited in juried art galleries in several states and published in books, magazines, calendars, and newspapers. She has won awards from state, national and international associations, including a prestigious Philip Hyde Conservation Grant from the North American Nature Photography Association. Registration for both the artist's reception and virtual program is required. To learn more and RSVP, please visit conservationfoundation.com/events or call **918-2100**. The exhibit will be on display **through December** and may be viewed **Monday-Friday from 9am to 4pm**.

Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast welcomes nature photographer and writer Mary Lundeberg and her exhibit, "Share the Shore". Lundeberg's exhibit highlights the variety of threatened coastal wildlife species that nest on area beaches, including least terns, black skimmers, snowy plovers, American oystercatchers, and sea turtles. The opening artist's reception is **Wednesday, November 17 from 5 to 7pm** in the foundation's Burrows-Matson

House headquarters at Bay Preserve, 400 Palmetto Avenue in Osprey. Limited edition photography printed on infused aluminum will highlight beach-nesting wildlife and their habitat. A portion of the proceeds from these limited-edition prints will benefit Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast. In addition to the artist's reception, Lundeberg will host a virtual presentation on **Tuesday, November 16 at 10am**, entitled Beach-Nesting Wildlife and the Challenges

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Sunday, November 14, 9am:
 Join CHEC on a guided walk through Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park, a 487-acre Charlotte County property of mature pines, dry prairie, marsh wetlands, and freshwater ponds. Its location adjoining state lands make it an important wildlife corridor. Meet at the parking lot at 15801 Tamiami Trail (US 41) in Punta Gorda. Call 475•0769 to register or for more information. All participants are required to wear face masks during the program.

Tuesday, November 16, 9am.
 Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre Amberjack Environmental Park off Placida Road. Meet at 6250 Gasparilla Pines Blvd (at the end of the street). Phone 475•0769 to register or more information.

Also offered on **Tuesday, November 30 at 9am.**

Friday, November 19, 9am:
 Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 81-acre Bill Coy/Buck Creek Preserve. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot at 5350 Placida Road. Phone 475•0769 to register or for information.

Tuesday, November 23, 9am.
 Join CHEC on a guided walk through 308-acre Tippecanoe Environmental Park. This Charlotte County park includes habitats such as scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh, and wetlands. Meet behind the Charlotte County Sports Park, 2400 El Jobean Road. Call 475•0769 to register or for more information.

Manatees are in motion! November is Manatee Awareness Month, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is reminding people on the water to slow down and look out for migrating manatees. As water temperatures cool, manatees are naturally migrating to warmer waters around the state. Go slow and look out below to allow them to swim safely. While manatees are large, they can be difficult to see in the water. That is why it is important to follow boating guidelines in manatee protection zones: motor slowly, wear polarized glasses, and always give them space. Manatee protection zones are marked by waterway signs and maps of manatee protection zones are available online at MyFWC.com/Manatee by clicking on "Data and Maps."



Manatees depend on water warmer than 68 degrees Fahrenheit to survive the winter, so in the fall they travel to Florida springs, power plant discharges and other warm-water sites. Remember: Disturbing manatees at warm-water sites can cause them to swim out of those protected areas and into potentially life-threatening cold water. During the colder months, seasonal manatee zones require boaters to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees from being injured or killed by motorboats or personal watercrafts. Boat strikes continue to be a major threat to Florida manatees. FWC law enforcement officers are on patrol in state wa-

ters to inform boaters of the seasonal manatee speed zones and take appropriate enforcement actions. Physically handling a distressed or stranded manatee might cause more harm. Instead, report injured, distressed, or dead manatees to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or dial #FWC or *FWC on a cellphone so trained responders can assist. The FWC takes manatee conservation seriously by actively implementing science-based conservation measures that are making a difference for manatees and habitat. Resources for boaters, educators and other interested members of the public are available at MyFWC.com/Manatee. What should you do if you see a manatee? The Viewing Guidelines page provides helpful tips on respectfully viewing manatees, additional

guidelines for boat and personal watercraft operators, and information on what you can do to help these amazing aquatic mammals. Are you interested in supporting the FWC's manatee research, rescue and management efforts? You can purchase a Florida manatee license plate or donate \$5 to receive a collectable FWC manatee decal. Both are available from your local Tax Collector's office. If you would like to see manatees up close, visit Janus, Ielyn, and Aria at The Bishop Museum of Science & Nature. These three manatees are currently receiving care in the Parker Manatee Rehabilitation Habitat. The Bishop is located at 201 Tenth Street West in Bradenton. For more about what the museum offers and ticket prices, go to www.bishopscience.org.

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Jewelry Making Classes Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay, 452 Dearborn St. 1-4PM. Also on November 18.
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Annual Fall Bazaar Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple St. 9-2PM 474-9762

SAT NOVEMBER 13

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

RWWC Craft Bazaar

Rotonda West Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle 9AM-2PM

Fashion Show Fundraiser

Englewood Elks, 401 N. Indiana Ave. 5-9PM. Benefits TLC.

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

SUN NOVEMBER 14

AUCE Pancake Breakfast Rotonda American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd, Rotonda W. 8AM-12PM 697-3616

Fellowship Church of Englewood

Celebrates 19 Years Fellowship Church Worship Center & Campus 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 8:30AM-1PM 475-7447

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

SUN & MON NOVEMBER 14 & 15

The ULTIMATE Tribute to the King starring Dwight Icenhower
Venice Theatre Mainstage
140 Tampa Ave. W.
www.venicetheatre.org.

MON NOVEMBER 15

Englewood Area Orchid Society Meeting St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway, 6:30-9PM 697-9237

THURS NOVEMBER 18

Arts Advocates Luncheon: Sarasota Opera's Historic Costumes Bird Key Yacht Club, 301 Bird Key Dr., 11AM-1PM ArtsAdvocates.org.

Fellowship Church Senior

Fellowship Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 11AM-12PM 475-7447

Hermitage at The Bay: Sound and Color

The Bay's Civic Green, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 5-6PM HermitageArtistRetreat.org

Clue at LB High School

Lemon Bay High School Performing Arts Center, 2201 Placida Rd. Runs 11/18-11/20, 7PM; 11/21 2PM. 474-7702, ext. 7395

PowerUp Pre-Race Party

Lighthouse Grill, 260 Maryland Ave. 5-10PM 828-1368

FRI NOVEMBER 19

Waterfest Block Party
Englewood Shopping Center, 262 S. Indiana Ave. 5-9 PM
englewoodbeachwaterfest.com

FRI & SAT NOVEMBER 19 & 20

Garden Tour & Fair Lemon Bay Garden Club, 480 Yale St. 9AM-3PM 474-9068

SAT NOVEMBER 20

Christmas Craft Bazaar Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St. 8AM-1PM 474-5588

SAT & SUN NOVEMBER 20 & 21

Charity Plant Sale 2035 Michigan Ave., Grove City 9AM-2:30PM 909-0500

Englewood Beach Waterfest OPA

Powerboat Races Englewood Beach, Manasota Key 10AM-4PM
englewoodbeachwaterfest.com

WED NOVEMBER 24

Open House at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., 8:30-11:30AM 830-8922

Freshwater & Upland Ecology Walk

Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. 9-11AM
www.lemonbayconservancy.org

THURS NOVEMBER 25

Turkey Trot 5K Ann & Chuck Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Dr. 7:30-9AM 445-7325

SAT NOVEMBER 27

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

Gazebo Lighting & Boat Parade

The Hills Golf Club Marina, 100 Rotonda Cir. 5:30-7PM 697-2414

SUN NOVEMBER 28

Open House at Lemon Creek

Wildflower Preserve Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., 8:30-11:30AM 830-8922

Nature Walk: Estuarine Habitats

Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., 9-11AM 830-8922

WED DECEMBER 1

Arts Advocates Gallery Docent

Tour Arts Advocates Gallery, 3501 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite 119 Sarasota 11-11:45AM 443-454-2206

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS EVERY DAY

Englewood Beach Yoga
2100 N. Beach Rd. 8:30-9:30AM 473-0135

MON, TUES, WED

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

MON & THUR

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

MON - FRI

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

Men's Sr (60+) Softball Practice

Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 River Rd. 8:30-10:30AM
www.Englewoodseniorsoftball.weebly.com

MON, WED & FRI

Hatha Yoga Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM 861-1980

St. Francis Food Pantry

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

Dynamic Walking Fitness Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 10:30-11:30AM 626-2399

MON - SAT

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

TUES & THURS

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

WED & THURS

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

WED & FRI

Table Tennis Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-11AM 861-1980

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

MONDAYS

Zumba with Laurentz
Ann & Chuck Regional Park Rec Center, 6961 San Casa Drive 8:30-9:30AM 237-8983

SunCoast Blood Drive Merchants Crossing, 1500 Placida Rd. 10AM-3PM 866-972-5663

Forty Carrots Partners in Play Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St. 10:15AM & 12PM 861-1225

Aqua Zumba with Laurentz

Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool, 7001 San Casa Dr. 10:15-11AM 237-8983

Ballroom Dance Lessons Englewood Sports Complex 1300 S. River Rd. 4-5PM 861-1980

Music Jam Session Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Ave. 6-8PM 889-8899

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

TUESDAYS

TOPS FL #0167 Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Ave. (Side Community Room) 8-9AM
treecem646@gmail.com

Line Dancing with Eve

Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda Blvd. East, 10AM-12PM 697-8733

Master Gardeners

Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Rd. 10AM-12PM 681-3736

Fellowship Church Friend to Friend

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

Knitting & Crocheting Group

Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Rd. 1-3PM 681-3739

Tech Help Elsie Quirk Public Library, 100 W. Dearborn St. 1:30-4:30PM
Via Zoom appointment. 861-1203

WEDNESDAYS

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

Meditation and QiGong

Mystic Shore, Towers Plaza 8-9:15AM 451-0548

Zumba with Laurentz Centennial Park, 1120 O'Donnell Blvd, Pt. Charlotte 9-10AM

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

Aqua Zumba with Laurentz

Centennial Park Pool, 1120 O'Donnell Blvd, Pt. Charlotte 10:30-11:15AM 237-8983

Kundalini Yoga Mystic Shore, Towers Plaza 9:15-10:30AM 451-0548

Boogie Chair by Laurentz

Centennial Park, 1120 O'Donnell Blvd, Pt. Charlotte 10:30-11:15AM 237-8983

Celebrate Recovery

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

THURSDAYS

Crafty Ladies of GCUMC
1100 S. McCall Rd. 9-11:30AM 697-1747

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

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

Englewood Ukuleles

Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Recreation Center, 6791 San Casa Dr., 10-11:30AM
sunflowerlover67@mail.com

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

Tunes 4 Tots Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N Access Rd. 1-1:45PM 681-3739

Contemporary Batik Class

Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay, 452 W. Dearborn St. 1-4PM 275-4874

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

Contract (Party) Bridge Tringali Park Community Center, 3460 N. Access Rd. 1-4PM 708-431-5807

SATURDAYS

Closet of Hope Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 McCall Rd. 9:30AM-1:30PM 697-1747

Chalk Art Saturdays Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Rd. 10AM-5PM 681-3736

Needle Felting with Janine Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay, 452 W. Dearborn St. 1-4PM jfranc413@aol.com

SUNDAYS

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

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

New Vision Church 6401 Sunnybrook Blvd. 9-11AM 475-2906

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church 1100 S. McCall Rd. 8-11AM. Also available online at www.GulfCoveChurch.com 697-1747

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

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

Faith Lutheran Church Worship 551 Rotonda Blvd. West 9:30AM, masks encouraged. 697-3313

Living Hope Church 881 South River Rd. 10AM 460-8506

Gospel Singing in the Park Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Ave. 2-4PM 889-8899

Women's over-40 Soccer Wellfield Park, 1251 Pinebrook Rd., Venice 4-6PM 494-9633

Drum Circle

Englewood Beach North End 7PM



Wide Gap Hooks

Anglers looking through a fishing catalogue will appreciate the amazing variety of hooks available. They're specialized for a specific lure or bait or even target species. Among the choices are treble hooks, double hooks, live bait and circle hooks, to name a few. You'll also see several hooks known as wide gap hooks from many manufacturers. These are our favorites for several reasons but they're not cheap.

Wide gap hooks are primarily intended for creating a weedless profile for lures or baits and are used in both freshwater and saltwater. Kayakers exploring the shallow grass flats in this area are familiar with the weed situation that can ruin the action of a lure or bait as floating grass hangs up on treble hooks or on the nose of some jig heads. There is nothing like a serving of grass on your presentation to let predators know this is NOT a real meal swimming by.

In addition to the weedless benefit, they are also great for getting that solid hook up and will not shake loose or be easily thrown during a prolonged battle. Not all "weedless" lures use wide gap hooks. Many of the hollow frog lures on the market use a double hook with the sharp ends above the frog. This rigging helps keep the frog weedless, so it won't hook up on emergent vegetation. The issue we have had with most frog lures is they don't seem to have enough gap to ensure a solid hook up. We're also concerned that a double hook rig could allow the hooks to pry each other out. When purchasing any weedless lure, check out the gap to see if it seems wide enough to create a solid hook up.

These same considerations apply to weedless saltwater lures. Without a wide gap, a fragile hook set may pull free during the excitement of landing a good

fish. Using a wide gap hook in the 5/0 range also makes it harder for a fish to swallow the lure making for an easier release. One other function of a wide gap hook is that it creates ballast and a keel that helps keep your presentation upright. When you combine all these factors and add in the weedless part, a wide gap hook becomes an obvious option. Weighted wide gap hooks are popular for saltwater lures and are designed to work deeper.

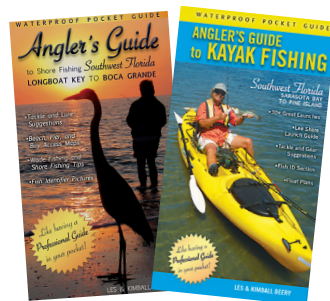
Not all wide gap hooks are created equal. One quality we look for every time is a laser sharp point. In a kayak, where a hookset is challenging due to the mobility of the boat, sharpness counts. It is not enough to jerk really hard to set the hook. The "rip their lips off" strike is not effective in a kayak because the kayak moves toward the fish as you pull on the line. A laser sharp hook combined with braided line will penetrate even bony mouths with little pressure, which is usually supplied by the fish as they depart with the lure. Some guides recommend their clients avoid striking altogether and just start reeling. The hook will do the rest.

VMC makes a wide gap hook with a long shank that allows the hook to ride further back in the lure. These are particularly good for plastic worms or any lure that benefits from having the hook further towards the tail end of the lure. Most manufacturers make both a regular strength and a thicker version of the same hook. These heavier hooks are better for larger saltwater fish



that might bend out the lighter hooks. We like the lighter weight hooks when frog fishing for bass. The heavier hooks will cause any lure to sink faster, and that added weight makes it hard to "tickle" the frog across emergent vegetation along the shore.

Kayak anglers need the security of a good hookset to land that quality fish. We cannot put too much pressure on a fish during the battle while the kayak is moving towards the fish as easily as the fish moves away from the kayak. A laser sharp wide gap hook will stay engaged even if a little slack enters the system as both the kayak and the fish change directions during the battle.



Kimball and Les Beery, authors of Angler's Guide to SHORE and KAYAK Fishing Southwest Florida, contribute excerpts from both WATERPROOF books to promote the excellent fishing available in the Englewood area. They are available locally at Old Florida Gallery on West Dearborn, and for download at www.anglerpocketguides.com & www.amazon.com.

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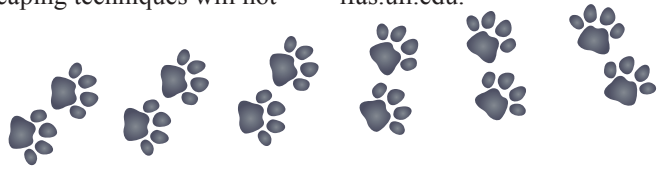
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Get that beautiful, eco-friendly lawn you want and a playful, safe place for your pets, free from poisonous plants, chemicals and more. UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County presents a free webinar, *Keeping It Florida-Friendly and Safe for Pets: Petscaping*, on **Wednesday, November 17, 11am to noon.** Petscaping techniques will not

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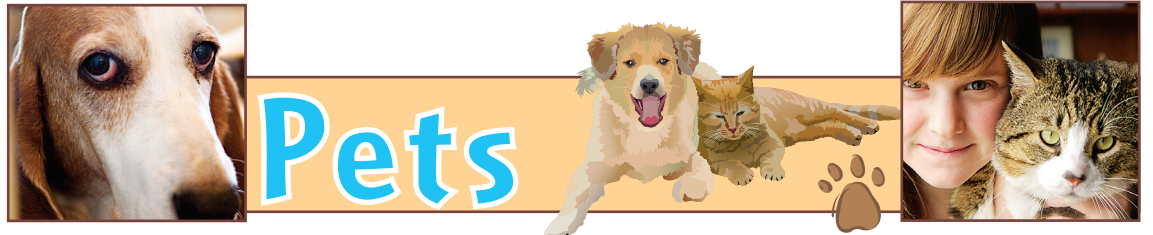


Pictured here (left to right): Peace River K-9 Search & Rescue President Michael Hadsell with his dog Damma, Judie Millspaugh, and EARS Director Todd Zimmerman.

Chamber Volunteer Gives Back More Than Just Her Time

If you stop by the Englewood Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center on Monday mornings, you have probably chatted with longtime volunteer, Judie Millspaugh. She has been greeting visitors for 13 years at the Chamber. Judie enjoys her time as an ambassador for the Chamber and is happy to recommend business members for anything from restaurants, yard work, to a plumber or her favorite shoe shop on Dearborn. She has many stories to tell and opinions to give. Judie, who is in her 80s, recently went parasailing with her daughter who was visiting from Switzerland. She has a passion for animals and recently donated \$1,000 each to Peace River K-9 Search and Rescue and to the Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary (EARS),

both Chamber members. Judie said, "I am proud of the work the Englewood Chamber does to promote and help our local non-profits and I believe in giving back to the community. Not only with my time but with money. Every bit helps and I am happy to support these two great local non-profits." Peace River K-9 has dogs that were adopted from EARS and trained to become search dogs. That connection was another reason Judie wanted to support both organizations. Anyone looking to volunteer at the Chamber can come in and fill out an application. Morning or afternoon four-hour shifts are available. The Chamber is located at 601 S. Indiana Avenue. For more information, call **474-5511**. Stop by and see Judie on Monday mornings. She always has a smile on her face and a tale to tell!



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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This happy go lucky gal is **Coco**. Full of energy and looking forward to fun adventures with her new family, she will keep you moving. She will wind down and when she does, will shower you with affection. Come meet Coco and be the one to rescue this sweetheart before someone else does!

Ask how you can become a foster home for EARS. To see all the EARS animals, visit us at 500 N. Indiana Ave. (SR776), or visit Petfinder.com, or EarsAnimalRescue.com. For information, call 941-681-3877.

Adoptions events are at EARS Tuesday thru Saturday, 10a.m.-3:00p.m. All of EARS pets are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped in your name.

Animal Rescue & Pet Food Store
 500 N. Indiana Ave. • 681-3877 (FURR)
 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 3pm

Photos by Bobbi Austin

Pepper is a 3-month-old, female Dalmatian puppy. She is 90% housebroken and knows the command for sit, shake, and down. Pepper is full of pep and puppy energy and would be too much around small children or older adults. She is very affectionate and very smart.

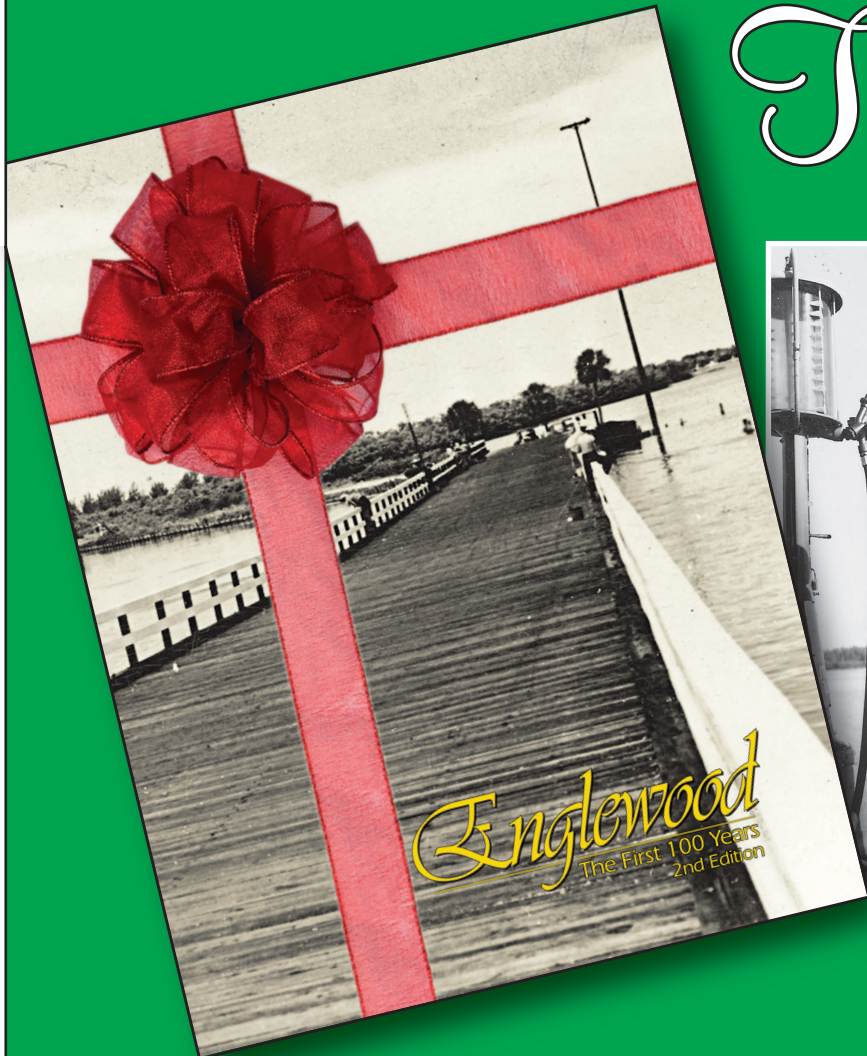
Jack is a 14-month-old kitten with beautiful orange-cream fur. His eyes match his fur. He is a handsome boy and affectionate.

EARS Animal Rescue's Thrift Store Is Now Open
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Donations of clothes and housewares are needed to help the EARS animals.

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.

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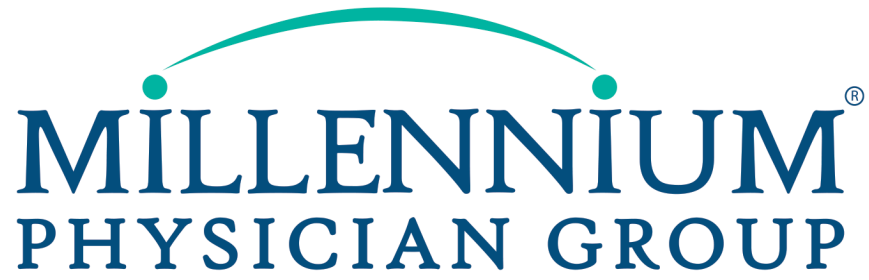
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