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Lizz Briley takes her son, Brantley, to the beach every day to watch the sunset. Soon the sun will set on 2021, and 2022 will be ushered in with a sunrise. Photo by Lizz Briley



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> Our office will be closed on Friday, December 24, and will reopen on Monday, January 3. Our first issue of 2022 will be January 14.

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Holidays!

In the spirit of this season, the staff at the Englewood Review wish you a wonderful and safe holiday as 2021 comes to an end. We appreciate you, our faithful readers, for making us part of your lives, and we also thank our generous advertisers whose support makes the Englewood Review possible. You - the Englewood Community and seasonal visitors - make this publication a success and we look forward to bringing you all that is positive and local in Englewood in 2022.

YMCA Brunch & Learn

The Englewood YMCA is welcoming back their annual presentation series TALK22. The purpose of these talks is to offer important information and give you tools to improve your life and enjoy brunch with friends while doing so. Upcoming talks are Women's Self Defense on Tuesday, December 28, New Year's Resolutions Solutions: Nutrition on Tuesday, January 18, and Diabetes Prevention: Know Your Numbers on Tuesday, February 8. These programs start at 11am. They are free and open to the public. Contact the YMCA at **941-475-1234** for the complete schedule and to register. The Englewood YMCA is located at 701 Medical Blvd.

Legion Family New Year's Eve Party

The Rotonda West American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana



Kayaking Gals Relaxed Adventures in Englewood recently held a Christmas Hat Paddle to raise money to help local children for Christmas. Deb Graham Schroeder, the Facebook group's administrator, said the event raised enough funds to help twelve children this season. Visit the group's Facebook page to learn more about these kayaking gals!

Rd, Rotonda West, will bring in the New Year of 2022 with a Legion Family New Year's Eve Party on Friday, December **31**. Plus, everyone is welcome - the party is open to the public. "Heavy Appetizers" will be served at **7pm** and music at 7:30pm by The Rusty Cage Band. Cost is \$20 p.p. by Monday, December 20, which includes food, one free drink ticket (\$2.75 value) and Champagne Toast. Cost is \$25 at the door. Sign up board is in the lounge. For additional information, contact the Post at 941•697•3616.

Elks New Year's Eve Party Join the Englewood Elks New Year's Eve Party on Friday, **December 31**. The holiday event is open to the public, so call now to schedule a great evening celebrating the 2022 New Year. The local band, American *Made*, will provide music and a delicious dinner menu is planned, as well as dancing, party favors, a champagne toast, and a continental breakfast after midnight. Doors open at 6pm, dinner is served 7 to 8:30pm. Ticket prices are Elk members \$60pp and non-Members \$65pp. Tickets are now on sale at the



LET'S GO Airport Shuttle





on December 18th. The motorcycles rode from the Lodge to Sarasota National Cemetery led by Roger Redman, PER (past exalted ruler) along with vehicles that carried the wreaths to section one. The Rotonda Elks members felt honored to be part of this national cemetery holiday tradition to honor the nation's veterans.





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this monthly car show on the

Year's Day January 1st that

to cruise by and music trivia

to get your raffle tickets for

first Saturday of the month, New

runs from 2 to 8pm. Enjoy music

sponsored by the Old Englewood

Village Association. Don't forget

Elks office at 401 N Indiana Ave., Monday through Friday, 9am-noon. You may also call 941•474•1404.

Sharyn Lonsdale, Robert Reil, Todd Tracy

Cruisin' on Dearborn

Amanda Glam, Dean Laux,

In spite of the construction on W. Dearborn Street, Cruisin' on Dearborn is still happening. Hundreds of cars and car lovers converge on Dearborn Street for

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First Monday Supper Gulf Cove United Methodist Church is offering free sit-down dinners in addition to carry-outs on the first Monday of every month. The January 3 menu includes unstuffed cabbage rolls, a roll, and dessert. Sitdown meals will also include a beverage. Dinners will be served and can be picked up on Monday, January 3, between 3:30 and 5:30pm. You can reserve a meal through the link on the church's homepage, www. GulfCoveChurch.com, or by emailing GulfCoveUMC@gmail. com. Include "Additional Notes" as to the number of meals and whether they will be sit-down or carry-out. Although the meals are free, donations are appreciated. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road, in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte.

Women's Guild Card Party Returns

St. Francis of Assisi Women's Guild will once again be hosting monthly card parties, to be held the first Wednesday of every month, starting Wednesday, January 5. The party runs from 11:30am to 2:30pm. To reserve your table, please contact the St. Francis of Assisi office at 941•697•4899, no later than Monday prior to the card party date (January 3). The cost is \$8 per person, includes lunch to be served complying with CDC guidelines; social distancing



On Friday, December 10th, the Englewood Moose gave Englewood Elementary School 575 Christmas cards with a \$10 bill in each one to be given to every EES student. The Women of the Moose also gave the school certificates for 20 Publix Christmas dinners for families in need. Pictured (L to R) are (back) Jean Clark, Cathy Purvis, John Beinkowski, Newt Webb, and Mark Sipe. Front: Stephanie Busler, Stacy Onken - EES Administrative Assistant, and June Webb.

between tables will also apply. Let's get back to some normality and enjoy. St. Francis is located at 5265 Placida Road.

Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars for the second Sunday of the month and enjoy a delicious breakfast in the Parish Hall at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 5265 Placida Road. From 8:30am to 11:30am on Sunday, January 9, all your favorites breakfast



foods will be served: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, sausage gravy with biscuit, coffee, and orange juice. Tickets are \$6 per person and \$12 for families. All service personal in uniform (military, fire, sheriff) will be honored with a free meal to thank them for their service. Bring your family, neighbors, and guests to enjoy pleasant fellowship. Proceeds support the Knights of Columbus Council 7672 and Assembly 2782 in their charitable efforts. For further information, call Sir Knight Donald Kasson at 513-604-4334.

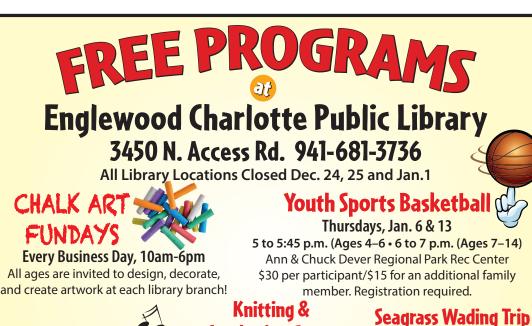
Bond Risk & How to Avoid It Kerry Hunter, Trust Officer for EB&T, invites you to a free seminar, "Bond Risk & How to Avoid It," on Tuesday, January 11, 10 to 11:30am, at Englewood Bank & Trust Main Boardroom, 1111 S. McCall Road. Presented by Christopher Eckstrom, MBA, Portfolio Manager, learn how portfolio managers analyze and screen fixed income assets. Reservations are required due limited space and can be made at www.englewoodbank.com/ trustservices/seminars or call Hunter at 941•473•3629 or khunter@ebtfl.com.

Family Garden Club

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prizes.





1 - 1:45p.m. Ages 0-6. Children are invited to improve listening and group interaction skills through stories, movement activities, music and dramatic play.

Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Rec Center \$30 per participant/\$15 for an additional family

Crocheting Group Saturday, Jan. 8, 11a.m.

Tuesday, January 4, 1 to 3 p.m. Join CHEC for a free wading All experience levels are invited to stop by and learn or teach how to knit and crochet. Bring your own materials.

FLORIDA

adventure through the seagrass beds of Lemon Bay. Advance registration is required. Trips fill up fast. To register call 941.475.0769.

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Who loves a bargain? Mark your calendars for the Lemon Bay Garden Club Rummage & Plant Sale set for Friday & Saturday, January 14 & 15, 9am to 1pm. No admission fee on these dates. To make sure you get the best selection for treasure-seeking and/or buying plants for your garden, plan to attend the Preview Sale on Thursday, January 13, 10am to 1pm (admission \$3). Stop by the bake sale for some homemade treats! The Lemon Bay Garden Club is located at 480 Yale Street (corner of Yale & Cedar Streets) in Olde Englewood. For more information or donations, call **413**•**336**•**7616**. Proceeds go to scholarships & community projects.

with like-minded individuals, consider joining the Family Garden Club of Englewood. The club meets monthly for an informative presentation or garden tour adventure. Annual membership dues are \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family. They are payable in January and may be paid at any meeting. Find out more about the Family Garden Club at www.fgcefl.com. Look for the link to download an application on the website. On Tuesday, January 11, the club will travel to the Fairchild Garden in Coral Gables and Morkami Museum and Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach. This will be an overnight trip and the club will stay at a nearby hotel.

Planning Basics

This free seminar, offered by Trust Development Officer Kerry Hunter of Englewood Bank & Trust, will review the basic elements of an estate plan, focusing on the specifics and benefits of each and the pitfalls to avoid. The seminar will be held 10 to 11:30am, Thursday, January 13 at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue. Presenter is Lori Wellbaum Emery of Wellbaum & Emery, P.A. Reservations are required and can be made at www.englewoodbank.com/ trustservices/seminars or call Hunter at 941•473•3629 or khunter@ebtfl.com.

Sherry Lord Guest Reader Sherry Lord, International Channel, Deep Trance Channel,

Energy Healer and Emissary for Aeroth will be the guest reader at Spirit Speaks Thursday through Saturday, January 13-15. The metaphysical store is located at 411 W. Dearborn Street. For an appointment with Sherry, call 734•564•6828 or 313•779•2921.

Beer & Burger Festival

If beer and burgers sound like a good idea, head for the Mall at University Town Center in Sarasota on Saturday, January 15 for the Sarasota Beer & Burger Festival. The festival runs from **noon to 8pm** and the craft beer samples from local brewers are available from **noon to 4pm** (while supplies last). For your burger, choose from 14 different burger vendors. Live music (Van Halen Tribute Band). \$15 entry fee. Tickets may be purchased through Eventbrite.

Hawaiian Luau Fun

Put on your best Hawaiian shirt and come to Christ Lutheran Church on Saturday, January 22 at 4pm, and enjoy a Hawaiian Luau. The Kauai Kanakas band will be performing live, and ticket price includes a Hawaiian buffet. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 10 and under. For tickets, call 978-500-8187. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 701 N. Indiana Avenue.

Psychic Fair

Spirit Speaks, a metaphysical store, will celebrate three years on Dearborn Street on Saturday, January 22 by hosting a Psychic Fair from **3 to 7pm**. An amazing

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group of highly evolved souls will be joining them and offering readings. Browse the selection of crystals, stones, jewelry, gifts and more. Spirit Speaks is located at 411 W. Dearborn Street. Phone: 734•564•6828.

Learn About Florida Cowmen

Mark your calendars now for the next Lemon Bay Historical Society community program on at 7pm on Tuesday, January 25. The guest speaker will be Suzanne Park of the Bit of Hope Horse Rescue. You may remember Suzanne from her interesting programs at Cracker Fair. You will learn about Florida cowmen, not "cowboys" and, possibly, how ladies dressed to go from the saddle to town. The program will be held at the Historic Green Street Church, located at 510 S. Indiana Avenue, next to Lemon Bay Cemetery. Admission is free, but donations for the historical Green Street Church maintenance are appreciated. Learn more about Lemon Bay Historical Society at www.lemonbayhistory.com.

Englewood Beer Fest

Englewood Beer Fest is coming to West Dearborn Street Saturday, January 29. The event runs from **11am to 6pm**, with the beer tasting scheduled for noon to 4pm. There will be live entertainment, great food vendors, craft vendors and of course, beer! General admission is free and beer tasting tickets are \$25 (must be 21 to purchase any alcoholic beverage). No coolers or pets, please. Presented by The Rotary Club of Englewood Sunset. Learn more at www. englewoodbeerfest.org.









Chamber Honors Milestone Members



Superior Heating & Cooling has been recognized as a Milestone Member by the Englewood Chamber of Commerce for its 33 years of Chamber membership. Superior Heating & Cooling is located at 115 Triple Diamond Blvd, North Venice and serves Englewood & the surrounding area. Phone: 941•488•5359. Pictured is Charlie Judge, owner Ed Dieker, and Chamber CEO Doug Izzo.



The Englewood Chamber of Commerce recognizes King Financial & Insurance for its 30 years of Chamber membership. The family-owned and operated Allstate agency is located at 651 S. Indiana Avenue. Phone: 941-475-5454. Pictured (left to right) are Kim Parks, Stephanie Knight, Brenda Riner, Amber Clements, Aaren DeJong, and Maria Cummings.

C.A.R.E. Ball Tickets are on sale now for the 2022 C.A.R.E. Ball on Saturday

January 29 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. This year's theme is "Under the Big Top," featuring a traditional three course sit



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down dinner, open bar, silent auction (fan favorite), and casino tables. The Ball starts at 6pm. To purchase your tickets, go to www.carefl.org or call 639•5499. The event is a fundraiser for the Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies (C.A.R.E.).

Celebrating Florida's Wild Wonders

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Ringling College (OLLI at Ringling College) presents "Celebrating Florida's Wild Wonders". This oneday event offers a unique opportunity to learn about Florida's natural treasures and is inspired by the book, The Wilder Heart of Florida, and features eight celebrated writers, poets, educators, environmentalists, architects, and artists. The event is Friday, March 11 from 9am-5pm at the Ringling College Museum Campus, 1000 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. General admission is \$125 and includes lunch and a complimentary reception. For more information and to register, call 941-309-5111, or visit www. OLLIatRinglingCollege.org.

The Hottest Calendar Around The 2022 Englewood Firefighters Benevolent 2022 Calendars are now available!

The calendar is filled with fan favorites of years past & then

there's the 2022 centerfold. Get yours today! The cost is only \$10, and the proceeds benefit the Englewood Firefighter Benevolent Association that provides physical, financial, and emotional support in time of need for the men and women of the Englewood Fire Department. The calendar can be purchased locally at Obees Soups Salads Subs, 240 S. Indiana Avenue, or online at www.englewood-fire. com/firefighters-benevolentassociation.html?

NEST Calendars Available

Sarasota County's 2022 Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team (NEST) Calendar is now available at county facilities. The calendar is provided each year to build community awareness and introduce environmental and sustainability practices to elementary school-aged children in Sarasota County. This year's theme, "Bee Kind to the Environment," challenged students to illustrate how bees can impact the health of grasslands and waterways, and what bee-ing kind to the environment looks like to them. Students identified positive habits such as reducing chemical and fertilizer use, creating beefriendly habitats, and replacing sod with native ground cover and



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Charlotte County Calendars

Free 2022 calendars with the theme "One Charlotte, One Water" are now available. Published by Charlotte County, it features photos submitted by the winner of the photo contest held earlier this year along with information about Charlotte County waterways. The calendars are available now while supplies last. Pick yours up at these local locations: Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park recreation center, 6961 San Casa Drive, Englewood Charlotte Public Library, 3450 N. Access Road, and Englewood Tringali Park recreation center, 3460 N. Access Road.

COVID-19 Regeneron Therapy

Tringali Park Community Center offers Regeneron Monoclonal Antibody Therapy for COVID-19 seven days a week from 9am to 5pm at no cost. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 recently, you may qualify for this treatment. For more information and appointments online, go to www. charlotte.floridahealth.gov/ events/2021/01/InfusionSites. html. For questions, call 850•344•9637. Walk-Ins are welcome. Tringali Park Community Center is located at 3460 N. Access Road.

Historical Society Receives Grant

Funding has been provided to the Lemon Bay Historical Society by Florida Humanities through the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021. Due to the pandemic, the Lemon Bay Historical Society had to cancel its traditional monthly community programs. Fundraising events were also canceled. The Society is responsible for maintaining the historic Green Street Church building and its property. To help fund general operating expenses, the Historical Society has received a \$2,500 "American Rescue" grant from Florida Humanities. These expenses include lawn mowing, water, electricity, landscaping maintenance, insurance, taxes, building upkeep, etc. In 1985, Lemon Bay Historical Society was officially incorporated as a



The Tree Lady, "Canopy Meg" Lowman, is the guest speaker on January 24.

Eager to "dig" deeper into Gulf Coast archaeology, history, and ecology? If so, get your tickets now for the Manasota Beach Club (MBC) Monday Lecture Series. This year marks 33 years for this popular Lunch and Learn series hosted by the MBC owners, the Buffum family, and their commitment to area environmental and historic preservation. Presenters include archaeologists, historians, ecologists, and preservationists.

The lead-off presentation on Monday, January 10 will be "Habitat Restoration at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve" by Eva Furner who will discuss the \$2.1 million restoration of the old Wildflower golf course in Grove City, including restoration benefits, the ongoing challenges posed by invasive plants, and future plans. The new preserve, owned and managed by non-profit Lemon Bay Conservancy (LBC), is improving water quality flowing into Lemon Bay and providing a permanently protected refuge for wildlife. Furner will lead a guided walk on **Thursday**, January 13, to visit the restored habitat (details to be provided at the luncheon). On Monday, January 17, the topic will be "Why Venice? Mecca for Circus Performers and Fans," and will include an update on the new Ringling Circus Museum Railroad Car at the Historic Venice Station." Presenter Kim Patmore Cool is the author or co-author of some 30 books relating to business, needlework, history, travel, the environment, the circus, and ghosts (she is known as the "Ghost Lady of SW Florida"). She has been the features editor for the Venice Gondolier Sun for more than 25 years. Other presenters: January 24: Meg Lowman, "Canopy Meg," speaking on "Saving Trees through Mission Green"; January 31: John McCarthy on "Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Historic Spanish Point Campus – An Update & Invitation"; February 7: Steve Avdakov on the architectural record of Manasota Beach Club and owner Sydney Crampton will review its history since 1960. February 14: Dr. John Lutz, a great grand nephew of John Burroughs, will speak about this influential person who ended up influencing a nation on the importance of conservation. February 21: Ryan Duggins on "Sarasota's Submerged Prehistory: Recent Investigations at Manasota Key Offshore". February 28: Jon Thaxton, current director of Gulf Coast Community Foundation & former Sarasota County Commissioner, will speak on "Florida Scrub Jay Stores (and Maybe Our Next State Bird?) Manasota Beach Club, 7660 Manasota Key Road, will host the luncheon and lecture series on Mondays, noon until 1:30pm. The cost is \$25, plus taxes/gratuity, and reservations are required due to limited seating. All presentations are outside with social distancing and mask required, except while eating at your table. For additional information and reservations, contact Manasota Beach Club at 941•474•2614 or www.manasotabeachclub.com

non-profit organization whose mission was "for the specific purposes of perpetuating the legacy of the past and honoring the pioneer settlers of the Lemon Bay area." You do not need to be a historian to join, just someone interested in preserving the history of Englewood. The Lemon Bay Historical Society welcomes new members and reminds current members that dues may be paid starting now for 2022. Single memberships are \$20; family \$35. Membership applications are available at www.lemonbayhistory.com. Payment may be by PayPal or by check to Lemon Bay Historical Society, PO Box 1245, Englewood, FL 34295.

Caring & Sharing

January OneBlood Drives The following OneBlood "Big Red Bus" blood drives have

been scheduled for January in the Englewood area. Please note that blood drives are subject to change at any time. Donors are requested to visit the OneBlood website, www.oneblood.org, to schedule an appointment. Saturday, January 1, noon to 6pm: Pet Supermarket, 1951 S. McCall Road. Friday, January 7, 10am to 4pm: Olde Village Publix, 55 N. Indiana Avenue. Saturday, January 8, 2:30 to 5:30pm: Bealls Outlet, 425 S. Indiana Avenue. Sunday, January 9, 9am to 1pm: St. Francis of Assisi Church, 5265 Placida Road. Sunday, January 9, 2 to 5pm: Winn-Dixie East, 4100 McCall Road. Tuesday, January 11, 10am to 4pm: Bealls, 1500 Placida Road. Saturday, January 15, 11am to **5pm**: Fraternal Order of Eagles #3885, 250 Old Englewood Road. Sunday, January 16,



Planning for Now and Then

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Review the basic elements of an estate plan, focusing on the specifics and benefits of each and the pitfalls to avoid. Presented with Lori Wellbaum Emery of Wellbaum & Emery, P.A.

Thursday, Jan. 13, Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 South Indiana Avenue, Englewood

Becoming a Floridian

Examine the checklist you need to complete to become a Floridian, common problems with other states' documents, and some helpful tips.

Presented with Dean Hanewinckel of the law office of Dean Hanewinckel, P.A.

Thursday, Jan. 20, Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 South Indiana Avenue, Englewood

Mutual Funds vs. ETFs

Explore how each investment tool works; its costs, performance measurements, and possible tax implications. Learn the pros and cons of each. Gain insight into target funds, sector funds, and specialty funds and the risks of each.

Presented by Christopher Eckstrom, MBA, Portfolio Manager Tuesday, Jan. 25, Englewood Bank & Trust Main Boardroom, 1111 S. McCall Rd., Englewood

> While the seminars are free, reservations are required. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing. Please register online at www.englewoodbank.com/trustservices/seminars or contact Kerry Hunter at 941-473-3629 or khunter@ebtfl.com.



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10am to 4pm: Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road. Friday, January 21, 10am to 4pm: Winn-Dixie Palm Plaza, 1951 S. McCall Road. Sunday, January 30, 9am to 1pm: Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street. Sunday, January 30, 2 to 5pm: Big Lots, 1855 Englewood Road.

Sports_

Fit for Life Senior Games Charlotte County Community Services will host the "Fit for Life" Senior Games 2022 Track and Field event on Saturday, March 5, and all other events October 1-November 1. This Olympic-style event focuses on athletic competition and recreation opportunities for men and women 50 and over. The games are sanctioned by the Florida Sports Foundation and serve as a qualifier for the Florida Senior Games State Championships. Events will take place at various Charlotte County recreation facilities and parks. Registration opens Monday, January 3 for track and field events only. Registration for all other events will begin Monday, August 15. Additional information can be obtained at the Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Recreation Center, 6961 San Casa Drive,



Tropical Fish Keepers & Pet Shop is a family owned and operated business located in Englewood. They only sell quality, select Grade "A" fish, including F1 Discus. Freshwater tropical live plants and aquarium accessories, food, and medications are also available for purchase. The "Fish Keeper" has over 30 years of experience in fishkeeping and breeding. They gladly offer advice and education; plus, if you bring in a sample of your water, they will test it for free and make suggestions so that your fish are in the best environment for a long and healthy life. Tropical Fish Keepers pride themselves on carrying unique and unusual fish. The Sousa family welcomes you to stop by and visit the "gang." See how "keeping fishkeeping simple," the "Old School Way" will give you enjoyment. They also carry supplies for your four-legged friends – all gluten and grain–free treats! Visit the shop at 461 S. Indiana Avenue or online at tropicalfishkeeperswfl. com. Phone: 941-303-1801. Photo: Meet the Fish Keepers: Duane and Elizabeth Sousa!

and at www.CharlotteCountyFL. gov. For information, contact Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Recreation Center at 941•681•3760 or Jill.Boyd@ CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

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



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Irts & Entertainment





Pianist & composer Wang Lu.

"Journeys of Identity in Poetry & Music" will be the Hermitage Beach Program on Friday, January 7, 5pm. Winner of the James Laughlin Award from The Academy of American Poets, Chet'la Sebree's poetry is unflinchingly personal and remarkably beautiful. Wang Lu, pianist, and composer, adds her cosmopolitan and stylistically wide-ranging perspective, which earned her the Berlin Prize in 2019 as well as a Guggenheim Fellowship. Come see what happens when these incredible artists sit side-by-side to share their latest works. Registration is required at HermitageArtistRetreat.org (\$5/person registration fee). There is a \$5 per household registration fee. Registration is required at HermitageArtistRetreat.org.

New Year's Eve Cabaret

Looking for an entertaining way to spend New Year's Eve? Charlotte Players is presenting a New Year's Eve Cabaret on Friday, December 31 with showtimes at 6:30pm and 9pm at the Langdon Playhouse, 1182 Market Circle, Port Charlotte. Piano accompaniment is by Ken Crisp, Music Director. Tickets are \$25 and include a champagne toast. Purchase tickets online at www.charlotteplayers.org or call 941-255-1022.

Lemon Bay Art Attack The Lemon Bay Art Attack will be back on Saturday & Sunday, January 1 & 2, 10am to 5pm. This popular art & craft show features pottery, clothing, metal art, jewelry, glass and more by area artists. Harborside Marine Sales hosts the event on their property at 2200 Placida Road (across from Lemon Bay High School). For more information, visit www. daniellesblueribbonevents. com or call 231•350•8277. The seasonal art & craft show is also scheduled for February 12/13, March 12/13, and April 16/17.

"Writers on the Air" is Back Family friendly amateur authors, poets, and comedians are invited to read three minutes of their own material on the air as part of "Writers on the Air,"

an open mic radio show. Back after a two-year hiatus due to Covid, the radio show airs at a new time every Tuesday from 6 to 7pm. Sign up: 5:15pm recommended. Participants can read three minutes of their material per round at 12735 US 41 South, North Port in the Common Grounds Meeting Hall next to 97.5 501C-3 radio. Visit "Writers on the Air "Facebook page for archived virtual shows and helpful publishing hints for authors. For more information, please contact Linda Schell at lschell2@verizon.net or call 941•223•1262.

Pursue Your Artistic Passions Registration is now open for the winter/spring term at Ringling College Studio + Digitals Arts. The term runs January 10 through May 15, and art classes are offered for all levels. See the schedule and learn more at ringling.edu/ sda. Ringling College Studio + Digital Arts is located at 1001 W. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Phone 941•309•5111.

Upcoming VIPA Shows Great entertainment awaits you this season presented by the Venice Institute for Performing Arts. Upcoming shows at the Venice Performing Arts Center, One Indian Avenue in Venice, include Majesty of *Rock – Journey through the* Perry Years on January 8, Free Fallin'- Tom Petty Tribute on January 29, Good Vibrations (Beach Boys) on January 30,



Since 2004, Embracing Our Differences has used the power of art and prose to promote "Enriching Lives Through Diversity and Inclusion." One way it achieves this is through its annual, juried international outdoor art exhibition comprising 50 billboard-sized works of art, each accompanied by an inspirational quotation. This year's response to the call for artwork and inspirational quotations broke last year's record, with 17,413 entries pouring in from 123 countries and 47 states. Students from 423 schools around the world submitted artwork or quotations to the juried exhibit. The Best-in-Show Adult artwork award went to Samantha Miller from Sarasota. Mia Gonzalez, a 9th grade student from Parrish Community High School in Bradenton, won the Best-in-Show Student award for her art. Alicia Chalmers of Bradenton, won Best-in-Show for her inspirational quotation. The winning quotations and art will be showcased in the 19th annual exhibit, January 15 through April 10, in Sarasota's Bayfront Park, Five Bayfront Drive, Sarasota. For more information about this exhibit or Embracing Our Differences, call 941-404-5710 or visit www.embracingourdifferences.org. Photo: Samantha Miller's "Cultivation" won Adult Bestin-Show.







Thank You Englewood for Voting us #1 Again!



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The program for Hermitage Sunsets @ Selby Gardens on Friday, January 21 will be "The Work" at 5:30pm. Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and composer Michael R. Jackson returns to the Hermitage following his popular beachfront program last season. Since his critically acclaimed musical, "A Strange Loop," premiered at Playwrights Horizons, the theatermaker has continued the work with projects such as "White Girl in Danger" and "Accounts Payable," a commission from Lincoln Center. Join Jackson as part of the "Hermitage Sunsets @ Selby Gardens" series and hear from the writer-composer whose work has been described by The New York Times as being driven by "curiosity, positivity, and humor - but also an irrepressible appetite for the possible." This event is presented in partnership with Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. Registration is required at HermitageArtistRetreat.org (\$5/person registration fee). Marie Selby Botanical Gardens (Downtown Sarasota), 1534 Mound Street, Sarasota.

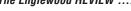
ZZ's Best – ZZ Top Tribute on February 12, Here Comes the Sun – Songs of Love, Life and Light on February 13, and The Boss Project – Bruce Springsteen Tribute on February **27**. For more information, ticket prices and purchase, go to veniceperformingartscenter.com or call 941-218-0627.

CCJS is pleased to announce new venues for the 2021-2022 concert and jam season. Please note the following information: concerts scheduled for Mondays January 10, February 7 and April 11 will be held at The Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda (near Fishermen's Village). The Monday, March 14th Tommy Dorsey big band concert will move to First Methodist Church, 507 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. Sunday jams have moved to The Grill at 1951, 1951 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, with the next jam on Sunday, January 30. Jams in February, March and April will occur on the traditional fourth Sunday dates. Jams start at 1pm, but you're welcome to come early and enjoy a great lunch before the music begins. Bring your instrument and join in the fun with Mickey Basil, Jay Heavilin, Dave Morgan, Fred Capitelli, and Buz Bisbano! Thanks for your patience as these adjustments are being made. If you have questions, get in touch via email to intunejazz@gmail. com or by phone to the hotline: 941•766•9422.

Keeping Things Jazzy

Applause for the Symphony!

The Venice Area Historical Society (VAHS) is hosting a luncheon with live music and a presentation on the Venice Symphony history. Troy Quinn, Symphony Music Director, will be featured. The date is Wednesday, January 12 at 11am. Raffles & a surprise grand prize drawing! Help







The Merz Trio – Lee Dionne, piano; Brigid Coleridge, violin; Julia Yang, cello.

Artist Series Concerts presents the groundbreaking young Merz Trio, performing with another star on the rise, 27 year-old Jamaican-American violist Jordan Bak, Sunday, January 23, 4pm at Temple Sinai, 4631 South Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota. Their program, entitled 'Soliloguy and the Artist's Voice,' includes showcases for viola by Henri Vieuxtemps

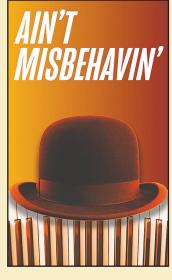
and contemporary composers Anne Leilehua Lanilotti and Jeffrey Mumford, the Trio's own arrangement of "Four Songs of Alma Mahler and Alban Berg, " Cheryl Frances-Hoad's "My Fleeting Angel" and Brahms' "Piano Quartet No. 3 in C Minor" and the "Werther' Quartet. Praised for its "fresh and surprising interpretations," the Trio is known for passionate, original playing and for uniquely artistic programming. Joining the Merz Trio will be Jordan Bak, the 27-year-old Jamaican-American violist who is captivating audiences internationally with his radiant stage energy and smooth yet robust alto sound. Tickets are \$40 and are available online at www.ArtistSeriesConcerts.org or by calling 941•306•1202, Monday–Friday, 10am-4pm.



Jordan Bak, violist.







preserve historic assets at Venice Depot campus by attending the program at Plantation Golf & Country Club, 500 Rockley Blvd., Venice. Tickets are \$60 and may be ordered by mailing a check to VAHS, PO Box 995, Venice 34284-0995. Call 941-412-0151 or visit veniceareahistoricalsociety. org for more information. VAHS is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization and registered with the State of Florida to solicit contributions.

Les Canards Chantants

Key Chorale, the Suncoast's premier symphonic chorus, presents two concert dates for Choral Splendor in 40 Parts, featuring over 40 voices of the Chamber Singers and special guest Les Canards Chantants, a solo-voice ensemble specializing in music of the Renaissance. The performances take place on Friday, January 14, 7:30pm, at First Presbyterian Church, 2050 Oak Street, Sarasota and Saturday, January 15, 4pm, at St. Boniface Episcopal Church, 5615 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota. Les Canards Chantants present concerts of renaissance polyphony. You will hear them perform works by Gabrieli, Palestrina, and Victoria – all masters of the 16th century. Experience a rare live performance of Thomas Tallis' Spem in alium (Hope in any other), considered one of the greatest compositions of all time and Alessandro Striggio's Mass in 40 parts, a masterpiece lost for more than 400 years! Tickets are \$30-\$40 and may be purchased at keychorale.org or by calling the box office at 941•552•8768.

Jay Leno at Van Wezel The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall is excited to welcome Jay

Relive the glory days of jazz at the famous Harlem nightclub, the Cotton Club, when the inimitable Thomas "Fats" Waller rose to international fame during its Golden Age with a jumpin' new beat. Venice Theatre presents "Ain't Misbehavin'" Friday, January 14 through Sunday, February 6. The Fats Waller Musical Show evokes the infectious energy of this American original as a versatile cast struts, strums and sings the songs that Waller made famous. Winner of the 1978 Tony Award for Best Musical. Curtain time is 7:30pm evenings and 2pm for weekend matinees. Tickets range from \$15 to \$36. Learn more and purchase tickets online at venicetheatre.org. Venice Theatre is located at 140 Tampa Avenue West, Venice.

Leno to Sarasota on Saturday, January 15 at 8pm. Jay Leno is widely characterized as "the hardest working man in show business." He is an acclaimed TV late night show host, admired stand-up comedian, best-selling children's book author, indemand corporate speaker, TV and movie voice-over artist, pioneering car builder and mechanic, and philanthropist. He currently produces and is host of the CNBC Television series "Jay Leno's Garage" which is now in

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its fifth season. Tickets are \$82-\$102 and can be purchased at www.VanWezel.org, by calling the box office at 941-263-6799. The Van Wezel is located at 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute

Venice Theatre presents *Lift* Every Voice: a Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one show only, on Sunday, January 16 at 7:30pm. Featuring Kristofer Geddie, Michelle Kasanofsky and a variety of special guests. Tickets are \$45 and may be purchased at venicetheatre.org. Venice Theatre is located at 140 Tampa Avenue West, Venice.

Lady Day at Emerson's **Bar and Grill**

The time is 1959. The place is a seedy bar in Philadelphia. The audience is about to witness one of Billie Holiday's final performances when Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill comes to life at Venice Theatre. The play by Lanie Robertson will run Friday, January 21 through Sunday, February 20. Evening performances at 7:30pm with



Andy Sandberg, Artistic Director and CEO of the Hermitage Artist Retreat, announced today that playwright and director Radha Blank has been selected as the inaugural recipient of the Hermitage Major Theater Award. This national jury-selected prize, newly established by the Hermitage earlier this year with generous support from the Kutya Major Foundation, offers one of the largest non-profit theater commissions in the country. Blank will receive a cash prize of \$35,000 as well as a residency at the Hermitage and a developmental workshop in New York. Blank's critically acclaimed debut feature film, "The Forty-Year-Old Version" (Netflix), was awarded the 2020 Sundance Film Festival's Vanguard Award and the U.S. Dramatic Directing Award. Blank's play "Seed" received a Helen Merrill Award, and she has written for the television series "Empire" (Fox) and Spike Lee's "She's Gotta Have It" (Netflix). Blank is also known to many audiences as RadhaMUSprime, performing her unique brand of hiphop comedy performance around the world. "I am thrilled to receive this kind of support from the theater-making community and honored to be the first recipient of this awesome award, " said Radha Blank on receiving the Hermitage Major Theater Award. "This recognition is very affirming. This commission answers the question: how can I continue to do my work and not jump into a system that is constantly asking me to conform and change who I am? Having a destination and an actual place and community to create is a gift. I don't take it lightly. I really appreciate this."



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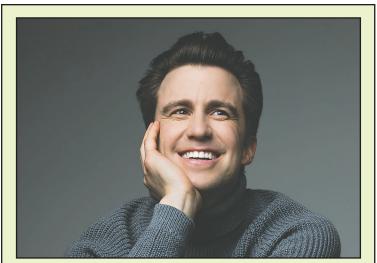




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Tony and Olivier Award winner Gavin Creel, "Hello, Dolly!, The Book of Mormon, Hair," has a new passion project in development. Spurred by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York to create a piece inspired by their vast collection, he has spent countless hours absorbing the sights, sounds, and lessons of this self-contained universe. The working result, "Walk on Through", captures the sense of wonder and impossible connection museums offer to humanity. Be among the first to hear selections of this work in progress, performed by Hermitage Fellow Gavin Creel himself as he continues this new journey of creation on Friday, January 14, 5pm on the Hermitage Beach at 6660 Manasota Key Road. Registration is required at HermitageArtistRetreat.org (\$5/person registration fee). This program will be presented in partnership with all of the leading theaters in Sarasota County, exemplifying the community's spirit of collaboration.

Sunday matinees at 2pm.

Tickets are \$32 adult; \$15 youth. For more information and ticket purchase, visit venicetheatre.org. Venice Theatre is located at 140 Tampa Ave. West in Venice.

Venice Concert Band

See the USA with the Venice Concert Band on Monday, January 24 at 7pm. Just as you might expect from the title, this program explores a great variety of music from all over this beautiful country. Come along with the band on a ride through a variety of sights and sounds at the Venice Performing Arts Center, One Indian Avenue, Venice. Tickets

are \$14 and may be purchased at veniceperformingartscenter.com, starting Monday, January 10.

Natural Inspiration

Two celebrated Hermitage Fellows return to the Hermitage Beach to present Natural Inspiration, Friday, January 28 at 5pm, exploring a theme familiar to artists and naturelovers alike - moments of inspiration. Claire Chase, a MacArthur Fellow and Avery Fisher Prize-winning musician and composer, will share music and examine the creative inspiration offered by the natural world. Ni'Ja Whitson explores how nature and the

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environment influence their practice, sharing excerpts of works-in-progress inspired by the Hermitage's Manasota Key campus and Florida wildlife. This event is presented in partnership with Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast. Registration is required at HermitageArtistRetreat.org (\$5/ person registration fee). The Hermitage Artist Retreat Beach is located at 6660 Manasota Key Rd

Park & Rock Concert

Endless River Productions (ERP), recognized for its commitment to creating artistically authentic productions featuring music from some of the industry's most influential and iconic bands, is kicking off its new outdoor Park & Rock series, pairing two of its best – South City Brothers: A Doobie Brothers Celebration and Brothers Again: A Celebration of the Music of the Allman Brothers - for a one-night-only, double bill performance at 6pm on Saturday, February 26, at the Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. Attendees will enjoy a three-hour performance (plus 30-minute intermission) that opens with South City Brothers performing hits from The Doobie Brothers songbook in the band's inimitable style. Closing out the night is Brothers Again, an elite group of seven musicians that give audiences a hard-driving performance that combines rock, blues, jazz, and Texas Swing and features all the top hits from The Allman Brothers Band's extensive catalog. Ticket price



Get your tickets now for the fun and laughter of "Old Ringers" when Lemon Bay Playhouse (LBP) presents this semi-sequel to Men Are Dogs. Four senior women try to fight the shrinking economy and their shrinking pocketbooks by opening a home phone sex service after receiving an unsolicited obscene phone call! This is an adult bawdy comedy and although two characters are reprised from "Men Are Dogs", the play stands on its own and a production of the earlier play is not a prerequisite! Tickets are \$23. The play runs Wednesday, January 19 through Sunday, February 13 at the Playhouse located at 90 W. Dearborn Street. Evening performances start at **7:30pm** with Sunday matinees at **2pm**. Tickets are \$23 and can be purchased online at lemonbayplayhouse.com or by calling the box office phone at 941•475•6756. Bringing you "Old Ringers" are front row (I to r): Haley Hines (Amanda), Judy Tilley (Rose), and Sue Mayer (Kathy Ann). Back row (I to r): Jim Parise (Harry), Gina Scarda (Verna), Rick Goodwin (Director), Maureen Young (Diane), Tan Selby (Tony), and Dottie Warner (Stage Manager).

is \$25 for general admission (bring your own seating) and \$75 for VIP experience (includes chair and front-of-stage seating, dedicated food and drink area. and dedicated bathroom area). Tickets are rain or shine and are on sale now at Eventbrite.com/e/ park-rock-concert-series. Gates open at 4pm. Food and beverage concessions.

Art and Craft Vendors Wanted

Vendors of handcrafted items are invited to apply for a spot at the Arts & Crafts Show at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church. The show will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 11-12. Your handcrafted items will be exposed to hundreds of potential customers. For more information, call 941•276•7281. GCUMC is located at 1100 McCall Road





Through April, Art Center Sarasota hosts acclaimed artists from around the nation to lead three-day immersive destination workshops. These workshops invite participants to express their creativity while improving technical skills. Workshops feature watercolor and acrylic painting, collage, mixed-media, and more. On January 10-12, 10am-4pm, Joan Fullerton presents Mixed Media Painting. Explore new paint delivery systems for the purpose of creating random marks and shapes. January 13-15, 10am-4pm, Fullerton offers Intuitive Abstract Landscape Painting. Learn how to coax hints of reality from an abstract background or start with the inspiration of a place and abstract it to reveal more emotional essence. For the rest of the schedule, more information and cost, visit www.artsarasota.org or call 941•365•2032. While most of these workshops are in-person at the Art Center, 707 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, each offers a two-hour artist demonstration via Zoom prior to the session. For in-person sessions, students will be asked to provide proof of a negative PCR or Rapid COVID test (within 48 hours of class) or proof of vaccination prior to attending a workshop. Masks are required. Space is limited. Scholarships are available. Photo: Joan Fullerton.

in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte.

Hermitage News

The Hermitage Artist Retreat has announced a full slate of early 2022 programs featuring new and returning Hermitage Fellows, from Pulitzer Prizewinning playwright Paula Vogel and Avery Fisher Prizewinning flutist Claire Chase to Beyonce collaborator and soloing band member Lady Jess and interdisciplinary artist Ni'Ja Whitson. The program lineup – presented at outdoor venues throughout Sarasota County including the Hermitage Beach and Selby Gardens Downtown – also includes "Say Their Names," a partnership with Manasota ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life & History) to present selections from composer-saxophonist Matthew

"We are thrilled to launch 2022 with an exciting slate of programming that introduces our Gulf Coast community to some of the most extraordinary talents and performers working today," said Hermitage Artistic Director and CEO Andy Sandberg. "We are grateful to continue our collaboration with Selby Gardens to present a new program with Lady Jess, a brilliant violinist who has frequently shared the stage with Beyoncé, as well as returning Hermitage Fellow Michael R. Jackson, who won the Pulitzer Prize last year for his musical A Strange Loop. We're also looking forward to new partnerships with Manasota ASALH (featuring Matthew Evan Taylor) and the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast (featuring Claire Chase and Ni'Ja Whitson), among other leading arts and cultural institutions in our region. Where else can audiences experience – in the span of a few weeks - works in progress from so many of the world's greatest artists, alongside theater legends like Paula Vogel and Gavin Creel?!" In addition, All of these outdoor programs are free and open to the public with a \$5/person registration fee. Due to capacity limitations and social distancing, registration is required at HermitageArtistRetreat.org. All of the Hermitage's scheduled programming through the end of 2021 and into early 2022 will continue outdoors unless otherwise indicated, all with socially distanced seating.

Evan Taylor, inspired by the

fight against anti-Black racism.





Sarasota Concert Association's free lunchtime concerts, "Music Matinees", are back with more outstanding regional artists offering a variety of musical styles. The 2022 Music Matinees noontime concert season features Passerine (January 12); violinist Sun-Young Gemma Shin and pianist Avis Romm (February 9); the Sarasota Opera's Studio Artists (March 16); and the GS Duo, with flutist Angela Galestro and guitarist Jonathan Smith (April 13). All Music Matinees are **noon to 1pm** in the David Cohen Hall of the Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center, 709 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Admission is free; seating for these concerts is first-come, first-served, and cannot be reserved. For more information, visit www.SCAsarasota.org. Photo: Sun-Young Gemma Shin will bring music alive on February 9th.



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December is the biggest movie month of the year. And while I hope you are safely returning to the cinema, if you aren't quite ready, many of the big movies can be found on a streaming service.



Before I get started on the big movies, let me say how much I loved A Clüsterfünke Christmas, Comedy Central's loving parody of Hallmark Channel holiday movies. It wastes no time in letting you know exactly what you're in for. Our heroine Holly (Vella Lavell) is a New York City, workobsessed, single, with a harried assistant, self-declared "bubbly best friend" whose sole purpose is to provide backstory and a rich and inattentive boyfriend. To save her job, Holly has to go to Yuletown, Maine to buy the Clüsterfünke Inn for her real estate company. Boo!

Of course she meets a hunky hometown guy (Cheyenne Jackson) and they just DON'T get along, and of course she quickly acquires a "platonic confidante." Meanwhile, she tries to convince the Clusterfünke sisters (Rachel Dratch and Ana Gasteyer) to sell their Inn, while attending every Noel-themed festival you can imagine. There's the obligatory montage, product placement, nondescript music, you get it. I'd recommend pouring a glass of holiday cheer and sitting down to A Clüsterfünke Christmas.

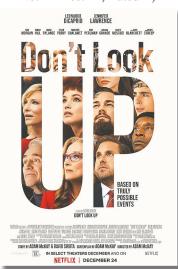
Being the Ricardos (Dec. 10, Amazon, Dec. 21, Rated R) AMAZON ORIGINAL MOVIE 11 KIDMAN

DECEMBER'S BIG MOVIES



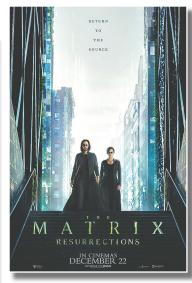
I'm guessing that when you thought, "Who should play Lucille Ball on the big screen?" you didn't think, "A super tall, thin Aussie with a bit too much Botox would be perfect." Have you seen the trailer? I'm kind of loving Nicole Kidman as Lucy and of course, Javier Badem as Desi. Being the Ricardos is written and directed by master wordsmith Aaron Sorkin and looks at one tumultuous week in the lives of the most famous couple in America.

Don't Look Up (Dec. 10 on Netflix Dec. 24, Rated R)



Meryl Streep as the president is enough for me to check out this Adam McCay film about a comet on a path to destroy the world. The big-name cast includes Leo DiCaprio, Jennifer Lawrence, Tyler Perry, Cate Blanchett, Jonah Hill and more. I loved McCay's other films, from The Big Short to Anchorman.

The Matrix Resurrections (Dec. 22, Theaters and HBO Max, R)



I saw the original Matrix on TV a few years after it came out in 1999. I thought it was OK. Keanu Reeves is back and he still looks great and he'll probably kill a few less people than in the John Wick movies. You might want to catch this one on the big screen.

West Side Story (Theaters Now, Rated PG-13)



Every year Emma and I choose a Christmas movie, and this year, we'll be at Steven Spielberg's vision of the beloved musical that I frankly didn't love so much. From the trailer, this film screams Big Screen! The dance numbers look amazing and the casting is more authentic than the original movie. If anyone can get this right, Spielberg can. We'll be there on Christmas.

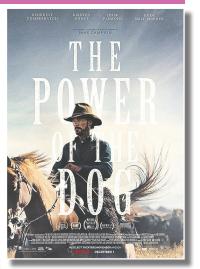
A Journal for Jordan (Dec. 25, Rated PG-13) MICHAEL B. JORDAN CHANTÉ ADAMS



I am 99% sure that this movie about a soldier (Michael B. Jordan) who keeps a journal for his infant son while at war in Iraq, is going to make me cry. I'm just not sure how early or how often. Denzel Washington directs. I'll wait to watch this one on the small screen, because, you know, the crying thing.

The Power of the Dog (Netflix now, Rated R) This film is getting a lot of awards buzz, especially for





director Jane Campion and star Benedict Cumberbatch, who plays a grizzled rancher who does not take too kindly to his brother (Jesse Plemons) bringing home a wife (Kirsten Dunst) and her awkward teenage son. The performances are excellent, ves. even Kirsten Dunst who I have been less than kind to in earlier Amandas. The film is a tad leisurely, but that's Campion's style.





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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Englewood

By Todd Tracy

This year I would love to write about Santa's falling poll numbers, the North Pole's vaccination rates, elf gender fluidity, (I always wondered about those green tights), toy factory supply chain issues, and the alarming rate of "too fat to fly" obese reindeer, but I'm duty bound to end the year on another topic. Bummer.

Here goes. Did you know that The Old Englewood Village Association (OEVA), is a community-based organization, established in 1985, that remains committed to building a stronger town by working with our fellow non-profits, local leaders, organizations, associations, and residents? Don't worry if you didn't, very few locals even know. OEVA supports a diverse mix of interests ranging from community revitalization, management, beautification, arts, promotions, social, cultural, to recreational services. Their

goal, with your help, is to make Englewood an even better place to live? To learn more you should visit the OEVA web site at www. OldEnglewood.com and browse the home page to catch up and learn. There you will find a main menu that, with your indulgence, I would like to review with you. Blogs: Staying locally connected and informed is even easier with our new Blog. It has automated links and feeds that are impressive that continue to grow in both content and categories. We can even absorb other organizations' newsletters automatically if they want! News: An overview of all posts in all categories like the town's construction progress, a list of upcoming events, downtown

maps, parking spaces, and much more. OEVA Column: Click on this

tab to read or share our locally themed editorials published in The Englewood Review.

Board Meeting Minutes: Both the minutes and the agendas are constantly updated and available to everyone.

Join Us: A call for volunteers and members of all types. Our Artists: if you are interested in Englewood's artists or member businesses, click on the tab. Artists and businesses can create personalized pages with custom galleries and profiles. Artist Opportunities: offers locals a quick and easy way to reach or request art or business services.

Upcoming Events: A linked interactive calendar service that continues to grow.

Classes in the Arts: If you have a talent, teach a class or offer a service you would like to share with the public.

Our Businesses: A growing directory of local businesses and services.

Englewood History: A fun collection of Englewood's history.

About Us: All you ever wanted to know about OEVA and then some.

Request an Artist: Where you can contact community artists. Contact Us: Ask a question, or just leave a comment.

Now the interesting part for us locals, OEVA's 2022 goals. OEVA remains committed in our quest to unite the town's nonprofits. Those relationships will bridge our collective strengths and help us all save human and financial resources. The reason behind this idea is that when the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Board, retires in 2029, we need to be ready, united, even excited about promoting and managing our downtown.

In 2022 OEVA will continue to build a world class website with the interactive and automated potential to serve our members and our community well into the future. Surveys: this is exciting. With the help of our CRA, OEVA continues to grow a database of involved residents that through creative e-mail surveys can share their thoughts and governance ideas on timely community topics. The statistical and interactive possibilities are endless and exciting.

Other lingering community sourced ideas include the Art

Alley concept that is already developing thanks to some creative businesses. John Munn's pop-up music concept "PUMA" could be expanded by offering pop-up artists services as well. OEVA is soon to actively begin building a "request an artist or musician" page.

Still in the works is the Englewood Arts District committee that continues to support the Residential Commercial Transition Overlay District, RCTOD. This area promises to become a very hip walking arts district in the future. Finally, OEVA will continue to support the Halloween Safewalk, the Christmas Walk and sponsor or support what we can in the new year.

To do this and more, we'll need your help. Please visit www.OldEnglewood.com, click on either the "Join Us" or Volunteer tab as we are developing our volunteer process flow now, and help us make 2022 a year to remember.

Thanks for hanging in there. Next year, I promise to follow up on the obese reindeer rumors, and dive into why Rudolf's nose is always red this time of year. Until then, Happy New Year everyone!



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Page 22 The Englewood REVIEW December 24, 2021 "They Have Treated Me Like a Brother"

By Chris Cameron

Referring to this country's veterans, President Barack Obama once stated, "It's about how we treat our veterans every single day of the year. It's about making sure they have the care they need and the benefits that they've earned when they come home. It's about serving all of you as well as you've served the United States of America". Over the past year, VFW Post #10178 and three businesses in Englewood have exemplified this statement for a local veteran. Lemuel Turner, a WWII veteran, was facing home repair costs like every homeowner encounters at some point. A friend of his reached out to the VFW Post in February after learning that Mr. Turner's water heater had stopped working and he had been without hot water for three weeks. The VFW has a relief fund set up for assisting veterans and their families in need. Past Post Commander Danny Fuson, the current Relief Fund chair, contacted Gem Statewide Plumbing to replace the water heater. They not only set up a new water heater for Mr. Turner, but owner Louis Gemma did not charge this veteran for the water heater and installation.

During his interactions with Mr. Turner, Danny learned that his 100th birthday was in March and that he was a Harley-Davidson man. To celebrate this occasion,



Michael Douglass Plumbing employee Frankie Renda and owners Lane Curtis and Jim Curtis meet Lemuel Turner after connecting him to city water and sewer at no charge.

Danny organized a surprise birthday party drive-by with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office and three of its Harley Davidson motorcycle units, Englewood Fire Department, VFW members and VFW district commander Bob Muhlhauser attending. Mr. Turner received patches from the deputy motorcyclists, a certificate from the National VFW Commander, a WWII certificate, and Post #10178 post certificate.

Fast forward to October when Mr. Turner once again began to have plumbing issues: the house toilets were backing up and the cause was determined to be tree roots infiltrating his

leach field. The funds needed to hook up to Englewood water and sewage were beyond his financial reach and once again Post #10178 stepped up to assist this veteran through their Relief Fund. Michael Douglass Plumbing ran the necessary lines for the hook-up. The business' owners, Jane and Jim Curtis, upon learning that the customer was a 100-year-old veteran, said, "no charge" as a way of thanking him for his military service. Amberjack Sanitation was hired to crush and remove the septic tank, and since the owner Brian

Halstead and his son Jack are veterans, they decided to absorb the cost for a fellow veteran.

Danny Fuson says the VFW Post serves both veterans and the Englewood community. They interact with local organizations such as Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary, Girl Scout Troop 419, Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary (E.A.R.S.), Englewood schools through the VFW's Voice for Democracy and Patriots Pen contests, Lemon Bay Junior Navy ROTC program and Englewood Elementary School. You will find the VFW participating in special occasions at Lemon Bay Cemetery, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and events held at the Englewood Veterans Memorial and Freedom Pavilion. He also states that area businesses and organizations step up when needed to help take care of veterans and their families in need, such as Mr. Turner.

Lemuel Turner was born and raised as a farm boy in Huntsville, Alabama. He answered his country's call to serve in the U.S. Army during WWII and was stationed in England. Upon returning home, he worked for Redstone Arsenal. In 1958 he relocated to Englewood and locally his jobs include working as a lifeguard at

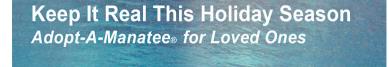
Warm Mineral Springs and at a sporting goods store in Venice. Regarding how the Englewood community has honored him, Mr. Turner says he doesn't have the words in his vocabulary to express his gratitude and appreciation for the VFW and for the businesses that have supported him, "They have treated me like a brother!"



Initiated by Englewood VFW Post 10178, Lemuel Turner enjoyed a drive by 100th birthday party.



Brian and Jack Halstead of Amberjack Sanitation talk with Lemuel Turner during septic tank removal. They even donated the dirt for to fill in the hole!





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HOME & GARDEN Tips before deciding to do a DIY

Home improvement projects can range from relatively inexpensive undertakings to complex endeavors that cost homeowners thousands of dollars. In an effort to make expensive projects more affordable, homeowners may look for ways to pitch in, and do-it-yourself demolition is a common way to cut costs.

Due to geographical fluctuations in price as well as the scale of a project, it's hard to pinpoint just how much homeowners can save by doing demolition work themselves. HomeAdvisor estimates that the average small interior demolition project costs just over \$3,000, though more significant demolition projects can cost considerably more than that.

Given the cost, it's no surprise that so many homeowners volunteer to do demolition on their own. Though it's possible to do so safely, homeowners can take steps to determine if it's in their best interest to take on a DIY demolition or leave it to the professionals.

Conduct a cost analysis

Demolition projects seem simple, but they often require the use of equipment most homeowners don't have on hand. Rentals can be considered in such instances, but the cost of renting equipment can reduce the amount of money homeowners are saving by going it alone. For example, homeowners may be able to pull up vinyl or tile flooring on their own, but not all floors are installed the same. Some floors

may have been glued more effectively than others, making it hard and/or time-consuming to pull them up by hand. A walkbehind floor scraper can make it easier to remove such floors, but that equipment must be rented. A cost analysis comparing the contractors' demolition cost estimate and the cost of DIY, complete with equipment rental projections, can give a more accurate picture of how much money homeowners will save by going it alone. If the savings of DIY are negligible, homeowners should probably let the contractor handle the demo.

Speak with your contractor Prior to saying they'll do the demo work on their own, homeowners should speak with their contractors to get an



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accurate idea of what the project will entail. Demolition projects may seem simple enough, but contractors can illustrate the correct way to do things so as to minimize potentially costly damage. Some contractors may offer to help homeowners start the demo project and then leave them to their own devices once they get a knack for what to do. Once homeowners see what it will take, they can then decide if DIY is best for them.

done alone. The risk for accident and injury is simply too great for homeowners to go it alone. Homeowners who can't enlist some volunteers to pitch in should leave the job to the professionals.

DIY demolition can save homeowners a lot of money. But such projects are not necessarily as simple as they seem. Homeowners should take steps to see exactly what they're getting into before they volunteer to take on demo duty.

Enlist help No DIY demo should ever be





Pansies, snapdragons, English daisies, calendula, and other blooms will survive the cold, keeping containers, borders and gardens full of color.



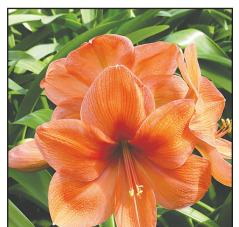


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UF RESOURCES FOR GARDENERS

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- Florida-Friendly Landscaping fyn.ifas. ufl.edu/
- Solutions For Your Life solutionsforyourlife.com
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WHAT TO PLANT

Annuals/Bedding Plants: Plants that can be added to the garden during the coolest months include begonia, browallia, lobelia, dianthus, dusty miller, and nicotiana.

Bulbs: Winter is a great time to plant bulbs that will bloom in the spring. Some examples include Clivia lily, crinum, and agapanthus.

Herbs: Many herbs will thrive now that temperatures are cooler, including tarragon, thyme, dill, fennel, and any of the mints.

Vegetables: Many vegetables can be planted this time of year. This the last month to plant Irish potatoes, beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale, mustard, and turnips.

WHAT TO DO

It is a good time to plant woody shrubs. Water frequently to get new plantings off to a good start.

Irrigation: Water plants if temperatures remain higher than Crepe myrtle

normal and rainfall is scarce.

Shrubs and trees: Prune nonspring flowering shrubs and trees this month to improve form.

Arbor Day: Celebrate Florida Arbor Day (the 3rd Friday of January) by planting a tree in your yard or community.

Crape myrtle: Remove seed pods, crossing branches, and small twiggy growth to improve the appearance and form of the plant, if desired. Hard pruning is not required.

Cold protection: Bring sensitive plants like orchids inside if a frost or freeze is predicted. Thoroughly water and cover sensitive plants in the landscape 12–24 hours before a freeze.

Pests: Apply horticultural oil to citrus, shrubs, and deciduous fruit trees while plants are dormant to control scale. Apply copper spray to mangos after bloom.

* Information courtesy of the University of Florida IFAS Extension: www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep452



benefits, creating wildlife corridors, ensuring clean and plentiful water, providing opportunities for unique public access, and delivering economic and environmental benefits to support resilient communities. Learn more and join in their mission at www. conservationfoundation.com. open to the public. Lemon Bay

Harbor, their surrounding waters and uplands, and vital fish and wildlife habitat, through property preservation, environmental education and advocacy for sustainable land and water conservation policies and practices. Membership and volunteer opportunities are open to all who wish to help support their mission. *Charitable donations are* always welcome. Many of their activities take place at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, formerly an abandoned golf course, which the Conservancy purchased in 2010 and continues to enhance the natural habitats. The Preserve is located at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd and is open to members daily and to the public for scheduled events. Learn more at lemonbayconservancy.org.

Explore an Estuary

Visit the Lemon Creek estuarine wetlands on the western side of Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve on **Wednesday**, **December 29**, at **9am**. Dr. Bill Dunson will lead this free guided walk. Meet in the parking lot located at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

New Year's Day Nature Walk On **Saturday, January 1**, Start the year with a two-hour guided walk around Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve to observe how nature is beginning the new year. Note this walk will begin at **10am** in case you were up late the night before!

Edible & Medicinal Plant Walk

Take a walk on the eastern (fresh water) side of Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve and learn about edible and medicinal plants in the landscape on **Monday, January 3, 9 to 11am**. (No plant removal or tasting permitted!)

Guided Bird Walk Take a leisurely walk with LBC guides to observe some of the many bird species visiting Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve on **Sunday, January 9**, **9** to **11am**. Bring your binoculars!

Lunch Lecture: Habitat Restoration

On **Monday, January 10**, Eva Furner, Lemon Bay Conservancy's chair for the Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve habitat restoration project, will discuss the \$2.1 million restoration of the old Wildflower golf course in Grove City, including major project elements, restoration benefits, the ongoing challenges posed by invasive plants, and plans for the future. The project includes 22 acres of new and enhanced wetlands, expanded estuarine habitat that is protecting juvenile tarpon and many other species, and thousands of native upland and wetland plantings. The new preserve, owned and managed by nonprofit Lemon Bay Conservancy (LBC), is improving water quality flowing into Lemon Bay and providing a permanently

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protected refuge for wildlife. The luncheon and lecture will be noon – 1:30pm at the Manasota Beach Club and is part of their 2022 Monday Lecture Series on "Ecology, History and Preservation of Manasota Key & the Gulf Coast." Cost is \$25+ taxes/gratuity. Reservations required due to limited seating. Presentation outside. Mask required except for eating. For reservations, contact MBC at 941•474•2614. Website: www. manasotabeachclub.com. Following the January 10th

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presentation, Eva will lead a guided walk on January 13 to visit the restored habitats.

LBC Volunteer Opportunities On Tuesday, January 11 and Tuesday, February 8, beginning at 9am, Lucia Schatteleyn of Lemon Bay Conservancy will lead a walk and explain volunteer opportunities at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve. Come out and learn how you can help maintain and improve the Preserve located at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. Session dates and times are dependent on reservations. Reserve by calling

Lucia at 941•662•7908.

Improving the Earth One Garden at a Time

If each of us worked on a garden/yard to enhance its usefulness to birds and other wildlife, there would be a significant improvement in worldwide habitat. On Friday, January 14 from 9 to 11am, visit areas of Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve with Dr. Bill Dunson to see examples of a variety of plants and gardening techniques.

Pole Walking

Join Lucia Schatteleyn for an exercise walk using poles (1 or 2) for stability. The technique will be explained and demonstrated before the fun begins. The dates are Saturdays: January 15, February 5 and February 19. Start time is 9am at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve parking lot. Note these walks will move at a moderate pace. For more information, contact Lucia at 941-662-7908.

Juvenile Tarpon Research **Volunteers** Needed

On the third Saturday of each month through April, Lemon Bay Conservancy will be doing its juvenile tarpon net pulls in Lemon Creek, and they can always use help! Volunteers assist in pulling in the net and can observe the research activities. The planned dates are Saturdays: January 15, February 19, March 19, and April 16. Start time is 7:45am. Advance registration required. If you would like to assist, please contact Jim Cooper at 941•979•6258 for full details.

Central Preserve Guided Walk Take a guided walk with Charlie Woodruff through the central sections of Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve on

Monday, January 17, 9 to **11am**. Learn about the plants and animals that you see along the way.

Focus on Lemon Bay Water Quality

Lemon Bay Conservancy will hold its annual general meeting on Monday, January 17 starting at **5:30pm** at the Cape Haze Community Center, 155 Spaniards Rd., Placida. Following a short business session, the program will feature a presentation and discussion led by Ms. Judy Ott, estuary scientist and educator, and Dr. William "Coty" Keller, local ecologist, on "Lemon Bay - It's Complicated: Ideas for Restoring & Safeguarding Our Special Estuary". The meeting is open to the public. For more information, visit lemonbayconservancy.org.

Successional Changes

Join Dr. Bill Dunson on Sunday, January 23 as he discusses expected transitions over time in plant communities on the east side of Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve. The walk is 9 to 11am.

Preserve West Side Guided Walk

Mike Weisensee will lead an informative walk to visit the estuarine habitats on the west side of Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve on Monday, January 31 from 9 to 11am.

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) Nature Walks On these casual walks with

CHEC volunteers, you will search and learn about plants, animals, fungi, and more that live in Charlotte County preserves. Prepare for each walk with plenty of water, insect repellent, sunscreen, and clothing that will protect you from insects and plants. Advance registration is required. The health and safety policies for CHEC programs are subject to change. For information on programs, mask requirements and Covid-19 safety precautions, please call 941•475•0769 or email gerald@checflorida.org. Go to www.CHECflorida.org for a complete program calendar.

Tuesday, January 4, 9am: Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre Amberjack Environmental Park, 6250 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. Meet at

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A healthy bay is everybody's business! Sarasota Bay Watch announces open registration for the 12th Annual Scallopalooza Fundraising Event. The "clamtastic" event is set for **6pm**, **Saturday, February 12** at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota. "Scallopalooza, It's Clamtastic!" will provide a happy hour, dinner, light presentation, a very popular silent auction, and entertainment while raising funds for local shellfish restoration across the Bay in Sarasota and Manatee counties. Early Bird tickets are available until Friday, December 31. Single tickets are \$100. For more information and to register, please visit sarasotabaywatch.org/scallopalooza2022. Your host is Sarasota Bay Watch, an actionbased, grassroots, non-profit organization dedicated to restoring coastal ecosystems through citizen participation. In 2021 alone over 825,000 clams were released! Clams naturally filter excess nutrients that contribute to red tide and poor clarity affecting seagrass growth, a necessary food source for local marine mammals. Membership is free; visit sarasotabaywatch.org to get involved with its on-going effort to protect and restore the local natural resource. Photo: 2020 Scallopalooza, It's Clamtastic attendees browsing auction item.

the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd. Please call 941-475-0769 to register or for more information. Also offered Sunday, January 23 at 9am.

Saturday, January 8, 9am: Join CHEC on a guided walk through Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve, 16259 Joppa Avenue, in Port Charlotte. This 150-acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Meet in the parking lot. Please call 941-475-0769 to register or for more information. All participants are required to wear face masks during the program.

Seagreass Wading Adventure Join CHEC for a free wading adventure through the seagrass beds of Lemon Bay on Saturday, January 8. All participants will be guided approximately a half-mile to the wading site, where they will collect and view creatures of the bay. Participants will need to wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that may get wet during the trip. Participants are also encouraged to wear sunscreen and insect repellent and to bring plenty of drinking water.

Advance registration is required by calling 941-475-0769. Trips fill up fast! Meet in the Cedar Point Environmental Park Visitor Center, 2300 Placida Road at 11am. Also offered Tuesday, January 25 at 11am.

Tuesday, January 11, 9am: Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 81-acre Bill Coy/Buck Creek Preserve in Englewood. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot, 5350 Placida Road. Phone 941•475•0769 to register or for information.

Friday, January 14, 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 at 2400 El Jobean Road. Please call 941-475-0769 to register or for more information.

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

Tuesday, January 25, 9am: Join CHEC on a walk at Bayshore Live Oak Park along the shoreline of Charlotte Harbor to explore the various mangrove species found there. Covered will be mangrove identification, special adaptations that allow mangroves to thrive in salty environments, and why mangroves are important and protected in Florida. Please call 941-475-0769 to register or for more information.

The items appearing in this column are as accurate as possible. Please phone the listed numbers for confirmation and *further information. If you have* an upcoming event you would like to have considered for Nature Calls, please send info and/or photo to The Englewood REVIEW, 370 W Dearborn St, Suite B, Englewood, FL 34223 or englewoodreview@comcast. net.

Keeping

Big Bounce America

The entire family, including adults, can enjoy a day of fun when Big Bounce America comes to Sarasota on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 14, 15 & 16. Participants receive a dedicated time slot on the world's biggest bounce house, and up to three hours unlimited access to the Giant, airSPACE, and Sport Slam. Don't miss this inflatable madness opportunity at Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota! Ticket prices are \$19 to \$39. Reserve your slot now at thebigbounceamerica.com.

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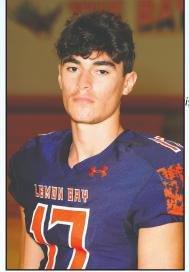
Children's Performance Sarasota County Parks & Partners presents a children's performance on Sunday,

January 23 at 2:30pm featuring the Sarasota Wind Quintet. This free concert geared for children and families takes place at the Nathan Benderson Playground, 700 N. Cattlemen Road, Sarasota. Registration opens Thursday, December 30 and is required due to parking constraints. Program selections include five easy dances, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Beethoven's Fifth Bossa Nova, and *Flight of the Bumblebee*. Go to sarasotaorchestra.org/concerts/ parks-and-partners for more information.

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LBHS Athletes of the Month

On behalf of the Lemon Bay High School Athletic Department, conaratulations to the Lemon Bay November 2021 Athletes of the Month, Meghan Brown and Aaron Pasick. A senior on the Girls Swimming Team, Meghan Brown is an outstanding swimmer and student athlete. She led the girls team this year in points. Meghan had a great season which culminated in her qualifying for the State Meet in a very challenging region. Meghan qualified for the consolation finals in both of her events. She has made States every year of her high school career. Football senior Aaron Pasick is a standout in all three phases of the game, offense, defense, and special teams. Aaron scored 12 touchdowns and averaged over 30 yards per carry and catch. Aaron



Aaron Pasick - Football, by Tim Kern



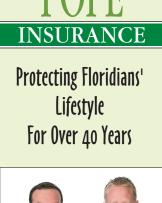
Meghan Brown – Girls Swimming, photo by Tim Kern

overcame a severely dislocated elbow late in the season to return and help his teammates in the second round of the playoffs – a truly remarkable feat! Congratulations also to these students who received Honorable Mention for the month of November: Volleyball: Gabi Crespo (Sr), Taylor Orris (Soph), Kendall Steinert (Sr), Brooke Andrews (Sr), Ocean Roth (Soph), Presley Engelauf (Jr), Rylie Thibideau (Jr), Lilly Abbot (Soph), Grace

Egloff (Sr), Elexis Lamparello (Sr), Maddie Googins (Soph), Olivia Becker (Jr), and Maddie Link (Sr). Boys Cross Country: Rune LeDoux (Sr) and Sean Perry (Jr). Boys Swimming: Becket Koss (Jr) and Joey Sacco (Sr). Football: Gabe Dickerson (Jr) and Jason Hogan (Sr). The entire athletic department at Lemon Bay High School thanks you for your support of the Manta Rays! School website: www.lemonbayhigh.com. Facebook: www.facebook.com/mantaathletics. Twitter: @mantaathletics



Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. The Rotary Club of Englewood sponsors the Cougar Care Club, the Interact group at L.A. Ainger Middle School. Their holiday service project was to purchase and wrap Christmas gifts for residents of Brookdale Rotonda Assisted Living. Pictured here with the gifts are standing (I-r): Erika Alvarez, Chase White, Gianna Le (in front), Sophia Siligato, Patrick Kloss, and Noah Mullins. Kneeling are Zoe Hendricks and Calista Nichols.





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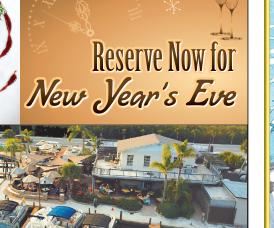
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PLEASE NOTE: POSTED EVENTS MUST BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. SOME CLASSES MAY REQUIRE MASKS. PLEASE CALL BEFORE ATTENDING.

FRI DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at GCUMC 1100 S. McCall Rd. 3PM, 5PM, 8PM & 11:30PM 697-1747

Fellowship Church Christmas Eve Concerts 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 4-5PM & 6-7PM 475-7447

Christmas Eve at the Beach Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Ave. 5-6PM 460-0436

SAT DECEMBER 25 Christmas Community Dinner

Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St. 12-2PM 474-5588

WED DECEMBER 29

Winter Make and Take Crafts Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St. 1:30-5:30PM 861-1214

Rocket Man -- Tribute Act Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Ave. W. 7:30-9:30PM Runs thru December 30. Venicetheatre.org

FRI DECEMBER 31

Elks New Years Eve Englewood Elks #2378, 401 N. Indiana Ave. 5PM-1AM 474-1404

Legion Family New Year's Eve Rotonda American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd. 7PM-1AM 697-3616

SAT JANUARY 1

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

SUN JANUARY 2 Fellowship Church Communion Service 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 8:30AM-12:00PM 475-7447

MON JANUARY 3

First Monday Supper at GCUMC Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 McCall Rd. 3:30-5:30PM 697-1747

FRI & SAT JANUARY 7 & 8

FL Wood Art Expo Charlotte Harbor Event Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda 9AM-4PM 697-2002

FRIJANUARY 7

Journeys of Identity in Poetry & Music Hermitage Artist Retreat, 6660 Manasota Kev Rd. 5-6PM HermitageArtistRetreat.org

SAT JANUARY 8

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

SUN JANUARY 9

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

FC F.U.E.L. Fellowship Church, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 5-7PM 475-7447

FC BLAST KIDS

Fellowship Church Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 5-7PM 475-7447

MON JANUARY 10 Reading with the Dogs Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St. 3:30-4:30PM 681-1225

THURS JANUARY 13 Englewood Fishing Club Rotonda Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle 6:30-8:00PM

697-3685 Sherry Lord International Channel-Spirit Speaks, 411 W Dearborn St.

9AM-5PM 734-564-6828 **FRI JANUARY 14**

Walk on Through Hermitage Artist Retreat Beach, 6660 Manasota Key Rd., 5-6PM HermitageArtistRetreat. org

Ain't Misbehavin' The Fats Waller Musical Show Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Ave, W. Runs thru January 27. Evenings 7:30PM, Matinee 2PM venicetheatre.org

SUN & MON JANUARY 16 & 17

Lift Every Voice Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Ave. W., Evening 7:30PM, Matinee 2PM venicetheatre.org

MON JANUARY 17

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

THURS JANUARY 20 Alameda Isles Community Sale Alameda Isles Clubhouse, 1 Alameda Grande Blvd, 9AM-2PM

vickie.hickey@gmail.com

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

Gulf Beach Quests Boca Grande Community Auditorium, 131 1st St W. 4-5PM 964-0060

FRI JANUARY 21 Hermitage Sunsets @ Selby Gardens: "The Work" 1534 Mound St. 5:30-6:30PM

HermitageArtistRetreat.org **SAT JANUARY 22** Manta Market Fine Arts, Crafts, **Artisanal Foods and More!** Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Rd. 9AM-2PM Mantamarket@comcast.net

Psychic Fair Spirit Speaks, 411 W. Dearborn St. 3-7PM 734-564-6828

SUN & MON JANUARY 23 & 24 An Evening with Norm Lewis Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Ave W. Evenings 7:30PM, Matinee 2PM venicetheatre.org

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

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

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

TUES & THURS

Boogie Chair Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM 861-1980

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

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

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

Creative Magic of Mosaics Art Alliances of Lemon Bay, 452 W. Dearborn St. 1-5:00PM 258-6873

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

Line Dancing with Eve Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda Blvd. East, 10AM-12PM 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 681-3736

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

Writers on the Air Open Mic Radio Show Common Grounds Meeting Hall, 12735 US 41 South, North Port 6-7PM 223-1262

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

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

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

Boogie Chair by Laurentz Centennial Park, 1120 O'Donnell Blvd., Port Charlotte 10:30-11:30AM 237-8983

Aqua Zumba with Laurentz Centennial Park Pool, 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

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

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

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

Tai Chi / Qigong Ann & Chuck Dever Recreation Center, 6961 San Casa Dr. 11:30AM-12:30PM aqi.fulllife@ amail.com

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

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Methodist Church, 1100 McCall Rd.

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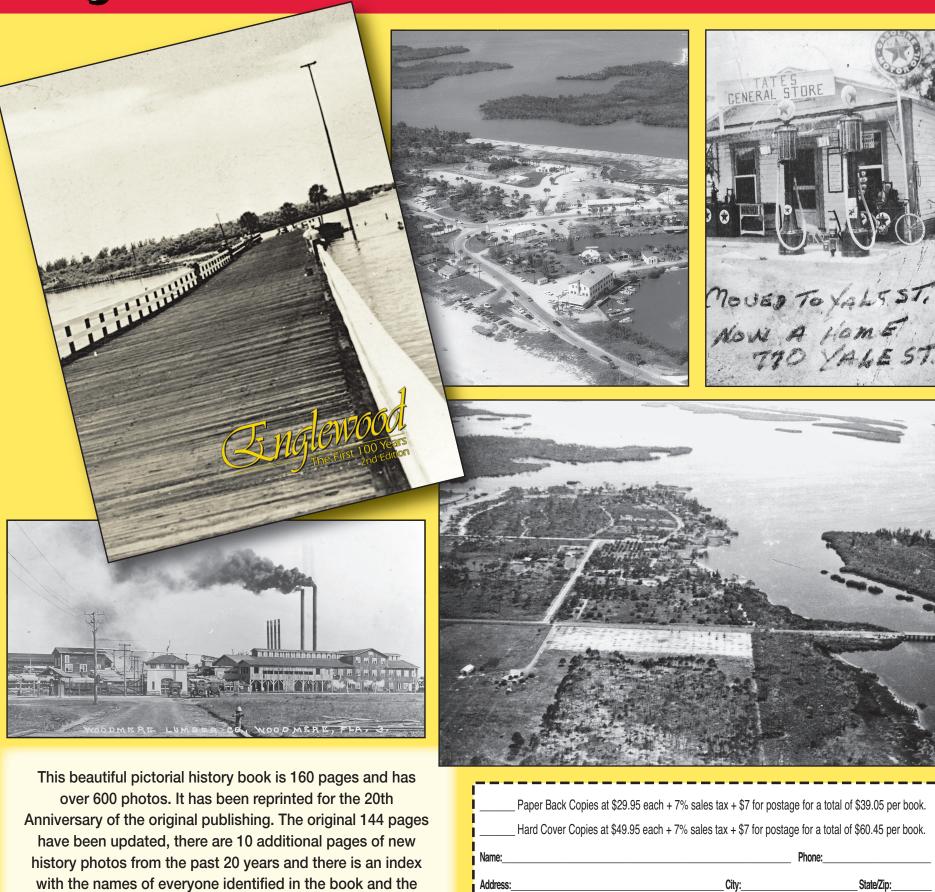
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By Dean M. Laux

"My life has been about words," says Mary Lundeberg in a vast understatement of what she has accomplished in two careers over the last half-century. Her life has been about words, yes, but also about pictures, teaching and outspoken advocacy for better education and a more ecofriendly society.

Mary grew up in Chicago, the middle child and only daughter of parents in the medical field, and she went to the local city schools before moving on to college at the University of Illinois in Urbana. She didn't particularly like what she saw in the city schools, and she decided that a career in education would be the best starting point for doing something about it. After earning a B.A. degree in English at Illinois, she went on to earn an M.S. in K-12 reading at the University of Wisconsin and a Ph.D.in educational psychology at the University of Minnesota. As Dr. Lundeberg she held increasingly impressive positions as a full professor at the University



Mary Lundeberg. (Photo by Deirdre Christman.)

of Wisconsin and Professor and Chair of the Education Department at Michigan State, teaching teachers to teach-in particular, using case-based methods involving students in interactive learning experiences. Her students learned by doing, whether at the grade school or collegiate level.

During her 23 years as a professor, she co-authored over



A graceful egret pirouettes atop a mangrove bush.

Notable NEIGHBORS

She puts people in touch with nature

88 articles and chapters, was Wisconsin's Teacher Educator of the Year in 1994, was named Outstanding Faculty Member of the College of Education on the Wisconsin-River Falls campus in 1999 and served for three years as associate editor of the Journal of Educational Psychology from 1999 to 2002. The awards were earned and appreciated, but she says, "what was really special was when my former students remembered me for what I gave to them." She gave them a love of learning and searched for the best methods to help them learn more.

In 2002 Mary lost her husband of 17 years. "He was wonderful, and I never expected to marry again. I never thought I would find another mate so special," she says. But she did. In 2005 she married Bill Karnes, whom she describes simply as "fabulous" and "phenomenal"pretty nice labels for any marital partner. And Bill changed Mary's life in another way: In 2009, for a valentine present, he gave her a Canon DSLR camera, and later a 600 mm lens. In case you're not into cameras and photography, that is a mighty pricey camera intended for professional use only. "I think he actually bought it for himself, and he lets me use it whenever I want," she jokes. But let it be clear: It's her camera and she uses it a lot–"probably 100 or so shots a day, and sometimes up to 500 in a day." You won't find pictures of her latest meal among those shots, either. She has become an awardwinning professional wildlife photographer. Check out her website (www.marylundeberg. com) for proof.

"I hadn't done much picture taking before getting that camera," she avers. "But the camera sparked my interest in photography, particularly photos of nature." On her website she says, "My goal as a photographer is to create appreciation for the beauty and fragility of this planet, especially water ecosystems, such as the estuaries in Florida, the rivers in Wisconsin and Colorado

and the glaciers in Antarctica. Photographing wildlife requires stillness. This challenges me to slow down as I listen to nature speaking to me. I take care not to disturb wildlife, preferring to capture critters' behaviors in their natural habitat." In particular, she says, "I like to focus on the nurturing behavior of animals"-a female elephant tending to her babies, a leopard teaching her young to hunt, or eagle parents watching their nest, for example. And she's traveled the world to do just that.

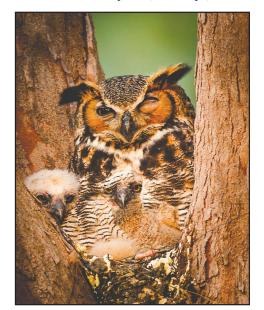
One trip took her to Antarctica, the Falkland Islands and South Georgia, where she photographed colonies of King penguins and Gentoos, watched elephant seals tend their young

and Adele penguins ride an ice floe. She has filmed polar bears in arctic Norway and Cape Buffalo in Kenya. On safari in Africa she took photos of a lion pride, elephants feeding their babies, leopards on a hunt and giraffes fighting. It was nature red in tooth and claw, as Alfred, Lord Tennyson put it. "When I first saw them bobbing at each other with their long necks, I thought it was a mating dance," she says. "But then

it became much worse. They fought until one walked away, the victor."

Last year she decided to go to India. "I'd had a number of students from India, I was doing yoga, and I was interested in their culture and religion," she says. She took the opportunity to get a snapshot of India's famed Bengal tigers along the way.

Her portfolio of nature photos is huge: ducks and dolphins, foxes and flamingos, hummingbirds and hippos, manatees and mountain goats. panthers and pelicans, wolves and woodpeckers are all a part of it. And her photos of Florida's wildlife are both extensive and exquisite. "I've traveled all over the planet," she says, "and



Two great horned owlets hide in their mother's feathers.



The "Lion King" spends an intimate interlude with his pride.



A polar bear in the Norwegian Arctic prepares for a broadjump.

I've never found a place more special than Florida. We live in a paradise, and we have to protect it."

She first came to visit Florida in 2009, when her daughter Betsy was living in Sarasota. "I loved it here. And I found Stump Pass," she says with a smile. Officially it's Stump Pass Beach

State Park, 245 acres at the most southerly point on Manasota Key, and their brochure states that it's "the perfect spot for viewing wildlife, sunbathing, hiking, fishing and boating.' Mary agrees. She has become a volunteer with the Friends of Stump Pass and is their official photographer. She participated



A majestic Bengal tiger takes a break before the hunt.



Who, me? A Cape buffalo mugs for the camera.

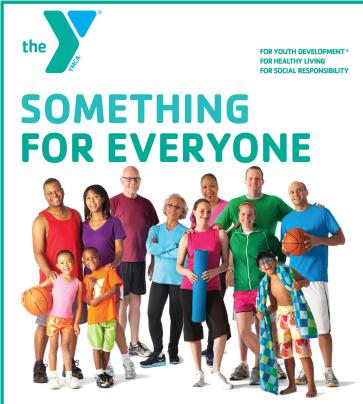
in the re-nourishment project this past year that rebuilt some of the Key's eroded beaches, and she helped in the relocation of protected turtle nests affected by that project. She is particularly fond of Florida's shorebirds and has become an advocate for their protection-especially the threatened terns and ploversenough so that she is known to many folks as "The Bird Lady." She cautions that Florida has lost millions of shorebirds in the past few years due to loss of habitat, loss of food sources affected by red tide and disruptive activities of tourists and Florida residents. She gives speeches on these issues and writes a regular column ("Noticing Nature") for the Englewood Sun.

On the side, she's been teaching a class in photography at Ringling College of Art and Design. "I'd never taught photography before, but I was a teacher and I am a photographer, so I thought, why not? I've had my career, I'm retired and now I do the fun stuff." That includes five books of photo studies of nature she's had published since 2014. "I love being out in the morning," she says, "and people can usually find me at Stump Pass beach."

And if she's not there, who knows? She might be off on another jaunt, shooting pictures of lions and tigers and bears. Oh my!

Editor's Note: Columnist Dean Laux is currently on vacation. This article us a reprint of the December 6, 2019 issue.





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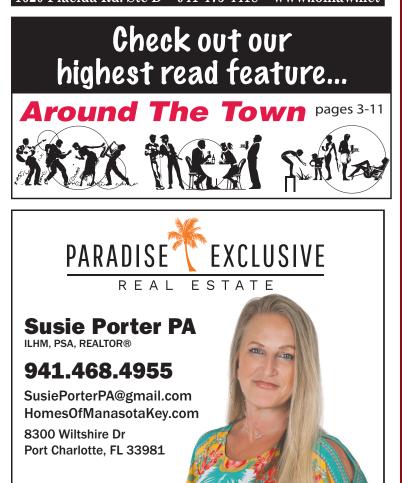
Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary (E.A.R.S.) held the official ribbon cutting at their new location, 500 N. Indiana Avenue, on December 11th. It was truly a celebration with E.A.R.S. board members, staff volunteers, friends, supporters, and Englewood Chamber representatives attending. Many fourlegged friends were also present. E.A.R.S. founder Peggy Hauptman and Paula Hines were honored during the event. Photo: Todd Zimmerman, E.A.R.S. shelter manager, cuts the ribbon while Board President Mary Curtis (holding Dachshund) and E.A.R.S. supporters cheered.

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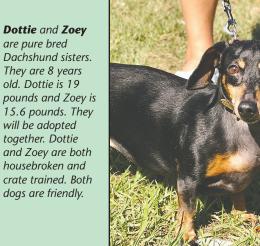
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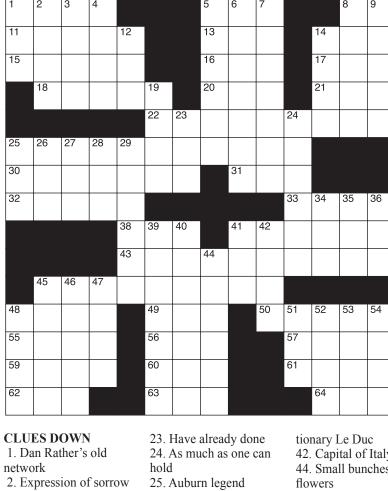
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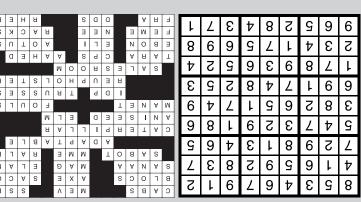
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