

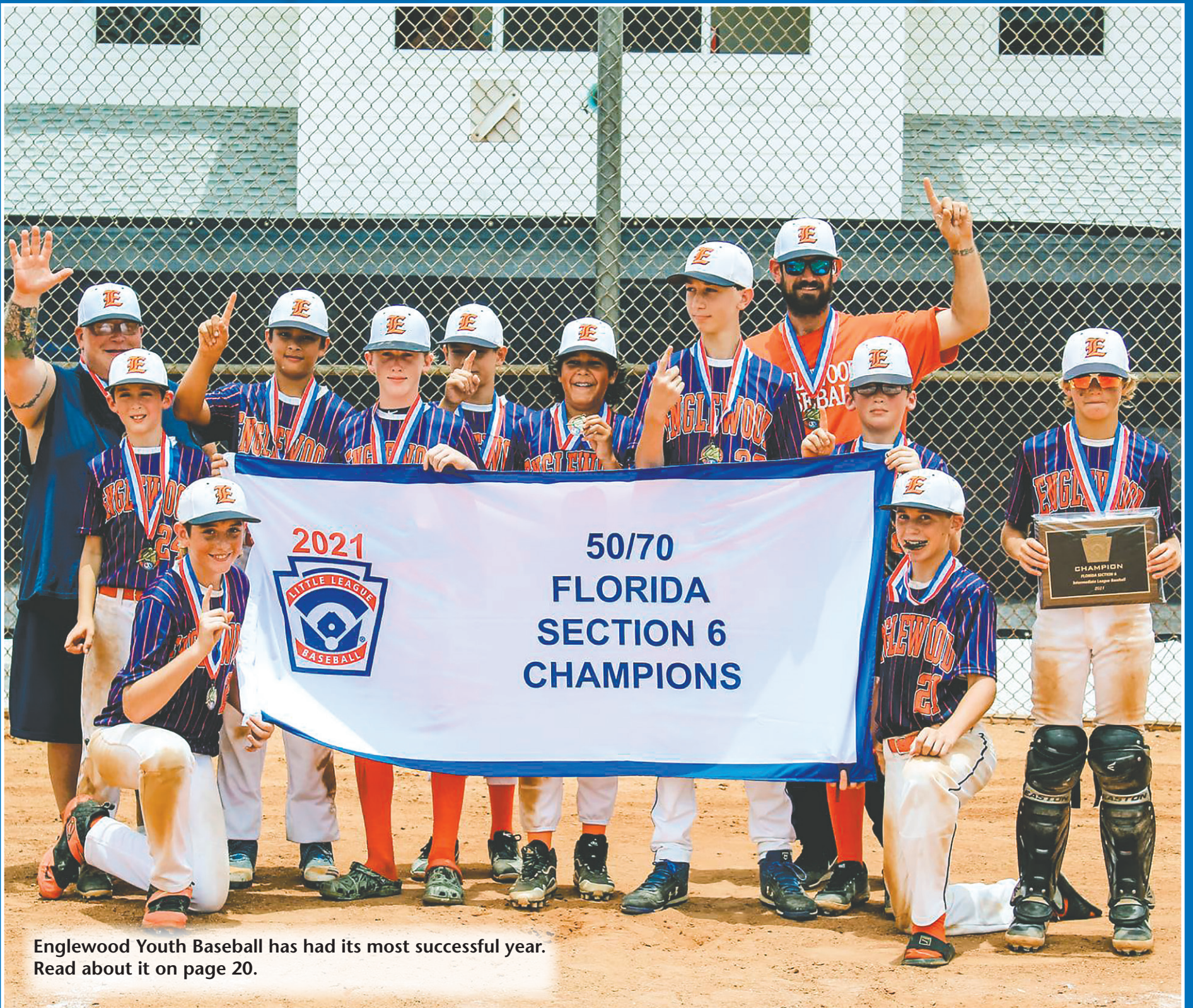
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Around the Town



An update on the Circus Train Car being renovated at the 1927 Historic Venice Train Depot: the walkway from the deck behind the caboose to the circus train car is now completed. In the coming months, window coverings, flooring and museum exhibits will be installed, just in time for a post-pandemic opening this fall. Also, recently, the Historic Venice Train Depot was transformed into a bustling train hub for a few hours when a crew from Unbounded Media was on hand to film parts of a feature length movie entitled "Playing Through," the story of two women who entered the all-white USGA's Women's Amateur Championship in 1956, starring Andia Winslow as Ann Gregory, known in her day as the "Queen of Negro Golf" and Julia Rae as Babs Whatling, a privileged white woman from the South. The Historic Venice Train Depot is located at 303 E. Venice Avenue, Venice. Visit veniceareahistoricalsociety.org to learn more about the Venice Train Depot.

CC-TV To Premier
CC-TV, Charlotte County's government television, will premier its new talk show "Let's Talk Charlotte" at **5pm on Friday, July 9**. It can be viewed on CC-TV (Comcast channel 20 or 97, or CenturyLink Prism channel 96) or on the county's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/CCTVcharlottecountyFL. The show will be hosted by CC-TV Program Manager Elizabeth Tracy and will feature interviews about local government topics with county officials. For more information, contact Brian Gleason at **743-1462**, Brian.Gleason@CharlotteCountyFL.gov or Elizabeth Tracy at **743-1090**, Elizabeth.Tracy@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Free Pool Admission
Join Charlotte County Community Services for Park and Recreation Month this July. To help celebrate how Charlotte County is stronger, more vibrant, and resilient because of parks and recreation, join the fun on **Saturday, July 10** with free county park pool admission and public parking in metered lots. To learn more about Park and Recreation Month, visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov and www.nrpa.org/July.

Englewood Beach Clean-Up
A community beach clean-up of Englewood Beach will take place on **Saturday, July 10**.

The event starts at **8:30am and is expected to finish around noon**. Organized by Lightspeed Voice, in collaboration with the Charlotte County Government, The Beach Guy of Venice, and Lightspeed Gives, the public is invited to join the Lightspeed Voice. Participants should park in the Englewood Beach parking lot at 2100 N. Beach Road, and look for the Lightspeed signs posted adjacent to one of the pavilions. More information can be found at www.lightspeedgives.com. Lightspeed Gives helps support local charities and initiatives and is an extension of Lightspeed Voice, a cloud-based VoIP technology company based in Venice.

CRA Advisory Meeting
The Englewood Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) is holding their Advisory Board Meeting on **Monday, July 12** beginning at **1pm**. The public is invited to attend the meeting at Lemon Bay Park & Environmental Center, 570 Bay Park Blvd. Among the updates are W. Dearborn Street Improvements, S. McCall Road Drainage Project, and the Dearborn Street Plaza property. New business includes a proposed event presentation, "A Plant Based Diet," by Mark Rosen, discussion regarding the use of the Dearborn Street Plaza property, Englewood Sculpture

Garden 2021 artwork selection, and a funding request from the Hermitage Artist Retreat. For more information, call the CRA at **473-9795** or email Debbie Marks at dmarks@scgov.net.

Englewood Elks Entertainment
The Englewood Elks Lodge #2378, 401 N. Indiana Avenue, invites the public to join them for dancing, comedy, and dinner at their following July events. Come to the Sock Hop with Michael D'Amore on **Tuesday, July 13**. Doors open at **4:30pm**; Showtime at **6pm**. Dining option available. Sock Hop admission only is \$10. For reservations, dinner menu and price, call the Elks at **474-1404**. On **Tuesday, July 20**, Comedian Mark Riccadonna provides the laughs during his show at **7pm**. Doors open at **5pm**, Dinner **5:30pm** (call for menu.) Show **7pm**. Cost for dinner and show is \$25; Show only is \$15. For reservations and dinner choices, call **307-3942**. Spend an evening with Frank (the music of Frank Sinatra) on **Saturday, July 31**.

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Dinner at **5:30pm**, Show **7pm**.
Dinner choices: Beef Stroganoff with egg noodles, jumbo shrimp with rice, Dijon Herb Crusted Pork Loin with mashed potatoes & veggies, and cheesecake with fresh berries for dessert. For reservations, call **307-3942**.

Centennial Closing Ceremony
Celebrate the closing of Sarasota County Libraries' "100 Days of Centennial Programming" at Warm Mineral Springs on **Thursday, July 15**. Sarasota County Libraries Historical Resources staff will be available to answer questions about the

archaeology and architecture of the site. The event starts at **10:30am** with special guests, exhibits, light refreshments, and live jazz music with The Natalie Barber Quartet. The event is free. Warm Mineral Springs is located at 12200 San Servando Avenue, North Port. Come join the celebration! In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place at North Port Library at 13800 Tamiami Trail, North Port. For questions, contact Ellen India at eindia@scgov.net or call **861-1342**.

Christmas in July Sales

Historic downtown Venice is hosting Christmas in July sales on **Friday & Saturday, July 16 & 17, 10am to 4pm** both days. You might even see Santa and Mrs. Claus as you stroll past the Christmas themed windows of the participating shops, which offer special sale prices. Register to win one of several gift baskets totaling up to \$1,000. Trolley rides available. For more information, visit www.visitvenicefl.org.

Christmas in July Craft Show
The "Christmas in July"

Craft Show is returning to the Englewood Sports Complex on **Saturday, July 17 from 9am to 2pm**. It will be an indoor show offering 90+ tables. Concessions will be available. Free admission and parking for shoppers. For more information, call **861-1980**. Englewood Sports Complex is located at 1300 S. River Road.

Community Block Park

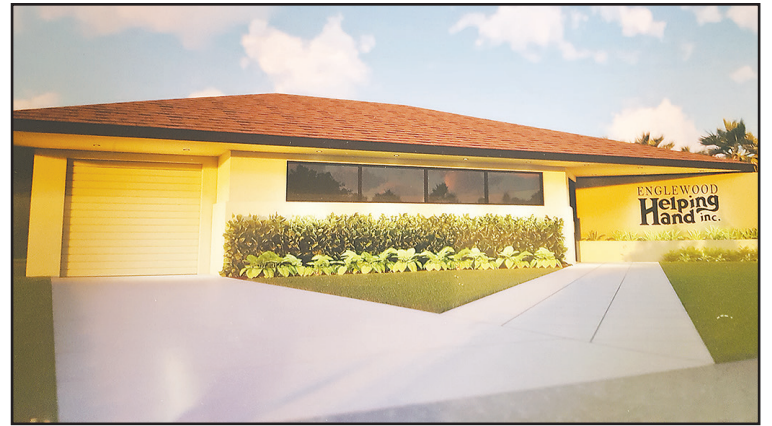
Everyone is invited to attend the free Community Block Party at the Englewood YMCA on **Saturday, July 17 from 11am to 2pm**. Wear your swimming suit to swim in the pool and enjoy a free picnic lunch. Meet Josh the Otter, learn about water safety, and sign up for free swim lessons! There will be a fire truck, police car, playground, plus much more. This fun-filled event is presented by the Rotary Club of Englewood, and its sponsor Paradise Exclusive Real Estate. The YMCA is located at 701 Medical Blvd. For questions, call the YMCA at **475-1234**.

Moonlight Movies

Fun for the whole family! Charlotte County Community Services presents Moonlight Movies at county pools this summer. Swim under the stars and enjoy watching a movie on a giant screen while enjoying the pool. Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool, 7001 San Casa Drive, hosts the movie on **Saturday, July 17**. There will also be a Moonlight Movie at Centennial Park, 1120 Centennial Blvd., Pt. Charlotte on **Saturday, July 24**. Gates open at **7pm**. Movie when dark. Cost is \$3 per person.

Energy Upgrade Workshop

IF/UFAS is offering a free webinar on energy upgrades on **Tuesday, July 13, noon to 1pm**. You'll learn energy-, water-, and cost-saving strategies at home. Attendees will receive a free Do-It-Yourself Energy Saving Kit (one per household)



Englewood Helping Hand is anxious to start their new building. Upon receiving all Sarasota County permit approvals, builder Don Hamsher will proceed with construction plans. This building will be erected near the current site on the Englewood United Methodist Church campus at 700 E. Dearborn Street. Englewood Helping Hand has signed the new lease with Englewood United Methodist Church and added a member from EUMC Guide Team to make this transition go smoothly. Englewood Helping Hand is also excited to launch a new website: www.Englewoodhelpinghand.org. Englewood Helping Hand is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit human services agency that provides short term assistance to Englewood residents. They also assist with nonperishable food and personal hygiene items at no charge. Their summer hours are **Wednesday and Thursday, 8am to 1pm**. Phone: **474-5764**.

that includes Energy star LED light bulbs, WaterSense faucet aerators, a smart power strip, weatherization materials and outlet insulating gaskets, and other items so you can start saving. Attendees will pick up their kit from the Sarasota County Extension Office, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota, after the webinar. Advance registration is required. Please register for this event at ufarasotaext.eventbrite.com (third party websites are not affiliated.) Eventbrite will send you a confirmation email with the webinar link. For questions, call **861-5000**.

Library In-person Programs Return

Good news at the Elsie Quirk Library! The Staff is excited about the go-ahead to return to in-person programs and the Summer Reading program. They are delighted to have families returning for Forty Carrots Partners in Play on Monday mornings, and Family Story Time on Thursdays. July also brings movie night, make-and-take crafts, and more! Keep an eye on the event calendar at scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com for details. Elsie Quirk Library is located at 100 W. Dearborn Street.

Farm to Fork Exhibition

Celebrate 100 years of agriculture in Charlotte County! Mark your calendars for the Farm to Fork Exhibition on **Saturday, July 17, 10am to 3pm**, at the Centennial Park Recreation Center, 1120 Centennial Blvd, Port Charlotte. The event will showcase food

produced locally and how it is prepared. It's a day full of education and fun, featuring cooking demonstrations, educational exhibitors, food trucks, door prizes, children's activities and classes/workshops/activities related to agriculture and food. Hosted by UF/IFAS Extension and Charlotte County Centennial. For more information, call **764-4340**.



A new radio show airs Saturdays on WENG with a target audience for conservative thought Americans. Rick Stannard of North Port wanted to reach Americans who hold conservative views and he felt that news media no longer presents both liberal and conservative viewpoints. He created American Endeavor, Inc., a nonprofit company with the goal of keeping those with conservative thoughts and views informed. Stannard's nationally syndicated weekly radio show will air on its flagship station, WENG (98.1FM, 107.5FM, 1530AM,) and online at www.WENGRadio.com. The show is called the Conservative Thought Hour (CTH) and is airing on **Saturdays at 9am**. Learn more about American Endeavor, Inc., at www.AmericanEndeavorInc.com. Stannard can be reached at rick@AmericanEndeavorInc.com.

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Lemon Bay High School Reunion

The Lemon Bay High School Class of 1986 is holding their 35th Class Reunion on **Saturday, July 24** at Libee's Sports Bar and Grill, 1859 Englewood Road. All Lemon Bay HS class members from the 1980s are also invited. The reunion is **5 to 9pm** and there is no cost to attend. There will be complimentary food, cash bar, photo booth, music, and good company. Catch up with your old high school friends! Please RSVP on the Lemon Bay High School Reunion Facebook page or email Karen (Shumate) Lehmann at Karen.lbhs@gmail.com.

Water Shutoff Resumes

On **Tuesday, July 6**, the Charlotte County Utilities Department resumed shutoffs for non-payment and late payment fees for their water and wastewater customers. Customers with previous past due bills will be automatically enrolled in a payment plan. Customers having trouble paying their utility bill are encouraged to visit www.OURFlorida.com for information on program eligibility. For information regarding your bill, contact Charlotte County Utilities Customer Service at **764-4300** or CCUSupport@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

A New Partnership

Dollars for Mammograms, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public foundation, announces a new strategic partnership with Englewood Community Care Clinic and RAVE Imaging. Dollars For Mammograms will be utilizing Englewood Community Care Clinic as the charity's physical presence and RAVE Imaging of Venice, Englewood, and Sarasota as their imaging center of choice for qualified area recipients. The Englewood Community Care Clinic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit medical clinic providing no cost medical services to the under-served residents of Englewood and the surrounding communities. RAVE Imaging is a physician owned and operated outpatient imaging and interventional surgery practice based in Venice. Rita Bertler, President of Dollars for Mammograms said, "We provide Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow, to women and men throughout Charlotte & South Sarasota Counties. Our working poor women and men who are



Photo by Ryan Walker

Englewood Beach Waterfest (EBW) is pleased to announce the Offshore Powerboat World Championship Race is back **November 18th through 21st** and promises it will be one for the record books. The Board of Directors is excited to announce that the North Myrtle Beach (NMB) RV Resort and Dry Dock Marina will be the 2021 Keystone Sponsor for the event. Ray LaBadie, First Vice President of EBW, said, "Our entire organization has been working hard to build on the momentum we experienced from the record-breaking event in 2019, and we know this year is going to be epic!" Steve Gardiner, President of the EBW, adds, "With all the support from our board, volunteers, and the local and expanded community, we are seeing levels of excitement, and engagement that are momentous!" For more information on EBW, go to www.EnglewoodBeachWaterfest.com, Facebook, and Instagram.

in low paying jobs and are under insured or uninsured, depend on the service we provide." A.J. Vulgan, Marketing Director of RAVE Imaging said, "We're honored to provide the imaging necessary to those in need within our community." Beth Harrison, Executive Director, Englewood Community Care Clinic, said, "So many of our clinic patients have benefitted from services provided by Dollars for Mammograms that forming this partnership makes sense. Many clinic patients have never had a mammogram and having signage and a physical presence in the clinic facility keeps mammogram screenings top of mind for both volunteer providers and patients." Since the inception in 2000, Dollars for Mammograms, Inc. has provided thousands of women and men with no cost mammograms including the reading, and, when medically necessary, no cost diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, US Guided Biopsy, and MRI Guided Breast Biopsy. Learn more about Dollars for Mammograms at www.dollarsformammograms.org.

W. Dearborn Street Updates

The West Dearborn Street Improvement Project construction will be delayed temporarily as discrepancies were found in the survey data. The Englewood CRA is in the process of confirming the surveys and will notify the public when construction is to commence. Due to increased construction costs for the Dearborn Street Plaza project, which includes a new permanent bandshell, pervious concrete walkways, permanent restrooms,

dumpster area and lighting, the project is estimated to cost over \$1,000,000. Additional funding has been obtained and the new contract is scheduled before the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners on **Wednesday, July 14**. For questions, contact the Englewood CRA at **473-9795** or email Englewood@scgov.net.

New Charlotte County Centennial Book

A new book about the history of Charlotte County is now available. "Century: A People's History of Charlotte County" is a 270-page volume including more than 500 full-color photos, charts, maps, and graphs. James Abraham, editor and publisher, produced "Century" as a labor of love to commemorate the county's 100th anniversary. The book is what Abraham calls a

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cafeteria-style read. Information is delivered in four ways: his own narrative, a chronology, essays from other historians or community experts and elected officials, and an assortment of full-color visuals. The forms offer discrete entry points for readers to absorb history at one's own pace and inclination. "Century" is available on Amazon, at Copperfish Books in Punta Gorda, or by contacting Abraham at 258-4920.

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Meals on Wheels needs small Styrofoam coolers for their

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Closet of Hope

The Closet of Hope at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church offers free clothing for children and adults of all ages. The Closet is open every **Saturday** (except holidays) from **9:30am** until noon. Individuals must

present a photo ID at the door, which reflects their residence in Charlotte County or in Englewood, North Port, or Venice. Clothing donations are accepted when the Closet is open. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte, just ¾ mile south of the Myakka River on Route 776. Phone: 697-1747.

Golfers Who C.A.R.E. Scramble

Get Your Swing on with C.A.R.E. Auxiliary! Join C.A.R.E. Auxiliary on **Saturday, September 25** for their annual Golfers Who C.A.R.E. Scramble to be held at **8am** at the Riverwood Golf Club, located at 4100 Riverwood Drive, Port Charlotte. Cost is \$90 per person or \$360 per team. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies (C.A.R.E.) Attendees of the event will have a jam-packed day of golfing, specialty awards, raffle prizes and amazing food generously provided by Riverwood Golf Club. Get your teams together, bring your raffle cash and let's golf for a great cause! Registration & Sponsorship opportunities at www.carefl.org/events. Please



YMCA of Southwest Florida celebrated its accomplishments under the leadership of outgoing Chief Volunteer Officer, Keith Farlow. Keith has served on the Board of Directors for over a decade. He has been instrumental in the strategic vision of the organization and service area expansion, the selection of the current President & CEO Gene T. Jones, and the organization's response to the pandemic. Keith's leadership has positioned the YMCA of Southwest Florida for continued growth and success for years to come. Pictured here (l-r) are Keith Farlow, Gene T. Jones, and David Dignam.

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Blood Drives

Englewood area OneBlood "Big Red Bus" July blood drives will be held on the following dates. Please note that blood drives are subject to change at any time. Donors are requested to visit the OneBlood website at www.oneblood.org to schedule an appointment. **Saturday, July 10, 10am to 4pm:** Pet Supermarket, 1951 S. McCall Road. **Monday, July 12, 10am to 4pm:** Bealls Outlet, 425 S. Indiana Avenue. **Tuesday, July 20, 10am to 4pm:** Bealls, 1500 Placida Road. **Wednesday, July 21, 10am to 4pm:** Winn-Dixie, Palm Plaza, 1951 S. McCall Road. **Sunday, July 25, 10am to 4pm:** Winn-Dixie, 4100 McCall Road. **Thursday, July 29, 10am to 3pm:** Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. **Friday, July 30, 10am to 3pm:** Big Lots, 1855 Englewood Road.

through Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6961 San Casa Drive. There will be awards for Overall, Youth, Masters, Grand and Senior Masters, Veteran Masters, and top 3 Male/Female in each age group. Also, an award for best costume. Finisher's medals for all runners and a cool tech shirt. Early registration through **August 15** is \$35 and then rises to \$40. Kids, ages 1-14, are \$23. Sponsored by Subway, proceeds will benefit the Zoomers Scholarship Fund, Suncoast Humane Society, and middle/high school athletics. For more information or registration, go to <https://zoomersrun.com>.

L.A. Ainger Golf Tournament

The PTO at L.A. Ainger Middle School will hold a golf tournament at the Rotonda Golf & Country Club's The Hills course on **Saturday, November 13**. Registration begins at **7:15am** with a shotgun start scramble at **8:30am**. The cost is \$75 per person or \$300 per foursome, which includes green fees, lunch, prizes and more. Sponsorships are available. For more information, contact aingergolftournament@gmail.com, Katie Mullins at 454-0911 or Dana Lutz at 815-3669.

Sports

Trick or Trot 5K Trail Run
Zoomers Southwest Florida Running & Triathlon Club presents their annual scholarship fundraising race on **Saturday, October 16 at 8am**. Come join fellow ghouls and goblins in this Halloween-themed (costumes encouraged!) 5K trail run

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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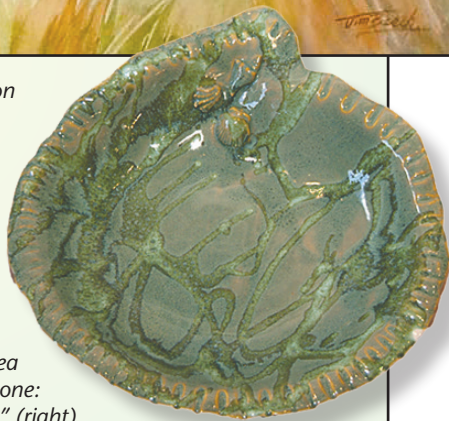
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Sea Grape Gallery will be featuring two of their artists, Jim Beech, watercolorist and acrylic artist, and Bonnie Benande, potter, **through Thurs, September 2.** Jim Beech always had a passion for painting and began studying the art of watercolor painting under a prominent illustrator in Pennsylvania. During that time, Jim began to sell his work, mostly watercolor landscapes, and buildings of unusual character. Since Jim always loves to tell stories, he began adding boats, ships, and other waterfront scenes to his list of story-telling subjects. He feels his art leaves the viewer wondering what might have gone on just before the image was captured. Bonnie Benande always had a love for pottery, and while living in North Carolina, she had the chance to focus on her own creative skills by learning the art of creating both wheel thrown and hand-built pottery. Here in Florida, she once again took classes with several local potters. Bonnie's stoneware pottery features much of the sea life, flora, and fauna of Florida. She often incorporates shells, turtles, dragon flies and palm trees on her functional and decorative pottery. These artists' works are now prominently on display at the Sea Grape Gallery plus you can view their work at www.seagrapegallery.com. Sea Grape Gallery is located at 113 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. Phone: **575-1718**. Pictured is Bonnie Benande's "Green Platter with Shells," (right) and Jim Beech's "Beyond Help" (above right).



Hermitage STARS

The five winners of this year's Florida State Teacher Artist Residency program (STARS) at the Hermitage Artist Retreat will give brief presentations and lead hands-on music, writing, and visual art activities for audiences of all ages in an interactive presentation, **Saturday, July 17, 11am to 1pm**, on the Great Lawn at the Hermitage, 6660 Manasota Key Road. These arts teachers will showcase and discuss the work they have developed during their residency at the Hermitage Artist Retreat. This free, family-friendly event is open to all ages, with particular appeal to middle and high school students. Guests will be invited to participate in ceramics, selfies, and other activities. For more information or to register for this event (\$5 per adult; children and students under 18 are free), visit HermitageArtistRetreat.org.

Bluegrass Bash

The next Heartland Bluegrass Bash concert features three top Bluegrass bands, "Southwind," "Heartland Jam Band" and "Highway 41 South" on **Saturday, July 24**, starting at **1pm**. Expect lots of bluegrass jamming and parking lot picking throughout the weekend. **Saturday** features a Beginning

Bluegrass jam with a moderator to help beginners at **10am**. You are welcome to bring your stringed instrument and join in. The jams start at **noon** on **Friday, July 23**. These weekend events are held at Craig's RV Resort, 7895 NE Cubitis Avenue, (off US 17 North,) Arcadia. Campsites available for the weekend. Concert is free for members of Heartland Bluegrass Association; non-members \$7. Bring your own seating. For more information, call **467-2051** or visit www.heartlandbluegrass.org.

"Once Upon a Mattress"

Students in the Summer Musical Experience at Venice Theatre will be performing "Once Upon a Mattress" **Friday, July 30 through Sunday, August 1**. In this musical version of "The Princess and the Pea," Princess Winnifred is an awkward, brash girl competing for the hand of Prince Dauntless, whose domineering queen mother has declared he must marry a "true" princess before anyone else in the kingdom can marry. Performances are **7:30pm Friday** with shows **Saturday and Sunday at 2pm and 7:30pm**. Tickets are \$18 adult, \$15 college, and \$12 youth. Masks are required.

Purchase tickets online at www.venicetheatre.org or by calling **488-1115**. Venice Theatre is located at 140 Tampa Avenue West, Venice.

Women of Comedy III

Lemon Bay Playhouse (LBP) presents "Women of Comedy III: Third Time's a Charmer" on **Saturday, August 7 at 2pm**. Hosted by Kathy McSteen, laugh with these four funny ladies. Leslie Norris offers an intriguing

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Join two of the nation's leading and most versatile musicians—celebrated pianist and composer Courtney Bryan and renowned harpist Ashley Jackson—as they share their original work and speak about their creative process, **Friday, July 30, 6:30pm** at the Hermitage Artist Retreat, 6660 Manasota Key Road. Courtney Bryan, a native of New Orleans and a returning Hermitage Fellow, is “a pianist and composer of panoramic interests” (The New York Times). Her music is in conversation with various musical genres, including jazz and other types of experimental music, as well as traditional gospel, spirituals, and hymns. Bryan focuses on bridging the sacred and the secular, and her compositions explore human emotions through sound, confronting the challenge of notating the feeling of improvisation. Praised for her rhythmic precision and dynamic range, harpist and Hermitage Fellow Dr. Ashley Jackson enjoys a multifaceted career as a highly sought-after musician and collaborator in New York and beyond. As a highly versatile artist, she has developed a unique “groove beyond gentility” on her instrument (I Care If You Listen.) As an orchestral harpist, she performs with the New York Philharmonic, Metropolis Ensemble, the Qatar Philharmonic, Harlem Chamber Players, Ensemble Échappé, and is the principal harpist of NOVUS NY. Program registration is required with a \$5 per person registration fee at HermitageArtistRetreat.org.



Courtney Bryan



Ashley Jackson

look at marriage, motherhood and trying to balance it all while maintaining your sanity. She has appeared in 30+ TV appearances. Michelle Krajecki's comedy centers on her mid-western, middle class, and middle child views. She believes most comedy comes from imperfect people living in an imperfect world. Tara Zimmerman has made her husband of 30 years and others laugh in commercial and private venues around SW Florida. Host Kathy McSteen caught the comedy bug at age 65 and ever since, she has infected area audiences with laughter. She is a three-time Visani First Comic Standing finalist. Tickets are \$23. Buy tickets online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com. If the **2pm** show is sold out, a **7:30pm** show will be added. LBP is located at 96 W. Dearborn Street.

Selby Gardens Annual Glass Exhibit
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens (Selby Gardens) and the Duncan McClellan Gallery (DMG) in St. Petersburg present the fourth annual summer glass show, “In Dialogue with Nature: Glass in the Gardens,” **July 10 to September 26** at Selby

Gardens’ Downtown Sarasota campus, 1534 Mound Street, Sarasota. “We are thrilled to welcome Duncan McClellan and his studio artists back to Selby Gardens this summer,” says Selby Gardens’ President & CEO Jennifer Rominiecki. “Viewing glass in a garden setting provides a unique backdrop and provides our visitors with

another way to experience the Gardens.” The exhibition will feature nature-inspired glass work created exclusively by Duncan McClellan which will be displayed in the Tropical Conservatory against a backdrop of lush flowers and plants and in the Koi Pond. Botanically themed glassworks will be for sale with a portion of the



Venice Theatre is delighted to invite audiences to its 8th Annual Summer Cabaret Festival. This popular event keeps music lovers and theatre goers entertained during the summer with a variety of music in a night club setting. John Lariviere’s “The Sinatra Songbook” opens the festival on **Thursday, July 15**. The festival continues in “Pinky’s Cabaret” (the theatre’s black box Yvonne Pinkerton Theatre) **through Sunday, August 8**. Eight different acts—some new, some returning—will be performing: “The Sinatra Songbook,” Doran & The Furniture “Tabled,” “Over the Rainbow” with Luke & Friends, “This Little Light of Mine” with Syreeta Banks, Ariels Blue’s “The Blue Light Special,” “And the Envelope, Please” with Eric Watters, “My Favorite Things” with Alana Opie, and “Distinctive Divas, A Tribute to the Ladies” with Michelle Kasonofsky. Performances take place at **7:30pm on Thursdays-Saturdays** and at **2pm on Sundays**. Tickets are \$25 for each show and are on sale at www.venicetheatre.org. Customers with questions may email info@venicetheatre or call **488-1115** Photo: John Lariviere will perform “The Sinatra Songbook” on **July 15 & 16**.



The Hermitage Artist Retreat has announced that the organization has raised more than \$367,000 in honor of Hermitage co-founder Patricia Caswell, who recently retired from her longtime position as Program Director. An endowed fund in Caswell's honor will support the Hermitage's core artist residency program. Large contributions by Steve and Dale Adler (son and daughter-in-law of Hermitage co-founder Syd Adler,) Nelda Thompson, a longtime and early supporter of the Hermitage, and a third anonymous friend of the Hermitage and other friends and supporters have seeded the fund. The funds raised from Hermitage artists will go toward the planting of a citrus garden in Caswell's honor, to forever carry forward her tradition of bringing fruits and meals from her home to the artists." To learn more about the Hermitage and its upcoming programs, or to support the Hermitage or to make a gift in Patricia's honor, please visit HermitageArtistRetreat.org. Photo: Hermitage Co-founder Patricia Caswell.

proceeds benefiting Selby Gardens' mission. Visit www.selby.org for more information and online ticket purchase.

PG Symphony 21/22 Season
Punta Gorda Symphony returns to the stage for the 2021/22 season. It has been confirmed that the Symphony's home venue at Charlotte Performing Arts Center is returning to normal operations (no masks nor enforced social distancing.) The concert season begins **November 21 and runs through April 24**. Subscription renewals begin in **August**. For updates, visit www.pgsymphony.org or on Facebook.

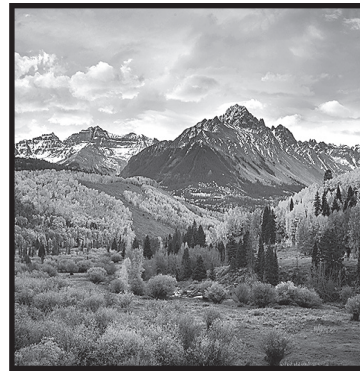
Sarasota Artist Series 2021/22
The Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota celebrates its 26th season with a return to a full concert schedule featuring a variety of exceptional musical experiences from emerging and established classical, jazz and pops artists. The season

boasts 27 performances at seven venues throughout Sarasota and Venice. The programs cover a diverse range of musical offerings, including classical recitals, pops, jazz, chamber soirées, and luncheon and dinner concerts. Also, performances return to Temple Sinai and for its luncheon, dinner, and soirée series concerts. Discounted advance ticket and series subscription sales for the 2021-22 season are open now **through July 31** by mail and by phone. Single tickets and series subscriptions will be available online or by phone beginning **August 1**. More information is available at www.ArtistSeriesConcerts.org or by calling **306-1202, Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm**.

Siesta Key Crystal Classic Returns
After making the difficult decision to cancel last year's festival due to COVID-19, the

Siesta Key Chamber is excited to announce the dates for the 2021 festival. This **November 12-15th**, twenty-four premier master sand sculptors will be competing for First Place on Siesta Beach. The Siesta Key Crystal Classic is a visual and cultural arts festival. In only 24 sculpting hours, (spanning the four-day event), the master sculptors create sand masterpieces and transform Siesta Beach into an amazing outdoor art gallery. And it's more than just sand...the festival also features live music throughout the event along with a large village of shopping and food and drink vendors. Other activities include the popular three-day "Quick Sand" competition, sand sculpting lessons and an amateur sculpting competition. A full live music line up will be announced in October. For more information about Siesta Key Crystal Classic, contact the Siesta Key Chamber of Commerce at **349-3800**; email events@siestakeychamber.com or visit www.siestakeycrystalclassic.com.

If you have an art event or happening you would like to have considered for "Art Chat," please send information and/or photo to The Englewood REVIEW, 370 W Dearborn St, Suite B, Englewood, FL 34223 or englewoodreview@comcast.net. Visit our Website at www.englewoodreview.com and check out our interactive calendar where you are invited to add your event.



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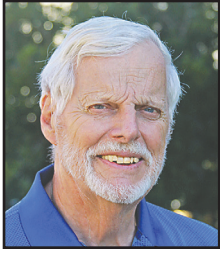
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Notable NEIGHBORS



By **Dean M. Laux**

“I have to be doing something all the time. I can’t sit still,” David Dignam admits in a moment of introspection.

Bingo! He’s got that right. He is one busy guy—a founder, a funder, a fixer, a door-opener, a donor and a doer. He started life in high gear, and he doesn’t intend to stop until Mother Nature tells him, “Enough already.”

If you were to Google him, David is credited with having founded 25 companies in his career. Asked if that’s true, he says, “Maybe, I don’t know, but a lot of them were nonprofits or were set up just to perform a specific purpose.” Huh? How many of us retirees have been involved in the founding of even two or three companies in a lifetime, let alone 25? And who says David is done?

David was born in Venice, grew up on Manasota Key and went to Englewood’s Lemon Bay junior and senior high schools, graduating in 1982. “I was probably a C+ student, maybe a B-,” he says with a laugh. “I wasn’t real focused then. I was into fishing, playing football and baseball, and I ran track.” He was also into hiking, camping, boating, biking and outdoor activities, which led him to join the Cub Scouts and then the Boy Scouts. He went on to become an Eagle Scout and a Captain in Explorer Scouts, two marks of achievement and dedication. He has maintained his association with those entities to this day.

He was class president his senior year in high school, a big man on campus, and he looked the part in his blue corduroy jacket, jeans and cowboy boots. “I was a good kid, (‘Digger’ to his friends), and I was popular in school,” David acknowledges. It’s easy to see why. He has a relaxed and easy manner, open

and friendly. He shows an interest in the people he meets. He listens, and if they have a problem, he wants to help them. But he doesn’t just talk the talk, he walks the walk, to use an idiom from sports world.

As the scion of a wealthy family, it was more or less preordained that David would become the president of the Key Agency, the family’s privately-owned insurance firm headquartered in Englewood. But for a while at least, he wanted to be a cop. As an Explorer Scout in his junior and senior years in high school, he worked with the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Department to set up an Explorer post in Englewood. “I helped in recruiting about twenty of my friends for it,” he remembers. “We got to wear a uniform, work the front desk, ride with the deputies, work with the dispatcher—all of this in junior roles, obviously, but great preparation for Police Academy training if we wanted to go into law enforcement.”

David signed up for the Police Academy’s auxiliary training program when he enrolled in the University of South Florida in 1983, but he didn’t go on to a career in law enforcement. He got his bachelor’s degree in political science, which led him into the world of politics. In his junior year, when an opening occurred for an internship on the campaign staff for Tampa’s Mayor Bob Martinez in his bid for Governor of Florida, David applied. Martinez had changed parties to run on the GOP ticket, and David (from a family of long-time Democrats) duly registered as a Republican and landed the job. “I was just a grunt,” he says, but he got the lofty title of Deputy Director of Communications, effectively Deputy Press Secretary.

The hours were long, the pay low, and the excitement level high, with chances for David to mingle with high-ranking leaders from Florida, Washington, DC and elsewhere—including



Dave Dignam

President Reagan, President Bush the elder and Pope John Paul II.

Martinez, a huge underdog, won the election, and David stayed on for a total of 18 months, delaying the completion of his college degree until 1988. As an assistant to two different chiefs of staff in the Martinez administration, he seriously considered the prospect of going into electoral politics himself as a candidate. Eventually he decided against it, but he formed friendships and relationships that would stay with him for a lifetime. Indeed, his experience in Republican politics subsequently got him the vice-chairmanship of the Charlotte County GOP on two occasions during his long involvement with that organization.

“I’d gotten married to Laurie in 1986, and I began thinking it was time to settle down here in Englewood, help my dad in the family business and start a family of my own,” he says. The Key Agency had been founded by his grandfather, George Dignam, in 1952 and carried on by his father Tom when George retired. David had worked in the company since his sophomore year in high school. “I was the mail boy, the files boy, the ‘gofer,’ whatever needed doing,” he recalls. His dad knew he needed to learn the business from the bottom up to earn the respect of the employees rather than just be the owner’s kid. Upon his return he started

as a customer service rep and then served as a salesman. He became president in 1998 and the company prospered, growing from a staff of 11 to its present total of 46.

Grandpa George had instilled in David the importance of giving to others, not just to promote business, but because it was the right thing to do. “He told me, ‘Give, and it will be returned to you tenfold,’” David remembers. That principle inspired him to make commitments to a staggering number of charitable and volunteer organizations over the years, in every case as a leader. He’s been associated with the YMCA (the institution, not the song), the police academy (the training school, not the movie series), and the Explorer Scouts (the organization, not the car) all his life. He’s a longtime board member of the Southwest Florida Boy Scout Council. He was a founding board member of the Englewood Family YMCA, and in August he will become Board Chairman of the YMCA of Southwest Florida.

Add to that his involvement with the Charlotte County Development Authority (elected official), the Charlotte County School Board (elected member), the Charlotte County Boys and Girls Club (founding board member), the Charlotte County Police Athletic League (founding board member), Drug-Free Charlotte County (founding board member), Gulf Coast Community Foundation (Chairman of the Board), the Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Club (President), the Englewood Community Health Clinic (co-founder and board member) and the USF Sarasota/Manatee Community Leadership Council (member), and you can see a pattern of leadership in giving ... and one busy guy. And oh, yes, David was also a co-founder of Premier Community Bank and Florida Shores Bank, and he now serves as a board member of Gulf Coast Strategic Investments, just to have something to do in his spare time.

Of all his charitable activities, the one that stands out for David is helping the father of Denise Amber Lee establish a foundation in her name. Denise, a 21-year-old Englewood resident and mother of two young children, was abducted, raped and murdered on January 17, 2008. The crime could have been prevented if there hadn’t been a complete mishandling of five separate 911 calls, including one from the victim herself. Help arrived too late.

“When you call 911, it’s the first line of defense, and these people need to be trained,” David asserts. Through the foundation, whose board David has chaired for the last nine years, he was able to push through changes in legislation in Florida requiring mandatory training and certification for 911 operators. The Denise Amber Lee Act serves as a model for other states to use, and the foundation is working on getting similar legislation passed. “We’ve gotten it in 14 other states so far,” David notes, and they continue to work toward nationwide reform.

Now at age 58, David is beginning to give some thought to the strange concept of “retirement.” Once he’s ready to step down as head of the family company, he’ll turn the reins over to his son Brandon. What then? Well, don’t expect him to don his cowboy boots, mount his trusty roan horse and ride off into the sunset. He won’t be the world’s busiest man, but you can bet he’ll be the busiest cowboy in Southwest Florida.

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

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Annuals/Bedding Plants: Annuals that can take full sun during the increasingly hot summer months include celosia, portulaca, vinca, and some coleus.

Palms: Summer's warm, rainy months are the perfect time to plant palms. Make sure not to

division, or cuttings.

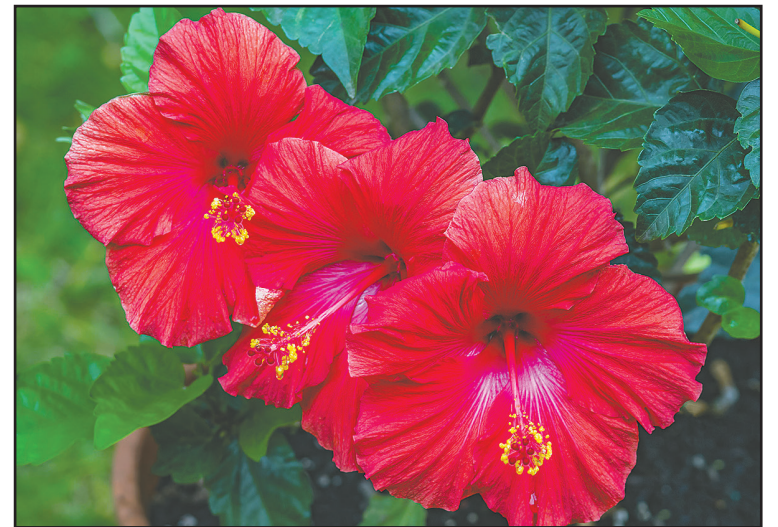
Palms and Cycads: Watch for nutrient deficiencies or other problems and use an appropriate treatment.

Pruning: Lightly prune summer-flowering shrubs, like hibiscus, oleander, and ixora, during the warmer months to increase blooming.

Lawns: Check frequently for damaged areas and keep insects

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cover the trunk with soil.

Herbs: Plant heat-loving herbs, including basil, ginger, summer savory, cumin, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary.

Vegetables: Plant tropical vegetables, such as boniato, calabaza, and chayote this month.

WHAT TO DO

Pests: Monitor the landscape and garden weekly for harmful insects. Knowing which insects attack a plant can aid in identification and treatment.

Irrigation: Watch for drought stress and water as needed if rainfall has been spotty. Focus on new plantings and follow watering restrictions. When rains begin, shut down the irrigation system.

Propagation: Produce more plants by air layering, grafting,

in check with early treatment. Determine whether yellow and brown lawn patches are caused by chinch bugs, disease, or lack of water. Take time to determine the cause so your remedy is effective. Rejuvenate areas where grass does not grow well by replacing it with versatile groundcovers. Summer rains usually begin this month as do lawn fertilizer restrictions in some areas of the state. Check with your municipality to see if this applies to your area.

Soil Solarization: Clean up your vegetable garden and solarize the soil for 4–6 weeks to kill pests and disease.

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According to the Home Depot, the two main types of grass for turf are warm-season grass and cool-season grass. Warm-season grasses grow best in hot weather. Most will go dormant and turn brown in cool temperatures. Warm-season grasses should be planted in late spring for the best chances of thriving. Cool-season grasses are better for northern climates, where the mercury will eventually drop. They are characterized by rapid growth in the spring and fall. Some may turn brown during periods of high summer heat.

In certain instances, a mix of warm- and cool-season grasses may be needed. That's particularly so in the "transition



zone" of the United States, according to Lowes. The transition zone runs from roughly Delaware to North Carolina on the east coast and central California to Arizona on the west coast. However, lawns in the transition zone typically fare best with cool-season grasses, indicates Lowes.

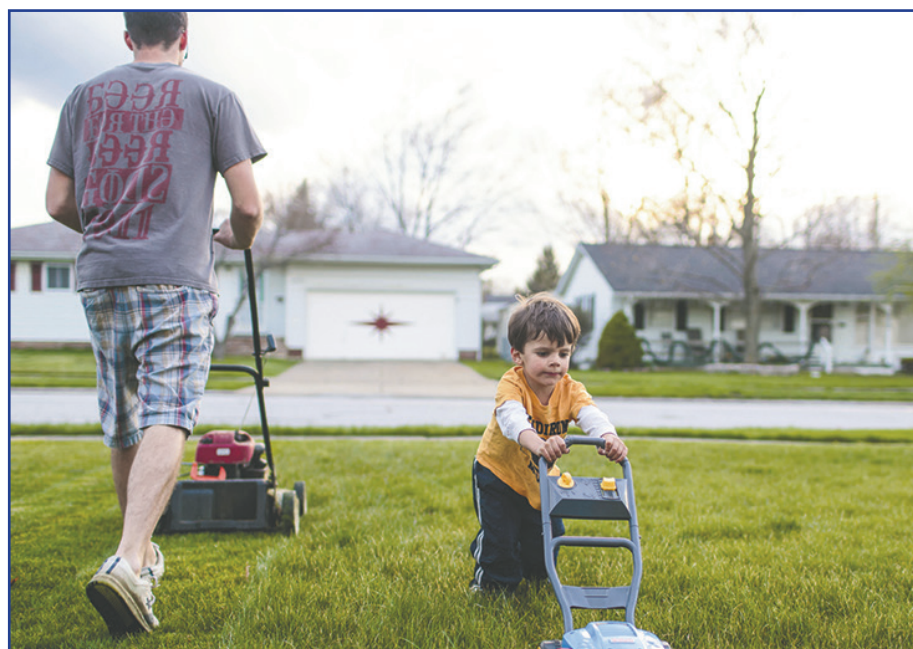
Here's a closer look at various types of grasses, courtesy of Pennington, Lowes and The Home Depot.

Warm-season grasses

- Bahia: This is a tough turfgrass especially suited for heat and humidity. It has a rougher texture than other grasses.
- Bermuda: This produces a very drought-tolerant lawn and is great for high-traffic areas. It requires a lot of sunlight to grow.
- Buffalo: This grass is low maintenance and tough. It has low water needs and a fine texture. Full sun exposure will produce a vibrant lawn.
- Centipede: Popular throughout the southern United States, this slow-growing grass is ideal for homeowners who desire a low maintenance lawn. It has a coarse texture and is best in areas of low foot traffic.

Cool-season grasses

- Fescue: Fescue comes in many varieties and is good in areas with mild winters and warm summers. It has high drought-resistance and can endure medium foot traffic.
- Kentucky bluegrass: Finely textured with a deep, evergreen color, this grass thrives in growing conditions marked by good soil, regular sunlight and routine watering.



- Perennial ryegrass: This flourishes in full sun, but tolerates light shade. It forms a lush, finely textured, deep green lawn. During periods of drought, it will need additional watering or go dormant.

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Road Trip Rules

By Sharyn Lonsdale

Congratulations. You are vaccinated and ready to travel. That trip you postponed from last summer is back on or maybe you're taking it slow and taking a road trip.

My boyfriend Daniel and I have actually been taking road trips around Florida since last summer.

As I'm writing this, we are in Las Cruces, New Mexico. We traveled with our friend who is moving here, in a 22' rental truck, towing a trailer and vehicle.

The truck, classified as medium by the company (it wasn't), had a bench seat for three. Since I would be driving approximately zero miles of the 1800-mile journey, I parked myself in the middle of the bench, knees just making contact with the oversized and permanently fixed cup holder. To make up for my wise commitment to not drive the big rig, I assumed responsibility for navigation, snacks, beverages and entertainment.

This was by far the longest and most ambitious road trip I have ever participated in. Not so for my male companions, who being male companions, shared stories of driving 1300 and 1600 miles with just a nap or two in the car.

We planned to drive an average of 600 miles a day, spending two nights in hotels. The truck guy told us our vehicle would not be happy over 50 miles an hour, but it didn't take long to determine that "Old Bessie," as Daniel called her, was just fine at 70.

Our route was pretty straightforward, I-10 all the way. If it was up to me, I would stop everywhere from the beach in Destin, FL to barbecue in Houston, with detours for beignets in New Orleans and slot machines in Biloxi. The men had no such agenda. And the fact that we were in a definitely-not-medium truck, hampered our ability to "just turn off here."

Road Rule Number One: Compromise: Unless you are on a deadline to arrive somewhere for an event, any trip that requires an overnight will require compromise. In our case, it was a no-brainer. I

informed my companions that my cousins lived just minutes off I-10 in Pensacola, just about 500 miles into our trip. I hadn't seen them for several years, and they were up for a visit. We had a wonderful time, playing catch up over pizza and we met our goal of getting out of Florida the first night.

buildings or humans for at least 300 miles.

Road Rule Number Four: Make it fun. I confess. I am a radio button presser. My reflexes are never faster than when a Supertramp song comes on the car radio. It's fine driving solo but annoying on a road trip. As entertainment coordinator, I had

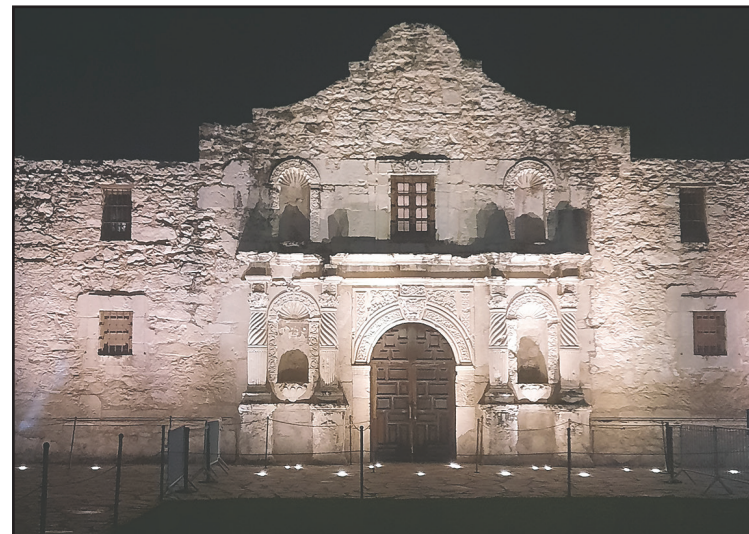


Miles of nothing

Road Rule Number Two: Don't trust travel/hotel websites. I'm talking to you, La Quinta Inn and Suites by Wyndham in Daphne, AL. The hotel's website promised, "Get energized for your day with a free Bright Side Breakfast® of eggs, waffles, and more." What we got was coffee and cheap pre-packaged Danish. They didn't even bother to move the juice machine from the barricaded breakfast area to the lobby. Lesson learned. Always call first and ask, "Is your pool actually open?" "Is your shuttle actually running?" "Is your breakfast actually edible?"

Road Rule Number Three: You cannot have too many snacks and beverages. People make fun of me because I have a lot of stuff in my car. That is, until they need a sweater, umbrella, Advil, a corkscrew or headband. I travel the same way. On this road trip, where every stop meant precious minutes lost, I came prepared with seltzer, Cold Brew coffee (not easy to pour in a moving truck), mini Oreos, granola bars, oranges and basically anything I could stuff in the truck's visors. This proved most beneficial in Texas, where there were no

hoped to connect to Bluetooth, but none of our phones were able to pair up. Since the truck didn't have satellite radio, we



The Alamo at night

were limited to our old friends, AM and FM. I was saved by the website, radio-locator.com, which lists every station in the area.

Entertainment is more than finding a classic rock channel in Mobile, AL. Before you hit the road, take a look at those board games hiding in your closet. Grab the cards from Trivial Pursuit, Would You Rather or other party games. Time will fly and you will get to know your road trip crew very well after a round of Never Have I Ever.

On the second night of our trip, we drove 700 miles, hit rain, had a lunch of cheap turkey sandwiches at a Louisiana Food for Less and dinner at Carl's Jr. We were tired, and had just recovered from a "too much truck at not enough gas station"

incident, when we arrived at our Best Western Plus in San Antonio at about 9:30 pm.

Road Rule Number Five: Treat Yourself. OK, I stole that from Parks and Recreation. We could have called it a night, but again, since I wasn't driving, I had time to do a bit of research. I convinced my crew that we could easily get an Uber to a cool restaurant on the Riverwalk that was open until midnight on a MONDAY. After food and drinks, we enjoyed a lovely and much-needed stroll around San Antonio's Riverwalk and even saw the Alamo before returning to the hotel around midnight. We woke up the next morning to a real breakfast of waffles, eggs and sausage (take that La Quinta) and the last leg of our trip - and we didn't run out of snacks.

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Sterling Transitions, a moving and downsizing management company for older adults in various stages of transition, recently opened in Englewood. Owner/licensee and longtime Englewood resident, Jen Martin, is at the helm, offering full-service and customizable solutions to pack, move, sort, and liquidate. Headquartered in Asheville, NC, the company has recently licensed additional locations. "I am so excited to start Sterling Transitions of Southwest Florida because I know there is a true need for the services we provide in the Englewood area and surrounding Cape Haze Peninsula," says Martin. Sterling Transitions' services include sorting and downsizing assistance, packing and unpacking, estate liquidation, inventory of assets, clear outs, and home sales for older adults and their families. Martin's experience in real estate, social work, furniture sales, and hospital management have cultivated the skills needed to run her business. She's also a real estate agent with Paradise Exclusive Real Estate in their location at 200 W. Dearborn Street. Sterling

Transitions Southwest FL is certified with NASMM (National Association of Senior Move Managers). For more information, visit www.sterlingtransitions.com or www.facebook.com/SterlingTransitionsFLSW. To schedule a free consultation with Jen Martin, contact her at 681-0293 or jmartin@sterlingtransitions.com. Photo: Martin (left) with clients.



Englewood Community Hospital is pleased to announce that Andrea Truex has been named Chief Nursing Officer effective July 12. Andrea is a seasoned executive who recently celebrated her 30th year with the organization in clinical and management roles. She is dedicated to supporting their caregivers while providing the highest quality of care. Most recently, Andrea served as Assistant Chief Nursing Officer overseeing nursing activities to ensure consistency in practice standards. Under her leadership, the hospital has received 18 consecutive "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, a national distinction recognizing achievements protecting patients from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections. Andrea began her health care career in 1990 as a registered nurse at Community Hospital East in Cardiac Surgery Recovery. She holds a Master of Science in Nursing from Florida State University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of Indianapolis. "Andrea is an accomplished nursing leader demonstrating a long history of progressive healthcare management experience. Her passion for our patients and caregivers is evident. Together, we will continue to provide compassionate care to those we are privileged to serve," said Steve Young, CEO. To learn more about Englewood Community Hospital, visit englewoodcommhospital.com.

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Englewood Community Hospital is one of the recent Milestone Members recognized by the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. The hospital, located at 700 Medical Blvd., has been a chamber member for 37 years. Pictured from L-R: Chamber's CEO Doug Izzo, chamber representative Jonathan Varner, Hospital Chief Nursing Officer Andrea Truex, Hospital CEO Steve Young, Maria Cummings (chamber membership committee member), Dave Wampler (chamber All Star and hospital board of director) and Kim Parks, chamber membership coordinator.

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OLD ENGLEWOOD VILLAGE

by Todd Tracy

Informational Overload

By now, it is too late to say Happy Independence Day, suggest a family barbecue recipe, a favorite firework, or share a secret Englewood location to watch the annual display. Instead, I would like to take advantage of the holiday's afterglow by reminding us all that our spirit of independence is just as important today as it was on July 4th, 1776.

Independence means many things to many people. For some, it is challenging complicated political or social structures. For others, it is finance, mobility, moving out of mom and dad's basement or dropping a cable subscription. For this story, I would like to focus on what I believe is one of this generation's biggest independence challenges, information.

What inspired this line of thought was a recent debate at an Old Englewood Village Association (OEVA) meeting where we discussed "adding value to our members". Value, like truth, is very subjective in this age, so the conversation was interesting.

Some suggested that we as a community organization had an informational responsibility to our memberships, even the public at large.

I agree that organizations should engage their members using as many modern informational tools as possible, and that outreach has community value. What I disagreed with was the notion that organizations have a one-way responsibility to educate their members and the public, suggesting that society is already too full of informational opportunities for those that wanted to be informed and engaged. That perhaps an organization's time and resources would be better spent getting things done.

To support my minority opinion on informational saturation and personal responsibilities, I searched the internet for like-minded opinions and found several articles of interest. One was published on June 29 in 2017, by "ieessit", entitled "Drowning in Information." It suggested that there was a paradox

between information and meaningful knowledge. I agree with the premise completely; more information does not automatically create a smarter or happier community.

My peers seem convinced that reaching out to the membership via social media, weekly newsletters, updates from the association President, engaging folks on the street, even buying promotional advertising would add value to the membership. Granted, in a perfect world where people were not already overwhelmed and everyone was honestly interested, it might work. But lives are busy, families are complicated, jobs are demanding and even our golden retirement years leave precious little time to get excited about even more delivered information.

Then I reminded everyone that fellow private and public organizations have done all the above for years. That despite their tens, even hundreds of thousands of out-reach dollars spent, they still fail to reach everyone, as if that were

even possible. The comic relief was when a member suggested that he loved the near daily "annoying and seldom read" outreach from a fellow community organization.

OEVA, like all the rest of the great organizations and publications in this community, would love to keep everyone perfectly informed and content, but the reality is that we cannot. There are simply too many facts and opinions from too many sources that are constantly in flux for any local organization to report, much less get consistently right in a timely manner.

No matter how many man hours volunteers give, or how many organizational dollars are spent on employees and consultants, the net results would be the recreation of a sub-standard wheel. My point would be that if you really want a professionally managed global informational source that is constantly updated, reliable, with links, maps, photos, business bios, hours and even their menus, simply pick up your smart phone.

Membership value was equally an interesting debate, and again, I believe that value and valued is not a one-way street either. But that discussion will have wait, my time is nearly up.

In closing, did you know that OEVA is deeply involved in the Englewood Arts District? That OEVA continues to work on its organizational structure and platforms, messaging, promotion, and continues to work with other organizations towards the future management of our downtown. Just because you did not receive a newsletter, get invited to a picnic, or win a contest does not mean that the association has been lax; it might mean that more is getting done, with fewer words.

OEVA continues to play an important role in our community. Our Town Hall Meetings continue to engage the public, events are being planned and the artists and businesses are appreciated and supported, but we could use your help. Please join us at www.OldEnglewood.com, to learn more and volunteer.

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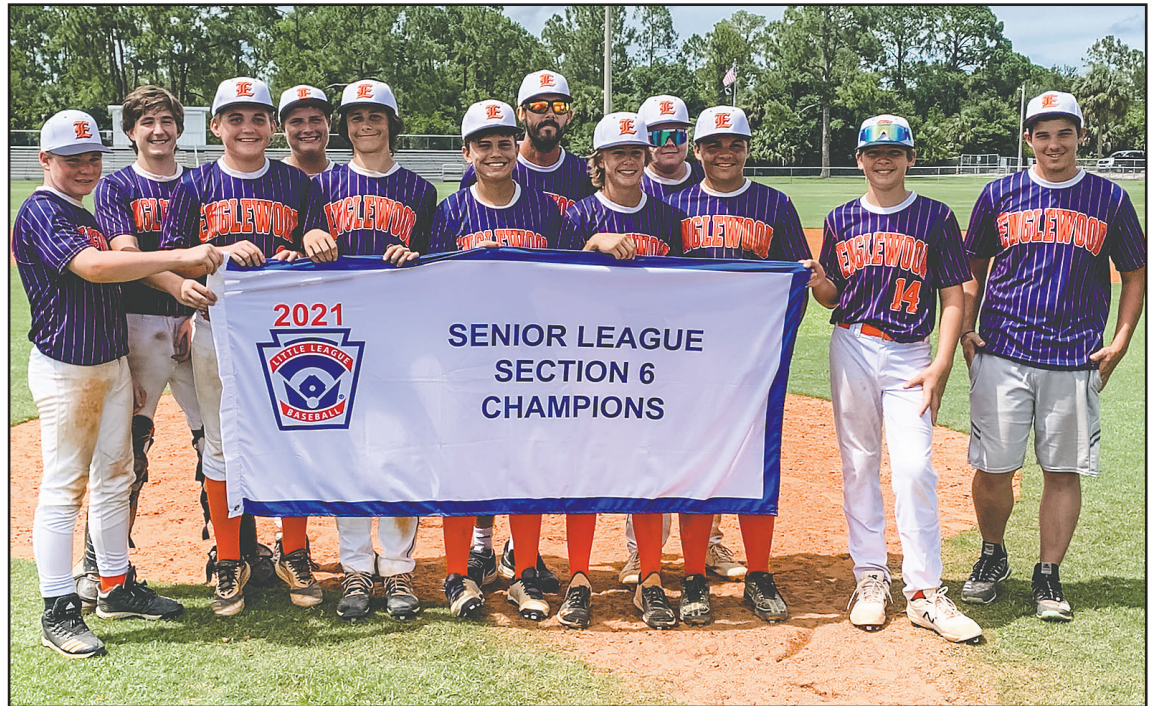
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Family Musical Road Trip
 Pack your bags! The Florida Studio Theatre is taking the whole family on a one-of-a-kind musical road trip with an all-new musical road trip in a live performance at the Elsie Quirk Library on **Saturday, July 10, 7:30 to 8:30pm**. Featuring songs like "Country Roads," "Surfin' USA," and "Deep in the Heart of Texas," celebrate all that makes this country special from sea to shining sea. The free outdoor concert will take place in the west parking lot at the library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. Guests are asked to bring their own chairs and/or blankets. For more information, call the library at **861-1225**.

GCUMC Rocky Railway VBS
 Kids, age 4 through those leaving grade 5, are invited to Gulf Cove United Methodist Church (GCUMC) where they will ride the Rocky Railway & learn how Jesus' power pulls everyone through the ups and downs in their lives. The Vacation Bible School will be held **Monday-Friday, July 12-16, from 5:30 to 8:30pm**. After the opening ceremony, all VBS kids will receive a free, light dinner. On the church homepage, <https://>

GulfCoveChurch.com, you can obtain more information, register online, and obtain a registration form. Information and forms are also available in brochure racks at each of the church's main entrances. Completed registration forms should be returned to the church office. Or instead, you can call Dana at **979-9927** and register your children over the phone. Registration strictly limited to the first 50 children. Masks optional, subject to change. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 South McCall Road in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte and can be reached at **697-1747** or by email at GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School
 Plunge in for fun as Rainforest Explorers at Vacation Bible School hosted by St. Francis of Assisi Church, 5265 Placida Road. "Rainforest Explorers - Jesus Leads the Way" will be held **Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16 from 9am to noon**. Your children will explore five Bible stories and discover that Jesus leads the way to the treasure of eternal life with Him. Vacation Bible School is open to 2021/22 first graders through

sixth grade. Cost is \$5 per child; scholarship opportunities also available. Register online at www.sfoachuch.com or contact Jim Brantner at **697-4899**.

Summer Olympics Craft Fun
 Kids can drop by the Elsie Quirk Library to make a Summer Olympics craft on **Wednesday, July 21 from 10:30am to 7pm**. Designed for kids ages 2 to 12, kids can have fun at this free make and take craft activity. Elsie Quirk Library is located at 100 W. Dearborn Street. Phone **861-1225**.

Kids Fishing Clinic
 Come out and learn how to fish with CHEC (Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center.) Kids' Fishing Clinics are offered on **Saturdays, July 17 & July 31, 8am to noon**. The clinics will be an introduction to the basics of fishing held at Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road, on Lemon Bay. Inside the Visitor's Center you will learn about the supplies, techniques, and regulations of saltwater angling, and the second half of the program will feature putting those new skills to use by wading into the shallow waters of Lemon Bay and trying

some catch-and-release fishing! As introductory courses, these programs are geared toward children, but the entire family is encouraged to attend. Children must be six years or older to participate, and any child under ten years old must have an adult participating with them. The cost of the program is \$10 per person, and anyone over the age of 16 must have a valid Florida fishing license. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. Please call 475-0769 or email gerald@checflorida.org to register. Website: www.ChecFlorida.org.

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Tickers for children ages 4 to 9 are \$3 and \$7 for older guests. Tickets are available at <http://ow.ly/s7Eo50F1b97> or by calling 413-5004. Parking is free. CoolToday Park is located at 18800 S. West Village Pkwy, Venice.

Kids Backpack Food Program
The Jubilee Center, St. David's Episcopal Church, is offering their annual Summer Backpack for Kids Program. Kids' backpacks can be picked up on **Mondays through Wednesdays 10am-noon**. The program is open to Englewood families with each child receiving one backpack. Each backpack contains kid-friendly, easy open, non-perishable food. Families can come every other week to receive a box of food along with a backpack. For questions, call 681-3550. The Jubilee Center is located at 401 S. Broadway.

Free Summer School Lunches
When school is out for the

summer, it can be a challenge for some children to have access to a healthy meal. Charlotte County Public Schools' answer to this challenge is the C.O.W., or "Champs on Wheels." The C.O.W. is a mobile food bus that brings lunch for children ages 18 and under to various sites around Charlotte County. The Englewood site is curbside at Vineland Elementary School, where children can receive a free meal **Monday through Friday, through July 28**. The C.O.W. will stop at Mid-County Regional Library in Port Charlotte from 11-11:30am, and at Port Charlotte Public Library from 11:45am-12:15 pm. The sack lunches will be packaged to be eaten at home. For questions, call Champ's on Wheels at 575-5400, ext. 1419.

Library Offers Snacks for Kids
Snack bags are available at Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street, to anyone 18 years old and under during summer break.

The snack bags contain ten snack items that kids can take home for the weekend. The snack bags may be picked up during library operating hours, **Monday through Saturday**. For more information, call the library at 861-1225. The bags are provided by All Faiths Food Bank.

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Club Chatter



On Monday, July 5, the Rotary Club of Englewood held a Liberty Litter Cleanup at the Englewood Veterans Memorial and Freedom Pavilion. Several bags of trash were filled by the participants in their effort to help keep the Memorial clean. Participating were (left to right): volunteer Bill Izzo, Rotarian Carolyn Burke, volunteer Donna, Rotarians Brad Ault, Traci Hamill, and Esther Horton. Not pictured is Rotarian Chris Cameron.



George Fowler, second from the right, was awarded the Rotarian of the Year for the Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Club for the numerous programs he spearheaded during the last Rotary year, ending June 30, 2021. In recognition of all of George's efforts, the Club donated \$2,500 to "On The Spot," one of George's pet projects. On the Spot is a 501(c)(3) non profit that goes to wherever homeless people congregate to provide first aid. Pictured here (l-r): On the Spot founders Cynthia Voortman and Bonnie Saxman with Outgoing President Jim Bruns, George Fowler, and incoming President Rocket Atamanchuk.



On June 26, the Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Club held its 38th Annual Installation Banquet at Boca Royale Golf & Country Club. The atmosphere was especially festive as last year's banquet was canceled due to Covid-19. District 6960 Governor Nominee Neil Snyder was on hand to install the incoming President of LBS Rotary Rocket Atamanchuk, and the Officers and Directors. Pictured here are the Directors (l-r): District Governor Nominee Neil Snyder, James Soravilla, Tom Newton, Brian Baksa, Billy Kimberlin, Bob Marquette, Joe McCarthy, Maurice Price and outgoing President Jim Bruns.

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Ashley Brown, Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center (WRC), will be the speaker at the **July 20** Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) dinner meeting held at the Plantation Golf and Country Club. She has a BA in Political Science from College of Charleston. She started her career in manufacturing, working for Westinghouse Electric in the large substation transformer division. She moved to Florida in 1998, when Ohio Transformer in Palmetto recruited her to be their Planning Manager. In 2002 Ashley lost her job as Production Manager when the business was sold. She applied for a job at WRC and was hired as the Finance/Development Manager. She has been with the WRC ever since, becoming the Executive Director in 2003. The public is invited to all BPWEV meetings. For information and reservations go to www.bpwev.org



At the June 15th Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) dinner meeting, three new members received a warm welcome by the membership after they were inducted into the organization by 2nd VP Debra Straw. The three ladies joining BPWEV are Beverly Day, Susan Kelly, and Linda Zeck. BPWEV meets every 3rd Tuesday of each month at Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice. The public is invited to all meetings. Visit www.bpwev.org for more information. This organization believes in Women Helping Women, offers Adult Learner Scholarships to Women residing in Sarasota and Charlotte County, and supports many local agencies who are helping families and children. The mission of BPWEV is: "To achieve equity for all women in the workplace through Advocacy, Education and Information." Pictured here:(l-r): Beverly Day, Debra Straw (2nd VP Membership Chair,) Susan Kelly and Linda Zeck.



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(AAFP) works to improve veterinary care for cats. Clinics that are AAFP accredited take measures to reduce feline stress and improve medical care during visits and hospitalization. Grace Vet Clinic is a Gold certified practice, which is the highest certification. Grace Vet Clinic is a small animal veterinary practice located at 190 W. Dearborn Street. John O’Laughlin, DVD, has over 25 years of experience. Phone: **866-472-2383**.

EARS New Location Officially Open



On Tuesday, July 6, Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary (EARS) opened the doors at their new location at 500 N. Indiana Avenue (site of the former Apple Pharmacy.) The new large pet store offers a large selection of pet products. The cats are already enjoying the spacious

new cat room, and the new pet store offers a large selection of pet products. The sanctuary is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 3pm. Phone 681-3877. The EARS Thrift Store remains in its current location at 353 W. Dearborn Street.



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

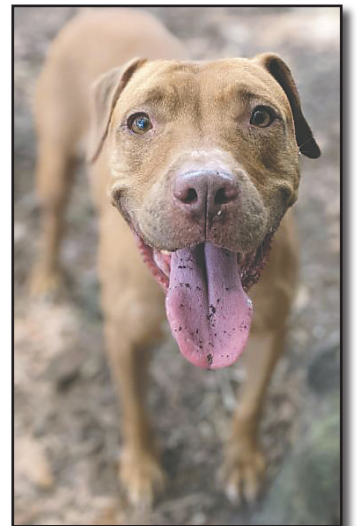
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Wilma is an absolute darling, and she is ready to find her lifelong home! This 2-year-old sweetheart loves playing with toys and snuggling, so if she sounds purr-fect to you, don’t miss a chance to give her a forever, loving home.



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Ask how you can become a foster home for EARS. To see all the EARS animals, visit us at 145 W. Dearborn, or visit Petfinder.com, or EarsAnimalRescue.com.

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EARS Animal Rescue’s Thrift Store is the shelter’s main source of income. The store on Dearborn is open Tuesday thru Saturday 10am-3pm. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization, so any donation is tax deductible.



Michael is a big adult, neutered male tiger kitty with a white bib. Michael has lived with other cats and is very friendly.

Homie is a 11-month-old pup with plenty of sprit and a big heart. Homie loves other dogs and cats, and he knows the sit command. He is housebroken and crate trained. The vet claims he is boxer and greyhound.



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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 JULY 9

Family Movie Night at GCUMC
 Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 S. McCall Rd. 7-9PM
 "Cool Runnings" 697-1747

FRI JULY 9-17

The Mel Brooks Musical - Young Frankenstein Venice Theatre Mainstage, 140 Tampa Ave. W. Evening performances, 7:30-9:30PM; Sat. & Sun. Matinee, 2PM. Runs through July 17. 488-1115

SAT JULY 10

Stump Pass Trash Bash
 Stump Pass Beach State Park, 900 Gulf Blvd. 7:30AM-12PM
friendsofstumpass@gmail.com

Englewood Beach Clean Up
 Englewood Beach, 2100 N. Beach Rd. 8:30AM-12PM
www.lightspeedgives.com

Park & Recreation Month Celebration County Parks & Recreation Areas, free parking and free pool admission. www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov

SWF Blue Star Mothers Meeting
 Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion St, Punta Gorda 9-11AM 661-8037

MON - FRI JULY 12-16

Vacation Bible School for kids age 4 thru grade 5. Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 5:30-8:30pm 697-1747

Rocky Railway VBS at GCUMC
 1100 S. McCall Rd. 5:30-8:30PM 697-1747

THUR JULY 15

Sarasota County Centennial Closing Warm Mineral Springs, 12200 San Servando Avenue, North Port 10:30AM-12PM 861-1342.

SAT JULY 17

Kids Fishing Clinic Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Rd. 8AM-12PM 475-0769

Christmas in July Craft Show
 Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9AM-2PM 861-1980

Farm to Fork Exhibition Centennial Park Rec Center, 1120 Centennial Blvd., Port Charlotte 10AM-3PM 764-4340

Hermitage Family Showcase
 Hermitage Artist Retreat, 6660 Manasota Key Rd. 11AM-12PM
HermitageArtistRetreat.org

Community Block Party Englewood YMCA, 701 Medical Blvd. 11AM-2PM 475-1234

Hermitage STARS Showcase
 Hermitage Artist Retreat Campus, 6660 Manasota Key Rd. 11AM-1PM
hermitageartistretreat.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

Horse Back Riding & Lessons
 Branded Heart Stables, 1030 Morningside Dr. 10AM-4PM 809-6389

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

TUES, THURS & SAT
Jazzercise Southwest AllStar Cheer, 3069 S. McCall Rd. 8:30-9:30AM 614-306-6503

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

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

MONDAYS
Zumba with Laurentz Tringali Park, 3460 N. Access Rd. 8:30-9:30AM 237-8983

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday Farmers Market
 The Dearborn Center, 501 W. Dearborn St. 10AM-3PM 500-3443

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

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

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

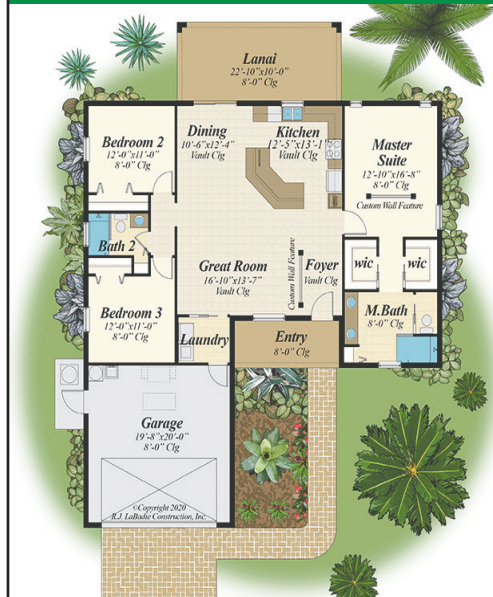
FC BLAST KIDS
 Fellowship Church Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 5-7PM 475-7447.

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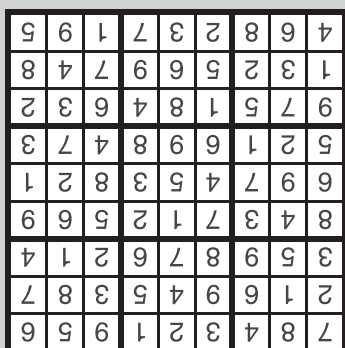
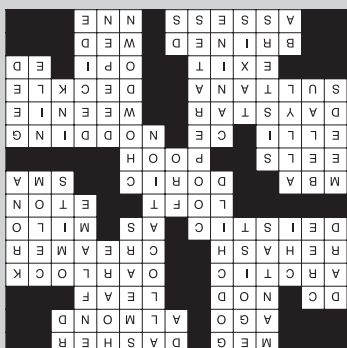
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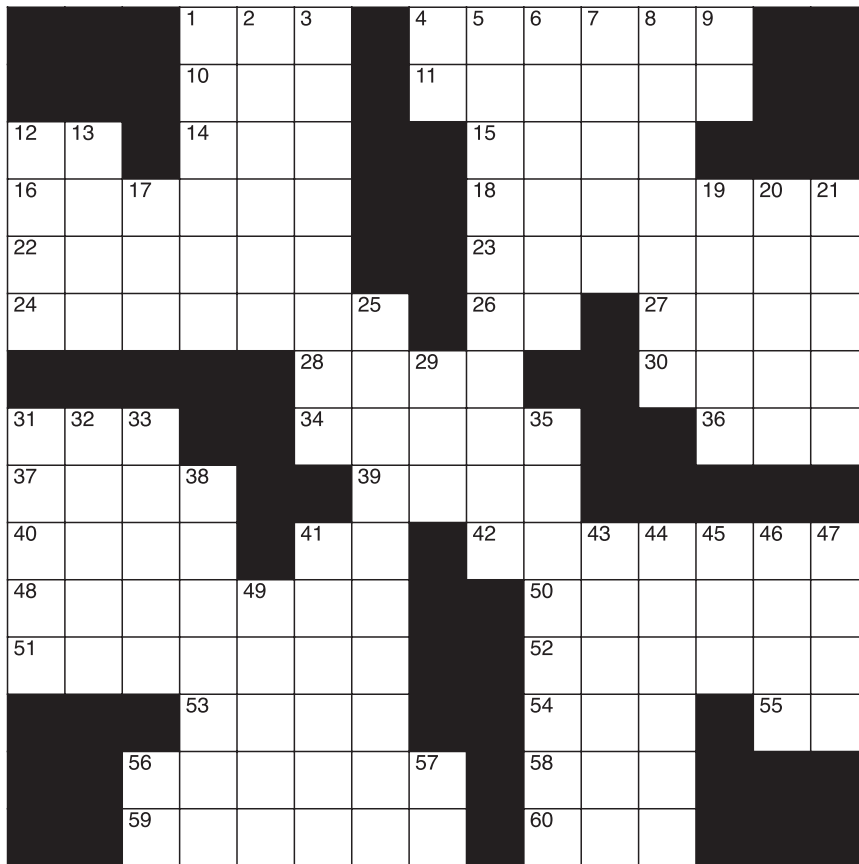
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Sleepless In Seattle" actress Ryan
- 4. One of Santa's reindeer
- 10. Before the present
- 11. Type of butter
- 12. Location of White House
- 14. Motion
- 15. Tree part
- 16. Regions around the North Pole
- 18. Fits on a boat's gunwale
- 22. Discuss after it's happened
- 23. Milk substitute for coffee
- 24. Describes one who believes in supreme being
- 26. Equally
- 27. Famed director Forman
- 28. Popular apartment style
- 30. British School
- 31. Advanced degree
- 34. Order of architecture
- 36. Investment account (abbr.)



- 37. Snakelike fishes
- 39. Children's tale bear
- 40. Norse personification of old age
- 41. Atomic #58
- 42. Moving your head
- 48. 1878 Kentucky Derby winner
- 50. Frankfurter
- 51. Small, seedless raisin
- 52. Device in papermaking machine
- 53. Go
- 54. Open payment initiative (abbr.)
- 55. "Westworld" actor Harris

- 56. Saturated with salt
- 58. Marry
- 59. Report on
- 60. Midway between north and northeast

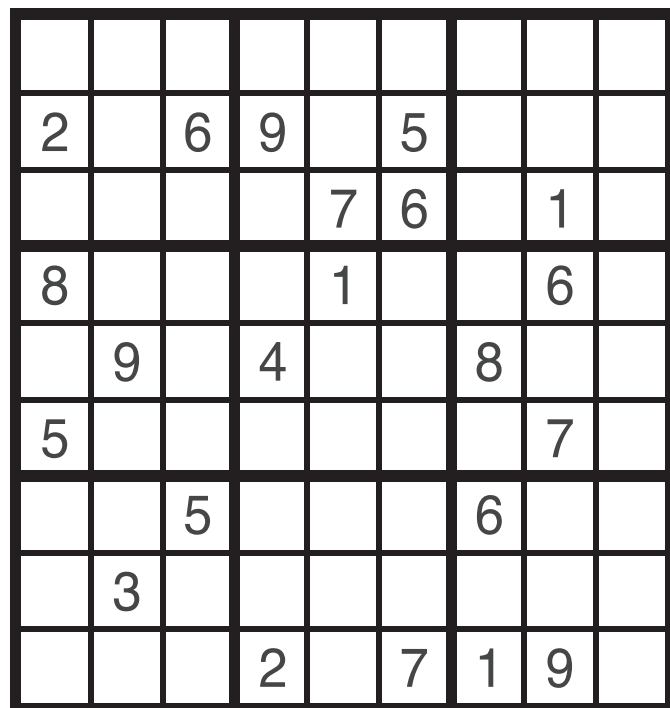
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Rays
- 2. Self-centered person
- 3. One you look after
- 4. Prosecutor
- 5. Portion
- 6. Speaks ill of
- 7. Formal system for computer programs
- 8. To make angry
- 9. Rural delivery

- 12. Group of languages
- 13. Large First Nations group
- 17. Circulating life force in Chinese philosophy
- 19. Excludes
- 20. Body cavity of a metazoan
- 21. Swedish monetary unit
- 25. Works with
- 29. Partner to "to"
- 31. Rewards (archaic)
- 32. One of Caroline Islands
- 33. Type of alcohol
- 35. Eat a lot

- 38. Nuns
- 41. Dog
- 43. Become more serious
- 44. Choose
- 45. Newspapers use it
- 46. World's longest river
- 47. Commanded to go faster
- 49. Cabs
- 56. Mr. T's "A-Team" character
- 57. Document signed (abbr.)

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