

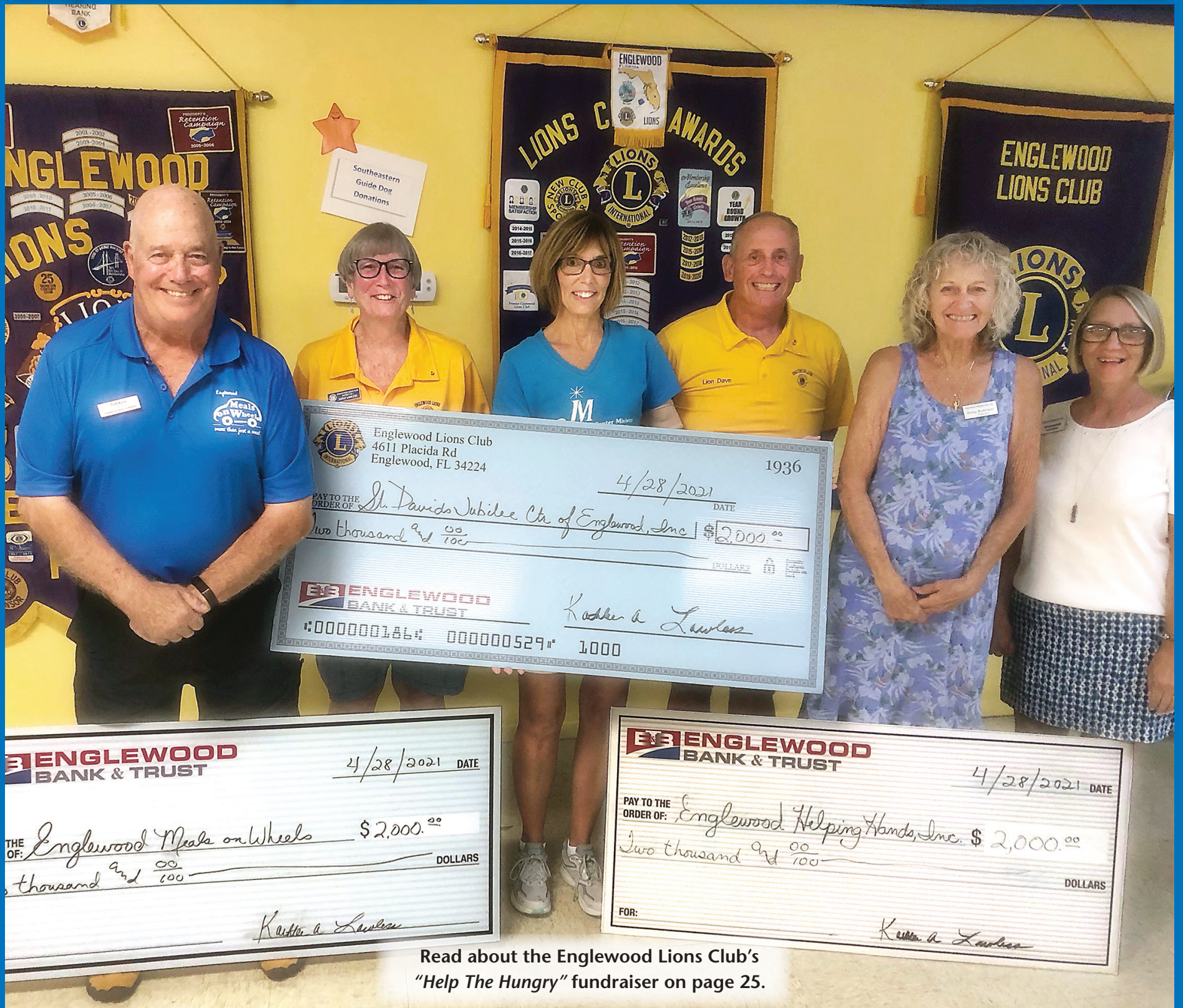
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# Around the Town



Desperately seeking a kidney donor! Sandy Bilsky of Englewood has end stage kidney disease and is in dire need of a kidney donor. He was once called a hero by the Coast Guard after rescuing people from the Gulf, and now he needs someone to save him. He is tethered to a dialysis machine three days a week while he waits for a donor kidney match. Sandy's SOS to the community has generated some offers, but the donors were always disqualified due to the potential donors' other medical issues. His lifestyle is an active one: gardening, sailing, fishing, and bike riding. He and his wife are close to their children and grandkids and he wanted to visit his grandchildren this summer but now can't. His potential donor is someone who has O-positive or O-negative blood and in good health. If you are interested, you can reach him by email at [sandy@riequites.com](mailto:sandy@riequites.com). You can also follow him on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/akidney4sandy](https://www.facebook.com/akidney4sandy). Photo: Sandy with his grandkids (photo provided.)

**K9s for Warriors Fundraiser**  
Ride on over to Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson on **Saturday, May 15** for a party fundraiser benefiting K9s for Warriors. The party is **noon to 5pm** with live music by 1/2 Step Down (**noon to 4pm**), a live auction, T-shirt sales, craft vendors and more. There will be a special appearance by a K9 graduate. Items for the live auction would be greatly appreciated; just bring it with you. Financial donations are also most welcome. K9s for Warriors pairs support dogs with veterans who have service-connected post-traumatic stress or traumatic brain injury. To learn more about this organization, visit [www.k9sforwarriors.org](http://www.k9sforwarriors.org). Sponsored by Party Cove Yacht Club and Bert's Black Widow.

**Interested in Florida Residency?**  
Kerry Hunter, Trust Development Officer at Englewood Bank

& Trust, is continuing her series of complimentary Trust and Investment Management Services seminars. "Becoming a Floridian" offers advice and answers questions if you are considering being domiciled in Florida or have moved here from another state to benefit fully from homestead laws, no state income tax and favorable estate planning codes. Will your out-of-state documents work in Florida as you had hoped? Join Hunter, along with local attorney Dean Hanewinkel, to examine the checklist you need to complete to become a Floridian, common problems with other states' documents, and some helpful tips. This free seminar will be held **Thursday, May 20** from **10 to 11:30am** at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue. To register, visit [www.Englewoodbank.com](http://www.Englewoodbank.com) or contact Hunter at **473-3629** or [khunter@ebtfl.com](mailto:khunter@ebtfl.com). Face

coverings are required, and participants are being asked to please practice social distancing. Due to limited seating, Hunter is asking attendees to let her know if they plan on bringing additional guests.

**Fun on the Water**  
If you are looking for a weekend of fun on the water, don't miss May Daze on **Saturday & Sunday, May 22-23, noon to 7pm both days**. Hosted by Party Cove Yacht Club, this family-friendly event takes place at Party Cove (Dog Island) near the Boca Grande causeway. Boat, kayak or use any floatable water transportation to have fun in the sun with your friends. A party barge is the stage for live music by bands: Smoked Mullet Man, Pure Country, Forbidden Fruit Farmers and Chris Walker band. Food & non-alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit K9s for Warriors, a nonprofit organization that pairs veterans with emotional support dogs. Learn more about the event at [www.PartyCoveYachtClubFL.com](http://www.PartyCoveYachtClubFL.com). Register on the website or send a check to Party Cove Yacht Club, 11832 Xavier Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL 33981.

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On Saturday, May 8, the Lemon Bay High School class of 1981, the first graduating class of LBHS, held their 40th reunion at Ricaltini's restaurant. About 80 classmates from 1981, 1982 and 1983 were in attendance and had a fabulous time. Pictured here l-r: Joe Hayes, Cheryl Ryan Richardson, David Dignam, Janet Allshouse Hayes, Randy Kastor and Eric Fogo.

during the Charlotte County Italian Festival on **Saturday, May 22, 11:30am to 9pm** and **Sunday, May 23, 11:30am to 6pm**. Tour and indulge in Italian classics like sausage and peppers, pastas, fried calamari, and mozzarella & zeppole from local vendors. Don't forget the homemade wine, sangria, and Bud Light & craft brew lineup. It will be fun for the whole family. Get your dancing shoes and lawn chairs and get ready to move to Italian and freestyle music. You can also take part in the Meatball battle as local chefs go head-to-head for the Meatball Champ of Southwest Florida! Stick around for the Meatball Eating Battle to earn the title, "King of the Meatballs!" General admission \$5; Sangria & Meatball \$20;

VIP \$69. The Charlotte County Fairgrounds are located at 2333 El Jobean Road. For questions, call **845-590-1915**.

### Memorial Day Ceremony

You are invited to the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony on **Monday, May 31, 9am**, at Gulf Pines Memorial Park, 2401 Englewood Road. The event will include a 21-gun salute and special guest speaker. The event is free and open to the public. Please help honor the nation's veterans. For questions, call Gulf Pines Memorial Park at **474-2413**. Additional sponsors are Lemon Bay Funeral Home and Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home.

### Smoked Mullet Breakfast

This year's annual Smoked Mullet Award and Englewood Legends Award ceremony will be a breakfast ceremony on **Friday, June 18** at the Englewood Elks, 401 N. Indiana Avenue. There will be plenty of room for social distancing and a full buffet breakfast. The Secret Society of the Smoked Mullets was started in 1996 when the Englewood Chamber of Commerce president, Nita Edmondson (Cole,) created a special recognition award for pioneers in the community who contributed to the area's successes in the past, but who may not have been recognized. The name originated from Englewood's famous dish –

smoked mullet. The breakfast is **7:30 to 9am** during which both the Smoked Mullet Award and the Englewood Legends Award winners will be announced. The event is open to the public and the cost is \$15. Register online at [www.inglewoodchamber.com](http://www.inglewoodchamber.com) or call **474-5511**.

### Boating Safety Class Offered

The Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 99, Cape Haze is offering a "Boat America," an in-person and simulcast virtual boating safety course, on **Saturday, June 19**. The 8-hour class will be held at the South Gulf Cove HOA pavilion, 14859 Ingraham Blvd., Port Charlotte, starting at **9am** and finishing at approximately **5pm**. Both the in-person class and virtual class sizes are limited, so register early. Successful completion of the course satisfies Florida's requirement for boat operators to obtain a Florida

Boater Safety Education Card (required by Florida law for anyone born on or after January 1, 1988 operating a vessel with a 10 hp motor or greater.) The cost for the class is \$45 per person, \$60 per couple sharing workbook, and \$25 per middle or high school student. For more information and to register for the class, contact Larry Piper, [uscgauxflotilla99@gmail.com](mailto:uscgauxflotilla99@gmail.com) or text message/voice mail **717-752-0081**.

### Medicare for Starters

Are you now eligible for Medicare or soon will be? You might be interested in attending a free presentation, "Medicare for Starters," to be offered at the Englewood Chamber of Chamber this summer. Your Medicare options will be explained by local independent insurance agents on **Wednesdays from 6-7pm on June 23, July 21, and August 18** at the

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**Chamber Community Room.** There is no obligation attached with this educational seminar. Attendees will receive a \$10 gift card for Mango Bistro. To reserve your seat, please RSVP Jacobina Trump at [jacobinat@gmail.com](mailto:jacobinat@gmail.com). If you have Medicare related questions, you can also call Jacobina, a licensed health insurance agent, at 786-457-1606.

**Adult Scholarships Available**  
Due to Covid-19, Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) is extending the deadline for the five \$1,000 each Adult Learner Scholarships that they are offering this year. The new deadline is **June 30, 2021**. An Adult Learner is a woman who is returning to college/university/vocational school and is either already enrolled or has been accepted at an institution. The applicant has to reside either in Sarasota or Charlotte County. Female veterans or spouses of veterans are also encouraged to apply. Information and applications are available at [www.bpwev.org](http://www.bpwev.org)

**Charlotte Centennial Memories**  
Charlotte County Community Services invites you to participate in "Centennial Memories ... This is Our Charlotte!" from **11am-3pm, Saturday, May 15**. This free event is a hometown gathering

celebrating Charlotte County's Centennial through reminiscing and sharing experiences, photos, artifacts, stories, and memorabilia. The event will feature Port Charlotte High School ROTC Color Guard, exhibit booths, performances by local dance groups and musicians, the Royal Order of Ponce de Leon Conquistadors, and Centennial souvenirs. The celebration will be held at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center located at 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. For more information, visit [www.charlottecounty100.com](http://www.charlottecounty100.com).

**Early Sarasota Businesswoman**  
Learn about Bertha Palmer, the remarkable businesswoman who was responsible for laying the groundwork for most of the southern Sarasota area, and actively fought for the creation of Sarasota County. On **Tuesday, May 18**, re-enactor Katie Holmes will portray Bertha as part of the Betty Intagliata Lecture series presented by the Venice Area Historical Society. This free virtual presentation starts at **7pm**, and you can register on the Venice Area Historical Society website: [veniceareahistoricalociety.org](http://veniceareahistoricalociety.org). Click the education tab to sign up for this event and you will receive a link for the program.

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**Rental Assistance Program**  
Applications for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program are now being accepted for Sarasota County residents financially impacted by COVID-19 and seeking assistance paying rent and utilities. Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of rent and utility assistance, plus an additional three months if needed to ensure housing stability, for as long as funds are available. You can apply online at [www.scgov.net/rent](http://www.scgov.net/rent). Ambassadors for the ERAP program will also be available to assist individuals with the application process at various locations. In Englewood, ambassadors will be at the Englewood CRA, 370 W. Dearborn Street, Suite D. This is by appointment only: call **473-9795** for an appointment. Documents needed for the application can be found on the website or call Sarasota County at **861-5000**.

**Big Red Bus Blood Drives**  
Englewood area OneBlood “Big Red Bus” blood drives will be held on the following dates:  
**Tuesday, May 18, 10am to 4pm:** Bealls, 1500 Placida Road.  
**Wednesday, May 19, 10am to 3pm:** Key Agency, 1201 S. McCall Road.  
**Friday, May 21, 10am to 4pm:** Gulf Coast Hardware, 975 S. McCall Road.  
**Sunday, May 23, 11am to 4pm:**

**Celebration!**

Englewood residents Dick Crossland, on the left, and Tom Lund took first place in the Men's Doubles 3.0/75+ division at the Minto U.S. Open Pickleball Championships held in Naples, Florida. The U.S. Open is the preeminent pickleball event in the world, drawing more than 2,600 competitors and 13,000 spectators. Congratulations, Tom and Dick, on your Gold Medal finish! Dick and Tom are pickleball enthusiasts at Boca Royale Golf and Country Club where they reside.

Pet Supermarket, 1951 S. McCall Road. **Monday, May 24, 8am to noon:** Englewood YMCA, 701 Medical Blvd. **Monday, May 24, 1 to 4pm:** Winn Dixie Palm Plaza, 1951 S. McCall Road. **Thursday, May 27, 10am to 3pm:** Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. **Sunday, May 30, 10am to 4pm:** Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road. Please note that blood drives are subject to change at any time. Donors are requested to visit the OneBlood website at [www.oneblood.org](http://www.oneblood.org) to schedule an appointment.

**Sports**

**Memorial Day Tournament**  
Rotonda Golf & Country Club is hosting a Memorial Day Golf Tournament on **Friday, May 28**. A portion of the proceeds go to Wreaths Across America, which lays a wreath on veteran graves for the holiday season. The four-person scramble has an **8:30am** shotgun start at the Long Marsh Course, 20 White Marsh Road. There will be four flights: men, ladies, couples & mixed. All military teams will be competing for the Commander's Cup. Cost is \$35 for Rotonda Golf Club members and \$45 for non-members, which includes golf,

food & prizes (50/50 raffle.) To register, stop by The Hills Course at 100 Rotonda Circle, or call **697-2414**. For more information, contact Harold Kennedy at **698-0918**.

**Chamber Golf Scramble**  
Save the date! The Englewood Chamber of Commerce has announced that the Inaugural Chamber Golf Scramble is set for **Saturday, July 31 at 8:30am** at the Rotonda Hills Golf Course. This event replaces the annual Englewood Beach 9 Putt Putt. Matt Izzo, Chamber Executive Director, says that this will not be your average golf scramble. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks. The Chamber of Commerce can be reached at **474-5511**.

*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 “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](mailto:englewoodreview@comcast.net).*

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Joanna Davis has won "People's Choice Award" in the 2021 Embracing Our Differences Exhibit for her "Infusion Of Love." Joanna is an artist and elementary art teacher at Garden Elementary School in Venice. "Infusion of Love" is a touching illustration of a heart receiving multicolored, lifegiving transfusions. Embracing Our Differences is an annual outdoor juried art exhibit celebrating diversity. Davis received a cash award of \$1,000. "As an art teacher, I have seen art heal a heart on multiple occasions," says Davis. "For many, art is therapy and can be as soothing for the soul as traditional therapy. If you find that your heart needs healing, try healing with a paintbrush or pencil!" Davis notes that she wanted her work to be appropriate

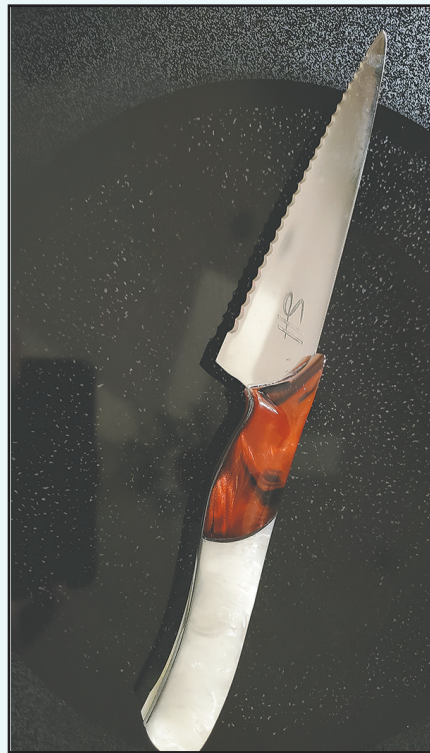
both for young children and for adults. "I wanted young students to see that creating art can cure many ailments. As an adult and a proud ally of the LGBTQ+ community, the message of my piece is clear. Allow that pride into your heart. Accept it as you would any medicine. Become an ally and your heart will become whole." The exhibit will be on display from **May 20 to August 8** at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota.

**Friday Night Concert Series**  
 Venice Mainstreet hosts free live music concerts on the **second and fourth Friday of each month** at the gazebo in Centennial Park. In May, the dates are **May 14 and May 28**. Attendees are asked to bring their own seating. Groups are limited to six or less people sitting together. Masks are required, and CDC guidelines are followed. Centennial Park is located at 200 W. Venice Avenue, in downtown Venice. To see the scheduled music line-up, visit [www.visitvenicefl.org/](http://www.visitvenicefl.org/)

**Men are Dogs!**  
 Find out if that is true when Charlotte Players presents the comedy "Men are Dogs," **June 11 through 20** at the Langdon Playhouse, 1182 Market Circle, Pt. Charlotte. Dr. Cecelia Monahan has a serious problem. As a therapist who runs a support group for single and divorced women, she must listen to a number of relationship problems from her unusual cadre of patients as well as dealing with the unsolicited advice of her live-in mother on subjects ranging from dating to cooking recipes. The doctor, however, is not above using some unorthodox methods of her own, such as hiring out of work actors to role play with her patients. It is only when Cecelia meets the new substitute package delivery man that the doctor must learn to practice what she preaches! Curtain time is **7:30pm Fridays**



Die laughing at "Grandma's Murder Club" presented by Lemon Bay Playhouse (LBP) on **Saturday, June 19 at 2pm and 7:30pm!** Yes, LBP is reopening with their first live event since March 2020! This is a staged reading of a new play by Venice author Kathy McSteen. A staged reading is like a radio play in that actors can use scripts, but there's also stage action, costume, prop, lighting, sound and set elements. In this action comedy, life-long friends Mimi and Coralee save buddy Bobbi from homelessness. In the process, they accidentally kill a conman, then his partners show up. The "Grandmas" dodge bad guys and a detective, rescue each other, and solve a murder while one falls head-over-heels in love. Judy Tilley, Trish Campbell, and Judy Glynn, who starred together in LBP's 2019 "Lying in State," play the deadly, droll grandmothers. Jim Litwin, Max in March 2020's "Lend Me a Tenor," chases them as a new, dedicated detective in town. They will be joined by local area actors, Logan Light and Tyler Colfer. Seating will be socially distanced, and masking required for the two staged readings. Reserved seating is \$20 online at [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com) or tickets may be purchased at the box office, 90 W. Dearborn Street, **Monday, June 14-Friday, June 18 from 10am to 2pm** (or call **475-6756** during these times.) Afterwards, there will be a 15-minute talk-back with the director to share your comments & ask questions. Photo (l-r): Judy Glynn, Judy Tilley and Trish Campbell are ready for action.



Until July 1st, Sea Grape Gallery is featuring two of their artists, Vicki Glynn, watercolorist, and Sam Harris, custom hand carved knife

designer. Vicki Glynn is a well-known artist for her beautiful nature inspired watercolors. Her paintings have been called "soft realism," depicting birds, fish, mangroves, water, and the wonderful colorful skies, sunsets, and sunrises of the area. Since his retirement, Sam Harris has turned his hobby of making knives & accessories into a true art form as his designs are both artistic and "meant to be used". Sam's knives and accessories are made from various materials, including laminated woods, dropped deer antlers, high density polyurethane and semi-precious stones. Come view Vicki's beautiful watercolor paintings and Sam's unique knives & accessories, along with the artworks of all Sea Grape artists at 113 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. You can also view the artwork at [www.seagrapegallery.com](http://www.seagrapegallery.com). Phone: 575-1718.

7:30pm Fridays & Saturdays, and 2pm on Sundays. Tickets are \$22 (+1.44 fee) for adults and \$11 (+1.44 fee) for students. and may be purchased at <https://charlotteplayers.org>.

**Myakka River Blues Festival**  
The 9th Annual Myakka River Blues Festival returns to Snook Haven Restaurant on Memorial Day, Monday May 31, 11am to 6pm. This year's lineup

includes Steve Arvey, Rooster & Broccoli, Tommy Z, Dottie Kelly, and a special finale jam session. Snook Haven is located at 5000 E. Venice Avenue, Venice, in a beautiful, quaint



The Venice Symphony is thrilled to announce its return to live performances with the second annual Patriotic Pops Concert, followed by a fireworks display on **Saturday, May 29 at 7:30pm**, at CoolToday Park. Gates open at **5:30 pm**; rain date is **Sunday, May 30**. Music Director/Conductor Troy Quinn will lead the orchestra in this outdoor concert that will include classic American music from John Philip Sousa to John Williams, an Armed Forces Medley, and a tribute to veterans. Sergeant First Class Randall Wight, a member of the U.S. Army Field Band, will return as guest vocalist. A pre-concert video supplied by the U.S. Army Field Band will be shown on the Jumbotron. Sponsorships and seating for groups of five or more are available by calling The Venice Symphony at **207-8822**. Tickets are available in pods of one to four with social distancing between pods and range from \$15 to \$50 for adults and \$10 for 17 and younger. Tickets are available at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) and may also be purchased at the CoolToday box office at 18800 South West Villages Pkwy., Venice.

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The Hermitage Artist Retreat presents "Hermitage Sunsets @ Selby Gardens" with musical theater composer Rona Siddiqui on **Thursday, May 27 at 6pm**. This program will be held outdoors at Selby Gardens Downtown, 534 Mound St., Sarasota. Rona is an award-winning composer, lyricist, orchestrator, and music director based in New York City. She is continuing her residency at the Hermitage and will present a sneak peek into her work. Registration

is required at [www.hermitageartistretreat.org](http://www.hermitageartistretreat.org). Presentation is free with a \$5/person registration fee. Masks are required. Presented in collaboration with Marie Selby Botanical Gardens.

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The Hermitage Artist Retreat presents "Michael R. Jackson: Just Sittin' Here Lookin'" with Pulitzer Prize winner Michael R. Jackson, **Friday, May 21, 6:30pm**, live on the Hermitage Beach, 6660 Manasota Key Road. Jackson, a 2021 Hermitage Fellow, and the recipient of the 2020 Pulitzer Prize in Drama for his musical "A Strange Loop," will present an evening of music and stories, in a collaboration between the Hermitage and Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe. This event will also be available via livestream. Registration is required at [HermitageArtistRetreat.org](http://HermitageArtistRetreat.org). (Free with a \$5 per person registration fee.)



Charlotte Players presents "You Should Be So Lucky" at the Langdon Playhouse, **Friday, May 14 to Sunday, May 23 at 7:30pm on Fridays & Saturdays and 2pm on Sundays**. The play is a contemporary Cinderella story set in Greenwich Village, reminiscent of the class screwball comedies of the 1930s. Christopher, a shy & eccentric young electrologist, helps an elderly millionaire when he faints in the street. Touched by his generous spirit, the millionaire becomes his benefactor and sends him off to a charity ball where he finds his true love. The electrologist receives one half of the estate when the millionaire dies but is challenged by the daughter of the deceased. Tickets are \$22 (+1.44 fee) for adults and \$11 (+1.44 fee) for students and may be purchased at <https://charlotteplayers.org>. The Langdon Playhouse is located at 1182 Market Circle, Pt. Charlotte. Photo: If the shoe fits: Daughter Polly (Christine Ammend,) is ready for the ball, but needs some footwear help from brother Christopher (William Olson.)

Old Florida setting on the Myakka River. There will be two stages with non-stop music. Admission is \$10 in advance or \$20 at the door. The event is held rain or shine. Proceeds from the festival



After postponing its 2020-21 season, The Venice Symphony will return live in November with every concert and guest artist rolled over from 2020-21. Music Director Troy Quinn will lead The Symphony's outstanding professional orchestra in 17 concerts (seven concert weekends) from **November 2021 to April 2022**. The Symphony's 48th season will include masterworks by Brahms, Schumann, Stravinsky and Mendelssohn, contemporary classics, music from Broadway, Hollywood, opera and more. Season subscriptions and packages are available now by calling **207•8822**. Individual tickets and online sales are not yet available. The Symphony's popular Pre-Concert Talks are also scheduled to resume before each concert. The Venice Performing Arts Center is located at One Indian Drive, Venice. Health & safety guidelines will be followed. Website: [thevenicesymphony.org](http://thevenicesymphony.org).

These are as accurate as possible. Please phone the listed numbers for confirmation and further information. If you have an art event or happening you would like to have considered for "Art Chat," please send information and/or photo to The Englewood REVIEW, 370 W Dearborn St, Suite B, Englewood, FL 34223 or [englewoodreview@comcast.net](mailto:englewoodreview@comcast.net). Visit our Website at [www.Englewoodreview.com](http://www.Englewoodreview.com) and check out our interactive calendar where you are invited to add your event.

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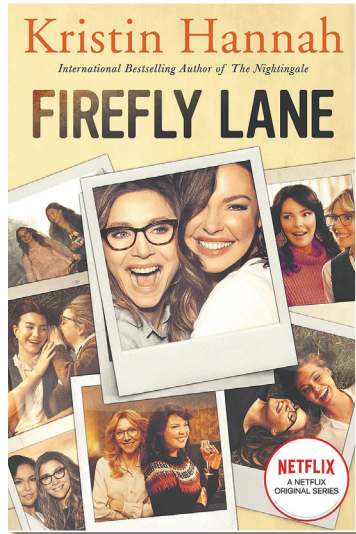
# Amanda's PICKS

by Amanda Glam

## What Amanda's Watching

I watch literally zero crime series on TV, maybe the occasional episode of *Columbo* at midnight on Sunday. I'm not a big fan of murders and autopsies and murders of people who know someone who was murdered. But I am a big fan of actress/singer Queen Latifah who stars in *The Equalizer* on CBS. She's Robyn McCall, a former CIA operative who now dedicates her time and Liam Neeson-level skill set to helping people with nowhere else to turn. McCall lives with her feisty mother and smart and sassy teenage daughter. The always-reliable Adam Goldberg provides comic relief as an underground tech genius named Harry and Tory Kittles is McCall's ubiquitous detective friend/foe on the force.

OK, so I'm actually watching two crime shows right now. Kate Winslet was the draw for me to tune into *Mare of Easttown*, an HBO limited series about a small-town Pennsylvania detective investigating a murder while dealing with extensive personal issues. By episode two,



*Saturday Night Live* parodied the show and its characters' "very specific accent." And while that accent is occasionally distracting, the exceptional acting and writing more than make up for it. I'm all caught up on episode three and totally hooked.

When I realized I had caught my daughter's 48-hour flu thing, I knew I had to choose my TV viewing wisely. I had to pick a lighter offering so if I drifted off I wouldn't miss much, and something I could complete in 10 hours or less, allowing five

hours of viewing per sick day. I chose *Firefly Lane*, a 10-episode hour-long drama starring Katherine Heigl as tough-girl/troublemaker Tully and *Scrubs*' Sarah Chalke as good girl Kate. The series is based on the book of the same name by Kristin Hannah and follows the BFFs and their various jobs and men from the 1970s to the 2000s. It's above average Hallmarkish fare with an endearing performance by Chalke, fun period music and wardrobe and comfortably predictable plots.

Because I don't have enough TV channels and streaming options, I sprung for Paramount+, primarily so I could watch the seventh and final season of my guilty pleasure *Younger*. The comedy follows Liza (Sutton Foster), who we meet in the first season, recently divorced and desperate for a job. Frustrated by her prospects she

pretends to be in her 20s to score a job in publishing, and then attempts to cover up this not-so-little lie for several seasons, which I have to say, got pretty old. Once she is forced to come clean, *Younger* became more believable but it has definitely run its course as this final season is the weakest.

I flew this past week and while I would normally watch *Friends* or *Modern Family* reruns on the airline's entertainment system, this time I opted for more sophisticated fare and watched *Supernova* (AppleTV). I figure I'm crying anyway thanks to the pathetic snacks and lack of liquor, so why not watch a tearjerker at 30,000 feet. In *Supernova*, Sam (Colin Firth) and Tusker (Stanley Tucci) are a couple traveling together in the English countryside. Sam is doing all the driving and we soon learn that Tusker, a novelist, is suffering from early onset dementia. From the first scene, I was invested in Sam and Tusker as they visit friends and face their future. *Supernova* is a masterclass in acting and a moving portrayal of a loving long-term relationship. Don't wait to fly to see it.

## What Amanda's Rewatching

With its eighth and final season due to premiere sometime later this year, I began rewatching the NBC (formerly FOX) sitcom *Brooklyn Nine-Nine* on Netflix. This consistently funny cop show stars Andy Samberg and Andre Braugher and a stellar supporting cast. It's smart and dumb and fun and I'm enjoying rewatching from the beginning. Give it a try.

When Jessica Walter passed away in April, it reminded me how much I enjoyed watching her as the deeply flawed Lucille Bluth on *Arrested Development*. The irreverent comedy about the dysfunctional Bluth family aired from 2003 to 2006 on Fox and then for two more seasons on Netflix in 2018-19. As much as I enjoyed the first three seasons, I could never get motivated to finish the series after its decade-plus hiatus. Apparently neither could my boyfriend. We are thoroughly enjoying the laugh-out-loud early seasons and preparing for the less critically-acclaimed finale.



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# HOME & GARDEN

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## HOME OFFICE MUST-HAVES

Remote work has been around for many years, though it certainly picked up steam in 2020. In an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, in March 2020 government officials implemented stay-at-home measures that mandated many working professionals to begin working from home. That transition occurred seemingly overnight, forcing men and women to find somewhere in their homes to work.

As the dust settled and working professionals grew accustomed to working from home, many recognized the need to have an office in their homes. Various factors can make home offices more conducive to getting work done, and the following are some home office must-haves that can help people be more productive while working from home.

### LIGHTING

Lighting is important in a home office. It's easy to overlook natural light, especially for workers who previously worked in offices that did not have windows. But natural light can help save on energy costs and boost mood. In fact, natural light is a valued commodity for people used to working in office settings. A 2018 survey of more than 1,600 workers conducted by the human resources advisory firm Future Workplace found that access to natural light and views of the outdoors were the most sought after attribute of a workplace environment. In addition, 47 percent of workers surveyed admitted they felt tired or very tired from the absence of

natural light or a window at their office. When designing their home offices, homeowners should keep this in mind and choose areas of their homes that get ample natural light during a typical workday. Additional lighting also will be necessary. Recessed lighting can give an office a sleek look, and lights that can dim can allow workers to adjust their lighting based on how much they need at any given point in the workday.

### QUIET

Professionals forced to work at home when social distancing measures were implemented may not have had much quiet, especially for those with young children whose schools were closed. But when designing a home office, homeowners have the chance to make their offices more conducive to concentration. Soundproofing walls may not be necessary, but look for areas of the home that don't get much foot traffic. Kitchens are very popular rooms in many homes, so try to locate your home office away from the kitchen. A spare bedroom upstairs may make for the most ideal home office setting if the home does not have a traditional den. Spare bedrooms come with doors, which can instantly create a sense of quiet when closed. A converted garage also can make for a useful home office, but make sure the room already has cooling and heating and, ideally, windows.



### ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

Recently built homes tend to be equipped with enough outlets to accommodate our increasingly connected lifestyles. But older homes may need some electrical updates before they can capably accommodate home offices. When updating your electrical, replace existing outlets and fixtures with energy-efficient LED fixtures, which save money and benefit the environment. Before updating the electrical, decide on how you want the office to be laid out so you can have outlets, some with USB ports, installed where your computer, devices and other items, like a printer and television, will be. This makes it easy to hide cords and give the office a clean, professional look.



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- Monitor the garden for insects and disease
- Plant trees, shrubs, and perennials and water until established
- Mow lawns at recommended heights:
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  - Dwarf St. Augustine: 2.5"
  - Zoysiagrass: 2-2.5"

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### WHAT TO PLANT

#### Annuals/Bedding plants:

Plants that can take summer heat include coleus, salvia, torenia, wax begonia, and ornamental pepper.

**Bulbs:** Some lilies do better when their roots are crowded. Try planting Amazon, Aztec, and Clivia lilies in containers to increase blooming.

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

**Vegetables:** Sweet potatoes, boniato, hot peppers, and tropical "spinach" such as Sisso, Malabar, and New Zealand can be planted now.

**Tomatoes:** Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on tomato plants.



### WHAT TO DO

**Pests:** Watch for thrips, scale, and mites on ornamental plants because they become more active in warm weather.

#### Gardenias and ixora:

Distinguish between the normal yellowing of older leaves and the yellowing of new growth, which usually indicates a micronutrient deficiency.

**Oleanders:** Inspect chewed or ragged leaves for oleander

**Trees:** Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and prune if needed. Hire an ISA-certified arborist.

### WHAT TO DO EVERY MONTH

- Adjust irrigation based on rainfall
- Deadhead flowers to encourage new blooms

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By Dean M. Laux

# Notable NEIGHBORS

## Just Who Is Amanda Glam?



Amanda Glam, the persona

Have you ever wondered if the writer of this newspaper's movie/TV reviews is really named Amanda Glam? I mean, a mellifluous moniker like that could equally well belong to a movie idol, a sultry singer, a fashion model, a Broadway celeb ... or someone whose maiden name was Glam. Amanda Glam could even be the *nom de plume* of a male writer. After all, the Nancy Drew books for young girls were all written by male ghostwriters under the pseudonym Carolyn Keene.

Glam's photo above her (or his?) column gives nothing away. It shows a classy blonde wearing dark glasses, who could be any glamour-puss. All that's lacking

is an N-95 antivirus mask to make the disguise complete. But take heart: I had the pleasure of corralling Amanda for an interview recently, and I intend to (spoiler alert) spill the beans.

One clue to the person behind the persona is Amanda's column itself. It's informative, entertaining and showcases the writer's sense of humor and way with words. Who else would toss around terms like "lollapalooza" and "cinophile"?

Amanda was born in Boston, Massachusetts and grew up in Randolph, a few miles south of the city. She admits to being a natural comedienne (okay, she's a female). "I was very funny as a kid. I liked to make people laugh. I loved to make my Nana laugh, and she liked me to do that." Amanda was a very good student all through school. "Except for math," she confesses. "I liked writing, and I put my hand up for anything. The other kids thought I was kind of nerdy, I guess."

Amanda at first thought she wanted to be a teacher, and later she thought, maybe a social worker.

After graduating from Randolph High School she put two years in at UMass Amherst taking communications courses and then switched to

Simmons, a private college (now a university) in Boston, where in 1983 she earned a bachelor's degree in human services and English—a nice fit for her later life choices.

Her first job after graduating from Simmons was in a state-operated mental health clinic in the projects in South Boston, one of the roughest neighborhoods in the city. Over a period of two years she served first as a receptionist and then as a group therapy leader. The patients loved her. "Every job I've ever had, I've been able to do well, and I've liked almost all my jobs. I did whatever they asked me to do. I was the girl who always raised her hand, you know." But sometimes it reached a stage when it wasn't challenging or wasn't fun anymore, and that's when she'd look for something else.

Amanda found that something else in 1986, when she moved to Washington, DC, working as a temp before landing a position with the National Health Lawyers Association as a receptionist. Over the next five or six years she worked her way up to executive assistant to the membership director, a well-paid position in the nation's most exciting city. "I loved DC," she says. "I'm a city girl, and DC is my kind of city." It was there that she met and married Nigel Lonsdale, now deceased, who remained her partner for 26 years.

"My writing of humorous material really began when I started writing a holiday newsletter," she says. "I put in lots of stuff about the kids, hamsters and bad family vacations, and it was actually very funny. My Aunt Esther called me the Jewish Erma Bombeck."

When she came to Englewood in 1994 to be near her parents, Howard and Carol Finkel, she became a charter member of the local chapter of Toastmasters International and found good use for the materials and techniques she had honed in her holiday newsletter. Before

long everyone knew her as (ta da!) Sharyn Lonsdale.

She tried her hand at standup comedy at McCurdy's Comedy Theatre in Sarasota, and she had some success. "I was fourth in line to do my stuff, and we each had four minutes to perform.

The three guys ahead of me were pretty disgusting. If I were a woman in the audience, I would have felt very uncomfortable. When I came on, the audience gave a sigh of relief. My set was clean, about the vicissitudes of raising a teenage daughter, and the audience liked it. The people at McCurdy's asked me to come back." But she didn't. "I found standup to be very stressful, and that's why I don't do it anymore. But all my jobs involve public speaking, and I still make people laugh all the time," she says.

In the last 27 years—22 of them in Englewood and the last five in Venice—Sharyn says, "I volunteered for everything." She's a volunteer for Chabad of Venice and North Port as well as the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce, and she's Communications Chair for the Venice-Nokomis Woman's Club. In the past she served on the school advisory council and PTO of the Englewood schools her daughters Abby and Jenna attended, and she was a member of the Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice. She acknowledges that "a million years ago" she was named Woman of the Year. And oh, yes—right now she's President of her condominium association. "Nobody else wanted to do it, so I raised my hand," she says apologetically.

While volunteering for all of these organizations, Sharyn also held full-time jobs as a staff writer for the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* from 1998 to 2006, Campus Administrator for the Hermitage Artist Retreat from 2008 to 2016, and Director of Marketing for The Venice Symphony since October of 2016. Impressive roles, all of them, for this talented lady. She still finds time to write this

newspaper's columns entitled "Real Englewood Area Dish" and "Amanda Glam," and to top it all off, she runs a trivia game, "Team Trivia with Sharyn," in the area. Whew!

"You know," she says, "Englewood is the kindest community. I love Venice, but I miss Englewood. People go out of their way to help you. Tom and Pat Newton, the *Englewood Review's* owners, gave me my first writing job shortly after I moved here, and that led to my getting hired by the *Herald-Tribune*. I'm thankful that my parents are nearby. My friends and family are very important to me. I've got a good partner, Daniel. I've got good kids, grown up now, in Abby and Jenna, and a perfect granddaughter, Makaira." She also has three feisty cats: Jasmine, George and Mitzi. In short, life is not only busy but good for Sharyn Lonsdale, aka Amanda Glam.

If you agree, just raise your hand.



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# OLD ENGLEWOOD VILLAGE

## VOLUNTEERING

By Todd Tracy

Universally, people have a warm and fuzzy interpretation of what a community volunteer is and does, but have you ever considered the dark side of volunteers? Not them, but what they often endure?

Before we get started, let us try to define what a typical volunteer is. Wikipedia defines volunteering as "freely offer to do something." But it also noted that volunteerism can be "say or suggest something without being asked," which I routinely enjoy volunteering. But in this story, I am talking about the volunteers we see with the reflector vests on and those we do not see that manage our local organizations, serving the public faithfully behind the scenes.

Other internet sources offered more broad definitions, like "work for an organization without being paid, offer one's services, present oneself, step forward, come forward, make oneself available, commit to a particular undertaking." As you can see, we are all volunteers in one way or another.

Some of the better quotations about volunteering I found were: "Only a life lived for others is worth living." – Albert Einstein. "The most truly generous persons are those who give silently without hope of praise or reward." – Carol Ryrie Brink. "The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit." – Nelson Henderson. As a shade lover, that one was my favorite.

Ok, that was fun, but it is time to get to the point. As a long-term community volunteer, I, like many others, have endured contrary opinions through my volunteerism. One of my punishable sins is that I cared enough to volunteer using both acts and words, which were at times perceived as imperfect, bossy or misguided. The Dalai Lama once said that "It is not enough to be compassionate –

you must act," which implies that if you care about anything, then there is a universal obligation to act, or at least help others act. That is the rub, acting in our modern culture is too often perceived as stepping on toes, not advancing ideas.

The Old Englewood Village Association is just one of many non-profits in town that is full of volunteers who act. The list includes groups like the Elks, Rotary, the Moose, the Chamber, even the Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board (CRA). Our CRA has acting volunteers. But even those respected organizations, and all the other small moms and pops, still endured what I would consider an unnecessary level of criticism despite their well-intended, debated, and thoughtful actions.

Have you ever wondered why people volunteer? Why do people expose themselves to more public scrutiny? If you

post a social media message that you are saving the whales, five percent of the readers will scold you for not saving the penguins as well. If you pick up the park after an event, someone will find a beer can across the street and complain about your work. If you read books to kids, they better be rubber stamped by everyone. It seems no matter what you do, nor how well you behave, there will always be a critic of your ideas, opinion, or work.

Wikipedia had an answer to why people volunteer. "Modern societies share a common value of people helping each other; not only do volunteer acts assist others, but they also benefit the volunteering individual on a personal level." Other sites noted that volunteers benefit socially,

politically, economically, spiritually, personally, etc., which is encouraging, but I believe that real volunteers are not looking for a reward of any kind, they are by nature giving people that we are blessed to have among us.

Maybe our modern treatment of volunteers is because the nightly news has blurred the line between activism and volunteerism? Everyone is assumed to have an agenda these days, instead of a heart and soul.

In closing, my message to everyone would be that civility and manners are still important, and a contrary organizational, political, or social opinion does not justify gossiping or rudeness. So, the next time you have a beef with an organization or even a single volunteer member, first,

thank them for their service to the community, then work together to find a solution.

The Old Englewood Village Association hosts monthly Town Halls at The Open Studio, 380 Old Englewood Road, on the third Monday of each month at 3:30pm. Please join us when you can over the summer. Visit [www.OldEnglewood.com](http://www.OldEnglewood.com) to learn more, join or volunteer.



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### Lunch & Learn

The topic for this month's free Lunch & Learn at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce is "Stay Top of Mind Using Email Marketing" on **Thursday, May 27, 11:30am to 1pm**. Seating is limited, please register at [www.EnglewoodChamber.com/events](http://www.EnglewoodChamber.com/events). This month's free Lunch & Learn is courtesy of Peacock Premier Properties.

### Englewood Hospital Named to Top 100 List

Englewood Community Hospital has been named to the Fortune/IBM Watson Health 100 Top Hospitals® list. The hospital has been recognized with this honor as one of the top performing hospitals in the U.S. The annual list was published on April 27th by Fortune. IBM Watson Health has identified the top hospitals from a rigorous evaluation of 2,675 short-term, acute care, non-federal hospitals in the U.S. The annual list recognizes excellence in clinical outcomes, operational efficiency, patient experience, and financial health.



The Englewood Chamber of Commerce announced another Milestone Member as part of their recognition celebration of long-standing chamber members. Davis, Roberts, Boeller & Rife, PA has been a chamber member for 43 years. This dental practice is home to four dental experts who provide quality care to individuals and families in the Englewood area. Dr. Alan David, Dr. Ryan Roberts, Dr. James Boeller and Dr. Deanne Rife offer both routine care and serious dental repair for all ages. The office is located at 2121 S. McCall Road. Visit them online at [www.EnglewoodFloridaDentist.com](http://www.EnglewoodFloridaDentist.com). Pictured at the Milestone Member presentation with chamber representatives are (l-r:) Daniela Koci, Baby Luna, Dr. Ryan Roberts, Maria Cummings, Dr. Deanne Rife, Kendra Porter, Lou Cook, Tammy Clemens, Karen Current, Kristina Watts, Dr. Alan Davis, and Doug Izzo.

“During these unprecedented times in healthcare, it is important to recognize the extraordinary efforts of our caregivers. This quality and safety recognition is more important to patients than ever before, and we are grateful to our caregivers for their steadfast commitment,” said Steve Young, CEO of Englewood Community Hospital. For more information, visit [www.100tophospitals.com/](http://www.100tophospitals.com/).

**Autumn “Yarnie” Retreat**

A Bit O’ Yarn is pleased to announce that registration for their Fall 2021 Retreat in Whitefish, Montana is now open! Spend four days with fellow “yarnies,” attending workshops by Polka Dot Sheep, knitting with friends, exploring Whitefish, and taking in the gorgeous natural surroundings, including Glacier National Park. The retreat is planned for **Thursday to Monday, September 23 to 27**. Cost is \$725 per person and will include registration for two workshops with Polka Dot Sheep: a dyeing workshop where you’ll get to dye your very own yarn, and a color-work class, which includes a project kit that you can either pick up at the shop or have shipped to you directly. It also includes a spinning demonstration by Polka Dot Sheep, a meet-and-greet group breakfast, a farewell group dinner, and access to a common space for group knitting throughout the week. Participants are responsible for



Advanced Hearing Solutions has been recognized as one of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce’s Milestone Members. The business has been a chamber member since 1975. Advanced Hearing Solutions, Inc. is an independent audiology clinic that treats a wide range of hearing problems such as mild to severe hearing loss, tinnitus and loss of ability to discriminate sounds. Advanced Hearing Solutions is located at 655 S. Indiana Avenue. Visit them online at [advancedhearingsolutions.net](http://advancedhearingsolutions.net) or call **474-8383**. Pictured here are (l-r:) Doug Izzo (chamber director,) Dr. Noël Crosby (clinic audiologist,) Jonathan Varner (chamber representative,) & Kim Parks (chamber membership coordinator.)

lodging, travel, and any meals not listed above. For more details, visit them on Facebook, call **460-1958** or stop in the shop at 234 N. Indiana Avenue.

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MarineMax Cape Haze held a ribbon-cutting celebration for the addition of a private boat ramp and boat storage on May 5th. MarineMax is a boat dealership, and also offers resources to enhance your boating enjoyment. The dealership is located at 7090 Placida Road. Pictured here at the ribbon cutting (l-r:) are Chamber Executive Director Doug Izzo, Board of Director-Lou Cook, MarineMax representatives Mike and Jake, Tyler Choyke, Captain Tom Healey “The Boatman”, wife Captain Heidi Healey, Chamber President Brian Faro, Board of Director Dickie Jean, and Past President Jonathan Varner.

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# Nature Calls



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**Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center and the Charlotte County Natural Resource Department will be conducting the following free programs open to the public. All programs can be found at [www.ChecFlorida.org](http://www.ChecFlorida.org). 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 for all walks. For more information or to register, call 475-0769. All participants are required to wear face masks.**

**Sunday, May 16, 9am.** Join CHEC on a guided walk through Tippecanoe II Mitigation Area, Joppa Ave, Port Charlotte. This 150-acre preserve is home to

several families of the threatened Florida scrub jays. Meet in the parking lot.

**Wednesday, May 19, 9 am** – Come along with CHEC on this guided walk through the 81-acre Bill Coy/Buck Creek Preserve, 5350 Placida Road. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot.

**Wednesdays: May 19, May 26 at 9am** – Join CHEC on a guided hike through Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road. This 115-acre preserve consists mostly of pine flatwoods as well as some areas of scrub, salt marshes, mangrove swamps, and wetlands. Meet

in the parking lot nearest to the visitor center.

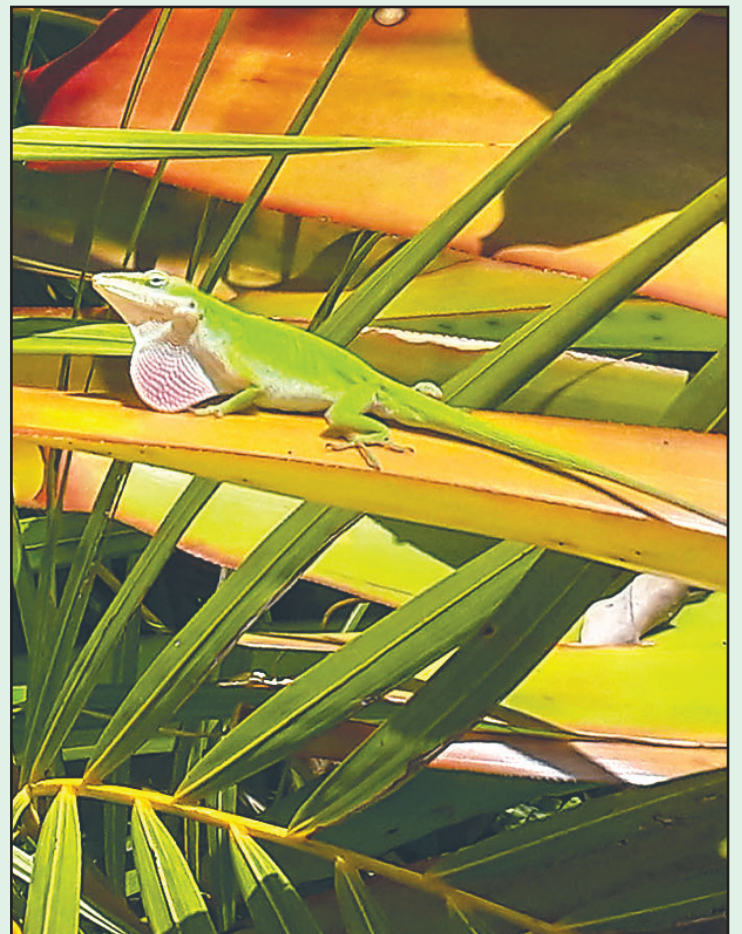
**Saturday, May 22, 9 am** - Join CHEC on a walk at Bayshore Live Oak Park, 23157 Bayshore Road, Pt. Charlotte. You will be walking along the shoreline of Charlotte Harbor exploring the various mangrove species found there.

## Seagrass Wading Trips

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center and the Charlotte County Natural Resource Department will be conducting the following Seagrass Wading Trips for the public in June. Seagrass Wading Trips are being offered on **Thursday, June 10** and **Thursday, June 24** at Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road, and are free to the public. On these guided programs with local experts, you'll experience a short-guided hike through various ecosystems of the park, and then you will get to wade into the shallow waters of Lemon Bay and use dipnets to sample all the incredible wildlife that lives within the seagrass flats. Prepare for each walk with plenty of water, insect repellent, sunscreen, and clothing comfortable both for hiking and being in the water. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call **475-0769**. Trips are currently limited to 12 people, and wait lists are available for every trip. Trips fill up fast! Meet in the Cedar Point parking lot near the restrooms at **9am**. The health and safety policies for these programs are subject to change. For information on mask requirements, and Covid-19 safety precautions, please contact [gerald@checflorida.org](mailto:gerald@checflorida.org). Go to [www.ChecFlorida.org](http://www.ChecFlorida.org) for a complete program calendar.

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## READERS' PHOTOS



Wells Woodruff shares his photo of a seldom seen green anoli lizard he observed in his Englewood garden.



Ken Hubley captured this photo of a Blue Heron fishing in a pond at Boca Royale.

# “Experience the Passion of Englewood – Feel the Love!”

By Chris Cameron

If you are a resident in the Englewood area, chances are you moved here (or a home-grown who still loves their hometown) because you love the water, the people, and that small-town feeling. How about ratcheting that love up a level to Passionate for Englewood? If so, get on board with the “Passion of Englewood – Feel the Love” campaign, the brainchild of Kristen Conti of Peacock Premier Properties, an independent Boutique Real Estate Brokerage.

Kristen and her husband, Dave Conti, relocated to Englewood in 2004 because they felt so welcomed when they visited the area on vacation. How different from the atmosphere on the east coast of Florida! Upon moving here, they continued in their real estate careers by opening their own agency which merged with a large company in 2018. Kristen is a passionate person: she loves people and felt she was unable

to express her passion and love for the Englewood community within the confines of this large company, so she and Dave once again started their own real estate agency. Wanting to be true to her vision of connecting people and supporting local businesses, Kristen decided their new real estate agency would lend itself to creativity and fun with branding/marketing and be completely focused on local relationships and support of the Englewood community.

Based on this mission statement conceived during the COVID-19 shutdown, Kristen & Dave opened Peacock Premier Properties in July, 2020. Kristen wanted this new real estate agency to focus on developing a relationship with customers and providing premier personalized customer

service. Selecting the brightly colored & bold peacock as a mascot that reflected Kristen’s embracement of life, they started with a mascot naming contest on Facebook. Debbie German was the first winner with the name

*Pavone* (Italian for peacock) for this male stuffed mascot. Both Dave and Kristen come from Italian lineage so that name was an easy choice. Soon it was decided *Pavone* needed a mate, and a female stuffed peacock was christened *Passion*, submitted by Deena Wooley through a second naming contest.

Englewood residents and its business community were suffering during COVID-19, and Kristen felt that Englewood needed to regenerate the passion & love that had been suppressed during the pandemic. So, she decided to use her “Passion of Englewood” slogan to create a movement by taking this message to the community. Purchasing 2,500 small pink stuffed peacocks, Kristen started reaching out, first through the Englewood Boys & Girls Club, then Englewood Elementary School

and to various business owners who wanted to help spread the message. “Ambassadors of Love” were appointed through the community – people who display passion in all they do, and there are many here in Englewood. The result has been overwhelming community support of the “Passion of Englewood” message of love and positivity.

If you would like to share the love and passion of Englewood, stop by one of their offices, 37 S. Indiana Avenue or 276 Ronda Blvd. East, for a free mini mascot. Local businesses are welcome to participate by passing out these peacock mascots, too. For more information about how you can spread the love in Englewood, reach out to Kristen by calling/texting her at 286-8486 as well as for any real estate needs. Peacock Premier Properties is here for you and the Englewood community! Visit them at [www.peacockpremierproperties.com](http://www.peacockpremierproperties.com) or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/kristen.conti>.



Kristen Conti (left) presented Deena Wooley with a gift for winning the second peacock naming contest with her entry “Passion” at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce Business Card Exchange on Wednesday, April 14.

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# Keeping UP with KIDS

## Project Graduation WILL Happen!

Project Graduation for Lemon Bay High School seniors will take place this year, but not in the traditional way of years past. Instead of an all-night event, there will be a seniors-only day event on **Saturday, May 29, 11am to 4pm**, at the Englewood

Elks Lodge. Seniors will enjoy most of the activities from years past, including big games, music, food, photo booth, and prizes. They can expect a memorable experience to end their high school years, organized by Project Graduation with the support of the Englewood community. The bulk of the

event funds were raised through the March Madness Fundraiser, featuring a daily drawing for business certificates donated by many of Englewood's businesses.

**Summer Driver's Ed**  
Charlotte County Public Schools is offering a free summer school

Driver's Education Program. There will be three days of classroom instruction, **Monday - Wednesday, June 7-9, 9am to 11am**, and then four consecutive days of driving the following week. Participants must have a Learner's Permit. Deadline to register is **Thursday, May 27**. Call Ault's Driving School for more information and an application at **474-5125**.

workshops will be held **July 12-16 & July 19-23** at the Langdon Playhouse, 1182 Market Circle, Port Charlotte. Students will have hands-on experiences in all facets of a theatrical production – backstage, scenic design, props, costumes, music, and sound as well as performing on stage in showcase productions on **July 23 & 24 (7pm)** and **July 25 (2pm)**. Each grade age group will present a play. Cost is \$195 for early enrollment **before July 5** and \$220 afterwards. For more information, call Charlotte Players at **255-1022**. You can

**Summer Theater Workshops**  
Charlotte Players Kids OnStage summer workshops are now open for registration. The

Continuing its mission to build confidence, character, and community, the Englewood Sailing Association hosted an Introduction to Sailing Clinic for several students on May 8 who had joined the D-FY Organization. Kim Clark, who is the Project Coordinator for the Englewood area explained, "D-FY stands for Drug Free Youth and focuses on students signing a commitment to never use drugs".

The one-day clinic gave the students the basics of sailing and encouraged them to enjoy the bounty of natural environmental gifts that Lemon Bay has to give. Grace Nguyen, a coach, has attended numerous classes and has been sailing with ESA for 7 years! She said she loved working with the new students. Ryan Witt, also a coach, has also been sailing with ESA for 7 years and plans to continue. "I love being on the water because it gives you the feeling of freedom and independence" he exclaimed. "It's a great place to make



Grace Nguyen gives her charges direction as they learn the sport of sailing.

friends and have fun." If the D- FY students enjoyed their time on the water, they were encouraged to attend ESA's Learn to Sail Camps, which start in June. The five day camps are offered to ages 10-17, and usually run from **9am to 3pm**. The camps are scheduled **June 14-18, June**

**28-July 2 and July 12-16**. The only requirement is students must know how to swim. The price is \$150. Financial assistance is available, if needed. The ESA compound is located at Indian Mound Park on Lemon Bay. To learn more, check the EAS website at [englewoodsailing.org](http://englewoodsailing.org).



Tip of the Spear Football Camp is coming to Englewood on **Saturday, May 22!** This football clinic is open to kids ages 9 to 15 from Englewood, Port Charlotte, Venice & North Port. The clinic will be held from **3 to 5pm** at the Englewood Cats Field (Larry Nicol Field) at 6791 San Casa Drive. Tip of the Spear curriculum works to "take the head out of the game," helping athletes learn to hit by using their hands, leverage, and hips, without using their head. Cost is \$55 online at [englewoodcats.com](http://englewoodcats.com) or pay at the field **May 22 at 2pm**. Cost includes a custom dri-fit T-shirt and custom water bottle. Instructor is Mike Pollak, a former NFL Player, and Tip of the Spear was developed by former NFL players. For questions, contact Ron Ortiz at **773-7948**.

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**Summer Camp Fun at the Y**  
Englewood YMCA summer day

are provided in the camp fee. Traditional style camp features a different theme each week. There are also specialty camps, sports camps, aquatic camps, outdoor adventure camps and travel camps. For camp descriptions, fees, registration, and more information, go to [www.swflymca.org](http://www.swflymca.org) and click on programs. The Englewood YMCA is located at 701 Medical Blvd. (phone 475•1234) and SKY Academy is at 871 River Road.



The Rotary Club of Englewood wants you to be safe in and around the water! Their goal is to educate children with a fun and simple message to stay away from water unless accompanied by an adult. May is national water safety month - be safe around water with Josh the Otter! To learn more visit [www.JoshtheOtter.org](http://www.JoshtheOtter.org). To learn more about the Rotary Club of Englewood, visit [TheRotaryClubofEnglewood.org](http://TheRotaryClubofEnglewood.org).

**L.B.H.S. Athletes of the Month**



Lemon Bay High School Athletic Department extends congratulations to the April 2021 Athletes of the Month - seniors **Elizabeth Schum** (left) and **Henry Schouten** (right) Elizabeth Schum is the co-captain of the Girls Tennis team. During the month of March, she played #4 Singles (9-2), and #2 Doubles (11-0) for the District Champion Manta tennis team. Henry Schouten is an outstanding member of the Weightlifting team. During the month of March, Henry won a District Championship, a Regional Championship, and finished 7th in the State. He was also named 1st team All State in Football during the month. Henry is a multi-sport athlete and a great young man. Receiving Honorable Mention for the month of March are: Girls Tennis: Jordan Shirley (Jr.), Rosie Lowder (Fr.) and Marie L'Abbe (Jr.) Softball: Kendell Bennett (Jr.) and Mackenzie Vaughan (Fr.) Girls Track and Field: Lauren Ragazzone (Sr.) Boys Track and Field: Riley Willis (So.) Reece Willis (Sr.) and Matt Hutcherson (Sr.) Baseball: Abel Albarran (So.) Javi Albarran (Sr.) and Mason Boltinghouse (Jr.) The entire athletic department at Lemon Bay High School thanks you for your support of the Manta Rays! School Website: [www.lemonbayhigh.com](http://www.lemonbayhigh.com). Facebook: [www.facebook.com/mantaathletics](http://www.facebook.com/mantaathletics). Twitter: @mantaathletics. Photo credit to Tim Kern.

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Summer classes & camps are coming to Venice Theatre, and registration opens on **Saturday, May 15**. Sign up for a two-week Theatre Extravaganza for grades K to 2, three-week Theatre Camps for grades 3 to 12, and a six-week Musical Theatre Experience for grades 5 to 12. To view the schedule, go to [venicetheatre.net](http://venicetheatre.net). For questions, call **486•8679** or email [kellyduyn@venicetheatre.net](mailto:kellyduyn@venicetheatre.net).



you would like to have considered, please send information and/or photo to *The Englewood REVIEW*, 370 W. Dearborn St., Suite B, Englewood, FL 34223 or email [englewoodreview@comcast.net](mailto:englewoodreview@comcast.net).

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By Maureen O’Nell, CEO, SHS  
Do you have what it takes to be a Foster Hero to a big dog who needs extra attention and direction to learn how to be a family pup? Do you have experience with large breed dogs? Suncoast Humane Society is recruiting a team of dog Foster Heroes to teach dogs at the shelter what it’s like to be loved, how to make good decisions, and to experience great, kind leadership. We will teach you how to work with the dogs and will provide all needed supplies. You offer a safe, stable, and supportive home environment for the dogs to learn in so they can ultimately be adopted. The shelter dog will need to be the only pet in the home, or there may be one very stable dog with no young children. Most of our dogs are larger breed dogs and need consistent training to be successful. Many are considered pit bull mixes. We help those who need us, and these dogs need us. Your commitment can be



Maureen & Melo both enjoy their companionship.

short-term or long-term, we will work out a plan that is a perfect fit for you. If you are ready to be a Foster Hero to a large breed dog or ANY dog, please fill out a foster application on our website at [www.humane.org](http://www.humane.org). If you have any questions about fostering a dog, contact Associate Director of Innovative Programs, Fatime Duka, at [fduka@humane.org](mailto:fduka@humane.org). To learn more about Suncoast Humane Society, animals available for adoption, upcoming events, or programs and services, please visit [www.humane.org](http://www.humane.org) or call 474•7884.

### SHS Receives Petco Love Grant

Suncoast Humane Society (SHS) announced today a \$4,500 grant investment from the newly named “Petco Love”, to support their lifesaving work for animals in the Southwest region of Florida. Petco Love is a nonprofit empowering animal welfare organization which provides grants to animal welfare groups for their adoption and other lifesaving efforts. Suncoast Humane Society is Southwest Florida’s regional no-kill leader in action taking and responding to community needs to provide relief to animals and their caretakers to save lives and to keep pets with their families. The SHS Positive Alternatives to Shelter Surrender (PASS) program assists with solutions to pet surrender. Their Community Pet Food Bank provides free cat and dog food to anyone struggling to provide for their pets. SHS also partners with rescue groups, giving animals in need a chance at life by taking

protective guardianship of dogs and cats in municipal shelters at risk of euthanasia. Together, with donor support and rescue group partnerships, SHS is creating a no-kill region. For more information about Suncoast Humane Society, visit [www.humane.org](http://www.humane.org). To learn more about Petco Love, visit [petcolove.org](http://petcolove.org)



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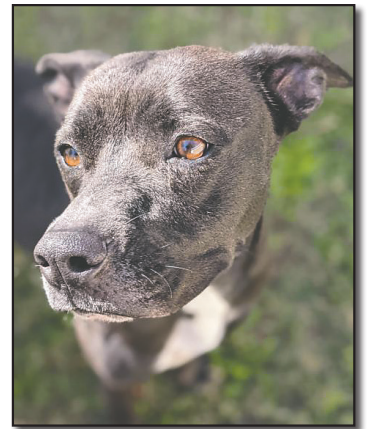
These are just a few of the many animals waiting for adoption. You can see all of Suncoast Humane Society’s adoptable animals by visiting their Web site, [www.humane.org](http://www.humane.org).

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Photos by Suncoast Humane Society

**Buddy** is hoping to win you over with his silly and goofy personality. He likes to sit in boxes and likes to chew on them! Buddy is a height dweller and having a cat condo he can climb, hang out on, and nap on will make him very happy. Batting around his toys and just being spunky will be pure entertainment.



Say hello to **Sookie!** Although we don’t know about her past, her future will be so much better once she finds a new loving home. Sookie is gentle, sensitive, and very sweet. She loves a tender, soft touch and will be sure to bloom once she begins bonding with you. The more we get to know Sookie, the more we fall in love.



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](http://Petfinder.com), or [EarsAnimalRescue.com](http://EarsAnimalRescue.com).

For more information, call EARS: 941-681-3877. Adoptions events are either at EARS or Pet Supermarket Saturday, 10am-1pm. Call to confirm location.

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Photos by Bobbi Austin

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

Presenting brothers, **Rebel**, a one-year old neutered male who is a Siamese mix, and **Yankee**, a one-year old black, medium hair neutered male. EARS hopes they could be to be adopted together. They get along well, and both are lap cats. The pair would be a great addition to a family. Both are up to date on their shots and microchipped.



Meet Rebel who isn’t going to be raising havoc – he’s a lap cat.



Brother Yankee hopes he and his brother can be adopted together.

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# Club Chatter



The members of the Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) enjoyed another well organized and enjoyable fundraiser event on May 1st at the house of BPWEV president Morina Chmielak. A "Tea and Pearls Party" was enjoyed by many members, a few of them are shown in this photo (l to r:) back row - Madeline Salerno, Carol DeGulis, Joyce McCaffrey, Natalie Bloom, Debby Wolfe, and Samira Easton. Front row: Esther Bird, Morina Chmielak, Debra Straw and Cynthia Fredricks. Learn more about BPWEV at [www.bpwev.org](http://www.bpwev.org).

## BFF Celebration

In honor of all the special women in your life, the Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) is hosting their third Annual "BFF" May Celebration. Invite the special female in your life - mother, daughter, sister, niece, granddaughter, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. for a special evening on **Tuesday, May 18, 5:15 to 8pm**. A delicious dinner will be served and followed by fun entertainment provided by "The Shark Sisters" and comedian

Katie Malloy. Chances for great prizes will be available. The location is the Plantation Golf and Country Club, 5000 Rockley Blvd., Venice. Tickets: \$23 at door, \$24 Paypal. Must register in advance at [www.bpwev.org](http://www.bpwev.org)

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The Englewood Lions Club presented a Certificate of Appreciation to express their gratitude to Vino Loco's Joyce Dolmar and Roz Holly for allowing the Lions Club of Englewood to sell raffle tickets at their Dearborn Street Farmers Market this season. It was a huge success, thanks to their generosity! Proceeds from the "Help Feed the Hungry Raffle" were donated in April to three local organizations: Englewood Helping Hand, Meals on Wheels, and the Jubilee Center. Learn more about the Englewood Lions Club at [www.e-clubhouse.org](http://www.e-clubhouse.org). Photo: Lion Dave with Joyce Dolmar (left) & Roz Holly (right) of Vino Loco, 420 W. Dearborn Street.



The Englewood Lions Club held a "Help the Hungry" fundraising raffle this spring in an effort to help fight hunger in the Englewood area. The generosity of the Englewood community allowed donations totaling \$6,000 to three local organizations that are at the forefront in the fight against hunger. Each of the charities received a \$2,000 check, presented on April 28th at the Englewood Lions Clubhouse. Lions President Kathy Lawless and Lion Dave Baran presented the checks to Ginny Andersen and Kim Bruemleve from Englewood Helping Hand, Tom Kizis from Englewood Meals on Wheels, and Ruth Hill from St. David's Jubilee Center. Mr. Kizis said that Englewood Meals on Wheels relies on donations to keep their fees for meals some of the lowest, if not the lowest, of any Meals on Wheels program in the country, and the Lions' donation will be a big help. Ms. Hill stated their Lions' donation will go to support the Jubilee Center's "Summer Backpacks for Kids" program which provides meals for children who are on their summer school breaks. Helping Hands also relies on donations to help the community, and Ms. Andersen and Ms. Bruemleve joined Mr. Kizis and Ms. Hill in expressing appreciation for the generous donations. The winners of the raffle were: 1st Place - Dave Mitrone received a \$500 Publix Gift Card which he graciously donated back; 2nd Place - Sheri Mayo received a \$100 Publix Gift Card; and 3rd Place - Barb Shanko received a \$50 Winn Dixie Gift Card. The Englewood Lions Club thanks everyone who participated in their "Help the Hungry" raffle. Pictured here are (L to R): Englewood Meals on Wheels Director Tom Kizis, Lion Kathy Lawless, Jubilee Center Administrator Ruth Hill, Lion Dave Baran, and Englewood Helping Hand President Ginny Andersen and Board Member Kim Bruemleve.



Rotonda Elks Lodge 2710, represented by Gerry Chesney, a Member of the Lodge House Committee, is pleased to present a check for \$1,000 to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Outreach Program. St. Francis Outreach Program hours of operation are **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:15 - 11:15am**. Food stamp application is available on **Wednesdays by appointment**. The food pantry is located at 5265 Placida Road. Call the church at **697-4899** for more information. For information about joining Rotonda Elks to help raise money for a variety of local charities, please call the Elks office at **697-2708**. Accepting the donation (left to right:) are Food Pantry Coordinator Annemarie D'Abrosca, Director of Outreach Matt Egan, Business Manager Robert Clark with Rotonda Elks representative Gerry Chesney.

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**CULINARY DIRECTOR:** Start date ASAP. The Culinary Director is a key position and will directly assist the owners in the creation and development of the offer in the 2 new venues, as well as help strengthen the existing offer in Sassy Tarts. A leader in the culinary arts, from cooking to baking, he masters French, Italian, Mediterranean, fusion, as well as an array of other cooking styles and techniques to create an exclusive menu, and evolve it as needed. Capable of hiring, training the staff, fluent in HACCP application through the establishment, he will oversee the front of the house as well. A leader, capable of empowering the staff and making them grow. Strong business acumen, to negotiate with purveyors, maintain and respect financial objectives. The ideal candidate will have a minimum 10

years of experience in world class establishments both in the US and abroad.

**HEAD BAKER:** Start date June 2021. The head baker will work closely with the Culinary Director to establish and develop the current offer, create a new line of European breads and pastries, capable of training the oncoming staff to meet the standards established by the owner and culinary director; he is also a proven leader in his trade. European trained in the art of making laminated doughs, brioche, crusty breads, and unique pastries, custom tailored to meet our needs. He will create, establish cost, and put into production all the new products as well as maintain the integrity of the existing ones. He should also have knowledge of chocolate work, ice cream making and manage his kitchen and staff efficiently.

**RESTAURANT MANAGERS:** The ideal candidate will possess at least 7 to 10 years of international experience in a world class establishment, managing an extensive wine offer. His key role, besides managing the day-to-day operations, will be to participate and be a force of proposition in the creation of the wine offer, cocktails, sangrias, and other drinks. Ideally, trained or knowledgeable in the sommelier position, he will create the ideal wine selection with the Culinary Director and train the staff to standards. Please send resume to: [sassytarts@yahoo.com](mailto:sassytarts@yahoo.com) or call to schedule an appointment with Stephanie or Daril Albin @ 941-214-5218.

# Calendar at a Glance

These are the shortened calendar events that were added to our website [www.Englewoodreview.com](http://www.Englewoodreview.com) as of Noon on Friday, May 7. They represent events from May 14 - June 4. For the most up-to-date listings and to read about these events in full detail, visit our online calendar. All listings in our "Calendar At A Glance" must be entered on our website. Click on Calendar and fill out Event Submission Form.

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

**FRI MAY 14**

**Artists and Writers, Thinking Out Loud** Hermitage Artist Retreat Beach, 6660 Manasota Key Rd. 6-7PM [www.hermitageartistretreat.org](http://www.hermitageartistretreat.org)  
**Englewood Area Storm Awareness** Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Dr. 7:30-9:30PM 681-0091

**SAT MAY 15**

**A Day of Celtic Music** Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Esplanade, Punta Gorda 12-4PM 800-639-0020  
**K9s for Warriors Fundraiser** Bert's Black Widow H-D Dealership 2224 El Jobean Rd. 12-5PM

**THURS MAY 20**

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

**FRI MAY 21**

**Pulitzer Prize Winner Michael R. Jackson: Just Sittin' Here Lookin'** Hermitage Artist Retreat Beach, 6660 Manasota Key Rd. 6-7PM [www.hermitageartistretreat.org](http://www.hermitageartistretreat.org)

**SAT & SUN MAY 22 & 23**

**May Daze Celebration** Dog Island, IWC Marker #20 12-7PM [www.PartyCoveYachtClub.com](http://www.PartyCoveYachtClub.com)

**THURS MAY 27**

**Hermitage Sunsets at Selby** Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Downtown, 1534 Mound St., Sarasota 6-7PM [www.hermitageartistretreat.org](http://www.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, WED, FRI**

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

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

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

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

**MON & 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 - 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

**Zumba with Laurentz** Centennial Park, 1120 O'Donnell Blvd., Port Charlotte 10:45-11:45AM 237-8983

**MONDAYS**

**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

**Djembe Drum Class** Ancestral Healing Center, 310 Old Englewood Rd. 7-8:00PM 228-3434

**TUESDAYS**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**Englewood Car Crazy** Englewood Square Shopping Center 445 S. Indiana Ave. 7:30-10:30AM

**African Drum Class**

Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Dr. 3-4PM 406-6888

**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

**Thursday Farmers Market** The Dearborn Center, 501 W. Dearborn St. 9AM-2PM 500-3443

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

**Englewood Opry** The Dearborn Center, 501 W. Dearborn St. 5:30-8:30PM Bring own seating.

**FRIDAYS**

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

**Line Dance Classes** Englewood Elks 401 N. Indiana Ave. 10AM-1PM 661-3799

**May Adult Intro to Art Class - Student's Choice** The Dearborn Center, 501 W. Dearborn St. 1-4PM 500-3443

**SATURDAYS**

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

**SUNDAYS**

**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](http://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 required. 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

**Drum Circle** Englewood Beach North End 7PM

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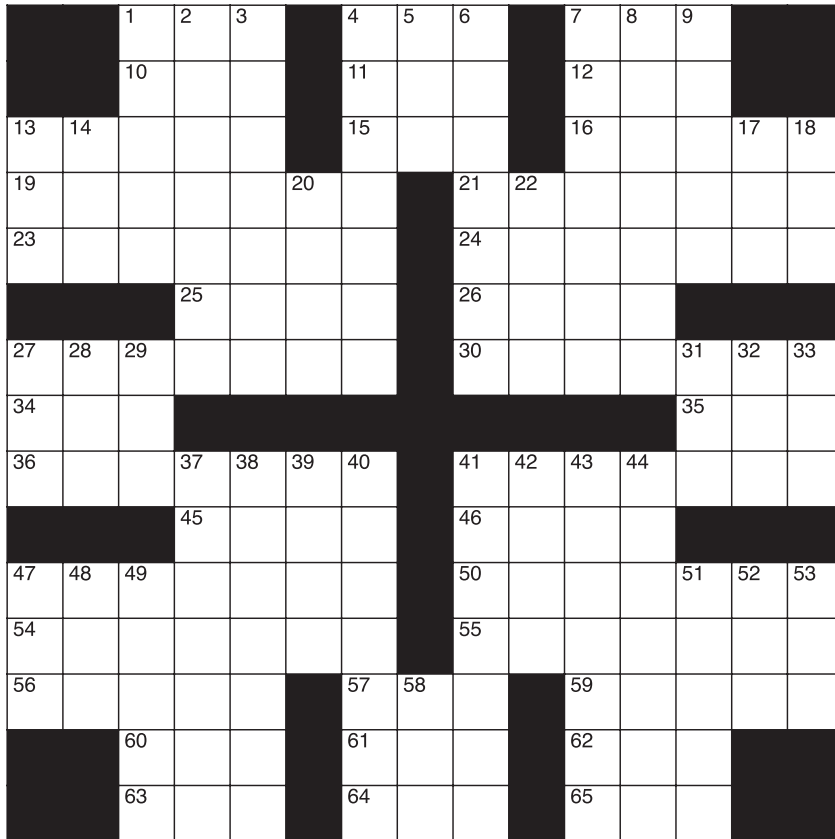
**PUZZLE SOLUTIONS**

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7	4	6	8	2	5	1	9	3
1	2	8	6	9	3	7	5	4
4	1	2	9	5	7	6	3	8
8	9	7	4	3	6	5	2	1
6	5	3	2	1	8	4	7	9
5	7	4	3	8	2	9	1	6
3	6	1	5	4	6	2	8	7
2	8	6	7	9	1	3	4	5

# Crossword Puzzle

## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. \_\_\_ fi: popular genre
- 4. Curved shape
- 7. Defunct airline
- 10. Beverage receptacle
- 11. Corporate bigwig
- 12. Belong to he
- 13. They cover cuts
- 15. Cost per mille
- 16. Walk into
- 19. Power-producing machine
- 21. Part of one's character perceived by others
- 23. Emotionally appealed to
- 24. Protected
- 25. Wrestling icon Okerlund
- 26. Thailand's former name
- 27. Muscle weaknesses
- 30. Chooses
- 34. American film studio
- 35. Expression of satisfaction
- 36. Mythical winged horse



- 41. Ballplayers
- 45. Edible seaweed
- 46. Chinese politician
- 47. Tested for fertility
- 50. Glove worn with medieval armor
- 54. Basaltic lavas
- 55. Small shoaling fish
- 56. Surrendered
- 57. Taxi
- 59. Potato part
- 60. Female sheep
- 61. Trouble or difficulty
- 62. Put into service
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. 17th letter of Greek alphabet

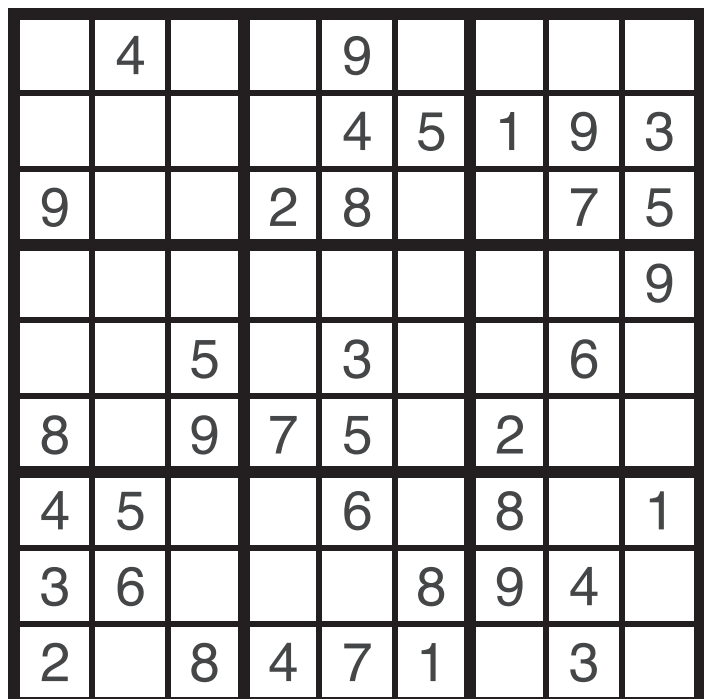
## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Frighten
- 2. Partner to corned beef
- 3. Parts
- 4. Agrees to a demand
- 5. Elected official
- 6. Navigator's tool
- 7. Relating to heat
- 8. Attractive
- 9. Wealthy US merchant
- 13. Engine additive
- 14. A passage with access only at one end

- 17. Midway between northeast and east
- 18. Cool!
- 20. Brazilian NBAer
- 22. NW Pennsylvania city
- 27. Young dog
- 28. Mimic
- 29. Large truck
- 31. The NFL's Newton
- 32. One and only
- 33. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 37. Julie \_\_, actress
- 38. More nourishing
- 39. Compound
- 40. A small carrier

- attached to the side of a motorcycle
- 41. Object of fear or alarm
- 42. \_\_\_ Ladd, actor
- 43. Sacred place
- 44. A way to express enjoyment
- 47. Trigonometric function
- 48. A team's best pitcher
- 49. Intersecting points
- 51. Roundishly shaped
- 52. Adam's partner
- 53. God of battle (Scandinavian)
- 58. Human hormone

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