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Fellowship Church Celebrates 18 Years
 On **Sunday, November 8**, Fellowship Church of Englewood will be celebrating their 18th Anniversary. Pastor Garry Clark would like to invite the whole community to come and celebrate with them. There will be two services; **8:30am & 10:30am** with special messages from Pastor Garry, and of course some amazing music from Saltwater Worship led by Mitchell Clark. In between the services starting at **9:30am**, fresh pastries, fruit, donuts, coffee & juice will be served at the Hospitality Café and it's all free. Then after the **10:30am** service, dinner will be served at the picnic tables under the beautiful oak trees. There you will be served a free delicious meal of Pulled BBQ Pork with homemade potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, roll, a drink and, of course, delicious cake. Please join the celebration at 140 Rotonda Blvd. West. For more information, please



Island Walk at the West Villages recently held a breast cancer awareness fundraiser "Pickling for a Purpose" Tournament. Pickleball enthusiasts enjoyed their tournament and proceeds raised were given to Dollars for Mammograms. Rita Bertler, President of Dollars for Mammograms (left,) accepted a check for \$8,087.50 from Sharon Ransom (event organizer and a breast cancer survivor.) Dollars for Mammograms is a non-profit charity that provides no-cost mammograms for local area women who are underinsured or uninsured. Learn more at www.dollarsformammograms.org.

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Poppy Drive at Chamber
 In honor of Veterans Day, get your poppy this year at the Drive Thru Poppy Drive held at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce on **Monday & Tuesday, November 9 & 10**. Veterans from VFW Post 10178 will be there both days from **10am to 4pm** to hand out red crepe paper poppies and to accept donations to be used for vets in need. The poppies have been handmade since 1923 by disabled and needy veterans in VA hospitals. Please stop by the Chamber, 601 S. Indiana Avenue, for your poppy as they will not be distributed at various businesses this year due to COVID-19.

Veterans Day Ceremony
 Honor veterans on **Wednesday, November 11** at VFW Post 10178. The event is being held this year at the Post instead the Veterans Memorial Park on Dearborn. The public is invited to the ceremony starting at **11am** and then stay to enjoy a free cook-out provided by Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Club from **noon to 2pm**. The ceremony

includes Lemon Bay High School Junior ROTC drill team, Veterans Honor Guard and the guest speaker will be Colonel Todd Chace, an Englewood Family Medicine Physician. Live music by Dave Grahn in the canteen. The event will be held outside, weather permitting. Donations will be accepted for the VFW Poppy Drive which benefits vets in need, families of veterans, children's home and to support the Englewood community. Post 10178 is located at 550 N. McCall Road. CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed. For questions, call 474-7516.



AmVets Veteran Day Lunch
 AmVets Post 777 is serving free hot dogs on Veterans Day, **Wednesday November 11** from **5 to 7pm**. Domestic drafts



Tai Chi Gets You Moving! Doing Tai Chi can improve muscle strength, balance and flexibility while reducing stress and lowering blood pressure. Try it **Friday mornings, 10 to 11am**, at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Avenue. Class session is \$5. Masks optional as participants social distance. "Tai Chi students travel the Tai Chi journey together even when apart." For more information, call Nancy at **492-2167** or Susan at **828-2688**.

\$1. Open to the public, you are invited to stop by the Post at 3386 N. Access Road (near the Tringali Center.) Masks are required for entering. The Post is also open to the public on Karaoke Night, held on **Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 5 to 8pm**. For more information, call the Post at **460-8755**.

Veterans Day Tribute
"Let Freedom Ring!" Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda is hosting a Veterans Day Tribute on **Wednesday, November 11 at 7pm**. Be a part of this evening to honor all veterans, including patriotic music by Suncoast Country Opry Show and other inspirational moments. Masks are required to be worn during the entire duration of the show and temperatures will be checked. Tickets are \$10 and may be ordered online on the Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum website <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35397> For questions, you can call **575-9002, ext. 5**.

Smoked Mullet Fest
Don't miss the first annual Mullet Fest on **Saturday, November 14, 10am to 7pm**, at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte! Hancock Grills, a local grill company, is hosting the event which features mullet smoke-off competition, mullet hair competition, live music, local arts & crafts and much more, such as face painting and petting zoo for kids. Judging for the competitions start at

1:30pm, Smoked mullet, as well as pulled pork and street corn on the cob, will be available along with craft beers. \$5 entry includes parking (no charge for kids 12 and under.) Kori and Brandon Hancock say that Hancock Grills' mission is to bring the community "safely" together and support the local fishery and artists and proceeds will benefit Lemon Bay Conservancy. For more about the Mullet Fest, visit www.Englewoodmulletfest.com.

Estate-Planning Basics
Kerry Hunter, Trust Development Officer at Englewood Bank & Trust, is continuing her live complimentary seminars at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 South Indiana Avenue. On **Thursday, November 19**, Lori Wellbaum Emery, P.A. will present Estate-Planning Basics from **10-11:30 am**. This seminar will review the basic elements of an estate plan, including last will and testament, power of attorney and health care directives, focusing on the specifics and benefits of each and the pitfalls to avoid. The seminar will also include planning tools for non-married couples and couples who have remarried, plus ways to protect yourself, your loved ones and your assets. To register, visit www.Englewoodbank.com or contact Hunter at **473-3629** or khunter@ebtfl.com. "Face coverings are required," Hunter said, "and participants are being asked to please practice social distancing. Due to limited seating, I'm also asking attendees to let me know if they plan on bringing additional guests."

Holiday Shopping Extravaganza
Get your holiday shopping started (and maybe finished) on **Wednesday, November 18 from 6 to 8pm** at American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Road in Rotonda. Multiple vendors will be on site to help with all your holiday shopping needs. You might be the winner of the raffle basket (get one ticket for coming

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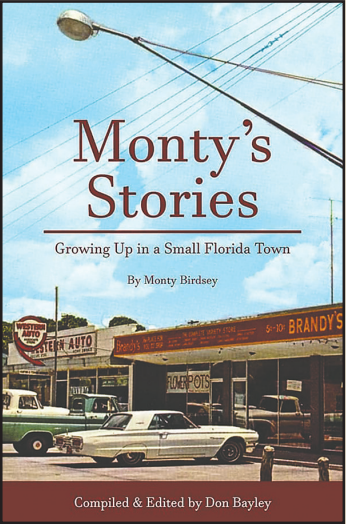
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Lunch with Nancy Kerrigan
 Two-time Olympic Medalist, Nancy Kerrigan, will speak about her life and career on **Wednesday, November 18** during a luncheon to benefit Our Mother's House, a Catholic Charity of the Diocese of Venice, that provides housing to homeless mothers. The luncheon is **11:30am to 1:30pm** at the Plantation Golf and Country Club, 500 Rockley Blvd., Venice. Tickets are \$60 per person and include a two-course lunch and a drink (red or white wine, mimosa.) Tickets are available at catholiccharitiesdov.org/ event. For more information, call **485•6264**.

If you didn't grow up here in Englewood, you may be curious what life was like for residents during the mid-20th century. Now you can find out by reading a new book based on the recollections of Monty Birdsey, someone who did grow up here in the 50s and 60s. Monty's memory and writing style enabled him to write remarkable recollections that were originally shared with a Facebook group called "Remember in Englewood When...." Don Bailey of the Englewood Museum compiled and edited his stories in a book titled "Monty's Stories - Growing Up in a Small Florida Town." Monty is no longer alive but his recollections can still be shared through this book that can be purchased at Englewood Art & Frame, 443 W. Dearborn Street or online at this link: <https://py.pl/ZRkistd7m9> The cost is a \$15 donation to benefit the Englewood Museum, 604 W. Perry Street. That is another great place to learn about Englewood's past.



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Welcome Home Vietnam Vets
 Vietnam Vets will be given their due in a huge celebration to be held **Saturday, November 21** in Port Charlotte. Most of the activities will now be presented

on **Friday and Saturday, November 20 & 21**. A notable exception will be the Vietnam Wall "roll call" – the reading of every single name of the more than 58,000 on the Vietnam Wall of Southwest Florida in Punta Gorda starting **Monday, November 16, 8am**. At about **noon on Friday, November 20**, after the last name is read from the roll call, a somber memorial service will be held at the wall, with feature remarks by retired Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Morris, Medal of Honor recipient. A huge kick-off party starts at **2pm** at TT's Tiki Bar, outside the Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside in Punta Gorda. This portion of the event is free and features musical artists the Bandana Band, Bobby G. Rice, James Marvell and Tomey Sellars. There will be UH-1 Huey Helicopter Rides for

\$65 per person at the Charlotte Sports Park on **Friday, 9am to 5pm** and **Saturday, 9am to noon**. On **Saturday morning, November 21**, a "Welcome Home Parade" in Port Charlotte leads off the day at **9am**. More than 200 riders are expected to participate in the "Welcome Home Thunder" motorcycle ride starting at **10am** in Port Charlotte and riding to the Charlotte County Fairgrounds. The gates open at **11am** with an afternoon of events scheduled starting at **1pm**. The music lineup includes Mike Riley & the Boogiemens, Jack Michael Band and culminates with a concert by Lee Greenwood followed by fireworks. Veterans will be admitted at no charge but must register. Tickets for the rest of the public are \$20 for general admission or \$40 for preferred seating. For more details, registration and tickets, go to www.welcomehomevietnamvets2020.org.



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As Kids' Needs of Greater Englewood prepares for their annual Christmas Gift Away, the nonprofit organization finds itself in need of new sneakers, socks, underwear and clothing. Following is a list of sizes for donated shoes, socks and underwear. Sneakers: elementary sizes 11-5, adult size 6-12 (new or gently used.) New underwear: elementary sizes 4-18, adult sizes small, medium & large (boxer briefs for boys.) New socks: elementary and adult. Elementary clothing: Girls size 4-16, Boys size 4-18 (no tank tops, printed t-shirts, swimwear or pjs.) New or gently used school uniforms for Vineland Elementary and Sky Academy. Of course, monetary donations are always cheerfully accepted! Please make checks payable to Kids' Needs of Greater Englewood, PO Box 3203, Placida, FL 33946. Drop box locations can be found on their website: kidsneedsenglewood.com. Deadline to donate is **Tuesday, December 1**. Kids' Needs of Greater Englewood is a grass roots not for profit started in 2009 with the help of Ann Dever, Tom Dignam, and Marcia Loudon after discussing children who were coming to school with worn-out shoes, clothing and towels for coats. The Kids' Needs Clothes Closet is open once a week during the school year to help meet these needs, along with financial assistance for Christmas, YMCA summer camps and graduation help for caps, gowns & yearbooks. They work closely with school guidance counselors & social workers to ensure their help goes to those that are truly in need. For questions, you can call Becca at **315•256•6613**, email kidsneedsenglewood@gmail.com or connect through their website or Facebook pages.

honey, syrups, sauces and more. CoolToday Park is located at 18800 S. West Villages Parkway, Venice. SNAP is accepted at the market. For vendors and more information, visit www.atlantabradesfarmersmarket.org or their Facebook page.

Oyster Creek Park Pier Repairs

Pier repairs are underway at Oyster Creek Environmental Park, 2333 Placida Road. The piers will be closed intermittently throughout the duration of the project while work is being completed. Please use caution around designated construction areas and avoid areas where heavy equipment is being used. For information, contact Jennifer Henderson at **613•3237** or Jennifer.Henderson@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

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Homeless Vets Fundraiser

The Englewood Elks is hosting a fundraiser for homeless Vets on **Saturday, November 7** at the Lodge, 410 N. Indiana Avenue. The menu is lasagna with meat sauce or vegetarian lasagna, salad and dessert. Enjoy music by Dance Fusion; the band is generously donating their time for this event. Doors open at **5pm**, dinner is served from **5:30 to 7pm** and dancing until **9pm**. Cost is \$20 per person and all proceeds go to the Coalition for Homeless Veterans serving SW Florida. To RSVP, call the Elks office, **474•1404, 9am to noon, Monday through Thursday**.

Closet of Hope Reopens

The Closet of Hope at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church offers free clothing for children and

Boating Safety Program

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 87 is offering a four session on-line Boating Skills and Seamanship class by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Englewood, FL, **November 30–December 3**. Sessions will be held from **6 to 8pm**. Registration fee is \$35. To register, visit the flotilla website: www.coastguardenglewood.com and click tab for Boating Safety Classes, then register at bottom of page. Students are responsible to acquire their book "Boating Skills and Seamanship, 14th edition" available at most book sellers including Amazon. Call Dane Hahn at **681•0312** for more information.

Putt-Putt Event Cancelled

The Englewood Chamber of Commerce has decided to cancel

the Englewood Beach Putt Putt event. Interim Executive Director, Kim Parks said, "This year's theme was "Red, White and Blue" and we were really hoping to make it a fun celebration, but the challenges of COVID are not allowing that to happen." Teams that were registered for the event, can either receive a refund or remain signed-up to guarantee their spot in next year's event. Reach out to Business@EnglewoodChamber.Com with any questions.

Braves Farmers Market

The Atlanta Braves Farmers Market at CoolToday Park is open for the season every **Wednesday from 8am to noon**. It features local and organic fresh produce, baked goods meats, seafood, dairy, plants, herbs,

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bundles to be delivered in early December. The deadline to donate is **Monday, November 23**. To donate, call Lacey at **468-0699** or send a message through her Facebook page: Avon by Lacey Brown ISR. You may make your donation using Paypal, credit card, check or cash.

adults of all ages. The Closet will be open **every Saturday** (except holidays) starting on **November 14**, from **9:30am until 1:30pm**. Individuals are encouraged to call **697-1747** to reserve a time, but walk-ins are welcome. Individuals must present a photo ID at the door which reflects their residence in Charlotte County or in Englewood, North Port, or Venice in Sarasota County. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Temperatures will be taken, and hand sanitizer used upon entry. Each person is asked to limit their shopping time to 20 minutes or less. Families will be allowed one bag of clothing per month. Please do NOT bring in any clothing donations at this time. Thank you for your cooperation and welcome back! Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road in the South Gulf Cove area.

Thanksgiving Foods Needed
The Jubilee Center, St. David's Episcopal Church food pantry, has been busy as ever! The numbers of those accessing the pantry have surpassed the numbers served in 2019 so The Jubilee Center is very thankful to be able to continue their ministry of serving those in need in the Englewood Community! Food donations are being sought to be able to provide Thanksgiving boxes of food with fixings for a complete dinner for their clients. Suggested donations include canned ham for single household, small hams (3-4lbs) or turkey breast for small households, larger hams for bigger families, \$10 Publix gift cards, canned sweet potatoes, canned whole white potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, boxed

turkey or cornbread stuffing, canned cranberry sauce, turkey or chicken gravy, canned fruit, olives, pickles and canned pumpkin. Donations may be brought to The Jubilee Center, 401 S. Broadway, on **Tuesdays** between **10am & noon**. For other times, call **681-3550**.

Big Red Bus Blood Drives
OneBlood "Big Red Bus" blood drive dates have been scheduled for **November** in the Englewood area. Please note, however, that blood drives are subject to change at any time. If you would like to donate blood, appointments are required and can be scheduled at www.oneblood.org. Englewood dates are **Friday, November 6, 10am to 4pm** – Bealls, 1500 Placida Road; **Saturday, November 14, 9am to 1pm** – Symbiont Service, 4372 N. Access Road; **Saturday, November 14, 2 to 5pm** – Pet Supermarket, 1951 S. McCall Road; **Monday, November 16, 10am to 4pm** – Bealls Outlet, 425 S. Indiana Avenue; **Friday, November 20, 11am to 5pm** – Gulf Coast Hardware, 975 S. McCall Road; **Tuesday, November 24, 11am to 5pm** – Winn Dixie, 1951 S. McCall Road; **Sunday, November 29, 11am to 5pm** – Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road.

Boys & Girls Clothing/Shoes Needed
Ruth Hill, Administrator of The Jubilee Center at St. David's Episcopal Church, is asking for donations of boys and girls clothing (2T-5T) as well as kids' shoes (any size.) The Jubilee Center is located at 401 S. Broadway. For questions, call **681-3550**.

Giving Tree Toy Drive
Fifth Third Bank is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast for its annual Giving Tree Toy Drive campaign. The Giving Tree Toy Drive program runs **through November 30th**. Each Fifth Third financial center will host a "Giving Tree" decorated with gift tags with specific information that pertains to the needs of a child in the community. You are encouraged to visit any local Fifth Third Bank financial center in South Florida during the month of November to pick up your gift tag. In Englewood, Fifth Third Bank is located at 1550 Placida Road (near Bealls.) "Fifth Third Bank is proud to support Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Annual Giving Tree Toy Drive program," said John Slavik, SVP, Retail Executive for Fifth Third Bank. "By allowing our financial centers to host a "Giving Tree," we hope to create awareness around supporting those families in need during this holiday season." All donations can be dropped off at any area Fifth Third Bank.

Sports

"Driving Out Hunger" Golf Scramble
The Homeless Coalition invites you to participate in the 9th Annual "Driving Out Hunger" Fall Golf Scramble on **Saturday, November 21** at the Riverwood Golf Club, 4100 Riverwood Drive in Port Charlotte. This

event is a four-person scramble with men's, women's, and mixed teams. The cost is \$95 per person. The cost includes breakfast, lunch, 25 tickets to the chance auction, two drink tickets, and mulligans for each team. Registration begins at **7:30am** on the day of the event, and shotgun start is at **8:30am**. The Homeless Coalition works toward driving out hunger in the community with their Hot Meals program and weekly Food Pantry. Please contact Darcy Woods at **627-4313, Ext. 134** or email Darcy.Woods@cchomelesscoalition.org to reserve a spot.

Calendar *at a Glance*

These are the shortened calendar events that were added to our Website www.EnglewoodReview.com as of Noon on Friday, October 30. They represent events from November 6 - November 27. 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.

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

MON NOVEMBER 9
Englewood Amateur Radio Club
Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Ave. 7PM-8:30PM 474-0662

THUR NOVEMBER 12 & FRI & SAT NOVEMBER 13 & 14
Annual Fall Bazaar
Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple St. 9AM-2PM 474-9762

SAT NOVEMBER 14
Artful Lobster: An Outdoor Celebration
Hermitage Artist Retreat, 6660 Manasota Key Rd. 11:30AM-2PM

THUR NOVEMBER 19
Fellowship Church Senior Fellowship
Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 11AM-12PM 475-7447

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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

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

MON, FRI
Aqua Zumba with Laurentz
North Port Aquatic Center, 6205 W. Price Blvd. 10:30-11:30AM 237-8983

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
Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM 237-8983

WED, FRI
Line Dancing (Intermediate)
American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd. 9:30-11:30AM 697-8733

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

Monday Open Mic
The Dearborn Center, 501 W. Dearborn St. 6:30-9:30PM 500-3443

TUESDAY
Zumba with Laurentz
North Charlotte Regional Park, 1120 O'Donnell Blvd. 6-7PM 237-8983

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

Beginners/Improvers Line Dancing
American Legion Post #113, 3436 Indiana Rd. 9:30-11:30AM 697-8733

Bingo
Rotonda Elks Lodge, 303 Rotonda East 6:30-9PM 697-8733

FRIDAYS
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

SATURDAYS
Fellowship Church Men's Prayer Breakfast
140 Rotonda Blvd W. 1st Sat. of each month 8-9AM 475-7447

SUNDAYS
Gulf Cove UMC Online Worship Services
1100 S. McCall Rd. 10-11AM 697-1747

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

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

Faith Lutheran Church
Worship 551 Rotonda Blvd. West 9:30 AM, masks required. Drive in Communion 11AM 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

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Fellowship Church, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W 4:30-7PM 475-7447

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Fellowship Church Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 4:30-7PM 475-7447

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HOUSE POWERWASHING TIPS

Powerwashing, also known as pressure-washing, utilizes a high-velocity water spray to remove dirt and residue from the exterior surfaces of a home. It is frequently used on vinyl siding, concrete and sometimes wood decks to treat mildew and other growth that accumulates over time.

Powerwashing can be a great way to remove grime without having to scrub by hand. But it requires a delicate touch to get it right. Sometimes it is best to leave the job to professionals. But homeowners willing to give it a go can try powerwashing themselves, as various stores rent power washers.

The home improvement website *ImproveNet* says that, until very recently, pressure washers were almost exclusively commercial machines sold to professionals or rented to do-it-yourselfers. Lately manufacturers have targeted homeowners looking to buy with lightweight options. For those who see powerwashing as a routine venture, purchasing a unit may be worth the investment.

It is important to exercise caution when operating a powerwashing machine. The high-velocity spray can tear through skin. It is key to get a feel for the washer, and try less pressure first to get a handle on the magnitude of the tool.

Don safety gear prior to using a pressure washer. Gloves, eye protection and ear protection can be handy. Most units will connect to a standard garden hose. Choose old clothing and expect to get wet. Never point a powerwasher hose at anyone and do not attempt to rinse feet or hands in the spray.

The renovation resource *The Family Handyman* suggests starting with a wide-degree nozzle to test out the spray on the surface that needs to be cleaned. A 15- or 25-degree nozzle is usually the wand for general cleaning and paint stripping without damaging the surface of the home. Experiment with an optimal distance of the washer wand to get the desired cleaning effects without causing any damage.

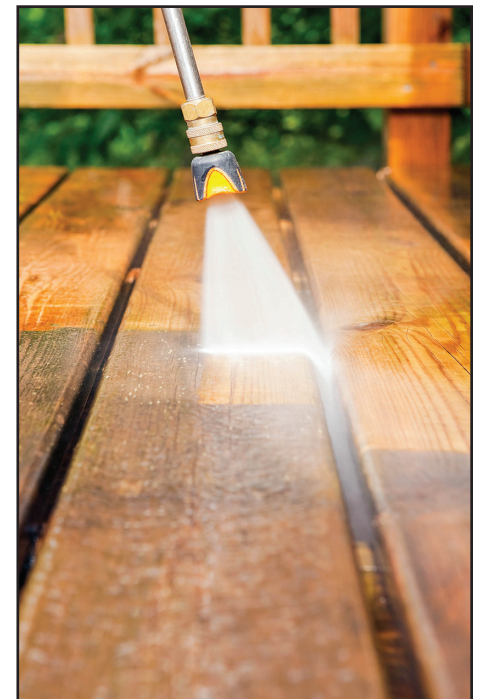
Work using a horizontal and slightly downward angle to avoid driving water up under the siding of a home.

Avoid spraying any electric wires or components on the home. Also, try not to spray upward, and angle the spray away from doors, windows and vents.

Some washers have reservoirs that will hold a detergent solution. Choose the right detergent for the job. Keep in mind that cleansers containing bleach can damage surrounding plants, so they may need to be covered while the washing takes place.

Avoid the use of ladders when operating a powerwasher. The push-back from the wand can cause falls. Instead, opt for an extension wand to address the upper reaches of a home.

Powerwashing a home is an effective way to remove stubborn grime and refresh the look of a home's exterior.



Powerwashing the exterior of the home can be an effective way to clean it in the spring and fall.

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Arts & Entertainment



The Hermitage Artist Retreat's popular beachfront series continues with "The Making of a Musical" with composer and music director Rona Siddiqui, **Monday, November 23, 5pm**, and "Illuminating the Transcendent," with composers Krists Auznieks & Robert Pound and poet Jason Schneiderman, **Friday, December 4, 5pm**. These outdoor, beachside events are at the Hermitage, 6660 Manasota Key Road. Admission is free but registration is required at HermitageArtistRetreat.org. Capacity will be limited to accommodate safe social distancing, so early reservations are recommended. Masks are strongly encouraged. Photo: Composer & music director Rona Siddiqui.



The Perlman Music Program/Suncoast continues the PMP Alumni: At Home virtual concert series in November and December. On **Thursday, November 19 at 11am**, will be a virtual recital by Hungarian violinist Erno Kallai. Kallai is a versatile musician, equally at home performing as a soloist, as a chamber musician, and as concertmaster. In 2015 he founded the Kallai Quartet and won numerous awards and prizes, including second prize at the Societa Umanitaria International Music Competition in Milan in 2015, and first prize at the Leó Weiner Chamber Music Competition in Budapest in 2016. He is a devoted chamber musician and since 2016 has served as concertmaster of the Hungarian State Opera. On **Thursday, December 10 at 11am**, the virtual series continues with a recital by cellist Sterling Elliott (pictured here.) Elliott began his cello studies at the age of three, made his solo debut at age seven, and has performed with the New York Philharmonic, The Cleveland Orchestra, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the New World Symphony, among others. Elliott currently studies with Joel Krosnick and is working towards an undergraduate degree in Cello Performance at The Juilliard School. These concerts will be available at PerlmanSuncoast.org and on the Perlman Suncoast YouTube Channel. For more information on upcoming events, to read complete artist bios, or to sign up for the Perlman Suncoast e-newsletter, visit PerlmanSuncoast.org.

Piazzolla Collaboration

Back by popular demand, Sarasota Contemporary Dance (SCD) continues to bring their collaborations to a nuevo level with renowned harpist, Ann Hobson Pilot. Performances are held at the Historic Asolo Theater in Sarasota will be **Thursday-Saturday, November 19-21 at 7:30pm** and **Sunday, November 22 at 2pm**. The performance's choreography is inspired by the music of Astor Piazzolla. Pilot's arrangement for the harp, violin and bandoneon, inspired by Piazzola's compositions, infuses the composer's melodies

into a contemporary mix of tango with jazz and classical influences. Virtual theater tickets also available. Go to sarasotacontemporarydance.org for more information and ticket purchase.

Open-Mic Night

Life Realized, Inc. is bringing back its weekly Open-Mic Night at a new location – it will be held in their new facility, The Dearborn Center at 501 W. Dearborn Street (across from Comadres Mexican Restaurant.) Open Mic will run **every Monday from 6:30 to**

9:30pm and follow the same format as previous open mics. All ages, experiences, abilities and genres are welcome in this encouraging, non-judgmental environment to grow musically. Vocalists can schedule live accompaniment with advance notice. No amps please. Bringing your own microphone is strongly encouraged. Doors open at **5:30pm**; roster sign ups start at **6pm** with a maximum

of 17 slots. Bring your own chair, food and beverage, plus you are responsible for your own trash disposal. Masks encouraged; 60 people max due to social distancing. For more information, or vocalists to arrange accompaniment, contact Bill Lundgren at **500-3443** or bill@liferealized.org. Follow them on Facebook/[LifeRealizedEnglewood](https://www.facebook.com/LifeRealizedEnglewood) or visit liferealized.org/events.

Denim by the Diamond
Enjoy some country music while supporting Suncoast Charities for Children at the Denim by the Diamond Country Music Fest on **Saturday, November 21** at CoolToday Park in North Port. Doors open at **6pm** and the event will feature country style themed food stations, full host bar (two free drink tickets included in price,) silent auction, line dancing and modern country

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"With a touch of the Hallmark Channel, a splash of 'This is Us,' and a healthy dose of 'Ghost,' this comedy-drama will have you laughing, cheering, tearing-up, and guessing till the very end," noted one reviewer of "Mom's Gift," the **November 6-15** offering at the Charlotte Players Langdon Playhouse, 1182 Market St., Port Charlotte. Described as "a comedy with a heart," the play concerns a deceased mom whose ghost shows up to take care of some unfinished business on Earth as a ghost, before she can enter heaven. Like Clarence in "It's A Wonderful Life," she must accomplish a task to earn her wings. What that task is, is a mystery. Directed by Ric Goodwin, the seven performances of "Mom's Gift" include five **7:30pm** evening shows and **2pm** matinees on **Sunday, November 8 and 15**. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$11 for students and may be ordered at www.charlotteplayers.org or by calling **255-1022 weekdays, 10am and 4pm**. COVID-19 precautions remain in effect. Audience members will have their temperatures taken upon entrance to the theater, will be seated far enough apart to meet recommendations, and will be provided with masks (if needed). Photo: While the ghostly Mom (Gloria Bandy) looks on, Dad (Jim Manns) tells daughters Kat (Wendi Scianna), left, and Brittany (Trish Campbell) of his intention to marry Trish.

music performed by Stone Bucket. Tickets are \$85 and are limited due to social distancing guidelines. Order your tickets today at www.eventbrite.com/e/denim-by-the-diamond-country-music-event.

Peace River Painters Plein Air
Free and open to all mediums, Peace River Painters Plein Air meets weekly at various locations in sites in Charlotte, DeSoto, Lee and Sarasota counties on **Mondays from 8:30am to**

noon. Anyone with a desire to paint outside may join them any Monday. There are no fees and no instruction. For those who wish, at **11:15am** paintings are shared and discussed. This group meets at a different location each week. Learn more by visiting peacriverpainters.com or emailing peacriverpainters@gmail.com. Monthly schedules of locations available on their Facebook page.



Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda has announced their upcoming concert schedule for 2020/21. Some of the upcoming shows scheduled are Classical Piano with Concert Pianist Yi-Yang Chen on **Sunday, November 15**, Almost ABBA Tribute Show on **Saturday, November 28**, A Christmas Wish with Emanne Beasha on **Saturday, December 12** (pictured here,) and Best of Broadway with Soprano Jodi Keogan on **Saturday, January 16**. The rest of the season includes tributes to Journey, Neil Diamond & Barry Manilow, the Rat Pack, Billy Joel, Beatles, Jimmy Buffett, Elton John and Whitney Houston & Donna Summer. The theater is located at 900 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. Masks are required and temperatures will be checked. The complete schedule and tickets can be found at <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35397>. For questions, call the box office at **205-8545** or email ijames@militaryheritagemuseum.org. The theater is located at 900 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda.

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Dearborn Street and Old Englewood Village Moving Forward With Old Englewood Village

by Eric Peterson,
OEVA Board Member

The Old Englewood Village Association (OEVA) Board of Directors has gone through some changes over the past year, and that includes many new board members and new leadership within the organization.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many events to be canceled for the safety and well-being of residents, visitors, businesses owners, employees, and the OEVA volunteers. While the Englewood Farmers Market, the Dearborn Market, and the Sunday Farmer's Market have returned to Dearborn Street, there are several events that have had to be put on hold. Events like Cruisin' on Dearborn, the Halloween Safe Walk, and the Englewood Fine Art Festival.

The OEVA Board members are taking advantage of this lull by looking at the organization, its structure, and its mission and goals as it pertains to the residents and businesses of Englewood. They are questioning themselves and reflecting on how they can best represent the vision of the

community, and how to make Englewood a place in which residents relish living and where businesses can prosper, without taking away the small town feel that makes Englewood so unique.

The following are some initiatives that the board is either working on or are already in development.

Public Opinion Survey

Plans are in place to develop a survey to send out in January to area residents and businesses to better understand their feelings about the area, their understanding of coming improvements and changes to Old Englewood Village, and to find out what kind of improvements, support, and events they would like to see.

Website and Social Media Presence

In September, the OEVA Board of Directors launched a new website. The website is very mobile friendly and can be installed as an app on the user's mobile device utilizing progressive web app technology. This website was designed to bring a stronger online presence to

Englewood with several features that really benefit organizers and businesses in the area and relay relevant information to the residents and visitors of the village.

This website offers better promotion of events in Englewood with an enhanced calendar of events that's easy to maintain, and that member businesses can utilize to submit and promote special events at their business. It also offers member businesses their own complete page with information, links, contact information and a map with directions.

This website also makes it easier to become and stay a member of the organization, automating registrations and membership renewals complete with automatic advance notifications of expiring memberships.

Residential/Commercial Transition Overlay District

Members of the board have been working with Sarasota County Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), rewriting and clarifying the

special zoning overlay for Englewood known as the Residential/Commercial Transition Overlay District (RCTOD) to resurrect a zoning district that could bring home-based art galleries and studios to downtown Englewood. The RCTOD has been in effect for a few years, but the way it was written has made it difficult for people wanting to take advantage of it.

The RCTOD is "intended to encourage such activities as home-based office, art gallery, artist studio and bed and breakfast establishments as well as low-intensity office, professional and institutional uses." While allowing commercial uses in a residential community, the RCTOD isn't designed to accommodate intense commercial only uses, such as drug stores or shops with no attached residence. The overlay is designed to encourage the "coordinated development of mixed land uses and activities in a concentrated area to attract both residents and visitors," according to the regulations.

Dearborn Area Improvements

Hopefully as early as this spring, the Dearborn Street area will start to see already approved pedestrian-friendly improvements, like new lighting and repairs to the existing sidewalks. There are plans for a new bandshell on a newly designed Dearborn Street Plaza (on the 300 block of West Dearborn) as well as streetlights and sidewalks for Arts District north of West Dearborn Street.

Redefining the Rules

The group has written a new policies and procedures document that ensures the organization conducts business as its by-laws define and that will allow the organization to have better transparency and communication.

Are you interested in becoming involved with the Old Englewood Village Association and sharing your talents and expertise to help make Englewood a truly memorable experience? If so, there are General Membership and Free Membership plans. Find out more about this organization, its mission, and your opportunities at <https://englewoodfl.org>.



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New Grocery Discount Liquidation Market Is Ready to Bloom in Englewood

By Chris Cameron



Many people were sad when the Englewood Save-A-Lot discount grocery closed its doors, but there is a new grocery store opening Friday, November 6th in its former location. Sunflower Discount Market of North Ft. Myers has chosen Englewood as the site of their second store location, largely thanks to the loyal following of customers from this area who make the trip to their market in Ft. Myers to see what treasure finds they might score each trip. There are no membership fees, no loyalty cards, no coupons or no points – just great bargains every day.

Sunflower Discount Market is a discount grocery liquidation market. They sell high quality, brand name groceries that may be dented or torn, shelf pulls, label changes, short-dated, discontinued items and other supply chain “blips.” For those who seek healthy or diet-specific grocery items, there are often have many Gluten free, organic, vegetarian/vegan, dairy free and keto products. However, the store does not consider itself “just a health food store.” The store inventory changes daily, so Sunflower Discount Market is not always a full stop for all the grocery items on your list, but the store does usually carry staple goods, cereal, snacks, health care products, vitamins, pet food, as well as refrigerated and frozen goods.

The Grand Opening will take place at 9am on Friday, November 6 with the Englewood Chamber of Commerce performing a ribbon cutting. There will be door prizes and giveaways all day long and the first 100 customers will receive re-usable tote bags. The Facebook link for the event is www.facebook.com/events/1014205405694301/ Store hours will be open daily, 9am to 7pm.

The store partners with manufacturers, distributors and other grocery stores that have



Sunflower Market owners, Lisa and Paul Crawford, welcome you to their new location in Englewood.

discontinued items, shelf pulls, overstocks and close-dated inventory. This is the reason that the inventory is always changing and although you may not find a specific item you want on a shopping trip, there are amazing bargains every day so you may pick up a substitute brand or great deal on something else you use. Everyone loves discovering a new favorite product and the bargain prices make it easy to try something new.

Sunflower Discount Market opened in early 2018 at its North Fort Myers location, by owners Paul and Lisa Crawford. It is a family run business. Their business plan is based on their experiences knowing how many people want to eat well and struggle to purchase healthy food on a tight budget. The Crawford family moved to Florida a few years ago from Colorado where they had frequented a discount grocery liquidation store. Finding nothing similar in Florida, they decided to open one here. Paul is a commercial airline pilot. Lisa’s background is in International Aid and food security issues. They have two teenagers and a 140lb Great Pyrenees who now guards their sofa instead of the goats on their old farm.

Sunflower Discount Market is located at 431 S. Indiana Avenue, next to Bealls Outlet. The market will be open daily from 9am to 7pm. Store phone is 460-8709. EBT cards are accepted. No curbside or delivery options are

available due to the constantly changing nature of the store inventory. However, the store is incredibly clean and carts, baskets, door handles and other surfaces are sanitized regularly. You can visit them at www.sunflowerdiscountmarket.com and you are invited to follow Sunflower Discount Market on Facebook. The store is currently hiring for the Englewood location. Learn more and apply on their website.

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ENGLEWOOD *Farmers Markets*

By Sharyn Lonsdale

With so many events and festivals postponed or canceled, the return of the farmers markets, yes markets, to West Dearborn Street on October 1 was a big deal for the customers and the vendors.

While the *Englewood Farmer's Market* at 300 W. Dearborn is the main market, actually the second largest in the area after Sarasota, the markets that have popped up around it provide shoppers with a cornucopia, if you will, of produce, prepared foods, hand-crafted items and much more. All are open from 9 am to about 2 pm every Thursday, except holidays. The variety of markets also provide vendors with more opportunities to get back to business after COVID-19 shut everything down in March.

The Englewood Farmer's Market 300 W. Dearborn Street

When you walk into the Englewood Farmer's Market on West Dearborn Street you are greeted by a large yellow sign with the "Customer Code of Conduct." The lengthy list of reminders includes everything from making a shopping list to using hand sanitizer, shopping with your eyes and not your hands, and wearing a mask "if you have one available." On a recent Thursday all the vendors were wearing masks, as were nearly all the shoppers.

Launched in 2011, the big daddy of markets almost always has a waiting list for vendors. The market is a non-profit organization that leases land from Sarasota County and partners with several non-profits to provide support. The market also accepts SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits and has given more than \$100,000 back to community organizations. Manager Lee Perron is credited with much of the success of the market and has since taken on the *Venice Farmer's Market* on Saturdays and the new *Wednesday Braves Farmer's Market* at CoolToday Park.

"Each week things get better and better," said Pam "Winkey" Stallons, who has been turning lemons into



Social distancing and face coverings were the norm at the Englewood Farmers Market and all the markets along Dearborn Street.

lemonade at the market for three years at Winkey's Watering Hole. Stallons said she has tried out other markets, but she does best in Englewood. "It's my favorite."

Mattheis Gelner prefers the mass market approach. He sells his gourmet pretzels in six markets on the Southwest Florida circuit. Gelner is one of many vendors who, without a brick and mortar location, rely on the markets for income. Then there's Louise Coble. Her daughter Christine Nordstrom owns Five-0 Donut Co., with two locations in Sarasota. "I used to do a market every day," said Coble, who now only brings her doughnuts and popular breakfast cookies to Sarasota and Englewood.

If you want to visit Chris Lumpkin at the market, better get there early. Lumpkin almost always sells out of his pasture-raised eggs by 11 am or earlier, running back to his Englewood farm to replenish his booth. Lumpkin left his career as a car salesman to start Chris & Victoria's Tiny Ranch and is in three markets. Like many other vendors, he recommends customers avoid disappointment by ordering in advance online, by phone or text. For more information, visit englewoodfarmersmarket.org.

Englewood Farmer's Market 353 W. Dearborn Street

Down the road at Sea Star Cove you'll find more vendors at Englewood Farmers Market 353. Rosibel Malheiro, a vendor and promoter, said the market, which features art and homemade goods, along with honey and guacamole, started just about one year after the main market. Pre-Covid there were about 20 vendors, but with social distancing Malheiro said there about 10.

"This is a lifesaver," said Hana Tiskiewic, peering out from behind her mask, surrounded by a sea of bobbing wooden marionettes. Tiskiewic sells the hooded towels she sews and Bouncies from Bohemia, handmade wooden marionettes on springs, at three markets. "People smile when they walk by, that's the best thing," said Tiskiewic. She's right. Just watching a zebra, mouse, biker, alien and even Albert Einstein, bob up and down, can turn your day around. For more information, on the market, email rmbellarose@aol.com

Dearborn Street Market 348 W. Dearborn Street

Across the street from the main market is the *Dearborn Street Market*, a for-profit venture started by Joyce Colmar, owner of *Vino Loco*, about seven years ago. While her market and the Englewood Farmer's Market, engaged in a bit of unfriendly competition years ago, today, customers nonchalantly cross the street from one to another. Colmar says that her vendors are also adhering to strict health and safety regulations, all samples must be individually packaged and masks are available for customers. "Business has been quite nice," she said.



Pam "Winkey" Stallons at Winkey's Watering Hole at the Englewood Farmers Market.

Here you'll find Phil Bauman sharing the love for his product, Eileen's English Toffee. "Nobody has more fun than I do," claims Bauman who entices customers to his booth with the promise of free samples, and "the chance of a lifetime" to indulge in sweets made from his British mother's homemade recipe. "It will crumble in your mouth and not stick to your teeth," declares Bauman as he unveils the toffee surrounded by dry ice, which gets packed with the toffee so it doesn't melt. Bauman's wife Lisa bakes the cookies and leaves the showmanship to her husband. Another couple, Betty Jo Baca and Ron Katz, sell their homemade challah and rolls at *Baca Bread*. The couple get to work together on Thursday, but in order to hit more markets, split up on Saturdays.

You might not expect to find fine jewelry at a place where people normally pick up produce and barbecue, but Forrest Shafer says that the market has been "very successful" for Jocelyn Hoch and Forrest Fine Jewelry. "We have regular customers and collectors and people who didn't know they needed jewelry." For more information, visit *Dearborn Street Market* on Facebook or email joycecolmar@yahoo.com

Corin Bay Market 30 S. Mango Street

Tucked behind *Mango Bistro*, you'll find *Corin Bay Market*, started six years ago by Chris Phelps, owner of *Corin Bay Realty*. Phelps said that these days "People feel more comfortable in an open environment and want to support local businesses." This market is the home to Stan the Shrimp Man and *Chocolate Lovers* homemade chocolates whose proceeds benefit veterans.

Phelps also sells chicken coops built by her husband, and has some good news for locals who want even more market options. She already has 50 vendor applications for a new *Cape Haze Farmer's Market* scheduled to open Tuesday, November 24, just in time for Thanksgiving. For more information, visit *Corin Bay Market* on Facebook.

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Sunset Serenade
 It's not too late to get your tickets to the Sunset Serenade, a Picnic on Lemon Bay. This event replaces the annual Manasota Mystique fundraiser this year. The Englewood Chamber of Commerce event is **Saturday, November 14, 4:30 to 8:30pm**, on the grounds of Keller Williams Realty, 1160 S. McCall Road. Tickets are \$100 and includes food, beer, wine, entertainment and a good time. If you are unable to attend the event, there is also an online auction that will raise funds for Englewood YMCA, two Lemon Bay High School scholarships and the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. The

Lead Teller Laurie Joris is celebrating her 15th anniversary with Englewood Bank & Trust. A U.S. Army veteran originally from Upstate New York, Joris moved to Florida in 2005 and joined the bank as a Teller at the bank's Boca Grande office. Two years later, she became Lead Teller and now works at the Gulf Cove Office at 12651 S. McCall Rd. "Laurie is a dependable and dedicated hard worker," said Retail Banking Officer Alison Henderson, who manages the office and is Joris' supervisor. "She responds quickly to any situation to help out, even on short notice. She has a great attitude and always makes the staff and the customers laugh. She is an asset to our team. As she celebrates her 15th year with us, we are hoping she stays for 15 more." As a soldier, Joris attained the rank of Staff Sergeant while serving 5 1/2 years in the Regular Army as an administrative assistant to various commanders. She spent time at the Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) in Maryland, the U.S. Army's oldest active proving ground, where military technology and tactics are tested. Joris also served at Garrison Wiesbaden in Germany and Fort Monmouth in New Jersey. After retiring from active duty, she spent 14 1/2 years as an Army Reservist in Upstate New York. Joris' family includes her husband of 30 years, Shawn, and her 24-year-old daughter, Danah. She frequently volunteers for Englewood Bank & Trust events.



online auction starts **Saturday, November 7 at 5pm** and ends **Friday, November 13 at 9pm**. You can view all the auction items at www.32auctions.com/SunsetSerenade. For tickets and more information, visit www.englewoodchamber.com/events.

Don't Hump It, Stump It
 Stumpy's Free Ride is under new ownership now and offers you a shuttle and delivery service from the Sarasota/Charlotte county line on Manasota Key south to Stump Pass Beach State Park. Get on and off along the way at Englewood Beach, your restaurant destination on



Rumours Wine Bar, 1807 Englewood Road, held its grand opening on October 29th and was well attended by the public. The Englewood Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the already popular wine bar and retail store owned by Dana and Jerry Kuhn. Dana worked previously as a wine sales representative and is very knowledgeable about the wines that are sold in Rumours. The Kuhns plan their travels to include wine regions internationally and introduce new wines they have discovered. Rumours is open **Wednesday & Thursday, 11am to 8pm** and **Friday & Saturday, 11am to 9pm**. Visit them online at rumourswine.com or follow them on Facebook for special events. You can also reach them at **473-9463**. Chamber of Commerce members held the ribbon while Jerry and Dana Kuhn cut the ribbon: (left to right) Kathleen Jarosik, Bill Fleming, Lou Cook, Jennifer Stanton, Jerry Kuhn (owner,) Dana Kuhn (owner,) Jonathan Varner (Chamber Board President,) and Kathy Castellano.

Englewood Community Hospital extends congratulations to Elizabeth Angelillis on receiving the Daisy Award. Elizabeth was recently nominated by one of her patients with these kind words: "Elizabeth was a Wonderful Nurse! She was extremely bright and very knowledgeable. Elizabeth is very efficient, very helpful, and the best asset to Englewood Community Hospital. Her efficiency while my heart was not working properly will always be remembered by me."



I was very blessed to have such good care. Thank you from the bottom of my heart." The DAISY Award program foundation was established in 1999 by the family of Patrick Barnes. Patrick Barnes passed at the age of 33 and the family was impressed by the clinical care that Pat's nurses provided, but what really overwhelmed them was the compassion and kindness that his nurses brought to Pat's bedside. Pat's family created the DAISY award program for Extraordinary Nurses to say Thank You.

hours to accommodate the event goes. There are regular posted stops on a daily schedule. While providing a roof cover, shuttles are open air, so the hours of operation vary due to inclement weather. The shuttles are run by electric battery and are licensed as a Low Speed Vehicles. The ride is free; tips are appreciated. The shuttles are fully sanitized regularly, and the drivers wear a face covering. Your friendly, courteous drivers are Walt Patterson and Dominic himself. Additional services include private fee-based services such as a 35-minute tour of the Key, private three-hour rental of shuttle and driver, and delivery service from eateries on the Key. Dominic hopes to extend the area served as soon as the logistics are worked out. Dominic works as a commercial real estate broker at Terra Firma. He has lived here since 1994 and is fully vested in Englewood and helping local businesses thrive. If you would like to ride the shuttle, just call or text 941-822-1444. Why walk along the busy road, when there is another option? Stumpy's Free Ride offers area businesses to make their presence known through advertising slots on the shuttle.



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the Key, vacation rental or save yourself the worry of whether you will get a parking space at Stump Pass Beach Park. Manasota Shuttle, LLC bought the business in June 2020 and new owner Dominic Trahan promises that you can count on Stumpy's Free Ride to be

dependable and consistent. If you are worried about missing the last shuttle run, you can register your cell number and Stumpy's will contact you to see if their services are needed for your trip home. If there is a special event scheduled by a local business, Stumpy's will extend their

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more at www.gulfsoles.com or call 220-7605.
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Club Chatter

Caroline Zucker to Speak at BPWEV

Caroline Zucker, a well-known person in Sarasota County due to her years of serving on the Sarasota County School Board 1992–2000 and 2006–2020, serving as Chair five times, will be the speaker at the **Tuesday, November 17** Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) meeting. The public is invited to this meeting at the Plantation Golf & Country Club in Venice, starting at **5:30pm**. Mrs. Zucker's work experience in Florida includes her years of serving as the Director of Business Development for Family Counseling Center, Director of Marketing, Community Outreach and Volunteer Services for JFCS, President of the Florida School Board Association as well as President of the Greater Florida Consortium. She also served on all levels of Juvenile Justice: local, regional and state and is currently serving as the State Advisory Group member for DJJ. This remarkable woman has been honored for her dedication and achievements by many local organizations, her commitment to helping to keep the public schools in Sarasota County the best they can be, has positively touched many lives. Reservations are required. Visit www.bpwev.org.



The Rotary Club of Englewood was one of the many organizations and businesses that donated candy for Grande Aire's Halloween Bash on October 30th. Pictured are Karen Current (left) and Deborah Hegedus (right) of the Rotary Club with Linda Fugett of Grande Aire on the floor.

Holiday Bazaar

Rotonda Elkettes/Elks is holding a Holiday Bazaar on **Saturday, November 7, 9am to 2pm**, at the Lodge located at 303 Rotonda Blvd. East. Shop the arts & crafts section as well as the trash & treasures tables. There will also be trunk sales by individuals selling their own items. Lunch will be served **11am to 2pm**: burgers or hot dogs, bag of chips and soda for only \$5! Masks required. For more info, **457-7106**.

Rotary Popcorn

The Rotary Club of Englewood is having a virtual Popcorn Fundraiser **through November 14th**. Due to COVID-19, the club has been unable to hold two of its major fundraisers that enable them to help the Englewood community. This fundraiser will assist them in being able to continue to serve area—by grants to local schools for COVID-19 related items and gifting a local preschool with FERST Readers, a program that provides quality books for early childhood literacy. The popcorn is grown, popped and packaged at a Farm to Table Popcorn Company in Michigan – Poppin Popcorn. The popcorn is all natural, healthy, air-popped, gluten free, trans fat free, shelf stable and has no additives or preservatives. Many flavors to choose from and it tastes great. Go to <https://poppinpopcornonline.com/store/store.php?sID=947363> to choose your flavors to enjoy while knowing your donation helps the Englewood community. If by some chance, you are not a popcorn lover, you can also make a donation through the link.

Let's Go to the Hop!

The Englewood Elks is having a Sock Hop on **Tuesday, November 17**. Doors open at **5pm**. Show starts at **6pm**. Michael D'Amore, lead singer of the Crests, will be playing and

Congratulations to Morina Chmielack, 2020 Woman of the Year! It's been a Business and Professional Women Englewood/Venice (BPWEV) tradition to honor one of their members at the October Dinner Meeting, which is also National Business Women Week. Morina's accomplishments in BPWEV, achievements in her field of work, and for her service in the community in which she lives, are the reasons why her BPWEV sisters chose her. She is a perfect example of what can happen when one person is inspiring, organized, helpful, always there, motivating, kindhearted, supportive and truly a nice person! Thank you, Morina, for guiding BPWEV in 2020 and the leadership you have shown. BPWEV meets every third Tuesday of each month. The public is invited to all meetings. For more information, please visit www.bpwev.org.



singing music from the 50s and 60s. There is a \$10 cover charge. Food is available at additional cost. Also, don't forget the Homeless Veterans Fundraiser on **Saturday, November 7, 5 to 9pm**. The menu is lasagna, salad and dessert. \$20 per person - \$10 goes straight to Homeless Coalition serving veterans in SW Florida. Music donated by Dance Fusion. Call the Lodge at **474-1404** to reserve your spot, **Monday through Thursday, 9am to noon**. The Lodge is located at 410 N. Indiana Avenue.

Crafts, Cards & Plants

Lemon Bay Garden Club is open for the public to shop for craft items, handmade cards and pick up some plants for the garden **every Friday morning**. Stop by **between 9 and 11am** to shop for yourself or others. Masks are required and masks are available if you forget. The Lemon Bay Garden Club is located at 480 Yale Street at the corner of Yale and Cedar Streets. Find out more about the garden club at www.lemonbaygardenclub.org or on their Facebook page.

German Fest at the Elks

Embrace all things German when the Englewood Elks celebrate German Fest on **Saturday, November 14** at the Lodge, 410 N. Indiana Avenue. Enjoy German food and music for only \$35 a couple (tax included.) The celebration starts with "attitude adjustment" at **3:30pm**, dining is **4-5pm** and then dancing **5 to 8pm**. Ticket sales run **November 2 through 13** and may be purchased in the Elks' office

weekdays 9am to noon. For questions regarding the event, call Harry at **661-2987**. The Elks can be reached at **474-1404**.

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The Lemon Bay Woman's Club will hold its Annual Fall Bazaar on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday November 12 - 14**, from **9am until 2pm** at the clubhouse, 51 N. Maple Street in downtown Englewood. The highlight of the bazaar is the raffle for a fabulous hand-stitched queen-sized quilt. Raffle tickets are a \$3 donation, or 2 for \$5. A Christmas wreath and quilted Christmas wall hanging are also prizes in the raffle. Proceeds from the raffle help to fund scholarships for Lemon Bay High School students. In advance of the Bazaar, raffle tickets may be purchased at the Clubhouse on **Monday, November 9 from 9am - Noon**. In addition to the raffle, the Bazaar features beautiful household goods, handmade Christmas items, unfinished crafting projects, knit items and vintage watches. Plus, a large selection of used for sale last March in support of Englewood Elementary School's Reading Recovery Program. Masks are required at this event. In addition to the previously mentioned beneficiaries, proceeds from this event go to local charities and to the upkeep of the clubhouse, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Be sure to stop by and pick up some useful items for yourself or as gifts. For more information, call the clubhouse at **474-9762**.

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Nature Calls

2020 "Wild About Nature" Festival
 Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast announces a virtual Wild About Nature Festival experience this year, to connect kids to the beauty and wonder of the natural world. The 2020 Wild About Nature experience is presented by sponsors Mike and Christine Knupp and includes a Field Guide to Fun activity book and a Facebook event. The activity book includes craft projects, scavenger hunts, trail guides, and other unique activities. Families must RSVP to secure a copy of the guide. The Field Guide pick-up is a drive-thru only at Bay Preserve, 400 Palmetto Avenue, Osprey, on **Saturday, November 7, from 11am to 3pm.** Copies are limited to one per family and the first 400 children on pick-up day will also receive an extra special Wild About Nature planting set. The virtual Facebook event covers nine days, November 8-16 with daily activities and feature daily nature challenges. Visit Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast on Facebook to RSVP for the virtual event and sign-up for your copy of the Field Guide to Fun at conservationfoundation.com/wild. A digital version of the guide will be available after the pick-up day.

New Butterfly House
 A new experience has taken flight at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens' Historic Spanish Point



Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast announces the permanent protection of 363 acres at the headwaters of the Myakka River in Myakka City. Seven creeks converge into one river, the Myakka, at the newly named Myakka Headwaters Preserve. The clear-flowing water allows the creek bottoms to support submerged aquatic vegetation, which are unable to grow in sunlight-blocked blackwaters found elsewhere on the Myakka. The preserve is next to the 2,300-acre Flatford Swamp, which is the river's largest forested wetland. This is an exceptional part of the Myakka River and the greater coastal Florida ecosystem, containing numerous diverse habitats. The Preserve's floodplain forests contain tupelo and red maple, uncommon on the lower Myakka, and support threatened orchids and airplants, including the Myakka River airplant (*tillandsia simulata*). The marshland forms a seasonally dry meadow with sandy ridges supporting lowland loosestrife, a Florida-endangered flower found in twelve counties and no place else in the world. The Preserve also contains more than a mile of uplands and oak hammocks buffering both sides of Flatford Swamp and the Myakka River. The Myakka River Land Fund of Manatee Community Foundation awarded \$1.3 million for the permanent protection of the Myakka Headwaters Preserve. Learn more at www.conservationfoundation.com.

campus, where the Butterfly House opened to the public on October 31. The region's only butterfly house will reside beside the outdoor Native Butterfly Garden at the Historic Spanish Point campus located at 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey. Visitors will be surrounded by colorful Florida butterflies and their favorite flowers. "Guests who experienced the Butterfly House at our Downtown Sarasota campus as part of our Salvador Dali: Gardens of the Mind exhibition asked repeatedly if we could permanently keep it," said Jennifer Rominiecki, president and CEO of Selby Gardens. More than 160 butterfly species breed in Florida, and about 200 species migrate through the state. Many butterflies in Florida aren't found anywhere else in North America. Species that might be spotted in the Butterfly House and the Sunshine State include the cloudless sulfur, giant swallowtail, Gulf fritillary, monarch, orange-barred sulphur, and the zebra longwing (the Florida state butterfly).

Butterflies play an important role in pollination and the Butterfly House will both educate and delight families throughout this region. Historic Spanish Point is open **daily 10am to 5pm**. Learn more at www.selby.org.

"Parks That Teach" Tours
 The "Parks that Teach" guided tours begin **9:30-11am, Saturday, November 7** and are held on the **first Saturday and third Wednesday** of each month **November through May**. Tours are led by the University of Florida's Master Gardeners volunteers. Participants will walk through the pathways, while viewing the unique ecosystems of the mangroves. Tour guides will identify trees, shrubs, and explain how these plants can fit into home landscape. Experience the habitats that support many different Florida creatures including alligators, wading birds, turtles, fish, raccoons and crabs. Tours are free and depart from the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, 401 Shreve Street in Punta Gorda. To reserve a spot,

Keeping Up with KIDS



Englewood Elementary School is one of the Sarasota County schools that will participate in the Virtual Reading Initiative on **November 17th**. The "Bucket Fillers" series of books, written by the nationally acclaimed author and Venice resident, Carol McCloud, teach children the value of kindness. Two kindergarten and one first grade class (70 students) at the school will listen to the story read virtually by a volunteer. Since her first book, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids," was published in 2006, McCloud has inspired millions of people of all ages to become daily "bucket fillers" through her books, seminars, and other publications. Her nine children's books have sold three million copies worldwide and are used in schools around the world as their primary character development program. Embracing Our Differences is the sponsor for this initiative. "A 'bucket filler' is somebody who spontaneously shares compliments and spreads positive vibes without being asked," Ben Jewell-Plocher, Embracing Our Differences' education director, says. "Carol McCloud invented the concept—and her 'Bucket Fillers' series of children's books spells it out delightfully. Carol asks children to imagine that everyone possesses an invisible bucket they can fill up with kindness, support and love. It's a beautiful idea for children—and I think it works for adults, too." Learn more about this organization at www.embracingourdifferences.org.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast proudly announces Ms. Candy Brooks, (Englewood) and Mr. Sid Friedman, (Sarasota) have been selected as the 2020 Big Brother & Big Sister of the Year. Candy became Aaliyah's Big Sister three years ago. Candy has been a tremendous support system for Aaliyah, and she is always there to lift her up when she is feeling down. Candy ensures that Aaliyah does not miss important school events so that she can know and feel that she is an important part of her school community. Candy has become a stable, caring, and supportive adult in her life. Sid is an extraordinary person with a perpetually positive outlook on life. Sid has not only worked with his Little Brother Jakobie to develop the tools he needs to maintain focus, but he has encouraged Jakobie to push himself in school. In addition to the academic help he has provided, Sid has been regularly introducing him to government officials and individuals who own businesses in the local community. Sid wanted to expand Jakobie's understanding of what he could do and accomplish in life, while also helping him to make invaluable connections with those who could offer Jakobie insights into their careers, possible internships, and how hard work pays off with a rewarding and fulfilling job. This past year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast has served over 1,800 youth across a ten-county footprint. Learn how to get involved at bbbssun.org. Photo: Aaliyah and Candy.

Three Englewood Sailing Association (ESA) youth sailors competed in the River Romp Junior Olympic Regatta, held at the Edison Sailing Center in Ft. Myers, October 17-18, and finished 16th, 17th and 18th overall out of 46 entries in the Green Fleet event. They also finished 7th and 8th in the personal best category. The three from ESA competed against youth from St. Augustine, Ft. Myers, Sarasota, and Venice.



Pictured (l-r:), Jocelyn Sheppard, Dean Strasser and Matthew Sheppard sailed eight races over the two days in very strong winds. "Two of the three had just learned to sail and had only ten days total experience," explained Miriam Staveley, an ESA volunteer and co-coach for the event, "so we are extremely proud of their performance."

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Assistance with Newborns
The Venice Area Pregnancy Care Center (VAPCC), a non-profit, that assists families with children who reside in Venice and South Sarasota Counties will now be open on **Tuesday, Thursday and**

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



The Englewood Lions recently were happy to help complete a project to equip classrooms at the Englewood Elementary School with room air purifiers. At the beginning of school, teachers posted wish-lists of supplies and equipment desired to help this school year. Some of the most expensive items hoped for were air purifiers for their rooms and these requests were not being fulfilled. Members of the school PTA decided to step in and help fulfill the wishes. A GoFundMe page was setup for the purpose and word of the need was put out. Donations from the community began to come in. Members of the Lions Club saw an article in the paper about the project and inquiries were made as to how they could help. Only two units were then needed to complete the purchases and the Lions quickly ordered and donated the specified units. In total, twenty-seven room air purifiers were purchased with more than \$3,600 raised. The Englewood Lions were happy to help with this worthwhile project. Below, Club President Kathy Lawless (left) and Treasurer Bob Baran (right) present Englewood Elementary Principal Mark Grossenbacher with two air purifiers purchased for school classrooms.



On Tuesday, October 27, Englewood Moose Lodge 1933 presented the West Coast Chaos U14 Girls Soccer with a check for \$1,200. Back row: Moose Officers Bob Stayrook, Tom Romanowski, Merle Kolberg, Jeff Stefani, Bob Gosom, Newt Webb, Glenn Kolberg, and John Bienkowski. Middle row: Asst. Coach Jeremy Slicker, Jamie DuFur, Angelina Doherty, Leah Slicker, Coach Alex Gassmann, Taylor Hood, Mya Seward, Aubryn Smith, and Michaela Heart. Seated: Isabella Jaramillo, Kaiah Ficarra, Lauren Wise, Quayde Hollowell, Paige Kirt, Ava Trullinger, and Britannia Frias-Garcia. Kneeling: Moose Officer Mark Sipe and Asst. Coach Brian Seward. Not pictured: Aubrie Nguyen.

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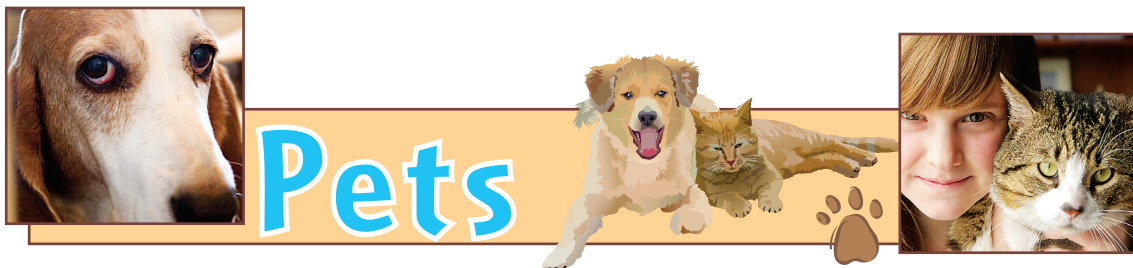
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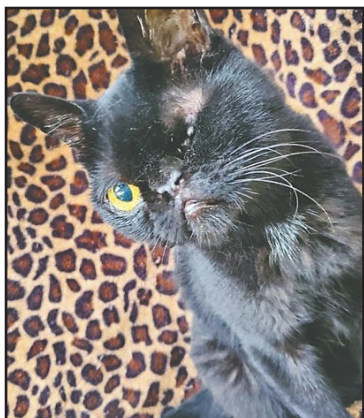
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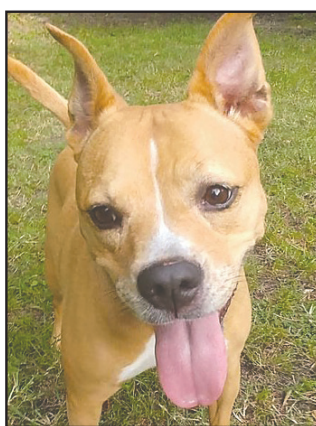
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This sweet angel is **Lola**, and don't let appearances fool you. She may look like a mighty pirate with her one eye, but the truth is that you've never met anyone sweeter! At this point in life all this girl wants is love and cuddles! Don't we all? Could that special someone be you?



How beautiful is she? This sweetie is **Tasha**! We welcomed her on October 21. Tasha is used to being the main attraction and you will see just how much she appreciates all that love. She enjoys the company of people and is very affectionate. Tasha enjoys a good swim on a hot day to exercise. Since she is a mature gal, she is trained and just looking for that loving home to call her own.



The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove would like to welcome you to the first South Gulf Cove CCT Furry Scurry 5K Walk/Run, **Saturday, February 13, 8 to 11am**. All ages are welcome to participate in this dog-friendly walk/run in the South Gulf Cove community. There will be a special 1.5-mile course for those dog walkers who feel the 3.1-mile course is more than their pet can manage. The Furry Scurry 5K cost is \$30 **before January 1, 2021** (\$35 after) and the 1.5-mile Mutt Strut is \$25 and includes a race t-shirt and doggie bandana. This chip timed event will benefit local animal shelters and rescues. All the proceeds after expenses will be donated to EARS (Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary,) Suncoast Humane Society, German Shepherd Rescue in Punta Gorda and the Labrador Retriever Rescue of Florida. There will also be a truck at the race to accept supplies and food donations for the animal shelters. For info and to register go to runsignup.com and search 'South Gulf Cove.'



Pet First-Aid

Pet owners love their pets and want to keep them healthy and happy. Like humans, pets can experience a situation where they require first aid. Do you know what to do if your pet has one of these misfortunes? Amy Flowers, DVM, reviewer for Fetch by WebMD, shares advice on the following pet emergencies.

• **Hit by a Vehicle** – If your pet is injured by a vehicle and is in pain, first muzzle it with a scarf, belt or towel to prevent it from biting you out of pain. However, if the pet is vomiting, skip this step. Get the animal off the road by gently sliding it onto a towel or blanket. Don't lift the animal; if it seems to have any broken bones, do your best not to move it too much.

• **Poisoned** – Many common household items can be poisonous to dogs and cats. Call the Animal Poison Control hotline at 888-426-4423 or the Pet Poison Helpline at 800-213-6680 immediately. They probably can help you even before you get to a vet. Caveat – there may be a charge for the advice.

• **Choking** – If your pet is unconscious, open its mouth and try to clear the object out with your fingers. If the animal is conscious, do a modified Heimlich Maneuver. Place the pet on its side, applying pressure right behind the ribs and pressing your hands forward.

• **Dog Bites** – If another dog bites your pet, get to a vet or clinic ASAP. Dog bites can pull debris into the wound and if not cleaned out soon, the wound can become infected.

• **Bee & Wasp Stings** – Bee and wasp stings usually cause just minor swelling and itching. If you can see a stinger, use a credit card to scrape it out or pull it out with tweezers. An antihistamine like Benadryl will relieve some of the symptoms but contact your vet for the dosage. If you notice any swelling on face or neck, or hives all over the body, get the animal to a vet right away as it could be a severe anaphylactic reaction.

• **Heatstroke** – If your pet is panting heavily, drooling, having trouble breathing or showing other symptoms of heatstroke, move it to a shady area immediately. Put a cool, wet cloth around its neck and head (not its face.) You can also gently hose it down with cool water, especially the belly, before transporting it to the vet. Do not cool your pet down too quickly as this can be dangerous.

• **Seizures** – A seizure will generally pass on its own in less than three minutes. Your job is to make sure the animal is safe while it's happening. Get any moveable furniture away. Don't pull its tongue out of the mouth. Contact your vet when the seizure is over.



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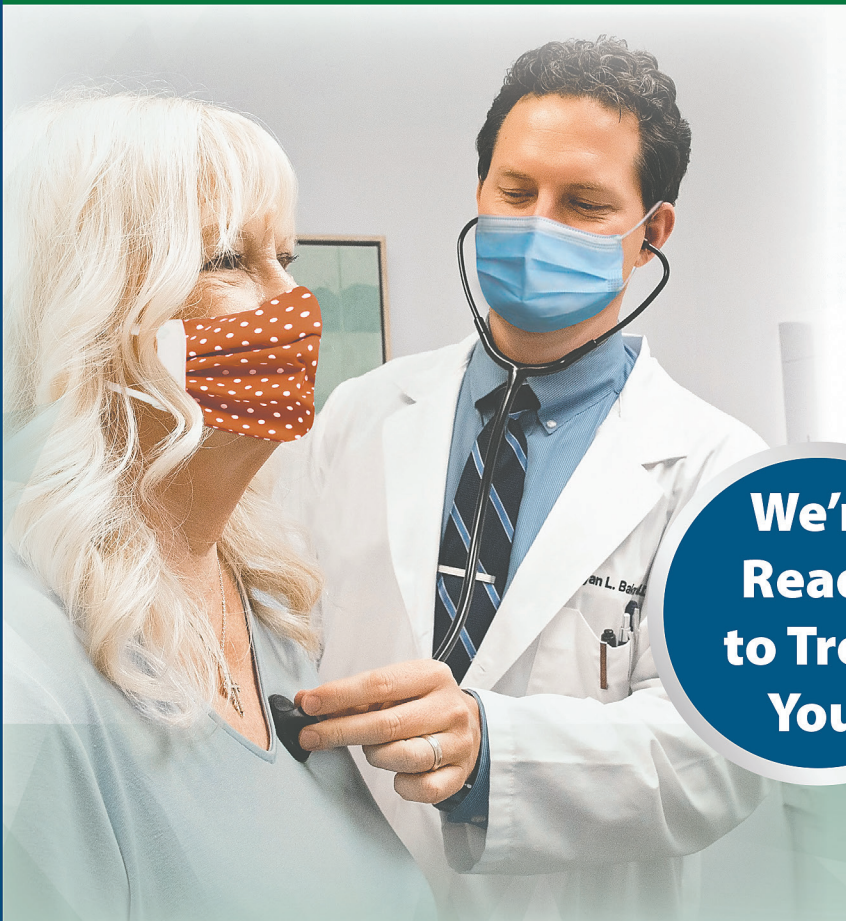
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