

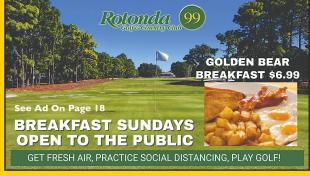


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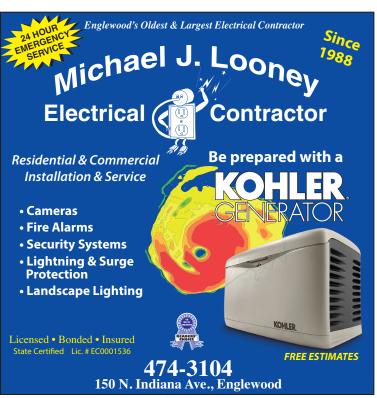
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Teachers and staff of Englewood Elementary School, with principal Mark Grossenbacher (second from right, in back), show off a few of the 868 brightly colored masks that were delivered to the school on August 5th. Seventeen members of two groups from St. David's Episcopal Church, Daughters of the King and Episcopal Church Women, made the masks in a collaborative project they called "Mask-R-Aid." The task was completed in just six weeks so the masks could be ready for all students, teachers and staff to wear as they begin the new school year. Fabric patterns were especially selected to appeal to kids—designs featured jigsaw puzzles, polka dots, birthday candles and balloons, animals, music and many other fun images. The coverings were made of 100% pre-washed cotton in four different sizes, from smallest to adult size, and are adjustable. They even came with a blessing! Reverend Vickie McDonald gave God's blessing to the masks during St. David's streamed church service on Sunday, August 2. Deacon Micki Thomas and Debra Sigismondo from St. David's (both on far right) helped coordinate the project.

Friday Night Bingo

The public is welcome at Friday Night Bingo at the Englewood Elks, 401 N. Indiana Avenue. Doors open at 4pm and early bird games start at 5:45pm. Jack Pot games and hot ball included. Refreshments available. For questions, call 474•1404.

Virtual How-to Festival

Charlotte County Community Services Libraries & History Division presents the Virtual "How-to Festival." Every Monday through Friday in August,

a brand-new video is airing on Charlotte County Libraries & History Facebook page, www. facebook.com/CCLibraries. Postings are designed for viewers to learn how to do something unique or acquire a brand-new skill from talented Charlotte County community members. Topics will cover a variety of areas: air conditioner upkeep, public speaking, line dancing, auto basics, hurricane boat prep, knot tying, proper pruning, water safety, book repair, stranger danger safety, rabbit rescue, internet safety, singing and poetry, saltwater pool upkeep, guitar tuning, and more. Videos will be available to be aired again after the debut. A schedule may be accessed on the Charlotte County Libraries & History website under the "How-To Festival" link. It will be a life-long learning cornucopia of opportunities in just one short month. For information, contact Bill MacDonald or Tracy Herman at 613-3176.

Englewood Putt-Putt Rescheduled

The Annual Englewood Beach 9 - Putt Putt is rescheduled for December 12th. The decision was reached after speaking with each of the restaurant venues and reviewing the number of registered teams. Registered teams have the option to receive a refund or they can remain signed-up for the future event. The Chamber will contact each of the team captains to learn of their preference. "The decision ultimately came down to the number of teams registered," states Ed Hill, Executive Director of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, "We ask each of the restaurants to make a significant investment by

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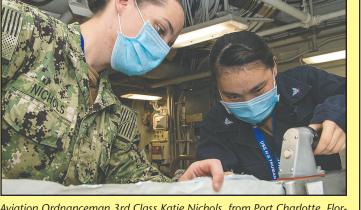
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constructing a unique mini-golf hole and providing an exciting experience for the participants. Unfortunately, the number of teams currently registered is not sufficient to support the event. For questions, call 474•5511.

Meals on Wheels **Community Message**

Dear Englewood Community, In the process of replacing our cooler and freezer, construction issues have occurred which caused us to close our facility for 6-8 weeks. We were determined to continue to provide our clients with meals. As usual, the community has stepped up to help us. Starting Wednesday, August 5, 4 local restaurants will prepare a meal for our clients each day. Those restaurants are Farlow's on the Water, Texas Best Barbecue, Cape Haze Convenience Store and Super Day Express Food Stores. The following week, Wink's Old Town Grill has graciously agreed to provide our meals for the entire week. Our goal has been to find a temporary

location. As we serve between 150-170 meals a day, that was quite a request. Englewood United Methodist Church has welcomed us with open arms. At any time, it was a lot to ask for the help we required. We cannot express how very grateful we are to EUMC and these restaurants. During a pandemic, this is a sacrifice and we appreciate it so very much. We want to give a huge shout out to all our helpful restaurants, with a special shout out to Wink's. Robin and Ed were so very kind and determined to find a way to make this work for an entire week. EUMC has given us such a gift from the heart. We are looking forward to sharing time on their campus. If you need to reach us, our number is still 941•474•4445. Just leave a message on our machine and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kathy Macklin 1st Assistant Director Englewood Meals on Wheels

Pioneer Days Virtual Parade

The Englewood Pioneer Days Board is seeking past videos and photos from previous years' Pioneer Days parades and events. Due to COVID-19, the only scheduled event will be a virtual parade that will be aired on Monday, September 7 (Labor Day) at 9am. This year's theme is Mask-arade a play-on-words for Mask Parade. You can also submit accomplishments - birthday, congratulations, graduates who didn't walk, postponed weddings, 30 to 60 seconds of your best shout-outs and well wishes for the community. It will be uploaded to the Englewood Pioneer Days website, Facebook page, Instagram page and the newly created YouTube Channel, "Englewood Pioneer Days Parade and Festival." For more information, email info@EnglewoodPioneerDays.com.

Primary Election – Aug. 18 Florida's Primary Election day is Tuesday, August 18. On Primary Election Day, you can vote at your usual precinct in both counties. If you do not know where you vote, go to www.sarasotavotes.com or www.charlottevotes.com and enter your street address. If you are voting by mail and prefer to drop off your Vote by Mail ballot instead of mailing it, in Englewood you can return it to the Mac V. Horton West County Annex, 6868 San Casa Drive through August 16, 7am to 7pm. This location will be open for early in-person voting during this same time period and you must bring a photo ID with your signature. In Sarasota county, for those wishing to drop



The Leadership Class of 2020 has announced that their Leadership Lightspeed Voice Lil' 500 Fundraiser is now on hold. The class fundraiser to support PRSAR K9 Search & Rescue, Jubilee Ministry, Vineland Elementary School and Englewood Community Services was originally scheduled for May 16th, then postponed to September 19, but the future is still too unpredictable. However, the golf cart raffle is still taking place on **September 19** and you can purchase your tickets on the website www.leadershipLil500.com. You can view the golf cart at Emery Auto & Diesel Repair, 6436 San Casa Drive. Class 2020 member and business owner Shawn Emery poses with the Thoroughbred golf cart to be raffled off.

off a mail-in ballot, ballots may be dropped into a secure drop box located inside all supervisor of elections offices during business hours during early voting. Early in-person voting will run through Sunday, August 16, 8:30am to 4:30pm. For Englewood residents, the nearest early voting location is the R.L. Anderson Administration Building, Supervisor of Elections, 4000 Tamiami Trail South, Venice. Phone: 861-3760.

Caring & Sharing

Telehealth Visits at ECCC

The Englewood Community Care Clinic (ECCC) is re-opening with the use of TeleHealth services in August. The clinic is run by volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners and nurses and closed in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic for the

protection of both volunteers and patients. The clinic's mission is to provide free medical services to the uninsured and working poor in the greater Englewood area. They serve residents of both Charlotte and Sarasota counties who are 18-64 years old and do not have health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. Patients are screened for eligibility and their household income must fall at or below 200 percent of the Federal poverty level. Patients interested in scheduling a Tele-Health appointment need to call the clinic at 681-2081 and leave a message. They can also e-mail the clinic at englewoodcareclinic@gmail.com. A volunteer will call them back to schedule. To participate in a TeleHealth visit, patients must have access to a smartphone. The clinic will remain closed for face to face vis-

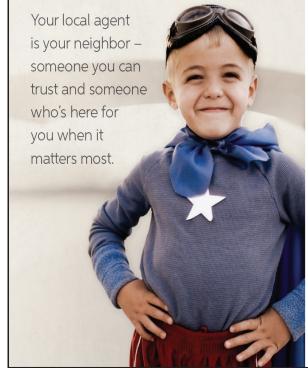


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Walmart is lifting the curtain on plans for the Walmart Drive-in, a drive-in movie theater experience, which is rolling into 160 Walmart stores across the country beginning this month, created in partnership with the Tribeca Film Festival. Available for free to Walmart customers, the Walmart Drive-in will transform Walmart parking lots into outdoor cinemas from August 14 through October 21 with 320 showings of hit movies. Families can visit www.TheWalmart-Driveln.com to discover dates, store locations, the movies for each stop of the movie tour and purchase free tickets. The Walmart Drive-in promises families a fun, contact-free experience where they can watch popular films thoughtfully curated by the Tribeca Film Festival. Gates will open at 6pm with film at 7:30pm.

its, but volunteers are anxious to help our community remotely in this way. To learn more about the clinic, go to www.englewoodclinic.org.

Food Distribution Sites in Charlotte County

For Charlotte County residents looking for free food distribution sites, there are two sites available on scheduled Thursdays from 10am to noon. Free food is available at the Harold Avenue Recreation Center Human Services, 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte on August 20, September 3 & 17. Food is available at Sacred Heart, 211 W. Charlotte Avenue, Punta Gorda, on August 27, September 10 & 24. Picture ID and Charlotte County residency required. For a list of food pantries, go to www.

charlottecountyfl.gov/food-pantries-donation-list.

Need Help with Bills?

Charlotte County residents who are struggling to pay bills due to COVID-19 can contact COAD (Charlotte County Community Organizations Active in Disaster.) Applicants must meet income requirements and be a Charlotte County resident. You will need photo ID, birth certificates (for children) and social security cards. Also proof of loss of income due to COVID, copy of lease/mortgage statement, childcare or dependent adult daycare statement/bill, utility bills, and W-9 for landlord/dependent care provider. To apply or find out more, visit www.coadfl.org or call 2-1-1 or 205-2161.



United Way of South Sarasota County board of directors has launched a South Sarasota County COVID-19 Recovery & Relief Fund. The fund will provide financial resources for individuals and families in Englewood, Venice, North Port, Nokomis, Laurel and Osprey who are disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of this outbreak. Impacted families and individuals may contact United Way confidentially at 484.4811. Eligible expenditures shall be for basic needs such as rent or mortgage, utilities, medical and

prescription costs, childcare, phone and other expenses deemed necessary by the Case Manager. Contributions to this fund are designed to fill the gaps arising from this pandemic and to address aspects of the outbreak as efficiently as possible. "Our goal of this fund is to support the immediate needs of the economically vulnerable populations in South Sarasota County," said Barbara Cruz, President/CEO of United Way of South Sarasota County (pictured here.) "Any contribution, small or large, is immensely appreciated and unites our community for the greater good." To donate to this fund, visit www.uwssc.com. Those wishing to contribute may also use their convenient "Text UWSSC to 243725" to donate. Checks can be mailed to United Way of South Sarasota County, 157 S. Havana Road, Venice, FL 34292. For other resources regarding COVID-19, visit the resource page at www.uwssc.org/COVID19 or call 2-1-1.

Jubilee Center Needs Donations

The Triple S Business Group of Englewood is collecting desperately needed donations for St. David's Jubilee Center. The Jubilee Center has a need for the following items: canned tuna, canned chicken, creamed soups, pasta, spaghetti sauce (canned preferred,) 10oz jar peanut butter, canned diced tomatoes. one-pound bag of rice, 12oz jar jelly and 15oz canned fruit. You can drop off your donations at Quick Signs, 3502 N. Access Rd.; Brookdale Rotonda (container located outside building), 550 Rotonda Blvd. W; Barco's Accounting & Tax Service, 1861 Placida Rd., #201; Lemon Bay Soap Company, 2411 S. McCall Rd. #G or directly at the Jubilee Center, 401 S. Broadway.

Mask for Students Needed

Will you help local students mask up for the school year? United Way of Charlotte County is collecting donations of children-sized cloth masks for Charlotte County Public School students who will be required to wear masks or face shields at school. They are asking community members to sew or buy and donate children-sized cloth face coverings for students to wear at school. Items donated must be clean, new, with kid-friendly patterns and colors. They can be cloth masks, throw away masks, buffs, etc. – any face covering that covers the mouth and nose (shields will not work.) Masks may be dropped off at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue, Call 474.5511 for more information.









art Chat



Marie Selby Botanical Gardens (Selby Gardens) and the Duncan McClellan Gallery (DMG) in St. Petersburg present the third annual summer glass show "In Dialogue with Nature: Glass in the Gardens" **through September 20** at Selby Gardens' Downtown Sarasota campus, 1534 Mound Street, Sarasota. This year, the exhibition will feature nature-inspired glass work created exclusively by Duncan McClellan and his studio artists which will be displayed in the Tropical Conservatory and throughout the Gardens against a backdrop of lush flowers and plants. The botanically themed glassworks will be for sale with a significant portion of the proceeds benefiting Selby Gardens' mission. Hours are **10am to 4:30pm**. For more information, contact Lynn Bates at lbates@selby.org. Photo: One of display items, "Green Farm," from the Duncan McClellan Gallery.

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Charlotte Idol Finals

The Homeless Coalition's Charlotte Idol singing competition finals will be streamed virtually on **Saturday, August 15** at **6pm**. Tune in to Facebook.com/CharlotteCountyHomelessCoalition/ to watch local singers compete for a chance to win cash prizes up to \$500 and a "Staycation." You can give back to The Homeless Coalition by dining and watching the live stream at Beef 'O' Brady's located at 1105 Tay-

lor Street, Punta Gorda, along with a chance auction and 50/50 raffle. All net proceeds from this event will benefit the Homeless Coalition's programs and services.

Subscription Deadline Extended

Punta Gorda Symphony has postponed its July 31st subscriber and single ticket buyer deadline for the 2020/21 season due to COVID-19 concerns. Since the first performance is not scheduled until the end of November, the staff still has time to hover in a "wait and see" mode. Buy now and get yourself into the queue for the best seats available. Learn more at www.pgsymphony.org. To purchase a subscription or single performance ticket, email info@PGSymphony.org or call 205•5996 and leave a message on ext. 2 or 3.

Virtual Photography Exhibit/Sale

For those who love nature photos, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens' (Selby Gardens) 40th Annual Juried Photographic Exhibition and Sale will be virtual this year. In partnership with the Observer Media Group, the virtual exhibition will be viewable August 27 to September 20 at www.selby.org and www.YourObserver.com. Amateur photographers were invited to submit photographs taken at Selby Garden's Downtown Sarasota or Historic Spanish Point campuses. For more information, contact Lynn Bates at lbates@selby.org.

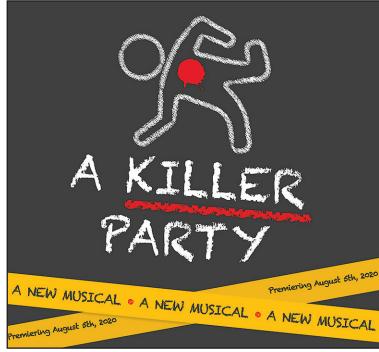
Country Music Festival Postponed

The inaugural High Tide Country Music Festival which was scheduled in November at CoolToday Park in North Port has been postponed until **November 20, 2021**. The show's headliner was Walker Hayes with special guest Cody Webb. The concert was a fundraiser for Suncoast Charities for

Children. A much smaller fundraising event will still take place this year on **November 21** where guests can safely social distance. More details will be announced in a few weeks. For updates, visit https://hightidecountrymusicfestival.com.

Van Wezel Updated Schedule The box office at the Van Wezel

in Sarasota is now open and the performing arts hall invites you to check out their updated schedule of live events including Cirque Dreams Holidaze, Menopause the Musical, Reza: Edge of Illusion, Il Divo and classic rock favorite America. You can find the complete schedule at www. vanwezel.org. Single tickets may



The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall invites you to view "A Killer Party – A Murder Mystery Musical" a brand-new musical starring Broadway theater favorites Jeremy Jordan, Laura Osnes, Alex Newell, Carolee Carmello, Miguel Cervantes, Drew Gehling, Jarrod Spector, Jessica Keenan Wynn, Michael James Scott, Krystina Alabado and Jackie Burns. The entire nine-part musical series can be purchased for \$12.99. You will receive the full 85-minute filmed episodic musical, plus bonus behind-the-series scenes footage including cut material and more. A portion of your purchase price will also support the Van Wezel in Sarasota. The musical was streamed in three parts, starting August 5th. For more information and to order the musical, visit https://akillerpartymusical.com/van-wezel-performina-arts-hall.

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Artist Series Concerts makes its first foray into virtual concerts with a video production of beloved tunes from opera, stage and cinema, performed by three popular area artists. Siren Song, its first video production, features soprano Johanna Fincher, mezzo-soprano Robyn Rocklein and pianist Michael Stewart. The program includes duets from the operas Lakmé and The Marriage of Figaro as well as popular tunes from The Sound of Music, The . King and I, My Fair Lady, Little Women and more. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at www.ArtistSeriesConcerts.org from Auqust 21-31. Patrons will receive a link and password to the video that will be available for online viewing anytime during that time. Artist Series Concerts is also working with Florida Studio Theatre on the video production and screening of "Women of Note," a concert created as part of FST's Suffragist Project. That concert video is scheduled to be released sometime in September. Plans are also in the works to stream some of the performances from the organization's 2020-21 25th anniversary season, which is now tentatively scheduled to begin on October **11** with the Omer Quartet. Photo (I to r:) Siren Song artists Johanna Fincher, Michael Stewart and Robyn Rocklein.

be purchased online or at the box office, 777 N. Tamiami Trail (Sarasota,) which is open **Monday – Friday, 10am to 4pm**. Phone: **953•3368**.

Venice Theatre COVID Guidelines

Soon after March 13, when Venice Theatre closed due to COVID-19 concerns, the organization put together a task force to determine what precautions the theatre would need to take upon reopening. Although the theatre remains closed at this point, the reopening task force has completed its recommendations, which were approved by the theatre's board of directors last week. The benchmarks for reopening safely are two weeks of continued decrease in local COVID-19 cases and a positivity rate of 3-4%." Guidelines include testing of staff and contract workers every two weeks. Every volunteer/staff/student/audience

member gets a temperature check and answers some COVID-19 related questions upon entry. Mask wearing is mandatory in all public spaces and when not alone in offices. Showtimes will be staggered for each theatre space as will lobby entry times and restroom usage will be monitored with limits of three at a time in ladies' room & two at a time per men's room. Box office (upon reopening) will operate by phone and internet only until further notice. Extra sanitization measures will be taken. Read more at www.venicetheatre.com.



Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Ft. Myers has announced its 28th season dinner and a show line up. Dinner shows include Broadway hits Mamma Mia, Happy Days the Musical, Beehive: the 60s Musical; Holiday Inn, and the Dean Martin Variety Hour. Off Broadway shows include Social Security, The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical, Til Theft Us Do Part and Nana Does Vega. There is also a concert series. To see the full schedule and learn more about the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, 1380 Colonial Blvd., in Ft. Myers, visit https://broadwaypalm.com.

If you have an art event or happening you would like to have considered for "Art Chat," please send information and/ or photo to The Englewood REVIEW, 370 W Dearborn St, Suite B, Englewood, FL 34223 or englewoodreview@comcast. net.



The COVID pandemic closed Charlotte Players like other regional theaters. However, Sherrie Moody, the Players' Executive Director, believed they could conduct theater camps and Langdon Playhouse shows with the proper precautions. A grant from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County was used to purchase necessary safety equipment and products, including a disinfectant fog machine, which is used in all areas of the theater between shows. With precautions in place, the Players held the Kids OnStage summer theater camp from July 13-24 at Community Life Church in Port Charlotte and staged the romantic comedy "Baggage" July 17-26 at the Langdon. Both went well. Fogging took place at the church, and the young actors wore face shields for the student production of "Annie Jr.," while staff wore masks. At the Langdon, audience members had their temperatures taken at the door and were provided masks. Similar precautions are in place at the Langdon rehearsal hall, where cast and crew are preparing "A Shot in the Dark," a comedic murder mystery set for September. "I want audience members to feel comfortable knowing we have done everything we can to make sure they can safely enjoy the show," Moody said. Additional information on the Players readiness and upcoming shows and events is available at 255.1022 or www.charlotteplayers.org.







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She Took Her Passion & Made It Happen

By Chris Cameron

Sara Kuba wants kids to know that you can take a love of drawing and art and turn it into a career. Sara is a successful children's book and character design illustrator who followed her childhood passion of drawing and developed a career as a freelance illustrator.

Sara grew up here in Englewood and says her love of drawing started when she was a toddler and given a box of crayons. She took art classes in school and after graduating from Lemon Bay High School, studied illustration for four years at Ringling College of Art & Design and graduated with a Bachelors in Fine Art in 2018.

Her love of creating cute and whimsical illustrations



Sara Kuba

(especially with expressive big eyes and round shapes) brought her work from children's book authors who needed their books illustrated. One particular book she is proud to be associated with is "Sophie and the Airplane,"



"A Little Prank" – one of Sara's humorous illustrations.

one of the STEM Girls' Books series. She also helped guide other illustrators in their progress for consistency in other books in that series. If you would like to order a copy of Sophie and the Airplane, go to www.amazon. com/Sophie-Airplane-STEM-Girls-Books. Another book she has illustrated is "The Butterfly" which you can find at https://thebutterflyspirit.com.

A current popular hobby is Painting with Diamonds – a craft that's a mix between Cross Stitch and Paint By Number where you apply tiny resin "diamonds" to a DMC-coded adhesive canvas to create vibrant mosaic paintings according to the Paint with Diamonds website. It was created in 2015 as an easier, faster and more therapeutic alternative to Cross Stitch. Sara works as a graphic designer and illustrator for the company, Paint with Diamonds, and designed their mascots, website and packaging. Explore the website at https://paintwithdiamonds.com to see some of Sara's character creations

When asked how she comes up with a character design,
Sara selects colors based on the character's personality or the mood. Her characters are created through computer graphics which gives her a great deal of creativity. She honed her drawing style during her years at Ringling College. As for her favorite objects of illustrations for fun,
Sara likes people, plants, animals





Nate Fugitt and Linda Stover were married on Saturday, July 18th in an intimate ceremony on Boca Grande Beach after being together for five years. The couple exchanged hand-written vows alongside their dog, Lucv, who served as the maid of honor and their friend & notary. Shelly Babington. Nate Fugitt, originally from Clyde, Ohio, graduated from Ohio State University and opened and operated two strength and conditioning facilities in Columbus, Ohio. Fugitt currently coaches athletes of all levels and ages in the Boca Grande area and is also a Realtor with the Paradise Exclusive Real Estate team. Linda Stover, originally from Ostrander, Ohio, graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a degree in marketing and graphic design. She works with Grande Aire Services as their Sales and Marketing Coordinator. Despite the circumstances COVID-19 has created for their original wedding and honeymoon plans, the couple feels blessed they had the opportunity to begin their new chapter. The family plans on having a vow renewal ceremony with family and friends in Ohio and a honeymoon in 2021.

and a newly discovered subject – food, especially desserts.

In her free time, Sara enjoys crocheting and other crafts and like others of her generation, playing video games. When asked how she envisions her future, Sara would like to get an agent for contracting with children's book illustrations. She hopes to someday obtain a studio job for a company such as Dreamworks to do character design and children's

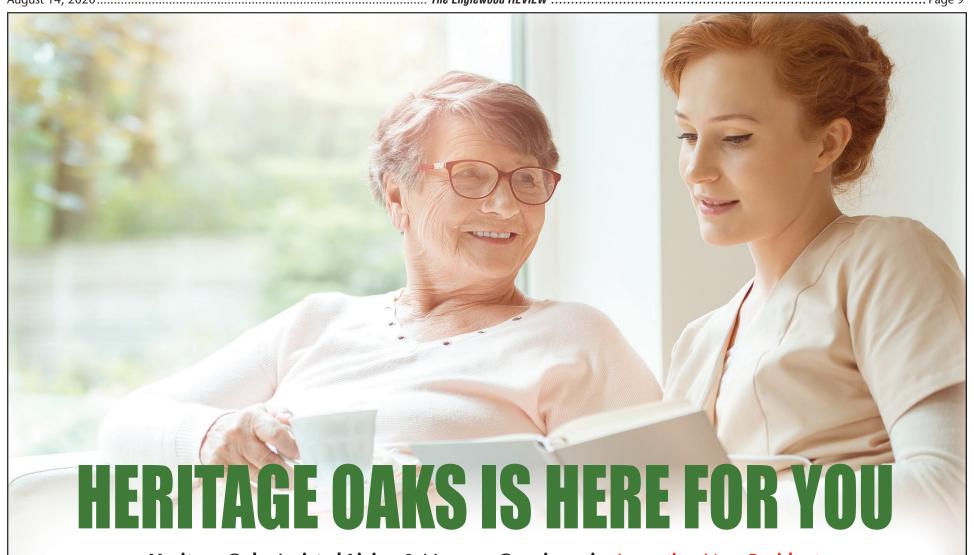
books.

Sara is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She has her own website, www.



Illustrations from the Girls STEM book "Sophie and the Airplane."

artofskuba.com, where you can read more about Sara and contact information. Authors looking for an illustrator can also find her at www.reedsy.com. You can see examples of her characters on Instagram Artofskuba and also learn more about her work on Behance net.



Heritage Oaks Assisted Living & Memory Care is again Accepting New Residents. For many of our seniors Assisted Living or Memory Care at Heritage Oaks is currently the best option. Considering the enhanced safety measures that Heritage Oaks is taking, moving into a senior community may make more sense than living isolated alone at home and not getting adequate care.

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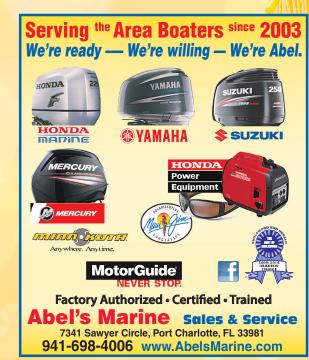


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Notable NEIGHBORS

He Helped Mankind Reach For The Stars

By Dean M. Laux

For a guy with an unavoidably attention-getting last name, Englewood's Ron Bierwagen is the least attention-seeking chap you'll ever meet. If his partners on the golf course compliment his drive on the fourth hole, he'll say, "I have no idea how that happened. My next shot will probably go in the water." If his poker mates admire his winning a nice hand, he'll say, "That was pure luck. I didn't even know what I had." Tell him his Tommy Bahama's shirt looks really nice and he'll say, "Carol picked it out. It would probably look a lot better on you."

Carol is Ron's wife, a lovely, witty, outgoing, friendly, caring and talented person. Also cheerful, loyal, brave and true. A former Washington Redskins cheerleader. Successful interior decorator. So how did their happy hookup happen? You could imagine Ron's proposal: "I suppose you wouldn't want to marry a guy like me, but..."

Don't get me wrong. Ron is a friendly, warm, thoughtful, caring, generous and intelligent man with a great sense of humor. It's just that he never gives himself credit. When I approached him about doing this article, he said, "Noooooo! You don't want to write about me. There's nothing there. My life has been completely mundane."

Well, maybe so, if you consider working at NASA during the most exciting period in mankind's pursuit of space travel and exploration to be mundane. Ron was at the Goddard Space Flight Center, the beating heart of the American space program during Project Mercury, Project Gemini, the Apollo program, the Apollo-Soyuz test project and the launching of Skylab, the Space Shuttle, the two Voyager planetary explorers and the Hubble telescope. Does that qualify as boring?

But let's take a look at how he got there. He was born to Walter and Freda Bierwagen in South Bend, Indiana on November 14, 1932, during the peak of the Great Depression. Bierwagen is a perfectly good Dutch and German name, so was his



Ron Bierwagen

ancestry Dutch or German? "No," says Ron, "it was Polish." Go figure. When Ron was three and his sister Marilyn was a year old, the family moved to Washington, D.C., where his dad got a job as a bus driver for the Capital Transit Company. Three years later they resettled in Greenbelt, Maryland, a Washington suburb. Ron got his elementary and high school education in the Greenbelt schools.

Ron's father made the name Bierwagen familiar, respected and perhaps feared in the nation's capital, because he organized the transit workers there and became international vice president of their union. Walter led the 54day strike of the city's transit workers in 1953, and he was on a first-name basis with people on Capitol Hill and in the White House. "I really didn't know him very well," says Ron. "He was a workaholic. When he was in town he worked two shifts sometimes, and he was on the job mornings and evenings when he was the union boss?

Ron was a standout pitcher at Greenbelt High School, and his dream was to become a major league ballplayer. He was, in fact, given tryouts and offered contracts by the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Washington Senators, but he decided not to sign. "I didn't like the money," he says. "I was making more as a grocery store clerk than they were offering. I needed as much money as I could get. I never thought about college then, because my family couldn't afford it." But the Korean War was in full fury, and anyone not in college was a prime draft prospect for the U.S. Army. He figured that the U.S. Air Force was

a better choice, and in 1952 he signed on for a four-year tour of duty. Without an ROTC program behind him, he started out as an Airman 2nd. Class, "the bottom of the barrel," as he puts it.

After basic training he spent nine months in Biloxi, Mississippi learning to be a radio intercept operator. "I volunteered for Korea, and they sent me to Shreveport, Louisiana," he says. That's the military for you. A year later he was sent overseas—not to Korea but to an RAF base in Mildenhall, England. He never did get to use his radio intercept training, but a couple of good things happened there: He played on the baseball team that won the Air Force Championship, and he received a letter from George Washington University offering him a baseball scholarship beginning in the 1956 academic year, after his honorable discharge from the military. He took it, and his life took a new turn.

While at GWU in 1958, he met Carol at a swimming pool in Rockville, Maryland, where he was a part-time lifeguard. Their romance blossomed quickly, and within a year they married. "I left GWU then for financial reasons. I needed a real job," Ron remembers. He got one with Allis-Chalmers, a manufacturer of transmissions and heavy industrial equipment. Two years later he switched to a position with ACF Industries, which had a contract with the military to make aircraft simulators. From there it was a short hop, conceptually and geographically, to NASA. "We were living in Lanham, Maryland, and Goddard Space Flight Center was just down the road," Ron says. His background with ACF seemed like a natural fit with the manned space program that had kicked off in 1958 and was given a huge boost by President Kennedy.

What appealed to Ron about working for NASA? "A job," he says. "At first it was just a job. In the beginning I didn't know what I would be doing." Over time, the job turned out to be maintaining and managing the logistics, technical documentation and personnel training for NASA's tracking stations around the globe. For un-



Astronauts Fred Gregory (left) and Loren Schriver with NASA executive Ron Bierwagen.

manned spacecraft, NASA needed instantly available, long-duration space-to-ground communications, consisting of parabolic dish antennas and telemetric equipment located at numerous sites around the world. For manned

flights and for deep space flights, more elaborate data networks were required. Data feeds from the ground sites, satellites and spacecraft had to be sent without delay to Goddard and to Houston. Any glitch in the Goddard

network could be disastrous to the says. "The news coverage came astronauts and the program.

"There were no tracking satellites in the beginning," Ron says, "but there were ground tracking stations around the world. My responsibility was to make sure all of our stations were operable."

During the many missions, sometimes in Third World areas, we endured coups and the takeover of our equipment." In war-torn Senegal, Ron's team coped with a beetle-infested wilderness station and being accosted by armed renegades. "We never knew what might occur, but my team and I had to make certain we had the parts required during a mission and that the stations could function effectively." They worked out of the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, which collected, coordinated and transmitted the data and communications between the tracking centers, the astronauts and the control center in Houston "Goddard made Houston look great," Ron

from them (Houston), but our guys were the silent workers who kept it all going as smoothly as possible."

While he was at it, this peripatetic network manager finished his bachelor of science degree in business administration by going to night school at Southeastern University in Washington, D.C. He opted for early retirement in 1994 after 31 years of government service, 27 of them with NASA. He received a letter of commendation for his long and valued service during the greatest growth period of the manned space program. "What an exciting time it was for all involved," Ron confesses. "I absolutely loved this period in my career with NASA. I had great people with me, both under and over my position."

In 1998 Ron and Carol decided to move south to enjoy their retirement years. They settled on Englewood, "where we could enjoy the warmth of wonderful weather, golf and good friends.

We feel blessed with the many friends we have in the community," says Ron.

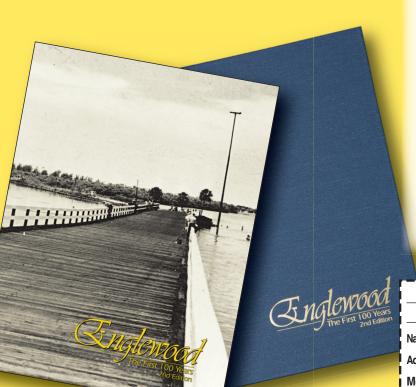
NASA's commendation included an observation that during Ron's time as head of logistics for the tracking and data network, "there were no launch delays." That is high praise in an institution that requires high-speed, ontime data relays to do its job, one in which the lives of astronauts depend on it. Ron and his team did their job well.

Just don't ask him to brag about it.

Editor's Note: This article originally ran in the Decemer 21, 2018 edition.

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When it's this hot out it's easy to opt for take-out or hitting a restaurant instead of firing up the stove or grill. But if you want to stay inside and beat the heat, here are a few recipes from local readers to help you stay cool and well-fed.

Judy Murdoch said that this time of year she prepares nocook meals often. "Many times I plan some by making extras when I cook. If I am making pasta for dinner, I will make extra for a pasta salad. If I am grilling chicken, I make extra and it becomes a chicken caesar salad wrap."

Judy's recipe for Diced Hoagie Filling is a favorite, offering a twist on the classic Italian or American sub.

Diced Hoagie Filling

Ingredients:

1 pound of diced cold cuts and cheese

**for Italian style, use a mix of pepperoni, salami, ham and provolone

**for American style, use a mix of ham, turkey, bologna and American or cheddar cheese

½ cup finely diced onion ½ cup diced pepperoncini peppers or jarred hoagie hot peppers ½ cup mayonnaise

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning ½ teaspoon fresh black pepper 3-4 cups of finely chopped iceberg lettuce

6 pack of crusty Vienna rolls Directions:

Mix everything except lettuce in a large bowl. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use. When ready to eat, fold in the lettuce. Fill rolls and enjoy!

Heidi Reslow of Venice is an accomplished home chef from Massachusetts. She shares this summer salad that combines fresh corn and tomatoes and can easily be doubled.

Amagansett Corn Salad

Ingredients:

4 ears of fresh corn 1-quart cherry tomatoes 2 tablespoons high-quality balsamic

1/2 medium red onion

1 handful chopped basil or flat-leaf parsley (optional)

Coarse sea salt Pepper

Directions:

Remove raw corn from ears with corn stripper or knife. Slice tomatoes in half or quarters depending on your preference. Chop the red onion. Toss all vegetables in a bowl with the vinegar, salt, and pepper. Refrigerate. Hint: You can make this a meal by adding sliced chorizo or Italian sausage.

Jennifer Constant said her mother-in-law would prepare Pink Salad, and this vintage nobake dish is a favorite of hers. Also called Pink Lady Salad, it's been around for decades and is a holiday and potluck staple. Jennifer's version differs from the classic with the addition of fruit cocktail

Pink Salad

Ingredients:

1 15 oz. can fruit cocktail in juice 1 small box Strawberry Jell-0 16 oz. carton of small curd cottage cheese

8 oz. container of Cool Whip 1 15 oz. can crushed pineapple (drained)

Directions:

Mix fruit cocktail with Jell-O in a large bowl. Let sit for about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally until Jell-O is mostly dissolved. Add cottage cheese and pineapple, mix well. Fold in Cool Whip. Refrigerate for at least two hours before serving.

Here's another classic salad from Barbara Knieff of Rotonda

Crab and Avocado Salad Inaredients:

1/2 medium red onion, diced fine 3 medium tomatoes, diced fine 1/2 large poblano pepper, diced fine 4 avocados, peeled and cut into large chunks

1 lb. lump crab meat Juice of 1-2 lemons (to taste) 3 tablespoons mayonnaise Lemon wedges for garnish

Directions:

Combine all ingredients except crab. Add the crab and gently mix. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve with crackers.

My friend recently gave me a big package of snap peas. I happened to have all the ingredients for this super easy

recipe, which I tweaked just a bit.

Five-Minute Asian Snap Pea Salad

Ingredients:

1 red bell pepper, seeded and sliced

1 large carrot, diced

8 ounces trimmed snap peas (strings removed)

2 scallions, sliced

Dressing:

1 tablespoon peanut oil

1 tablespoon rice vinegar

1 tablespoon fish sauce or Soy Sauce

1 tablespoon brown sugar Dash Sriracha

3/4 teaspoon grated fresh ginger root Sesame seeds for garnish

Directions:

Place the peppers, carrots, scallions and peas in a large bowl. Whisk together the dressing ingredients in a small bowl. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss well to coat. Sprinkle on sesame seeds.

Cold Strawberry Soup

This is a healthy and quick way to take advantage of strawberries during season.

Ingredients:

2 pounds of fresh strawberries, halved, stems removed 2 cups vanilla yogurt ½ cup of orange juice 1 cup of sugar Mint leaves for garnish

Directions:

Combine all ingredients in a bowl then blend in batches. Process until smooth. Garnish with mint.

Finally, Alison Smith of Englewood and I are both big fans of this super easy modern classic. No recipe or measuring required.

Watermelon Feta Salad

Combine watermelon chunks, Feta cheese and good quality balsamic vinegar. (I also add fresh lime juice). Add fresh mint, cilantro or basil, especially if unlike me, you've managed to grow a successful herb garden.

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Glub-Chatter



Past Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary President Todd Chace, presented a \$1,000 check to Larry VanTilbug of the Englewood Elks Club and a \$500 check to Becca DeRosa of Kids Needs Greater Englewood. Every year at this time, the Club distributes proceeds from the previous Rotary year's work. The monies were a part of Todd's year-end distribution.

The Englewood Elks Lodge 2378 donated \$2000 to Englewood Helping Hand (EHH). This money is to help EHH cover some of the food costs related to the increased volume of food insecure residents of both Charlotte and Sarasota counties. The increased need is related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the backlash caused by the virus. Comprehensive data shows that at least 70,700 people in Charlotte and Sarasota counties are food insecure. EHH also provides utility assistance to residents of the Englewood community. Present at the check presentation are (I to r:) Mark Rennie EHH Board President, Carolyn Sutherland, Exalted Ruler and Judy Abbott, Lodge Secretary and ENF Chair.



The Jubilee Center received a check for \$1,000 from Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Club. Monies received will go towards purchase of much needed food for those in need in the Englewood Community. Ruth Hill, Jubilee Center Administrator, gives a huge thank you to all members of the Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary for everything they do on behalf of the Englewood Community. What a wonderful service organization! Pictured are George Fowler from Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary; Ruth Hill Jubilee Center Administrator and Fred Beck from Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary. If you would like to make a food item or check donation, contact Ruth Hill. Administrator at 681 • 3550. The Jubilee Center is located next to St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway.



BPWEV (Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice) invites the public to their August 18th dinner meeting to be held at the Plantation Golf and Country Club. The speaker for the meeting is a longtime BPWEV member - well-known Venice Optician, Joyce McCaffrey, owner of Eyes on You Eyewear Boutique. She has been in the optical industry for over 35 years. She has a gift



of choosing the perfect eyewear for each individual's personality. She remains consistently on the cutting edge of technology and fashion. In 2011 she realized there was a gap in the fashion industry in Venice: a lack of a source for good fitting undergarments. She decided to pursue a solution and fill that need. She received certification of the Eveden Fit School at the Curve show in Las Vegas. With a following of repeat customers, she has been helping women of all shapes and sizes with the perfect fitting under garments. Joyce is extremely active in the community outreach. BPWEV would like to invite women in the community to join the organization. BPWEV meets every third Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at Plantation Golf and Country Club. Dinner reservations, \$23, are required. For information and reservations go to www.bpwev. org. Photo: Joyce McCaffrey, Board Certified Optician, Eyes on You Eyewear Boutique.











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BPWEV Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Stacey Stewart Chaisson! At the July 21th BPWEV Dinner meeting, Stacy has been awarded a \$1,000 Adult Learner Scholarship by the Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV.) This is the second time that Stacey earned this scholarship. Stacey is finishing her degree in Early Childhood Education/Special Needs at SCF in Venice. She is employed by Children First in Venice. Stacey is very passionate about her work with the special needs children. She understands what parents go through trying to find the right classes and teachers for their children as she, too, is a mother of a special needs child. BPWEV wishes her great success in her chosen career field. BPWEV awards three Adult Learner Scholarships each year. At the August 18th dinner meeting, two more applicants will be honored

During the month of August, 8,400 members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Florida will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Women were not given the right to vote: they fought for it and GFWC clubwomen played a critical role. On Saturday. August 22. Charlotte County's GFWC Woman's Club of Port Charlotte, GFWC Punta Gorda



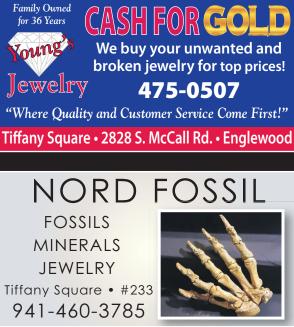
Woman's Club and GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club will join with 45 additional GFWC clubs from Tampa to Naples to commemorate and celebrate the constitutional amendment to enfranchise women. Inclusive and unified in their diversity, GFWC Florida is a volunteer, non-profit 501c3 organization comprised of 193 clubs across the state whose members are dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others in their communities. Membership is not restricted by residential area. You are welcome at any location. For further information and to join, visit GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club at www.gfwcrotondawest.org or GFWC Woman's Club of Port Charlotte at Facebook. com/GFWC of PC. Pictured in the traditional Suffragists summer costume is GFWC District Director Laura Connelly, who organized the event taking place on August 22nd.

with the scholarships. BPWEV believes strongly in "Women Helping Women". The mission of BPWEV is: "To achieve equity for all women through Advocacy, Education and Information!" BPWEV meets every third Tuesday of each month at Plantation Golf and

Country Club. For information go to: www.bpb.org. The public is invited to all meetings.

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Keeping

Clothes Closet Reopens

Kids Needs of Greater Englewood is reopening their Clothes Closet for those in need of children's clothing. The Closet will be open every Thursday from 5 to 7pm during the school year (except for scheduled school breaks.) Please wear a mask while visiting the Closet at 272 S. Indiana Avenue in the Englewood Shopping Center. Kids Needs of Greater Englewood is a non-profit group, run solely by volunteers, that collects donations for needy children in the local area. If you would like to make a donation, go to their website at kidsneedsenglewood.com and click on the How to Help link to find out where drop off boxes are located. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated, and checks may be mailed to Kids Needs of Greater Englewood, PO Box 944, Englewood, FL 34295.

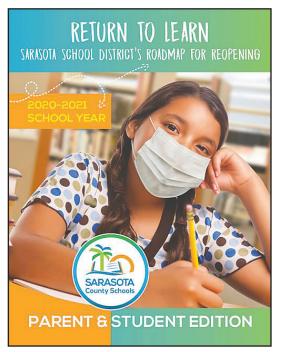
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The 15th YMCA Back to School Bash held at Sky Academy on August 1 was a big success and provided students with the opportunity to obtain some school supplies for the coming year. In spite of doing things differently (drive thru, masks, etc.) YMCA volunteers and community helpers who care so much for the children and families in the community were able to make it happen. They gave away over 300 backpacks filled with school supplies, 300 free small fries coupons donated by McDonalds, 200 parent bags filled with food, toys and hand sanitizer donated by All Faith Food Bank, 150 library books donated by Elsie Quirk Library, 150 Publix gift cards and 150 bags filled with toiletries donated by Kids Needs of Englewood. The YMCA Back to School Bash is greatly appreciative of the donations and assistance by their sponsors: The Ormand Dixon Foundation, Englewood Rotary Youth Foundation, McDonalds, Hamsher Homes, Hamsher Realty, Living Hope Church, Kids Needs of Englewood, Englewood United Methodist Church, All Faith Food Bank, Hope for Lost Hearts Inc., Dollar Tree stores and of course, the Englewood YMCA and Sky Academy. Photo: Englewood Lions Club volunteers (I to r:) Roger Norrod, Kathy Lawless & Kathy Norrod assisted with the event.



Kids Onstage, Charlotte Players summer theater workshop for youth, presented the musical "Annie, Jr." to an audience as well as on Facebook July 24th at the conclusion of the two-week camp held at Community Life Church in Port Charlotte. Photo: Annie (Kendra Rose Lowery) consoles fellow orphan Molly (Maley Marie Russell) with a song of hope.



Whether your child is starting back to school in person or remotely, Sarasota County Schools has placed a Return to School 2020-2021 roadmap page on their website: www.sarasotacountyschools.net/backtoschool. Here you can find helpful videos, frequently asked questions, and resource downloads for both face-to-face learning and remote learning.

Buchan Airport Fly-in Scholarships Awarded





On March 3,2020, the 14th annual Buchan Airport Fly-in attracted over 1500 people who celebrate aviation in Englewood. The main attraction was the number of visiting aircraft and pilots for public viewing to go along with the breakfast provided in the big tent. Although there was no charge for attending the event, donations from the attendees and the many Englewood merchants generated the money for scholarships. The scholarships assist local high school seniors while they are pursuing aviation careers. Scholarship chairman, Kim Deins, reports that this year the scholarship winners are Olivia Montour and Jonathon Drier both of whom graduated from Venice High School. They plan to major in Aeronautical Engineering. After receiving her degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Miss Montour has aspirations to work for NASA and Mr. Drier wants to fly helicopters in the Marine Corps after finishing his work at the Citadel Military College of South Carolina. The volunteers for the fly-in work with pride to help the Englewood community and its students who are interested in aviation. Presenting the check to the winners is Vito Bisceglia, Treasurer (Olivia in top photo; Jonathan in bottom photo.)



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Lemon Bay Computer Service has noticed an increase in scammers contacting their customers and doing a lot of damage when payment isn't made. Microsoft will NEVER call you or send a warning on your computer telling you to call them. If you have fallen victim to scammers, please contact Lemon Bay Computer Service at 548•1322. Let them remove scammers' malicious actions and restore your computer. The shop is located at 30 N Elm Street and is open Monday through Friday, 9am to 6pm. You are asked to please wear a mask in the shop.

Career Opportunity

Are you interested in a FREE training program to become a certified Home Health Aide? Women's Resource Center is partnering with Help at Home Homecare to recruit candidates for a fully funded training program to become a certified Home Health Aide. Join them for a FREE online information session to learn more about this free training opportunity and how the Center can assist you with your career goals. The webinar will be Wednesday, August 26 from noon to 1pm. Details at www.facebook.com/ events/793346948068167.



Suncoast Humane Society wishes to thank Mike and Becky at Made in the Shade Ice Cream for graciously donating coupons for free ice cream with every adoption during #ClearTheShelters event at Suncoast Humane Society. Made in the Shade also offers pup cup treats for dogs to enjoy so they don't miss out when you stop by for your delicious ice cream treat! Made in the Shade is located at 2411 S. McCall Road, Ste. 5.

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would like to have considered for "BIZ" please send info and/ or photo to The Englewood REVIEW, 370 W Dearborn St, Suite B, Englewood, FL 34223 or englewoodreview@comcast.net.



Business owners, here's an easy way to help out United Way. United Way of South Sarasota County is conducting social media "follow us" campaigns and enlisting the assistance of local businesses to donate giveaways to help get the word out about COVID-19 relief availability and to bolster the giving campaign for residents. United Way will have drawings through December 31st for the name of an individual who has followed them or liked their Facebook page and/or subscribed to the weekly newsletter. They are asking area businesses to donate a product or service giveaway to help get the word out about the COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Fund. Interested giveaway partners may easily sign up online at https://uwssc.org/2020contest. For information on the campaign, contact Erin Lilly, PR and Resource & Development Director at 525•4128 and/or email her at development@uwssc.com.





Englewood Bank & Trust asks you to join them in recognizing two employees who are celebrating five years with Englewood Bank & Trust. Congratulations to Kevin Casey, Senior Vice President, Senior Lender, and Terese Duelge (NMLS #526244,) Vice President, Residential Lender, Venice. Kevin has over three decades of banking experience. Prior to ioinina Englewood Bank & Trust in 2015, he served as Senior Vice President or Vice President at three other Sarasota area financial institutions, concentrating on commercial banking and wealth management. Terese Duelge started as a real estate agent in Wisconsin in the mid-1980s and discovered that her passion was working closely with buyers in need of financing. She served as Senior Mortgage Originator at a community bank in that state from 1986 through 2013. Terese spent two years as a Mortgage Loan Officer after moving to Florida before joining Englewood Bank & Trust as a Vice President & Residential Lender. She serves clients from Sarasota to Boca Grande and beyond. Englewood Bank & Trust has four full-service branches in Englewood, Cape Haze/Rotonda, Boca Grande and Gulf Cove plus a Loan & Trust Office in Venice.



Cyndi and John Fredericks, owners of Quick Signs, created and donated this wonderful sign to the Jubilee Center. Due to the pandemic, all food is delivered curbside at the Jubilee Center which limits client interaction, so a way was needed to inform clients in need of assistance with FPL bills, water bills or resources to ask to speak to the Jubilee Center Administrator. Thanks so very much Quick Signs!! Pictured with the sign are Cyndi Fredericks of Quick Signs and Ruth Hill, Jubilee Center Administrator.



Dearborn Street and Old Englewood Village

by Todd Tracy, VP, OEVA

Re-emergence

The other day I went to four local businesses. The first was a quick stop for an early morning coffee with my wife on Dearborn Street, then Publix, Beach Liquor, and Lowe's. All four were open, fully functioning, safe, willing, even eager to serve the public, following the prescribed CDC guidelines.

Because of the Federal government's guidance, which includes masks and social distancing, the private sector employees that work for companies like Publix, Lowe's, Home Depot, Walmart, and Target can safely serve thousands of customers daily. But for some reason our public sector employees still operate under a self-imposed higher standard of safety, which is politically commendable, but functionally irritating.

Why am I irritated? Because the public sector seems to forgotten that their employees, like the rest of us, live beyond their employment bubbles for 16 additional hours a day, plus weekends and holidays, during which they shop, dine, travel, interact with people, handle paper and retail products. Which brings me back to the topic, reemergence. How do we get out of this new public service normal before it becomes permanent?

Just for fun, I wandered through the Sarasota County website, www.scgov.net and found a 4-page document entitled: "Sarasota County Re-Entry Planning". That made me smile remembering President Dwight D. Eisenhower's famous saying: "Plans are worthless, but planning is everything." In that plan, one thing struck me from the list of four key points: Guidance from the CDC, Governor's orders, Guidance from County leadership and Departmental specific operational considerations. Which one was it? Or was it two?

"Guidance from County leadership" was number one of course because it seems to imply that our elected commissioners have public service emergence influence. Naturally, that lead me to the websites of each candidate for County Commission and I read their statements regarding the current pandemic and their opinions about ongoing public services; you should too. While you are reading, visit the Sarasota County Library's and the Building Department's web pages and I suspect, like me, you will close those sites shocked at how sheltered some of our County employees have become, for eight hours a day.

Now the good news; "Departmental specific operational considerations" are alive and well, specifically, our Englewood Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board (CRA). The other day I asked for a downtown project update and I was pleasantly surprised with their answer.

"Although the CRA office is still physically closed, it is business as usual for the CRA staff.

Questions and concerns from the community are addressed via phone and email, improvement projects continue to move forward, information is shared through the CRA's electronic newsletter, and marketing and storefront improvement meetings continue to be scheduled and conducted remotely.'

The Plaza and Dearborn Street improvement updates.

Dearborn Street Plaza: This project is still moving forward with the added new restroom component. Staff is finalizing the permit approvals and then the project will go out for bid. The bid process takes approximately 45 days. We anticipate construction beginning in September/ October 2020. The construction will take approximately 60-90

West Dearborn Improvement Project: This project is still moving forward. Easement documents were mailed out to property owners on June 12, 2020. Easements sometimes require 3-5 months for execution. Once the executed easement documents are returned, the project will go out for bid and then scheduled before the Board of County Commission for the award of the bid. This project could be ready to begin construction in January/February 2021, but because of the impact that COVID-19 has already had on local businesses, staff is recommending that construction not begin until mid/late April 2021.

Sarasota County staff can be reached at 941-473-9796 or englewood@scgov.net with questions and concerns. We are looking forward to opening our physical doors as soon as we receive approval to do so...I hope this helps! Please let me know if you have any other questions, or if there is anything else I can assist you with.'

Why was I happy with this reply? Because it restored my faith in our public service employees that continue to perform, unseen, during this difficult period of complicated protocols. However, if you, like me, would like to see the old public services "normal" return then please let your elected representatives know.

To learn more or share your opinions, please join us this fall as the Old Englewood Village Associations (OEVA) kicks off their town hall meetings, on the Plaza property when permitted. Until then, you can reach us thru the website, www.OldeEngelwood.com.

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Nature Calls

CHEC August Walks

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) and the Charlotte County Natural Resource Department will be conducting the following free programs in August. Please note: Be prepared with drinking water, insect repellent and appropriate footwear (trails may be flooded). All programs can be found at www.ChecFlorida.org.

Wednesday, August 19 - Join Mike Weisensee on a free guided bird walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre Amberjack Environmental Park at Rotonda. Walk begins at 8am. You must register to participate. For more information/directions and to register, please call 475•0769.

Wednesday, August 26 - Join CHEC on a free guided walk through 308-acre Tippecanoe Environmental Park. This Charlotte County park includes habitats such as scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh, and wetlands. Walk begins at 8am. You must register to participate. For more information/directions and to register, please call 475•0769.

U/IFAS Class Blast

UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County offers webinars on a variety of topics. Here are some of their upcoming webinars. Find all their webinars are ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com. For more information on a webinar, call **861-5000** or email sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu.

Monday, August 17, noon to 1:30pm: Freshwater Ecology: a Florida Master Naturalist preview. Dr. Katherine Clements leads this webinar about Florida's Freshwater ecosystems and previews the Florida Master Naturalist Program. Free. Register at ufsarasotaext. eventbrite.com.

Tuesday, August 18, 7pm to 7:30pm: Rules & Regulations of Beekeeping. Many people have been learning about the importance of honeybees to maintaining healthy ecosystems. If you feel inspired to try your hand at raising bees and producing honey, this free short webinar will provide with information about the rules & regulations of owning home



Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) welcomes its newest rescued resident, a rough-toothed dolphin named Rex. Rex joins Rudolph, another rough-toothed dolphin who recently joined CMA, making CMA one of only two facilities in North American that is home to a member of the rough-toothed dolphin (Steno bredanensis) species. Rex stranded on St. George Island in Franklin County, FL on April 19, 2019. Estimated to be about 5 to 7 years old, tests revealed he had a combination of aspiration and fungal pneumonia. He also has hearing loss associated with echolocation and because of this challenge, has been deemed non-releasable. "Rex makes the perfect partner for Rudolph," said Kelly Martin, Director of Animal Care. "We're so excited to have a buddy for Rudolph as socialization is critical to their welfare and helps promote optimal social development which reduces stress." For guests unable to visit in-person, there are several ways to experience CMA virtually through webcams and personalized videos. Visit www.seewinter.com for tickets and details. Photo: CMA's newest resident dolphins, Rex (left) and Rudy (right), are rough-toothed dolphins which are a very unique species of dolphin.

beehives & selling honey. Register through ufsarasotaext. eventbrite.com.

Wednesday, August 19, 10 to 11am: Let's Make Some Black Gold! This free 60-minute webinar workshop blends indoor lessons with outdoor demonstrations of composting, including the biogas and vermicomposting programs. Register at ufasarasotaext. eventbrite.com. You have the option of purchasing a GEOBIN composter for \$25 which can be picked up at the UF/IFAS Twin Lakes office.

Wednesday, August 19, 2 to 3:15pm: Wild Sarasota – Florida Scrub Jay. Dr. Katherine Clements will focus on the unique adaptations of Florida's endemic bird, the Florida Scrub Jay. Register for this free webinar at ufsarasotaext. eventbrite.com.

Wednesday, August 19, 5:30 to 6:30pm: Financing Energy & Hurricane Improvements in Your Home. This free educational webinar will teach you about energy financing in Sarasota County, including the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. Register through

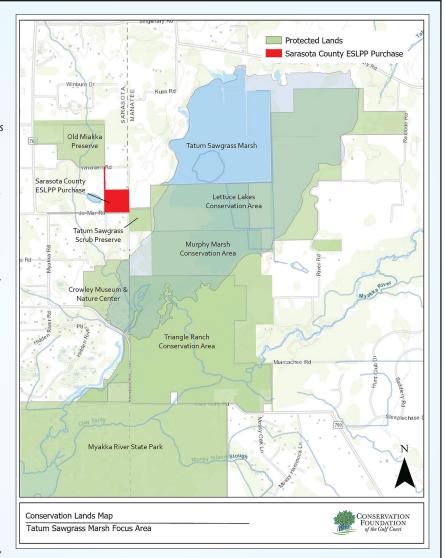
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Thursday, August 20, 9 to 11am: Native Plants to Attract Birds. Learn how you can attract throngs of songbirds to your yard, simply. You will be shown an array of native plants that provide food for these winged wonders, offer them shelter from predators and allow them to safely nest and raise their young. Register through ufsarasotaext. eventbrite.com.

Tuesday, August 25, 2 to 4pm: Weeds! Why They Just Won't Go Away. In this free webinar, you will explore the plants called weeds from a different perspective, through the lens of ecology, culture and history. Register through ufsarasotaext. eventbrite.com.

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Sarasota County and Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast announce the permanent protection of 40 acres within the Myakka River region in Sarasota County. This significant property links Old Miakka Preserve, located at the eastern end of Fruitville Road. to more than 120,000 acres of protected lands surrounding the Myakka River and the Tatum Sawgrass Marsh. The property is a rare remnant of longleaf pine forest and Florida scrub, most of which is gone in Sarasota County. The property's surface waters flow into the Tatum Sawgrass Marsh and the Myakka River. Conservation of such rare scrub habitat and clean-water resources is vital to the future of the local environment. "Sarasota County's 40-acre purchase is an essential link in our goals to protect key areas within the Myakka River region so that we have clean water and abundant wildlife." notes Christine Johnson,



Conservation Foundation president. "We are grateful for the County's commitment to the big picture of regional land conservation, and to the landowners, MAG Properties, Inc., for their dedicated conservation ethic. This is a win-win for our citizens and wildlife: safeguarding clean water and protecting habitat." The County's purchase was completed on August 6th. Learn more at www.conservationfoundation.com.

READERS' PHOTOS



All the resting spaces were taken on the boat hoist but that didn't deter this determined bird – it appears to have landed on the pelican's head. Shared by Linda Gomes of Englewood.

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Breakthrough for Coral Restoration

Provided by Mote Marine

Tor the first time, massive corals restored to Florida's Coral Reef are ready to become parents in the wild — a breakthrough in Mote Marine Laboratory's scientific efforts to restore critically imperiled coral reefs, the "rainforests of the sea," to self-sustaining life. This month, Mote's coral reproduction scientist, Dr. Hanna Koch, identified gametes (eggs and sperm) inside colonies of two threatened, yet key, reef-building species that Mote restored to Florida Keys reefs in recent years: the massive or mounding species called mountainous star coral (Orbicella faveolata) and branching staghorn coral (Acropora cervicornis). Both species are listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The presence of gametes indicates that these corals are sexually mature, gravid (pregnant), and ready to produce the next generation of coral "babies" with fresh genetics to help revive declining coral populations.

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These corals are achieving critical milestones for the entire field of coral reef restorationshowing the first signs that they are capable of producing new generations of corals on their own. These and other corals in Mote's restored populations survived big challenges to reach this point,

demonstrating

resilience. Their success validates the significance and progress of Mote's science-based, resilience-focused coral restoration.

An exciting first: The mountainous star coral (O. faveolata) colonies, which Mote outplanted in 2015 off of Cook Island near Big Pine Key, are the first corals of any massive or mounding species that have been documented to produce gametes (i.e., be sexually mature) after being restored in Florida or Caribbean

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Egg and sperm present in a sample of restored mountainous star coral.

waters. Sexual maturity is size-dependent in stony corals; slow-growing massive species like mountainous star coral which tends to grow less than 1 centimeter per year—can take decades to grow from "baby" size to sexually mature size. However, using the propagation and outplanting methodology that Mote pioneered, which is called "microfragmentationfusion" or "reskinning," larger colonies of corals can be generated faster. Instead of decades, Mote can now produce sexually mature mountainous star corals in as little as five

years.

"The ability

to produce sexually mature colonies of the most important frame-building corals in the Florida Keys in such a short time frame is a major scientific breakthrough," said Dr. Andrew Bruckner, Research Coordinator at the Florida

Keys National Marine Sanctuary. "This is a huge boost for our restoration efforts as these corals provide critical ecosystem services and ecological benefits for associated species on the restored reefs, while indirectly accelerating the recovery of Florida's reef ecosystem through the production of offspring that can colonize surrounding reefs."

Another reason to celebrate: The staghorn coral (A. cervicornis) colonies, outplanted in 2016, 2017 and 2018 at Eastern Dry Rocks off

of Key West, are the first Moteplanted staghorn corals observed to reach sexual maturity after being restored to the reef, demonstrating that staghorn outplants can reach this critical milestone within as little as two years, an observation that has been cited only once before.

What this means: Mote's science-based coral restoration strategy—combining resilience testing and multiple growth/reproductive interventions—is proving to be highly successful!

Coral spawning research planned: Multiple Florida coral species spawn (synchronously release sperm and eggs, leading to fertilization and new coral babies) after the August full moon. This August, Dr. Hanna Koch, accompanied by other Mote scientists and interns, is leading three field research efforts focused on spawning: documenting spawning activity from the restored mountainous star coral (O. faveolata) near Big Pine Key and restored staghorn coral (A. cervicornis) near Key West, while collecting sperm and eggs from elkhorn coral (Acropora palmata) at Looe Key for reproduction events back at Mote's Summerland Key campus.

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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**.

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6 years old and loves to play. She can be quite a love bug

Sweet

Karley is

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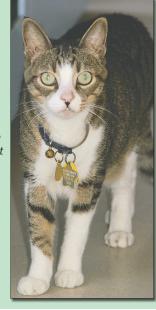
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cat! Rear-foot treading is done

before and after mating as well

as when hunting and the cat is

about to launch an attack (this

One thing I hate is when

a cat presents its butt to me!

their tail to your face in an

(really?) A cat feels secure

of a butt sniff. Humans are

You know, when they present

elevator butt pose. I only sniff other dogs' butts, thank you.

Supposedly, it is a compliment

enough to offer the opportunity

saved from sniffing their cat's

butt if they just pet their cat or

Does your cat chatter and

scratch it in a favorite place.

chirp while bird watching

through a window? Some

behaviorists believe this is a

sign of built up frustration in

cats, as they are stuck inside,

unable to go after that bird. It

be a way of preparing the jaw

Do you know that some

crazy cats may be jealous of

inanimate objects? Yes, really.

If your cat is interrupting your

or when reading, your kitty

time on the phone, the computer

wants your attention on itself. A

is also suggested that it may

muscles for the prey killing.

Whew!

is good for me to know!)

As everyone knows, cats are weird sometimes. I decided to ask an expert, Amy Shjai, Certified Animal Behavior Consultant, why cats act the way they do. One behavior I really hate, especially with a big cat, is when it wants to head butt me. I mean, I am small in stature and it hurts when I am head butted! Well, I found that behavior is called "allorubbing" - the way cats rub their bodies against another cat, human or me. Its purpose is to mark you with their scent and claim you as their own. Forget it, Feline!

Has your cat winked at you? I don't want them flirting with me, which is one way of interpreting kitty eye communication, sometimes called a cat kiss. I learned that a slow cat-eye blink is actually a compliment. It is a signal that cats use with each other as well as humans (and dogs) and means they are comfortable with you and don't feel threatened. You can send the same signal to your cat, slowly shutting and then opening your eyes. See if your cat returns the cat-kiss eye blink.

As for paw treading, it is generally believed that front paw kneading is a leftover nursing behavior kittens use to stimulate the release of milk from their mothers. In adult cats, you see it when they are happy and satisfied. Kneading also releases the cat's scent and marks its

solution might be to give your cat an interactive toy to keep it occupied.

I found out what some other weird behaviors might mean, but I will save those for some other

time.

Pet Calendar Fundraiser

Suncoast Humane Society is looking for the stars of the 2021 Pet Calendar. Pet parents throughout Charlotte, Sarasota and Lee counties can vie for the coveted front and back covers, plus pet of the month honors. The pet calendar helps raise funds to continue the programs and services

offered by Suncoast Humane Society. Entry fee is \$25. Votes are \$1 each. Winner is decided by total number of votes cast for a photo entry. Photo entry deadline is **September 12**th. Voting ends **September 13**th. Go to www.humane.org to find out more and entry rules.



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Branded Heart Stables, 1030 Morningside Dr. 10AM-4PM 809-6389

WED, FRI

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American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd 9:30-11:30AM 697-8733

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1030 Morningside Dr. 10AM-4PM 809-6389

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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

SATURDAYS

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

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 11 AM 697-3313

Sunday Farmers Market The

Dearborn Center, 501 W. Dearborn St. 10AM-3PM 500-3443

Living Hope Church

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881 South River Rd. 10AM 460-8506

FC F.U.E.L. Fellowship Church, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W 4:30-7PM 475-7447

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

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Crossword Puzzle

23. One's biological

molecules

27. Khoikhoi people 28. lump in figure

31. TV network

French philosopher

36. Sharp, shrill bark

39. Launched Apollo

41. Exist

48. Very unpleasant smell

50. Graduates 51. Seedless raisin

52. Self-protec-

tion 53. Clue

54. Life-savers 55. Ingest too

much 56. Misrepresented

58. Small Eurasian deer 59. Most mock-

ina 60. Soviet Social-

ist Republic

48

CLUES DOWN 1. Flower cluster

2. A form 3. Inner organ regions

4. Local law enforcement

5. A citizen of Senegal 6. Positively

charged electrodes 7. Connects granules

8. Business practice

9. The Mount Rushmore State

12. Leader 13. Hindu aueen

mark

17. Proofreading ipality

19. European

25. Clears

29. Amount of time

39

44. Ship officer 45. Individual investment account (abbr.)

46. Prefix meaning within

55

20

47. Ceased to live 49. Day by day

56. Not color

57. Condition of withdrawal (abbr.)

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CLUES ACROSS 1. Revolutions per

minute 4. Hymns

10. Brew 11. Did not acknowledge

12. Atomic #77 14. Partly digested food

15. Not one

16. Lesotho capital 18. Copyreading

22. Living organism that feeds on organic matter

father 24. An aggregate of

26. Equally

skating 30. Lantern

34. Georges ___,

37. Albanian monetary units

40. One who graduated

42. Passed by

country

20. Greek mythological nymph 21. Grandfather

31. Mollusks 32. German munic-

33. Body part

35. City of Angels hoopsters 38. Suffocate

41. Pleasing to the 43. Poplar trees

(Spanish)



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