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round the Town

Beach Re-nourishment to Start February 1, bring your classic The Manasota Key beach renourishment project is scheduled to begin Sat. Feb. 1. During this project there will be staging and delivery areas on the northern end of Englewood Beach, 2100 N. Beach Road and the southern portion of Chadwick Park. 1857 Gulf Blvd. The beach will be open, but patrons are encouraged to be cautious around these areas. For information, contact Matthew Logan at 575•3610 or Matthew.Logan@ CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Cruisin' on Dearborn

Downtown Dearborn Street is a car lover's mecca on the first Saturday of the month so on

car or just stroll and view all the beauties lined up along the street. Enjoy music to cruise by and visit the shops and restaurants in Olde Englewood Village. Hours: 2 - 8pm.

Cookie House Tours

Charlotte County History Services is offering tours of the historic Cookie House. The Cookie House was part of the 10acre research compound known as Bass Biological Lab, founded in the 1930s and the scientific studies from this facility are tied to today's Mote Marine Laboratory. Tour the house at its current location in Cedar Point Env. Park, 2300 Placida Road, on

Fridays, Feb. 7, 14 & 21 from 1-4pm, Sat. Feb. 22, 10am to 2pm and Fridays March 13 & 20, 1-4pm. Free. Cedar Point Visitor's Center will also be open for visitation. For more info, call Crystal Diff at 629•7278.

Fire & Fall Prevention

"Remembering When," a Fire and Fall Prevention program for older adults, will be held at 3pm, Mon. February 3 at the Tringali Park community center, 3460 N. Access Road. This program is to help older adults to live safely at home and is centered around 16 key safety messages - eight fire prevention and eight fall prevention. For information, contact Tricia Hamann at



The Women's Resource Center (WRC) is launching a monthly information session called Career Connections to connect women to quality job openings and funded educational opportunities in the community. Local employers are partnering with WRC to not only recruit for their open positions, but also to help participants learn about the career paths available within their organizations and industries. The February session is **Wed. February 26**, **1-3pm**, is funded certified nurse assistant training programs and is held at the WRC in Sarasota at 340 S. Tuttle Avenue. The sessions are open and free to all individuals and no registration is required. WRC also offers free resume writing support, career mentors, job seeker support groups and professional women's clothing. To learn more, call **256•9721** or visit mywrc.org. Photo: Ashley Brown, President/ CEO invites you to visit the WRC.

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Stress-free Guide to Writing Your Memoir (for the nonwriter) Have you always wanted to write your life story but don't know how to begin? Get started turning your memories into your memoir with these tips for planning, writing, editing, and maybe even selfpublishing the story of your life. Presented by local resident Domini of Your Book Boutique on Thursday, February 6, from 4-5pm at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Ave., Englewood. This workshop is free of charge but RSVP is required please, by calling or texting 814-873-3836 or emailing dominia yourbookboutique.com.

Night of Hope & Healing The Child Protection Center's Night of Hope and Healing returns on Thu. February 6 to Suncoast Air Center, 400 Airport Ave. E, Venice. Formerly known as Men, Whiskey & Watches, the evening is filled with food & drink from some of the area's top restaurants, casino games, live & silent auctions, display of aircraft and a drawing for a Jeep Renegade. It runs from **6 to 9pm** and tickets are \$75 at cpcsarasota.org/events. Event raises awareness of the CPC's mission of prevention, intervention and treatment of child abuse.

Trivia Night

Love trivia? Mark your calendar for Fri. February 7. It's Trivia Night at the Rotonda West Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle. Presented by the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club and hosted by Mr. Trivia, Jim Wasowski, come test your knowledge on general trivia, love and the Academy Awards. First prize is \$100 and there will be a Disney tickets silent auction. Doors open at **6:30pm** with trivia at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by contacting Jennifer at 816-678-4045. Proceeds support international outreach projects of the RWWC.

Spooky Stories Tour

Enjoy spooky stories of Florida's past on Historic Spanish Point's Ghost Tour on **Fri. Feb. 7**. Take a walk among the historic houses, ancient mounds and pioneer cemetery on this evening tour offered at 7pm and 8pm. Tickets are \$25 visitors/ \$20 HSP members. Ghost tours are held every month on the Friday closest to the full moon. Historic Spanish Point is located at 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey. Order tickets online at historicspanishpoint.org or call 966.5214.

Sarasota Shell Show

The 2020 Sarasota Shell Show will be held at the Sarasota Fair Grounds, Potter Bldg., 2896 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota from **February** 7 - 9. If you love seashells or want new

Want a peek at the history of folk music in Florida and the presence of music and old songs sung around the bonfire on Manasota beaches? Award-winning, internationally acclaimed duo, Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly present delightful programs of traditional American and Celtic folk songs and percussive dance and will perform at the Monday Lecture Series on **February 3, noon to 1:30pm**, at the Manasota Beach Club, 7760 Manasota Key Road. Elwood and Aubrey blend gorgeous harmonies and play an astonishing array of instruments including guitar, Appalachian mountain dulcimer, mandolin, tin whistle, harmonica, banjo, limberjacks, and other surprises including a thrilling interpretation of freestyle Appalachian clog dancing. The cost is \$25 plus taxes/gratuity and reservations are required due to limited seating. For additional information and reservations, contact MBC at 474•2614.

ideas for shell crafts, you have to see the displays of world-wide and regional shells and shell crafts. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10am to 5pm, Sun. 10am to 4pm. Admission is \$5 adults, \$2.50 students, age 12-18. For more information, visit sarasotashellclub.com.

Flea Market at EEC

Englewood Event Center (EEC) invites you to sell your yard sale items, crafts, boats, cars and other sellable items at its Flea Market Day on Sat. February 8, 9am to 3pm. No cost for the public to browse & shop. Cost for a vendor space is \$10 and larger items must be preapproved. Register online at englewoodeventcenter.com or calling 270•3324. EEC is located at 3069 S. McCall Road.

Visit Manta Market

The next Manta Market is scheduled for **Sat. February 8**, **9am to 2pm**, at Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road. Browse fine arts, crafts, artisanal foods, plants and more. Follow the Market on Facebook.com/Manta Market.

Free Dentistry Day

Dental Care at Venice Gardens is holding a free Dentistry Day on **Sat. February 8** between **8am and noon** at 1301 US 41 Bypass South. Cleaning and extractions will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Dr. Leydy Toribio Fabelo said, "We understand that many people haven't been to the dentist for a long period of

time. Some don't understand the importance of dental health, but more often, they don't have the financial means." For more info, call **800•2095** or visit www. FreeDentistryDay.org.

Braves Block Party

Join the block party in downtown Venice on Sat. February 8 to kick off the Atlanta Braves spring training season in Mardi Gras style. Family friendly with kids' activities, music by Rebirth Brass Band, and a meet and greet with Braves player, Andruw Jones. The event on Miami Avenue runs from 5 to 10pm with a \$5 admission for ages 12 & older. Proceeds will benefit Venice Challenger Baseball and Venice Mainstreet. For more info, call 484.6722 or go to visitvenicefl.org.

Say "I Do" Again

Celebrate a renewal of your wedding vows on Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) at sunset on Siesta Key Beach (948 Beach Road, Sarasota) or Nokomis Beach (115 Casey Key Rd., Nokomis.) The ceremony is a non-denominational service open to all. Pre-ceremony events begins at 4pm with the ceremony promptly at 6pm. Cost is \$15 per couple early registration fee by February 7; \$25 day of event. You will receive a certificate, commemorative gift, flower, light refreshments and music. Call 861.5000 to register.

Large Garage Sale

Over 100 vendors are expected at the Garage Sale on **Sat.**

February 15, 8am to 1pm, at the Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Road. Free admission and lots of great deals.

Governor's Baseball Dinner The 2020 Governor's Baseball Dinner, a celebration of a new season of Major League Baseball Spring Training in Florida, will be held Sun. February 16, at Cool Today Park, the Spring Training Home of the Atlanta Braves. The festivities begin at 6pm with a reception and the dinner follows at 7pm. Besides Governor Ron DeSantis, a former college baseball player at Yale University, and MLB Commission Rob Manfred, the guest list will include former major league players and team personnel from the 15 teams holding spring training in Florida. Tickets are \$150 VIP and \$100 regular with tables of eight available. To purchase tickets or tables, please visit playinflorida.com and click the Governor's Baseball Dinner link at the top of the home page. Cool Today Park is at 18800 South, W Villages Pkwy., Venice.

Advanced Care Planning

"My Life, My Choice," an Advanced Care Planning presentation, will be offered in St. David's Parish Hall, 401 S. Broadway, on **Tue. February 18** at **2pm**, hosted by the Women of St. David's (ECW.) This program will help you in making decisions about the medical and











Something new will be flying into Marie Selby Botanical Gardens during the Salvador Dali: Gardens of the Mind exhibition. Selby Gardens will erect a butterfly house filled with Florida native butterflies and plants for the Dali exhibit running February 9-June 28. "Dali's work will be viewed through the lens of a botanical garden, illuminating how nature played a vital part in his art," said Jennifer Rominiecki, president & CEO of Selby Gardens. Special lectures & programs are planned. Admission is \$25 adult and \$15 children (ages 4-17.) Selby Gardens is open 10am to 5pm daily. Visit www.selby.org or call 366•5731.

spiritual care you want to receive for the end of your life. The Rev. Vickie McDonald will present "the Pastoral Perspective," on how a pastor provides a prayerful and spiritual presence focused on an individual's wishes. Also,

Alley Hathaway of Tidwell Hospice will discuss how your choices become an integral part of hospice's overall care. For more info, call the church office at 474.3140.

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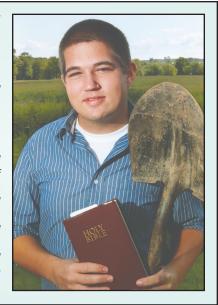
Health & Wellness Fair

Area residents will have an opportunity to take advantage of a variety of complimentary health screening and wellness information by trained professionals at the 8th Annual Health & Wellness Fair, sponsored by Brookdale Rotonda Senior Living. The event will be held from 10am to 2pm on Fri. February 21 at Brookdale Rotonda, 550 Rotonda Blvd West. Services will include hearing, blood sugar testing, dental, veteran's information, cancer resources, vision, medical marijuana and much more. The Senior Friendship Centers, Area Agency on Aging, Division of Blind Services, Englewood Fire Department and Charlotte County Sheriff's representative, FISH, Rotonda Neighborhood Watch and Coastal Cruisers will be on hand. There will also be a presentation at 10:30am called 'Eat Right for Life." Prize drawing as well as a raffle and a light lunch will be offered with all proceeds donated to St. David's Jubilee Center. Raffle item donations would be welcome. For more information, contact Brenda, at 698-1198.

Car Show

Englewood Event Center, 3069 S. McCall Road, is hosting a car show on Sat. February 22, 9am to 1pm. It's open to all street rods, classics, antiques, muscle cars, big trucks, rat rods and more. Trophies awarded to top 10. Free registration at englewoodeventcenter.com. The public is welcome to come check out all the entries. For questions, call 270-3324.

Hear what one person can do! Don't miss Ryan Kaminski's uplifting story about founding a school in Uganda on Sun. February 16 at 2pm in Doan Chapel at Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street. As a young university student, Ryan visited Uganda in 2011 where his eyes were opened to the poverty and lack of education. He returned to Uganda to start a school that now has 400 students, providing an education and hope for the future for his students. The public is invited to this free event. For more information, call 474.5588.



For a "Super" Fun Time

Leadership Englewood has set up a series of themed "Celebrity Bartending" events to help raise funds for their chosen charities. Come meet the class of 2020, have fun, enjoy dinner and let the "celebs" serve you a drink for tips. The next upcoming bartending theme will be "Superheroes" on Mon. February 24, 5:30 to 7:30pm, at Ricaltini's Bar and Grille, 1997 Kentucky Avenue. Celeb bartenders will be Gary Vasbinder, owner of Real Bikes and realtor Amber Craft of Paradise Exclusive Real Estate. Also, save the date for the class project: Lil-500 on Sat. May 16 at the Englewood Elks. Benefiting charities from the 2020 Class fundraisers include Peace River K9 Search & Rescue, the Jubilee Center and Vineland Elementary School.

Lemon Bay Beer Fest Save the date now for an afternoon of beer tasting,

music, food and fun right here in downtown Englewood. The first annual Lemon Bay Beer Fest presented by Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary is set for **Sat.** February 29, 11am to 6pm, at Dearborn Street Plaza (300 block W. Dearborn.) Free admission to the Fest Nine breweries (area & national) are taking part in the Beer Garden where for only \$20 prepaid (\$30 at gate) you can taste craft beer selections from 1 to 5pm. There will be arts & crafts vendors you can browse, live music to enjoy and vendors offering a variety of food choices and domestic beers. Proceeds go to Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Community Trust where it is used to support Englewood community. Beer tasting tickets may be purchased at Eventbrite. com/e/Lemon-Bay-Beer-Fest-Tickets. For more info, email LBbeerfest@gmail.com.

Local History Tours

Learn about the history of Englewood on one of the tours





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Gulf Cove UMC invites you to its 7th Annual Pig Pickin' and Cookie Dash which has exploded into a two-day event on Friday & Sat. Feb. 21 & 22. Friday features the arts & crafts show from 10am to 6pm, Pig Pickin' 11am to 7pm and Cookie Dash 11am to 7pm. Come Saturday from 8am to 12:30pm for the fundraiser pancake breakfast by Boy Scout Troop 776 and the arts & crafts show returns 8am to 2pm. Pig Pickin' tickets are \$12, \$5 per container homemade cookies and the pancake breakfast tickets are \$10. Call Larry Davis at 770•869•5618 for breakfast tickets or tickets for both meals are available in the church office. GCUMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road in the Gulf Cove area. For more information, visit gulfcovechurch.com/calendar or call the office (697•1747.) Come hungry and bring a friend!

hosted by the Englewood Museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30am. The tour will take you through historic locations of Olde Englewood Village including Lemon Bay Garden Club, Artist Acres, the Lampp House (Englewood Museum,) Lemon Bay Woman's Club, Cherokee Park, Englewood Elementary School, Veterans Memorial and Englewood Park. The tours start at Old Florida Gallery & Outdoor Center, 463 W. Dearborn Street. For reservations, call 460-1561.

Women Adult Learner Scholarships

The Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) are offering Adult Learner Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each! Female applicants should be from the Englewood/Venice area, residing either in Sarasota or Charlotte County. Adult Learners are those women pursuing advanced education or retraining in college or vocational schools. BPWEV scholarship applications and instructions and contact information are accessible online at www.bpwev.org. BPWEV also is engaged in the national program "Joining Forces with Women Veterans and Military Spouses." The program provides resources and online connections to the veterans and military wives to assist in their successfully obtaining meaningful employment and a career of their interest. BPWEV encourages Women Veterans and Military Spouses to apply. The deadline for mailing applications is Thu. April 30.

Great Florida Recipes Wanted

Share your favorite Florida recipes for inclusion in a cookbook of the Lemon Bay area that is being created by Englewood Museum. The deadline for submitting recipes is **December 31** and recipes should be sent to Englewood Museum, 604 W. Perry Street, Englewood, FL 34223. For questions, contact Betty Nugent at **275•2696**.

CARING AND SHARING

Volunteers Needed

Englewood Museum (formerly known as the Lampp House) needs volunteers to act as hosts during the Museum's open house on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4pm. Also needed is an individual who would volunteer to re-hang old tools on an outdoor shed on the property. If you are interested in learning more, call Betty Nugent at 275•2696. The museum is at 604 W. Perry Street.

Bra-Dazzle Lunch

This year's Dollars for Mammograms Bra-Dazzle Lunch will be **Sat. February** 29, 10am to 2pm, at the Heron Creek Golf & Country Club, 5301 Heron Creek Blvd., North Port. The lunch is held each year to help raise awareness of getting a mammogram in a fun, light-hearted way. Male models, in skirts, will model the entries from the Bra-Dazzle Bra contest and bras will be sold to the highest bidder. Chances to win the Magical Portions Booze Wagon, gift certificates and auction items add to the fun. Proceeds will be used to provide no cost mammograms to women who cannot afford them. Tickets are \$55. For tickets or questions, contact Rita Bertler at 474•9154.

SPORTS

Myakka Bike Ride

Friends of Myakka are hosting "Moon Over Myakka Bike Rides" on **Thu. February 6** and **Thu. March 5.** The ride begins at the Visitor Center in Myakka River State Park at **4:30pm** with light refreshments served at the half-way point. Price is \$10 and must RSVP to **373•7839**. Visit Friends of Myakka River's Facebook page.

Snowbird Baseball Classic The 12th annual Snowbird Baseball Classic runs Fri. February 14 through Sun. March 22 at various venues in the Charlotte County area. There will be 21 NCAA Division I schools, including Ohio State, Pittsburgh, Iowa, Western Michigan and the U.S. Military Academy along with 23 NCAA Division III institutions. Game admission is \$10 per person with free parking. All local residents get in free every Tuesday with proof of address ID. Free admission for Military every Wednesday. For schedule and other info, visit snowbirdbaseball.info.

Rays Spring Training

Tampa Bay Rays begin their 2020 spring training on February 22 with their first home game at Charlotte Sports Park on **Sun. February 23** against the New York Yankees at **1:05pm**. For ticket information, visit www. mlb.com/ray/tickets. Charlotte Sports Park is located at 2300 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte.









LEMON BAY FEST

The 18th annual Lemon Bay Festival runs February 1 - 8 so mark your calendars to experience "Englewood History with a Little Zest." The week-long event features fun and educational programs for the whole family. Programs are scheduled at historical locations, Englewood Beach, Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street and Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. Attend one of the programs and receive a coupon for 10% off at Mango Bistro, 301 W. Dearborn St. or get a free pass to the Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. Be sure to go on one of the historical tours of Englewood Village provided throughout the week with guides from the Englewood Museum. To schedule a tour, call Old Florida Gallery at 460-1561.

Featured Events Saturday, Feb. 1

10:30am – Sarasota Prehistoric Underwater Sites WMS/LSS Archaeological Society will speak about local underwater sites. Elsie Quirk Meeting Room.

1pm – Music with David Kilbride

David Kilbride will play guitar and sing popular songs from the 40s, 50s and 60s. Englewood Charlotte Library Meeting Room.

Sunday, Feb. 2

1 to 3pm – Lemon Bay Woman's Club Open House Tour the historic home that houses the Lemon Bay Woman's Club, intersection of Cocoanut Ave. and Maple St.

Enjoy refreshments, quilting

and craft demonstrations.

Monday, Feb. 3 10:30am – Native Plants for Birds

In this class led by a presenter from Sarasota County UF/IFAS Extension, you will learn how to attract songbirds with native plants. Elsie Quirk Library Meeting Room.

2pm and 5pm – Patrick Smith's Florida: A Sense of Place

This film includes fascinating stories of Patrick Smith's life, adventures, experiences and Florida's past which led the author to write his novel "A Land Remembered." Elsie Quirk Library Meeting Room.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 10:30am – Randall Research Center

Cindy Bell will discuss ethnobotany as revealed from excavations at Pineland. Englewood Charlotte Library Meeting Room.

10:30am – Prehistoric Snowbirds

Discover the prehistory of humans in Florida and find out



just how long folks have been living seasonally in the state. Elsie Quirk Library Meeting Room.

2pm – American Roots Music Roadshow

Lisa Brande and Mark Trchka with East Street Duo will present an upbeat program featuring bluegrass, old-time, country and zydeco. Elsie Quirk Library Meeting Room.

Wednesday, Feb. 5 10:30am – Historic Spanish Point

John McCarthy, director of Historic Spanish Point, will discuss this landmark's historical significance. Englewood Charlotte Library Meeting Room.

10:30am – How Women Won the Vote

Englewood Museum will give a presentation about the historic topic in celebration of the 100year anniversary of women's suffrage. Elsie Quirk Meeting Room.

2pm – "Cracker: The Last Cowmen of Florida"

For more than 250 years, cowmen have ridden the plains of central Florida. This film captures the beauty of the old ways with the drama of encroaching civilization. Elsie Quirk Library Meeting Room.

Thursday, Feb. 6 10:30 to 11am – Beach Storytime

Learn the history of Valentine's Day at Englewood Beach and enjoy a story & seasonal craft. Englewood Beach, Pavilion 3, 2100 N. Beach Rd.

2pm – Florida: Facts and Fiction

Join Crystal Diff from the Charlotte County Historical Society and discover Florida's past. Englewood Charlotte Library Meeting Room.

Friday, Feb. 7
10:30am – Music with David
Kilbride

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David Kilbride will play guitar and sing popular songs from the 40s, 50s and 60s. Elsie Quirk Library Meeting Room.

10:30am – Calusa: The Fierce People

Learn about some of Florida's earliest settlers and their great accomplishments in the prehistoric world from Crystal Diff with the Charlotte Country History Center. Englewood Charlotte Library Meeting Room.

1 to 4pm – Cookie House Tours

Take a historic tour of the Cookie House. Sponsored by the Charlotte County

Historical Center. Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Rd.

2pm – The Punta Gorda **History Center**

Gene Murtha will discuss early Punta Gorda and Englewood connections. Englewood Charlotte Library, outside north entrance.

2pm – The Living Gulf Coast: Exploring Our **Natural Treasures**

Author Charles Sobczak provides a presentation on the many parks, preserves and eco-destinations found in Southwest Florida. Elsie Quirk Library Meeting Room.

Saturday, Feb. 8

10am to 4pm - Cracker Fair and Lemon Dessert Contest Free festivities for the whole family: games, crafts, artists, local authors, music, food vendors, cowboys and more. Scheduled musical artists are John Tuff and Friends, Paul Chantey and James Hawkins. Get out your recipes now for the Lemon Dessert Contest. Desserts must contain lemons as the main ingredient. Entry forms are available in Englewood libraries and online at lemonbayhistory.com/ crackerfair. Dearborn Street Plaza, 300 block W. Dearborn

CRACKER FAIR SCHEDUL



Isabella Park demonstrates whip cracking, a popular segment of the Fair.

The 18th Annual Cracker Fair is Sat. February 8, 10am to 4pm, at Dearborn Street Plaza, 300 block W. Dearborn Street. Enjoy a family-friendly day of fun festivities: kids' games, crafts, food vendors, artists, live music, lemon desserts and more. It is said the term 'Cracker' comes from the cracking of the whip that Florida cow hunters used to herd cattle. "It's important to keep history alive," said Esther Horton, Vice President of the Lemon Bay Historical Society. Her family set roots

in Englewood in the late 1800s. Peace River Wildlife Center is scheduled to be present. Want to eat a tree? Charlotte Co. Museum Society will be cooking swamp cabbage, the heart of the cabbage palm. "Englewood: The First 100 Years" will be on sale at the Historical Society tent along with "Englewood Then & Now" and other local history books. The Cracker Fair is presented by Lemon Bay Historical Society as a gift to the Englewood community.

10am – Opening Announcements and Greeting

10am - 11am - Entries for Lemon Dessert Baking Contest accepted

10:15am - 10:45am (approx.) - Cracker Whip Demonstration by Bit of Hope Ranch.

(NOTE: the only Cracker whip demonstration will be at this time. Don't miss it!)

10:45am - 11:30am (approx.) - Music by Paul Chantey

11am - Judging for Lemon Dessert Baking Contest 11:30am - noon - Demonstrations (Swamp

Cabbage or Peace River Wildlife)

Noon – Baking Contest Winners Announced 12:15pm – 1pm – Music by Bucket List – Acoustic

1:15pm - 2pm - Music by James Hawkins

2pm - 2:20pm - Demonstrations (Swamp Cabbage or Peace River Wildlife)

James Hawkins is scheduled to perform at the Cracker Fair.

2:20pm - 3pm - Classic Country Music with John Tuff and Friends

3pm - 3:15pm – Announcements

3:15pm - 4pm - Classic Country Music with John Tuff and Friends

*Schedule is subject to change.













SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 11AM - 4PM

EXHIBITIONS: THROUGH FEBRUARY 28

Loranger Gallery: "Common Thread: Creativity Textile + Fiber"

Mitchell Gallery: Textiles by Maggie Dillon

Mangrove Gallery: Mixed-media by Linda Lee Foster Paul

Members Gallery: "Layers Along the Road," batik and mixed-media by Peggy Schadler

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Arts & Entertainment



Lemon Bay Playhouse is proud to present "Lend Me a Tenor" **March 4 through March 29** at the theatre located at 96 W. Dearborn St. Written by Ken Ludwig & directed by Tom Erb, this zany comedy follows Saunders, the general manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, who is primed to welcome world-famous II Stupendo, the greatest tenor of his generation as Otello. The star passes out and Saunder's assistant Max takes his place. But II Stupendo awakens & takes the stage as well. Curtain time is **Wednesday – Saturday** at **7:30pm** and **Sunday** at **2pm**. Tickets are \$23 and can be purchased online at lemonbayplayhouse.com or by calling **475.6756**. The cast poses for a photo: (left to right) Tom Erb (director,) Terry Williams, Nick Nichols, Christina Dickerson, Linda Hawk, Jim Litwin, N. Chancy Bolo, Kathleen Gallagher and Jim Parise.

Tribute Shows at Elks

The Long Run (an Eagles tribute band) performs at the Englewood Elks, 401 N. Indiana Ave., on **Sat. February 1**. A John Denver tribute is **Sat. Feb. 15** and the Platters on **Sat. Feb. 29**. All shows are open to the public. Shows start at **7:30pm**

and dinner is available before the show at an additional cost. Tickets go on sale 3 weeks before each performance and may be purchased at the Elks lodge, 9am to noon, Monday – Friday. For further information, call 474•1404.

Library Music Series

The Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Pt. Charlotte, will be hosting the Mid-Country Music Series. The concerts range from jazz to bluegrass to folk to classical. All concerts are free and begin at **6pm**. Seating is



On **Sun. February 9** at **2pm** in the Sanctuary at 700 E. Dearborn, the Englewood United Methodist Church 12th Annual Music Ministry Concert Series will present mezzo-soprano Robyn Rocklein and soprano Johanna Fincher performing as Siren Song of Sarasota. The popular area duo offers a sparkling and elegant program of classical, Celtic, and Broadway favorites as the dynamic sopranos share their love of music. Freewill donations will be collected. For concert information, go to www. englewoodumc.net or call the Church Office weekdays at **474•5588**. Photo: Siren Song duo members Robyn Rocklein and Johanna Fincher.

first come, first served. Concert schedule is Tue. Feb. 4: Jenny & Nathan Wilson, a piano, vocals/ acoustic bass duo, performing jazz; **Thu. Feb. 6**: *David* Pedraza, violist & keyboard accompanist showcasing romantic & melodious pieces; Wed. Feb. 12: The Band Anastazja, playing bluegrass like no other group; Tue. Feb. **25**: *Living by the Stream*, this group melds the sounds of violin, vocals and guitar performing a variety of music styles and Wed. Mar. 25: Charlotte County Jazz Society: swing with various jazz styles from the best musicians

in Charlotte County. For more info, contact Bill MacDonald at **613-3192**.

Moon Over Myakka Concert Southern Cross, a premier tribute band to Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, will perform at the Moon Over Myakka Concert series on Fri. February 7, 7 to 10pm, at the Myakka River State Park,

13208 State Road 72, Sarasota. Cost is \$25 and park entrance fee is waived for concert if you arrive after **5pm**. For more info, call **361•6511** or **373•7839**. Sponsored by Friends of Myakka

Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning's Music Mondays: Musical Conversations with Great Performers continues in February with the following programs. Mon. Feb. 3 features the dynamic husband and wife duo of Amy Burton and John Musto who cover the gamut of music from the Great American Songbook to the classics and Musto's own compositions. Mon. Feb. 10 is the Romm Family Trio, comprised of trumpeter Ronald Romm, pianist Avis Romm and son Aaron Romm. Mon. Feb. 17 is Grammy-winner Jason Vieaux, classical guitarist and Mon. Feb. 24 is one of the true Verdi baritones gracing stages today – Todd Thomas. The afternoon sessions are at 3pm at Venice Presbyterian Church, 825 The Rialto, Venice with 10:30am morning sessions at Church of the Palms, 3224 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota. Tickets are \$10 per session and may be purchased online at sillsarasota.org. For more information, call 365•6404. Amy Burton and John Musto are shown here.





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From February 6 to March 5, Sea Grape Gallery, 113 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, will be featuring two of their artists, Beverly Yankwitt, mixed media artist, and Marlene Jones, horsehair pottery artist. Beverly Yankwitt, originally from West Virginia, began pursuing her true love of art upon retirement. She works in oils and mixed media but especially enjoys working in abstract art. As Bev explains, "I love experimental abstract art because I believe it is the most unique, original expression an artist can render." She is a Signature Member of the International Society of Experimental Artists. Marlene Jones lived in Italy for several years where she studied the works of great masters of ceramic art. Upon retirement, she returned to her personal passion of producing pottery. Her real love focuses on creating unusual horsehair pottery. As Marlene says, "there is nothing more rewarding than taking a ball of clay and forming it into something beautiful that memorializes the life of a horse." As she explains, horsehair pottery was created by Plains Indians to honor the spirit and style of their horses. You may view the artworks of all Sea Grape artists at www. seagrapegallery.com. Phone: 575•1718.



Beverly Yankwitt's painting "Tapestry."

Polka Party

Get your tickets now for the 2020 Polka Party on Sat. Feb. 8, 5 to 9pm, at the Englewood Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indiana Avenue. The Eddie Forman Orchestra (E.F.O.) will provide the music for this popular dance party. Polish-style food will be served starting at 4:30pm when the doors open. Tickets are \$16 in advance; \$18 at the door, payable by cash or money order. Tickets can be purchased in the office weekdays, 9am to noon. For more information, call 474•1404.

Party for the Arts

Venice-Nokomis Woman's Club presents "Dance Party for the Arts," a fundraiser benefitting Venice Theatre's education & outreach programs. It will be held on **Tue. February 11, 6 to 10pm**, at the American Legion Post 159, 1770 East Venice

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Mersey Beatles Are Back Four lads from Liverpool, the Mersey Beatles, return to Englewood Event Center on Wed. February 12 at 7:30pm. This time they will be performing all 20 U.S.A. #1 hits and favorites from all eras. The band was the resident band for over 15 years at the Cavern Club and is endorsed by John Lennon's sister, Julia Baird. Tickets to the event at 3069 S. McCall Road are \$49 VIP and \$29 Regular. For tickets, call 800.514.3849.



Get ready for Fun, Fun, Fun when the Beach Boys tribute band, Beach Buoys, performs on **Sat. February 15, 7pm**, at the Military Heritage Museum's Gulf Theater, 900 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 and may be purchased at freedomisntfree.org or call James at **575•9002**, ext. **5**. Hear clips of their music at beachbuoys.com.















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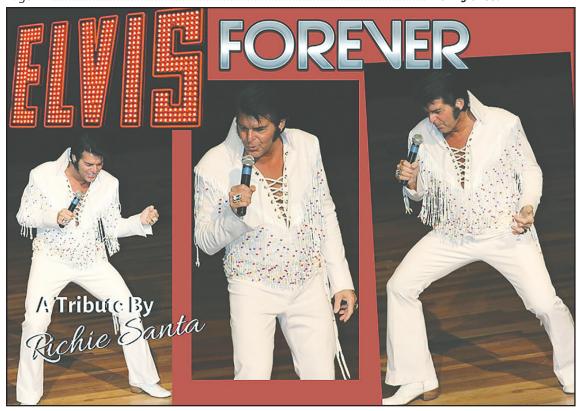
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Chicago Symphony Performs

The Sarasota Concert Association's 2020 Great Performers Series season continues Wed. February 12, 7:30pm, at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, with the acclaimed Chicago Symphony Orchestra led by Riccardo Muti. The program features Prokofiev's Suite from Romeo and Juliet and the Symphony No. 3 in

C Minor, Op. 44. Individual tickets are \$95-\$175. Tickets and information for the Great Performers Series are available by calling 225.6500 or online at www.scasarasota.org. The Van Wezel is at 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

Hermitage Free Programs The Hermitage Artist Retreat, 6630 Manasota Key Road, announces its free public

programs for February. "Literary Editing and Publishing" - Fri. February 14, 5pm, Lisa Ampleman, the managing editor of The Cincinnati Review and poetry series editor for Acre Books, will give advice about the submission process and talk about some of the challenges facing editors. "From Broadway to the Beach" - Fri. February 21, 5pm, Theater

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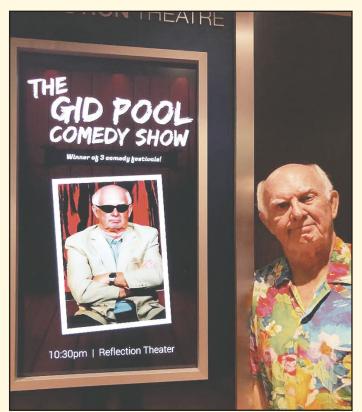
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Clean and funny comedy is coming to Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., in a big way this year. Comedy shows, comprising the Lemon Bay Comedy Festival, are headlined by professional touring comedians who regularly appear at major resorts. Gid Pool takes the stage on Sat. February 15. Gid has been a winner in 3 comedy festivals and has appeared on more than 180 TV stations. He also spends about 80 days a year working on cruise lines. On **Sat. April 18**, you can laugh along with Mark Evans. He has been touring the country for more than 20 years with his "Southern Not Stupid" approach. He appears in Las Vegas and on cruise lines. Tickets are \$23 and may be purchased online at lemonbayplayhouse.com or by calling the box office at 475.6756, weekdays 10am to 2pm. Promising you laughs are Gid Pool (top) and Mark Evans (bottom).



Composer Adam Gwon will play piano and sing his own songs, demonstrating how a musical is born and evolves from idea to stage. "Restoring Coastal Ecology & Creating a Sense of Place" - Fri. February 28, 5pm, Landscape architect Michael Gilkey will share his vision for the restoration of the Hermitage acreage habitats. Reservations are required for all

programs and can be made at hermitageartistretreat.org.

Billy Joel Tribute

Appearing at Englewood Event Center on Fri. February 14 will be "All About Soul," performing the music of Billy Joel at 7:45pm. Hear incredible renditions of Billy Joel's most popular hits such as "Moving Out," "Big Shot," "NY State



Venice Musicale presents "Music from the Heart," a concert of music "from the heart" of great composers of all kinds of music and from all nations of the world, on Thu. February 20 at 3pm in the Community Room of the William H. Jervey Public Library, 300 Nokomis Ave. South, Venice. The program features a variety of instrumental and vocal performers including 2019 Venice Musicale first place scholarship winner, cellist Jack Gallahan who is a senior at Pine View School, and new Venice Musicale member, pianist Haig Yaghoobian. Other instrumentalists on the program are saxophonist Nick McKay and pianists Jan Antholz, Betty Badawi, Sybil Broh, Mary Egbertson, Marianne Koerner, and Cynthia Schein. Vocalists performing are Donna Ambrose, Bonnie Gordon, Toni and Dick Gortz, Ken Holton, Marianne and Richard Koerner, Barbara Koning, and Bonnie Nye. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted to support Venice Musicale's scholarship program. For more information about Venice Musicale and the scholarship program, visit www. venicemusicale.org or email info@venicemusicale.org. Jack Gallahan, 2019 scholarship winner, is pictured here.

of Mind," "Piano Man," and "Allentown." Ticket prices: VIP \$29; Regular \$22 and may be purchased online at EnglewoodEventCenter.com. EEC is located at 3069 S. McCall Road.

Concert in the Park

The music of Patchouli and Terra Guitarra will entertain you at the Free Friday Night Concert on Fri. February 14, **7-9pm**, in Centennial Park, 200 W. Venice Ave., Venice. Bring chairs, blankets & picnic baskets. Presented by Venice Mainstreet, Inc.

Join the Discussion!

The Great Decisions Discussion Group meets on Mondays, 10:15am, at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. The Englewood group has been meeting for 30 years, is one of the largest groups in the

country and uses the resources provided by the Foreign Policy Association. Attendance is free and snacks are provided. The books used by the group cost \$25 and are available in the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library Bookstore, located in the entryway of the library. The group will not meet on February 3 and 17. For more information, contact Tom Pritchard at 607-282-0220.

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PAINTING FOR JOY

By Chris Cameron

Artist Diane Mannion considers her paintings as translations of the visual music of light, color and subject into an oil painting on canvas. She paints what inspires her and the results are noteworthy as she is the recipient of numerous awards including the Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine Award of Excellence, two times Bowles Portrait Award, the James Gurney Award and six-time winner of FASO Boldbrush FAV15%. Diane had the honor of a solo show at Bay Preserve in Osprey for the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast and most recently at the Ringling College of Art and Design in the Englewood Art Center. She says she has earned enough ribbons to make a curtain!

Diane's chosen medium is oil painting; however, she sketches ideas on location in watercolor, pastel or oil. She enjoys participating in Plein air groups as she finds it is more fun sketching and painting on location with others. She thinks of the sketches she does as



her "small wonders," calling them her sketching & painting exercises, like you would practice an instrument to refine and improve your skill. She may then choose to transfer them into an oil painting in her home studio, with her canine assistant Stormy overseeing the project.

Diane paints for herself but does paint portraits on commission. Her landscapes, portraits and still life paintings are exclusively represented at Hughes Gallery, 333 Park Avenue, Boca Grande. She holds memberships in Oil Painters of America, National Oil and

Acrylic Painters, American Society of Marine Artists and Portrait Society of America. Clearly, she is talented and takes her art seriously.

Diane's love of painting has been with her all her life. Her father always wanted to be an artist and her uncle did become one. Originally from New York, she studied at Pratt Institute and at State University of New York with graduate studies. For over 30 years in her career, she worked as a professional illustrator. During that time, she wrote and illustrated 12 children's books and that is

something she may return to at a future point. She relocated to Florida 20 years ago and has been active both as a painter and

an art instructor for Ringling College of Art and Design. One class that she teaches here at the Englewood Art Center is "Artist's Boot Camp," instructing students in the basics starting with pencil, charcoal and pastels. She has also produced a book "About Face," of portraits she has done over time.

Her husband, John, also has artistic gifts and uses his to design and build fine art furniture and decor. Her daughters have inherited their mother's artistic tendencies and have expressed it successfully in different visual fields.

Diane wants beginning artists to know that just like someone favoring a certain type of music,

you create your own visual composition of light, color and subject in your own signature style. Paint what inspires YOU.



If you would like to learn more about Diane's work, visit her website at DianeMannion. com for examples of her art. If interested in her classes, contact Ringling College EAC, 350 S. McCall Road at 474-5548 or at ringling.edu/EAC.

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Local Historical Society Is Saving Englewood's Heritage

By Chris Cameron

Are you interested in the local history of the Englewood area? Although Englewood's settlement history may not be as old as where you are from up north, it is certainly worth preserving and one group that has taken on this task is the Lemon Bay Historical Society. Made up of pioneer family descendants and others who enjoy local history, this volunteer group may be small but mighty.

Lemon Bay Historical Society is best associated with its heroic mission to save the historic Green Street Church. The restoration of the Green Street Church, Englewood's first church built in 1928, was started in 1988 after years of deterioration.

When the need arose to find a forever home site, they spearheaded the relocation project to next to the historic Lemon Bay Cemetery. This has been a major project for the past couple of years. Due to unexpected addon expenses, the cost still requires an additional

\$30,000 to \$40,000 to be paid off. Any donation you can

contribute would be most welcome. Work-inkind is also appreciated. Currently, they would love to see someone in the community step up and provide lawn mowing service which is an additional monthly expense.

The community also receives a special "gift" each year from the group. The Cracker Fair, a celebration of Englewood history that is held annually at the end of Lemon Bay Festival is an all-day free event that gives the community a day of food, lemon desserts, live music, pioneer demonstrations like whip cracking (from which Florida cowmen earned the nickname "Cracker") and the chance to try foods such as swamp cabbage. This year it's Sat., February 8.

Meetings are held monthly on the last Tuesday of the month featuring a program of historical interest to which the public is invited to attend. These meetings start at 7pm and are held at the Green Street Church, 501 S. Indiana

The Green Street Church is available for community use such as weddings, vow



The organization's logo was designed and carved by Robert Cashatt in 1993.

renewals and meeting sites for a suggested donation. On the day I visited, the Lemon Bay Crew Club was preparing for an event. For more information on rentals, call 305•504•7220 and leave a message.

The concept for the Historical Society formed after the 1983 Pioneer Days celebration honoring Englewood's first newspaper editor, Jo Cortes, author of "The History of Early Englewood" and Pioneer Day founder. The Lemon Bay

Historical Society was officially incorporated in 1985 as a non-profit organization whose mission was "for the specific purposes of perpetuating the legacy of the past (and) honoring the pioneer settlers of the Lemon Bay area."

> Lemon Bay **Historical Society** is a member of the History & Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County. Sarasota County is celebrating its centennial in 2021 and next year's programs and events will reflect the county's 100year history.

Although many pioneer families are represented in the organization's membership.

Lemon Bay Historical Society welcomes anyone with an interest in the local history of the Lemon Bay area, whether they are long time Englewood residents or new to the area. You don't have to be a historian. They would love to see young adults join and continue their tradition of preserving the rich history of Englewood. Membership dues are \$20 individual, \$35 family, \$10 student and \$25 Corp./non-profit organization. Currently there are approximately 130 members and they would like to see that number increase. You can sign up online at lemonbayhistory.com or at a meeting or special event.

You can learn more by visiting lemonbayhistory.com and on their Facebook page. On the website you can find some books about Englewood history offered for sale: Englewood Then and Now, Englewood Directory 1959, History of Early Englewood by Jo Cortes, Reflections of the Life and Times of Joseph Daniel Anderson, and Recipes to Remember.



Members of the Lemon Bay Historical Society relocate a fence in front of the Green Street Church. From left to right, Charlie Hicks (President,) Dwayne Karsten, Don Bayley and Larry Vantilburg.



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Wotable NEIGHBORS

By Dean M. Laux

or someone whose wife playfully volunteers that "he's not all that interesting," Jay Bilbao is, well, a very interesting guy. He's witty and always has a ready smile. He likes a good joke, even if it's on him, and he laughs at his wife's playful tease. Beyond that, Jay's intelligence comes through with the first few words he utters: "E = mc squared." (Okay, I made that part up.) His interests are ecumenical, and his life has been a peripatetic one. Just let me tell

For starters, he was born Jesus Antonio Bilbao in Cuba, first learned to speak English while a 3-year-old in Jamaica, and studied English, French and Spanish at a British private school in Venezuela. How's that for variety? He was a good student at the British school, St. George's, finishing near the top of his class. And he showed enough talent and interest in mathematics that his math teacher tutored him in calculus, which was not usually in the curriculum in those days of yore.

"I wanted to be an architect when I was in elementary school," Jay says, but he took a real shine to physics in high school, and his career interest shifted toward nuclear physics or astrophysics. When he graduated from St. George's in 1967, he matriculated at Creighton University in Omaha as a foreign student and earned a bachelor's degree in physics, including nuclear physics and quantum mechanics—but not astrophysics—in 1971.

Then a life-changing misunderstanding occurred. Says Jay: "I applied at several universities for a graduate degree, and I had heard that the University of Arizona had an excellent program in astrophysics. I sent in my application instead to Arizona State University, thinking it was the same thing as the University of Arizona. I was accepted at ASU and found out that it was too late to apply to UA ... and although ASU had a course in astrophysics, they didn't have the infrastructure-instruments and facilities needed for a degree in astrophysics."

But there was a bright side to this. He went ahead and earned a master's degree in physics at ASU in 1973. And though he didn't become an astrophysicist, in 1971 he met the love of his life, Cristina, who was studying law on a Fulbright scholarship there. The two hit it off right away and were married the next year. "When I left ASU in 1973, I didn't have any idea what I'd

A man of many talents



Jay and Cristina Bilboa.

do for a career," he claims. So he made a career for himself in the field of geophysics. Why? Well, it was a science, he needed a job, and one of the very few jobs available at the time for a Cuban-born physicist that did not require a security clearance was in Houston with Western Geophysical Company of America. It was an entrylevel position in seismic data processing, for which his interviewer told him he was overqualified. Indeed he was, and within two years he was a senior geophysical analyst with five other analysts reporting to him. "I went up the ranks very fast," Jay recalls, and that pattern continued as he continued his career in the oil industry.

In the 1970s Venezuela was in the process of nationalizing both its gas and oil industries, and Jay went back to Venezuela, the country where he grew up, to work for the Ministry of Mines. There he became one of

the 13 cofounders of INTEVEP, Venezuela's national R&D center for the oil industry, and manager of its seismic service center. INTEVEP was officially dedicated by President Carlos

Andres Perez on January 1, 1976.

Jay stayed on for six years. Then, in 1980, he began an odyssey through the oil industry that lasted for 35 more years and involved working for eight different companies at four different locations: Tulsa, Denver, Caracas and Houston. During that time he held highlevel corporate positions at Strata Search (Vice President, Processing), Mincomp Corp. (Vice President, Marketing), Maravan, S.A. (Geophysical Manager), Terra Geofisica (Owner and President), PGS Tensor (Regional Manager for Latin America), Core Laboratories (Director of Business Development for Latin America), Furgo-Jason and later Jason/CGG as regional manager for South America.

In his various capacities Jay traveled extensively throughout North and South America, logging almost 1.5 million miles on United/Continental Airlines alone. "We moved 19 times," he recalls, almost apologetically. But he and Cristina had time in their 48 years of marriage to raise four sons, all of whom are having successful careers of their own: Damian as a vice president

of British Petroleum, Matias as the owner and president of Yellowcase, a digital imaging business, Tomas as executive director of branding and communications at ASU, and Nicolas as chief corporate pilot for AIS InfoSource, a private company.

Jay retired in 2015, and he and Cristina made perhaps their final move, to Englewood, in 2016

After all that travel, they've earned a rest, haven't they? Well, guess again. "We like to travel to visit our six grandkids," Jay confesses. And Jay's a seagoer as well. "I've always liked the ocean," he says. The family had three boats during their last 12-year stay in Venezuela. He belongs to the Freedom Boat Club, has his Merchant Captain's license and is a qualified SCUBA diver and avid fisherman. "In Englewood we're close to the beach and across the street from the Boat Club," Jay notes. "And we're so happy to be among wonderful neighbors. What can be better than that?"

Well, that's not all. He's a licensed ham operator, and he's angling to get himself a good telescope for viewing our solar system (and not the neighbors). He hasn't lost his interest in astrophysics, and he'll talk Big Bang theory and particle physics with you if you're up to it.

Jay also does some volunteer work of sorts, both as a member of Captains for Clean Water and a member of the board of his homeowners' association at The Hammocks. But what his neighbors may like best about him is that he's a Mr. Fixit with lots of tools and loves to do carpentry and repair work.

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The 2020 Academy Award Nominations: Amanda is not happy.

Back in September, I saw "The Farewell," a charming and poignant story about a young Chinese-American woman and her family. This is the only fivestar movie I would see all year. I loved "The Farewell" and predicted the Oscar authorities would too. Oh, and I wasn't alone. The movie had a 98% "Fresh" rating on rottentomatoes. com. For those of you unfamiliar with the popular film website, that means nearly every reviewer in the tomatosphere recommended "The Farewell."

Imagine my surprise when the Academy Award nominations were announced and "The Farewell" received zero nominations. That is despite being nominated for dozens of awards, winning many, including the Best Actress Award for star Awkwafina at the Golden Globes and best film from the AFI (American Film Institute).

Of all the snubs for "The Farewell," the worst is the lack of a nod for Best Original Screenplay for writer/director Lulu Wang. I haven't seen all the nominated films, but I did see "Knives Out" and I can promise you, while entertaining, Wang's screenplay is infinitely better. As snubs go, this is right up there with Ben Affleck not getting a Best Director nod for 2012's "Argo" which was super awkward when the movie won for Best Picture.

Could this be because more than half the movie is in Chinese with subtitles? I'd say yes, except the Korean film "Parasite" which I haven't seen yet, is nominated for Best Picture, Director and Screenplay, among other awards. All I know is "The Farewell" is my Best Picture of the year and it's available for less than \$5 on Redbox and Amazon.

Also in September, I saw "Hustlers," a good movie with a great performance by Jennifer Lopez, who was also snubbed by the Academy for Best Supporting Actress. Since the movie was about strippers, this lack of recognition didn't surprise me but

it sure irked the free world. How dare they ignore the goddess J Lo? They didn't realize that there's a rule that Kathy Bates has to be nominated for every



movie she does so Bates got a nomination for "Richard Jewell" and Lopez will have to live with having a hot career, a famous athlete boyfriend, and a body that makes every other 50-year-old (and 40 and 30-year-old) want to hide in a closet.

The Academy's commitment to ignoring great comedic performances means that Emma Thompson was passed over for "Late Night" and Eddie Murphy for "Dolemite is My Name." At least Eddie can say, "Well I didn't get nominated but neither did Robert DeNiro." By the way, don't even ask me how that happened. DeNiro's work in "The Irishman" is his best in decades, and keeps the film moving for its 27-hour running time.

"Amanda," you say, "where do I watch these nominated films?"

Lucky for you, if you haven't seen all these movies, you still have time before the Academy Awards broadcast on Feb. 9 on ABC to catch up.

"The Irishman," "Marriage Story" and "The Two Popes" snagged a total of 24 nominations and all three are Netflix films. Watch all three and you knock off six nominated performances. Netflix is home to Best Documentary nominees

"American Factory" and "The Edge of Democracy." What a great opportunity to impress your friends as you watch the Oscars at a house party. "You know I

saw "The Edge of Democracy" and I feel that it was not as nuanced as "American Factory" which I also saw."

Over on Amazon, you can watch Antonio Banderas's Best Actor turn in "Pain and Glory" for no charge if you have Prime. Also on Prime, Documentary nominee "For Sama."

"The Farewell" is available on Demand on Redbox and other streaming services and "Dolemite is my Name," is a lot of fun and also on Netflix. It's a must for Eddie Murphy fans.

With "Frozen 2" not making the cut for Best Animated Feature, you might have some catching up to do. "Missing Link" and "How to Tame Your Dragon: The Hidden World" are both available on Hulu. "Klaus" is on Netflix, as is "I Lost My Body." Yeah, I never heard of

"Toy Story 4."

You don't have much time to catch up. Use it wisely. I guess I'll finally see "The Joker" which got 11 Oscar nominations – if

you're doing the math – that's 11

more than "The Farewell."

them either." Unfortunately for

all of them, they're up against

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Living in close proximity to one's neighbors has its benefits. But many homeowners would no doubt admit that privacy at home is a good thing.

Whether homeowners are enjoying their yard in spring or summer or simply want their in-home activities to be less obvious to neighbors, their privacy is a year-round concern. If privacy is a concern, homeowners can take certain steps to ensure their homes stay or become the sanctuaries they were designed to be.

WINDOW TREATMENTS AND FROSTING

Windows allow natural light to enter a home, but windows also enable neighbors and others to see into a home. If thieves are the ones looking inside, wide open windows present a security issue. Window treatments are an effective way to add privacy to a home. Closing curtains or blinds limits others' ability to see inside the house. Switch to more opaque window treatments when using interior lighting

more often, as gossamer draperies may still make it possible for outsiders to understand what's going on inside the home if people and items are backlit.

For those who do not want to compromise natural light, frosted windows can satisfy a desire for privacy. Windows can be purchased with frosting in place, and home improvement retailers sell various products that can create a frosted look.

FENCING AND PERIMETER PLANTINGS

Florida privet is a fast-growing evergreen that provide privacy around a home for homeowners who do not want to install traditional fencing. These also provide a natural habitat for various



Fencing and well-placed plantings can improve privacy for homeowners who desire it.

yard animals. Layering various plants of different heights and textures also can create a more natural and less imposing look.

Fencing remains a viable option to create privacy and stop noise pollution. Privacy fences come in various materials, colors and sizes, enabling homeowners to choose styles that fit their landscapes.

PERGOLAS AND ENCLOSED PATIOS

Homeowners who like to entertain outdoors may want to make their outdoor living spaces more private. Pergolas allow light to filter through but obstruct direct view of patio activity, especially when combined with some gauzy draperies hanging on the sides. An enclosed patio or three-season room can be a worthwhile addition for homeowners who like to enjoy the great outdoors without being in the elements or on display for neighbors. Structures vary from screened-in porches to greenhouses to removable gazebos. Potted plants or trailing vines can soften the structural edges and help the privacy devices blend in with the natural surroundings.

PERSONAL TACTICS

Homeowners who do not want their neighbors or others knowing what they're up to in their free time can limit what they share through photos and descriptions on social media. Doing so also cuts down on neighbors' curiosity.

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Top-dressing empty beds with a layer of mulch or compost can prevent weed growth and preserve moisture until it is time to plant. If existing shrubs or plants are in garden beds, use more care so as not to disturb roots or dig too deeply.

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WHAT TO PLANT

Annuals/Bedding plants: Good performers in South Florida's mild winter include impatiens, verbena, dianthus, strawflower, and lobelia.

Bulbs: Many bulbs can be planted now. Divide large, crowded clumps, Provide adequate water for establishment. Some examples include Amazon lily, crinum, and agapanthus.

Groundcovers: Consider replacing areas of grass with drought-tolerant, lowmaintenance groundcovers.

Vegetables: Winter vegetable gardening is in full swing. Last month to plant cantaloupes, cucumbers, eggplant, lettuce, peppers, spinach, and tomatoes for a late spring harvest. Protect crops in the unlikely event of a frost or freeze.



WHAT TO DO

Lawns: Fertilize lawn grasses to improve color or coverage. Choose a fertilizer (not a "weed and feed") with no or very little phosphorus unless a soil test indicates the need for it. A fertilizer with controlled-release nitrogen provides longer-lasting results.



Roses: Prune roses this month to remove damaged canes and improve the overall form. After pruning, fertilize and apply a fresh layer of mulch. Blooming will begin 8-9 weeks after pruning.

Shrubs and palms: Fertilize shrubs and palms by spreading fertilizer evenly over the soil surface and watering it in. Follow with a fresh layer of mulch to conserve moisture and reduce weeds. Delay pruning any colddamaged branches until new growth starts. Lawns: Apply a pre-emergence weed killer (not a "weed and feed") to lawns late this month to prevent germination of warm-season weed seeds. Apply when temperatures rise to 65°F for 4–5 days. Timing





is important for good control. Avocados and mangos: Diseasesusceptible varieties of avocado and

mango may require applications of copper fungicide.

Citrus: Fertilize now if not done in January. Frequency and amount of fertilization depend on the age of the tree.

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

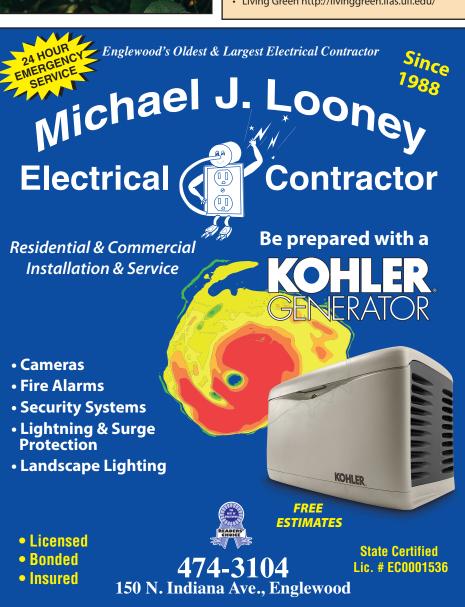


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Donuts at Event Center

Abbe's Donut Nook is relocating to the Englewood Event Center, 3059 S. McCall Road, on Sat. February 1. Hours will be from 6am to 1pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Stop by for the Grand Re-Opening on Sat. Feb. 1

to enter drawings for tickets to upcoming performances at Englewood Event Center. Phone: 208.5301.

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Made in the Shade Ice Cream treated guests to pizza and drinks as part of their one-year anniversary on Fri. January 17. The owners, Becky Taubel and Michael Devroy, participated in a ribbon-cutting at the store in Eason Plaza, 2411 S. McCall Road, Suite 5. This locally owned and operated ice cream shop serves Hershey's ice cream, Yoders Southern Creamery and Blue Bell ice cream. Besides ice cream cones, sodas and sundaes, they offer candy, cotton candy, shaved ice, cheesecake, key lime pie and edible cookie dough. Have you tried their bacon sundae? The shop is open **Monday**-Thursday, 2 to 9pm and Friday-Sunday, noon to 9pm. Phone: 681-2204.



The Englewood Area Board of REALTORS® (EABOR) held their first New Member Orientation of the year on Tuesday, January 14. The Board welcomed ten new agents to its membership. EABOR REALTORS® are more than agents, they are professional members of The National Association of REALTORS®. By becoming a member of NAR, they are part of America's largest trade association, representing 1.3 million members. EABOR has been the local voice for real estate since 1962. EABOR's mission statement is clear: "To protect private property rights and help EABOR maintain the highest standards of professionalism and integrity and achieve the maximum level of success for their profession and community". Pictured: Back row (left to right:) Anthony Rigali of Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty, Joshua Zuder of Gulf Realty & Associates, LLC., Tiffany Clarke of EXP Realty, LLC., Wayne Cherry of Program Realty, LLC., and Devan McKinney of Tall Pines Realty. Front row (left to right:) Aubrey Jackson Sr. of Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty, Donna Lillo of Paradise Exclusive, Inc., Karlee Fielding of Keller Williams Realty Gold, and Deanna Devine of Paradise Exclusive, Inc. Keep in touch with EABOR on social media by following them on Twitter, Facebook, and on Instagram @EABORFL.

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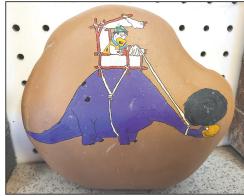
By Chris Cameron

"We Will Rock You" was the title of a popular song by Queen. But there is a business in Englewood that will really **rock** you and they are getting ready for celebrate their 25th anniversary. So, add Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14 & 15 to your calendar and come out to Murdock Stone and help them celebrate.

Murdock Stone was started in 1995 at the Port Charlotte store by a father and son team who recognized the need for landscaping material in the area. As the business thrived with the growing housing industry, a second location was added in Englewood to meet the need of this area's population.

Murdock Stone is recognized as the place to go for all your landscaping material needs. People are amazed by the selection. Decorative rock & shell, accent stone, functional rock, mulch & bark, sod, sand, soil, pavers, dock piling cut-offs and railroad ties, commercial grade weed block, landscaping tools and even boulders, yard ornaments and statues to place in the finished beds! The variety of decorative rock includes Mexican beach pebbles, rip rap, slate, Santorini white boulders, Rosso pebbles, Caribbean green, firelite, tumbled glass and various river rocks. Check out the large Caribbean green boulders – they are beautiful! Their most popular item sold is driveway stone as so many people require additional parking space on their property. Materials are sold in bulk and by the bag.

Murdock Stone remains family-owned and promises to provide the best possible service in a friendly and professional manner. As general manager,



A grateful rock artist painted this appropriate Fred Flintstone rock for Murdock Stone.

Brian McVety explains, "I intend to stay here until I retire, so I focus on insuring people are happy with our products." Other employees have 3 to 18 years tenure with the company so this is a business where

people enjoy working, too. Murdock Stone has been voted the Sun Herald's best of Charlotte Finalist for the last two years in the Lawn & Garden Supplies category.

Brian adds that since there are two locations. they never run short on supply, so your order can always be filled. Plus, they have everything you need supply-wise to get the project done. They serve Sarasota, Charlotte and

DeSoto counties and delivery is available. When you visit Murdock Stones, it is helpful to bring the measurements for your landscaping project to save a return trip.



Murdock Stone offers military statues along with other statues and lawn ornaments.

So, come on out for the 25th anniversary celebration on February 14-15 and see all Murdock Stone has to offer. Enjoy refreshments, drawings and receive valuable coupons. Murdock Stone is located at 7621 Sawyer Circle (off Gasparilla Road) in South Gulf

Are you a fan of rock painting? This is a great source of rocks for clubs, schools and other organizations who want to offer a fun craft project.

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Street, Port Charlotte. At the Englewood location, look for the world's largest mailbox at the entrance (yes, it is the largest actively used mailbox in the world.) Store hours are weekdays 8am to 5pm and Saturday 8am to noon. You can also visit them at murdockstonesetc.com or phone 698-9769.



Using tumbled glass and other materials, McVety's wife created this pond.









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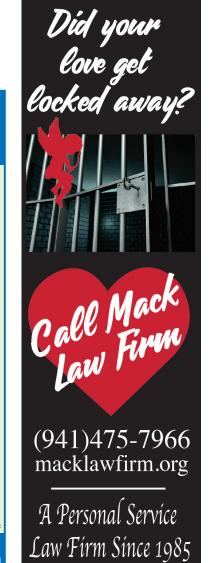


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Fun Auction

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 113 is hosting a Fun

Auction on Sat. February 1 at the Post, 3436 Indiana Road. The auction starts at 11am and

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The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club presented a check in the amount of \$500 to Peace River K9 Search & Rescue at their January meeting. The donation was in part from the proceeds of the club's Annual Holiday Tea. Pictured are Debbie Maki, Peace River K9 Search and Rescue; Clare Imrie, club Second VP; Joyce Crumpton, club Correspondence Secretary; and Julie Starbuck from Peace River K9 Search and Rescue.

will be calling winners at 1pm. Special auction items will be available from local businesses along with gorgeous homemade items, delicious bake sale items and special prizes. There will be food available. Free admission and open to the public. For more info, call the Post at 697.3616.

Orchid Show & Sale

Thousands of blooming orchids will be on display at the 53rd annual Venice Area Orchid Society Show & Sale on Sat. February 1, 10am to 5pm & Sun. Feb. 2, 10am to 4pm. The show takes place at the Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice. Admission \$5. Learn more at www.vaos.org.

Super Bowl Party!

Come watch the Super Bowl on Sun. February 2 at the Englewood Elks, 401 N. Indiana Avenue. They will be doing squares. There will be a dinner

buffet from 5:30 to 7pm where

you can feast on Sloppy Joes,



Dr. Karen Helmick, Sue Hofgrefe and Carol DeGulis are new members of the Business and Professional Women/Englewood and Venice (BPWEV). They were inducted into the organization at the January 21 dinner meeting by 2nd Vice President Debra Straw in a traditional ceremony and received a warm welcome by the membership. BPWEV meets every third Tuesday of each month at the Plantation Golf and Country Club. The mission of BPWEV is: "To achieve equity for all women through Advocacy, Education and Information. All BPWEV meetings are open to the public and quests are always welcome. For more information go to: www.bpwev. org. Debra Shaw - 2nd BPWEV Vice President (on left) is shown here with new members Dr. Karen Helmick, Sue Hofgrefe and Carol DeGulis.









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St. Raphael CCW Fashion Show

The St. Raphael Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be sponsoring a "Cruising the Seas" Fashion Show on Wed. February 5, 11:30am, at the Waverly Restaurant, 2095 N. Beach Rd. The fashion show will benefit local charities. Last year's recipients included Kids Needs, Meals on Wheels, FISH of Englewood and Englewood Community Care Clinic. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in the parish office, 770 Kilbourne Avenue, or by contacting Sue Salveggio at 508-308-1380.

Monthly Card Party

The next Saint Francis Women's Guild card party will be held on Wed. February 5. Doors open at 11am with a lunch served after 11:30am. Play cards or games until 2:30pm at the Parish Hall located at 5265 Placida Road. Please make your reservations by Mon. February 3 by going to www.sfoachurch.com - Parish Forms - Card Party - Reservation form please fill out the entire form and be sure to scroll to the bottom of page and hit the "SUBMIT" button OR you may call 697-4899 ext. 6 and leave a message with your name, phone number, the number of people and the size of the table you need. Tickets are \$8 and includes your lunch, drinks, playing time and door prizes. All are welcome to attend.

Let's Play Bingo!

Everyone is invited to the weekly Bingo games at the St. Francis of Assisi Church Parish Hall located at 5265 Placida Road. The doors open at 9:30am and the early bird games start at 10am. Lunch is available for purchase. Please mark your calendars for the February games which will be held on Thursdays Feb. 6, 13 and 27. Bring a friend and/or neighbor – the more players, the bigger the prizes! Please call **697•4899**, **hit 6** and leave a message and your phone number. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Monthly Meeting

AMVETS 777 Ladies Auxiliary will have its monthly meeting on Mon. February 10 at 5:30pm at the Post located at 3386 N. Access Rd. The Post encourages membership to those interested in making new friends and working towards helping Veterans in the area who are less fortunate and need assistance. This is a growing organization and you can be a part of it. Please contact Tina Bond, 1st Vice President, at amvetsaux777fl@gmail.com or 330.618.7295 for further information about membership.

Bunco Fun

AMVETS Post 777 and the AMVETS

Ladies Auxiliary, Englewood, will have an afternoon of BUNCO on Wed. February 19 from 1 to 3 pm in the meeting room. Everyone is invited to join the fun at the Post, 3386 N. Access Rd. The cost is \$5 to play. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and the proceeds go to the Lemon Bay High School HOBY scholarship fund. Please contact Susan at **681-2001** or susankirav@ gmail.com for any further information.

Rummage Sale

The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's

Club will sponsor a rummage sale on Fri. February 28 from 9am to noon at the Rotonda West Community Center at 646 Rotonda Circle. Household items. clothing, craft items, jewelry, books and baked goods will be available. All proceeds will benefit the Englewood Community Care Clinic, Englewood Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity and the GFWC RWWC General Fund.

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Nature Calls

Nature Walks at Stump Pass Join a knowledgeable park volunteer for a walk along the beach and on the nature trail at Stump Pass Beach Park at the southern end of Manasota Key on Thu. Feb 6, 9am to 11:30am. Learn about native barrier island plants and animals on this 3-mile walk. Bring water, sunscreen and insect repellent. No RSVP needed. Free with park entry (\$3 per vehicle.) Meet at picnic pavilion near the ranger's station. Additional walks are scheduled

Wildlife Landscaping

for 9am on Feb. 20 and Feb.

27. For more information, email

Mary.Mazyck@FloridaDEP.gov.

"Landscaping for Wildlife with Native Plants" is the topic for the February monthly meeting on Tue. Feb. 11 of the Mangrove Chapter FNPS, held at Lemon Bay Park, 570 Bay Park Blvd. Award winning landscape designer, naturalist and owner of Sweet Bay Nursery, Tom Heitzman, will be the speaker. Tom has been working to preserve and plant Real Florida for decades. The monthly meeting begins at 6:15pm with the program at 7pm. For more information, visit mangrove. fnpschapters.org.

Blind Pass Nature Walk Join Bill Dunson on a nature walk on Thu. Feb. 13, 9-11am, at Blind Pass/Middle Beach, 6725 Manasota Beach Rd. The walk reveals very nice examples of diverse coastal habitats (mangroves, upland hammocks and beaches) in this study of the ecology of a barrier island ecosystem and the part birds play. Meet on the northern side of the parking lot.

Exotic Plants

Al Squires, Mangrove Chapter Florida Native Plant Society, presents "Invaders from Afar; Invasive Exotic Plants in Florida" on **Thu. Feb. 13, 10am,** at Bayshore Live Oak Park, 23157 Bayshore Rd., Charlotte Harbor. Free. RSVP to **475•0769**.

Manasota Scrub EcoWalk

Join UF/IFAS Extension for an EcoWalk at Manasota Scrub Preserve on **Thu. February 13, 9 to 11am**. Learn what makes this area so unique and important and about the wildlife that call



This alligator was sunning itself on the golf course at Boca Royale or had it just eaten the person using the sand rake?

Photo: Ken Hubley of Englewood.

it home. Register for this free walk at ufsarasotaext.eventbrite. com. Manasota Scrub Preserve is located at 2695 Bridge Street (off Manasota Beach Road.) Meet at the boardwalk parking lot on the left after turning onto Bridge Street. For questions, call **861•5000**.

Florida Scrub Jay Lecture

Join Florida Master Naturalist, Kate Borduas, as she discusses "Florida Scrub Jays: Species in Peril" on **Sat. Feb.15, 10am,** at Bayshore Live Oak Park, 23157 Bayshore Rd., Pt. Charlotte. Florida's only endemic bird is in real danger of extinction, so learn what you can do to help save what Cornell Lab of Ornithology has called a "Species of the Century." Free. Reservations recommended at **475•0769**.

Cooking with Chef Warren

Award-winning cookbook author & celebrity chef Warren Caterson presents great cooking tips and delicious food samples in "Seafood 101" on **Thu. Feb. 27, 5-6:30pm** at Cedar Point Env. Park, 2300 Placida Road. Learn how to prepare your fresh catch or market find. This is a fundraiser for Charlotte Harbor Enivronmental Center. Cost \$12 (\$8 Friends of CHEC.) Must RSVP to **475-0769**.

Explore Amberjack ParkThe February walk with the

Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society takes place on Sat. February 29, 9am, at Amberjack Environmental Park, 4650 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. The public is welcome at this free guided walk through the preserve of unique scrub and pine flatwood habitats, including plants such as Florida rosemary, sky blue lupine and Dahoon holly. The wetlands & Lemon Lake attract many species of birds. Learn more at mangrove. fnpschapters.org. For questions, call 769.3633.

CHEC Events

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) and the Charlotte County Natural Resource Department will be conducting the following upcoming free programs. Unless noted, all walks begin at 9am. All programs can be found at www.ChecFlorida.org. To sign up or further information, call Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road at 475•0769.

Kayak Excursions

Visit the waters of Lemon Bay via guided kayak trip on this free kayak excursion leaving from Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Rd., on **Tue. Feb.** 11, 9am to noon. After an intro program on safety, participants will walk to Lemon Bay where

kayaks await them. Search for marine life during the paddle. All kayak equipment provided. Ages 16 and above. Must register in advance by calling 475•0769. Also offered on Tue. Feb. 18, 9am to noon.

Oyster Creek Walk

Enjoy a guided walk through old growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe at Oyster Creek/Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park on Sat. Feb. 1, 9am. Meet at the San Casa entrance. Also offered Sat. Feb. 8 and Tue. Feb. 11 at 9am.

Amberjack Guided Walk

Explore Amberjack
Environmental Park with a
Florida Naturalist on **Sat. Feb.**1 at **9am**. Meet in the parking
lot at the end of Gasparilla Pines
Blvd. Also offered **Fri. Feb. 14**at **9am**.

Bill Coy/Buck Creek Preserve Join Denise Hart on a guided walk at Bill Coy/Buck Creek Preserve on Tue. Feb. 4 at 9am. The scrubby flatwoods & mangrove swamp border Buck Creek which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in parking lot. Also offered Wed. Feb. 12 and Mon. Feb. 17 at 9am.

Birding Walk

Join Mike Weisensee on a birding walk on **Tues. February** 4 at **9am** through the scrub and

pine flatwoods of Amberjack Environmental Park, 6450 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. For more information, call 475•0769.

Walk at Tippecanoe

On Wed. Feb. 5, a Florida Naturalist will lead a guided walk through Tippecanoe Environmental Park to explore scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh and wetlands habitat. Meet behind the Charlotte County Sports Park at 9am. Also offered Thu. Feb. 20 at 9am.

Edible Landscaping

On Wed. Feb. 5, 10am, Allisa Barret from ECHO will provide an overview of ECHO's impact through agriculture in "Edible Landscaping & Sustainability" at Bayshore Live Oak Park, 23157 Bayshore Rd., Charlotte Harbor. Free. Call to RSVP to 475•0769.

Seagrass Adventures

Join a Seagrass Adventure Wading Trip at Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Rd., at **9am** on **Thu. February 6**. After a short program on aquatic environments, you will walk to Lemon Bay where, using dip nets and hand viewers, you will wade into the bay shallows in search of the plants and animals that reside there. Children must be accompanied by adult. Preregistration is necessary – call **475•0769**.

Birding Walk

Join Jean Leavett on a birding walk through Tippecanoe Environmental Park on **Tue. Feb.** 11 at 8am. Look for birds in the habitats of scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh and wetlands. Meet behind the Charlotte County Sports Park.

Tippecanoe II Preserve Walk

Join Al Squires on a guided walk through Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve in Port Charlotte on Fri. Feb. 14 at 9am. The preserve is home to several families of Florida scrub jay. Meet in parking lot. Also offered Mon. Feb. 20 at 9am.

SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS

The Greater Charlotte Harbor Sierra Club is offering the following outings. All outings are open to the public and free of charge. Voluntary donations to the Sierra Club are gratefully

accepted. PFD stands for Personal Floatation Device. Please contact the Outings leader by calling the phone number listed in the outing description. For more info, contact the Charlotte Sierra Club at **423•2713** or email allainhale@hotmail.com.

Sat. Feb. 1 – Kayak Myakkahatchee Creek 10am to 1pm. An easy paddle for families and kids and offers a midway rest top before continuing up into wilder areas. Must provide own watercraft, PFD and be able to swim. Must RSVP to 423-2713.

Sun. Feb. 2 – Paddle Myrtle Slough in Charlotte County, 9am to 1-2pm. Jim Story will lead through a freshwater jungle near Charlotte Harbor, then on to Shell Creek waterfall and dam. Must provide own watercraft, PFD and be able to swim. Free. RSVS to Jim Story - **505**•**8904**.

Wed. Feb. 12 – Paddle the lower Peace River, 9am to 3pm, as Rick Fried leads us past phosphate dock ruins and bird rookeries. Lunch at the Nav-A-Gator Restaurant before returning by a different route. Must provide own watercraft, PFD and be able to swim. Reserve at 637.8805.

Sat. Feb. 15 – Morning nature walk at Prairie Creek Preserve from 9 to 11am. Pam & Chris Henry lead through a mixture of upland habitats. For more info, call Pam at 888.0468 or email MyNewt22@yahoo.com.

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



















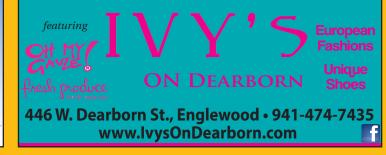




















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Citizens Group Supports Local Beach State Parks

By Chris Cameron

You may not have heard of Barrier Island Parks Society but this group has become a very valuable asset for our beach area state parks: Stump Pass Beach State Park, Don Pedro State Park, Cayo Costa State Park, and Gasparilla Island State Park with the Port Boca Lighthouse and Museum. Barrier Island Park Society (BIPS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit Citizen Support Organization, one of the largest in Florida. They support the state parks by providing funding for park projects and volunteer hours to supplement the lack in the parks' state funding. Their mission is to "Inspire, Educate, Preserve."

BIPS members and Friends want to preserve the natural landscape and historic treasures of the parks they are affiliated with. They act as stewards in the hope that these areas will be enjoyed by future generations.

The idea was conceptualized in 1989 by Marnie Banks, editor of the Boca Beacon, who wanted to restore the Boca Grande Lighthouse that became active in 1890 and turn it into a museum full of Charlotte Harbor history. She and other local citizens learned that the best way to achieve this was by forming a Citizens Support Organization. This was successfully done and the museum provides a glimpse of what life was like throughout the early history of Gasparilla Island. Another restoration project that was successfully completed more recently by BIPS was the Gasparilla Island Lighthouse. It took years of perseverance through the process of getting the Coast Guard Lighthouse decommissioned and turned over to BIPS so it could be restored, followed by raising the funds to do so. It is now open to the public for scheduled lighthouse climbs. Future plans include creating museums on Cayo Costa and in the Amory Memorial Chapel at Gasparilla Island State Park.

Another part of the BIPS mission is to educate the public about the wonderful and fragile ecosystem that exists around us. They offer wading adventures to identify marine life, specialized educational



Executive Director Sharon McKenzie at the Boca Grande Museum.

programs, interpretative displays, forums on subjects such as Red

Tide and water pollution and act as docents at the Port Boca Museum. Volunteers act as beach ambassadors, answering questions and educating the public on the environment.

The group receives no government funding and it raises the funds used to benefit the state parks by operating two retail shops, one in the Boca Grande Lighthouse museum and a camp store on Cayo Costa. Donations, BIPS membership dues, grants obtained from various groups and partners such as Mote Marine, Coastal Wildlife Club and Lee County Tourism Bureau enable the group to carry out park enhancement and educational projects.

There are currently two "Friends" groups: one for Cayo Costa State Park and one for Stump Pass Beach State Park. These groups raise money for those state parks and undertake various projects and tasks to assist in the preservation and maintenance of the parks.

There are many volunteer opportunities that anyone who wants to help BIPS in its mission to preserve, educate and conserve the environment and history of the lighthouses and four state parks. Consider becoming a docent/tour guide, record keeper, grant writer, gift shop clerk, museum greeter, program speaker/guide, photographer or maintenance worker.



The restoration of the Gasparilla Lighthouse was accomplished thanks to BIPS.

BIPS partners with Gasparilla Island Administration (GIA,) the park office and reports to the state of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection. There are nine full and part time staff members and a board of directors. Sharon McKenzie is the executive director. She is seeking members of the public to share their stories of the barrier islands and any photos they have to help fill in the gaps in this area's history.

You can learn more about BIPS at barrierislandparkssociety.org or by calling 964•0060.



A BIPS volunteer cleans and polishes the light at the Gasparilla Lighthouse.



Executive Director, Sharon McKenzie, on the steps of the Boca Grande Lighthouse that houses a historical museum and gift shop.

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PLEASE NOTE: POSTED EVENTS MUST BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

FRI JANUARY 31

Climb Port Boca Grande Lighthouse Port Boca Grande Lighthouse & Museum, 880 Belcher Rd.

11AM-3PM. 964-0060 When is the Last Time Someone Read You a Story? Hermitage Artist Retreat, 6660 Manasota Key

Rd. 5-6PM aya@hermitage-fl.org Live Music: Dean Johanesen & The 24 Hour Men Mango Bistro. 301 W. Dearborn St. 6:45-9:45PM

Menopause The Musical Venice Theatre, 140 W. Tampa Ave. 7:30-9:30PM. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; 2PM Sunday. Runs thru Sunday, February 2. 488-1115

SAT FEBRUARY 1

681-3500

Fellowship Church Men's Prayer Breakfast 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 8-9AM 475-7447

Oak Forest Rummage Sale Oak Forest Subdivision, Rte. 776 & Yosemite Dr. 8AM-12PM 630-217-8950

Closet of Hope Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 McCall Rd. 9:30AM-12PM 697-1747

Fun Auction American Legion Post #113, 3436 Indiana Rd. 11AM-2PM 697-3616

Cruisin' on Dearborn W. Dearborn St. 2-8PM 777-3161

Live Music: Frost & Ross Mango Bistro, 301 W. Dearborn St. 6:45-9:45PM 681-3500

For The Love of Cash/Tribute to Johnny Cash Englewood Event Center, 3069 S. McCall Rd. 7-10PM 270-3324

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Climb Gasparilla Island Lighthouse Gasparilla Island Lighthouse, 220 Gulf Blvd. 10AM-4PM 964-0060

MON FEBRUARY 3

Courage Over Cancer Gulf Cove United Methodist Church 1100 McCall Rd. 8:30AM & 3PM 697-1747

TUE FEBRUARY 4

Men's Fellowship Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 S. McCall Rd. 8-10AM 697-1747

Englewood Computer Users Group Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St. 1-3PM 698-0036

WED FEBRUARY 5

Climb Gasparilla Island Lighthouse Gasparilla Island Lighthouse, 220 Gulf Blvd. 10AM-4PM 964-0060

Fashion Show The Waverly Restaurant, 2095 N. Beach Rd. 11:30AM-2PM 508-308-1380

THUR FEBRUARY 6 Stress-free Guide to Writing Your

Memoir (for the non-writer) **Englewood Chamber of** Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Ave. 4-5pm 814-873-3836

FRI FEBRUARY 7

DIY with Seaside Tringali Park, 3460 N. Access Rd. 4-6PM 313-3337

Live Music: The Shark Sisters Mango Bistro, 301 W. Dearborn St. 6:45-9:45PM 681-3500

Yard Sale: A Musical About Junk

Venice Theatre, 140 W. Tampa Ave. 7:30-9:30PM. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; 2PM Sunday. Runs thru Thursday, February 20, 488-1115

SAT FEBRUARY 8

Country Breakfast Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St. 7:30AM-11AM

Manta Market Fine Arts and

Crafts Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Rd. 9AM-2PM Mantamarket@comcast.net

Live Music: Swingtide Combo Mango Bistro, 301 W. Dearborn St. 6:45-9:45PM 681-3500

SUN FEBRUARY 9

Climb Gasparilla Island Lighthouse Gasparilla Island Lighthouse. 220 Gulf Blvd. 10AM-4PM 964-0060

Fellowship Church Young Families Fellowship Worship Center, 100 Rotonda Blvd. E. 4:30-6PM 475-7447

MON FEBRUARY 10 AMVETS 777 Auxiliary Meeting

AMVETS Post 777, 3386 N. Access Rd. 5:30-7PM 330-618-7295

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

WED FEBRUARY 12

Climb Gasparilla Island Lighthouse Gasparilla Island Lighthouse, 220 Gulf Blvd. 10AM-4PM 964-0060

Englewood Authors Elsie Ouirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St. 5-7:30PM 941-662-5784

THUR FEBRUARY 13

Nature Walk Blind Pass Park, 6725 Manasota Key Rd. 9-11AM wdunson@comcast.net

FRI FEBRUARY 14

The Gottfried Creek Duo Perfor-

mances Lemon Bay Park Meeting Room, 570 Bay Park Blvd, 11:30AM-1:30PM 248-762-0211

Sip & Shop J McLaughlin Boca Grande, 360 Park Ave 1-5PM 964-0060

Live Music: Fever Tree

Mango Bistro, 301 W. Dearborn St. 6:45-9:45PM 681-3500

SAT FEBRUARY 15

Live Music: Alex Ross & The Moio Revival Mango Bistro, 301 W. Dearborn St. 6:45-9:45PM 681-3500

SUN FEBRUARY 16

Jerry Salley Concert Fellowship Church Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 8:30-11:45AM 475-7447

Climb Gasparilla Island Lighthouse Gasparilla Island Lighthouse, 220 Gulf Blvd. 10AM-4PM 964-0060

MON FEBRUARY 17

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

WED FEBRUARY 19

Climb Gasparilla Island Lighthouse Gasparilla Island Lighthouse, 220 Gulf Blvd. 10AM-4PM 964-0060

AMVETS 777 Auxiliary BUNCO Fun AMVETS Post 777, 3386 N. Access Rd.1-3PM 681-2001

THUR FEBRUARY 20

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

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY DAY

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

MON-SAT

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

Manasota Beach Yoga Manasota Key Beach, 8570 Manasota Key Rd. 9-9:30AM 313-0358

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MON, TUE, THUR, FRI

Table Tennis Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9:30AM-1PM 861-1980

Open Play Pickleball Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 1-4PM 861-1980

MON, WED, FRI

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

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

Beginners/Improvers Line Dance Class American Legion Post 113, 2326 Indiana Rd. 9:30-11:30AM 697-8733

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

Dynamic Walking Fitness

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

Yoga for Every Body Ann and Chuck Dever Recreation Center, 6961 San Casa Dr. 6:30-7:30PM 615-545-2101

MON, THUR, FRI

Co-Dependents Anonymous Oasis Alana Club, 2936 S. McCall Rd. 11:30AM-1PM 474-4190

MON & THUR

Yarn Therapy A Bit O'Yarn, 232 N. Indiana Ave. 5-8PM 460-1958

TUES & THURS

Zumba with Laurentz

Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park. 6961 San Casa Dr. 8:30-9:30AM 237-8983

Badminton Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9AM-12PM 861-1980

Boogie Chair Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6961 San Casa Dr. 9:45-10:30AM 237-8983

WED, THUR, FRI

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

WED - SUN

Wine Tasting Catania's Winery, 524 Paul Morris Dr., Ste B 12-6PM 475-7553

MONDAYS

Craft Boutique Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple St. 9:30-11:30AM 681-2048

Creative Magic of Mosaics Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay, 452 W. Dearborn St. 1-5PM 258-6873

Ballroom Dance Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 4-5PM 496-9692

Line Dance - Beginners Dance Etc., 3372 North Access Rd. 4:30-5:30PM 769-5008

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

Zumba with Laurentz Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6961 San Casa Dr. 6-7PM 237-8983

Music Jam Session Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Ave. 6-8PM, weather permitting

H2U Yoga for Strength Suncoast Auditorium, 700 Medical Blvd. 6:30-7:30PM 266-8222

TUESDAYS

Free Donuts & Coffee Edward Jones Office, 501 S. Indiana Ave. 7:30-10:30AM 473-1053

Yoga for Every Body Ann and Chuck Dever Recreation Center, 6961 San Casa Dr. 8-9AM 615-545-2101

Hawaiian Hula Dance Etc., 3372 N. Access Rd. 9-11AM 474-6412

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Friend to Friend GCUMC Fellowship, 1100 McCall Rd. 1-3pm 697-1747

Majic of Watercolors Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay, 452 W. Dearborn St. 1-4PM 474-8833

TACOS & TUNES - Open Mic Night Mango Bistro, 301 W. Dearborn St. 6-8:30PM 500-3443

Salsa Dance Etc., 3372 North Access Rd. 7-8PM 202-558-8046

WEDNESDAYS

Yoga for Every Body Tringali Recreation Center, 3460 North Access Rd. 11AM-12PM 615-545-2101

Beginner Pickleball Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 12-2PM 861-1980

Food for the Soul GCUMC, 1100 McCall Rd. 4:30-7:30pm 697-1747

West African Drumming Dance Etc., 3372 North Access Rd. 4:30-5:45PM 406-6888

FlexTrim Fitness Dance Etc., 3372 N. Access Rd. 6-7PM 916-1308

BINGO Rotonda VFW, 3725 Cape Haze Dr. 6:30-8:30PM 330-219-7531 Sunset Beach Yoga 2100 N. Beach Rd., one hour before sunset Lata 473-0135

THURSDAYS

Zumba with Tina Dance Etc., 3372 North Access Rd. 8:30-9:30AM 586-907-2414

Crafty Ladies GCUMC, 1100 S. McCall Rd. 9-11:30AM 697-5533

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

Pound Fitness Dance Etc., 3372 N. Access Rd. 9:45-10:30AM 586-907-2414

Englewood Opry Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Ave 5:30-8PM 207-593-2616

Thursday Night Corn Hole American Legion Post #113, 3436 Indiana Rd. 7-9PM

239-340-8868 **Celebrate Recovery** Englewood United Methodist Church. 700 E. Dearborn St. 6:30-8:30PM

474-5588 **FRIDAYS**

Tap Dance Dance Etc., 3372 North Access Rd. 10AM-1PM 413-221-0602

Line Dance Classes Englewood Elks, 401 N. Indiana Ave. 3:00PM 661-3799

Englewood Wood Carvers

Community Presbyterian Church, Kastner Hall 405 S. McCall Rd. 12-3PM 410-320-1489

SATURDAYS

Zumba with Martha Dance Etc., 3372 North Access Rd. 10-11AM 525-0197

BINGO VFW Post 10178, 550 N. McCall Rd. 1-3PM 830-0118

SUNDAYS

St. David's Episcopal Church 401 S Broadway St. 8 & 10AM 474-3140

Faith Lutheran Church Worship 551 Rotonda Blvd. West 8:30 & 10:30AM 697-3313

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

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

Redeemer Lutheran Services 6465 Mayport St. 9:15 & 10:30AM

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701 N. Indiana Ave. 9:30-10:30AM 474-1989

Living Hope Church 881 South River Rd. 10AM 460-8506 Writers on the Air

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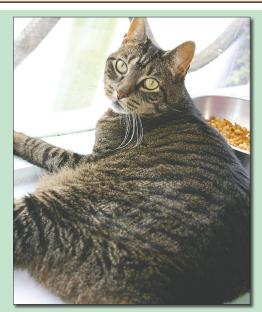


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Toby is an adult neutered male kitty that has been with EARS Animal Rescue for a long time. He sits in the window of the open cat room hoping someone will take him home. Toby is a love and is affectionate.



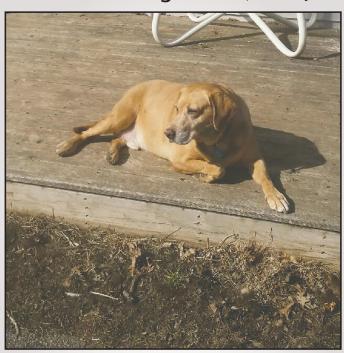
Ruby is one of the Louisiana rescue dogs. She is now 4 years old. Ruby is a spayed female terrier mix and weighs 30 pounds. She knows some commands. Ruby is a little shy and doesn't tolerate small children.

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Carl Ir was adopted in 2014 at the Animal House Shelter in Illinois by Keith & Marianne Abel after being returned there three times. But he found his forever home with the Abels and relocated here with them last June. Carl Jr. loves the heat, so he is the perfect Florida transplant. He turns 8 years old in April and looks forward to his annual birthday





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Big Brothers, Big Sisters honor their volunteers



Big Brothers, Big Sisters marked National Mentoring Month in January by honoring all who help make each mentoring match a success. Volunteers are viewed as "Defenders of Potential." Big Brother Sarasota Sheriff Tom Knight believes one of the values of BBBS is that youth coming out of the program usually go on to bigger endeavors in their life and it keeps them from encountering people in law enforcement for the wrong reasons. His Little Brother Matthew Roig says Tom has definitely opened up a lot more opportunities for him and has definitely changed him for the better. Learn more about the organization at bbbssun.org. Matthew Roig (left) says he and Tom Knight (right) will continue to be friends for a long time.

LBHS Athletes of the Month

The Lemon Bay High School Athletic Department announces their December 2019 Athletes of the Month: Kayla Vaughan and Gabe Arritt. Senior Kayla Vaughan excels in Girls Weightlifting. Kayla is leading the team in weightlifting this year with over 100lbs in gains from last season. She set the school record in her weight class for the bench, clean & jerk and total lifted, and has broken her own records several times this season. She also broke the overall bench record of all weight classes in the total lifted and is tied with Macayla Marinola for the overall clean & jerk record. She just won the Lemon Bay Invitational with over 12 teams in attendance. She has an outstanding season so far. Sophomore Gabe Arritt is outstanding member of the Boys Basketball team. Gabe has earned a starting spot based on his intense defense, averaging 14 points per game in December, a team high 80% from the foul line, and team high field goal percentage 59.3%. Gabe was also

second in assists averaging 2.5 per game. Receiving Honorable Mention for December are Girls Basketball members Katelyn Ziarnicki, Sophomore; Christain Chandler, Senior; Olivia Gibb, Senior; Emma Cochrane, Sophomore; Bailey Grossenbacher, Senior and Taylor Moorman, Junior. In Girls Soccer, that honor went to Lauren Ragazzone, Junior; Zoe Melo, Senior; Sophia Cherniak, Sophomore and Izabella Ferjiani, Junior. Boys Soccer honorees were Alex Carabes, Senior and Harley Rusher, Senior. Junior Louis Baldor received that honor in Boys Wrestling.

Create Your Valentines

Kids, ages 5 to 11, are invited to use their artistic talents to create Valentine greeting cards on Wed. February 12, 3:30-4:30pm, at the Elsie Ouirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St. Registration is required for this S.T.E.A.M. Creation Station activity. Register online at scgov.net/ library or call 861-1213.

Teen Gaming Unplugged

Teens, ages 11-18, are welcome to join the fun at a new program held at Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St., on Wed. February 12, 5:30-7:30pm. Learn to play a new game or enjoy a classic. Bring a friend or two to play as well. For questions, call the library at 861-1200.

Blue Jean Ball

Englewood Elementary School PTA has announced the 9th annual Blue Jean Ball will be Sat. April 4 at 6pm. The event will include dinner provided by Blacken Blues BBQ, live and silent auctions, dancing, photos and an open bar. Monies raised in the past have provided the money for the family mileage track, field trips, library books, classroom materials and much more. Admission prices are \$100 per person (EES employee price is \$40.) The location is Limpin' Donkey Saloon, 570 Pinto Trail. Visit whoozin. com/EESBlueJeanBall2020 to purchase tickets.

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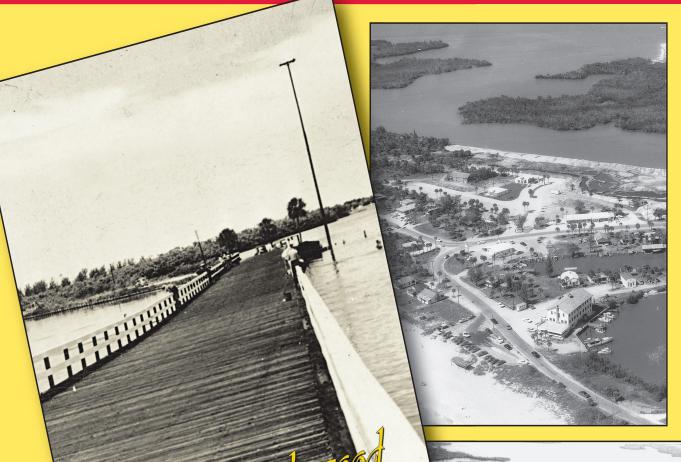


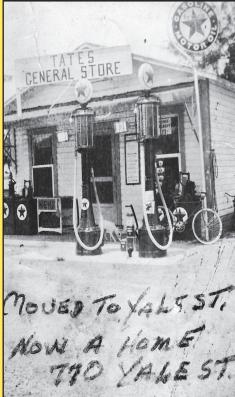
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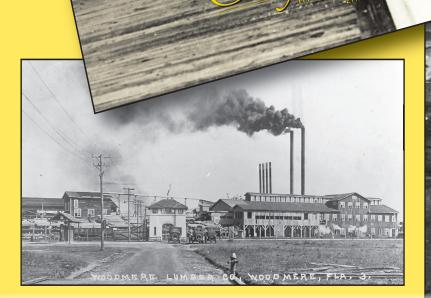
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Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small viper
- 4. Some are covert
- 7. A waiver of liability (abbr.)
- 10. Speak out
- 11. Retirement plan
- 12. Small dog
- 13. City in Iraq
- 15. Car mechanics group
- 16. Shrimp-like creature
- 19. Majestic
- 21. TV detective
- 23. Central Canadian province
- 24. Causing to wind around
- 25. Wise man
- 26. Knicks legend Willis
- 27. Muscular weaknesses
- 30. John Stockton compiled them
- 34. South American plant
- 35. To some extent
- 36. Where manners are displayed
- 41. Showy
- 45. Fall down
- 46. Shoelaces are often this
- 47. Disease-causina bacterium
- 50. Egg-shaped wind instrument
- 54. Sufferings
- 55. One who noisily enjoys
- 56. About blood
- 57. Transaction verification system (abbr.)
- 59. Related through female family members
- 60. Low velocity grenade
- 61. "In Living Color" comedian
- 62. Veterans battleground
- 63. Expression of creative

10 12 15 16 21 23 24 26 25 30 28 32 45 46 50 52 55 60 61 62 64 65

skill

- 64. Midway between northeast and east
- 65. Patti Hearst's captors

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Something useful
- 2. It goes great with peppers and onions
- 4 Turned into hone
- 5. The Princess could detect it
- 6. Bands of colors
- 7. Makes use of
- 8. Central African country
- 9. Lake in the Kalahari

- 14. Legally possess
- due west
- 20. Stretch of swampy
- ground
- (abbr.)

- thyroid (abbr.)
- 33. Reserved

Desert

- 17. One point north of
- 18. Small peg of wood
- 22. Is indebted to
- 29. Cool!
- 31. Female sibling
- 32. This stimulates the

- 13. He was a "Chairman"

- 27. Where you were born
- 28. A team's best pitcher

- 37. More prickled

38. Forbidden by law

- 39. One-time presidential candidate
- 40. A TV show has more
- than one 41. A place to stash
- things 42. Defunct currency in India
- 43. Causes to ferment
- 44. A type of gland
- 47. __ Humbug!
- 48. Everyone has one
- 49. Punctuation
- 51. Central American fruit
- 52. Brooklyn hoopster
- 53. 100 square meters 58. Local area network

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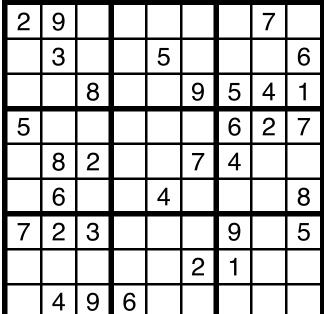


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