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The Englewood Chamber of Commerce organized a carpool parade and a catered lunch for the staff of Englewood Community Hospital on May 6th to kick off Nurses and Hospitals Week. The public was invited to decorate their vehicles and drive by the entrance of the hospital to salute and honor the local heroes who are serving during the COVID-19 pandemic. A hot lunch for the hospital staff was provided by Lighthouse Grill's mobile catering unit. This was part of the Chamber's Englewood Salutes! Initiative. Other sponsors for this event were the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, Stump Pass Marina, Lighthouse Grill at Stump Pass, Paradise Exclusive Real Estate and Grande Aire Services. Photo by lackson Maymon.

St. David's Thrift Shop Reopens

St. David's Thrift Shop is now open. Come in and shop for quality clothing, accessories and household items, all reasonably priced. Hours are 9:30am to 12:30pm, Monday through Saturday. St. David's Thrift Shop is located in the Beall's Outlet Plaza, 485 S. Indiana Avenue. For more information, call 474•1047.

Beach Yoga Returns

Good Morning Yoga with Lata and Robert from Loving Light Yoga has returned to Englewood Beach. The beach yoga class starts at 8:30am daily at the north end of the public beach. Participants are asked to set up six feet apart and arrive early. The number of participants will be limited. For questions, call 473•0135 or email lata528@gmail.com.

EARS Makes Donations

As most of you know, Englewood charities and rescues have a long history of working together in times of need. The EARS (Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary) Board of Directors met recently and decided to 'pay it forward' a bit in this time of economic crisis. EARS pet pantry has been blessed with lots of donations which is fortunate as there is more and more need in the community. Englewood Helping Hand and The Jubilee Center at St David's have had record

numbers of citizens using their services, including the Jubilee Center clothes closet, which is closed and unavailable now. EARS is giving gift certificates to both food pantries for clothing and items at the EARS thrift shop. Ruth Hill, Executive



Boca Royale Golf & Country Club partnered with EABOR, Keller Williams & Michael Saunders to feed Englewood's Healthcare Heroes. The meals were prepared at Boca Royale, picked up and delivered to local Healthcare Heroes at Englewood Hospital on April 28th.









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Wednesday, April 29, members of the Englewood United Methodist Church (EUMC) Missions Committee ventured out to gather and deliver much-needed supplies to the Englewood Helping Hand building behind them in the photo. Eight area churches work with the organization's Board of Directors to ensure its maintenance and success. The EUMC Committee encourages others to join them and a growing number of other groups and individuals in stepping up to donate goods and funds here that help local individuals and families who face unusual hardships these days. According to frontline worker Kim Bruemleve, Helping Hand Board of Directors member, on May 6, "We had a record day today upon serving 69 families and individuals within 5 hours!" Pantry stocking needs change almost weekly. Recently needed most has been soup, vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, condiments, dry or canned pasta, tomato sauce and products, toilet paper, and soap. Other foods frequently needed are tuna and canned meats, canned vegetables, canned and dried beans, macaroni and cheese, rice, and cereal. Donated goods must be nonperishable and not packaged in glass. Small or medium sized items are best. Pop-top can lids are preferred, but not required. Food stamps do not cover essential taxable items such as household cleaning, towel and toilet paper, diapers and other baby products. Personal care products for laundry; bath, teeth and hair care; shaving, deodorant, and feminine hygiene are also needed. Hours of office operation are currently shortened temporarily due to the current crisis. Until further notice, the reduced hours are 9:30am- 2:30pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays only. See Englewood Helping Hand, Inc. on Facebook or its website at www.englewoodhelpinghand. org for information about any changes or to donate. You may call the Helping Hand office at 474•5864 during office hours. If necessary, leave a message for a return call. Currently or any time, anyone needing information about what resources might be available to help address a problem or unmet personal need can telephone the national 2-1-1 program to investigate eligibility for and referral to other local assistance resources.

Director at the Jubilee Center and her team were thrilled with the generosity that families will be able to shop at EARS thrift store for items they might need. The Ears Thrift shop at 353 W. Dearborn St is operating under temporary hours of 11am to 3pm Tuesday-Saturday and donations are being accepted at the back door during business hours. EARS Pet Pantry is located at the EARS shelter at 145 W. Dearborn Street. Your tax-deductible donations are greatly appreciated.

Energy Saving Tips at Home

On Thursday, May 28 at 5:30pm, UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County will provide a free online workshop where you will learn basic energy and cost saving strategies for your home. Strategies include no- and lowcost tips, among others, that can help you get started right away. Explore what strategies work best for you, available financial resources, and get started on your path toward energy and

cost savings at home. Register at ufsarasotaext.eventbrite. com. Once registered through Eventbrite, the system will send you a confirmation email with the webinar link. For questions or further information, please call 861.5000 or email sarasota@ ifas.ufl.edu.

Parking Fees Return June 1st

Charlotte County beach and boat ramp parking fees will be reinstated June 1. Patrons without a seasonal or annual parking pass or a state-issued handicap permit must use the ParkMobile website or phone app to pay for parking. No cash, coins or credit cards will be accepted at the meters. Beach and boat ramp parking can be paid at the beach with your smartphone or in advance by tablet, computer or smartphone. Visit the ParkMobile website at www.ParkMobile.com or download the app from Google Play or the App Store. If you prefer to purchase a seasonal or annual parking pass: call

625•7529 (credit card payment only). Please leave a message and a staff member will return your call. To download a parking pass application, visit tinyurl. com/ccparkingpass. For existing parking pass holders, pass renewals will be credited for two months. Mail a parking pass application, a check (or credit card information) and a selfaddressed, stamped envelope to: **Charlotte County Community** Services Administration, 1120 O'Donnell Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33953. This policy will protect patrons and staff from exposure to the new coronavirus by eliminating interaction with the meters and money deposited by patrons. Parking fees partially fund Community Services Department operations, facilities and services.

June Blood Drives

OneBlood "Big Red Bus" is reaching out for blood donations as communities are starting to reopen. As of press time, the Big Red Bus will be in Englewood on the following dates. Monday,



All good things must come to an end and on May 9, the Englewood Art Barn on the corner of West Langsner Street and South McCall Road, was dismantled with one final gesture of goodwill for the community. Self-designated curator Larry Ross held a silent auction to sell off the 275 pieces of artwork mounted on the barn, created by both adults and children alike, to raise money for the Englewood Community Care Clinic. The auction was successful, like the artwork project itself, and raised over \$1,300 through the sale of 50 pieces of art. The money was presented to Englewood Community Care Clinic Manager Beth Harrison on May 12. The Art Barn was the brainchild of the curator, Englewood resident Larry Ross, who wanted to produce a creative expression of hope during the COVID-19 pandemic and obtained the support of Ben Mitchell of Merry Mechanization, who owns the unused barn that is slated for future destruction. Larry requested the Englewood community to participate in covering the barn with their own creative artwork and the response was overwhelming. Besides the delight of kids and adults seeing their works displayed on the outside of the barn, it brightened the day for people driving and walking by, many pulling over to examine and feel uplifted by the messages of hope posted. Thank you, Larry and Ben, for providing a rainbow of color and hope during the COVID-19 situation! If you would like to reclaim your artwork if it was not sold, please contact Ben Mitchell at 475•1788. Photo: (I-r) Using his social distancing ruler, Larry Ross passes the donation to Beth Harrison. Ben Mitchell is on the right.

June 1, 10am to 3pm – Bealls Outlet, 425 S. Indiana Avenue. Sunday, June 7, 9am to 1pm – Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street. Sunday, June 7, 2 to 5pm – Winn Dixie, Palm Plaza, 1951 S. McCall Road. Thursday, June 11, 11am to 5pm – Winn Dixie, Palm Plaza, 1951 S. McCall Road. Friday, June 19, noon to 5pm – Englewood Bank & Trust, 1111 S. McCall Road. Tuesday, June 23, 10am to 4pm – Bealls, 1500 Placida Road. Wednesday, June 24, 10am to 3pm – Key Agency, 1201 S. McCall Road. Thursday, June 25, 10am to 4pm. Publix Olde Village, 55 N. Indiana Avenue. Saturday, June 25, 10am to 4pm – Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road. Donors are asked to visit www.oneblood. org to schedule an appointment. Please note that the blood drives are subject to change at any time.

No Fireworks This Year

The Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary has regretfully announced that the annual July 4th fireworks display "Light Up Lemon Bay" has been cancelled for this year due to CDC restrictions on large gatherings and the unavailability of obtaining a county permit based on those restrictions. Co-chair Mike Looney stated





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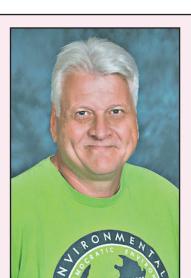
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Candidate for State Representative David Jones, (D) Englewood, has received the endorsement of the Charlotte County Chapter of the Democratic Environmental Caucus of Florida. In announcing the decision to endorse Jones, Charlotte County Environmental Caucus Chair Phyl Wojcik said, "David has proven himself as a true fighter for the environment. He will represent Charlotte County fighting against Red Tide, blue green algae and supporting the protection of public health and the health of wildlife and our waterways." Jones says that global warming, sea level rise and saltwater intrusion are the most urgent issues of this lifetime. He

supports renewable energy politics and a statewide ban on drilling for fossil fuels and fracking. Jones is running for the Democratic nomination for District 75 and is currently unopposed in the August primary election. Learn more about him at DavidJones2020.com.

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the LB Sunrise Rotary is sorry to disappoint the Englewood community but promises a bigger and better show next year. The club thanks everyone who has donated towards the show that usually costs about \$40,000 annually to produce and they will continue to accept donations to be used for next year's show.

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

物心 Celebration!

A big shout out to birthday girl, Marlena Concepcion! She will be seven years old on May 29 and she is super excited. Why? She is planning a weekend of celebration with going to lunch and dinner, getting her nails done and then spending the night in a hotel. Marlena just lost her two front teeth but still has a beautiful smile! Happy birthday, Marlena!





The ladies of Faith Lutheran Church have been very busy during the COVID-19 uncertainty reaching out to serve the community. A group of ladies have been making face masks for congregation members, friends and family. So far, 96 masks have been sewn and with the \$333 received through donations, the ladies purchased sandwiches and snacks to help the homeless/Campers. Every week they provide thirty meals for the Campers. The Lutheran ladies have also made 40 sleeping mats from cro-

knitted hats, 20 knitted scarves and blankets to give to the Campers along with hygiene kits. The Faith Lutheran congregation also has been accepting donations to distribute in the form of \$25 gift cards to help meet the needs of the community. Each card is distributed with a note stating, "Please know we care. Faith Lutheran Church." So far, 58 gift cards totaling \$1,450 have been distributed. Faith Lutheran Church is making a difference in the lives of others who struggle as they continue to do God's work. Faith Lutheran Church of Rotonda West is located at 551 Rotonda Blvd West. If you would like to learn more about this church in action, visit alivingfaith.org.



Darbey Jo Faber shares her photo of a Glossy Ibis taken in her back yard on a lake here in Englewood. She used a spotting scope with camera attached.



THE **NEW NORMAL** by Todd Tracy

Have you noticed that the "new normal" economic predictions are sounding a lot like the "old normal" that Englewood has lived with for generations? Luckily, our downtown has an opportunity to change that through an exciting business opportunity that few have noticed. It is called the Residential/Commercial Transition Overlay District, RCTOD, and held it back for too many years. Too few residents, artisans, retiring artists, performers, and craftsmen know about the exiting protentional that our RCTOD zoning offers.

Englewood's Community Redevelopment Area, (CRA) advisory board has established a RCTOD sub-committee, adopted the zonings update as a project, and will host public



The Hogan Harbor Art Gallery at 175 Cedar St.

(RCTOD) which is a zoning overlay that allows for specificly defined, and limited commercial activities in several blocks of our downtown residential neighborhoods. The idea is to create a Walking Arts District that would enhance and expand the Dearborn Street experience.

The purpose and intent, language from Article 7, Special Zoning District; RCTOD. "This district is intended to encourage activities such as home-based office, art gallery, artist studio, and bed and breakfast establishments, as well as lowintensity office, professional and institutional uses. The adopted standards are designed to permit and encourage the coordinated development of mixed land uses and activities in a concentrated area to attract both residents and visitors. Internal sidewalks and pathways are encouraged between separate activities or establishments. The mixeduse component will allow office spaces in residences and residential dwellings above or behind shops."

To help inspire a "better normal" for our downtown, the Old Englewood Village Association, (OEVA) will be partnering with the Sarasota County and our fellow associations to raise awareness and investment in the zoning overlay that both created the

hearings which will aid Sarasota County in its final adoption of the updated zoning overlay. Once that is done, public and private investments will be needed to connect the Dearborn Street merchants and our community activities to the Walking Arts

Fundamentally, OEVA believes that the current RCTOD list of "approved" uses within the zoning overlay is one of the biggest flaws. Governments should not impose limits on the public's creativity. Instead, the CRA could generate a list of reasonable uses that would be incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Everything else would be permissible. Restricting creativity in a free-flowing forward thinking Walking Arts District, seems counterproductive.

Another issue OEVA is concerned about within the RCTOD is the lack of regulatory continuity. Over the years there have been many interpretations of what the RCTOD zoning is and how to use it. There needs to be one clear and easily accessible information source for the RCTOD zoning overlay. That reference should include a RCTOD Owner / User's Bill of Rights and guidelines on how to appeal governmental decisions.

A pioneering user of the RCTOD zoning once wrote: "From the beginning the RCTOD was confusing and difficult because no single employee or department of the County had a clear understanding of the Overlay. In the Sarasota County Unified Development Code (UDC), the description and the intention behind the RCTOD arts overlay district is well stated but in practice, it remained challenging."

"Englewood's tourism faces enormous competitive pressures. Our single street downtown simply cannot compete with the expansive communities that are rapidly growing nearby. To survive, rules must be updated, bent, even broken so even modest investments from artists and craftsmen around the nation can help us develop a vibrant Walking Arts District unique to our County and endlessly inviting to the public."

OEVA realizes that this is a long-term project that will face support, opposition, and neglect in the years ahead. Some will argue to leave it unchanged. They like it the way it is now, a

Todd Tracy is the Vice President of OEVA (Olde Englewood Village Association).

would have what most modern developments envy, blocks of connected welcoming old Florida homes full of curios, foods,



The Lemon Bay Clay Studio at The Open Studio, 380 Old Englewood Rd.

beloved downtown that is one street wide, three blocks long and that all our organizational resources should be focused on promoting the existing commercial base.

To those I would say, ask yourself, what would a multi-block, Dearborn Street connected, Walking Arts District full of home-based business mean to our downtown? We crafts, art, supplies and services. Visitors will love it.

If we unite now behind the future the RCTOD project represents, while creatively managing the present, then the generations that follow us will enjoy an expanded downtown that will be full of life, entertainment, opportunities and prosperity for all.





RESTAURANTS REOPENING

When *Stefano's Family Restaurant* reopened on May 4, Linda and Bruce Hahn were among the first to know. The couple who have been regulars at the popular Englewood restaurant, since moving here in 2003, got a personal phone call from the owners' family with the good news.

Not only did the Hahns and their friend and dining partner Dodi Sullivan, show up that Monday, Linda brought the owners a homemade pina colada pie.

"We couldn't wait for it to reopen," said Linda Hahn, over breakfast of poached eggs and crispy bacon (just the way she likes it), this past Sunday. The three delighted diners shared a table away from any other customers, happy to be back after almost two months away.

In Florida's Phase I of business reopening after COVID-19 closures, Governor Ron DeSantis allowed restaurants to open indoor dining at 25% capacity and outdoor dining with social distancing. There were also stringent sanitation guidelines and staff are required to wear masks.

With an airy space that seats nearly 200, Stefano's co-owner Daniel Pepaj, had more to work with than many other local



Dodi Sullivan, Bruce Hahn and Linda Hahn enjoy Sunday breakfast at Stefano's Family Restaurant.

restaurants. To get ready for the reopening, Pepaj said staff "cleaned, bleached, sanitized and put hand sanitizer everywhere."

Linda Hahn didn't mind the masks or the space between tables. "It's the same people and the same food. It's like a big family." Sullivan added, "They know your quirks. They remember me and what I like."

This Sunday was the first one back for indoor dining at the *Country Hound* in Palm Plaza. "I think everyone's tired of cooking at home," said manager Caraline Eisele. The laid-back eatery with





photos all over the wall, had just about every booth and table filled, minus the several that had been removed to accommodate the new regulations. Eisele said that reopening the dining room allowed staff who wanted more hours to get back to work.

"I feel very comfortable," said Steven Legg, a Sunday regular at Country Hound. "I think they're going above and

beyond." Legg, who also works as a host at Ricaltini's Bar and Grill, said that it's not just the food people miss when restaurants close. "Running into people we know, seeing friends, that's what we missed the most." His friend Carrie Grues agreed. "I missed the community."

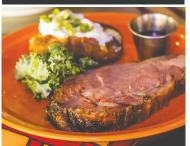
Mikki Denaris
LoRusso, co-owner
of Prime Time Steak
& Spirits, can second
that. "We actually had
a few regulars waiting
outside at 4 pm the day
we are able to reopen.
They were thrilled to
be able to come back
and it was wonderful to
welcome them back."

Prime Time, one of the most established restaurants in the area, had been offering take-out since the dining room was shut down but LoRusso and her husband didn't hesitate to shoot for a May 4th reopening at 25 percent of its 144-seat capacity.

LoRusso and the other restaurant owners are, of course, looking forward to the day when they can welcome customers to a full dining room and bustling bar. For now, LoRusso says she's hoping to bring back entertainment on Friday evenings if social distancing allows, and to seeing more diners return to the restaurant.

They also understand that their customers' health is the most important concern, so many might not return for weeks or months. Meanwhile, they are





committed to working as hard as they can to provide a safe and hygienic environment while keeping as many as their staff employed as possible during an unprecedented crisis.

"Englewood is a fantastic community and this is allnew, and such a trying time for everyone," said LoRusso. "Kindness, understanding and patience go a long way. We all have to work together to get things back to something resembling normal as soon as we can"

For the Hahns and Sullivan, Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast at Stefano's is getting things back to normal. "This place is like one big family," said Linda Hahn. "Take out isn't the same."

On May 18, as this story was going to press, restaurants were permitted to increase indoor dining occupancy to 50%. To find out how your favorite restaurant is responding to the new guidelines, call, or visit a restaurant's web or Facebook page.





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"The 3D Illusion Museum is a mind-blowing interactive art experience where you get to become part of the artwork," claims the 3D Illusion Museum presented by the Chalk Festival. There are over 45 3D illusions, hand-painted by the Chalk Festival artists. The Museum is located at the Ice House, 1314 Tenth Street in Sarasota and is open Thursday -Sunday, 10am to 5pm, through May 31st. Tickets are \$25 adult, \$15 student and \$5 children. Tickets may be purchased through Eventbrite. com/e/chalk-festival-3d-illusion

Online Art Classes

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475-6766 701 S. Indiana Ave., Englewood summer. Some of the classes offered are Young Artist Studios, Scratchboard, Drawing, Oil Painting, Figures & Faces, Intro to Acrylic Painting, Needle Felted Sculpture and Urban Sketching. For more information and to register, visit https:// rcad.augusoft.net/index.cfm. Englewood Art Center, 350 S. McCall Road, remains closed at the present time. Phone: 474.5548.

Venice Theatre Online Classes

Venice Theatre Education & Outreach Department announces that registration is now open

for summer online classes for both adults and children. Classes for youth include Storybook Time with Kelly, Creative Drama with Luke and Performance Art with Brad. Adult classes include Musical Theatre History, Dance, **Building Your Audition Book and Original** Monologue Writing. To participate, you need access to a good internet connection and a computer or tablet device that can run the "Zoom" application. To find out more about the classes, go to venicetheatre.org/ classes.

Online Choral Rehearsals

For people who like to sing as part of a group, Key Chorale Online Choral Rehearsals are still available. Kev Chorale reached out earlier this season to singers everywhere to join their virtual rehearsals in the Come Together Choir. Over 400 singers registered to receive PDF copies of the music to be rehearsed and sing along during the rehearsals on Key Chorale's YouTube channel. If you missed the six episodes you can still register to get PDFs of the music and sing



Sarasota Concert Association (SCA) celebrates its 76th season with a roster of worldrenowned classical artists and ensembles. SCA's 2021 Great Performers Series season, which runs **January 14 through March 16**, features the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra with Pavel Kogan, music director, and Blake Pouliot, violin (January 14, 7:30pm, at the Van Wezel); The Cleveland Orchestra with Franz Welser-Möst, music director, and Yuja Wang, piano (January 24, 7:30pm, at the Van Wezel); Bach Collegium Japan (January 28, 7:30pm, at Riverview Performing Arts Center); the Takács Quartet and Joyce Yang, piano (February 25, 7:30pm, at the Van Wezel); Benjamin Beilman, violin, and Yekwon Sunwoo, piano (March 1, 7:30pm, at Riverview Performing Arts Center); and Emanuel Ax, piano (March 16, 7:30pm, at the Van Wezel). Season subscriptions are on sale now and range from \$425 to \$140 for all six concerts. Single tickets go on sale on August 1. For subscription information, call 225.6500 or visit www.SCAsarasota. org/tickets. Photo: Franz Welser-Möst, music director with the Cleveland Orchestra.

along. For more information, visit KeyChorale.org, their Facebook page or Key Chorale YouTube Channel.

Venice Symphony Receives Grant

Gulf Coast Community Foundation has awarded The Venice Symphony a \$30,000 Arts Appreciation Grant in response to the COVID-19 crisis. This grant comes at a crucial time for The Symphony, after the orchestra was forced to cancel its final four performances at the Venice Performing Arts Center in 2019-20 and Jazz with Pizzazz, its biggest fundraising event of the year. "The continued support of Gulf Coast Community Foundation has been vital to The Venice Symphony's success and growth," said Executive Director Christine Kasten. "We are so grateful to the Foundation and its Board of Directors for all they have done for our organization and the community." Founded in 1974, The Venice Symphony is a 501(c)(3) professional orchestra deeply rooted in its community, offering concerts from November through May, special events and long-standing music education programs for

all ages throughout the year. The orchestra is led by Music Director/Conductor Troy Quinn. The Venice Symphony's 2020-21 Concert Season at the Venice Performing Arts Center begins on November 20th. Learn more at thevenicesymphony.org.

Hermitage Rides Wave of Support

The Hermitage Artist Retreat received a \$100,000 matching grant from the Manasota Key-based Cook family at the beginning of April. That challenge was met in less than one month. \$30,000 of this was received through the 2020 Giving Challenge, including more than \$18,000 from individuals and nearly \$12,000 from The Patterson Foundation. Now, thanks to a generous additional wave of support, the Hermitage has received a \$50,000 pledge from a group of supporters to extend this matching challenge above and beyond the Cooks' original gift. As a result, all gifts to the Hermitage will continue to be matched through June 30. If you would like to contribute, please visit HermitageArtistRetreat.org or call 475•2098, ext. 2.

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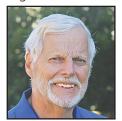


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By Dean M. Laux

Hank Irvine is pretty well known in this neck of the woods...and elsewhere, too. You can look him up on Wikipedia for evidence if you like. As a tennis player he ranked No. 1 in his country for a couple of years, played at Wimbledon three times and represented his countrymen in two Davis Cups. He was also a world-ranked squash player and was elected to the professional Hall of Fame in platform tennis. He might have been a professional cricket player if he hadn't opted for tennis instead. But he'll be the first to tell you that getting to the top in sports isn't easy, and it's even harder to stay there, flirting with fame.

Hank was born in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) on September 1, 1943. "My birth name was Douglas," he says, "but I was called 'Hank' while I was still in utero," and the name stuck. His father, Cecil Victor Irvine,



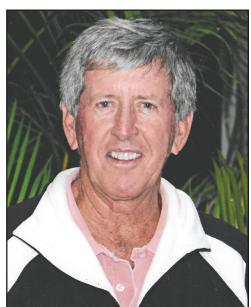


He's 'One In A Million'

was among other things a tennis pro and all-around athlete who represented Rhodesia in international competitions in five sports. He taught young Hank enough tennis that at age 13. Hank was on the A-team of the Prince Edward School in Salisbury, matched up with 18-year-old seniors. "They were bigger and better than me, of course. I was sort of like the team mascot, but I learned a lot from the experience," he says. And he became one of the school's top tennis and squash players by the time he was a

In those days the top pro tennis players like Lew Hoad, Ken Rosewall, Jack Kramer and Pancho Gonzalez came to Rhodesia once a year to play in pro exhibitions, and Hank got to serve as a ball boy on those occasions, helped perhaps by his dad's influence. "It was an incredible experience for me," he remembers. "The sound of their rackets hitting the ball was like standing in front of a firing squad, much louder than when you watched them on the telly." It was one of the inspirations for Hank to make himself into a great player.

He graduated from Prince Edward in 1961 and went on to



Hank Irvine.

the London University Institute of Education in Bulawayo. His hope was to follow in the footsteps of Hoad and Rosewall and Kramer and Gonzalez. When in 1964 he earned his degree in teaching, he moved back to Salisbury and taught middle schoolers for the next five years. He'd teach classes and still find time to enter into squash and tennis tournaments. Back then you'd play in the international tournaments for amateurs and try to work your way up the ranks. "My dad would tell me, 'Get out into the lion's den and see

how you do.' He didn't pressure me to play, but he believed that I would have to live by the law of the jungle."

That's what he did. "We'd get paid about \$50 a week for expenses," Hank recalls. Expenses included transportation, accommodations, meals, equipment and incidentals, and there was seldom enough money to cover all of them. Sometimes he could stay with a family during the tournament, and that covered meals and a place to sleep. But other times it meant

sleeping in his car or hitching a ride to an event. "We really just got pocket money. Some players received sponsorships and were making \$150 or maybe \$500, but we were not playing for a monetary prize. If I won an event, I still only got \$50, and the other guy got whatever his ranking entitled him to. Your ranking was based purely on results, and you had to work your way up." Higher ranking meant higher pay.

Hank is a firm believer that to reach the pinnacle in any

professional sport, you must train to get into prime physical condition and stay in prime physical condition for as long as possible. You must practice, practice, practice. You must work to improve upon your weaknesses. You must have tenacity, because it's very easy to give in and give up. And you must deal with losing. The best way to improve is to play against players who are better than you and learn from them. Let your losses enlighten you, not defeat you. There is room at the top only for a very few.

By 1968, Hank was good enough to be selected to play on Rhodesia's Davis Cup team. His team drew Sweden as its opponent that year and Spain the next, then was banned from playing for the Davis Cup in 1970 due to international sanctions against Rhodesia. At that point Hank was ranked No. 1 in Rhodesia.

His dream was always to play at Wimbledon, the Mecca of tennis. "You go out there the first time and it is a nerve-racking experience," he declares. After all, these players are the best in the world. His dream came true in 1970, when he made the tournament in the men's singles, men's doubles and mixed







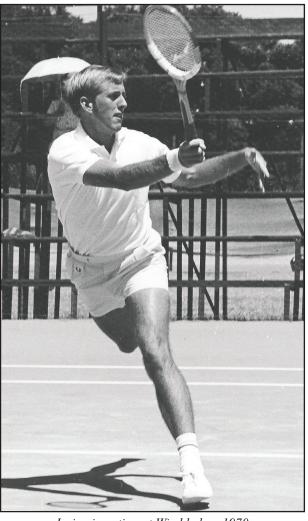
doubles. Hank lost in the first round in both the men's singles and the men's doubles, but got to the semifinals when paired with Helen Gourlay of Australia in the mixed doubles. "We had to go on center court right after an exciting five-set doubles match in the finals between John Newcombe and Tony Roche and Ken Rosewall and Fred Stolle. It was very intimidating, but it was fun, and it's an experience I will have with me until the day I drop dead," Hank

Two years later Hank made it to a second-round singles match at Wimbledon against Stan Smith.

He lost, but so did everyone else that year, as Smith won the title. Try to imagine how he felt, getting to Wimbledon three times but departing early in the competition. You might compare that to having a cameo role in a Bogie and Bacall movie, or going halfway up Mt. Everest with Sir Edmund Hillary. You were there, but you were not the story: They were.

But to look at it another way, how many people have ever made it to Wimbledon at all? Maybe one in a million? It takes great talent, durability and good fortune to make it to such a level, and Hank had every reason to be proud of his achievement.

And Hank's exposure at Wimbledon and on the American tour led to his recruitment in 1972 by the Short Hills Club in Essex County, N.J. to become their head teaching professional in racquet sports, which included tennis, squash and platform tennis. He was ready for a change and for a steady, highpaying job, though he had never played platform tennis before. And the Short Hills Club was ready for him. He jokes that "one of the requisites to be a tennis pro in the U.S. in that era was to have a foreign accent." Hank had that, plus teaching experience and outstanding tennis skills. "When I got that job, I felt like I had died and gone to heaven," he



Irvine in action at Wimbledon, 1970

exclaims. He remained there for 23 years, and he taught himself platform tennis well enough to become the top-ranked U.S. pro, a four-time national men's champion and an inductee into the sport's Hall of Fame in 1997.

There were two major events in Hank's life in 1978: His one and only, Karen, became his wife, bringing her three lovely children (Jim, Kara and Kortney) into the marriage with her, and he turned in his green card for citizenship papers in the United States of America. In 1995 Hank left his "heavenly" job at the Short Hills Club and took on not one but two new otherworldly assignments: Head Tennis Pro at the Nantucket Yacht Club in the summers and Head Tennis Pro here in Florida at Palm Island Resort in the winter months. Paradise and Eden, take your pick.

"I had never seen a snowflake until I came to New Jersey," he proclaims, "and I never was a cold weather person." Since that move, he has never had to worry. Hank and Karen have a home in Cape Haze. They keep a 22foot powerboat docked on the Intracoastal Waterway behind their house, and Hank loves to

pursue two of his favorite pastimes here: fishing, especially for tarpon, and gardening, especially raising orchids. He still plays tennis and is actively involved in the Super Seniors tennis tournament every year. He teaches others the fine points of the game from time to time. And oh, yes: He and Karen travel whenever they get a chance. Their favorite destination? "Wimbledon, just about every year, to watch the matches and catch up with old friends," Hank says. It helps him keep fresh in mind those close, one-in-amillion brushes with fame he was fortunate enough-and good enough-to have.

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



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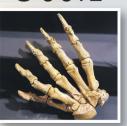
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WHAT TO DO WHEN A PROJECT STALLS

Upon embarking on a home improvement project, homeowners who have never before lived through such undertakings are often told to expect their projects to take more time than initial estimates suggested. Unforeseen complications can compromise project timelines, and some homeowners may find their projects stuck in neutral.

Stalled projects can make life at home difficult, and homeowners may feel help-less with regard to getting a project back on course. But there are ways for homeowners to get stalled projects back on course.

• Start off on solid financial footing. It's important that homeowners who want to upgrade their homes enter the home improvement process with a realistic grasp of their finances. Many home improvement projects stall when homeowners run out of money. Homeowners can avoid such unfortunate situations by only beginning a project they know they can afford. Whether funding a project with a loan or savings or a com-

bination of both, homeowners should make an honest assessment of what they can afford to commit to a given project. If the amount of money available does not add up to the estimated cost of the project, delay the project now or you might be facing a stalled project down the road.

- Honestly assess whether or not you can finish the job. Do-it-yourselfers may have the abilities to complete a project, but they should not let their pride get in the way of their ultimate goal, which is the completion of the project. In addition to money, time or lack thereof, is often the culprit behind stalled projects. Homeowners with full-time jobs, families or both may not be able to find the time to complete a job in a timely fashion. If the project has been stuck in neutral and no sudden windfall of free time is on the horizon, start contacting contractors to finish the job for you.
- Ask for help. There's no shame in asking for help to complete a project. Some homeowners may underestimate the

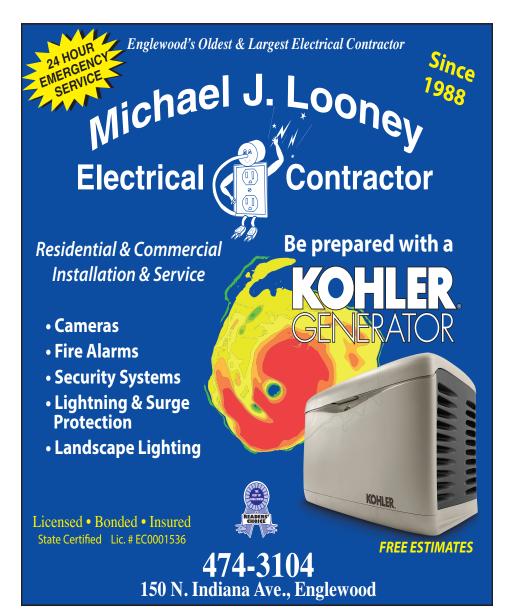
scope of a project until it's too late. Asking family, friends or neighbors for help might be the only way to get a stalled project back on track. Certain home improvement projects may not require advanced skills, and even friends or family with little or no home improvement experience can pitch in to complete such projects. When more advanced projects stall, homeowners may want to hire contractors to complete the work. If budgets have not left much room for hiring a contractor, homeowners can perform some of the labor on their own.

Be mindful of permits. Some
home improvement projects
require permits, and these permits often
have expiration dates. Homeowners
must keep permits in mind when projects start to stall, recognizing that they
may need to reapply for permits if proj-



ects go unfinished for especially long periods of time.

Stalled home improvement projects can be a nightmare. But homeowners can address such delays in various ways to get projects back on track.







Cloth Face Coverings – A User's Guide

Englewood Community Hospital shares the following information on cloth face masks, their proper handling and how to clean them after use.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies,) especially in areas of significant communitybased COVID-19 transmission. Here are some tips about wearing a cloth face covering.



Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of
- allow for breathing without restriction

• be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

CDC on Homemade Cloth **Face Coverings**

CDC advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age two, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly? Yes. They should be routinely

washed depending on the

frequency of use.

How does one safely sterilize/ clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine on the hottest temperature level should properly wash a face covering. There are no hard recommendations on how often you should clean your face covering. However, you should wash your face covering often, at least every week if not visibly soiled. However, if you

come in contact with someone symptomatic or sick, wash your face covering immediately.

How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their face covering by touching the back of the ties or side loops ONLY and wash hands immediately after removing.

Reference: Center for Disease Control.



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Club Chatter



In one of its community outreach actions, the Englewood Democratic Club made a donation of \$500 to St. David's Jubilee Center of Englewood. The Englewood Democratic Club president, David Jones, presented the check to Ruth Hill, Administrator of St. David's Jubilee Center. The donation will help provide valuable assistance to Englewood area families, seniors, homeless and others who are on limited incomes. The Center is busy with amazing, dedicated volunteers who are helping load boxes of food and other supplies which have been generously donated for these pantry patrons. Thank you, St. David's Jubilee Center of Englewood for making a real difference in the community and improving the quality of life for many.



Meet the 2020 Executive Board of the Lemon Bay Woman's Club! Back row (I-r:) Linda Barber, Recording Secretary; Nancy Harper, Financial Secretary; Jerry Furlani, Corresponding Secretary; Sue Selfridge-Booth, 2nd Vice President. Front row: (I-r:) Karen Dunn, 1st Vice President; Sue Burgess, President; Norma Stephens, Treasurer. The Club looks forward to resuming their meetings and special projects when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. For more information about LBWC, visit lemonbaywomansclub.com.

On Friday, May 8, the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club along with the "Mask Makers of Rotonda" a local group, held a drive-through at the Rotonda West Community Center handing out face masks. The masks were given to club members as they drove up. Each bag contained masks along with instructions for washing. Club members were asked to make donations of cotton material, elastic and/or cash so the Mask Makers may continue in their efforts to make sure everyone in the community has a mask. A total of eighty masks were given out. The Mask Makers were very excited to receive the items requested along with cash donations of \$297. This joint effort was a way for the club to show support to another local group while working as one for the betterment of the community. RWWC President Doris Walker holds the donation box during the Mask Drive Through event.





Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary takes their trusteeship duties seriously at Lemon Bay Cemetery. The road through the historic cemetery was recently repaved, thanks to the club and a matching grant from Rotary District 6960.

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Rotonda Elks Lodge 2710, 303 Rotonda Blvd. East, is still closed due to the pandemic but continues to serve the Englewood community. On May 9th, checks were presented to two local food pantries. The Jubilee Center at St. David's was busy with an active food collection drive in Rotonda West so the officers of Lodge 2710 traveled there to present Ruth Hill, Executive Director of the Jubilee Center with a check for \$1,500. Top photo, pictured (left to right) are Lodge 2710 Exalted Ruler Roger Redman, Ruth Hill and Jeff Smith, Lodge Trustee. Lower photo: A check for \$1,500 was also presented to the food pantry at St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis of Assisi representative, Matt Egan (center) gladly accepted the donation from Exalted Ruler Roger Redman (left) and Lodge Trustee Jeff Smith (right.) Robert Humphreys, Lodge Chaplin and Past Exalted Ruler stands in the background. To learn more about the Rotonda Elks Lodge 2710, visit www.rotondaelks.org.

Memorial Day Picnic

The Englewood Elks Lodge 2378 is holding a Memorial Day Picnic on **Monday, May 25** from **noon to 3pm.** The meal includes hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and pulled pork, salad and baked beans. The price is \$14 plus tax. The public is invited. The Lodge is located at 401 N. Indiana Avenue. Please call the Elks at **474•1404** to RSVP.

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Lemon Bay Home Watch

Lemon Bay Home Watch has earned accreditation from the National Home Watch Association. The NHWA maintains the highest industry standards for Home Watch and absentee homeowner services throughout the United States and Canada (www. nationalhomewatchassociation org). Home Watch is a visual inspection of a home or property, looking for obvious issues while you are not in residence. Owner Jim Campbell served for 27 years as a dedicated firefighter/paramedic and 11 years as Lieutenant for the Warwick, Rhode Island, Fire Department. His working knowledge of homes and building construction is extensive. Bonnie Allen is from Connecticut where she had a small cleaning business and was a trusted caretaker for homes while residents were away. Prior to that, she was in the dental and medical fields for many years in bookkeeping and office management. She moved to Florida in 2018 to escape the cold weather. She is also a Somaveda Thai Yoga practitioner and owner of Radiant Energy Somaveda Thai Yoga. Jim

the designation of NHWA Certified Home Watch Professional and are graduates of the NHWA's Home Watch Boot Camp. Lemon Bay Home Watch serves Englewood, Placida, North Port, Manasota Key, Rotonda West, and Venice. You can reach Jim at **468-0363** or at lemonbayhomewatch@gmail. com. Learn more at www. lemonbayhomewatch.com.

Hospital Scores Another "A"

Englewood Community Hospital is excited to announce that it was awarded its sixteenth consecutive 'A" in the spring 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction recognizing achievements in providing safer health care. The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety. The Safety Grade is a letter grade assigned to all general hospitals across the country and updated every six months, assessing how well the hospital prevents medical errors and other harms to patients. "Our team at Englewood Community Hospital continues to put our patients first in every aspect of patient care.

and focus to ensure the level of care we provide is 'A' rated is reflective of our sixteenth consecutive Straight 'A' from The Leapfrog Group," shared **Englewood Community** Hospital's CEO, Michael Ehrat. For full grade details, visit hospitalsafetygrade. org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter and Facebook.

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Think of "Big Wheels" for grownups. The Leadership Englewood Class of 2020 originally had planned to have a unique event on May 16th at the Englewood Elks Club. However, like most everything lately thanks to Covid-19, change is the one constant. The good news is, the adult trike bike races will happen **September 19th**. The pedal powered event will be held at the Elks with outdoor racing under a tent, along with music and dancing inside, food, a photo booth, chance and live auctions. The Leadership Class consists of 24 community minded "students" who together decided on this year's Leadership fundraising event and the recipients who will benefit. Those include the Jubilee Center, Peace River K-9 Search & Rescue along with Vineland Elementary. This year's events have included Celebrity Bartending, Feed a Healthcare Hero, a golf cart raffle and The Leadership Lightspeed Voice Lil' 500, now scheduled in the fall. Tickets for the Lil' 500 and the golf cart giveaway are available online at www.Leadership-Lil500.com. Leadership Englewood, which is a Chamber of Commerce program, is designed to educate local business leaders about their community and the societal and economic challenges it faces. Armed with that better understanding, the individual can best determine how to be of value to the community and to affect positive growth and change. Photo: Shawn Emery of Emery Auto & Diesel Repair poses with the golf cart.



How Doing Business Has Changed

By Chris Cameron

Life has certainly changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and businesses have had to change their business practices to help keep their customers and employees safe. I spoke with a few of our local Englewood businesses who have adapted, following the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) guidelines so they can continue to serve the community.

Richard's Foodporium, 471 S. Indiana Avenue, has remained open as an essential business, much to the delight of their customers. The staff is extremely conscious of maintaining the highest sanitary conditions. They disinfect the bin scoops after each use, clean all high touch surfaces such as refrigerator doors, shopping carts, counter surfaces, and entry door frequently and sanitize the store each day. Currently ten customers are allowed in the store at one time. Richard's customers often say they prefer shopping in a smaller store environment and Richard's offers healthy, organic, bulk snack items as well as vitamins and supplements.

If you have to take your vehicle in for service or a repair, you will be pleased to know that auto service centers such A-1 Auto Care are following CDC guidelines to protect both you and their employees. At A-1 Auto Care, all surfaces in community accessed areas are wiped down multiple times a day. Your keys and FOB will be sanitized before they are returned to you. Technicians will wipe down and sanitize all points of contact, including door handles, steering wheels, gear shift and any other areas they have accessed. They wear masks and gloves, which will be changed between vehicles. Communication and payment can be done in person, from your car or via phone. A-1 Auto Care is located at 2921 Avenue of the Americas.

R.J. LaBadie Construction, Inc. has continued to provide remodeling and new construction service during the COVID-19 pandemic. His office staff works from home as part of social distancing; Ray and his employees also practice this during the workday. If it is necessary to enter a home or business, masks are worn, and CDC safety guidelines are followed to protect both workers and customers. If you would like to see if LaBadie Construction can meet your construction and remodeling needs, you can learn more about the company at www.rjlabadieconstruction.com or call 474•8194.

Englewood loves its ice cream delights and the Arctic Alligator Creamery and A Better Scoop Ice Cream Shop found a way to stay open and meet the area's sweet tooth needs. The Arctic Alligator at first offered online ordering with curbside or take-out options. The menu was limited and there was no inside service available. Now. with the relaxing of government regulations, they are operating once again with a full menu and limited seating inside. Curbside and take-out are still available. All high-touch surfaces are cleaned after every customer or every 15 minutes and the number of people in the store is still limited. The Arctic Alligator Creamery is located at 3385 S. Access Road and is open seven days a week from 4 to 9pm. A Better Scoop Ice Cream Shop, 70 S. Indiana Avenue, is open Wednesday through Saturday, 3 to 9pm.

You can feel safe shopping in Ivy's on Dearborn as owner Karen Tyree is taking all possible precautions to protect both customers and employees. You are asked to wear a mask while shopping and the employees also wear masks. Hand sanitizer is available for use. The whole store was deep sanitized prior to its reopening. One fitting room is open and it is sanitized between customers. Any clothing or shoes that are handled are placed in a tent and sanitized before being returned to the floor. Ivy's on Dearborn is located at 446 W. Dearborn Street.

Placida Fish Market went to curbside service when in-store service was suspended due to the governor's and CDC guidelines but now has reopened to allow a limited number of customers in the store at one time. Jill Perry said the Placida Fish Market has adapted and evolved to follow recommended and required guidelines. The store interior has been rearranged and spaced to allow customers to safely browse the display cases. The self-serve stations have been removed and plexiglass has been installed. A hand sanitizer station has been set up by the door and customers are asked to wear face coverings. Employees wear masks and gloves. Chicken and pork are now available for purchase in addition to the seafood, beef and other items previously offered. The Placida Fish Market is deeply appreciative for and wants to thank all their loyal customers who supported the store during the COVID-19 situation. The market is located at 31 Chailett Road, Suite 5, in Plaza on the Cape. Phone 697•6666.

Kustom Firearms, 517 Paul Morris Drive, has adhered to all the required and recommended safety directives to protect customers and staff. Owner Karl Thatcher says that he has installed a vapor barrier that prevents any mouth aerosol being exchanged between staff and customers. All guns are wiped down with sanitizer every morning and after any contact by a customer or staff. He requests that customers wear a mask upon entering the store and use the hand sanitizer that is available. Only one customer is allowed inside the store at a time. He has suspended firearm classes until it is safe to resume them. He follows a disinfectant sequence when handling credit cards for a sale. Karl stresses that the public health and the staff's personal health are more important than making a profit during this time so he is committed to following strict safety guidelines.

Wink's Old Town Grill, 451 S. Indiana Avenue, offered curbside take-out during the mandated restaurant closings but now has resumed indoor service at the current reduced seating guidelines. Curbside is still available. Owner Eddie Piotrowski has arranged seating so there is six feet between individuals, not just tables. All items have been cleared from each tabletop and place settings are added when the table is occupied. Disposable menus are used, and condiments are brought to the table in individual packets when requested. All servers and cooks wear masks and use hand sanitizer between tables. Keeping surfaces clean and sanitized is top priority. The restaurant has returned to normal hours of 7am to 8pm Monday through Saturday and is open for breakfast on Sundays 7am to 2pm.











Nature Calls

Stump Pass Park Open

Stump Pass Beach State Park, at the southern end of Manasota Key, is open for day use activities, 8am to sunset daily. The canoe/kayak launch is available for use. Restroom availability may be limited. Visitors are expected to maintain distances of at least six feet apart and limit group size to ten or fewer people. Daily admission is \$3 per vehicle and \$2 walkers, boat or bicycle. Pets are not allowed on the beach at any time. Leashed service dogs are permitted by law. For questions, call 964.0375.

Insects in the Landscape

Florida is the #1 state in the US with the largest population of insect species. A large percentage of those insects are 'good bugs', but how do you tell the difference? On Wednesday, May 27 at 10am, join UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County for a free hour-long webinar presentation on common insects in the landscape when the pesty problem insects as well as the good guys (beneficial insects) will be discussed. It will also touch on integrated pest management (IPM) and how following IPM methods can help support a healthy environment without the use of harsh pesticides. Register early through ufsarasotaext.eventbrite. com. Once registered, the system will send you a confirmation

email with the webinar link. For questions, call **861•5000** or email sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu.

Ladies, Learn to Fish

The popular "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" University returns to the Gulf Coast **June 27-28**, for their saltwater inshore fishing seminar weekend at Bass Pro Shops Fort Myers. Hosted by the nonprofit Ladies Let's Go Fishing Foundation, the event offers classroom instruction, hands-on fishing activities, conservation, networking and optional guided boat fishing. Perfect for women, men and teens who want to learn local fishing, this "No-Yelling School of Fishing" offers an immersive fishing educational experience on **Saturday**, **9:30am to 4pm**. On **Sunday**, participants can opt to fish from flats charters or a group boat. Bass Pro Shops is located at Gulf Coast Town Center, 10040 Gulf Center Dr,

Fort Myers. Registration is, \$79 for Early Entry, \$89 Regular entry and \$44 for each mother bringing teens. Let's Go Fishing includes instruction, use of equipment, hands-on training and door prizes. No equipment or experience is necessary. Sunday fishing is additional. Registration and information can be found at www.ladiesletsgofishing.com.

Would You Like to Be a Stump Pass Friend?

According to their Facebook page, Friends of Stump Pass (FOSP) are a passionate group of volunteers dedicated to preserving nature and protecting wildlife by connecting people to the unspoiled beauty of Stump Pass Beach State Park. The group is a subgroup of Barrier Island Parks Society, Inc. (BIPS.) BIPS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and the official Citizen Support Organization (CSO) for the Florida Park Service. BIPS supports four local barrier island state parks, including Stump Pass. Stump Pass Beach State Park is habitat to endangered and threatened species and FOSP wants to help protect this habitat and its inhabitants so all can enjoy the beauty and wonder of this unspoiled state park. If you would like to learn more and join FOSP, visit their Facebook page Friends of Stump Pass. You can download a membership form at https://bit.ly/2YNL1PU.



Stump Pass Beach State Park has finally received a much-needed vehicle to transport rangers and volunteers around the park's 1.3 miles of trails and shoreline. The UTV will be most helpful to park staff and volunteers as they work on the many projects such as shorebird stewarding, sea turtle patrol, removing heavy debris from the beach and eradicating invasive species. The new vehicle is being made possible thanks to monies raised by the Friends of Stump Pass (FOSP), a subgroup of Barrier Island Parks Society (BIPS), during the "Beach Bash" fundraiser. The event was held January 25th at the scenic Sunset Terrace, located at the Lighthouse Grille. Over 120 FOSP friends came together at the sold-out event to show their support at the enjoyable evening that offered fantastic food, Caribbean music and silent auction. The popular event raised \$9,259.24 (after expenses) with a goal of purchasing the new Polaris Ranger 500 for use at the park. FOSP would like to thank event sponsors: Coastal Engineering, Coastal Wildlife Club, Howell Concrete & Land Service, Ingman Marine, Leslie Brown Team Keller Williams, Nature Connections Photography, Lemon Bay Playhouse, Kathleen Damewood/Re/Max Alliance Group, and Oils 4 Healthy Living for their generous support in helping them reach this ambitious goal. Pictured in photo left to right: Robbie Brooks, Don Brooks, Ranger John Plante, Carol McCoy (chairperson), Lori Newton (treasurer,) Mary Lundeberg (secretary), behind camera. Committee members not present for photo: Karen Blackford and Clif Kewley. photo credit: Mary Lundeberg.





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by Amanda Glam

So, have you seen enough TV yet? Is there such a thing? Until I can go back to the movies, I'll be sharing my at-home viewing suggestions.

What I liked most about the long-running design competition show Project Runway, was mentor and world's most dapper dude, Tim Gunn. What I liked least was co-host and annoying former supermodel Heidi Klum. The pair left that show and are now on Making the Cut, which recently debuted on Amazon. Joining Klum as a judge is fellow annoying ex-supermodel Naomi Campbell. Klum/Gunn are looking for the designer of the "next global fashion brand" who will win (cue Dr. Evil) one milllionnn dollars. The designers are from all over the world, and are quite talented, but not always smart enough to listen to Gunn. "Tim, you look amazing in that suit, are a fashion guru and have been advising reality show designers for 15 years, but I really want to go with my black vampire cape."

Most of us need a laugh right now but the problem is Network TV isn't cooperating. Like many of you, I'm turning to great sitcoms of the past, watching favorite episodes of The Dick Van Dyke Show, The Odd Couple and Barney Miller. But I've decided to rewatch one of my favorite series from the beginning. NBC's 30 Rock (2006-2013) is a workplace comedy set at a fictional comedy show, created by actual comedy goddess Tina Fey. 30 Rock (Amazon) won a boatload of awards, and was, and is, really, really funny, sporting sharp writing and a killer ensemble featuring Fey, Tracy Morgan, Jack McBrayer and most memorably Alec Baldwin as unflappable boss Jack Donaghy, who says things like "Human empathy. It's as useless as the Winter Olympics."

Netflix's Unorthodox is a riveting four-part series that's about 50% in Yiddish with English subtitles. It is based on Deborah Feldman's 2012 memoir about her leaving a strict Hassidic Jewish sect in

Brooklyn. Shira Haas, who plays Esty, the 19-year-old bride determined to seek a new life in Berlin, is absolutely mesmerizing. I would strongly recommend also watching the short Netflix special, The Making of Unorthodox

Defending Jacob (Apple TV), isn't the most comforting show to watch during these comfort-seeking times, and I'm not sure I could sit through it if my children weren't grown. Chris "Captain America" Evans and Michelle Dockery, (Lady Mary from "Downton Abbey") are living a nice life in a suburb of Boston when their teenage son Jacob becomes the main suspect in a classmate's murder. It's what TV critics like to call, "gritty."

I'm watching in real time, and can't wait for the next episode.

I might not seem like a racing fan, but ever since I lived in England while filming the series "What's All This Then?" I've followed Formula 1, or as some people like to call it, "snobby NASCAR." Formula 1: Drive to Survive (Netflix) is an addictive look at the teams and the very attractive drivers in this very competitive sport. You don't really have to follow Formula 1 to appreciate Drive to Survive. The photography is amazing and the rivalries are reality show material. If you are a fan, the show makes up a bit for the lack of a 2020 season.

I confess, I will watch

anything that comes from the creators of Parks and Recreation. They almost never let me down. Amazon's Upload is the latest project from Greg Daniels, and I will try to explain it. In the near future, when you die you can choose to be uploaded to a virtual reality universe that is like heaven except your angels work at computers and can interact with you (sort of). You can also interact with those you left behind (sort of). Upload is a comedy/romance/sci-fi/suspense series that you really need to check out for yourself.

Bemoaning the lack of funny TV shows, my daughter suggested I watch "Never Have I Ever." Netflix had also

suggested it because they know everything about me. I had ignored Netflix because it looked like another kids in high school show. Wait, it's co-created by Mindy Kaling, whose work I love, and it's narrated by John McEnroe, "YOU CAN NOT BE SERIOUS," yes that John McEnroe. Maybe, I'll check it out or maybe I'll binge all eight episodes in one day. Never Have I Ever follows Devi, a smart and hot-tempered Indian-American girl who is dealing with more than your average teenage girl stuff. This show is warm and funny, packed with interesting characters, and an insightful look at Indian culture. Now excuse me while I check out what else Neflix wants me to watch.

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The Englewood Sailing Association has re-scheduled their Learn to Sail Summer Camps to July 6 to 10, July 13 to 17 and July 27 to 31. Youngsters, ages 10 to 17, will be introduced to the sport of sailing through these classes. John Riehl, President of ESA, says, "It's great to see the youngsters go from knowing nothing about sailing to captaining

their own boat. We are all volun-



teers here, and during the session we focus on building the three Cs, which are Confidence, Character, and Community." The kids especially enjoy the Sea Grass Adventure according to Mike Basch, V.P. of ESA. The students net creatures from Lemon Bay and then learn about the bay's ecosystem. At the family picnic held at the conclusion of the course, they show off their new skills by taking a family member out in a boat with them. Sessions are **9am to 3pm** and the course is \$150. Students must know how to swim. Boats are provided. Intermediate and Advanced Sailing Courses are also offered for students who decide they want to learn more. Adult sailing is also available for members. For more information log into www.swflymca.org/programs/online-program-registration/, then select "Specialty Camp" then "2020 Sailing Camp."

Nature Summer Camp

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) will be offering its 2020 Summer Camp at Cedar Point Park, 2300 Placida Road. Three camps are available: June 8-12 will be Swift Critters – water, land and sky wild animals to explore in the woods with games and fun at Cedar Point Park. June 15-19 is Fascinating Critters – water, land and sky wild animals to explore in the woods and water with games and fun at Cedar Point Park. June 22-26 will be Enchanting Critters – experience Florida's creatures from the land to the

water and have a wild adventure in the park. Fee: \$100/week. The camps are for ages 8 to 13 and run **9am to 3pm**. There is a \$10 charge per hour for before and after care. For more information or to register, please email susan@checflorida.org or call **475•0769**.

DePietro Graduates Magna Cum Laude

Ryan DePietro, of Englewood, graduated from The University of Tampa on May 9. DePietro graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in History. The virtual commencement ceremony



On May 9, Rotonda Elks Lodge 2710 presented Ms. McKenzie Brown with a check for \$750 for being the second place winner in the Florida State Elks Division II Americanism Essay contest for grades 7 & 8. McKenzie is a resident of Rotonda West. Chaplin and Past Exalted Ruler Robert Humphreys is the chair for the Americanism Committee. McKenzie Brown (second from left) receives her check from (I-r) Exalted Ruler Roger Redman, Robert Humphreys, Lodge Trustee Jeff Smith and Nadine Clough. In the background are Jean Humphreys and Matt Egan.

included 1,752 undergraduate and graduate candidates. The ceremony included remarks by President Ronald Vaughn, special messages from the academic deans and student challenge speakers. Additionally, each graduate received a personalized video commemorating their achievement. The University of Tampa is a private, comprehensive university located on 110 acres on the riverfront in downtown Tampa Known for academic excellence, personal attention and real-world experience in its undergraduate and graduate programs, the University serves approximately 10,000 students from 50 states and about 130 countries.

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Nature Focused Program Inspires Family Recreation

EYE on Nature Youth Explorers Club is a program to introduce children to local wildlife by taking them on a series of rewarding adventures. Led by the magic turtle guide named Scout, they learn how to help wildlife and become good stewards of the environment. The Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor and Convention Bureau, in collaboration with the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce, is inspiring outdoor family recreation while benefitting local tourism businesses in Charlotte County, through the sale of Englewood Youth Explorers (EYE) On Nature Youth Explorers Club Kid Paks. Each Kid Pak includes: heavy cotton backpack with EYE On Nature full color logo, book 1 "The Adventures of Scout: Turtle Tales" (16 pages/color,) two laminated Q&A activity parent guide sheets (one being the answer key,) Field Notes journal with pen, metal EYE On Nature medallion, pewter sea turtle pin and a clear, paintable plastic turtle ornament. Available for purchase online at BestSideYourSide.com for \$25 with \$5 donated to Community Organizations Active in a Disaster Florida (COADFL) fund for Charlotte County.

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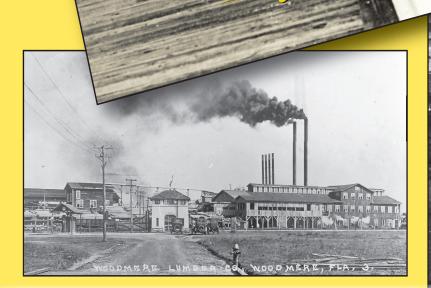
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Got MY Sunscreen?

May is Skin Cancer Awareness month. You humans are conscious of using sun protection when you venture outside. Let me ask you, "Do vou use sunscreen on your dog as well?" No? You should, as we dogs (and cats) can become sunburned just like you can. In fact, besides the pain of sunburn, we are prone to develop other complications and diseases associated with sun exposure – think certain types of skin cancer like squamous cell carcinoma, melanomas and hemangiomas! Sunburn can also worsen conditions such as autoimmune disorders and dermatitis

Granted, some dog breeds are more susceptible than others. It goes without saying for hairless breeds such as the Chinese Crested and American Hairless Terrier. My canine friends with white fur, thin coats and lightpigmented noses and eyelids are also more at risk. Think Collies, Australian Sheepdogs, Dalmatians, Bulldogs, Whippets and other dogs with light or white pigment on their ears or near their nose. I like to lie on my back in the sun and expose my belly. That puts me at risk for sunburn while I snooze away in that position.

But, don't go lathering any old sunscreen on me! The sun protection should not contain zinc oxide or para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA) as these ingredients are toxic to me and my feline friends as well. Use an unscented sunscreen with a SPF factor of least 30 that is also waterproof. There are sunscreens out there that are formulated for dogs and

Like you, I am eager to get going out on that boat, the long walk, the beach or just spend time outside. Sunscreen should be applied about 20 minutes before I am exposed to the sunlight so it is absorbed. Apply sunscreen to areas like the bridge of my nose, ear tips, stomach and inner thighs and anywhere else where my fur is thin or shaved. I do have a tendency to lick it off so watch me for several minutes until it is absorbed.

Rather than buy a sunscreen blindly, ask your vet for recommendations. I looked online, though, and here is a sampling of the products designed for pets. Epi-Pet Sun Protector Spray is FDA compliant. Chris Christensen Ice on Ice Conditioner with Sunscreen also conditions your dog's coat. My Dog Nose It! is a popular cream for noses and pink areas of the face that users claim is effective, but the product does not contain any SPF protection. Petkin Doggy Sunstick only offers SPF 15 protection so additional protection may be needed. Wolfe & Sparky Organic Dog Sunscreen is a natural dog sunscreen. In a pinch, you can substitute a sunscreen product that is certified for babies as long as it doesn't contain any zinc ingredients (e.g. zinc oxide.)

There is an alternative to sunscreen application. You can buy protective clothing such as a sun shirt or body suit. K9 Top Coat Bodysuit also keeps sand out of your dog's fur, but be aware that your dog may become overheated in it.

If you have me out in the sun, make sure that I have shade and plenty of water. Remember, I am susceptible to heat stroke as well. If I do get sunburned, move me out of the sun pronto and apply cool compresses and ointments to help relieve my initial symptoms. Aloe may also help a minor burn. However, if I am burned severely, call my vet!

I want to enjoy outdoor activities with you, like walks, boat trips, the dog park, trips to the beach. Just remember to apply my sun protection when you apply yours!





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

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Area Dog-Friendly Parks Charlotte County dog-friendly parks with designated areas open for walking your dog on a leash include Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, Bayshore Live Oak Park, Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Park, Centennial Park, Harbour Heights Park, Larry Taylor Kiwanis Park, Ollie's Pond Park, Port Charlotte Beach Park and Randy Spence Park. Two dog parks for dogs to run unleashed in a fenced area are also available at Edgewater Park and Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park. Dogs are not allowed at any other parks not listed. Please adhere to these park rules and only have your dog at the designated dog friendly parks. For information, contact Parks and Natural Resources at 613-3220. In South Sarasota County, dog-friendly parks with areas to walk your dog on a leash include Blackburn Point Park, Challenger Park,

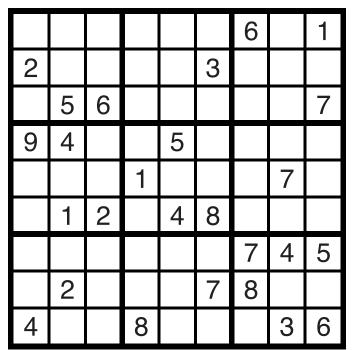


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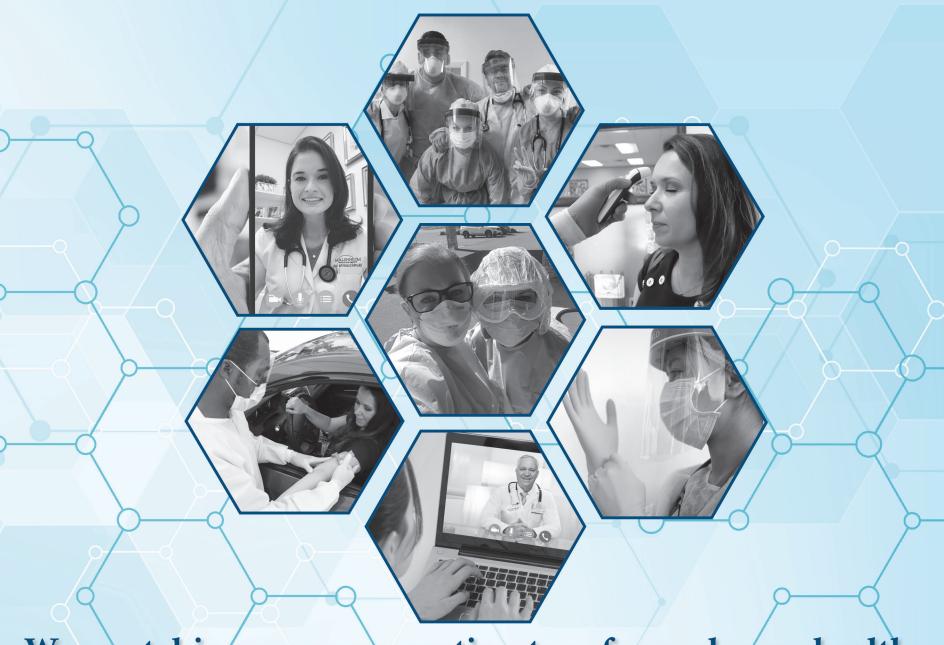
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