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Christopher "Topher" Pokorny won the adult pie eating contest at the Family Fun Festival on Labor Day. Pictured with Topher are John Watson and Janae Boyer.  
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# Around the Town

## Hurricane Home Cleanup Hotline

If you need assistance with damage from Hurricane Idalia, call the Home Cleanup Hotline at **800-451-1954** to ask for help. You will be connected with volunteers from local relief organizations, community groups, and faith communities who may be able to assist with cut fallen trees, drywall, flooring & appliance removal, tarping roofs, and mold mitigation. All services are free, but service is not guaranteed due to the overwhelming need. This hotline will remain open through **Friday, September 15**.

## FEMA Disaster Case Management Available

Affected by Hurricane Ian and need help recovering? FEMA wants to help. Disaster Case Management, a FEMA-funded program managed by the Florida Commission on Community Service (Volunteer Florida), provides case managers that work directly with disaster survivors to identify their recovery unmet needs, develop a goal-oriented recovery plan, and match them with resources to help them achieve their long-term recovery. The case manager will monitor the survivor's progress towards goals and provide client advocacy when necessary. Residents of Charlotte and Sarasota Counties can contact Disaster Services Corporation – Society of St. Vincent de Paul at **941-799-6779** or via email to [Dr4673ian@svdpcdisaster.org](mailto:Dr4673ian@svdpcdisaster.org).

## Pirate Pre-Poker Party

The Pre-Poker Party for Englewood Beach Waterfest's Pirate Poker Run will be held on **Friday, September 8, 5 to 8pm**, at Ken & Barb's Restaurant, 2000 Oyster Creek Drive. Enjoy food, drink, and music. Pre-registered participants for the Pirate Poker Run on **Saturday, September 9** can pick up their Poker Run package and on-site registration will also be available. Get more details about the Poker Run at [englewoodbeachwaterfest.com](http://englewoodbeachwaterfest.com).

## Pirate Poker Run

The Englewood Waterfest Pirate Poker Run will be **Saturday, September 9** with The End



*Congratulations to Becca DeRosa, representing Kids Needs of Greater Englewood, who collected the most "votes" (money raised) to become the 2023 Englewood Mayor 4 A Day. A total of \$41,004 was raised collectively by the seven candidates. The top three leaders were Becca who raised \$17,340; Michael Dalke who raised \$8,849 for Englewood Meals on Wheels, and Kathleen Callahan who raised \$5,650 for Spread Spencer's Sparkle. Becca says she loves Englewood and the way this amazing town has supported her and the other candidates throughout this campaign. She especially thanks her campaign manager, Marie Leforge, & Ricardo at Mango Bistro, Dan Kline of Culture Coffee, and Vino Loco for all they did to help promote her campaign. The money she raised will be earmarked for the Kids Needs' annual Christmas Giveaway. The event organizers, Jeannie Joyce and Amy Gonzalez, were thrilled that in only twenty days the candidates were able to raise \$41,004 for area charities and in their opinion, all the candidates are winners and did an amazing job.*



Becca DeRosa



*The Let's Eat Englewood Restaurant Week extravaganza is set for **Thursday, September 14 through Thursday, September 28** this year. Take advantage of this opportunity to experience a culinary adventure through Englewood at special prices. Participating restaurants prepare special menus for lunch & dinner and offer a signature dish at a reduced or comparable rate. Three-course dinners will be available for \$35 and two-course lunches for \$18. For a list of participating restaurants, go to [EnglewoodChamber.com/lets-eat-englewood](http://EnglewoodChamber.com/lets-eat-englewood). This event is sponsored by the Englewood Chamber of Commerce.*

Zone Coastal Sports Bar, 2440 S. McCall Road, hosting the poker play and the after-party. All stops open at **9am** and cease poker chip dispersal at **3pm**. Poker-Play tents are open **4 to 6 pm**. The After-Party, starting at **6pm**, features live music by "Marker 5 Band", the pirate costume contest, and drink & food specials all night. The Pre-Poker Party on **Friday, September 8, 5 to 8pm**, will be at Ken & Barb's Restaurant, 2000 Oyster Creek Drive, and registered participants

can pick up their Poker Run package. Day-of-registration is at Skip's Marina, 1990 Placida Road, from **9 to 10am**. Wear your best pirate garb for the pirate costume contest. Cost is only \$30 per person. For more information and registration, go to [englewoodbeachwaterfest.com](http://englewoodbeachwaterfest.com).

## Car Lovers Meet-Up

Hey, car lovers! There's a new meet-up group for those of you

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**CDBIA Cornhole Tournament**  
 Join Charlotte DeSoto Building Industry Association for the 2023 Cornhole Tournament on **Sunday, September 10** at the Celtic Ray, 145 E. Marion Street, Punta Gorda. Registration begins at **noon** with bags in the air at **1pm**. This is a double elimination tournament with prizes for first, second, & third place. There will be a 50/50 drawing (tickets: six for \$5, 13 for \$10, and a "bunch" for \$20, cash purchase only). To register, go to [members.cdbia.com/ap/events/register/vrA3560P](http://members.cdbia.com/ap/events/register/vrA3560P).

**Health in Motion Bus**  
 The Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County Health in Motion staff will be at Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street, on **Tuesday, September 12, noon to 4pm**. You can receive no-cost health screenings and referrals for general health & wellness. Nursing staff will help find a medical home for those with no insurance. No appointments necessary. The bus will be in the parking lot. For more information, contact Cathy Jones at **941-861-2873**.

**History of Venice Army Air Base**  
 Explore the history of the former Venice Army Air Base, created during WWII, during a free lecture on **Tuesday, September 12, 1:30 to 2:30pm**, at the Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice. Presenter is Clarke Pressly, a volunteer with the Venice Museum & Archives & the Venice Area Historical Society. Please RSVP at [scgov.library.librarymarket.com](http://scgov.library.librarymarket.com) or call

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**Arts & Craft Show**  
 Billed as SW Florida's largest indoor fall arts & crafts show, the Local Ladies Social Network presents their Fall Arts & Crafts Show on **Sunday, September 10, 10am to 3pm**, at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. 70+ vendors. More info at [llesvents.com](http://llesvents.com).

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 who love their car, truck or motorcycle. "Driving Dearborn" meets on the second Saturday of the month down on West Dearborn Street in front of Joe Maxx Coffee, 450 W. Dearborn Street. All ages are welcome to bring their ride and enjoy casual conversation, check out the other vehicles, and make new friends. The September meet-up will be **Saturday, September 9, 5 to 9 pm**. Follow DrivingDearborn on Facebook to stay up to date. For questions, email [DrivingDearborn@gmail.com](mailto:DrivingDearborn@gmail.com) or send a message on Facebook.

**Let's Get Healthy**  
 The Sarasota Wellness Expo will be held on **Saturday, September 9, 10am to 3pm**, at The Mall at University Town Center,



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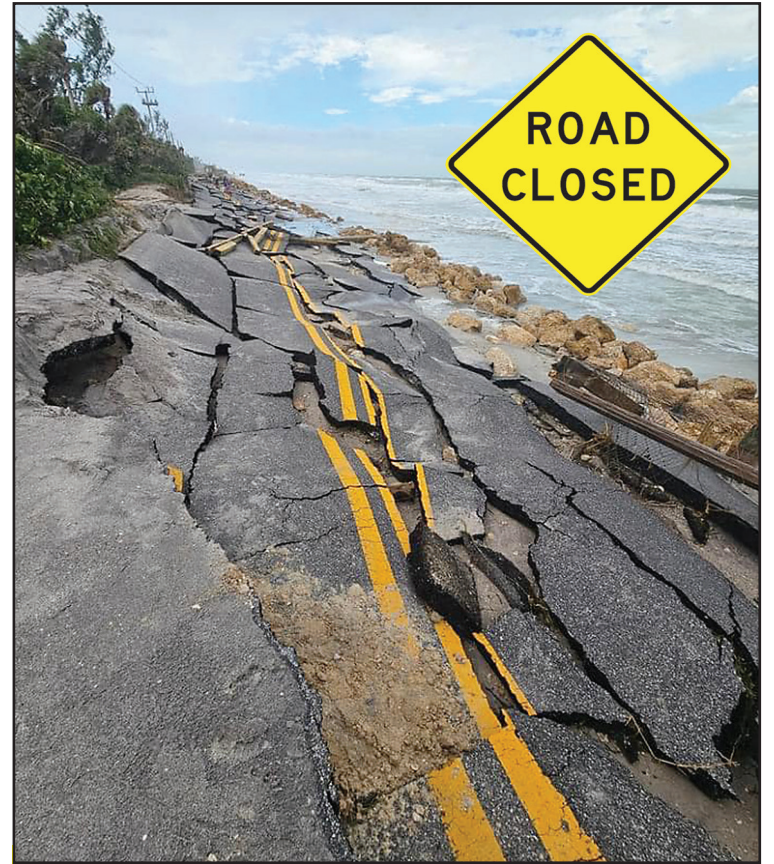


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**Idalia Damage on Manasota Key Road**

*Manasota Key Road is a beautiful, tree canopy lined road that many drivers and cyclists enjoy riding, but Hurricane Idalia has put a stop to traveling the entire length. The road just north of Middle Beach (Blind Pass) has been washed out and is impassable. You can reach Middle Beach only from the south using North Beach Road. Manasota Beach can be reached using Manasota Beach Road. Repairs have not yet been announced by Sarasota County.*

**941-861-1110.**

**Building Strong Bones**  
 UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County is offering a free webinar on building strong bones on **Wednesday, September 13, noon to 1pm**. Bone health will be discussed, including lifestyle factors, and you will learn strategies to encourage bone building habits, including dietary factors. Register for this online class at [uf Sarasota ext. eventbrite.com](http://uf Sarasota ext. eventbrite.com). For questions, call **941-861-5000**.

**Chef Warren Returns**  
 The Friends of the Englewood Charlotte Library will welcome

Chef Warren on **Wednesday, September 13 at 2pm**. His presentation will be entitled "Healthy Southern Cuisine – Retain the flavor, reducing fat and salt". This event will take place at the Community Building at 3460 N. Access Rd. in Tringali Park. Registration is not required, and all are welcome. For more information, call the library at **941-681-3736**.

**Sustainable Living Series**  
 There are many opportunities for becoming more sustainable in the way you live your life, and the Sustainable Living series will introduce ideas in the categories of energy, water, food,



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## BACKYARD VEGETABLE GARDEN?



Interested in creating a Florida vegetable garden? UF/IFAS Extension Charlotte County is offering a free program, Backyard Vegetable Growing, on the basics of vegetable gardening and controlling pests. The focus is on practical information which can be put-to-use immediately in the homeowner's backyard. The program will be held on **Saturday, September 16, 9:30am to noon**, at Centennial Park Recreation Center, 1185 Centennial Blvd., Port Charlotte. There is a \$5 fee to cover material costs. Register at [2023bvg.eventbrite.com](http://2023bvg.eventbrite.com). For more information, call **941-764-4340**.



### Community Yard Sale

The City of North Port will be holding a Community Yard Sale on **Saturday, September 16, 8 am to noon**, at the City Center Front Green, 4970 City Hall Blvd., North Port. If you are looking to clean house and make some extra money, spaces are available for \$10 per space/\$5 per table. Free admission for shoppers. For more information, call **941-429-7275**.

### Celebrate Butterfly Day

Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens is celebrating Butterfly Day on **Saturday, September 16, from 9am to noon**. Take time to explore the gardens while enjoying the butterflies. There will be bounce houses, kids' arts & crafts, games, selfie station, butterfly plants for sale, and more. Admission \$18 adult, \$15 senior, & \$9 students (5-17). The Gardens are located at 5827 Riverside Drive, Punta Gorda. For more information, visit [PeaceRiverGardens.org](http://PeaceRiverGardens.org) or call **941-621-8299**.

### Rain Barrel Workshop

Learn about the benefits of rain barrels and purchase a recycled food grade plastic rain barrel for your property at the Rain Barrel Workshop to be held on **Saturday, September 16, 10 to 11am**, at Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice. This free workshop is offered by UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County. Rain barrels cost \$29.75 and must be pre-ordered by **Tuesday, September 12**. To register and order a rain barrel, go to [uf Sarasotaext](http://uf Sarasotaext).

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On the solemn occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, all are invited to attend a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony to honor the lives lost and the resilience of this nation. The event will be held on the Dignam Family Stage at Pioneer Plaza, 300 W. Dearborn Street, and starts at **9:30am on Monday, September 11**. The ceremony will include speeches, a moment of silence, and a display of remembrance. Sponsors of the event are the Englewood Chamber, Englewood Area Fire Control District, Operation Solid 7, Michael Saunders & Company, VFW Post 10178, and Wampler Varner Insurance Group. For more information, call the Chamber at **941-474-5511**.

consumption, environmental footprint, and more. This virtual series offered through UF/IFAS Extension meets online weekly on **Wednesdays, from 6 to 7:30 pm, September 13 through October 25**. Class fee is \$125 with limited scholarships available. Learn more and register at [tinyurl.com/bdeatndf](http://tinyurl.com/bdeatndf). For questions, contact Linda at [lseals@ufl.edu](mailto:lseals@ufl.edu).

### Family Movie Night

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church invites you and your family to a free showing of the movie "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" on **Friday, September 15 at 6pm** inside the church. The movie tells the story of plumbers Mario and Luigi who go on a mythic quest through the Mushroom Kingdom as they prepare to stop the evil Bowser from total domination.

Bring your own snacks and drinks. Free popcorn will be available. (Please, no drop-offs.) Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road, Gulf Cove/Port Charlotte. For more information, please call the church at **941-697-1747**, or email [GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com](mailto:GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com).

### Sunrise Sale & Craft Fair

Do you like shopping, good drinks & fun activities? Then you won't want to miss the Sunrise Sale & Craft Fair at CoolToday Park on **Saturday, September 16, 7am to noon**. There will be live music, arts & crafts, resell goods, and thrifting vendors. Drinks, cocktails, & concessions available. For kids there will be activities & lawn games. Tickets are \$5. CoolToday Park is located at 18800 S. West Villages Pkwy., Venice. Website: [CoolTodayPark.com](http://CoolTodayPark.com).

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eventbrite.com. For questions, call 941-861-5000.

**Beach Nesting Program**

Learn more about sea turtle and shorebird nesting at a free program offered by Charlotte County Community Services on **Saturday, September 16, 9 to 10:30am**. Also covered will be what Charlotte County does to protect these species and what citizens can do to help. Presenter will be Suzanne Derheimer from Parks & Natural Resources. The presentation on Charlotte County beach nesting will take place at Harold Avenue Regional Park, 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte. Pre-registration is required by calling 941-627-1074 by **Thursday, September 14**. Free transportation from your location in Charlotte County to Harold Avenue Regional Park is available by calling 941-575-4000 at least three days in advance.

**Spirit Fest Metaphysical Expo**

Spirit Fest Southwest Florida presents a holistic, metaphysical, and crystal expo on **Saturday & Sunday, September 16 & 17** at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. There will be 85+ vendors, readers, practitioners, artists, authors, food, and so much more. Hours: **Saturday 10am to 6pm; Sunday 10am to**

**5:30pm**. Admission is \$12/day or \$18/weekend. For discounted admission and more details, visit SpiritFestUSA.com.

**Boating Skills Course Offered**

The Englewood Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a Boating Skills & Seamanship course, **Monday-Thursday, September 18-21, from 5:45 to 8pm**, online via Zoom. This course qualifies for the US Coast Guard and NASBLA certifications. Cost is \$45. For more information and to register, go to coastguardenglewood.com.

**Property Tax TRIM Notices**

Charlotte County property owners are receiving their TRIM notices from the Property Appraiser in the mail. TRIM stands for the State of Florida's Truth in Millage Act. TRIM notices inform taxpayers which governmental entity is responsible for the taxes levied and the amount of tax liability taxpayers may owe to each taxing authority. TRIM notices reflect the maximum tax rate that can be levied on a property. It is not a tax bill. The actual millage rate is set by the County Commission at its September budget public hearings. For example, the County Commission set a maximum rate for the Charlotte County Fire Rescue MSBU but has publicly indicated it does not intend to set the millage at the maximum rate. A County Commission

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There are only a few tickets left so don't wait and miss out on a great evening at "Hunks in Heels", a benefit dinner & show for Spread Spencer's Sparkle. The date is **Saturday, September 16** at the Englewood Elks, 401 N. Indiana Avenue. Enjoy an evening of fun where Englewood Hunks put their best feet forward for a memorable night of laughter, fun, and entertainment for a good cause. Doors open at **5:30pm** and the event starts at **6pm**. Tickets are \$75 per person and includes dinner. Tickets may be purchased at [spreadspencerssparkle.com/events](http://spreadspencerssparkle.com/events).

budget public hearing is set for **5:01pm on Tuesday, September 19** at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center,

75 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda. For information about MSBUs, call 941-681-3770. To watch an informational video about TRIM notices, visit [youtube.com/watch?v=\\_9RtSjapXpc](http://youtube.com/watch?v=_9RtSjapXpc).

**Fellowship Church Cookout**  
Fellowship Church will be having a Group Vow Renewal

& Redemption Celebration at Englewood Beach, 2100 N. Beach Road, on **Thursday, September 21** at 5pm. Following the cookout there will be a communion and beach baptism. Everyone is invited. For more information, please call 941-475-7447.

## ENRICHING PROGRAMS

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**Chef Warren Cooking Demonstration**



Chef Warren presents cooking tips and a demonstration on how to cook healthy and affordable meals for all tastes.  
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**Kids' Craft**

Englewood Charlotte Library  
**Friday, Sept. 22, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**  
Children ages 7-12 are invited to join us for a fun craft. Registration is required. Register online or call the library at 941.681.3736.

**Family Storytime**



Englewood Charlotte Library - **Thursday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
Children ages 5 and under and their caregivers are invited to drop into our children's library for an interactive story time. This program incorporates musical play, group participation skills as well as sign language and motor skills. Get ready to sing, dance, and pop some bubbles!  
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**Military Heritage Museum Tour**

Come tour the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda with Charlotte County Community Services on **Friday, September 22** from **10am to 1pm**. From the Revolutionary War through modern conflicts, and including all five military branches, the museum utilizes artifacts, guides, flight simulators, graphics, and audiovisual to educate its visitors on the heritage aspects of US military history. The tour starts and ends at the Harold Avenue Regional Park, 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte. The cost is only \$14. Register by calling **941-627-1074** by the deadline **Friday, September 15 at 8pm**. Free transportation from your location in Charlotte County to Harold Avenue Regional Park is available by calling **941-575-4000** at least three days in advance.

**Food & Wine Festival**

Sarasota Opera's Annual Food & Wine Festival returns on **Saturday, September 23** from **1 to 4pm** at the Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota. Local restaurants, including Michael's on East, Tsunami Sushi, Mattison's, Selva Grill,

Molly's Pub and Shore, will offer tasty bites, wine, and other treats. The Youth Opera Chorus will perform during the event. Raffles of gift cards & opera tickets. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased online at [sarasotaopera.org](http://sarasotaopera.org) or by calling **941-328-1300**.

**Bay Fest Event**

The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program and Sarasota County present "Bay Fest, Exploring Our Underwater Worlds" on **Saturday, September 23, 10am to 2pm**, at Sarasota Sailing Squadron, 1717 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota. This free event will be filled with discovery & endless fun for the whole family. Marine life exhibits, kayak tours, nature tours, live music, and food trucks. Visit [sarasotabay.org](http://sarasotabay.org) to learn more.

**Key Lime & Tropical Fest**

Fishermen's Village presents its 9th annual Key Lime & Tropical Fest on **Saturday, September 23** from **noon to 9pm**. Restaurants & vendors will showcase key lime specialties. The music line-up is **noon to 4pm**: Dave Lapio on Dry Beach and Trop Rock performer Bill Crowley in Center Court; **5 to**

**9pm**: Tropical Avenue on Dry Beach. Vendors will showcase their creations from **noon to 6pm**. Free admission & parking. Fishermen's Village is located at 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.

**Wedding & Event Expo**

The Southwest Wedding & Event Expo will be held on **Sunday, September 24, starting at noon**, at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. This bridal show will feature many of SW Florida's premier wedding vendors & venues and models wearing exciting bridal wear & tuxedos. You will see DJs & entertainers, caterers, hair & makeup stylists, cake artists, photographers, wedding planners, jewelry, and much more. Door prizes (must be present to claim prize), a photo booth, and food. Learn more at [southwestweddingexpo.com](http://southwestweddingexpo.com).

**Senior Show & Tell**

The last program in the Senior Show & Tell series through Charlotte County Community Services will cover social media. The program will be held on **Saturday, September 30, 9 to 10:30am**, at Harold

Avenue Regional Park located at 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte. Registration deadline: **September 28**. For more information and registration, call **941-627-1074**.

**Block Party/Cornhole Tournament**

The Fourth Annual Block Party and Corn Hole Tournament is set for **Saturday, October 14** at Treasure Lanes, 1059 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. There will be food trucks, music, yard games, a kids' corner, basket raffles, and of course, the cornhole tournament. The party runs from **1 to 7pm**. Check-in for the cornhole tournament is **1pm** and the tournament kicks off at **2pm**. \$40 per team; \$20 per person. Tickets for the basket raffles are \$10 for one and \$25 for three tickets. Entry forms and raffle tickets may be picked up at Treasure Lanes. Miranda Burpee, the event organizer, holds this fundraiser to benefit for Dollars for Mammograms in honor of her mother who passed away nine years ago from stage four breast cancer.

**Haunted Trails**

Plan to attend this frightfully fun family event, Haunted

Trails, that runs **Friday & Saturday, October 20 & 21** at Oscar Scherer State Park, 1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey. The Haunted Trail winds along the dark, haunted road to a terrifying Haunted House for those who truly dare to be scared from **8 to 10pm both nights**. For the kids the Trick or Treat Trail is open **7:30 to 9:30pm both nights**. There is also a fun kids' area, games, and Lil' Monster Manor. Bring nonperishable food items for the food drive to benefit South County Food Pantry. Admission is \$14 adult; \$6 child ages 6 to 12, and free for ages 5 & under. Online ticket sales have begun so get yours before they sell out at [halloweenhauntedtrails.com](http://halloweenhauntedtrails.com). Proceeds benefit the Friends of Oscar Scherer Park, Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department, and the Osprey Nokomis Chamber of Commerce.

**Burgerfest in Paradise Cook-Off**

Who will be the 2023 winner for the Best Burger in Paradise? Find out on **Saturday, October 21** when local teams heat up

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their grills and cook their best burgers for the championship at Pioneer Plaza, 300 W. Dearborn Street. Teams will provide "bites" that can be purchased for tasting. Grilling starts at **11am** and tasting begins at **11:30am**. The blind tasting by local chefs and restaurant owners will be done between **2:30 & 3:30pm**. Winners will be announced at **3:45pm**. Enter your team for either the residential or business category (entry fee: \$25 residential & \$50 business). All grilling will be done on charcoal grills. Live music by Kenny Rose. An elite three burner outdoor griddle will be raffled off (tickets \$10 each or 12 for \$100). The Rotary Club of Rotonda is presenting this event to raise funds for their sponsored local charities. For more information and to register, go to [burgerfestinparadise.com](http://burgerfestinparadise.com). For questions, email [RotaryOfRotonda@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryOfRotonda@gmail.com) or call Janet Shawen at **941-882-2398**.

**Charlotte County Pools New Schedule**

Charlotte County Community Services has adjusted the hours of operation at regional pools including Ann and Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool, Centennial Park Pool, and South County Regional Park Pool to its Fall through Spring schedule. The Port Charlotte Beach Park pool hours will remain the same. Swim meets, visiting swim teams, and special events may affect the regular schedule and lane availability at regional pools. Pool

calendars can be found online at [CharlotteCountyFL.gov/pools](http://CharlotteCountyFL.gov/pools).

**Vendors Sought for**

**Community Garage Sale**

Save the date! Englewood's Fall Community Garage Sale is set for **Saturday, November 18, 8am to 1pm**, at Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Road. If you would like to make some money & let your no-longer wanted items become someone's new treasures, sign up for a space at the sale. Vendor registration opens **Monday, September 18**. Indoor spaces are \$15 (includes 8-foot table and one chair) and outdoor spaces are \$10 (two parking spaces). Call **941-861-1980** or visit [SarasotaCountyParks.com](http://SarasotaCountyParks.com) to register. For more information, call **941-861-5000**.

**EcoSummit & Green Living Expo**

Tickets are now available for the EcoSummit and Green Living Expo events that take place in December in Sarasota. The Green Living Expo will be **Saturday & Sunday, December 2 & 3** at the Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Explore environmental solutions to go green at the Green Living Expo. See demos and buy sustainable products & services from select vendors & nonprofits during this trade show focused on reducing your impact on the environment. Free admission. The EcoSummit will be **Tuesday & Wednesday, December 5 & 6, 9am to 5pm**, at the Van Wezel Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. The EcoSummit explores the simple idea that to preserve quality of life, a new balance must be found

with nature. This is a solutions-oriented experience with lectures, panel discussions, storytelling, and music. Keynote speakers are Damon Gameau, creator of the film "2040" and Carl Hiaasen, author. Use code Hotsale40 for

\$40 off ticket price **through September 30**. Ticket prices are \$155-\$285 + fees. Learn more at [scienceandenvironment.org](http://scienceandenvironment.org). Free Expo passes and EcoSummit tickets may be purchased online at [scienceandenvironment.org](http://scienceandenvironment.org).

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# Club Chatter

**Experience the Sport of Rowing**

The Lemon Bay Crew Club is holding an Open House and "Experience Rowing" event to provide the public an introduction to the sport of rowing. This free event will take place at Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Avenue, on **Saturday, September 9 from 7:30 to 11am**. Participants will be instructed in the basics of the rowing stroke and receive a brief introduction to rowing terminology and the racing shells. They will then be able to experience rowing and test their new skills by helping to crew one of the club's eight-oared 60 ft. rowing shells on Lemon Bay. Wear water shoes and comfortable athletic clothing. Registration is not required. A Learn to Row class will begin **Tuesday, September 19**. For further information, visit [LBCC.jimdofree.com](http://LBCC.jimdofree.com) or on Facebook.

**Odd Ball Party**

The Rotonda American Legion Auxiliary Unit 113, 3436 Indiana Rd, will present an "Odd Ball Party" on **Tuesday, September 12th**. There will

be a Potluck Dinner from **2 to 5 pm** - bring a dish to share. The party will feature a Best Odd Ball Costume contest, Ping Pong Luck Chance Board, 50/50 Raffle, Reverse Draw, Basket Raffle, and Door Prizes. Music will also be provided. For additional information, call **941-697-3616**. This event is open to the public.

**BPWEV Monthly Meeting**

The September dinner meeting for Business & Professional Women of Englewood & Venice (BPWEV) will be **Tuesday, September 19, 5:15pm**, at the Plantation Golf & Country Club, 500 Rockley Blvd., Venice. Guest speaker will be Shannon Mesenburg. Shannon, a former Bond Trader & Global Project Manager, was in the World Trade Center when it was bombed and it changed the trajectory of her life. She also lost her son who was in the military to suicide. She sits on the boards of several non-profits in assisting veterans, first responders, honoring Gold Star Families and works to remove the stigma of depression & suicide awareness. Guests are welcome

to attend. Price is \$31. For more information & to register, go to [bpwev.org](http://bpwev.org). Deadline to register is **Saturday, September 16**.

**RWWC Food Drive**

On **Saturday, September 30** in Charlotte County and all 50 states, the individual clubs of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) will work with one single purpose on their National Day of Service to Stamp Out Hunger and Food Insecurity. The three GFWC Woman's Clubs of Charlotte County (Punta Gorda, Rotonda West and Port Charlotte) will host their Day of Service with food drives and gratefully accept monetary donations earmarked for Back Pack Kidz, the Homeless Coalition and Food Banks throughout Charlotte County. The Food Drive for non-perishable items sponsored by GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club will be a drive-thru from **9am to noon** at the Rotonda West Association Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle. Everything received locally will stay in Charlotte County.

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**Caring & Sharing**

**Seeking Auction Items**

The 2023 Evening of Hope, a benefit for the Boys & Girls Club, will take place on **Saturday, December 2** at Magnolias on the Bay. The event's organizers are asking the community for auction item donations. Proceeds from the evening will be added to the building fund for the new Boys & Girls Club to be built on Winchester Blvd. Last year's event raised over \$200,000 for the building fund and the organizers are hoping to exceed that amount this year. If you or your business would like to donate an item for auction, please email Ashley at [Dignam.Ashley@gmail.com](mailto:Dignam.Ashley@gmail.com). Facebook page: Evening of Hope 2023.

**OneBlood Blood Drives**

The OneBlood "Big Red Bus" has scheduled the following blood drives in Englewood during **September**. Donors are requested to visit the website at [oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org) to schedule an appointment. Please note that blood drives are subject to change at any time. **Friday, September 8, 10am to 4pm:** Xpertech Auto Repair, 101 N. McCall Road. **Saturday, September 9, 9am to 3pm:** Winn-Dixie – East Englewood, 4100 McCall Road. **Friday, September 15, 10am to 4pm:** Gulf Coast Hardware, 975 S. McCall Road. **Sunday, September 17, 10am to 4pm:** Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road. **Friday, September 22, 11am to 5pm:** Publix-Merchants Crossing, 1500 Placida Road. **Monday, September 25, 10am to 4pm:** Bealls Outlet, 425 S. Indiana Avenue.

**Family Promise Dream Walk**

The seventh annual Family Promise of South Sarasota County Dream Walk will be **Saturday, October 14** from **8 to 10am**. The Dream Walk enables supporters of Family Promise to raise

funds in support of their mission to help local children and their families facing a crisis with their housing. You can sign up to walk or donate to a registered team. For more information and registration, go to [familypromisesc.org/dream-walk](http://familypromisesc.org/dream-walk). For questions, email [info@familypromisesc.org](mailto:info@familypromisesc.org) or call 941-979-9881.

**Sports**

**Golfers Who C.A.R.E. Scramble**

C.A.R.E. (Center for Abuse & Rape Emergencies) invites you to join them for Golfers Who C.A.R.E. on **Saturday, September 23 at 8 am**. The four-person golf scramble is open to golf enthusiasts of every level and takes place at the Riverwood Golf Club, 4100 Riverwood Drive, Port Charlotte. Registration is \$125pp/\$500 per team and includes green & cart fees, driving range, breakfast, lunch, two drink tickets, goody bag, raffle entry, and more. Call 941-639-5499 for more information.

**Pete Mason Memorial Golf Tournament**

The Englewood YMCA invites you to join them on **Saturday, September 30** at Myakka Pines Golf Club, 2550 S. River Road, for the 17th Annual Pete Mason Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament is a scramble format with a shotgun start at **8:30am**. Your ticket price covers 18 holes of golf with a cart and sit-down awards luncheon. There will also be contests, raffles, and more. Tickets are \$125 per golfer and may be purchased online at [bit.ly/3QRrVmP](http://bit.ly/3QRrVmP). Funds raised at this event are dedicated to providing scholarship assistance for children, families, and seniors and expanding YMCA programming and services for the Englewood community.

**Senior Games Schedule**

Registration for the Charlotte County "Fit for Life" Senior Games is continuing for the competition in **October**. Events will take place at parks & recreation centers throughout the county. Games are sanctioned by the Florida Sports Foundation and serve as a qualifier for the Florida Senior Games State Championships. Event schedule: **October 1** – Racewalk at South County Regional Park. **October 3** – Bag Toss at Centennial Park Rec Center. **October 5** – Basketball (shooting) at Harold Avenue Regional Park. **October 7** – Swimming at Centennial Park pool. **October 8** – Disc Golf at

Centennial Park. **October 10** – Table Tennis at Harold Avenue Regional Park. **October 12** – Tennis (singles) at Tringali Park. **October 13** – Tennis (doubles) at Tringali Park. **October 14** – Tennis (mixed doubles) Tringali Park. **October 20** – Softball Homerun Derby at Centennial Park. **October 21** – Pickleball (doubles) at South County Regional Park. **October 22** – Pickleball (mixed doubles) at South County Regional Park. **October 24** – Golf at Rotonda West Country Club. **October 28** – Track & Field at Charlotte High School. **October 29** – RC Sailing at South County Regional Park. To register online visit [CharlotteCountyFL.gov/seniorgames](http://CharlotteCountyFL.gov/seniorgames). Walk-in registration is available in Englewood at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park pool, 7001 San Casa Drive. For questions, call 941-613-3230.

**Tour de North Port**

Registration is now open for the 12th annual Tour de North Port, aka "It's the Green Pumpkin", set for **Sunday, October 22nd**. This fun, organized, on-road scenic bicycle ride, with routes of 15, 35, or 65, miles travels through some of North Port's most beautiful, natural settings, featuring the Florida pine flatwoods and the parks that border the Myakkahatchee Creek, with each route having its own color-coded road markings. The Tour de North Port is NOT a race. Breakfast donated by FirstWatch, a catered lunch (Savor Catering) will be provided, delicious desserts, fully stocked rest stops with homemade snacks, full mobile Support and Gear (SAG) provided by Louie's Bicycle and Real Bikes Venice. Pre-registration online by **Friday, October 20** is \$50; day-of \$55. Groups of six or more, \$45. The first 400 to register will receive a free ride t-shirt and goody bag. Doors open at **7am** for check-in and breakfast, with group starts beginning at **8 am** from Imagine School, 2757 Sycamore St. North Port. Early packet pickup, check-in and registration available on **Saturday, October 21** from **10 am-noon** during the "North Port Food and Fest" at the City Center Green (4970 City Center Blvd., North Port). Register on-line and more information at [peoplefortrees.com](http://peoplefortrees.com). Questions, contact Alice White at 941-468-2486 or [treelady12001@yahoo.com](mailto:treelady12001@yahoo.com).



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by Amanda Glam

# Amanda's PICKS

## Distractavision

I don't know about you, but I am never more thankful for my excessive cable bill than during a hurricane warning. All that waiting and worrying is so much easier when you can watch hundreds of hours of TV. I have personally coined a term for watching as much TV as possible to avoid thinking about impending disaster – Distractavision.

Now, one can go about distractavisioning in many different ways. The most important thing is that you do not feel guilty about what you're watching. *Ginny and Georgia*, the Gameshow Network, a replay of the 2012 Super Bowl, *Brady Bunch* reruns, as long as it keeps you from watching the Weather Channel, it's all good.

Personally, I require a lot of distracting during severe weather, and my demands are few. No reality TV, no serious drama, and nothing with Kirsten Dunst as she irritates me.

This hurricane was especially challenging as the writers' and actors' strikes meant much less original content was available, but with 795 channels, that still means there is a lot of unwatched programming.

*Book Club: The Next Chapter*, checked all my distractavision boxes. Here's the description: "Four best friends take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip



they never had. When things go off the rails and secrets are revealed, their relaxing vacation turns into a once-in-a-lifetime cross-country adventure." Yes, please, there is zero chance this movie will challenge or upset me and there's a 99% chance there will not be a hurricane.

Indeed, *Book Club: The Next Chapter* (Peacock) is escapism at its frothiest and gets bonus points for its "I want to go to there" setting. Diane Keaton, Candace Bergen, Mary Steenburgen and Jane Fonda wear tastefully

expensive clothes as they deal with relationship and health issues. One is a workaholic, one has a sick husband, one is dating Don Johnson and one is Diane Keaton. Do I remember anything that happened? No. Did I covet Jane Fonda's travel wardrobe? Yes. Did they actually read a book? I don't think so. Was I worrying about impending disaster while I was watching this movie? Not at all.

Adam Sandler's latest Netflix venture, *You Are So Not Invited To My Bat Mitzvah*, premiered just in time for Idalia. Sandler, who is legendary for continuously hiring friends (hello Rob Schneider) for his movies, goes one step further here and casts his wife and both his daughters in prominent roles.

The good news is that everyone nails it. Best friends Stacy (Sunny Sandler) and Lydia (Samantha Lorraine) are preparing for their bat mitzvahs, the Jewish ritual that ushers a girl (Bar for boy) into adulthood. Since Stacy and Lydia's families are well-to-do, money is almost no object, although Stacy's

mother Bree (Idina Menzel) declares "No Ariana Grande" and Stacy's dad (Adam Sandler), offers the occasional reality check.

There is a lot of Jewish humor and references in *YASNITMBM*, and being Jewish I got all of them. But you don't have to be Jewish to enjoy and appreciate this movie. It's smart, funny and sweet, with a screenplay by Fiona Rosenbloom, who wrote the young adult novel of the same name, and Alison Peck, that elevates its basic coming-of-age plotline.

You may want to slam Sandler for casting his kids, but Sunny Sandler delivers a winning and engaging lead performance and her real-life older sister Sadie is respectably snarky and deadpan as her movie sister. Menzel doesn't really have enough to do as most moms in these films, and Sandler is very good in a supporting role as the almost-cool dad on the sidelines. His big scene when he confronts his daughter for bad behavior in the temple is hysterical.

The breakout performance in *YASNITMBM* might be from current *Saturday Night Live* cast member Sarah Sherman as Stacie's hip and knowing rabbi. Sherman has an offbeat energy and impeccable comedic timing and makes the most of her screen time. She left me wanting a Rabbi Rebecca movie.

This is only the second film for Director Sammi Cohen, and the young filmmaker keeps things moving and makes sure that we stay connected to these characters even when they make bad choices.

According to the Rotten Tomatoes website, *You Are So Not Invited To My Bat Mitzvah*, is the highest-rated film in Sandler's career. While I do take issue with that, it is better than most films of this genre, and world-class distractavision.

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Englewood Performing Arts Series (EPAS) and its partner, Englewood Methodist Church, announce that individual tickets to its season line-up are now on sale. Individual concert premier seating is \$40 each and individual concert general seating is \$30. The concerts are held at Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street. The concert schedule is **Friday, November 17, 7pm: Mark & Maggie O'Connor Duo; Friday, December 8, 7pm: Venice Symphony Jazz Orchestra; Friday, January 12, 7pm: The World-Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra; Friday, February 9, 7pm: The String Queens; and Friday, March 8, 7pm: The HillBenders.** Concert descriptions and ticket purchase can be found online at [englewoodmethodist.com/EPAS](http://englewoodmethodist.com/EPAS) and on the EPAS Facebook page. For questions, call **941-474-5588, ext. 105.** The Glenn Miller Orchestra is pictured here.

**Reefer Madness**  
Venice Theatre will light up the room with the campy, over-the-top musical, "Reefer Madness", poking hilarious fun at the 1936 cult film. Don't eat the brownie and don't smoke the demon weed! Inhale at your peril or America's wholesome way of life will be destroyed. The play runs **Friday, September 8 through Sunday, October 8** in the Pinkerton Theatre at 140 Tampa Avenue West, Venice. Must be 18 years old to attend. Tickets are \$37. Performances

are at **7:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 pm on Sundays.** Purchase tickets online at [venicetheatre.org](http://venicetheatre.org) or call **941-488-1115.**

**Country Party on the Plaza** "Pure Country of SW Florida", a premier country band that performs hits from the 80s, 90s, & early 2000s, will be in concert on **Saturday, September 9, 7pm**, at CoolToday Park, 18800 S. West Villages Pkwy., Venice. The concert will take place on the plaza located in

front of CoolToday Park and guests should bring their own seating. Gates open at **5pm.** General admission is \$15 and a VIP square for four guests is \$30. Purchase tickets online at [CoolTodayPark.com](http://CoolTodayPark.com).

**The Vogues in Concert**  
The Heron Creek Community Foundation presents "The Vogues" in Concert on **Thursday, September 14, 7pm**, at the North Port Performing Arts Center, 6400 West Price Blvd., North Port. "The Vogues" are a world-renown singing group from the 60s and 70s, with chart topping hits like "Five O'Clock World", "Turn Around, Look at Me", and "Earth Angel". All seats are \$45. Tickets are available online at [heroncreekfoundation.org](http://heroncreekfoundation.org).

**Concert in the Park**  
North Port invites you to enjoy an evening of dancing and live entertainment under the stars on the third Friday of the month, September through November. Food & beverage vendors will be on site. Bring your own seating to this free event at the City Center Front Green, 4970 City Hall Blvd., North Port. The concert dates are **Fridays, September 15 at 7pm, October 20 at 6:30pm, and November 17 at 6pm.** For questions, call **941-429-7275.**

**Directing Live Theatre Workshop**  
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**"POWER IN PAPER: Celebrating Sarasota Artists"**




Melanie Lavender is a spoken-word poet and podcast host. Kuniko Yamamoto is an origami master & storyteller. A special September program celebrates these gifted artists who call Sarasota County home. Presented in partnership with the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, Sarasota artists Melanie Lavender and Kuniko Yamamoto combine talents for "Power in Paper: Celebrating Sarasota Artists" on **Friday, September 29th at 6pm.** As the sun sets, spoken-word poet, podcast host, and proud Booker High School alum Melanie Lavender shares selections of work resulting from her two-week residency at the Hermitage. She is joined by Kuniko Yamamoto, an origami master and theatrical storyteller who participated in the Hermitage/JRT residency program last year just before Hurricane Ian. Registration is required at [hermitageartistretreat.org](http://hermitageartistretreat.org). \$5 per person. The Sarasota location will be announced closer to the performance date.





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Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast is excited to announce the People's Choice winners of their fourth annual Summer Photo Contest exhibit. Hundreds of local photographers submitted their images of Florida's natural beauty for consideration. The photos with the most "likes" in each category received the honor of People's Choice. This year's overall People's Choice Best in Show winner was Diane Fairey's photograph, "Corn Snake Enjoying the Salty Air". The individual category winners are: Fabulously Florida: Corn Snake Enjoying the Salty Air by Diane Fairey. The Art of Nature: The Elusive Junonia Seashell by Diane Fairey. The Big Picture: Matanzas Thunderstorm by Stephen Brown. Winged Life: Where Are You? by Larry Stone. Youth Perspective: Wisdom Tree by Gideon Hersh. Best in Show: Corn Snake Enjoying the Salty Air by Diane Fairey. The full gallery may be viewed at [conservationfoundation.com/summerphoto2023](http://conservationfoundation.com/summerphoto2023) or by visiting Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast on Facebook. "Corn Snake Enjoying the Salty Air" is pictured here.

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Dearborn Street, is offering a workshop for those who would like to learn more about directing live theatre. Steve Black will be the instructor for the Director workshop to run **Saturdays, September 23, 30, and October 7, noon to 1:30 pm.** This will be an easy-to-use guide for directing live theatre, focusing on the work of a theatre director. Cost is \$60. Register online at [lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://lemonbayplayhouse.com). For questions, call **941•475•6756**.

**Country for a Cause**  
 This year's Country for a Cause will be **Saturday, September 30, 6 to 10pm**, at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. Tickets are \$125 and include an evening of dinner, dancing, and entertainment by "The BoogieMen". There will also be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and a Potato Patch (game of chance). This is the signature fundraising event for the Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community

Clinic. For more information & tickets, go to [volunteercare.org/country-for-a-cause-2023](http://volunteercare.org/country-for-a-cause-2023).

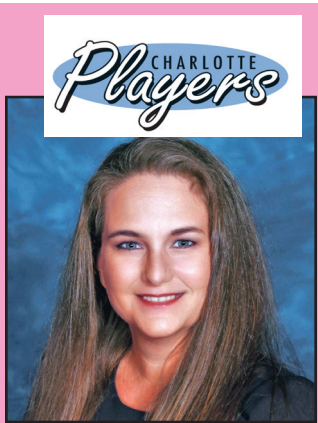
**Van Wezel Announces Season Lineup**  
 The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota, is excited to share the 2023-2024 season filled with sensational Sarasota premieres and returning favorites. The upcoming season features some of the top names in live entertainment and opens with "The Rocky Horror Picture

**ARE YOU A SILVER FOX? THEN WE NEED YOU!**



Venice Theatre's Silver Foxes is seeking new members. The "Foxes" are a professionally directed volunteer performance troupe who have been bringing entertainment to the area for over 25 years and perform at communities, organizations, and other venues. Potential candidates must be age 50 or older and be passionate & committed performers. Auditions for singers, dancers, and actors will be **Monday, September 18, 9:30am to noon**, in the Pinkerton Theatre of Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Avenue West, Venice. Actors must prepare a 60-second monologue; dancers should dress in comfortable clothing & tap shoes and be ready to learn a combination; and singers should come prepared to sing 16 bars of a song and have an additional 16 bars of a different song to sing if asked (bring sheet music for accompanist). More information about The Silver Foxes & auditions can be found at [VeniceTheatre.org/thesilverfoxes](http://VeniceTheatre.org/thesilverfoxes).





Charlotte Players announces the appointment of Jeanne DeYoung as General Manager. She will, in her words, "Provide the glue to hold together a gloriously eclectic mix of people, projects, and priorities." Jeanne notes that Charlotte Players has been around for a long time, but there is always potential for new growth, and she looks forward to growing along with the theater as they enter each new phase. Jeanne is a Florida native who grew up in the Punta Gorda area. She became involved in theater working with the late Ken Crisp in his group Crisp and Company. She started working with Charlotte Players in 2012, working primarily as a stage manager and assisting with costumes and props as needed. Jeanne became a Charlotte Players staff member four years ago and has been assisting Executive Director Sherrie Moody. Charlotte Players is thrilled to have Jeanne continue her career at Charlotte Players as General Manager.

Show" on **Saturday, September 30**. The season offers Broadway & Tony-Award musicals, comics, singers, tribute bands, illusionists, dance, and more. The online public ticket sales start **Saturday, September 9 at 10am**. Tickets can be purchased at the Van Wezel Box Office, at VanWezel.org, or by phone at **941-263-6799**.

**LBP Acting Classes**

Lemon Bay Playhouse Acting Studio classes are now open for registration. Classes focus on the craft of acting and are designed to improve audition techniques, develop a character, and analyze a scene/play. Classes will be based on methods developed by Constantin Stanislavsky & interpreted by Sanford Meisner, Lee Strassberg, Uta Hagen, Michael Chekov, Sonia Moore, and other gurus of modern Method Acting. Each class is \$240 for eight 1.5-hour sessions and classes beginning on **Tuesday, October 3**. Register online at [LemonBayPlayhouse.com](http://LemonBayPlayhouse.com). Lemon Bay Playhouse is located at 96 W. Dearborn Street. For more information, call **941-475-6756**.

**An Evening of Magic**

Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn Street, invites you to "An Evening of Magic with Mike Levasseur" on **Saturday, October 14 at 7:30pm**. This is a fundraiser for a new lighting system to improve the stage at LBP. Enjoy catered hors d'oeuvres and drinks before the show and catered desserts at intermission. Raffle items available. Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased online at [lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://lemonbayplayhouse.com) or call the box office at **941-475-6756, Monday-Friday, 10am to 2pm**.

**Hermitage Announces New Fall Programs**

The Hermitage Artist Retreat announces the first wave of new public programs through the end of 2023, featuring acclaimed Hermitage Fellows in music, theater, dance, literature, visual art, and more – with additional events to be announced. These newly added programs are presented on the Hermitage's historic

beachfront campus, as well as venues throughout Sarasota County. Newly announced events feature many new and returning Hermitage Fellows including Melanie Lavender, Kuniko Yamamoto, Kristen Renee Miller, Diane Cook, Carmina Escobar, Melissa Studdard, Christopher Theofanidis, Emily Nemens, Kirya Traber, Lizzie Hagstedt, Jessica Obiedzinski, and Cleyvis Natera. To find out more about the Hermitage Artist Retreat's fall schedule, go to [HermitageArtistRetreat.org](http://HermitageArtistRetreat.org).

**Creedence Clearwater Remixed**

Florida Studio Theatre Goldstein Cabaret presents "Creedence Clearwater Remixed!" **now through Sunday, October 22**. From the heart of NYC comes a group of four friends who embark on a musical journey through the songbook of Creedence Clearwater Revival. The revue features hit songs like "Proud Mary", "Fortunate Son", "Bad Moon Rising", and "Have You Ever Seen the Rain?" There are both evening and weekend matinee shows. Tickets are \$18-\$39 and may be purchased online at [FloridaStudioTheatre.org](http://FloridaStudioTheatre.org) or call **941-366-9000**. Florida Studio Theatre is located at 1241 N. Palm Avenue, Sarasota.

**Craft Fair Vendors Sought**

Vendors and organizations are invited to apply for a spot at the Craft Fair at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church. The fair will be held on **Saturday, November 11th**. For more information, call **302-563-4479**. GCUMC is located at 1100 McCall Road in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte.

**"The Wild Women of Winedale"**

The Charlotte Players Langdon Theater, 1180 Market Circle, Pt. Charlotte, will open its season with fun and laughter as "The Wild Women of Winedale" comes to Port Charlotte. This touching comedy highlights the lives of three women as they reach crossroads in their lives. "The Wild Women of Winedale" focuses on the Wild sisters Fanny, Willa, and quirky Jonnie Faye. They have supported each other throughout their lives. Now Fanny has reached 60 and doesn't react well to it. Willa's job stress leads her to vodka and speed-knitting. Jonnie Faye is desperately seeking a new husband. They also share responsibility for an ailing aunt and houses full of stuff they don't want. They have to make a lot of decisions on how to reduce the clutter both at home and in their lives. The show runs **from September 7-17**, with evening performances at **7:30pm** and at **2pm on Sunday**. Adult tickets are \$27 and students \$14. Tickets are available by calling the box office at **941-255-1022** or through the website at [charlotteplayers.org](http://charlotteplayers.org). Photo (l-r): JJ Juliano & Terry Williams.

**Winter Opera Festival**

Sarasota Opera announces the 2024 Winter Opera Festival which runs from **February 17 through March 24**. The festival opens on **February 17** with perennial favorite Bizet's "Carmen" with 12 performances **through March 22**. Gaetano Donizetti's bel canto masterpiece, "Lucia di Lammermoor", will open on **February 24** with eight performances **through March 23**. On **March 9**, Giuseppe Verdi's "Luisa Miller" will

open with six performances **through March 24**. Joseph Haydn's opera, "Deceit Outwitted" (*L'infedeltà delusa*), opens on **March 15** with five performances **through March 23**. Evening performances start at **7:30pm** and matinees at **1:30pm**. Both subscriptions & single tickets are now on sale. Purchase tickets online at [SarasotaOpera.org](http://SarasotaOpera.org) or call **941-366-8450**. Sarasota Opera is located at 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota.

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to entering the insurance realm, Daniela served in leadership positions in the nonprofit industry, specializing in intellectual and developmental disabilities and affordable housing. "I am excited to join the Pope Insurance team and was impressed by the long-standing culture of success and commitment to service to clients and the community. I look forward to working alongside my colleagues to further strengthen our impact in a changing insurance landscape." Pope Insurance is an independent full-service insurance agency located at 773 S. Indiana Avenue, serving Sarasota and Charlotte County clients. Founded in 1977 by Carolyn Pope, the agency has provided clients with more than 45 years of extensive experience



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### Community Services Hiring Event

Charlotte County Community Services is hosting a hiring event on **Wednesday, September 13** at Centennial Park Recreation Center located at 1120 Centennial Blvd., in Port Charlotte from **3 to 7pm**. Community Services is actively recruiting to fill full time, part-time and seasonal positions. There will be a swim test for the American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification program onsite. Those interested in becoming American Red Cross Lifeguard certified and apply for lifeguard positions are encouraged to bring a bathing suit and towel for swim test. For information, contact Cathy.Kerallah@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

### "Red" Sale at Charlotte Habitat ReSale Stores

Wear the color red on **Fridays during September** when you shop at Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity ReSale stores and receive 40% off. Red is more than just a color on September Fridays and stands for "Remember Everyone Deployed". The Englewood ReSale Store is located at 3325 S. Access Road and is open **Monday through Saturday, 9am to 5pm**.

### September Mix N Mingle

The Osprey - Nokomis Chamber of Commerce is holding their September Mix N Mingle on **Thursday, September 21, 5:30 to 7:30pm**, at the Chaz 51 Steakhouse, 549 US Hwy 41 Bypass North, Venice.

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**Manasota Mystique: Grande Gala**  
Manasota Mystique presents The Grande Gala on **Saturday, October 7, 5 to 10pm**. This year's gala by the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, will

be at the Boca Bay Pass Club, 898 Gulf Blvd., Boca Grande. There will be a special menu showcasing the Boca Pass Club's specialty dishes, two open bars, live music by The Boogiemens 10 Piece Band,

live and silent auctions. Early Bird pricing is \$175 per person and sponsorships are available. Tickets are limited, so order yours today at [englewoodchamber.com](http://englewoodchamber.com).



Sarasota Memorial Health Care System has opened an advanced wound healing center at its health care center at Blackburn Point, expanding access to specialized outpatient services to residents of southern Sarasota, Osprey, Nokomis, Venice, Englewood, and surrounding communities. Now with two convenient locations, Sarasota Memorial's Center for Wound Healing combines advanced therapies, proven medical techniques and personal consultations to heal wounds that have resisted treatment for weeks, months or years. The wound care team specializes in diabetic foot ulcers, venous/arterial ulcers, burns, bed sores and other pressure ulcers, radiation-related tissue damage, bone infection (osteomyelitis), traumatic injuries and other hard-to-heal wounds. The Center for Wound Healing at Blackburn Point is located at 929 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite 206, in Osprey. For referral information or to schedule an appointment, please call **941-261-2111**. Photo: Dr. Wadi Gomero-Cure, MD, medical director of the Center for Wound Healing, heads a multidisciplinary team of surgical, infectious disease, podiatry, nursing wound care specialists.

Receiving a care package can be a real morale booster for those serving in the military. Englewood Bank & Trust is once again serving as a collection point for the Rotary Club of Englewood's Food for the Troops drive. Customers and residents in the Englewood area are encouraged to bring nonperishable food and personal care items to any of the following Englewood Bank & Trust offices from **September 11 through October 23**: Cape Haze office, 8725 Placida Road #10; Gulf Cove office, 12651 S. McCall Road, and Boca Grande office, 301 Park Avenue. "We have been involved with this Rotary initiative for a number of years," said Market President Joe Cataldo, "and it's always gratifying to observe how people open their hearts to our men and women in uniform." Lists of needed items are posted in the bank lobbies, and include some of the following items: instant drink mixes (hot & cold), tuna in pouches, ramen noodles, spices, salad dressing (no glass), beef jerky, nuts, trail mix, granola, protein bars, crackers, cookies, candy (no chocolate), gum, instant oatmeal, snacks, deodorant, disposable razors, aspirin, chapstick, shampoo, eye drops, medicated foot powder, hand-held games, cards, nerf balls, sudoku & word puzzles, and batteries (AA, AAA, D). For questions, call **941-475-6771**. Photo: Kristina Watts, VP Business Relationship Banker, bags food for the troops.



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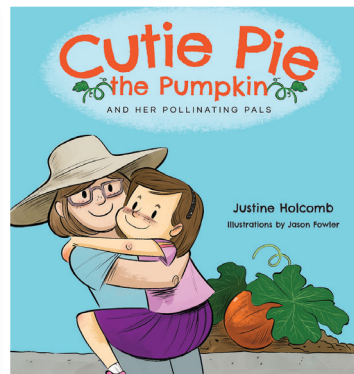
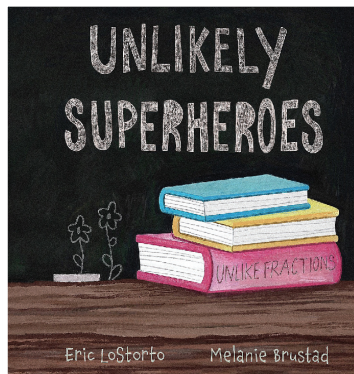




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# Keeping Up with KIDS



Two Sarasota County elementary educators have self-published their own children's novels in time for the 2023-2024 academic year. The authors, both fifth grade teachers at Tuttle Elementary School in Sarasota, worked separately this past summer on their respective stories and contracted The Peppertree Press, a Sarasota-based publishing company, to produce and print their books. Justine Holcomb, a fifth-grade science and social studies teacher, wrote her debut book "Cutie Pie the Pumpkin and Her Pollinating Pals." The story centers around a grandmother and granddaughter duo who use scientific thinking and their problem-solving skills to grow their own pumpkin in time for Halloween. Eric LoStorto, a fifth-grade mathematics teacher, wrote his second novel "Unlikely Superheroes" with unlike fractions in mind. The story encourages young readers to become "mathematical superheroes" by keeping "the right attitude and effort." Both books are available for sale on Amazon. Mrs. Holcomb is also selling her books independently through her website, [JustineHolcombAuthor.com](http://JustineHolcombAuthor.com).

**LBHS to Present "Mathilda"**  
 Lemon Bay High School Theatre, 2201 Placida Road, announces that tickets for their fall musical, "Roald Dahl's Matilda" will go on sale **Saturday, September 16**. The musical will be performed **Thursday & Friday, December 14 & 15 at 6:30pm** and **Saturday, December 16 at 1pm**. Inspired by the twisted genius of Roald Dahl, the Tony Award-winning Roald Dahl's "Matilda the Musical" is the captivating masterpiece from the Royal Shakespeare Company that revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination and the inspiring story of a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence & psychokinetic powers, Mathilda, who dreams of a better life. Packed with high-energy dance numbers, catchy songs and an unforgettable star turn for a young actress, Matilda is a joyous girl power romp that will be enjoyed by children & adults alike. To purchase tickets online, go to [lbhstheatre.net](http://lbhstheatre.net).

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**Library Card Month**  
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**FC Blast**  
 Fellowship Church's BLAST Youth Bible Study meets **twice a month on Sunday evenings from 5 to 7pm** at the home of the Heeg's. Join them for some fun & games, outings & events, food & friendship, and Bible studies. The next meeting will be **Sunday, September 17**. For more information and location address, please call **941-475-7447** or log onto to [Facebook.com/FellowshipBlast](https://Facebook.com/FellowshipBlast).

**Imagination Library Receives Grant**  
 Gilstad Literacy Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce it has received a \$8,575 grant from the Charlotte Community Foundation. These funds will support the Charlotte County Imagination Library (CCIL), the local affiliate of Dolly Parton's iconic reading program that delivers a free book monthly to Charlotte County children ages birth to 5 years old. Board president and local affiliate founder, Shawn Gilstad, states that these funds will provide 343 local preschoolers with a total of 4,116 books in the next year. Since the first books were mailed in March 2012, more than 6,100 local preschool children have received more than 175,600 free books through the Imagination Library program. To learn more about the Imagination Library and learn how to register your preschool child, visit [CharlotteCountyImaginationLibrary.org](http://CharlotteCountyImaginationLibrary.org).

**Day for Kids**  
 Join the celebration at a fun-filled Day for Kids event presented by the Boys & Girls Club of Sarasota & Desoto Counties on **Saturday, September 16, 10am to 1pm**. Families are invited to this free event that features waterslides, rock wall obstacle course, games, prizes, a DJ, hotdogs, chips & drinks. The event will be held at the Robert & Joan Lee Boys & Girls Club, 920 Gulf Coast Blvd., Venice. For more information, visit [bgscdc.org](http://bgscdc.org) or call **941-456-2711**.

**Mother & Son Night**  
 Calling all mothers and sons - create memories and enjoy classics such as laser tag and dodgeball at the annual Mother & Son Night, hosted by the North Port Parks & Recreation Department! Attendees will enjoy a meal together and games such as laser tag and glow dodgeball on **Friday, September 22 from 6 to 8pm** at the George Mullen Activity Center, 1602 Kramer Way, North Port. Grandmothers, aunts, guardians and mother figures are welcome to attend. Pre-Registration is open to kids from kindergarten through sixth grade and is required as space is limited. Those interested can sign up online at [NorthPortFL.gov/Registration](http://NorthPortFL.gov/Registration). The fee is \$20 per couple and \$10 per additional person. For more information, call **941-429-PARK (7275)**.

*If you have an event or happening you would like to have considered for 'Keeping Up with Kids,' please send information and/or photo to The Englewood REVIEW, 370 W. Dearborn St., Suite B, Englewood, FL 34223, or email: [englewoodreview@comcast.net](mailto:englewoodreview@comcast.net).*

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# Nature Calls

**Cedar Point Closed for Repairs**  
Cedar Point Environmental Park and Center, 2300 Placida Road, is closed for repairs **through Sunday, September 17**. All trails, park amenities, buildings, and parking lots are closed to the public. All park amenities will reopen on **Monday, September 18**. Website: [checflorida.org](http://checflorida.org).

**Cedar Point Volunteer Open House & Park Cleanup**  
Join CHEC for a Volunteer Open House at Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road, on **Monday, September 18, 8:30 to 10:30am**. Free snacks and coffee will be offered along with a presentation of the park, its programs, and volunteer opportunities. Then stay to help contribute to Keep Charlotte Florida Beautiful's "International Coastal Cleanup" Campaign by participating in a cleanup at Cedar Point. Advance registration is required. The first 20 registrants will get a free T-shirt! To register, please call **941-475-0769** or email [Tome@checflorida.org](mailto:Tome@checflorida.org).

**Volunteers Needed**  
On National Public Lands Day, celebrate the nation's largest volunteer event at Alligator Creek in Punta Gorda on **Saturday, September 23, 9am to noon**. Volunteers will assist with various select projects around the park such as painting, planting, and invasive plant

removal. Contact [ashley@checflorida.org](mailto:ashley@checflorida.org) to help make a difference. CHEC Alligator Creek is located at 10941 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda. For questions, call **941-575-5435**.

**Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) Activities**  
*On these casual walks with CHEC volunteers, you will search for and learn about plants, animals, fungi, and more that live in Charlotte County preserves. Prepare for each walk with plenty of water, insect repellent, sunscreen, and clothing that will protect you from insects and plants. Advance registration is required. For more information on programs, please call 941-475-0769 or email [tome@checflorida.org](mailto:tome@checflorida.org). Go to [CHECflorida.org](http://CHECflorida.org) for a complete program calendar.*

**Amberjack Env. Park**  
Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre Amberjack Environmental Park on **Wednesday, September 13, 8am**. Meet at the end of the road at 6250 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. Please register online at [checflorida.org](http://checflorida.org) or call **941-475-0769** to register or for more information.

**Tippecanoe Env. Park**  
Join CHEC on a guided walk through 308-acre Tippecanoe

Environmental Park on **Wednesday, September 20, 8am**. This Charlotte County park includes habitats such as scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh, and wetlands. Meet behind the Charlotte County Sports Park at 2400 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte. Register online at [checflorida.org](http://checflorida.org) or call **941-475-0769** for more information.

**Seagrass Wading Trip**  
Join CHEC for a free wading adventure through the seagrass beds of Lemon Bay on **Saturday, September 23, 9 to 11am**. All participants will be guided approximately a half-mile to the wading site, where they will collect and view creatures of the bay. Participants will need to wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that may get wet during the trip. Participants are also encouraged to wear sunscreen and insect repellent and to bring plenty of drinking water. **Advance registration is required** at [checflorida.org](http://checflorida.org) or call **941-475-0769**. Trips fill up fast! Meet outside the Cedar Point Visitor Center at 2300 Placida Road.

**Kayak EcoTour**  
Join CHEC and Biotica EcoTours on a beautiful, guided kayak ecotour of Lemon Bay and the surrounding mangrove habitats, including the nearby bird rookery, on **Monday, September 25, 9 to 11:30am**. This tour is perfect for all skill levels and wonderful for nature lovers and bird enthusiasts. The tour is approximately 2.5 hours of easy-paced paddling. The fee

is \$50 per person, which includes kayaks and all other equipment for the day. Meeting location is at the kiosk by the visitor center at Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road. Advance registration is required. Please contact Biotica EcoTours at **941-350-4905** or [bioticatours.com/eco-tours](http://bioticatours.com/eco-tours) to reserve your spot.

**Nighttime Seagrass Wading Trip**  
Embrace your nocturnal side and join CHEC for a two-hour nighttime wading adventure through the seagrass beds of Lemon Bay on **Tuesday, September 26, 7 to 9pm**. Search for, catch & release sea creatures in Lemon Bay while learning about the unique aquatic plants and animals with help from a CHEC naturalist. Program fee is \$15 per person. Advance registration is required by emailing [Tome@checflorida.org](mailto:Tome@checflorida.org) or calling **941-475-0769**. Meet at Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road.

**Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve**  
Join CHEC on a guided walk on **Wednesday, September 27, 8am**, through Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve, 16259 Joppa Avenue, Port Charlotte. This 150-acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Meet in the parking lot. Please register online at [checflorida.org](http://checflorida.org) or call **941-475-0769** for more information.

**Cedar Point Nature Walk**  
Join CHEC for a guided tour

of the 115-acre beautiful Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road, on **Saturday, September 30, 8am**. Meet outside the visitor center at 2300 Placida Road. Register online at [checflorida.org](http://checflorida.org) or register or more information, call **941-475-0769**.

*Lemon Bay Conservancy News*  
*The free guided nature walks shown below are sponsored by Lemon Bay Conservancy and will be held at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., Englewood. Please come prepared for a hike. The preserve can be "buggy" this time of year. Consider wearing long sleeves and long pants. Water, a hat, sunscreen, bug spray and hiking shoes are recommended. Some people like to bring a walking pole. Binoculars are useful for observing more distant birds and other animals. Website: [lemonbayconservancy.org](http://lemonbayconservancy.org).*

**LBC Family Day**  
The public is invited to attend the Butterfly & Wildlife Habitat Family Explore event on **Saturday, September 9, 9am**, at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. This program focuses on creating a habitat that supports butterflies and pollinators. Participants will make pollinator houses using recycled tin cans. They also will be given seeds to take home to begin growing a habitat in their own yard. Lemon Bay Conservancy will be hosting Family Explore

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sessions on the second Saturday of each month. Note: bring your water bottle, wear closed toe shoes, a hat, sunscreen, and bug spray as these are outdoor events. For more information, visit [lemonbayconservancy.org](http://lemonbayconservancy.org) or email [info@lemonbayconservancy.org](mailto:info@lemonbayconservancy.org).

**Labyrinth on the Hill Walk**

Join Labyrinth facilitators Tonya Bramlage and Lary Stuhlmiller at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve as they lead a labyrinth

walk on **Wednesday, September 20 at 6pm**. Located on top of a berm that overlooks all four directions of the Preserve, the labyrinth offers walkers a winding circular path on the ground that winds itself to the center and then back out again. This is a meditative, peaceful walk with a spectacular view. You will receive simple guidelines on how to walk the labyrinth, a time for sharing and opportunities for reflecting, and a Q&A. This is public event, and everyone is welcome to join them at the Preserve located at

3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. For more information, email [info@lemonbayconservancy.org](mailto:info@lemonbayconservancy.org).

*The items appearing in this column are as accurate as possible. Please call 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 email: [englewoodreview@comcast.net](mailto:englewoodreview@comcast.net).*

**Five Questions to Ask About Donating to Hurricane Idalia Relief**

By The Better Business Bureau

Since Hurricane Idalia has made landfall in Florida, generous donors will seek to support relief efforts that are engaged in disaster-related activities. The Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance recommends contributors to ask five questions to help them make wise giving decisions.

**1. Does the disaster appeal describe the charity's activities?** Look for appeals that are upfront and clear about what disaster relief services you are supporting.

**2. How experienced is the charity in disaster relief?** Donate to experienced organizations that stand ready to provide quick and effective assistance. Be cautious of organizations that form overnight in the wake of a disaster.

**3. Should you donate goods?** Contributing money is the quickest way to help and provides charities with the flexibility to channel resources to impacted areas. Instead of donating food, consider supporting food banks near an impacted area. Visit Feeding

America (a BBB Accredited Charity) which works with food banks across the country.

**4. Have you checked out the charity?** Rely on expert opinion when it comes to evaluating a charity. We recommend giving to charities that meet all 20 BBB Standards for Charity Accountability, found at BBB's Give.org.

**5. What about crowdfunding requests?** If engaging in crowdfunding, it is safest to give to someone you personally know and trust. Also review the platform's policies and procedures, keeping in mind that while some crowdfunding sites take measures to vet posts, others don't.

The following BBB Accredited Charities (i.e., meet the 20 BBB Standards for Charity Accountability) announce they are collecting funds to assist Hurricane Idalia relief efforts. This list will be updated here as additional efforts come to our attention:

- American Red Cross - Hurricane Idalia Activities
- Americares – Hurricane Idalia Activities
- Direct Relief – Hurricane Idalia

- Activities
- GlobalGiving – Hurricane Idalia Activities
  - Heart to Heart International – Hurricane Idalia Activities
  - Matthew 25: Ministries – Hurricane Idalia Activities
  - Salvation Army – Hurricane Idalia Activities
  - Save the Children – Hurricane Idalia Activities
  - World Vision – Hurricane Idalia Activities

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1. A people of Eastern Afghanistan
5. Supervises interstate commerce
8. Touch lightly
11. Relating to bees
13. Mauna \_\_\_, Hawaiian volcano
14. Mosuo culture religion
15. Italian village
16. Stiff bristle
17. Wealthy enclave in Rio
18. Cause to lose courage
20. Examines animals
21. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
22. Gets rid of
25. Having easily perceived thoughts
30. Removed surgically
31. Principle underlying the universe

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| 62. Brew                    | 19. A way to record                           | 41. Nigerian City              |
| 63. Doctor of Education     | 23. Not good                                  | 42. Thousands of pounds        |
| 64. Impudence               | 24. One who tends the furnace                 | 44. Inspired                   |
|                             | 25. Small amount                              | 45. Secret clique              |
|                             | 26. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.) | 46. Expression                 |
|                             | 27. The whole quantity                        | 47. Dough made from corn flour |
|                             | 28. ___ King Cole, musician                   | 48. Comedian Carvey            |
|                             | 29. One's opinion                             | 51. Swiss river                |
|                             | 34. Holds ashes                               | 52. Prejudice                  |
|                             | 35. Stablecoin cryptocurrency                 | 53. Actor Idris                |
|                             | 36. Side-blotched lizards genus               | 54. Resistance fighters        |
|                             | 37. Legislator (abbr.)                        | 58. Criticize                  |
|                             | 39. Concentrated bombardment                  |                                |

## CLUES DOWN

1. State attorneys
2. Imitated
3. Latvian capital
4. Irish goddess
5. Taste
6. Dried
7. Spanish saloon
8. Mother of Perseus
9. Evergreen coniferous trees
10. Refuse to comply
12. Negative

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# Nola's Notes

**Thank You from SHS**  
Suncoast Humane Society extends a huge thank-you to the staff, volunteers, fosters, and the Englewood community for their help in getting all the animals (both dogs & cats) out of the shelter and into foster homes during Hurricane Idalia.

**SHS Art for Animals**  
The Suncoast Humane Society is holding a fundraiser event, Art for Animals Auction, on

**Saturday, September 30**  
from **5 to 8pm** at The Waverly Restaurant and Bar, 2095 N. Beach Road. Guests experience an array of artwork by local artists, complemented by a selection of hors d'oeuvres and wine for their enjoyment. A silent auction and a live auction will offer the opportunity to bid on beautiful artwork. Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased online at [suncoastevents.org/ArtforAnimals](http://suncoastevents.org/ArtforAnimals).

## DOGGS at WORK

**MEET:** Dez at Reliable Cabinet Designs, 6900 San Casa Drive.

**Pedigree and Age:** Dez is a 3 1/2 year old Havanese.

**Likes:** Belly rubs!

**Dislikes:** No complaints from Dez. She loves everyone and everything!

**Pet Peeves:** Dez does not like birds in her yard.

**Office Jobs:** To greet customers and look cute & adorable.

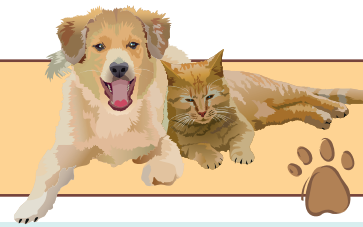
**How Did You Acquire Your Human?** My owner was looking for an awesome dog and there I was!



**Owner's Remarks:** Dez loves car rides, going shopping, and visits to Home Depot. He's my traveling buddy on both short & long trips. "Dez is the keeper of my heart and has all my love," says owner Dyane.



# Pets



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 Website, [www.humane.org](http://www.humane.org).

**Meet & Greet and Adoption Hours** (By appointment only)

**Now Open Daily from 8am to 4:30pm.**

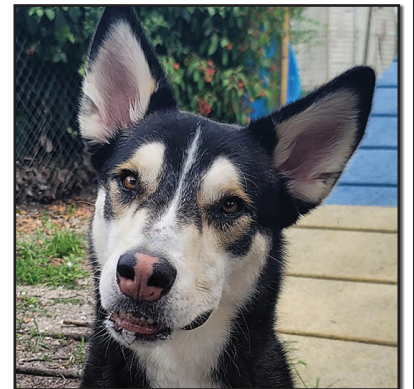
Contact our Adoption Specialists at 941-474-7884 x 419

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**Meet Liam!**  
He is very energetic and loves to play with wand toys. He is a sweetie who loves to snuggle in his down time and loves to be pet. Like all great adventurers, he loves to be up high and see the world around him.



**My name's Koda** and I'm a bundle of love looking for my forever home! I'm a master tail-wagger, a champion snuggler, and I've got a nose that can detect treats from a mile away! I dream of long walks in the park, car rides with the wind in my fur, and maybe even a cozy spot on the couch next to my favorite human. Are you the one I've been waiting for? Let's embark on this journey of belly rubs, ear scratches, and endless adventures together!



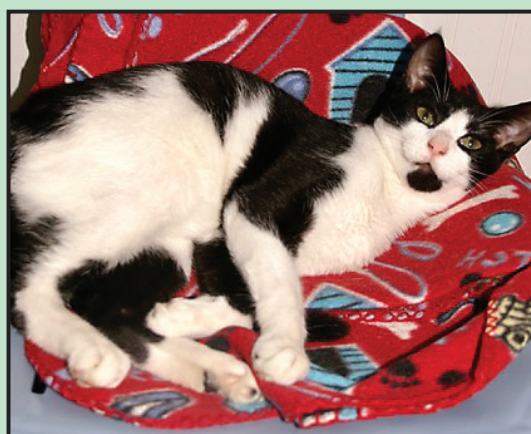
  
**EARS**  
Englewood Animal  
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Ask how you can become a foster home for EARS. To see all the EARS animals, visit us at 500 N. Indiana Ave. (SR776), or visit [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com), or [EarsAnimalRescue.com](http://EarsAnimalRescue.com). For information, call 941-681-3877.

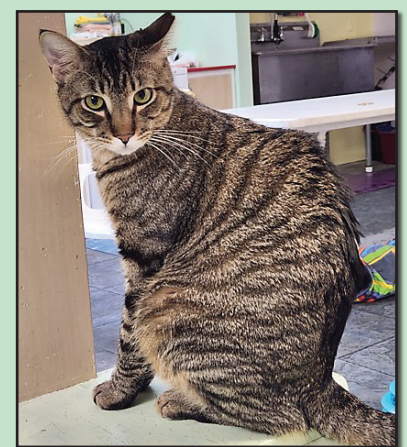
Adoptions events are at EARS Tuesday thru Saturday, 10a.m.-3:00p.m. All of EARS pets are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped in your name.

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**Mickey** is a very friendly, 9-month-old, black and white kitten who has lived with other cats. He is easy going and affectionate.



**Guapo** is a one-year-old, neutered male kitty. He is a handsome guy and has lived with other cats. Come play with him in the EARS open cat room.

### EARS Animal Rescue's Thrift Store

We are located at **280 S McCall Road**

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# Ensuring Your Pets' Safety: Hurricane Preparedness Tips for Furry Family Members



Best Friends Animal Society, a leading animal welfare organization working to end the killing of cats and dogs in shelters by 2025, encourages people to have an emergency plan for their pets. Whether preparing your home, evacuating, or moving into a temporary relief center, knowing what to do and where to go is essential. "Developing and practicing emergency preparedness for hurricanes provides the peace of mind that all of your family members, including your pets will be okay when disaster strikes," said Sharon Hawa, Senior Manager of Emergency Services at Best Friends Animal Society. "Many times, evacuations are required with little to no notice. Having items on hand that you and your pet may need allows for an efficient exit. A few essentials to include in a pet's go-bag include, a pet first aid kit, 3-5 days of their food and water, a collar and current ID tag, a crate labeled with their name, as well as towels and blankets."

Tips to feel prepared this hurricane season include:

- Connect with neighbors to ensure someone can care for and/or evacuate pets if residents are unable to do so.
- Bring pets indoors at the first disaster warning signs.
- When evacuating, cover pets' crates with a sheet to help keep them calm.
- Ensure pets are microchipped and the chip is registered to the correct name and current phone number.
- Determine where all household members--including pets--will go in an emergency and identify several evacuation routes to get there, since one route may not be accessible in the event of a disaster.

(211 or 511) and identify the closest pet-friendly disaster shelter or emergency pet shelter where pets can go for temporary care. Organizations such as the Red Cross will often provide support to residents displaced during a disaster, and local animal welfare groups may provide emergency shelter for displaced pets, or even temporary foster homes until owners can recover.

For additional details on preparing pets for weather-

related emergencies, along with information about adoption and fostering, visit [bestfriends.org](http://bestfriends.org).

*The items appearing in this column are as accurate as possible. Please call the listed numbers for confirmation and further information. If you have an upcoming event you would like to have considered for 'Pets', please send info and/or photo to The Englewood REVIEW, 370 W Dearborn St, Suite B, Englewood, FL 34223, or email: [englewoodreview@comcast.net](mailto:englewoodreview@comcast.net).*

- Create a pet go-bag that includes 3-5 days of their food and water, a collar and current ID tag, a crate labeled with their name, towels and blankets, and a pet first-aid kit.

- Keep copies of your pets' microchip information, current photos, vaccination records and contact information, and a list of phone numbers for animal shelters, animal hospitals and hotels in one easily accessible place where they can be grabbed at a moment's notice for a quick exit.

For those who need to find shelter during a disaster, it is recommended to call a local emergency information number

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# Calendar *at a Glance*

These are the shortened calendar events that were added to our website [www.Englewoodreview.com](http://www.Englewoodreview.com) as of Friday, September 1. They represent events from September 8 thru Oct 1. For the most up-to-date listings and to read about these events in full detail, visit our online calendar. All listings in our "Calendar At A Glance" must be entered on our website. Click on Calendar and fill out Event Submission Form.

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

**FRI SEPT 8**

**Pirate Pre-Poker Party:** Ken & Barb's Restaurant, 2000 Oyster Creek Drive. 5-9pm Food and music. Packet pick-up for Pirate Poker Run. [Englewoodbeachwaterfest.com](http://Englewoodbeachwaterfest.com).

**Grandparents Day:** Morgan Family Comm. Center, 6207 W. Price Blvd., North Port. 6 to 8pm. Ice cream social & games for grandparents & grandkids. \$3. RSVP to 941-429-7275.

**FRI SEPT 8 - 10**

**Golf with Alan Shepard:** Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Avenue W., Venice. Evening shows 7:30pm; Sunday 2pm. Tickets \$35. [Venicetheatre.org](http://Venicetheatre.org).

**SAT SEPT 9**

**Pirate Poker Run:** The End Zone, 2440 S. McCall Road. 9am-9pm. Poker run is 9am to 3pm. Poker play is 4 to 6pm. After-Party starts at 6pm at the End Zone. Pirate costume contest. Register/more info at [Englewoodbeachwaterfest.com](http://Englewoodbeachwaterfest.com).

**Mothers Helping Mothers:** Gulf Cover UMC, 1100 S. McCall Road, Pt. Charlotte. 10am to 1pm. Provides free clothing & other basic necessities. Trailer open 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month. Learn more at [mhmsarasota.com](http://mhmsarasota.com).

**Driving Dearborn:** 450 W. Dearborn Street. 5-9pm. Monthly car meet-up on second Saturday of the month. [Facebook.com/drivingdearborn](http://Facebook.com/drivingdearborn).

**Party on the Plaza:** CoolToday Park, 18800 S. West Village Pkwy, Venice. 7pm. Pure Country of SW Florida in concert. Gates open at 5pm. Bring own seating. Tickets \$15-\$30. [CoolTodayPark.com](http://CoolTodayPark.com).

**MON SEPT 11**

**9/11 Memorial Ceremony:** Pioneer Plaza, 300 W. Dearborn Street. 9:30am. Ceremony to honor the fallen & heroes of 9/11. [EnglewoodChamber.com/events](http://EnglewoodChamber.com/events).

**TUE SEPT 12**

**Health in Motion Bus:** Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. Noon to 4pm. Free health screenings & referrals. Sarasota Dept. of Health 941-861-2873.

**Odd Ball Party:** Rotonda American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Road. 2 to 5pm. Potluck dinner (bring dish to share), Odd Ball costume contest, 50/50 raffle, door prizes. Open to public. 941-697-3616.

**WED SEPT 13**

**Chef Warren Cooks:** Tringali Comm. Center, 3460 N. Access Road. 2-3pm. Learn cooking tips with Chef Warren. Free. 941-681-3736.

**THUR SEPT 14 - 28**

**Let's Eat Englewood:** Enjoy eating out at participating Englewood restaurants for \$18 lunch specials & \$35 dinner specials, Sept. 14-28. See restaurant list at [Englewood-Chamber.com/lets-eat-englewood](http://Englewood-Chamber.com/lets-eat-englewood).

**FRI SEPT 15**

**Family Movie Night:** Gulf Cove UMC, 1100 S. McCall Road, Pt. Charlotte. 6pm. "Super Mario Bros. Movie". Free movie with popcorn. 941-697-1747.

**SAT SEPT 16**

**Beach Nesting Program:** Harold Avenue Regional Park, 2340 Harold Ave., Pt. Charlotte, 9-10:30am. Free program on sea turtle and shorebird nesting by Charlotte County Community Services. RSVP by Sept. 10 to 941-627-1074.

**Hunks in Heels:** Englewood Elks, 401 N. Indiana Avenue. 6 to 9 pm. Benefit dinner/show for Spread Spencer's Sparkle where Englewood Hunks put their best feet forward. Tickets \$75. [SpreadSpencersSparkle.com](http://SpreadSpencersSparkle.com).

**SUN SEPT 17**

**FC BLAST Youth Bible Study:** Heeg's home. 5 to 7pm. Fun youth Bible study with games, outings, food & friendship. Call for address location 941-475-7447

**MON SEPT 18**

**Volunteer Open House & Park Clean-Up:** Cedar Point Env. Park, 2300 Placida Road. 8:30 to 10:30am. Learn about Cedar Point, its programs, & volunteer opportunities followed by a park clean-up. RSVP to 941-475-0769.

**Englewood Area Orchid Society:** Monthly Meeting. St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway. 6:30-8:30pm. Orchids, raffle, education, and friendly people.

**MON SEPT 18-21**

**US Coast Guard Boating Skills Course:** Zoom. 5:45 to 8pm. Course qualifies for US Coast Guard & NASBLA certifications. \$45. [Coastguardenglewood.com](http://Coastguardenglewood.com).

**TUE SEPT 19**

**BPWEV Dinner Meeting:** Plantation Golf & Country Club, 500 Rockley Blvd., Venice. 5:15pm. \$31. Guests welcome. Reg. at [bpwev.org](http://bpwev.org) by 9/16.

**THUR SEPT 21**

**Fellowship Church Group Vow Renewal & Redemption Cookout:** Englewood Beach, 2100 N. Beach Road. 5pm. Cookout, communion & beach baptism, vow renewal service. 941-475-7447.

**SAT SEPT 23**

**Golfers Who C.A.R.E. Scramble:** Riverwood Golf Club, 4100 Riverwood Drive, Port Charlotte. 8am. Golf scramble to benefit C.A.R.E. \$125/per golfer. 941-639-5499.

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**SAT SEPT 30**

**Food Drive:** GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club Food Drive, Rotonda West Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle. 9am to noon. Drive-thru donation event for non-perishable food items & monetary donations. Kathryn at [rwkckathryn@gmail.com](mailto:rwkckathryn@gmail.com).

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**SUN OCT 1**

**FC Communion Service:** Fellowship Church, 140 Rotonda Blvd., West. First Sunday of the month Communion Service following both the 8:30am & 10:30am services. 941-475-7447.

**ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS**

**EVERY DAY**

**Englewood Beach Yoga:** 2100 N. Beach Rd. 8:30-9:30AM 941-473-0135

**MON - SAT**

**Manasota Beach Yoga:** Manasota Beach, 8570 Manasota Key Road. 8:30AM- 9AM, Yoga on the beach for all abilities, a great start to the day. katja@ezfit4u.com 941-313-0358

**MON, TUES, WED**

**Jubilee Center Food Pantry:** Jubilee Center at St. David's, 401 S. Broadway, 10AM-12PM. Clothes Closet Tuesday only. 941-681-3550

**MON & WED**

**Zumba Fitness with Denise:** Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda Blvd. E. 9:30 -10:30 AM. \$7 a class. Bring water. 941-268-8086

**MON & THURS**

**Englewood Community Care Clinic:** Mac Horton West County Annex, 6868 San Casa Dr. 5-8PM 941-681-2081

**MON, WED & FRI**

**Hatha Yoga:** Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM \$5/class 941-861-1980

**Table Tennis:** Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. \$2 to play 9-11AM. 941-861-1980 loverly@scgov.net

**St. Francis Food Pantry:** Drive through service open to those in need, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 5265 Placida Road, Grove City. 9:15-11:30AM. 941-697-4899

**Dynamic Walk Fitness:** Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 10:30-11:30AM \$6/class 941-626-2399

**MON - THURS**

**Super Kids Martial Arts:** Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 12 and under 6-7PM, 13 and up 7-8PM 941-258-7254 loverly@scgov.net

**TUES & THURS**

**Boogie Chair by Laurentz:** Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM 941-237-8983 lalitenors410@gmail.com

**TUE- FRI**

**Open Play Pickleball:** Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 12:30-2PM \$2 to play. loverly@scgov.net

**WED & THURS**

**Englewood Helping Hand Food Pantry:** Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St. 8AM-1PM 941-474-5864

**WED & FRI**

**Line Dance With Eve:** American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd., Rotonda 9:30-11:30AM. \$5/class moraghan@comcast.net

**MONDAYS**

**Myakka River Woodcarvers Club:** Harbour Lakes RV Resort Club House, 3737 El Jobean Rd, PC, 8-11AM, Classes available, Jim O'Dear, 941-697-2002

**Zumba with Laurentz:** 118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda 10:45-11:45AM 941-237-8983 lalitenors410@gmail.com

**Spaghetti Dinner:** American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd., Rotonda W. 5-7PM 941-697-3616

**Venetian Harmony Chorus:** Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave. 6:30PM. A women's a cappella chorus meets weekly. Visitors welcome. 941-473-1370

**TUESDAYS**

**Line Dancing:** Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple St, 9:30-11AM, \$4/class 941-474-9762

**Jubilee Center Clothes Closet:** 401 S. Broadway, Free Clothing 10AM-12PM 941-681-3550

**Line Dancing with Eve:** Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda Blvd E., 9:30-11:30AM \$5/class 941-697-8733 moraghan@comcast.net

**Friend-to-Friend:** Fellowship Church Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W., 1-3PM, 941-475-7447 dina@fellowshipenglewood.com

**Open Mic Garden Party:** The Open Studio, 380 Old Englewood Rd. 4-8PM. Musicians/Singers bring your instruments. 941-473-8977 bonnie@comprocomputers.net

**Writers on the Air:** 12735 US 41, North Port 5:30-6:30PM Free Open Mic for writers, poets, comedians. Sign up 5:30PM. Airs on 97.5 FM 501C-3, Sundays at 3:04PM. Lschell2@verizon.net, 941-223-1262

**WEDNESDAYS**

**TOPS Meeting:** Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St. 8:00-9:30AM 941-662-8079 overbyathome@gmail.com

**Coffee & Cars.** Englewood shopping center, 451 S. Indiana Avenue. 8-10am. Bring your classic, hot rod, or specialty car and join fellow car enthusiasts for coffee and conversation.

**Circl Mobility with Laurentz:** Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9:15-9:45AM. Bring a mat if you will use one, a bottle of water and a towel. Unlock your body's potential through flexibility, breath work and mobility. lalitenors410@gmail.com, 941-237-8983

**Aqua Zumba with April:** Ann and Chuck Dever Pool, 6791 San Casa Dr. 10:15-11:15AM \$7/class No pool membership required. all4fitness@comcast.net

**Grief Share Support Group:** Fellowship Church, Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 4-6PM 941-475-7447

**Wednesdays@5:** Old Florida Outdoor Center Courtyard, 463 W. Dearborn Street. 5-7pm. Free music presented by local musicians. Facebook: Wednesdays@5.

**Celebrate Recovery :**

Fellowship Church of Englewood, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 6-8PM 941-475-7447 dina@fellowshipenglewood.com

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Englewood Christian Church, 9600 Gulfstream Blvd. 6-7PM 941-475-4973

**THURSDAYS**

**Summer Farmers Market:** The Open Studio, 310 Old Englewood Road. 8am-1pm. Organic produce, hand-made jewelry, bread, Mexican food.

**Line Dancing with Eve:** American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd, Rotonda 9:30-11:30AM. Join our Beginners/Improvers Class, moraghan@comcast.net 941-697-8733

**Zumba Toning with Denise:** 303 Rotonda Blvd. E., 9:30-10:30am \$7 a class. Bring 2 light hand-weights and water. 941-268-8086

**Line Dance Club:** Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Avenue. 9:30-11:30am. Beginners 9:30am. Improv/immediate 10:30am. 941-474-6027. Facebook: Englewood Country Liners.

**Boogie Chair by Laurentz:** Centennial Park, 1120 Centennial Blvd., PC, 11AM-12PM 941-237-8983

**FRIDAYS**

**Boogie Chair By Laurentz:** Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda Blvd E., 9-10AM 941-237-8983 lalitenors410@gmail.com

**Jewelry Classes:** Englewood Arts Alliance, 452 West Dearborn Street, 1-4PM, a different wire related jewelry class each week, 845-242-1869

**Dinner/Music - American Legion Post 113:** 3436 Indiana Rd., 5-9:30PM 941-697-3616

**SATURDAYS**

**Zumba Fitness with Denise:** Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 North Maple Street, 9-10AM, \$7/class, 941-268-8086

**Cornhole:** - American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd., 12:30-3PM 941-697-3616

**SUNDAYS**

**Fresh Harvest Farmers Market:** Wellen Park, 19745 Wellen Park Blvd., Venice. 9am-1pm. Shop fresh fruit, vegetables, plants, seafood, cut flowers, and more. wellenpark.com.

**Christ Lutheran Church:** 701 N. Indiana Ave. 9:30AM. 941-474-1989 christlutheranfleng.com

**Englewood Christian Church:** 9600 Gulfstream Blvd. 9AM & 10:45AM, 941-475-4973 englewoodchristian.com

**Englewood Methodist Church:** 700 E. Dearborn St. 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM. Also available online at englewoodmethodist.com

**Community Presbyterian Church:** 405 S. McCall Rd. 10AM First Sunday Communion. Online at cpcenglewood.com 941-474-9579

**Faith Lutheran Church:** 551 Rotonda Blvd. West 9:30AM. 941-697-3313 alivingfaith.org

**Fellowship Church:** Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 8:30AM and 10:30AM 941-475-7447 fellowshipenglewood.com

**Gulf Cove United Methodist Church:** 1100 S. McCall Rd. Services 8AM, 9:30AM & 11AM. Online: GulfCoveChurch.com 941-697-1747

**Living Hope Church:** 881 South River Rd. 10AM 941-460-8506, livinghope.life

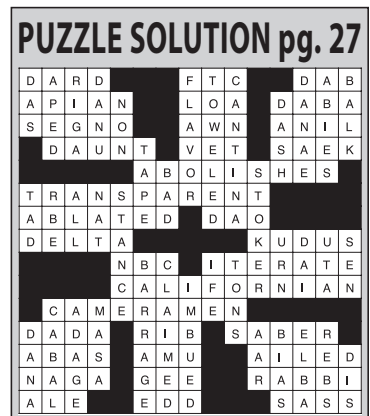
**New Vision Church:** 6401 Sunnybrook Blvd. 10AM, 941-475-2906 newvisionchurch.live

**Rotonda West Community Church:** 501 Rotonda Blvd. West 10:30AM, Celebrate Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Pot luck dessert and fellowship following service on the last Sunday of the month. 941-697-2100, myrwcc.org

**St. David's Episcopal Church:** 401 S. Broadway, 9AM stdavids.dioswfl.org 941-474-3140

**Drum Circle:** One hour before sunset, Englewood Beach, north end facebook.com/englewoodsundaydrumcircle

**For more detailed descriptions of these events, please visit EnglewoodReview.com**





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