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Around the Town

Community Garage Sale

The Rotonda West community is holding a neighborhood garage sale on **Friday & Saturday, November 3 & 4** from **9am to 5pm**. Over 100 homes throughout the Rotonda West neighborhoods will be participating. An address list of sellers will be posted under the awning of the Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle, at **8am** on the mornings of the sale. The list will also be posted on the Rotonda West property owners group and Rotonda West Facebook pages. For more information, contact Deb at communityoutreach@rotondawest.org.

GPS-Navigation for Mariners

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering GPS for Mariners on **Saturday, November 4, 8am to 5pm**, at the HOA building in South Gulf Cove, 14859 Ingraham Blvd., Port Charlotte. The course will review the basic navigation principles: use of charts/instruments; locating aids to navigation and hazards; locating destinations; use of time-distance-speed; using waypoints, routes and tracks in your GPS equipment. Cost is \$45 individual, \$60 couple, and \$15 middle & high school students. Preregistration is required by calling **941•249•5848**.

Eco-Fair

Join Englewood Charlotte Library for a fun-filled day at the Tringali Community Center for the Charlotte County Eco Fair on **Saturday, November 4, 11am to 1pm**. The Eco Fair will inform the community of current environmental issues while providing ideas for ways in which you can do your part to make a difference in curbing climate change. The event will include a variety of local organizations that are working toward a more sustainable future for Charlotte County and the Englewood area. Learn about alternative energies, endangered species and the threat to local waters. Learn about native landscaping and how to grow your own food. For more information, call **941•681•3736**.

Harvest Festival

Calvary Baptist Church, 75 Pine Street, invites you to their

Harvest Festival on Saturday, November 4, 10am to 2pm.

There will be hayrides, bounce houses, carnival games, snacks, food trucks, and more. It's all free (except for food trucks), so come and join the fun. For more information, call **941•475•1555**.

Englewood's Long History

Interested in Englewood history? Then you will want to attend a free presentation on the ancient architecture at Indian Mound Park offered by the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N Access Rd. on **Saturday, November 4, 2 to 3pm**. Uzi Baram, President of UB Heritage, will start with insights and information on Indian Mound Park. Those ancient people were not alone; Dr. Baram will give the larger regional and Florida context for the ancient ways of life and connect the findings to ecological challenges today. By understanding the robust heritage of this region, archaeology can offer future possibilities for the environment. For questions, call **941•681•3736**.

Celebrity Softball & Concert

Country music star Rodney Atkins will be taking the field with Atlanta Braves' Andruw Jones and other celebrities, including congressman Greg Steube, on **Saturday, November 4, 4pm**, for the first annual Celebrity Softball Game at CoolToday Park, 18800 S. West Villages Pkwy., Venice. Local active-duty military personnel, Veterans, and First Responders will also be participating. Following the game, the concert starts at **7pm** with local celebrity & law enforcement officer, Jason Brownie. Country music star Rodney Atkins will then take the stage performing his number one hits. 100% of the proceeds will go to programs & services that directly help "our" heroes. Tickets are \$45 and include both the game & concert. Purchase tickets online at celebritiesandheroes.com.

Cruisin' on Dearborn

"Cruisin' on Dearborn," a gathering of people and their classic cars, is still the place to be on the first Saturday of the month from **noon to 6pm**. Anyone with a classic car or a love of cars is invited to this free event.



Hancock Grills is proud to present the third annual Mullet Fest on **Saturday, November 4, 10am to 10pm**, at Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. The event features a mullet smoke-off competition, mullet hair competition, cast net throwing competition, live music, local arts & crafts, and much more. **10am to 5pm: Arts & crafts. All day - Cast net competition. 1 to 2pm: Smoked mullet competition. 4 to 5pm: Mullet hair competition. Scheduled music line-up: 10 to 11am - Jimmy Bishop; 11am to noon - Larry Hoskins. 2 to 4pm - What's Going On Band. 6 to 7pm - Joshua Morris. 7 to 10pm - Horlzen. Admission is \$5 (kids are free) and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Lemon Bay Conservancy. For more details, visit englewoodmulletfest.com. Photo: Event host Brandon Hancock of Hancock Grills serves up some mullet.**

Saturday, November 4th is the next Cruise-In. Enjoy music to cruise by and music trivia sponsored by the Old Englewood Village Association. Don't forget to visit the businesses that are open for your shopping pleasure and stop by the broadcast booth to get your raffle tickets for prizes.

Off The Page Literary Celebration

Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources Off the Page Literary Celebration is underway with author talks, writing workshops, book signings and more. All events are free to the public. **Saturday,**

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November 4, 1pm: Author talk and book signing with Sarah MacLean at Selby Library (1331 First St., Sarasota). **Monday, November 6, 10:30am:**

Author talk with Dr. George Eisen at Elsie Quirk Library (100 W. Dearborn Street).

Monday, November 6, 3pm: Songwriting workshop with Hermitage Fellow Kirya Traber at Elsie Quirk Library (100 W. Dearborn Street). Must register at Hermitageartistretreat.org.

Tuesday, November 7, 7pm: Author talk and book sale with Neil Gaiman at Venice Performing Arts Center (1 Indian Ave., Venice). **Saturday, November 11, 2pm:** Author talk and book signing with Raina Telgemeier at Shannon Staub Library (4675 Career Lane, North Port). **Monday, November 13, 6pm:** Discussion with science writer Sam Kean at Gulf Gate Library (7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota). **Thursday, November 16, 6pm:** Author talk and book signing with Sarah Penner at William H. Jervy, Jr. Venice Library (300 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice). To view the full programming lineup, visit OffThePageFL.org

or call 941•861•1110 for more information.

Lighthouse Climbs

Join the Barrier Islands Park Society for a History Tour Climb at the Gasparilla Island Lighthouse, 220 Gulf Blvd., Boca Grande, on select days. Enjoy the beautiful view from the lantern room, 134 steps to the top! The Lighthouse will be open for tours on **Saturdays, November 4, 11, 25, and December 2 & 16 from 10am to 1:45pm.** Climbs will also be offered on **Wednesdays through December 13, 10am to 1:45pm.** No RSVP needed. Cost: \$15 Adults and \$5 Children under 12 years. Shop BIPS' "Pop-UP" Shop with one of a kind merchandise. Please note a few safety rules to climb: Must be 48" or taller to climb; babies are not allowed inside. Wear sensible climbing shoes. No large backpacks and purses inside. No commercial photography or drones. No wet clothing; swimwear must be covered with clothing. Must be physically able to climb 134 spiral steps to the top. Climbs are offered every 20 minutes as space allows. All climbs are weather permitting and can be canceled due to inclement weather or high winds. For more info, visit bips.org.

Suncoast Soil Fertilizing

Learn to fertilize wisely and grow healthier plants in Florida soils in a free webinar on **Monday, November 6, 10 to 11am**, offered by IF/UFAS Extension Sarasota County. Too much or too often can do more harm than good to your plants and the community's water supply. Register for this class online only at ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com. For questions, call 941•861•5000.

Englewood Free Bike Clinic

Come repair your bike with assistance from maintenance advisors on the **first Tuesday of every month from 10am to noon** at The Jubilee Center at St. David's, 401 S. Broadway. This service is free and repair options include fixing flat tires, brake pad replacements, broken spokes/bent wheels, shifter adjustments, and more. Tools and parts are provided upon request. **Tuesday, November 7th** is the November date. This program is an outreach of the Community Health Action Team (CHAT) of the Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County.

Craft a Handmade Gift

Elsie Quirk Library invites you to stop in the library on **Tuesday, November 7, 10:30 to 11:30am**, to create a unique gift for a loved one, or a fun craft project. Choose your gift from wooden puzzles, ornaments, toys, bookmarks and more, then paint and decorate it. Free. For adults only. Supplies provided by the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library. The library is located at 100 W. Dearborn Street and can be reached at 941•861•1225.

Chef Warren Presents

The Friends of the Englewood Charlotte Library will welcome Chef Warren on **Wednesday, November 8 at 2pm**. His presentation will be entitled "Company's Coming!" This event will take place at the Community Building at 3460 N. Access Rd. in Tringali Park. Registration is not required - all are welcome. For more information, call 941•681•3736.

Creative Arts Project

Englewood Community Coalition is launching a new project called Englewood Creative Arts, to facilitate out-of-school performing and visual



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The Women's Resource Center presents the "Power of Conversation: Embracing Generational Differences," a panel discussion that aims to explore the unique views, perspectives, stereotypes and biases of four generations on **Thursday, November 16, 5:30 to 7:30pm**, at The Grove, 10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch. Tickets start at \$50 and include program and takeaway, food and beverages. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit mywrc.org/generation. Photo: (l-r): Ashley Brown, Deborah Chapman, Susie Bowie, Andrea Dogget, and Kelly Romanoff at a Women's Resource Center's Wonder Women Collective event.

arts instructions/mentoring for Englewood youth. The project's purpose is to enhance affordable and accessible positive mentored experiences for youth to explore their talents. Rather than telling young people to "Just Say No" to drugs, the project will give them things to say "Yes" to. If you would like to learn more and become involved, there will be an open community organizational and planning meeting at Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street, on **Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30pm**. You can learn more about Englewood Community Coalition at ccenglewood.com or contact them at office@ccenglewood.com.

Veterans Breakfast & Benefits
HCA Florida Englewood Hospital will host a free breakfast for veterans on **Thursday, November 9 from 7:30 to 9am**. CEO Joe Rudisill will provide the latest news at the hospital and guest speaker Ezequiel Tirado, Veteran Services Officer with Charlotte County Human Services, will share information about how to get the most from your veteran benefits. This event honors those who have served in the US Armed Forces. A complimentary breakfast will be served in the Suncoast Auditorium, 779 Medical Drive. Attendees are allowed to bring a guest. All guests must pre-register as space is limited. Register online at bit.ly/WellnessSeriesEvents or call **888-685-1598**.

Avoid Online Fraud
Economic crimes and identity

theft are on the rise. Join Englewood Charlotte Library as a panel of experts share how to protect your debit/credit cards, banking and retirement accounts, credit lines, and more, along with what to do if you or a family member fall victim. This free program will be held on **Thursday, November 9, 5:30 to 7pm**, in the Tringali Community Center, located next to the library at 3460 N. Access Road. Panelists will include an AARP Fraud Watch Program Manager, a Crews Bank and Trust Market President, a Charlotte County State Attorney, an Elder Law attorney, and City of Punta Gorda law enforcement. Seating is limited - 1st come, 1st served. For information, contact Charles Meyer at **941-681-3787** or Charles.Meyer@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Agribusiness Tour
UF/IFAS Extension Charlotte County is hosting an "Agribusiness Tour" on **Thursday, November 9, 7:30am to 4:30pm**, for people interested in learning about agriculture in this area. Knowledgeable local experts will guide the tour with agricultural details and points of interest. This year, there will be a bus for Charlotte County teachers who wish to attend. Participants will explore the many commodities and products produced in Charlotte County. Tour stops will include an organic vegetable grower, bees, cattle and citrus, as well as a BBQ lunch. Pre-registration is required. Visit tinyurl.com/2p88jnu3 to register. For

more information, contact Holly at **941-764-4352**.

Let's Talk Blood Pressure
The Englewood YMCA, 701 Medical Blvd., is hosting a free program on blood pressure, "Let's Talk About Blood Pressure", on **Friday, November 10, 11:30am to 12:30pm**. Kathleen Hnat, CPh, RPh, Director of Pharmacy, Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital, will speak on understanding high and low blood pressure, including causes, signs & symptoms, treatments, and monitoring. RSVP by calling the YMCA at **941-475-1234**.

Harvest for the Harbor
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them for an evening of dinner & dancing to benefit conservation on **Friday, November 10, 6 to 9pm**, at the Harborside Gardens by Sheraton, 33 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. The 8th annual Harvest for the Harbor also includes a silent auction. \$100 per seat. For ticket purchase, go to chechflorida.org/harvest-for-the-harbor. For more information, call **941•575•5435**.

“Notjusta” Craft Fair
Gulf Cove United Methodist Church invites you to its “Notjusta” Craft Fair on **Saturday, November 11, from 8am to 2pm**. Vendors will be inside, outside and on the porch. Shop crafts, jewelry, and other gift ideas, booths by organizations and businesses, food, and more. Come join the festivities, find the perfect gift for you or someone else, chow down, or learn something new. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road (SR776), in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte, phone **941•697•1747**.

Manta Market Opens
The Manta Market at Lemon Bay High School starts its 2023/24 season on **Saturday,**

November 11. The market operates **monthly November through March from 9am to 2pm**, at Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road. This outside market features over 80 vendors displaying their fine arts, crafts, artisanal foods, and more. Facebook: LBHS Manta Market. Upcoming dates are **December 9, January 13, February 10, and March 9.**

Veterans Day Parade
The Charlotte County Veterans Day Parade is scheduled for **9am on Saturday, November 11.** The parade will start at Port Charlotte Beach Park, travel along Harbor Boulevard to Edgewater Drive and on to the William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park. There will be 58 organizations participating in the parade, including local high school bands and ROTC units, veteran organizations, floats, and scouts. The parade Grand Marshal is Charlotte County Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch. Edgewater Drive will be closed between the intersections of Harbor Boulevard and West Tarpon Boulevard. Harbor Boulevard from Edgewater Drive to Port Charlotte Beach Park will be closed to traffic between **8:30am**

and 11:30am due to the parade. The parking lot at Port Charlotte Beach Park will be closed from **12am to 11:30am on November 11th.** Come out to show your support for veterans!

Veterans Day Ceremony
There will be a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Englewood VFW Post 10178, 550 N. McCall Road, on **Saturday, November 11 at 11am.** Guest speaker will be retired Army Colonel Wilton Swenson, Jr. For more information, call the Post at **941•474•7516.**

Sarasota Veterans Day Parade
The annual Sarasota Veterans Day Parade kicks off at **10am on Saturday, November 11** at Osprey Avenue & Main Street in downtown Sarasota. The parade will proceed westward on Main Street and end at Gulfstream Avenue. There will be a ceremony afterwards at **11am** at Chaplain J.D. Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Drive, Sarasota.

Veterans Day Celebration
All are invited to attend the Veterans Day Celebration at the Heritage Military Museum in Punta Gorda on **Saturday, November 11 at 11am.** “Why We Still Serve” is a tribute to

the many veterans who continue to serve as volunteers. The ceremony includes patriotic music, color guard, a veteran tribute video, presentation of Quilts of Valor to six veterans, and guest speaker is Major General Greg F. Martin, PhD, U.S. Army (Retired), who is a combat veteran, bipolar survivor, airborne-ranger-engineer qualified soldier, and army strategist. His book, “Bipolar General” will be available for purchase for \$15 cash. There will be Huey cockpit tours available from **11am to 2pm.** At **1pm** the movie, “The War to End All Wars”, will be shown in the library. Rotonda West artist David White’s paintings will be on display in the museum. The Veterans Day Ceremony is free; museum admission is adults \$14, veterans \$12, and kids \$5. The museum is located at 900 West Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. Website: militaryheritagemuseum.org.

Venice Veterans Day Ceremony
The American Legion NO-VEL Post 159 of Venice will once again host the annual Veterans Day Ceremony on **Saturday, November 11** in Patriots Park, 800 Venetia Bay Blvd., Venice.

The ceremony begins at **11am** and will include participation by all the veteran organizations in the Venice area. There will be patriotic music and speakers. Bring your own seating.

Bag O’Books Sale
The Friends of the Englewood Charlotte Library will be sponsoring a “Bag O’ Books” sale, **Monday through Saturday, November 13-18**, in their bookstore located within the library at 3450 N. Access Road. Hours are **10am to 4pm.** Just purchase a bag for \$5 and fill it with your selections.

Loving Light Yoga News
Loving Light Yoga announces that there will be no beach yoga on Englewood Beach **Monday, November 13 through Monday, November 20** due to Englewood Beach Waterfest. There will be a sunset yoga session on **Thursday, November 9 at 4:45pm**, a special Thanksgiving Yoga session with crystal bowls at **8:30am on Thursday, November 23**, full moon yoga on **Monday, November 27 at 5:45pm**, and Sunset Yoga on **Thursday, November 30 at 4:30pm.** All are welcome to these yoga sessions. Suggested

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donation is \$5 per session. For more information, visit lovinglightyoga.com.

Manasota Key Road Repair
Sarasota County is working to complete the repairs to Manasota Key Road just north of Blind Pass Beach. The new completion date is **Tuesday, November 14th**. The road remains closed to all traffic. Blind Pass Beach can be accessed from the south. For more information, call **311**.

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, November 14, 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**.

Relay for Life Quarter Auction
Venice Relay for Life is holding a Quarter Auction on **Tuesday**,

November 14, 6 to 8pm, in the clubhouse at Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club, 499 Derbyshire Drive, Venice. There will be food & drinks available, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, and fun! Cost is \$3 per paddle, two for \$5, or three for \$7. Bring your quarters & your friends.

Energy Upgrade Workshop
From DIY projects to larger investments, learn ways to save energy, water and more, at home in a free webinar offered by IF/UFAS Extension Sarasota County. The webinar is set for **Thursday, November 16, 5:30 to 6:30pm**. Participants will also be eligible for a free "Do-It-Yourself Energy Saving Kit (includes energy star LED light bulbs, watersense faucet aerators, smart power strip, weatherization materials and more) that they can pick up afterwards at the Sarasota County Extension Office in Sarasota. Must register at ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com. For questions, call **941-861-5000**.

OPA Pre-Race Party
Start off your Englewood

Beach Waterfest weekend fun by attending the OPA Pre-Race Party on **Thursday, November 16, 5 to 10pm**, at The Waverly Restaurant & Bar, 2095 N. Beach Road. Waterfest promises a great night of food, fun, and music. Meet & greet with the race teams. For more information, visit englewoodbeachwaterfest.com.

Waterfest Block Party
The Waterfest Block Party is set for **Friday, November 17, 5 to 10pm**. Come down to West Dearborn Street to view the race boats parked along the street where you can see them up close and meet the race team members. There will be live music with Marty Moss on the Dignam Stage in Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. Food trucks, arts & crafts and merchandise vendors will be offering a variety of items for purchase. The party is free, so don't miss it! For more information, visit englewoodbeachwaterfest.com.

Community Garage Sale
Mark your calendar now for Englewood's Fall Community Garage Sale on **Saturday, November 18, 8am to 1pm**, at the Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Road. Come shop, sell, and eat! If you would like to make some money and let your no-longer wanted treasures become someone's new treasures, sign up for a space at the sale. Indoor spaces are \$15 (includes 8-foot table & one chair) and outdoor spaces are \$10 (two parking spaces). Call **941-861-1980** or visit SarasotaCountyParks.com to register as a vendor. For more information, call **941-861-5000**.

Great Garage Sale
Charlotte County Community Services will host the 5th Annual Great Garage Sale on **Saturday, November 18, 8am to 1pm**, at the Charlotte Sports Park, located at 2300 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte. "It's been a few years since we hosted the Great Garage Sale. We're excited to be bringing this event back to our community.", recreation Superintendent Jill Boyd said. Admission is free for shoppers. For vendors, the cost is \$25 per 10'x40' space. Vendors need to bring their own tables, chairs, shade, food and water. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. To reserve a space please register online at tinyurl.com/greatgaragesale2023.

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Christmas Bazaar

Englewood Methodist Church invites you to their Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, November 18, 8am to 1pm**, in the Fellowship Hall. The Englewood Methodist Women’s Creative Workshop works all year to make hundreds of hand-crafted Christmas decorations, unique gifts, specialty linens, jewelry, home décor and much more. Don’t forget to pick up some treats at the bake sale. The church is located at 700 E. Dearborn Street and can be reached at **941•474•5588**.

Posture Perfect Workshop

The Englewood YMCA is offering a workshop, “Stand Taller – Posture Perfect”, on **Saturday, November 18, 11am to 12:30pm**. Roll your way to a straighter spine in an interactive workshop with focus on releasing muscle tension & pain, preventing injuries, and increasing energy. Cost is \$15 for members or \$20 for non-members. Register online at ymcaswfl.org or at the front desk at the YMCA, 701 Medical Blvd. For more information, call **941•475•1234**.

Waterfest Tickets

Englewood Beach Waterfest is fast approaching and tickets are now on sale for this weekend blockbuster on **November 18 & 19, 10am to 4pm**, when the finals for the world Offshore Powerboat Association (OPA) Championships come to Englewood Beach. Over 75 boats running at speeds up to and over 150 mph will be racing off Englewood Beach for the world OPA championships. Gates open at **9am both days**, and in between races, you can visit the Family Conservation Center with exhibits from Mote Marine, Wildlife Center of SW Florida, Florida Dept. of Environment Protection, Florida Right to Clean Water, Lemon Bay High School Marine Club, and more. Kids’ activities include face painting, photo booth and a butterfly encounter. Food & beverages will be available for purchase. Advance ticket price for the weekend is \$30 for the two-day ticket, which includes bus transportation and parking. VIP tickets range from \$75 to \$225. Note: there will be no race parking on Manasota Key. Buses run **8:30am to 8pm both days** and is included in

ticket price. Parking for the bus is at the Englewood Elks, 401 N. Indiana Avenue; Obee’s parking lot, 240 S. Indiana Avenue; and Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road. Visit englewoodbeachwaterfest.com for more information.

Grilled Cheese Festival

CoolToday Park announces the return of the wildly popular 3rd annual Grilled Cheese Festival on **Saturday, November 18, 11am to 6pm**. The family-friendly event will feature food trucks, a beer garden, live music, kids’ activities, lawn games, and more. Each food truck will offer grilled cheese themed items along with their regular menu for purchase. Craft and domestic beers will be available for purchase, also. Free admission. CoolToday Park is located at 18800 S. West Villages Pkwy., Venice. Learn more about cooltodaypark.com.

Venice Pride Festival

The 2023 Venice Pride Festival will be **Saturday, November 18, 10am to 4pm**, at 3276 E. Venice Avenue, Venice. Stroll around and check out the displays, information booths, merchandise, crafts, and wares.

Scheduled entertainment: **11am to noon**: Broadway Knights. **12:30 to 1:30pm**: Tommy Orr. **1:30 to 2pm**: Diversity: Voices of Sarasota. **2:30 to 3:30pm**: Brittany Zeff & Crew. DJ Janine will play a mix of music for all genres. For more information, visit veniceflpride.com or call **941•271•0818**.

Lighting of the Village

Fishermen’s Village begins their holiday celebration with the Lighting of the Village on **Saturday, November 18, 5 to 10pm**. Over one million lights and themed decorations await you as you stroll the Village. The Shane Duncan Band will perform throughout the evening on the Dry Beach. If you can’t make it that evening, the Village will remain illuminated through **Sunday, December 31st**. Fishermen’s Village is located at 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. Learn more at fishermensvillage.com.

Online Scam Awareness

Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street, is hosting a free workshop, “Online Scam Awareness”, on **Tuesday, November 21, 10:30 to 11:30am**. This workshop is

for those who are interested in safety online and want to protect themselves from fraudsters and scams. Build your confidence when you are visiting websites, creating passwords, and responding to email. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants. Laptops are not required. Register online at scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com or call **941•861•1225**.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

On **Thursday, November 23, noon until 3pm**, Gulf Cove United Methodist Church will serve a free Thanksgiving dinner for the community, with turkey and all the traditional fixings. After three years of drive-thru only, this year you can enjoy an inside, sit-down meal again. You can also come inside and ask for carryout meals. If you are homebound and live within ten miles of the church, you can call the church at **941•697•1747** by **noon on Tuesday, November 21**, to request delivery. GCUMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road (Route 776), in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte.

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EcoSummit & Green Living Expo Sarasota County is teaming with the non-profit Science and Environmental Council to bring you an expanded version of the highly popular Sustainable Communities Workshop in December. The expanded workshop focuses on big ideas about sustainability and the environment through a two-day EcoSummit, packed with expert lectures, panel discussions, storytelling and music, and a two-day Green Living Expo trade show. 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. 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. This is a solutions-oriented experience on finding a new balance with nature through lectures, panel discussions, storytelling and music. Keynote speakers are Damon Gameau, creator of the film “2040”, and Carl Hiaasen, author. Ticket prices are \$155-\$285. Learn more at scienceandenvironment.org. To

download your free Expo pass and purchase EcoSummit tickets, go to scienceandenvironment.ticketspice.com.

Jubilee Center Benefit The Waverly Restaurant, 2095 N. Beach Road, presents a “Night of Empowerment” on **Friday, December 8, 5 to 10pm.** Enjoy a dinner buffet with a cash bar and live music with The Collaboration Band. Tickets are \$100 per person. This festive evening is a fundraiser with proceeds to benefit The Jubilee Center at St. David’s. To RSVP, call the Waverly at **941-475-3500** or get tickets at The Jubilee Center, 401 S. Broadway, **Monday through Wednesday, 10am to noon.**

“American Pickers” Coming to Florida Fans of the TV show, “American Pickers”, take note! The popular show on the History Channel is coming to Southwest Florida in January and they are looking for different, unusual, and unique items (something they have never seen before with an extraordinary story). The Pickers only pick private collections so businesses or vendors to the public will not be considered. Collectors interested in being considered for the show can reach out by calling **646-493-2184**, email AmericanPickers@cinetflix.com, or on Facebook: [@GotAPick](https://www.facebook.com/GotAPick). Include your full name, city/state, contact information,

where the collection is located, and a brief description of the collection.

Anger Fishing Pier Reopens The Anger Fishing Pier located at 1385 Beach Road has reopened to the public for fishing.

Gardening Questions? If you have a gardening or agricultural question, get an answer from a Master Gardener. Just drop in at the Englewood Charlotte Library (3450 N. Access Road) on **Tuesdays from 10am to noon.** The Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program is a citizen-driven program that benefits UF/IFAS Extension and the residents of Florida. They answer questions, provide educational materials, and offer advice on gardening in Florida.

FEMA Help for Idalia Homeowners and renters who sustained losses from Hurricane Idalia in Charlotte and Sarasota Counties can apply for FEMA Individual Assistance. Survivors can apply by calling **800-621-3362**, going online at disasterassistance.gov, or using the FEMA mobile app. The line is open **every day from 7am to 10pm ET.** Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service. Disaster assistance may include financial



The Siesta Key International Sand Sculpting Festival, Crystal Classic, is back on the beach **Friday-Monday, November 10-13.** 24 artists from around the world converge on Siesta Key to compete in an amazing Master Sand Sculpting competition. On **Saturday, November 11**, come at night to enjoy the sculptures under colored lights after sunset. Winners are revealed on Sunday afternoon. Vote for your favorite to win the People’s Choice Award. Live music daily in the entertainment tent. The festival also offers The Learning Curve – sand sculpting lessons and demonstrations hosted multiple times daily, “Quick Sand” – an ongoing contest of speed and skill - from **12:30pm to 1pm daily** and an Amateur Competition from **10am to 3pm on Saturday.** Enjoy a drink at the Barefoot Beach Bar Party Tent. The Vendor Village features 80+ retail vendors & food trailers. Hours are **Friday, Sunday, and Monday, 10am to 5pm; Saturday 10am to 9pm.** Siesta Key Beach is located at 948 Beach Road, Sarasota. One day tickets are \$6-\$12. Event schedule and advance tickets may be purchased online at siestakeycrystalclassic.com. Pictured here is the 2022 First Place Solo winner Maxim Gazendam for “Home is a State of Mind”.

help for temporary lodging, basic home repairs, and other disaster-caused expenses. The deadline for applications has

been extended to **Wednesday, November 29, 2023.**

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Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources continues to be recognized as one of the elite park and recreation agencies across the country by earning re-accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies and is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management, and service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates an agency has met 154 rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety, and services. Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources manages more than 55,000 acres of park land, including beaches, trails, natural areas, athletic facilities, recreation centers and water access parks. For additional information, call 311 or visit scgov.net.

Caring & Sharing**Community Blood Drives**

The OneBlood "Big Red Bus" has scheduled the following blood drives in Englewood during the month of November. Donors are requested to visit the OneBlood website, oneblood.org, to schedule an appointment. Please note that blood drives are subject to change at any time. **Sunday, November 5, 2 to 4pm:** Publix-Merchants Crossing, 1500 Placida Road. **Tuesday, November 14, 8am to 11:30am:** Edgewater Club, 2840 Waxwing Lane. **Tuesday, November 14, 12:30pm to 3pm:** Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. **Saturday, November 18, 10am to 4pm:** Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road. **Tuesday, November 21, 10am to 4pm:** Bealls, 1500 Placida Road.

Wednesday, November 22, 9am to 3pm: Publix-Merchants Crossing, 1500 Placida Road. **Monday, November 27, 10am to 4pm:** Bealls, 1500 Placida Road.

Grocery Benefit Tickets on Sale

Tickets are now on sale for Dollars For Mammograms' 22nd Annual Grocery Benefit. Three lucky winners will receive a \$350 grocery gift card. Tickets sell for seven for \$10. Dollars For Mammograms provides mammograms for uninsured or underinsured women and men. Drawing will be on **Monday, December 11**. Tickets may be purchased at Key Agency, 1201 S. McCall Road; Just Counters & Other Stuff, 1489 Market Circle, Port Charlotte; RAVE Imaging, 900 Pine Street; Wampler Varner Insurance, 31 W. Green Street; Mary Jones at WENG News/Talk, 1355 S. River Road; Irene Slattery at Michael Saunders, 1200 S. McCall Road; Rumours Wine Bar, 1807 Englewood Road; and Ann's Flowers, 151 S. McCall Road. Learn more at DollarsForMammograms.org.

Sports**Englewood Turkey Trot**

The popular Thanksgiving tradition, the Englewood Turkey Trot, returns this year on **Thursday, November 23, 7:30-9:30am**, at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Drive. Start your Thanksgiving off by giving back through this Family Fun Run/Walk 5K (non-timed event) to benefit the Englewood Area Cancer Foundation. Register at RealBikesEnglewood.com (Englewood Turkey Trot). Advance fee is \$15 adult and \$5 child; day-of-event \$20. All registration fees go directly to cancer warriors in this area through the Englewood Area Cancer Foundation. There are no awards as all proceeds go directly to those fighting cancer.

All goody bag items, food, prizes, etc., have been donated. For questions, call Real Bikes at 941-445-7325.

Annual Turkey Trot

Join Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity for their 25th Annual Turkey Trot on **Thursday, November 23** at Florida Southwestern College, Punta Gorda campus, 26300 Airport Road, Punta Gorda. The 5K Run & Fun Walk starts at **7:30am** and participants will chase the bicycle riding turkey! Awards for top performers and all participants will receive a finishers medal. Entry fee is \$40. To register, go to charlottecountyhfh.org. All funds raised benefit Habitat's homeownership program.

Reindeer Run

Registration is now open for the Reindeer Run on **Sunday, December 10** at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Drive. Kick off the holiday season with the Children's Fun Run at **8am** for ages 3 to 10 and the Reindeer 5K at **8:30am**. All finishers receive a medal and the top 25 5K males/females receive an additional award. Breakfast pastries & beverages available after the race. There will be a "Decorate a Christmas Cookie" station and hot cocoa provided by The Dearborn Coffeehouse & Bakery. Cost: \$35 5K Run/Walk and \$20 Kid's Fun run. Register online at runsignup.com.

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The Englewood Review traveled to Lisbon, Portugal where Englewood resident Jane Broida took time to read it outside of the Jeronimos Monastery.

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Presented in partnership with Off The Page Literary Festival.

"Writing from the Bones: A Songwriting Workshop"

Monday, November 6 @ 3pm • Elsie Quirk Library (Englewood)
Hermitage Fellow and award-winning librettist **Kirya Traber** shares work and offers a hands-on workshop for those interested in exploring an intuitive approach to songwriting.
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EPIC Community Resource Center

Here for the People

By Chris Cameron

Englewood is a community split between two counties and, as such, it often falls between the cracks when organizations choose a location, opting to establish itself in a “real” town like Venice, North Port, Port Charlotte, or Punta Gorda. Englewood residents have the same needs as other locales; but if an individual is limited by a lack of transportation or live outside a service area, they lose out.

Now, however, thanks to an individual’s directive from his Lord, and assisted by an increasing army of volunteers, those with unmet needs in Englewood have a local source for help and resources. EPIC Community Resource Center, a 501(c)(3) faith-based Christian nonprofit, has opened to serve those suffering and in need of assistance, whether it be physical, emotional or spiritual, through the power of Christ. EPIC stands for “Empowering People in Christ”. It is not affiliated with any church. Its vision is helping others find true freedom and a healthy, stable life.

President and CEO Ronnie Jackson points out that the Sarasota County Health Assessment of 2019 and the County Mental Health Needs Task Force Report of January, 2022 identified mental health wellness as a key finding in the county, followed by alcohol addiction, suicide, and drug addiction. To



help meet these needs, EPIC partners with area organizations such as Jesus Loves You Ministry (a nonprofit outreach to the homeless and at-risk homeless); On the Spot Aid, Inc. (a nonprofit that offers first aid and wound care to the homeless); Marah Mutual (provides financial education and assistance with budgeting); Operation Solid7 (an outreach that provides support and resources for veterans, active duty, first responders, and Gold Star families); and Veterans Service of Sarasota and Charlotte Counties, who will have an office there with a staff member to assist veterans in learning about and applying for available benefits.

EPIC seeks to serve all age groups from children to seniors. For seniors, there is a social group, “Friends Finding Friends” for ages 55+. The facility has opened its space as a meeting location for support groups such as Celebrate Recovery, AA & NA meetings, spiritual healing, Bible study, and offers case management for human services needs with assistance and referrals. A wellness education group, Healing Strong, is currently underway for those dealing with cancer or chronic illness to learn about natural healing and nutrition choices, as well as provide emotional support. “In These Days” is a class for those suffering from depression, anxiety, fear, and loneliness, to learn how to change those feelings into positive emotions. For youth, there are upcoming programs such as Trail Life® for Boys (learning outdoor skills, character-building, citizenship, and friendship through fun activities and instructions) and American Heritage Girls® (girls learn new skills, have outdoor adventures, learn leadership, and develop character through Christian programming).

Founder Ronnie Jackson is a man who has a personal relationship with God and listens when his Lord speaks to him. In 2021, God directed him to use

his tithes to help the people and organizations in Englewood. In a meeting to address community needs, he learned about the lack of resources in Englewood as an underserved community. The vision of creating a location where people could receive support and learn about resources available to them was developed by a group of volunteers and EPIC was incorporated as a nonprofit charity in January, 2022. A building site was acquired, but the remodeling was delayed when Hurricane Ian struck and the volunteers chose to go out in the community to help those in need first.

The renovation of the building located at 655 N. Indiana Avenue is now completed. The building offers two meeting areas for groups, offices for partner organizations, a kitchen, a sitting area for chatting, and a recoup area that will be used by On the Spot, Inc. to offer a daytime lounge for those recovering from an injury or wound who don’t have a roof over their head. It will also provide wound care follow-up and two overnight rooms to house those who were just released from the hospital without a place to spend the night while they continue to heal.

EPIC Community Resource Center is a growing, dynamic organization that will provide the residents of Englewood with much needed services and resources. If you are looking to make a difference in the lives of your neighbors in need, stop by or contact EPIC at 941•460•6022 for a tour and to find out how your talents can be used. People of all faiths or no faith are welcome; all you need is a willingness to serve. The organization receives no government funding so financial donations are most welcome. You can donate online at epiccommunitycenter.org, text “give” to 941•212•3510, or mail a check to EPIC Community Resource Center, 655A N. Indiana Avenue, Englewood, FL 34223.

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Arts & Entertainment



Don't miss the F.A.M.E. Music Festival! This fundraiser by the Friends for the Advancement of Music Education (F.A.M.E.) is set for **Friday & Saturday, November 10 & 11** at Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. This event is all about music, and with two stages, there will be nonstop music alternating between the stages. So come enjoy local music talent, food, beverages, and plan to participate in the silent auction. The music & fun are happening from **5 to 11pm on Friday and 11am to 11pm on Saturday**. Scheduled performers on **Friday** are: **5 to 6:30pm** – Unusual Suspects; **6:30 to 7pm** – Shawn Brown; **7 to 8:30pm** – TBA; **8:30 to 9pm** – Danny Beach; **9 to 11pm** – Zach Regan & 776 Band. The Saturday line-up is: **11:30am to 12:45pm** – local school bands; **1 to 2:15pm** – McCarthy Band; **2:15 to 2:45pm** – Kenny Rose; **2:45 to 4pm** – Mystic River; **4 to 4:30pm** – Johnny Awesome; **4:30 to 5:30pm** – Baker; **5:30 to 6:15pm** – Elderly Brothers; **6:15 to 7:30pm** – John Salaway & Friends; **7:30 to 8pm** – L & M Acoustics; **8 to 9:15pm** – Maiden Cane; **9:15 to 9:45pm** – Cat 2 Hurricane; **9:45 to 11pm** – Lead Foot Grey. F.A.M.E. is a nonprofit tax exempt 501(c)3 organization that supports the music programs in Englewood schools. Over the last 18 years, F.A.M.E. has raised over \$380,000, which is used to purchase musical instruments for the schools so any student who wants to participate can be provided with an instrument. Learn more at famesupportmusic.com.



The Artist Colony kicks off their Dinner Concert Series on **Tuesday, November 14** from **5 to 7pm**, at Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. This concert's featured performers will be the Lemon Bay High School Theatre Department and Englewood Elementary School's Soaring Eagles Show Choir. The LBHS theatre department will present songs from their upcoming musical, "Matilda". The Soaring Eagles Show Choir will sing the three songs they will perform at their next competition at Disney World on December 1st. The choir will also host a bake sale during the concert to raise funds for choir expenses. The Artist Colony Ensemble will perform "A Salute to Broadway". Besides the bake sale, The Dearborn Coffeehouse & Bakery and Rumours Wine Bar will sell beer, wine, and a selection of beverages. The concert is free; donation containers will be available to show your appreciation. The Dinner Concert Series will be on the **second Tuesday of the month through April**. Photo: Englewood Elementary Soaring Eagles Show Choir.

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Englewood Performing Arts Series (EPAS) and its partner, Englewood Methodist Church, opens its season on **Friday, November 17, 7pm**, with the Mark & Maggie O'Connor Duo. Mark O'Connor holds national titles on fiddle, bluegrass guitar & mandolin, and has won three Grammy Awards & six Country Music Association Musician of the Year awards in a row. Maggie won a Grammy in 2017 for her performance on the "Coming Home" album. Individual concert premier seating is \$40 each and individual concert general seating is \$30. The concert is held at Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street. Concert description and ticket purchase can be found online at englewoodmethodist.com/EPAS and on the EPAS Facebook page. For questions, call **941-474-5588, ext. 105**.

and will guide you through what makes a poem work. There will be a discussion on sound, shape, and making sense through muscular metaphors. This free online workshop is for beginners, as well as experienced poets. Shutta's poetry chapbook, "When You Get Here", won a gold Royal Palm Literary Award. More than 100 of her poems have appeared in various journals. She is also the recipient of seven gold and silver RPL Awards, and she has written 18 books for young readers. Learn more about her at shutta.com. To get the Zoom link invitation, please send an e-mail with the request to: suncoastwriters@gmail.com.

Venice Art Festival
The 35th Annual Downtown Venice Art Festival will be **Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5**, along the sidewalks in the 100-300 blocks of W. Venice Avenue. Hours are **10am to 5pm both days**. More than 100 artists will be exhibiting their work. Free admission. Website: visitvenicefl.org.

Local Author Talk
Dr. George Eisen, a local author, will discuss his latest book and the chain of events that led to the writing of this untold chapter of the Holocaust during a free lecture on **Monday, November 6, 10:30am to noon**, at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. His book, "A Summer of Mass Murder – a 1941 Rehearsal for the Hungarian Holocaust", tells the tragic story of the 20,000 Hungarian Jews who were forcefully deported and executed in the early days of WWII.

and **10 to 11:30pm** – Chase Rice "Live". **Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30pm** – Josie Salvitti; **5 to 6pm** – Casey Church; **6:30 to 7:30pm** – County Wide Band; **8 to 9:15pm** – Aaron Tippen; and **9:45 to 11:15pm** – Riley Green. Tickets are \$55 to \$95 for one-day admission; VIP also available. Bring lawn chairs or beach blankets for general admission seating. For more information, visit bigboytoyzexpo.com.

Writing Poetry Today
Join the Suncoast Writers Guild on **Saturday, November 4, 10:30am**, as award-winning poet, Shutta Crum, gives a peek at new trends in poetry today,



The Hermitage Cross Arts Collaborative presents 2023 Cross Arts Recipients, Lizzie Hagstedt and Jessica Obiedzinski, in a program, "Theater and Dance", on **Tuesday, November 14, 5pm**, at The Bay, 1055 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota. Hagstedt's music has been incorporated into several shows at Asolo Rep, and her in-progress musical, "Sophie Blanchard's High Flying Rock'n Roll Extravaganza", was a finalist in the Asolo's virtual Making Musicals Competition. Obiedzinski is a member of the Sarasota Contemporary Dance Company and plans to develop and share a new dance piece. They will share selections of their works and how they utilized their residency time at the Hermitage. \$5 registration fee at HermitageArtistRetreat.org. Photo (l-r): Lizzie Hagstedt and Jessica Obiedzinski.

Eisen introduces a multitude of layers of politics, culture, and psychology for both the victims and executioners. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, call **941-861-1225**.

Song Writing Workshop
Whether you're a writer who has always been curious about music, or a musician who wants to compose their own lyrics, here is a workshop for you. Sarasota County Libraries "Off the Page" celebration presents a participatory workshop with an intuitive approach, "Writing from the Bones: A Songwriting Workshop", on **Monday, November 6 at 3pm**. The workshop will be held at

the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. An award-winning writer and librettist, Hermitage Fellow Kirya Traber, will share her process for writing lyrics with the emotional truth of language, and the innate human connection to rhythm and melody to help spark participants' creative process. There are no audience critiques during the workshop; rather, all writing prompts are seen as invitations to everyone in the room. No knowledge of theater or lyric writing is required – just an open mind and a willingness to explore the creative process. \$5pp registration fee. Register online at hermitageartistretreat.org.

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Field of Dreams Country Classic

Big Boy Toyz Expo brings back the Field of Dreams Country Classic, **Friday & Saturday, November 3 & 4**, to the Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte. Gates open at **1pm on Friday & noon on Saturday**. Scheduled music line-up is **Friday: 5 to 6pm** – Kyle Dills; **6:30 to 7:30pm** – Andy Pursell; **8 to 9:30pm** – Joe Nichols;

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The Glenridge Performing Arts Center's 2023-2024 season opens with multi-award-winning banjoist/vocalist Cynthia Sayer with her all-star Joyride Band performing a mix of jazz, American Songbook standards, and more on **Wednesday, November 15, 7:30pm**, at The Glenridge Performing Arts Center, 7333 Scotland Way, Sarasota. An American Banjo Hall of Fame inductee praised for her "drive and virtuosity" by The New York Times, Sayer is a pioneering musician who rose to prominence as a founding member of Woody Allen's New Orleans Jazz Band. Tickets are \$30. For more information and to purchase tickets, call **941-552-5325** or visit GpacTix.com.

Venice Concert Band

The Venice Concert Band returns to the stage at Venice Performing Arts Center (One Indian Avenue, Venice) on **Monday, November 6, at 7pm** with a concert that will honor this wonderful country. As always, there will be a special recognition of the nation's military personnel, both living and dead. The Venice High School MCJROTC Honor Guard will open the concert. The Venice Chorale Youth Chorus will sing "God Bless America," and "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Opening the second half of the concert, you will hear a new march, "181st Field Artillery March," written and conducted by Daniel Bowles, assistant conductor. Also on the playlist is "American Overture," "The Best of Billy Joel", "Star-Spangled Salute," and John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." Tickets are available for online

purchases at VeniceConcertBand.com. Tickets may also be obtained at the door for \$14, cash purchase only.

Geoff Pfeifer Quintet at LBHS

The Bands of Lemon Bay High School invite you to attend the upcoming performance by "The Geoff Pfeifer Quintet" on **Tuesday, November 7, 6:30pm**, at the Lemon Bay High School Performing Arts Center, 2201 Placida Road. This performance is sponsored by the Charlotte Country Jazz Society and features Geoff Pfeifer, a renowned Nashville-based musician and composer. With extensive experience in saxophone & composition, Pfeifer has studied under some of the biggest names in the industry. He is a saxophonist and arranger with the R&B Band, "Chubby and the Dots", and plays the 2nd Tenor Saxophone Chair in "The Establishment Big

Band". Tickets are \$10 standard admission or a VIP premium ticket for \$25. Tickets may be purchased online at teachtix.com/lemonbayhighband/thegeoffpfeiferquintet. Don't miss this chance to see a world-class musician perform locally!

Watercolor Painting

Join Gela Gallant to create your own Masterpiece in Watercolor during this free program on **Wednesday, November 8, 1 to 4pm**, at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. All supplies included. Registration required – online at charlottecountyfl.libcal.com or call **941-681-3736**.

"Florida's Got Soul"

Award winning author John Capouya reveals the rich but under-appreciated musical heritage of the Sunshine State in a free program on **Thursday, November 9, 2 to 3pm**, at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. Don't miss the classic soul music and vintage photographs of this lively presentation. Free. For more information, call the library at **941-681-3736**.

Concert in the Park

Join the fun in historic downtown Venice for the bimonthly Friday Night Concert Series at the gazebo in Centennial Park, 200 W. Venice Avenue, Venice. The November concert scheduled performer is Rocky Rick on **Friday, November 10**. There will be no concert this month on the fourth Friday. This event, hosted by Venice MainStreet and sponsored by Neal Communities, is held every **second and fourth Friday** of each month and is free



The second installment of this season's "Hermitage Sunsets @ Selby Gardens" series will take place on **Thursday, November 30, 5pm**, at Selby Gardens' Historic Spanish Point campus, with a panel discussion featuring Hermitage National Curatorial Council member Nataki Garrett, Tony and Olivier Award-winning producer Tom Kirdahy, and President of the Manasota Chapter of ASALH David Wilkins. Join the Hermitage to hear from this distinguished panel of arts and cultural leaders as they discuss the myriad of challenges facing the arts in Florida and in this country. Historic Spanish Point is located at 401 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey. RSVP at hermitageartistretreat.org (\$5 pp fee). Photo (l-r): Panelists Nataki Garrett, Tom Kirdahy, and David Wilkins.

and open to the public. Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs and blankets. No alcohol permitted in Centennial Park. See more Venice MainStreet events at visitvenicefl.org.

Elvis Tribute at LBP

Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn Street, will host Matt Stone, a world-class Elvis Tribute Artist from South Florida, on **Saturday, November 11 at 2pm and 7:30pm**. In 2022, he was named by Graceland as one of the Top Ten Elvis Tribute Artists in the world. Unlike many other tribute artists on the market, Matt Stone portrays the King in his prime: young, agile, and full of energy. Priding himself on being an encyclopedia on the King, there's no tribute artist on the market with a greater "burning love" for all things Elvis. Tickets are \$25 and are selling fast! Get your tickets at lemonbayplayhouse.com

or call the box office at **941-475-6756 (M-F 10am-2pm)**.

Clyde Butcher Exhibit

Selby Gardens is excited to present the extraordinary imagery of legendary photographer and conservationist Clyde Butcher. "Clyde Butcher: Nature Through the Lens" will feature stunning large-format prints by this well-known landscape photographer throughout the Historic Spanish Point campus (401 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey). The outdoor exhibit, featuring his photographs of plants, animals, and habitats of Florida, opens **Saturday, November 11 and runs through August 31, 2024**. Included are regional locales such as Myakka River State Park & Casey Key. Historic Spanish Point is open **daily, 10am to 5pm**. Guest tickets are \$18 adult

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For their **Thursday, November 16th** program, Venice Musicale, Inc., presents an entire program of classical music. "Classical Connections" will showcase and reveal ties between composers and performers across the ages and how both younger & older artists are keeping the flame alive. Event chair Haig Yaghoobian has assembled an exciting array of performers, including Venice Musicale regulars: soprano Barbara Koning; Nick McKay on clarinet; Mary Egbertson, on piano; and violinist Nancy Eldridge. Leo Chen, recent first place scholarship junior division winner, will perform on piano. Special guest artist is clarinetist Franklyn Noll Skidmore. The concert starts at **3pm** in the Venice Library Community Room, 300 Nokomis Avenue S., Venice. The free concert is open to the public with donations accepted towards the Musicale's scholarship program. For more information, visit veniceMusicale.org. Photo (l-r): Haig Yaghoobian and Leo Chen represent the young and old artists.

Creative Liberties Open Studio

Creative Liberties Artist Studios & Gallery invites you to their Second Saturday Open Studio on **Saturday, November 11, 10am to 3pm**, at all three of their locations. Meet the studio's artists and view their work that will be available for purchase. Sarasota studio locations are 901B Apricot Avenue, 927 N. Line Avenue and 340 Central Avenue. For more information, visit creativeliberties.net or call **941-799-6634**.

PG Symphony Concert

The Punta Gorda Symphony presents Dvořák Symphony No. 9, "From the New World", on **Sunday, November 12, 3:30pm**, at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda. Conductor is Richard Stoelzel. Guest soloist will be Rex Richardson on the trumpet. Tickets are \$35-\$65 and may be purchased online at pgsymphony.org.

Artist Colony Gathering

The Artist Colony in Englewood, Florida will be holding their next outdoor gallery on **Wednesday, November 15, 10am to 3pm**, at Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. The outdoor gallery features local artists creating, exhibiting, and selling their original creations from **10am to 3pm** on the **first and third Wednesdays** of the month. Bring a chair and enjoy the Artist Colony Ensemble performing classical, opera and Broadway pieces. Follow The Artist Colony on Facebook.

Tobias Quartet

The Perlman Music Program opens its season with The Tobias Quartet on **Wednesday, November 15, 7pm**, in the Thomas McGuire Hall of Sarasota Art Museum, 1001 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. They will also perform at a free concert on **Saturday, November 18, 5pm**, at the Green at UTC, 125 N. Cattlemen Road, Sarasota. The Tobias Quartet formed in 2021 at the Music from Angel Fire Festival and consists of Oliver Neubauer, violin; Kate Arndt, violin; Sam Rosenthal, viola, and Sterling Elliott, cello. For this program, they will perform Beethoven's "String Quartet Op. 18 No. 2 in G Major" and Ravel's "String Quartet in F Major". Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased online at perlmanmusicprogramsuncoast.org or call **941-955-4942**.

Englewood Opry

Englewood Opry starts its seventh season on **Thursday, November 16** at Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Avenue. Bring a chair and enjoy classic country and bluegrass music. The show runs **5:30 to 7:30pm every Thursday through April**. Everyone is invited to this free concert by the "Sidemen". For more information, email Everard at recycledx2@icloud.com.

Hermitage Sunsets: Theater on the Lake

"Hermitage Sunsets @ Benderson Park" presents two of the most innovative voices working in theater today, Hermitage Fellows Terry Guest



Artist Series Concerts is thrilled to present a special event, the rock and roll oratorio, "Caesar!", and the Markov family, on **Saturday, November 18, 4pm**, at the Church of the Palms, 3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota. The first part of the concert features the violinist Alexander Markov and his violinist parents, Albert and Marina, playing classical favorites by Bach, Paganini, Sarasate, and others. Following intermission, Alexander takes the stage with Key Chorale, the Booker High School VPA Choir, an orchestra, a rhythm section, and his 24-karat-gold-plated six-string electric violin to perform "Caesar!" His original composition about the legendary Roman general combines classical, rock, and pop music in five parts full of mystery, drama, color, and contrasts. Tickets are \$40 & \$60. Purchase tickets online at ArtistSeriesConcerts.org or call **941-306-1202**. Photo: Alexander Markov will perform "Caesar".

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Sea Grape Gallery Artists
From **November 2 to December 7**, Sea Grape Gallery will be featuring two of their artists, Kitt Moran, oil painter, and Beth Williams, pine needle artist, and is also showcasing guest artist, Perry Thompson, abstract realism artist. Kitt Moran's paintings are highly respected for her bold and confident brushstrokes as well as her use of the palette knife. Kitt says her main love is portraiture. Beth

Williams has been inspired by the local history of the Seminole and Calusa Indians and the native plants and animals. She now focuses on working with pine needles using old basketry techniques with contemporary ideas. Perry Thompson's paintings dreamily reflect the beauty of the area which he chooses as his inspiration in his painting style that he calls "abstract realism". These artists' works are on display, as are other Sea Grape artists, in the Gallery and online at seagrapegallery.com. The Gallery is located at 113 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda.

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The October Discover Dearborn Event, "Meet the Artist", was a huge success with a dozen artists demonstrating the creation of their art. Nancy Fahey McCune, of Art In Paradise, created and organized this great event which gave public the opportunity to meet area artists and view their work. Discover Dearborn is held on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the 400 block of Dearborn. Look for more fun and creative events from this series. Pictured here is Kathleen Callahan, demonstrating her work.

& James Anthony Tyler, on **Thursday, November 16, 5pm**, by Benderson Lake near the Nathan Benderson Family Finish Tower (5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota). In "Theater on the Lake", these two talents split the bill to share some of their latest work and discuss the creative process as the sun goes down over the lake. This program is presented in partnership with Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, Urbanite Theatre, and Nathan Benderson Park Conservancy. Registration is required (\$5/person) at HermitageArtistRetreat.org.

Concert in the Park
North Port invites you to enjoy an evening of dancing and live entertainment under the stars on **Friday, November 17 at**

6pm. 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. For questions, call **941-429-7275**.

Harvest Hoedown
Venice Presbyterian Church presents a community outreach concert featuring Tommy Brandt & the Cowboy Outreach America Band on **Saturday, November 18, 3 to 7pm**, at the church located at 825 The Rialto, Venice. The concert is free and there will be family-friendly games and a treasure hunt. So grab your cowboy boots and bring a lawn chair to enjoy country music, family fun, and good food. Love offering will go to support children in the Venice community.

Lee Hardin Comedy
Don't miss comedian Lee Hardin when he appears at Lemon Bay Playhouse on **Saturday, November 18 at 7:30pm**. This is a clean comedy show! Based out of Nashville, Tennessee, Lee Hardin has been performing stand-up comedy for ten years, including comedy clubs, corporate events, churches, featured appearance on The Huckabee Show, and he has released a Dry Bar Comedy Special. His unique point of view highlights his experiences growing up as an only child, dating, and shopping at Goodwill. His energetic approach engages audiences and keeps them laughing all night long. Tickets are \$25. Get your tickets at lemonbayplayhouse.com or call the box office, 96 W. Dearborn Street, at **941-475-6756 (M-F 10am-2pm)**.

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas
The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall is excited to welcome Mannheim Steamroller Christmas to Sarasota on **Sunday, November 19 at 7pm**. This year's show will feature classic Christmas hits from the Mannheim Steamroller holiday albums along with multimedia effects in an intimate setting. Tickets start at \$50 and can be purchased at vanwezel.org or call the box office at **941-263-6799**. The Van Wezel is located at 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

Rhinestone Cowgirls Sing
Relive songs made famous by the Legendary Ladies of Country Music on **Monday,**



November at Charlotte Players means "The Foreigner" is coming, a suspenseful comedy directed by Jerry Jones. Charlie Baker, an Englishman, is brought to a forest cabin in Georgia for some peace and quiet by his friend, Sgt. "Froggy" LeSeuer. Froggy tells the cabin's host, Betty, that Charlie doesn't want to talk with anyone. Conversations swirl around Charlie and the other guests are perhaps not all they seem to be, so Charlie is dragged into a dangerous conspiracy. There are plenty of laughs to offset the intrigue. The show runs **Thursday, November 2 through Sunday, November 12** at the Langdon Playhouse, 1182 Market Circle, Port Charlotte. Evening performances are **Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30pm** and **2pm Sunday matinees** plus a **2pm show on Saturday, November 11**. Adult tickets are \$27 & student are \$14. Purchase tickets online at charlotteplayers.org or call **941-255-1022**. Pictured here are (l-r): Jennifer Miles, Barbara Hankins, Jim Manns, Kyle Marie-Lines, Mike Moody, and Michael Vena.

November 20, 7:30pm, when Rhinestone Cowgirls come to the Venice Performing Arts Center, One Indian Avenue, Venice. Hear country classic hits like "Crazy", "Stand By Your Man", "Coal Miner's Daughter", as well as new favorites "Independence Day" and "His Last Name". Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at venicetheatre.org.

"Sounds of Soul" Return to VCC
Get ready to relive the hits of Motown and beyond, as this

exciting, high-energy group, "Sounds of Soul", unleashes superior vocals and slick dance moves powered by pure soul. They were such a hit last year that they are back on **Monday, November 27, 7:30pm**, for a concert at the Venice Community Center (VCC), 326 Nokomis Ave South, Venice. Tickets are \$55. Purchase online at venicetheatre.org and pick them up at the will-call desk in the lobby of the VCC one-hour prior to the performance.

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Arts Advocates is pleased to feature its member artists who share the distinction of having served in the U.S. Armed Forces in their Veteran Artist Exhibit and an art talk this month. The exhibiting artists are Diana De Avila, who creates digital art pieces rooted in fractal geometry. Jessica Hartman, a first year Ringling art student, will display some of her work. John Quigley, a third year Ringling art student, uses mixed media techniques to combine his love of photography, painting, and the thrill of finding new ways to use overlooked materials. Mark Wiseman creates calligraffiti, a style that is a mix of graffiti and calligraphy. The free exhibit runs **November 4-25, Saturdays only, 2 to 4pm.** There will be an art talk, "Honoring Our Veteran Artists – Pursuing Dreams After a Military Career", on **Friday, November 10, 4 to 6pm.** Admission for members is \$20; non-member price is \$25. Register at ArtsAdvocates.org. Both exhibit & talk take place in the Arts Advocates Gallery, The Crossings at Siesta Key Mall, 3501 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Website: artsadvocates.org. Pictured here is "Blue Satin Pearls" by Diana De Avila.



Choral Artists of Sarasota's 45th season begins with "Veteran's Day in Song," featuring songs that brought hope and inspiration during military conflicts, from the Revolutionary War through Desert Storm. The concert will be **Saturday, November 11, 1pm**, at the Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota. Joining Choral Artists is Sergeant Major (ret) Bob McDonald, baritone and veteran of The US Army Chorus in Washington, DC. Tickets are \$40, general admission; \$20 for veterans with ID; and \$5 for students. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit ChoralArtistsSarasota.org or call **941-387-4900**. Photo: Sergeant Major (ret) Bob McDonald.

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Amanda's PICKS

by Amanda Glam

While reading the *Englewood Review* you may have been wondering, “Where is Amanda Glam? I miss her desperately and have no idea what to see at the movies or watch on TV without her sage advice.” Or you may not have noticed my absence at all. That’s OK, I forgive you.

This month your Amanda has left Florida after more than 25 years for an undisclosed location that begins with New and ends with Mexico. Spoiler alert: moving is time consuming and stressful and leaves you with little time for movies and television.

I have finally had the opportunity to visit one of my two local movie theaters, and since it is the Halloween season, I decided on *A Haunting in Venice* (PG-13). This is the third Agatha Christie adaptation from director Kenneth Branagh, who also stars as Christie’s iconic mustachioed Belgian detective Hercule Poirot.

Set in 1947 Venice, *Haunting* is based on Christie’s novel *Hallowe’en Party* and finds Poirot retired from sleuthing and living as a happy (well as much as Poirot can be happy) recluse. A friend, American mystery writer Ariadne Oliver (Tina Fey) convinces Poirot to attend a Halloween party and seance at a palazzo owned by retired opera singer Rowena Drake, played by *Yellowstone*’s Kelly Reilly. I mean really, how do you say no to that?

The palazzo is as creepy and imposing as a palazzo can get, and it’s supposedly haunted by the ghosts of orphans who were left to die there during the plague. Oh, and there’s a massive and very atmospheric thunderstorm happening. This is no jaunty *Murder on the Orient Express*.

After a Halloween party for the current batch of orphans, a very skeptical Poirot and company are invited to a seance led by the famous medium Mrs. Reynolds (Michelle Yeoh). She has been hired by Rowena to call forth the spirit of her daughter Alicia who died



under, you guessed it, unusual circumstances.

When another murder and an attempt on Poirot’s life occurs, everyone gathered at the palazzo is a suspect. They include housekeeper Olga Seminoff (is Christie great at names or what?) Alicia’s former fiancé Maxime Gerard, and an emotionally fragile surgeon and his exceptionally precocious son, reuniting Jamie Dornan and Jude Hill, who starred in Branagh’s Oscar-winning film *Belfast*.

Poirot’s investigation is complicated by those nasty spirits inhabiting the palazzo. A devout non-believer, the detective actually witnesses some very unnatural and disturbing occurrences that even he can’t explain.

In a cast where everyone delivers exactly what they need to, standouts are unsurprisingly, Oscar-winner Yeoh and Reilly,

who as the grieving mother, gets the most to work with. Fey is also impressive taking a leap from her standard comedic roles.

A Haunting in Venice feels more like Orson Welles’ *The Third Man* or at times, Nicolas Roeg’s relentlessly atmospheric Venice-set horror film *Don’t Look Now*, than it does Branagh’s two previous Poirot outings. It’s darker, smarter, scarier and much less formulaic. It also clocks in at a tidy 107 minutes. I wasn’t even close to figuring out whodunit or howtheydunit. *A Haunting in Venice* is an absorbing and expertly-crafted mystery, delivering thrills and chills without the blood and gore of traditional modern Halloween fare.

Watching *A Haunting in Venice* did inspire me to check out Branagh’s *Death on the Nile*, (released in 2022 after a long delay), a much more traditional Poirot vehicle set mostly on a spectacular riverboat sailing on the Nile. Poirot has joined revelers celebrating the marriage of fabulously wealthy and gorgeous Linnet Ridgeway (Gal Gadot) and fabulously tanned Simon Doyle (Armie Hammer, pre-scandal). The one uninvited guest is Jacqueline, Simon’s former fiancé and Linnet’s former best friend. Ouch.

My problem with *Death on the Nile* (PG-13) is that there are so many characters/suspects that actors like Annette Bening and the charming Tom Bateman have very little to do. Also, unlike *Haunting*, I figured out who the killer was pretty early on, making the reveal a bit underwhelming. Indeed, the most compelling scene in the film might be the opening, a World War I battle scene of a young Poirot that offers insight into the detective’s character and beliefs. *Death on the Nile* isn’t great but it is entertaining and a diverting travelog.

A Haunting in Venice



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Save the date for the Lemon Bay Garden Club's Fall Garden Tour & Fair. This year the tour will be **Friday & Saturday, November 17 & 18, 9am to 3pm**, and participants will tour seven beautiful, local gardens. The craft fair pre-sale will be **Thursday, November 16, 9am to noon**. At the clubhouse located at 480 Yale Street, there will be plants for sale, handmade crafts, cards, and raffle baskets. On **Saturday**, enjoy a special treat: hot dogs & root beer floats will be offered for sale at the clubhouse. Tickets are a \$15 donation and may be purchased at the clubhouse from **10am to noon on Friday, November 3, Monday, November 6, and Wednesday, November 8, Friday, November 10, Monday, November 13, and Wednesday, November 15**. For more information and tickets, call **941-474-9068**. Proceeds provide college scholarships, youth nature camperships, and community projects.

Order Your Poinsettias Now
The Englewood Lions Club has taken on the business of Joe the Poinsettia Man to sell flowers and plants (poinsettias) as a fundraiser for their community projects. The club is selling red poinsettias in a variety of sizes and red winter roses.

Poinsettia prices: 4-inch pot for \$6; 6.5-inch pot \$12; 8-inch pot \$20; 10-inch pot \$28. Winter rose is \$15. Deadline to order is **Saturday, November 11**. Plants will be delivered to you by club members. Please call **941-698-7508** to leave a message and someone will get right back to you. You can also email flowers@englewoodlions.org.

EAOS Plant Sale
The Englewood Area Orchid Society will be holding their annual Plant Sale on **Saturday, November 4, 9am to noon**, at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Avenue. There will be all kinds of beautiful healthy plants for sale, as well as some plant-themed hand-crafted items.

Beginning Genealogy Workshop
Interested in researching your family history but don't know how to begin? Englewood Genealogical Society is offering a free 'Beginning Genealogy' workshop on **Thursday, November 9, 2 to 4pm**, at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. Gail Finney will speak about where and how to begin, or to restart, your family history research, including how to properly track and document your discoveries. There will be



Kayaking Gals held their annual Witches Paddle on Sunday, October 22nd. Dressed in witch costumes, 35 local women paddled from the Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park going along Lemon Bay, delighting those who live on Manasota Key to Stump Pass State Park. After enjoying the beach, they returned to the launch and then met at Artur's Restaurant for lunch. If you would like to join this fun group of kayaking ladies, visit them on Facebook: Kayaking Gals, Relaxed Adventures.

time for questions. To register, go to scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com and click on Library Events. For questions, email info@egsfl.org.

Fall Christmas Bazaar
Save the date for the Lemon Bay Woman's Club Fall Christmas Bazaar on **Friday & Saturday, November 10 & 11**. Hours are **9am to 2pm** at the clubhouse, 51 N. Maple Street. There will be unique craft gifts, jewelry, Christmas items, homemade

baked goods, and raffles. Tickets for the annual quilt raffle are \$3 each or two for \$5. Proceeds from the quilt raffle tickets support scholarships for female senior students at Lemon Bay High School (Interested female students can download an application at lemonbaywomansclub.com, pick one up at the clubhouse, or in the Lemon Bay High School career resource center.) See you there!

Beginning Genealogy Mentoring
The Englewood Genealogical Society of Florida is offering genealogy mentoring by members on **Wednesday, November 15, 10:15am to 12:30pm**, at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. You may also participate by Zoom, but the best, fastest, and most effective help will be obtained in person. Visit egsfl.org for more information. Open to the public.

Getting Started: Basic German Genealogy



'Getting Started: Basic German Genealogy' is the program for the November general membership meeting of Englewood Genealogical Society of Florida. The program on **Wednesday, November 15, 1 to 4:45pm**, will be presented by Karen Dwyer live over Zoom. Karen will discuss how to begin to research your German roots. Those wishing to attend via Zoom can register at egsfl.org to receive a link. The meeting is open to the public.

Rotary Burgerfest Crowns its Patty Perfectionists

The Rotary Club of Rotonda Burgerfest, on October 21st, drew a large crowd to witness the burger cook-offs and sample the competitors' burger creations. There were 14 grillers competing for the best burger in Englewood. Don Wilson won the amateur title of Grillmaster. Shannon Kunkel, from Cape Haze Tavern, took the honors in the professional chef category. Janet Shawen of the Rotonda Rotary Club, expressed the club's appreciation for the community turnout and support of all who helped make the event a success. If you missed this year's event, it will return in 2024.



Chef Shannon Kunkel of Cape Haze Tavern



Don Wilson of Xavier Financial & Mortgage shows his trophy to the crowd after receiving it from Rotarian Janet Shawen.

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Step Into Fashion

Ivy's on Dearborn invites you to "Step Into Fashion" at their November fundraiser fashion show on **Wednesday, November 15, 2 to 5pm**, at the Senior Friendship Centers, 2350 Scenic Drive, Venice. There will be a fashion show, silent auction, door prizes, wine & hors d'oeuvres, and vendors on site for purchases. Tickets are \$40 (limited seating). To

purchase tickets, go to LCBW.org/fashionshow, stop by Ivy's at 446 W. Dearborn Street, or call Wanda Hall at **423-534-9979**.

Englewood Hospital Award
 HCA Florida Englewood Hospital announced that it is one of America's 100 Best Hospitals and among the Top 10% in the nation for Coronary Intervention™, according to new research released by Healthgrades, the leading resource consumers use to find a hospital or doctor. The hospital was also recognized with the 2024 Coronary Intervention Excellence Award and four five-star ratings for specialty care, including Coronary Interventional procedures, Hip Fracture Treatment, Treatment for Diabetic Hospitalizations and Gallbladder Removal surgery. These distinctions reflect Englewood Hospital's outstanding clinical performance and distinguish it as one of the country's leading hospitals. "We are so proud to be honored by Healthgrades. Time and time again, our caregivers and physicians show up for our patients with a commitment



Stevens The Florist South, Inc. celebrated their grand re-opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 17th. Like so many other businesses, the building sustained major damage from Hurricane Ian, but now they are open again following the completion of repairs. The floral shop was formerly owned by Linda Stevens who sold in 2021 to Beneva Flowers of Sarasota. As part of an expansion plan, Beneva Flowers re-branded as Beneva and now has three locations: one in Sarasota, Brandon, and Stevens The Florist South, which, is located at 3455 S. Access Road and can be reached at **941-475-6702**. They offer fresh flowers, silk arrangements, houseplants and dish gardens, gifts such as plush stuffed animals, Capri Blue candles, gourmet chocolates & cookies, and more for all occasions. Stevens The Florist South, through Beneva Plantscapes, also creates & maintains living plant walls. Visit them online at stevensthefloristsouth.com. Store hours are **Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm, and Saturday, 9am to 2pm**. Pictured here at the ribbon-cutting are (l-r): Doug Izzo; David "Yogi" Harris; Randy Steele; Ashley Bertemu, store manager; Sage Patel, store COO; David Shuel, owner; Leah Morris; Mandi Rutter, store CAO; Bo Williams; Barbara Ballard; Vince Montasano; Shane Whitmore; and Darla Mapes.

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Keeping UP with KIDS



Kids Needs of Greater Englewood was the recipient of a grant from “100 Women Who Care” for \$17,000, most of which, \$16,350, was donated to six local schools in Englewood to help benefit student initiatives. Ways the school recipients are applying the funds include a “Calm Corner” in each classroom at one school to help children learn how to deal with difficult emotions & feelings; incentives to encourage good behavior, increased attendance, reduce bullying and the influence of peer pressure, as well as parties with enforcement officers to help build good relations between officers & students. Kids Needs also used some of the grant funds to purchase Sky Academy polo shirts for those students in need. Kids Needs strives to help students in need as their resources allow. Learn more about Kids Needs at kidsneedsinglewood.org. Pictured here are (l-r): Matina Pulliam, assistant principal at L.A. Ainger; Jessica Gadus, L.A. Ainger social worker; Vicki Robinson, LBHS social worker; Becca DeRosa, Kids Needs; Alyssa Ponder, Myakka River Social Worker; and Kelly Baker, Vineland social worker.

Movie in the Park

Venice Mainstreet is offering a free, family-friendly movie in Centennial Park (200 W. Venice Avenue, Venice) each month through April. Bring your own chair or blanket for seating. The November movie is “Free Birds” and will be shown on **Wednesday, November 8, at 7pm**. For more information, go to visitvenicefl.org.

Family Day Program

You are invited to join LBC for their monthly “Family Explore” program on **Saturday**,

November 11, 9 to 10:30am,

at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. November’s program, “The Wonders of Water, Part II”, focuses on Hydrology. Participants will learn about the wonders of water at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve and beyond.

Little Explorers Tiniest Travelers

Join Cedar Point Environmental Park for free nature classes for children between the age of 3-7 years old and their families.

Bring your little explorers to learn about nature, animals, and science and participate in dynamic learning activities with CHEC environmental educators. Upcoming dates are **Friday, November 17** and **Tuesday, November 21, 9 to 10am**. Advance registration is required. To register, please email Mel@checflorida.org. Meet at the Cedar Point Visitor Center at 2300 Placida Road. For questions, call **941•475•0769**.

Read with the Dogs

The Elsie Quirk Library invites

kids to drop in and read to the Suncoast Humane Society’s furry friends! This monthly program encourages conversation and develops reading and communication skills for children preschool to 12 years old. The November “Read with the Dogs” will be **Monday, November 13, 3:30 to 4:30pm**, at the library located at 100 W. Dearborn Street. For questions, call **941•861•1225**.

Dog Tales

Readers of all ages are invited to come read aloud to a therapy dog at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. This program is offered monthly, and the next session is **Saturday, November 18, noon to 1pm**. Each child can read one-on-one with their pet partner to build reading confidence and have fun while gaining literacy skills. Sign up for 20-minute reading slots or drop in to join with a reading buddy or group. Sign up by calling **941•681•3736**.

I Hate Shakespeare!

Lemon Bay High School Theatre Troupe 0257 presents their annual one act competition piece, “I Hate Shakespeare”, one night only at the Lemon Bay Performing Arts Center, 2201 Placida Road. The performance will be **Tuesday, November 28 at 6pm**. You, the audience, may think that you hate Shakespeare until you get a rip-roaring rundown of Shakespeare’s

classics. With zombies, talking cows, and an appearance by Jerry Springer, “I Hate Shakespeare!” is a hilarious and fast-paced introduction to Shakespeare – with a modern twist. This twisted take on plays by The Bard will have you giggling the entire time. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at lbhstheatre.net, at showtix4u.com/event-details/74924 or at the box office on the night of the performance.

Homework Help

Does your child need help with homework? A volunteer tutor is available on a first come, first served basis to provide homework help and tutoring on **Tuesdays, 6 to 7pm**, at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. This program is intended for students in kindergarten to fifth grade. If you have any questions, please contact the Youth Services Librarian, Holly Gaines, at **941•681•3736** or email at Holly.Gaines@charlottecountyfl.gov.

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Nature Calls

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Learn about Florida's fascinating sea turtles at a lecture led by Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) educator, Eileen Gerle, on **Tuesday, November 14, 10:30am to noon**. There are seven species of sea turtles worldwide, five of which are found in Florida waters. Learn about these creatures from hatching to adulthood, their status, threats to their survival, and what's being done here in Florida to protect them. This is the first in a series of lectures at Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road. The program fee is \$5. You can purchase tickets online at checflorida.org.

Peace River Butterfly Society Meeting

Please join the Peace River Butterfly Society for their November educational meeting on **Thursday, November 16 at 10am**. Forest Hecker presents "The Tale of the Atala Butterfly and the Coontie". Forest is a UF/IFAS Sarasota County Extension Community Educator. The Atala was once thought to be extinct,

but has made a comeback.

The meeting will be held at the GFWC Woman's Club of Port Charlotte, 20271 Tappan Zee Drive, Port Charlotte. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, please email prbutterflyfysociety@gmail.com.

Mangrove Chapter FNPS Activities

The mission of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. The Mangrove Chapter serves Charlotte County and southern Sarasota County. Visit them online at mangrove.fnpschapters.org. For more information, contact them at mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

Nature Walk

Join the Mangrove Chapter for an informative walk led by professor emeritus Dr. Bill Dunson at Manasota Scrub Preserve on **Saturday, November 11, 9 to 11am**. The

1.5-mile loop winds through mesic pine flatwoods and along two wetlands. Bill will share interesting facts about plant bioindicators of wetland ecology and how they are changed with the depletion of ground water. Meet in the parking lot at 2695 Bridge Street (off Manasota Beach Road). Please no smoking, no dogs, and do not attend if feeling ill. For more information, contact mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

Chapter Meeting

Join the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society meeting on **Tuesday, November 14, 1 to 3pm**, and meet Environmental Specialist, Jeff Weber, at Lemon Bay Park & Environmental Center, 570 Bay Park Blvd. Jeff will share the knowledge and appreciation of Florida native plants. Meet at the Environmental Center. There is a BYOPicnic at **12:15pm** for a meet and greet prior to the meeting. There will also be a native plant sale at this meeting. Members & non-members are welcome to attend.

For more information, email mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

Nature Walk

On **Wednesday, November 15 at 4:30pm**, join the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and leaders, Dave and Linda Manley, for a sunset stroll at the Venice Urban Forest, 308 E. Venice Avenue, Venice. This narrow strip of restored native habitat runs beside the Legacy Trail and features a butterfly garden and natural shelter for wildlife. Plan to park at the historic train depot (303 E. Venice Avenue, Venice) and meet under the bridge. The group will then walk to the urban forest entrance. For more information, email mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

Nature Walk

Join the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and member Charlie Woodruff for a walk on Stump Pass Beach, 900 Gulf Blvd., on **Sunday, November 19 from 8:30 to 10:30am**. Charlie will narrate the unique history of the beach, as well as its nature and inhabitants. Parking has a \$3 charge and is limited. Carpooling is recommended. Please wear shoes that can get wet and bring a hat and water. For more information,

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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. Go to CHECflorida.org for a complete program calendar.

Guided Hike at Cedar Point

Join CHEC for a free guided tour of the beautiful 115-acre Cedar Point Environmental Park on **Friday, November 3 at 9am**. Meet outside the Cedar Point Visitor Center at 2300 Placida Road. To register, fill out the online form at checflorida.org or call **941-475-0769**.

Oyster Creek Park

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods, scrub habitat, and mangrove fringe of the 250-acre Oyster Creek Environmental Park on **Saturday, November 4 at 9am**. Meet at the parking lot located near Lemon Bay High School at 2333 Placida Road. To register, fill out the form online at checflorida.org or call **941-475-0769** for more information. Also offered on **Saturday, November 18 at 9am**.

Bill Coy Preserve

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 81-acre Bill Coy Preserve on **Monday, November 6 at 9am**. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot at 5350 Placida Road. To register, fill out the form online at checflorida.org or call **941-475-0769** for more information.

Charlotte Flatwoods Env. Park

Join CHEC on a guided walk through Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park on **Wednesday, November 8 at 9am**. This 487-acre Charlotte County property features mature pines, dry prairie, marsh wetlands, and freshwater ponds. Its location, adjoining state lands, makes it an important wildlife corridor. Meet at the parking lot

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Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve

Join CHEC on a guided walk on **Saturday, November 11 at 9am** 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. To register, fill out the form online at chechflorida.org or call **941-475-0769** for more information.

Cedar Point Volunteer Monthly Meeting

Join CHEC for a Volunteer Meeting on **Monday, November 13, 10am to noon**, at Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road. Free snacks and coffee will be offered along with a presentation of the park, its programs and volunteer opportunities. To conclude, help contribute to Keep Charlotte Florida Beautiful's "International Coastal Cleanup" campaign by participating in a cleanup at the park. Advance registration is required. To register, please call **941-475-0769** or email Tome@chechflorida.org.

Tippecanoe Env. Park

Join CHEC on a guided walk through 308-acre Tippecanoe Environmental Park on **Monday, November 13, at 9am**. 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 chechflorida.org or call **941-475-0769** for more information.

Amberjack Environmental Park

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 225-acre Amberjack Environmental Park on **Wednesday, November 15 at 9am**. Meet at 6250 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., where the street dead ends. To register, fill out the form online at chechflorida.org or call **941-475-0769**. Also offered **Monday, November 20 at 9am**.

Seagrass Wading Trip

Join CHEC for a free wading adventure through the seagrass beds of Lemon Bay on **Friday, November 17, 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 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 chechflorida.org or call **941-475-0769**. Trips fill up fast! Meet outside the Cedar Point Visitor Center at 2300 Placida Road.

Bayshore Live Oak Park

Join CHEC on a walk at Bayshore Oak Park along the shoreline of Charlotte Harbor on **Wednesday, November 22, 9am**, to explore the various mangrove species found there. Covered will be mangrove identification, special adaptations that allow mangroves to thrive in salty environments, and why mangroves are important and protected in Florida. Bayshore Park is located at 23157 Bayshore Road, Port Charlotte. Please register by filling out the form online at chechflorida.org or by calling **941-475-0769**.

Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve

Join CHEC on a guided walk on **Saturday, November 25, 9am**, 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 chechflorida.org or call **941-475-0769** for more information. Also offered **Wednesday, November 29 at 9am**.

Bill Coy Nature Walk

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 80-acre Bill Coy Preserve on **Monday, November 27, at 9am**. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot at 5350 Placida Road. Please register by filling out the form online at chechflorida.org or call **941-475-0769** to register or for more information.

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.

Guided Nature Walk

You are invited to join Susy D'Hont for a guided walk on **Friday, November 3, at 8am**. Participants will become fully immersed as they learn and encounter the ever-changing natural sights at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. This is an ideal walk for everyone who is interested in becoming familiar with the various birds, plants, flowers, and history of the preserve. Please wear closed toe walking shoes, a hat, sunscreen, bug spray, and bring a water bottle, camera, and binoculars.

Wildflower Preserve Nature Walk

Please join Lemon Bay Conservancy volunteers Paul Townsend and Steve Bramlage on **Tuesday November 7, at 9am**, as they lead participants on an approximately 1/3 mile walk through the Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. During this introductory guided walking tour, you can expect to see upland and wading birds, native and Florida friendly plants, butterflies and other insects, freshwater and brackish pond water environments, the Labyrinth on the Hill - all in the course of one hour.

Butterfly & Plant Tour

Maura Qualls and Ann Weaver will lead a walking tour through the Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve Butterfly Habitat on **Thursday, November 9 at 9am**. Meet at the members entrance area, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. You will examine the many plants, flowers, and pollinators that are present in the garden. There will be a discussion on how you can establish your own native butterfly and pollinator habitat, and the tour will provide an up-close look at nectar and host plants, both native and Florida friendly. Bring your binoculars, cameras, water bottles, sunscreen, and bug repellent. All participants should wear comfortable, protective attire, especially footwear.

Family Day Program

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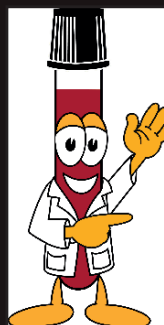
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Explore” program on **Saturday, November 11, 9 to 10:30am**, at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd. November’s program, “The Wonders of Water, Part II”, focuses on Hydrology. Learn about the importance of hydrology in the ponds, water testing, monitoring, and other citizen science opportunities. Participants will learn about the wonders of water at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve and beyond.

Tarpon Net Pull

Attention all new and returning Tarpon net pull volunteers! The next Tarpon pull event will be on **Saturday, November 18 at 8am**. First, the seine net will be loaded along with other equipment in the Jon boat before using the UTV to tow the boat over to the ponds located by Fiddlers Green. Please use the Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve parking lot and plan to meet at the equipment shed at **7:45am**. After loading the equipment, volunteers will drive over to Fiddlers Green and use the car park. The actual net pull will get underway around **8:30am**, starting with the smaller of the two ponds. If you have waders, please bring them along with gloves, a hat, water, and mosquito repellent.

Please contact Malcolm Collingwood at **917•915•1076** or malcolmcollingwood@gmail.com to RSVP for the event. This event is open to everyone interested in participating.

Rock Painting Workshop

You are invited to join LBC for a free rock garden painting session on **Wednesday, November 29, 5pm**, at the outdoor classroom area in the meadow at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve located at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Boulevard. Paint, brushes, some cocktail napkins, Mod Podge for decoupage, and several different types of acrylic pens for group use will be provided. Instructor Bonnie Stuhlmiller will assist in picking out rocks with natural character. A monthly guided labyrinth walk following the session.

Guided Labyrinth Walk

The Labyrinth on the Hill monthly guided walk is **Wednesday, November 29, 6 to 7pm**, at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Boulevard. Located at the top of a berm overlooking all four directions of the Preserve, the labyrinth offers walkers a winding, circular path that leads participants to the center and then back out again. Tonya Bramlage and Lary Stuhlmiller offer guidelines before leading you on this meditative, peaceful walk through the labyrinth. Afterwards there will be a time to share and Q&A.

Venice Area Audubon Society
The Venice Area Audubon Society serves south Sarasota County

and offers activities, educational programs, birding field trips, and provides support for birds and wildlife with a pollinator garden & native plants at the Venice Area Audubon Rookery Park, located at 4002 S. Tamiami Trail via Annex Road, Venice. New members are welcome. Learn more at veniceaudubon.org or email info@veniceaudubon.org.

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary Birding Plus Field Trip

The Venice Audubon Society hits the road for one of their season’s day trips on **Thursday, November 9th** with the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in Naples as the destination. This trip offers birding plus education opportunities at world-renowned conservation and research facilities, expanding your awareness of wildlife conservation, human impacts, and changing environments on the many bird and animal species to be appreciated and protected. Come along for the day, meet new people, enjoy the wildlife, and learn something new. Registration is through Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Preserve. Go to veniceaudubon.org to read more about the trip and to purchase your admission ticket.

Manasota Scrub Preserve Field Trip

Host Tom Litteral leads this field trip on **Saturday, November 11 at 8am**. This is an excellent hike when migrating birds stop by this beautiful 154-acre preserve at 2695 Bridge Street in Englewood. Registration is appreciated at veniceaudubon.org, but not required. For more



“I’m watching you and I am hungry” is what this alligator might be saying if it could talk. “If you hit your golf ball near me, I may not be responsible for my actions.” Ken Hublely carefully kept his distance while on the golf course at Boca Royale.

information, email Tom at tlitteral@comcast.net.

VAAS Monthly Meeting

The Venice Area Audubon Society’s November program will focus on the annual Christmas Bird Count – what is it and why does it matter. The public is invited to attend the meeting on **Tuesday, November 14, 6 to 7:30pm**, at the Venice United Church of Christ, Naar Hall, 620 Shamrock Road, Venice. Bob Clark, VAAS’s Christmas Bird County coordinator, will speak on the purpose, outcomes, and significance of the annual survey in preparation for the count on **Sunday, December 17th**. Enjoy refreshments & conversation at **6pm** followed by the program at **6:30pm**. Registration is not required but encouraged at veniceaudubon.org.

Red Bug Slough Field Trip

Join host Bailey Cleveland on a field trip to Red Bug Slough on **Sunday, November 19 at 8:30am**. Birds being sought include waders, waterfowl, warblers, and more. There is about 1.5 miles of walking. Meet in the parking lot at 5200 Beneva Road, Sarasota. If participating, feel out the Liability Waiver online and bring it with you.

Registration is appreciated at veniceaudubon.org. For more information, email Bailey at baileycleveland92@gmail.com.

SCF Venice Campus Field Trip

Join leaders Patti Haynes & Bob Clark on a tour around Lake Jervey & the surrounding State College of Florida campus on **Wednesday, November 29, 8:30am**. Enjoy herons, egrets, ducks, and more, highlighted by colorful purple gallinules. Meet in the main parking lot next to the lake at 8000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. Most of the walk is on a paved path so it is a good walk for those with some physical limitations. Complete the Liability Waiver online and bring with you. Register at veniceaudubon.org. For more information, email rlwclark@gmail.com.

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.

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Calendar *at a Glance*

These are the shortened calendar events that were added to our website www.Englewoodreview.com as of Friday, October 27. They represent events from November 3 thru November 26. 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 NOV 3

Baseball Fiction: Cactus League in Grapefruit Country at the Hermitage Beach, 6660 Manasota Key Road. 6 to 7pm. Hermitage Fellow and former Hermitage curator Emily Nemens reads from and discusses her acclaimed debut novel, *The Cactus League*. \$5 registration fee at hermitageretreat.org.

FRI NOV 3-SAT NOV 4

Rotonda West Comm. Garage Sales: Rotonda West community. 9am to 5pm. Over 100 participating sellers throughout Rotonda West.

Field of Dreams Country Classic: Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, Pt. Charlotte. Fri: 1 to 11:30pm; Sat: noon to 11:30pm. Country bands rock the stage. Tickets \$55 to \$95 per day. More info & tickets: bigboytoyzexpo.com.

SAT NOV 4

EAOS Plant Sale: Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Avenue. 9am to noon. Variety of plants & plant-related handcrafted items. eaos.org.

Harvest Festival: Calvary Baptist Church, 95 Pine Street. 10am to 2pm. Family fun - hayrides, bounce house, carnival games, food trucks. 941-475-1555.

Mullet Fest: Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. 10am to 10pm. Mullet smoke-off competition, mullet hair competition, cast net throwing, live music, arts & crafts. \$5 admission. Music schedule & more details at Englewoodmulletfest.com.

Eco Fair: Tringali Comm. Center, 3460 N. Access Road. 11am to 1pm. Fun-filled day of ideas for curbing climate change by area organizations. Learn more at charlottecountyfl.libcal.com/events.

MON NOV 6

Author Lecture: Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. 10:30am to noon. Local author, Dr. George Eisen, will discuss his latest book, "A Summer of Mass Murder: 1941 Rehearsal for the Hungarian Holocaust". Free. 941-861-1225.

Songwriting Workshop: Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. 3 to 5pm. "Writing from the Bones", a song-writing workshop by Hermitage Fellow Kirya Traber. \$5 registration fee at hermitageartistretreat.org.

TUE NOV 7

Geoff Pfeifer Quintet: Lemon Bay High School Performing Arts Center, 2201 Placida Road. 6:30-8:30pm. Saxophonist Geoff Pfeifer,

Nashville-based musician & composer, performs with "Chubby & the Dots" & the "Big Establishment Band". Tickets \$10-\$25 at teachitx.com/lemonbayhighband/the-geoff-pfeifer-quintet.

WED NOV 8

Chef Warren Cooks: Tringali Comm. Center, 3460 N. Access Road. 2 to 3pm. Learn healthy cooking tips with demonstrations. Free.

THUR NOV 9

Veterans Breakfast & Benefits: HCA Englewood Hospital, Suncoast Auditorium, 779 Medical Drive. 7:30 to 9am. Free breakfast for veterans with talk on veterans benefits by veterans service officer. RSVP to 888-685-1598.

Florida's Got Soul: Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. 2 to 3pm. John Capouya reveals musical heritage of Florida. Free. 941-681-3736.

Online Fraud Class: Tringali Community Center, 3460 N. Access Road. 5:30 to 7pm. Learn about online fraud, identity theft, and economic crimes by a panel of experts. Free. 941-681-3787.

FRI & SAT NOV 10 & 11

Fall Christmas Bazaar: Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple Street.

9am to 2pm. Craft gifts, jewelry, Christmas items, baked goods. Quilt raffle tickets \$3 or 2 for \$5.

F.A.M.E. Music Festival: Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. Friday 5 to 11pm. Saturday 11am to 11pm. Enjoy non-stop music, food & beverage, silent auction at this fundraiser for supporting music in Englewood schools. famesupport-music.com.

FRI NOV 10 - MON NOV 13

Siesta Key Crystal Classic: Siesta Key Beach, 948 Beach Road, Siesta Key. Friday, Sunday & Monday, 10am to 5pm; Saturday, 10am to 9pm. Master sand sculpting competition. Also sand sculpting lessons, live music, vendors, food. siestakeycrystalclassic.com

SAT NOV 11

LA Ainger Golf Tournament: Rotonda Golf & Country Club, 100 Rotonda Circle. 7:15am check-in; 8:30am shotgun start. \$75. Benefits LA Ainger School activities. Register at yourcharlotteschools.net/lam or email aingergolftournament@gmail.com

Notjusta Craft Fair: Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 S. McCall Road, Gulf Cove. 8am to 2pm. Crafts, jewelry, organizations, businesses, food, and more. 941-697-1747.

Veterans Day Parade: Port Charlotte. 9 to 11am. Parade route: From Pt. Charlotte Beach Park along Harbor Blvd. to Edgewater Dr. and end at William R. Gaines, Jr. Memorial Park.

Veterans Day Ceremony: VFW Post 10175, 550 N. McCall Rd. 11AM. 941-474-7516

Elvis Tribute: Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn Street. 2pm & 7:30pm. Matt Stone, named one of the top 10 Elvis tribute artists in

2022, brings a young, vibrant Elvis to life. Tickets \$25 at lemonbayplayhouse.com or call 941-475-6756.

TUE NOV 14

Health in Motion Bus: Elsie Quirk Public Library, parking lot at 100 W. Dearborn Street. 12- 4PM, staff will provide no-cost health screening and referrals. No appointments needed.

Artist Colony Dinner Concert Series: Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. 5 to 7pm. Featured: LBHS Theatre Dept. & Englewood Elementary Soaring Eagles Choir. Artist Colony Ensemble presents "A Salute to Broadway". Free; donations appreciated. Facebook: The Artist Colony on Dearborn.

Wine Cork Christmas Tree Workshop: Venice Locale, 121 Miami Avenue West, Venice. 6 to 8:30pm. Make a Christmas tree out of corks & then decorate it. \$45. RSVP by November 5 at venicelocale@gmx.com or call 941-444-0336.

THUR NOV 16

Peace River Butterfly Society Meeting: GFWC Woman's Club of Pt. Charlotte, 27271 Tappan Zee Drive, Pt. Charlotte. 10am to noon. Forest Hecker presents "The Tale of the Atala Butterfly & the Coontie". Free & open to public. For more info, email prbutterflysociety@gmail.com.

OPA Pre-Race Party: The Waverly Restaurant, 2095 N. Beach Rd., 5-10pm. Meet & Greet race teams. Englewoodbeachwaterfest.com

FRI NOV 17

Waterfest Boat Block Party: West Dearborn Street. 5 to 10pm. See race boats up close, food, drink, & live music. Englewoodwaterfest.com.

Concert in the Park: City Center Front Green, 4970 City Hall Blvd., North

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FRI & SAT NOV 17&18

Garden Tour & Fair: Lemon Bay Garden Clubhouse, 480 Yale Street. 9am to 3pm both days. Tour beautiful gardens in Englewood. Craft fair & plant sale at clubhouse. Hot dogs & root beer floats on Saturday. Tickets \$15. Purchase at clubhouse or call 941-474-9068.

SAT NOV 18

Fall Community Garage Sale: Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Road. 8am to 1pm. Indoor & outdoor booths. Free admission. 941-861-1980.

Christmas Bazaar: Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street. 8 to 1pm. Shop Christmas items, specialty linens, jewelry, home decor, baked goods & more. 941-474-5588.

Grilled Cheese Festival: CoolToday Park, 18800 S. West Village Pkwy., Venice. 11am to 6pm. Family friendly event featuring grilled cheese themed items, live music, beer garden, kids activities. cooltoday-park.com

Lee Hardin Comedy: Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn Street. 7:30pm. Nashville comedian presents a clean comedy show full of stories & laughs. Tickets \$25 at lemonbayplayhouse.com or call 941-475-6756.

SAT & SUN NOV 18&19

Englewood Beach Waterfest: Englewood Beach, 2100 N. Beach Road. 10am to 4pm. OPA championships. \$30 both days. Englewoodbeachwaterfest.com.

SUN NOV 19

Majesty of Rock: Venice Performing Arts Center, 1 Indian Avenue, Venice. 7:30-9:30pm. Get ready to rock with Journey & Styx tribute bands. \$50. venicetheatre.org.

MON NOV 20

Rhinestone Girls: Venice Performing Arts Center, One Indian Avenue, Venice. 7:30-9:30pm. Enjoy the women who made country music popular. \$50. Venicetheatre.org

TUE NOV 21

Online Scam Awareness: Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. 10:30 to 11:30am. Free workshop to learn about online safety & scam & fraud protection. RSVP at scgov-library.librarymarket.com or call 941-861-1225.

THUR NOV 23

Englewood Turkey Trot: Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Drive. 7:30 to 9:30am. Family fun run/walk 5K to benefit Englewood Area Cancer Foundation. Advance fee \$15 adult/\$5 child. Sign up at runsignup.com or register at Real Bikes, 445 S. Indiana Ave. (cash or check only). Day of fee \$20. 941-445-7325.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner: Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 S. McCall Road, Pt. Charlotte. Noon to 3pm. Free Thanksgiving dinner for the community, with turkey & all the traditional fixings. Inside sit-

down or carryout. For homebound delivery, call 941-697-1747 by noon on Tue. Nov. 21.

ONGOING MONTHLY EVENTS

1ST TUESDAY

Englewood Bike Clinic: The Jubilee Center, 401 S. Broadway. 10am-noon. Repair your bike for free with help from volunteer advisors. Tools provided. 941-681-3550.

1ST WEDNESDAY

St. Francis Women's Guild Card Party: St. Francis of Assisi Church, 5265 Placida Road. 11am to 2:30pm. Lunch & cards on the first Wednesday of the month. \$12 per person. Register: sfoachurch.com, click Parish Life, Card Party or call 941-697-4899, press 6.

1ST SATURDAY

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Fellowship Church, 140 Rotonda Blvd W. 8-9AM. All men are invited. dina@fellowshipenglewood.com 941-475-7447

Cruisin' on Dearborn: West Dearborn Street. Noon to 6pm. Anyone with a classic car or a love of cars is invited to this free event on W. Dearborn Street. Enjoy music & music trivia. Shops & eateries remain open.

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY

Artist Colony: Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn St. 10AM-3PM. Browse area artists selling their artwork on the first and third Wednesdays of the month

2ND TUESDAY

Artist Colony Dinner Concert Series: Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. 5 to 7pm. Enjoy live music. Bring your own seating. Free. Facebook: The Artist Colony in Englewood Florida.

2ND SATURDAY

Driving Dearborn: 450 W. Dearborn Street. 5-9pm. Monthly car meet-up on second Saturday of the month. Facebook.com/driving-dearborn.

Manta Market: Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road. 9am to 2pm. Outdoor market featuring fine arts, crafts, artisanal foods, and more. Runs through March. Facebook: LBHSMantaMarket.

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY

Alzheimer's and Dementia: Caregiver's Support Group, Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street 9-10:30 AM. 941-474-5588

2ND & 4TH SATURDAY

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.

3RD MONDAY

Englewood Area Orchid Society: Monthly Meeting. St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway. 6:30-8:30pm. eaos.org

3RD TUESDAY

BPWEV Dinner Meeting: Plantation Golf & CC, 500 Rockley Blvd., Venice. 5:15pm. \$31. Guests welcome. Reg. at bpwev.org by 3 days prior.

4TH TUESDAY

Discover Dearborn: West Dearborn Street. 4 to 7pm. Enjoy shopping, live music, food, raffles & fun. Facebook: Discover Dearborn.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY DAY

Englewood Beach Yoga: 2100 N. Beach Rd. 8:30-9:30AM 941-473-0135. No yoga 11/13-20.

MON - FRI

Manasota Beach Yoga: Manasota Beach, 8570 Manasota Key Road. 8:30AM- 9:15AM, Yoga on the beach for all abilities, a great start to the day. 941-313-0358

Men's Sr. Softball Open Practice: Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Road. 8:30 to 11am. Softball open practice for senior men (60+). Adult softball fields. More info at englewoodseniorssoftball.weebly.com.

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

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 lovely@scgov.net

TUES & THURS

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

TUE - FRI

Open Play Pickleball: Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 12:30-2PM \$2 to play. lovely@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: Centennial Park Rec Center, 1120 Centennial Blvd., Pt. Charlotte. 11am to noon. Combination exercise & dancing. Great for cardio. Fun. Laurentz 941-237-8983.

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

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

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

Beginner Tai Chi Class: Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Avenue, Venice. 10:30 to 11:30am. Improve balance & immunity, plus more. Must be able to stand unassisted. \$10 per class. Call Nancy Dellamura at 941-492-2167 or Susan Brown at 941-828-2688 for questions.

Ciril Mobility with Laurentz: Harold Avenue Rec Center, 23400 Harold Avenue, Pt. Charlotte. 11am to noon. Unlock your body's potential through flexibility, breathwork, & mobility. Laurentz 941-237-8983.

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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

Coffee & Cars. Englewood shopping center, 451 S. Indiana Avenue. 8-10am. Bring your classic, hot rod, or specialty

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Circl Mobility with Laurentz: Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9:00-9:45AM. 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. 941-237-8983

Climb the Lighthouse: Gasparilla Island Lighthouse, 220 Gulf Blvd., Boca Grande. 10am to 1:45pm. Join BIPS for a history tour lighthouse climb. \$15 adults; \$5 children (must be at least 48" tall to climb).

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

Chair Yoga: Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple Street. 10:30 to 11:30am. Improve flexibility, balance & range of motion. Bring water & mat. For more info, email wendenn@me.com.

Let's Pretend Day: Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. 10:30 to 11:30am. Free play time with toys & props for kids ages 2 to 8 with their caregiver. 941-861-1225.

Friends Finding Friends: EPIC Community Resource Center, 655 N. Indiana Avenue. 1 to 2pm. Free social hour. Play games. Make new friends. 941-460-6022.

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

Wednesday Night Dinner: Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street. 4:30 to 6pm. Dinner, drink & dessert for \$9 adult; children free. Open to public. 941-474-5588.

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

Farmers Markets: Pioneer Plaza on W. Dearborn St. 9AM-1:00 PM

Line Dancing with Eve: American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd, Rotonda 9:30-11:30AM. Join our Beginners/Improvers Class, 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 Ave. 9:30-11:30am. Beginners 9:30am.

Improv/immediate 10:30am. No Class 11/23. 941-474-6027.

Little Adventures: Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. 10:30 to 11:30am. Story time for children, ages 2 to 5, with early literacy activities. 941-861-1225.

Boogie Chair by Laurentz: Harold Avenue Rec Center, 23400 Harold Avenue, PC. 11AM-12PM 941-237-8983

Kids Needs Clothing Boutique: Heron Plaza, 2670 S. McCall Road, unit 10. 4 to 6pm. during school sessions. Free clothing for kids in need. Info@kidsneedsenglewood.org.

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Lemon Bay Woodcarvers Club: At Community Presbyterian Church, 405 S. McCall Road. Noon-3pm. Learn to carve wood or work on your project. Email: Bill at mazz102@yahoo.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

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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. Communion 1st Sunday each month. 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, Communion 3rd Sunday each 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

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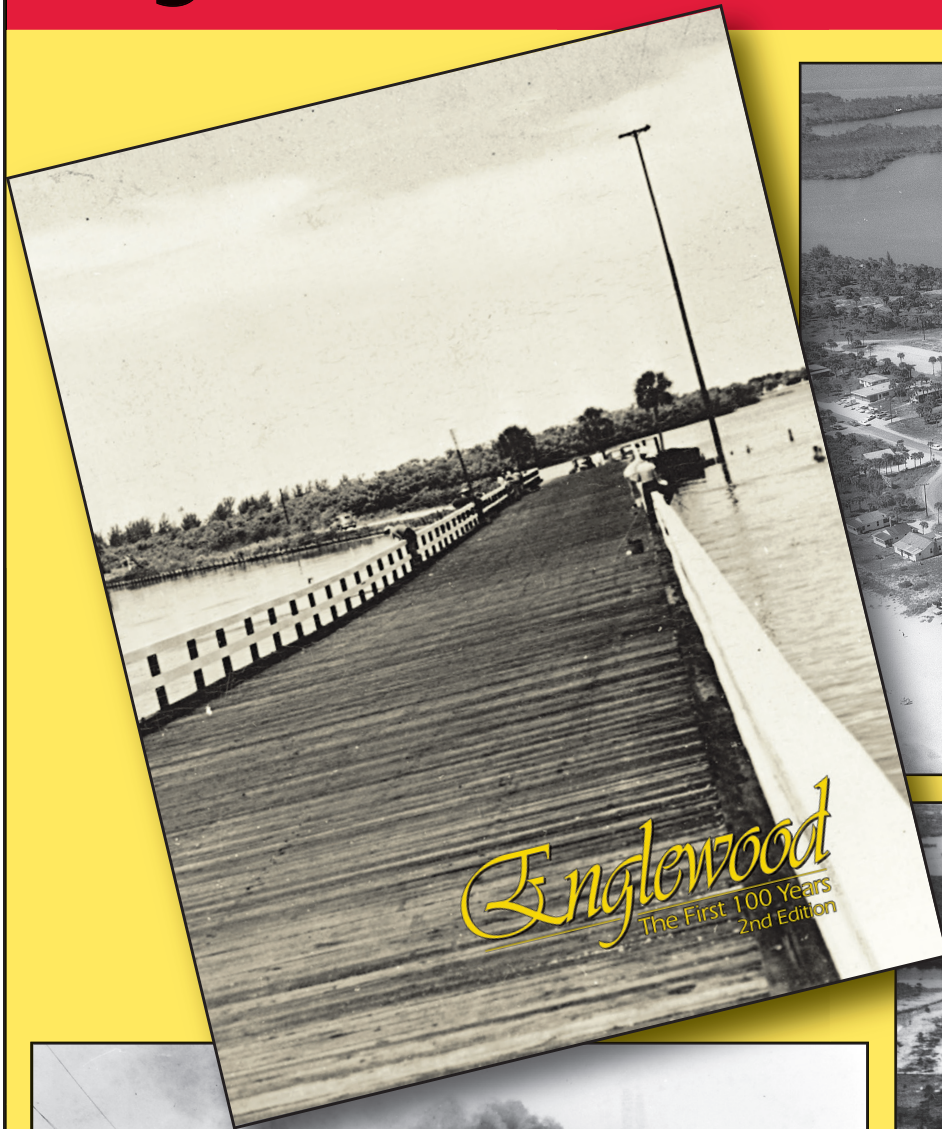
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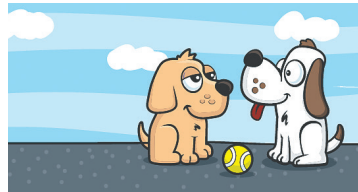
Rock & Run for Rescue 5K
 The Rescue Garage is holding a 5K race or one-mile fun walk with your family/pets to benefit the animal rescue on **Saturday, November 4 at 8am**. The event will be held at the American Legion Post 254, 6648 Taneytown Street, North Port. In the afternoon, enjoy family fun with a bounce house, food trucks, vendors, and bands. Advance cost is \$35 for the 5K and \$30 for the one-mile dog jog. Price includes a T-shirt. To register, go to Facebook page: Rock & Run for the Rescue 5K. Learn more about Rescue Garage at rescuegarage.org or call **941-777-4364**.

EARS Luau

Save the date for the EARS Luau on **Saturday, January 27, 2 to 6pm**, at the VFW Post 10178, 550 N. McCall Road. This fundraiser for the EARS animals will have live music by Paul Cottrell, a performance by the Halau Hula 'O Kilakilipialohaikapu'uwai hula dancers, a presentation



by Peace River K-9 Search & Rescue, 50/50, raffles, costume contest, and a delicious buffet. You may take home the \$100 door prize or be the lucky winner of the booze wagon (valued at \$750) in a raffle drawing. Booze wagon tickets are \$10 each. Luau tickets are \$30 per person. Sponsorships are also available. Tickets may be purchased at earsanimalrescue.com; EARS Adoption Center/Pet Store, 500 N. Indiana Avenue; or EARS Thrift Store, 280 S. McCall Road.



Play Groups for Dogs

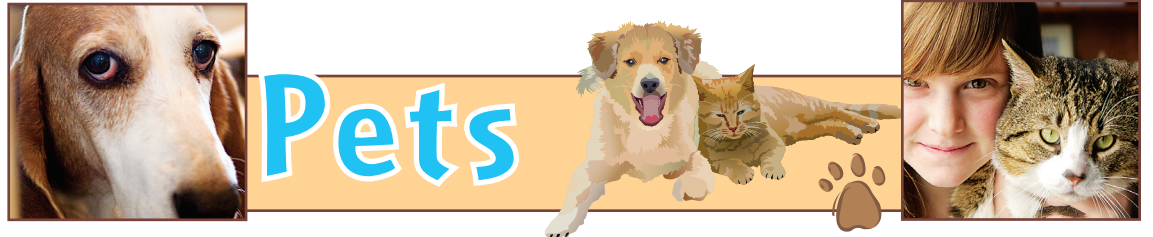
Suncoast Humane Society offers play groups for you and your dog. Puppy Social classes meet **every Tuesday from 10am to noon**. The Teen & Young Adult Dog Social group meets **every Wednesday, 10am to noon**, for dogs six months to three years old. There is even a social group for Senior Dogs meeting **every Thursday, 2 to 4pm**. On **Saturday mornings at 9am**, join the Pack Walk, a well-structured, well-spaced group walk that lasts about 30 minutes, leaving from the front parking lot area. All groups meet at SHS, 6781 San Casa Drive. For more information, call **941-474-7884** or visit humane.org.



SWFL Animal Fair

Pet lovers – here is an event just for you! The first annual Pet Fair Extravaganza will take place on **Saturday, November 11, 10am to 2pm**, at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte. Over 40 vendors will be present, showcasing products and services. There will be a petting

zoo, exotic animals, raffles, vendor bingo, pet adoptions, K-9 demonstrations, bounce house and food trucks. Veterans receive a free gift. Free entry with \$2 parking. This fair is sponsored by Southern Technical College Veterinary Assisting Program. For more information, call **941-391-8888** or email Cheryl at cholloway@southerntech.edu.



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.

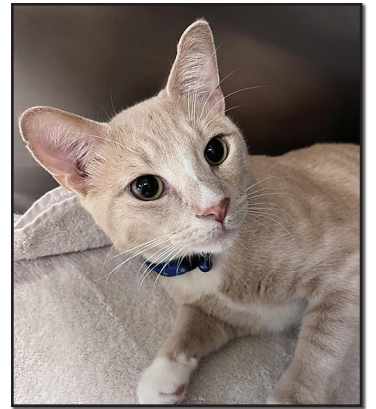


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EARS
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Ask how you can become a foster home for EARS. To see all the EARS animals, visit us at 500 N. Indiana Ave. (SR776), or visit Petfinder.com, or EarsAnimalRescue.com. For information, call 941-681-3877.

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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***Frenchy** is a 5-month-old Tuxedo kitten. He is very friendly and has lived with other cats.*

***Molley** was returned to EARS because her owners moved. She is a great Yellow Labrador Retriever with all the warm qualities of that breed. Molley likes cats, kids, other dogs, and people. She is housebroken and crate trained. Molley is an 8-year-old spayed female.*



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EARS Animal Rescue's Thrift Store is the shelter's main source of income. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization, so any donation is tax deductible.

Community Rocks!!

How Rock Painting Brings Our Community Together

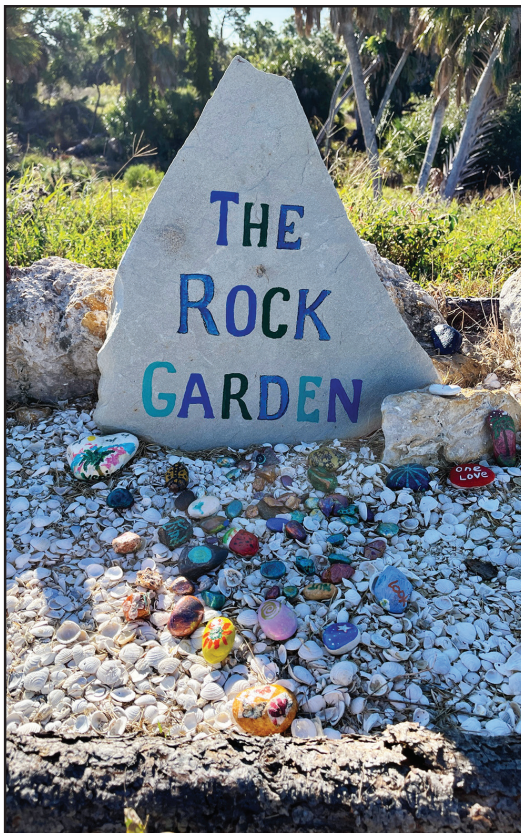
By Tonya Bramlage
Lemon Bay Conservancy

On the surface, rock painting sounds like yet another craft project, but if you take a closer look underneath the paint, you will discover a whole new way to reconnect with the outside world. Painting rocks may have become popular over the last several years, but the practice has actually been around for thousands of years. Painted pebbles date back from the period of the late Ice Age and beginning of the Holocene, according to the Archaeological Heritage Office in Dresden, Germany.

Painted pebbles were given a renewed sense of purpose in these modern times due in part by Megan Murphy, a Massachusetts-based women's empowerment coach who

founded The Kindness Rocks Project as a meaningful way to give back to her community. Her mission is brilliant in its simplicity: decorate rocks with vibrant designs and inspiring messages, mark them with a distinguishing hashtag, hide and scatter them everywhere possible in an effort to uplift the people who find them. Neuroscience research suggests that the person who finds your surprise gift might experience a surge of mood-boosting neurological brain chemicals.

Studies indicate that a sense of community is foundational for our feelings of safety and security as humans. Anyone who finds a rock is encouraged to take a photo of it and then use the hashtag to connect with other rock painting enthusiasts on social media sites. The rock finder can then either replace the rock with one that they have painted themselves or hide the one they found in a new location. These kindness



rocks have been a worldwide phenomenon ever since.

Rock painting is more than a relaxing and fulfilling ritual. Mindfulness and creativity are both important components of art therapy - many use it as a way to manage their anxiety and stress. When we engage

in activities, like rock painting, that require our focus in a gentle, mindful way, we benefit on both psychological and physical levels. Our empathy towards one another increases when we offer a kind word or gesture that communicates to others that they are not alone.

The process of mapping out a pebble design and executing your masterpiece undoubtedly keeps your mind focused on the task at hand, distracting it from outside stressors and temporarily relieving anxiety and worries. On a more scientific neurobiological level, calm-inducing GABA (gamma aminobutyric acid) levels increase every

time we engage in mindfulness-based tasks. The mind and body also benefit from increased levels of serotonin, a feel-good neurochemical, as well as dopamine, which is often called the brain's primary rewarder of neurochemicals.

The rock garden at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve was established in order to provide members of our local community with an opportunity to experience these benefits for themselves. Each month, Lemon Bay Conservancy facilitates a rock painting workshop at the Preserve. You are invited to join us for the next rock garden painting session on **Wednesday, November 29** at 5pm at the outdoor classroom area in the meadow at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve located at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Boulevard, Englewood, FL 34224. We will provide paint, brushes, some cocktail napkins, mod podge for decoupage, and several different types of acrylic pens for group use. New techniques, such as working with colored glue, using cake decorating tips, and metal paint, will also be explored. Instructor Bonnie Stuhmiller is always happy to assist in picking out rocks with natural character. Everyone is welcome to participate and join us for our monthly guided labyrinth walk following the session.

For more information, email info@lemonbayconservancy.org.

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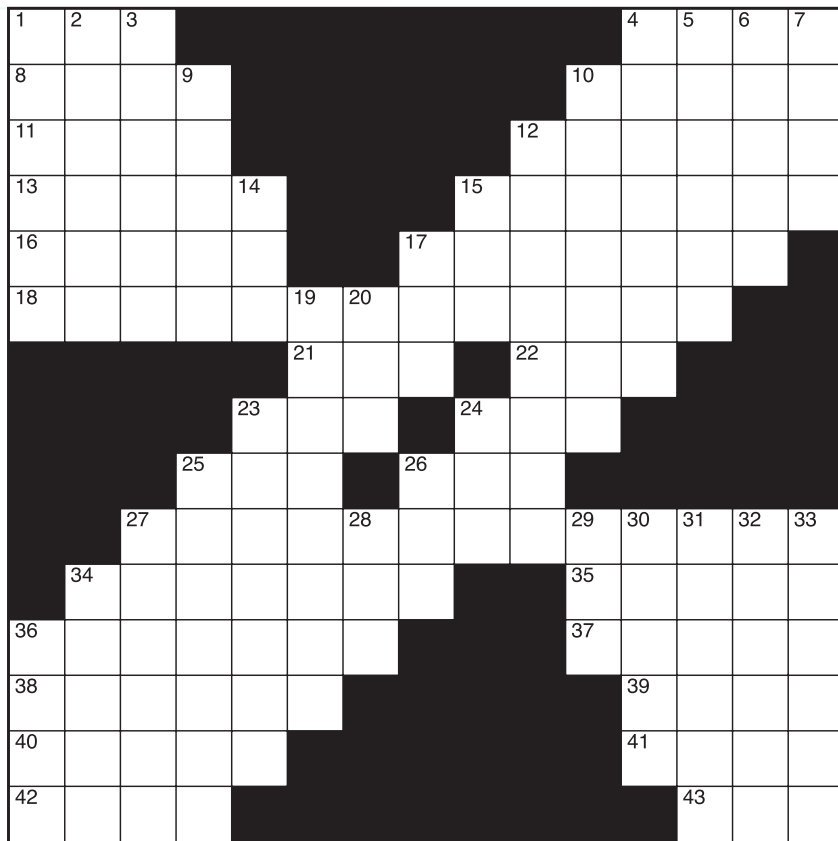
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- Outsourcing (abbr.)
- Post
- German city on edge of Black Forest
- "_, but goodie"
- Spiced stew
- Passionately
- Monetary units
- Group of living organisms
- Organic compound derived from ammonia
- High honors
- 5-year-olds' classes
- Swiss river
- Old woman
- Cash machine
- A way to soak
- Hair product
- Deride
- "The Blonde Bombshell"
- Cause to become insane
- Bluish greens
- Supported with money
- Type of equation
- Court officials
- Indian god
- Rids
- Leak slowly through
- Units of ionizing radiation



- Midway between south and southeast

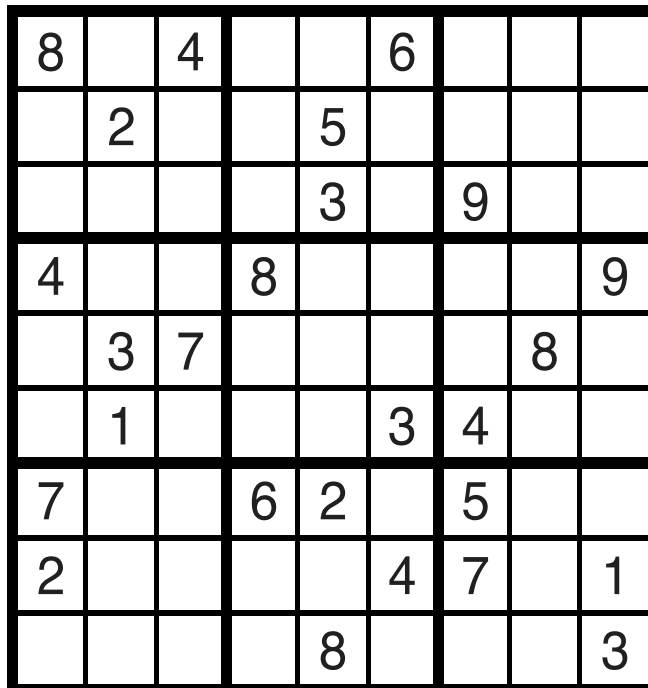
CLUES DOWN

- Native of Slovakia
- Deli meat
- Fibrous substance in fungi
- Cutting
- Vedder and Van Halen
- Horror comic novelist
- Rulers of Tunis

- Shaped like a circle
- Make a pig of oneself
- Aphorism
- Witness
- Single Lens Reflex
- Freshwater North American fish
- Nautical ropes
- Leg (slang)
- Pokes holes in
- Moved quickly on foot
- Fix-it shops

- Type of bread
- Repaired
- Synthetic diamond (abbr.)
- Type of drug (abbr.)
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