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#### **Englewood Beach Closing** Englewood Beach and

Chadwick Park will be closed from November 13 thru 20 for Englewood Beach Waterfest.

#### **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.

**Family Movie Night Cancelled** Gulf Cove United Methodist Church regrets to announce that the Family Movie Night scheduled for Friday, November 17 at the church has been cancelled. For questions, call the church at 941-697-1747.

**Community Garage Sale** Don't miss 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! Free admission for shoppers.

#### **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.



In appreciation of Veterans Day, The Lemon Bay Historical Society will host a program on the American Legion **Tuesday, November 28, 7pm**, at the Historic Green Street Church Museum, 510 S. Indiana Avenue. Retired Colonel Leroy "Buster" Furman, who served in the U.S. Army for 41 years, will share the history of the American Legion which was chartered in 1919 by Congress and has over four million members today. Learn about the American Legion Riders, the American Legion Family, and the many programs & services provided by the veteran-based organization. Furman is a past Commander of American Legion Post 113 and remains a dedicated member. The program is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

#### 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 handcrafted 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 during an interactive workshop with focus on releasing muscle tension & pain, preventing injuries, and increasing energy. Cost is \$15

for members or \$20 for nonmembers. Register online at ymcaswfl.org or at the YMCA front desk, 701 Medical Blvd. For more information, call 941•475•1234.

Englewood Beach Waterfest is

#### Waterfest Is Here

here so plan to spend the weekend on Englewood Beach for the World Offshore Powerboat Association (OPA) Championships on Saturday & Sunday, November **18 & 19, 10am to 4pm**. 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, Lemon Bay Conservancy, Big Cat Habitat, and more. Kids' activities include face painting, photo booth

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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 shuttle can be found at the Englewood Elks, 401 N. Indiana Avenue; Obee's, 240 S. Indiana Avenue; and Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road. Visit englewoodbeachwaterfest. com for more information.

#### **Vertical Oyster Gardening**

Lemon Bay Conservancy invites you to visit their booth in the Family Conservation Center at

Englewood Beach Waterfest on Saturday November 18, 10am to 5pm. Featured will be their water quality initiative, Ovster Gardening. Six local restaurants donate their discarded oyster shells to be cleaned & recycled into vertical ovster gardens. These oyster strands are suspended from docks where they attract new oysters to attach to the strand. These new oysters then contribute to water filtration and promote cleaner water. Learn about how you can participate, and also about the Lemon Bay BayWatch team. If you can't attend, visit lemonbayconservancy.org.

#### **Venice Isle Craft Show**

Venice Isle Estates invites you to their craft show on **Saturday**, **November 18** from **9am to 2pm**. The craft show will be held in



On **Sunday, December 3** from **3:30 to 6pm**, you can stroll through a holiday light winter wonderland around one of the lakes at Broadmoor Park, 646 Rotonda Circle. Myakka River and Vineland schools' choirs will be on hand to sing yuletide carols. Music will also be provided by Cary Price from Fletchers Music Centers. Enjoy cookies & cocoa. There will be a children's activity and Santa Claus will be there for a photo op. Some of the cutouts used in the display will be retired and raffled off. Golf cart tours are available for those who need assistance.

the clubhouse at 600 Cortina Drive, Venice (off U.S. 41 bypass). Seventy-nine vendors are signed up, so you are sure to find something you like for a gift or for yourself. A light breakfast & lunch will be available for purchase. Door prizes every half hour. Free admission.

#### **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. Free admission. CoolToday Park is located at 18800 S. West Villages Pkwy., Venice. Learn more at 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 from all genres. For more information, visit veniceflpride.com or call 941-271-0818.

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#### 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



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Crews Bank & Trust branches are once again serving as collection sites for Christmas gifts for children in need to be distributed through Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army, and the Florida Guardian ad Litem 20th Circuit Foundation. By providing a brand-new gift, something many children take for granted, the community can help less fortunate children believe that someone cares, and that the magic of the holiday season hasn't passed them by. Toys for Tots is not child specific. The Salvation Army & Guardian ad Litem have wish list cards at the offices that customers can take to fulfill a child's request. The drive ends in **early December**. Englewood branch locations are located at 8725 Placida Road, and 12651 S. McCall Road, Port Charlotte. Displaying toys donated for children in need at the Cape Haze branch are (I-r:) Retail Banking Officer Gwen Gadd, Lead Teller Bonney Andersen, and Teller Specialist Lisa Bailey.

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.

"Brave New Wonderland" The Circus Arts Conservatory presents "A Brave New Wonderland", featuring Nik Wallenda, Saturday, November 18 through Sunday, December 31. "Wonderland" will take you on a heartwarming & visually stunning journey with the enchantment of the holidays & their traditions. Both evening and matinee showtimes offered. Tickets are \$30 to \$75 and may be purchased online at circus arts.org or call 941•355•9335. The venue is the Big Top at UTC, 195 University Town Center Drive, Sarasota.

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.

Free Thanksgiving Meal Joanne Anders, owner of The End Zone Sports Bar & Grill, invites the community to a free Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 23, 11:30am to 3:30pm (or when the food runs out). Enjoy a turkey dinner with homemade sides and a delicious dessert Joanne offers this free meal every year to anyone who is alone on the holiday and would like to enjoy a meal in the company of others. The End Zone is located at 2440 S. McCall Road. As in years past, there will be a donation box for Toys for Tots by the door. For more information, call 941•473•9663.

Venice Holiday Parade The annual Venice Holiday Parade is set for Saturday, November 25 in downtown Venice. Pre-parade entertainment begins at 5:30pm at two locations: Harbor Drive & West Venice Avenue and Nokomis & West Venice Avenues. Music fills the air & holiday decorations sparkle after sunset. The parade begins at **6:30pm** at the corner of Park Blvd. and the south side of West Venice Avenue. It will proceed on the north side of West Venice Avenue after crossing over Harbor Drive. Then it will turn on Nokomis Avenue and travel down to Turin Street to end at the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Avenue South. The parade attracts a huge crowd so plan to arrive early. Early chair set-up is permitted after 6pm on Wednesday, November 22. For more information, visit venicegov.com/events/venice holiday parade.

Boating Safety Course
The Englewood U.S. Coast
Guard Auxiliary is offering an
online Boating Safety Course
Monday-Thursday, November
27–30 from 5:45 to 8pm.

Topics include operating tips, navigational markers, rules of the road, Florida boating laws, navigation, and weather. This boating skills and seamanship class qualifies for U.S. Coast Guard & NASBLA certifications. Cost is \$45. More information and registration link at coastguardenglewood.com.

#### **Discover Dearborn**

The November "Discover Dearborn" event is **Tuesday**, **November 28** from **4 to 7pm**. Take advantage of this opportunity to stroll around West Dearborn Street and see what makes the shops & restaurants an eclectic hangout. There will be music, raffles, food, and fun. Be part of the growing community of those that Discover Dearborn! You can follow Discover Dearborn on Facebook.

#### "Mr. Holmes"

Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street, invites you to watch a free movie with them on **Wednesday, November 29, 2:30 to 4:30pm**. Starring Ian McKellan, "Mr. Holmes" tells

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the story of an aging Sherlock Holmes facing the unsolved case that forced him into retirement. Rated PG. For questions, call 941 • 861 • 1225.

**Christmas Tree Lighting** You are invited to the Inaugural Englewood Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, November 30, 5 to 7pm, at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue. The lighting of the

Christmas Tree will take place at **6pm** on the front lawn. Dearborn Coffeehouse (formerly Joe Maxx) will supply hot chocolate, coffee, and sweet treats. An open bar will be provided by End Zone Coastal Sports Bar & Grill. Santa will make an appearance sponsored by Suncoast Central Realty. Englewood Area Fire Department will be using their ladder truck to put the angel on top of the tree. There will be a toy drive for Englewood children facilitated by the VFW Post 10178. Everyone is invited to this free community event. For questions, call 941•474•5511.

#### **Buddhist Master Offers Weekend Programs**

Tibetan Buddhist master Anyen Rinpoche will spend the first weekend of December in Sarasota. On Friday December 1 at 7pm, he will offer a

traditional, powerful blessing that has traditionally been used to cure ailments and dispel obstacles to life and health, alongside a short lecture at Historical Society Crocker Church, 1260 12th Street, Sarasota. Cost is \$50. A separate weekend program, "Living is Dying", will follow, featuring a day and a half of meditation instruction and practice, teachings on facing suffering, aging, illness with patience and courage, and gentle yoga. The weekend program hours are 9am to 4pm on Saturday, December 2 and 9am to 1pm on Sunday, December 3 at a private residence in Sarasota (address given upon registration). Cost for this program is \$108. Register online at phowafoundation.org/ upcomingprograms or contact kayla@orygenkhamdroling.org.

The Wonderland of Lights Celebrate the holidays at The Wonderland of Lights at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds from Friday, December 1 through Saturday, December 30, 6 to 9pm. This drive-thru experience features hundreds of dazzling displays, including larger-than-life illuminated sculptures and tunnels adorned with shimmering lights. Wonderland will delight the entire family. Wednesdays are Animal Welfare Day – bring a new pet toy or item from Animal Welfare League's wishlist for \$5 off admission. Enchanted 3D elf glasses are available for \$5 at the gate. Passenger vehicles are \$30 and discounted to \$25 with a valid veteran or military ID card. For questions, visit thewonderlandoflights.com or email twolshow@gmail.com. The fairgrounds are located at 2333 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte.

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**Recycle and Shredding Event** Keep Charlotte Beautiful is hosting a recycling event on Saturday, December 2, 8am to noon, at the Murdock Walmart, 19100 Murdock Circle. Port Charlotte. Bring your old electronics such as computers, TVs, printers, telephones, CD players, and rechargeable & UPS batteries. You can also dispose of old and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your old paperwork to be securely shredded. This is a drive-through event - you stay in your car and your items will be unloaded for you. For more information, contact Rhonda Harvey at 941•764•3290 or Rhonda. Harvey@CharlotteCountyFL.

#### Rummage Sale

St. Vincent DePaul is holding a rummage sale on Saturday, December 2 from 9am to noon at its office, located at 25200 Airport Road (corner of Taylor Road) in Punta Gorda. Shop



The Venice Area Pregnancy Care Center (VAPCC) will be holding their annual Christmas Cottage Monday, November 27 through Friday, December 22. In addition to the regular items available, clients of VAPCC will be able to choose a new or gently used toy for each of their registered children. There will also be limited availability of holiday-themed clothing and items for parents to choose from. The Center is located at 301 Bayshore Drive in downtown Venice and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9am-1pm. Clients must provide a photo ID. For more information, call **941-485-1776** or visit vapcc.org.

for household items, furniture, linens, clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, books, toys, and more. No pets, please. Rain date is Saturday, December 9th. For questions, call 941.575.0767.

**EcoSummit & Green Living Expo** The Green Living Expo will be Saturday & Sunday, December 2 & 3, 10am to **5pm**, at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. This trade show highlights green solutions for energy conservation, waste reduction, water protection, local food and nature conservation Admission is free with advance registration or \$5 at the door. The Eco-Summit is set for **Tuesday** & Wednesday, December 5 & **6** at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. This event offers an array of thought-provoking lectures, panel discussions, storytelling sessions, films, and music. Keynote speakers will be author Carl Hiaasen and environmental leader Damon Gameau, who will screen his film "2040". For more information, event schedules, EcoSummit tickets, and Expo registration, visit eco-summit.org.

#### **Country Breakfast**

Come enjoy a country breakfast cooked by the Englewood



#### **Kids Craft**

Friday, Nov. 17, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Children ages 7–12 are invited to join us for a fun craft. Registration required. **Englewood Charlotte Public Library** 941.681.3736



#### **Family Story Time**

Thursday, Nov. 30, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children ages 5 and under and their caregivers are invited to interactive story time. Join in for nonstop clapping, stomping, and wiggling



fun! Englewood Charlotte **Public Library** 941.681.3736

#### Cross Stitch Craft

Saturday, Nov. 25, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Learn the basics of cross stitch while creating a beautiful decoration. No experience needed and all materials provided. Registration required. **Englewood Charlotte Public Library** 941.681.3736



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Fifth Third Bank is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast for its annual Giving Tree Toy Drive campaign. The Giving Tree Toy Drive program is on **now through Friday, December 1**. A "Giving Tree", decorated with gift tags with specific information that pertains to the needs of a child in the community, can be found in the lobby. Your donation of a gift or gift card will help make a difference and ensure a brighter holiday season for the underserved youth in the community. The Englewood 5/3 branch is located at 1550 Placida Road and can be reached at **941-473-9762** for questions. Other branch locations can be found by visiting 53.com. Pictured here are Little Brother Auturo, his Big Sister Lillyanna Peniza, and Santa.

Methodist Men on the **first** and third Saturdays of the month starting December 2nd. Meals are served 7:30 to 11am in the Fellowship Hall at Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street. Hot breakfasts include choice of pancakes or egg & sausage or biscuits & sausage gravy or quiche & fresh fruit. Each served with choice of orange juice or bottomless cup of coffee or tea. Cost is \$8 and children under 12 eat free. Proceeds fund local college scholarships and various missions. All are welcome. For more information, call the church at 941•474•5588

#### Rotonda Christmas Parade The Rotonda West Christmas Parade returns this year on

Saturday, December 2nd. The parade start is 10am at the Fellowship Church, 140 Rotonda Blvd., West. The parade will then travel onto Parade Circle, traveling east to Rotonda Blvd. North, turn north, continuing north to Rotonda Circle. The parade will then turn east onto Rotonda Circle to Broadmoor Park (646 Rotonda Circle) where the parade will end. Parade viewers will have the opportunity to donate a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots and non-perishable food items for Englewood Helping Hand that will be collected by volunteers along the route.

#### **Craft Show**

Holiday Travel Park invites you to their craft show on **Saturday**, **December 2, 9am to 1pm**, in the clubhouse at 1475 Flamingo Drive, Englewood. Browse items

by over 40 crafters, including woodworking, paintings, garden decorations, and much more. There will be attendants on hand to help with parking.

#### **Crafts and More**

Get a head start on your holiday preparations. Join Charlotte County Libraries for the third annual Merry Makers Crafts and More program on Saturday, December 2, 11am to 1pm, at the Port Charlotte Library, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte. Open to all ages, you will create special holiday gifts and make memories that last. Free. Materials available while supplies last. Register at charlottecountyfl.libcal.com. Sponsored by Friends of the Pt. Charlotte Library.

#### Jingle Jam

The fifth annual Jingle Jam at CoolToday Park, 18800 S. West Villages Pkwy., Venice, will be the weekend of December 2 & 3. Bring the family to have fun with the holiday-themed carnival games, kids' crafts & activities, horse & carriage rides, family events & contests, appearances by Santa & Mrs. Claus, live music, and more. Hours are Saturday 10am to 7pm and Sunday 10am to 8pm. The Tomahawk 5K kicks off at 7:30am on Saturday (register at raceroster.com). Sunday at 5:30pm watch or join in the Caddy Carts Golf Cart Parade (registration needed at cooltodaypark.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. **Saturday, December 2nd** 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.

#### **Venice Boat Parade**

The 35th annual Venice Christmas Boat Parade sets sail on Saturday, December 2 at 6pm. The parade starts just north of the Albee Road bridge, continues down the Intracoastal and out to the channel marker in the jetties, before turning around. The parade then continues south to just before the Circus Bridge. Viewing is available on both sides of the Intracoastal. Viewers are not encouraged to set up chairs in viewing locations prior to December 2nd. For additional information, visit venicechristmasboatparade.net.

Community Resource Fair
Mark your calendar for
Sunday, December 3rd to
visit the Community Resource
Fair at Pioneer Plaza, 325 W.
Dearborn Street, from 10am
to 2pm. Sarasota County
Departments, along with area
non-profit organizations, will

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have booths with information that benefit residents and businesses in Englewood. For more information, contact mcastaneda@scgov.net.

#### **Drums of Unity**

Drums of Unity is an opportunity for participants to join in a fun, dynamic, and positive group activity. Take part on Wednesday, December 6, **3:30 to 4:30pm**, at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. Joe Licinski will lead through the language of the drum, motivating participants to discover their individual drum voice. Registration is required at scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com or call 941.861.1225.

#### **Jubilee Center Benefit**

The Waverly Restaurant and Bar, 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.

#### **Boat America**

The Englewood U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is holding a boating safety class on Saturday, December 9, 8am to 5pm, at the South Gulf Cove Homeowners Clubhouse, 14859 Ingraham Blvd., Port Charlotte. Boat America will cover the basics

of boating safety and you will earn, upon successful completion of the course & test, your State of Florida Boating Safety Card. This card is required for all those born on or after January 1, 1988. The cost is \$45 for individual, \$60 per couple, and \$15 for middle & high school students. Preregistration is required. Call **941•249•5848** for more information & registration or email abbrengle.uscgaux@gmail.

**Gingerbread House Contest** 

Charlotte Community Services invites you to compete in the first annual Gingerbread House Competition. Make your best gingerbread house to be judged at the Winter Wonderland Festival on Saturday, December 16. No restrictions on materials to be used but all houses must be original, meaning no prebought kits, and the house base must not be any larger than 18"x18". There will be prizes for first place in each age category. To register, call **941**•**613**•**3230** or online at tinyurl.com/ CPRGingerbreadHouseContest. No registration fee. Gingerbread houses are to be submitted at Centennial Park. 1120 Centennial Blvd., Port Charlotte between 8:30am and 6pm on Friday, December 15. For more information, call 941-625-7529.

#### **Boston Tea Party**

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the famous Boston Tea Party on Saturday, December 16, noon to 1pm, on the King Fisher Fleet, docked at Fishermen's Village, 1600 W. Retta Esplanada, Punta Gorda. Cruise Charlotte Harbor for

one hour while enjoying hors d'oeuvres by Chef's Corner Eatery, tea by the Spice & Tea Exchange, and dessert by Village Brewhouse. Costumes optional. Tickets are \$50 per person. This event is sponsored by the Military Heritage Museum, 900 West Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. Purchase tickets online at militaryheritagemuseum.org by Monday, December 11. For further information, contact Lucy Linet at 941-205-8546.

**MBC Monday Lecture Series** The Manasota Beach Club announces its 35th Annual Monday 2024 Lecture Series. The theme is "Gulf Coast Ecology and Historic Preservation", and the series runs for 12 weeks every Monday from January 8 to April 22. Highlights this year include Dr. Meg Lowman, known as Canopy Meg, a biologist, educator, ecologist, and author. Her talk on January 8th, "Mission Green a Big Plan to Save Big Trees," addresses her current endeavor. Dr. Jack Davis, History Professor at the University of Florida and Pulitzer Prize author, will speak on "The Gulf Coast as Sacrifice Zone" on February 26th. Other speakers include Annie Schiller on "Florida Native Plants", and Abigail Steele, Marine Biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission will cover the "Natural History of Marine Mammals in Southwest Florida." For a complete program or to make reservations, contact the Manasota Beach Club, located

#### **Calendar Photo Winners**

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Charlotte County announces the winners of 2024 The Nature of Charlotte Calendar photo contest. More than 420 photos were submitted. A panel of judges selected photos by

at 7660 Manasota Key Road, at

Christopher Harrington, Brenda Chapman, Josh Olive, John Blane, James Rogers, Kristin Foglio, Sue Killion, Ginger Hendrix, Nancy Tobin, and Clyde Sweatt to appear in the calendar. The calendars will be available for free while supplies last at various county facilities, including the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road, and the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue

#### Caring & Sharing

#### 12 Days of Giving

Christmas is right around the corner and the Jubilee elves are busy getting ready for their Christmas Shoppe with the hope of bringing a little Christmas joy to those in need. The Christmas Shoppe is open to Englewood families who have limited means to purchase toys. In order to stock the Christmas Shoppe, The Jubilee Center at St. David's has partnered with Dollars for Mammograms for a Twelve Days of Giving Challenge. There is a list of suggested gift items on the The Jubilee Center Facebook page but any donation for children ages newborn to 18 would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off anytime at Lasbury Tracy Realty, Inc, 312 S. Indiana Avenue, or The Jubilee Center, 401 S. Broadway (Monday through Wednesday, 10am to noon). The challenge ends on Wednesday, November 29th. For more information, call 941-681-3550.

#### **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.

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#### **Community Blood Drives**

The OneBlood "Big Red Bus" has scheduled the following blood drives in Englewood. 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. 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. Friday, December 1, 8am to 2pm: Oyster Creek Community, 6651 Oriole Blvd. Friday, December 8, 10am to 4pm: Gulf Coast Hardware, 975 S. McCall Road.

#### Sports

#### **Adult Tennis Clinics**

If you need to work on your tennis game, plan to attend the free Adult Tennis Clinics now being offered at the Englewood Recreation Center, 101 Orange Street. Every Saturday from 10 to 11am, instructor Pete Zeeh, a teaching professional, will focus on demonstration and







explanation of a different stroke. Zeeh has played competitive tennis for many years and is the author of "Mechanics of Tennis" which details how to use your body to execute tennis strokes. For questions, you can email Zeeh at pete@zeeh.com or call **845\*331\*4355**.

#### **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 Real Bikes Englewood, 445 S. Indiana Avenue, (cash or check only) or online at runsignup. 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.

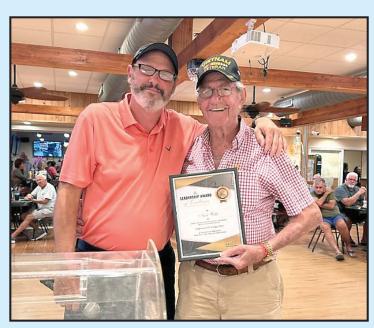
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## Club Chatter



Come tour seven beautiful, local gardens as part of the Lemon Bay Garden Club's Fall Garden Tour & Fair. The pre-sale craft fair & plant sale is **Thursday**, **November 16**, **9am to noon**, at the clubhouse located at 480 Yale Street. The self-guided garden tour is **Friday & Saturday**, **November 17 & 18**, **9am to 3pm**, and the craft fair continues at the clubhouse. There will be plants for sale, handmade crafts and cards, and drawings for raffle baskets. On **Saturday**, enjoy a special treat: hot dogs & root beer floats will be offered for sale at the clubhouse. Garden tour tickets are a \$15 donation and may be purchased at the clubhouse. For more information and tickets, call **941-474-9068**. Proceeds provide college scholarships, youth nature camperships, and community projects.



On October 19th, Newt Webb received the Leadership Award of Excellence in recognition of outstanding leadership and dedication to the Englewood Moose Lodge #1933 and the office of the President from May 1, 2022 through May 1, 2023, signed by Scott Hart, Moose International Chief Executive Officer. Photo: Brent Shelton (left) with Newt Webb holding his award.

#### **Ham Radio at Waterfest**

The Englewood Amateur Radio Society will be demonstrating how Amateur Radio, "Ham Radio" can be used to talk around the world from their booth on Englewood Beach during Englewood Beach Waterfest on Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19 from 9am-5pm. They will also be raffling off a free walkie talkie radio you can use to listen to ham radio operators all around southwest Florida. You can find them on the south side of the basketball court near the boardwalk. Drop by for more information and to see how you can communicate long distance without the need for cellular or Wi-Fi (so very useful during weather events). Learn more about the club at earsradioclub.org.

#### **Democratic Club November Meeting**

The next meeting of the **Englewood Democratic** Club will be at 5:30pm on Wednesday, November 29 at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. After a brief business meeting, Ron Cutsinger, the chair of the Sarasota County Commission, representing District 5, will speak. After Ron's presentation he will answer attendees' questions. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting. All Democrats are invited to attend. Sign up for the meeting at mobilize. us/sarasotacountydec/ event/583055/ For more information, email englewooddemclub@gmail. com.

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### **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.

Sandy Claws Beach Run Kick off the holiday season by participating in the 47th annual Sandy Claws Beach Run at Siesta Beach on Saturday, December 9th. Many participants wear fun holiday costumes. The 5K race is chiptimed and all participants will receive finisher medals. The one-mile fun run begins at 8am followed by the 5K run at 8:20am. Early packet pickup will be from 3 to 6pm on Thursday, December 7 at the New Balance Sarasota store,

1872 Stickney Point Road, Sarasota. Fee is dependent on sign-up date. Register at runsignup.com. Siesta Beach is located at 948 Beach Road, Sarasota. For more information, call **311**.

#### 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.

Spring Training Tickets
Single game tickets for the
Atlanta Braves' spring training
season at CoolToday Park go
on sale Saturday, November
18 at 11am. Grapefruit League
play begins on Saturday,
February 25 and will conclude

on Tuesday, March 26. For tickets visit cooltodaypark.com/tickets or call the box office at 941•413•5004. CoolToday Park is located at 1800 South West Villages Pkwy., Venice.

**Gulf Coast Games for Life** Registration is now open for the 35th annual Gulf Coast Games for Life, which takes place in January and February throughout Sarasota and Manatee counties. The events are open to amateur athletes 50 years and older as of December 31, 2024. The games consist of 16 events beginning with the women's doubles pickleball on January 9th and continuing with events through February 3rd. Events include basketball shooting, bowling, golf, rowing and paddling, shuffleboard, and more. A one-time registration fee of \$13 is required, with \$4 for each event (some events may have an additional facility fee). Registration deadline is two weeks prior to the first date of each event. These games are a qualifying event for the 2024 Florida Senior Games State Championships. For more information, go to segov.net and search for Gulf Coast Games for Life. For questions, call 311.

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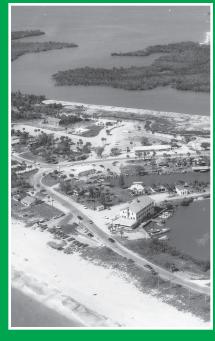
Julia Mercier, a member of the Rotary Club of Englewood, visited Brazil and started her day by sharing the Englewood Review at a breakfast with the Bauru Brazil Rotary Club.



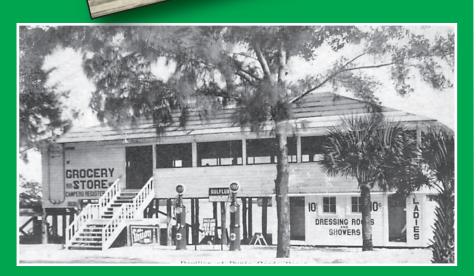
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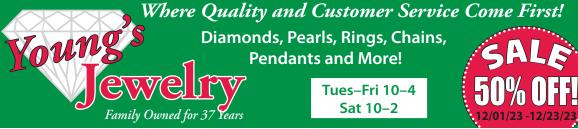
This beautiful pictorial history book is 160 pages and has over 600 photos. It has been reprinted for the 20th Anniversary of the original publishing. The original 144 pages have been updated, there are 10 additional pages of new history photos from the past 20 years and there is an index with the names of everyone identified in the book and the page(s) where they can be found.

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## Orts & Entertainment



#### THE CHRISTMAS EXPRESS





Lemon Bay Playhouse presents "The Christmas Express". This show will run Wednesday, November 29 - Sunday, December 17 at the theatre located at 96 W. Dearborn Street. "This is the most hopeless place in the world!", Hilda intones as she and Satch, her assistant, argue over what time it is. She dreams of faraway places and only finds tedium in running the Holly Railway Station. That is, until Leo Tannenbaum drops in out of nowhere the day before Christmas Eve. Suddenly, an old radio that hasn't worked in years springs to life, the local group of carolers (which usually yowls like a gang of wet cats) begins to sound like the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the whole town gets the Christmas spirit. Coincidence? Or is Leo doing all this? This nostalgic theatrical greeting card is full of eccentric small-town characters, wise cracking their way to finding the true wonder of Christmas. Show starts on time at 7:30pm Wednesday through Saturday and 2pm on Sundays. No late seating. Reserved seat tickets are \$25 adult and \$20 student for this family show. Purchase tickets online at lemonbayplayhouse.com or call the box office Monday-Friday, 10am to 2pm, at 941-475-6756. Cast: Standing (L-R:) Carol Warren (Director), Harvey Marier, Tom Athens, Bob LaSalle, Eddie Edenfield, Dottie Warner (Stage Manager). Sitting (L-R:) Sandy Kenny, Marilyn Barton, Jill Houghton, Ginny McIver, Lena Berg, Laura Null.

#### **Venice Symphony Opener**

The Venice Symphony opens its 50th season with "A Symphony Fantastic" on Friday, November 17 at 7:30pm and Saturday, November 18 at **3:30pm** and **7:30pm**. Troy Quinn and the Symphony welcome L.A. Philharmonic Principal Horn Andrew Bain for a concert that includes "Symphony Fantastique" by Hector Berlioz and "Concerto for Horn and String Orchestra" by Eric Ewazen. The concerts are held at the Venice Performing Arts Center, One

Indian Avenue, Venice. Go to thevenicesymphony.org for ticket price and purchase.

#### **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 familyfriendly games and a treasure hunt. So, grab your cowboy boots and bring a lawn chair to

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Get your tickets early for the hilarious musical, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", presented by Charlotte Players

Thursday, December 14 through Sunday, December 17. The Hersman kids are the worst children in the history of the world, so when they crash Sunday School and demand parts in the Christmas pageant, the whole town panics and it's mayhem when the kids collide with the Christmas story. **Thursday** 

through Saturday show time is 7:30pm and Sunday at 2pm. Tickets are \$27 adult and \$14 student and may be purchased online at charlotteplayers. org or call the box office at

941-255-1022. This production takes place at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda.

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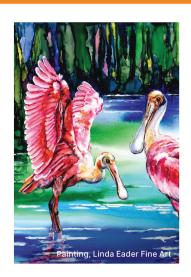
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#### Join us for the Winter Art Market! December 1 and 2, 10 am - 3 pm

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The Hermitage Artist Retreat presents "The People and Places that Make Us", with Hermitage Fellow Cleyvis Natera on **Thursday,** December 14, 4pm, outdoors at the Johann Fust Library, 1040 Tenth Street West, Boca Grande. Natera will discuss her debut novel, "Neruda on the Park", which charts the varied reactions of people to the gentrification of a Dominican community in New York City. Fee is \$5 pp, and registration can be made online at hermitageartistretreat.org.





The Heartland/Southwest Florida Bluegrass Association will be hosting another great show featuring some of the most talented musicians in the state of Florida on **Saturday, November 18**, at Craig's RV Park, 7895 NE Cubitis Avenue, Arcadia. Two bands will be featured at this month's Bluegrass Bash. From south Florida, the "Jacksonian Music Factory" will perform at **2pm**. At **3pm**, "The Sawgrass Drifters" from Bonita Springs will take the stage. The music starts at **1pm** with the Association's open mic/jam band. A 50/50 raffle drawing will be at **2:45pm**. Jamming & parking lot picking break out regularly during the weekend. Camp sites are available for the weekend. Heartland/SW Florida Bluegrass Association membership is \$35 per year; a \$10 donation is requested for visitors. For questions, call Mark Horn at **941-219-2256**. Pictured here is "Jacksonian Music Factory".

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).

ensembleNEWSRQ (enSRQ), the innovative chamber music ensemble, continues its eighth season with "Ligeti's 100th," a program celebrating the birth centennial of the incomparable Hungarian-Austrian composer György Ligeti. Celebrated pianist Han Chen (pictured here) will perform Ligeti's "Études" and iconic "Trio for Horn, Violin and Piano." The concert will also showcase selections from the "Infinite Staircase" project, an initiative featuring the world premiere of 18 new works for solo piano, cocommissioned by Metropolis Ensemble and pianist Han Chen, each paired with one of György Ligeti's 18 canonic piano études. Also featured are mixed instrumentation pieces inspired by Ligeti's continuing legacy. The concert is Monday, November 20, 7:30pm, at First Congregational Church, 1031 S. Euclid Ave., Sarasota. Single tickets are \$25. For more information and tickets, visit EnSRQ.org.

#### **State of the Arts Discussion**

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).



Shop local art and artisan vendors at the Winter Art Market on Friday & Saturday, December 1 & 2, 10am to 3pm, at the Englewood Art Center, 350 S. McCall Road. Watch instructor demos, enjoy live music, and kids will participate in fun activities. Food trucks on site. Performing live on Friday, 11am to 3pm, will be NeptunZ and on Saturday, 11am to 3pm, it's Shindig. For more information, call 941•474•5548.

## "A Christmas Carol" at VT A holiday tradition, Venice Theatre once again brings "A Christmas Carol" to the stage with the joyous spirit of the year-end holidays. This musical version tells Charles Dickens' story of redemption and rebirth with Brad Wages starring as

Scrooge and David Cowan as Tiny Tim. The production runs Friday, December 1 through Wednesday, December 20. Evening performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30pm and 2pm on Sundays. Tickets are \$26 adult, \$22 college, and \$15 youth. Purchase tickets online at Venicetheatre. org or call the box office at 941•488•1115. Venice Theatre is located at 140 Tampa Avenue West, Venice.

#### EPAS – Venice Symphony Jazz Orchestra

The Venice Symphony Jazz Orchestra takes the stage for the **Friday, December 8th** Englewood Performing Arts Series concert at Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street. They will present their holiday program



Art Center Sarasota announces its exhibits for Cycle Two of the 2023/24 season. Opening Monday, November 27 and running through Saturday, January 13, the featured artists are Aimee Jones, whose paintings use Florida's landscape of desire & lust to portray the body, interwoven with the American idea of paradise. Ethan Fielder will exhibit a body of sculptural ceramics. Tom Casmer brings to life the infrastructure that lies beneath the skin and the connection to the fabric of the world around him. There will also be a juried show, "Still Life". The opening reception will be Thursday, December 7, 6 to 8 pm, at Art Center Sarasota, 707 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. For more information, visit artsarasota.org. Pictured here is "A Love Affair with Fire" by Ethan Fielder.





## THE HERMITAGE RETREAT theater-maker and director will present



Andy Sandberg, Artistic Director and CEO of the Hermitage Artist Retreat, announced on November 7th that Madeleine George and Shariffa Ali, the first two recipients of the \$35,000 Hermitage Major Theater Award (HMTA), will have presentations of their newly commissioned plays this month in New York at MCC Theater on November 17 and 20. Developed while in residence at the Hermitage, these two accomplished theater makers will present workshop readings of their works in New York as part of the commission that includes the first presentations in a recognized 'arts capital.' Pulitzer Prize finalist and playwright Madeleine George, currently a writer on the hit Hulu series "Only Murders in the Building," will be presenting her new comedy, "The Sore Loser", to an invitation-only audience on Friday, November 17th. Theater-maker and director Shariffa Ali will share an in-process presentation of her newly devised work, "Hero", for invitation-only audiences on Monday, November 20th at 4pm. Both readings will take place at MCC Theater in New York. Each of these original commissions are coming to fruition in less than two years of the recipients learning of their award.

at **7pm** as part of their 50th anniversary concert season. Individual tickets are \$30 to \$40. More information and ticket purchase can be found online at englewoodmethodist.com/EPAS and the EPAS Facebook page.

#### **Meet Shirley Valentine**

As part of their festival of oneperson plays in The Pinkerton, Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Avenue West, Venice, presents "Shirley Valentine", Friday through Sunday, December **8-10**. Show starts at **7:30pm** on Friday & Saturday and 2pm on Sunday. Jan Wallace plays working-class Liverpool housewife, Shirley Valentine. Seating is general admission, and all seats are \$26. Purchase tickets online at venicetheatre.org or call the box office at 941-488-1115.

A Holiday Showstopper Join Whitney Grace for a

wonderful evening of holiday classics on Friday, December 8, 7:30pm, at Langdon Theatre, 1182 Market Circle, Port Charlotte. This high-energy and feel-good Christmas show will have you tapping your toes and strolling down memory lane. In "Holiday Showstopper", Whitney pulls out all her favorite characters: Groucho Marx, Shirley Temple, and more. Expect an evening of live music, beautiful vocals, exciting costumes, and of course, the enchantment and light-hearted humor that everyone loves about Whitney. Tickets are \$28 adult & \$14 student. Purchase tickets online at charlotteplayers.org or call 941-255-1022.

#### **Charlotte Chorale Christmas** Concert

The Charlotte Chorale starts off their season with a spectacular

holiday concert, "Christmas Bells", on Sunday, December 10, 4pm, at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda. This celebration of joy and unity features heartwarming melodies and a delightful blend of traditional and contemporary holiday favorites. Ticket price is \$25 adult and \$10 student. Purchase tickets online at charlottechorale.com or call the ticket line at 941-204-0033.

#### **Music of Barry Manilow** Led by accomplished pianist Joe

Hite, "Daybreak, the Music of Barry Manilow" brings to life the singer's timeless classics like "Mandy", "Can't Smile Without You", and "Copacabana". This one-night show will be on Monday, December **18, 7:30pm**, at the Venice Performing Arts Center, One

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Indian Avenue, Venice. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased online at venicetheatre. org or call the box office at 941•488•1115.

**Open Mic Garden Party** There will be live music by local musicians, food, and fun every Tuesday from 4 to **8pm** at The Open Studio, 380 Old Englewood Road. Singer songwriters, duos, and bands can sign up to play a few songs. Music genres are mainly rock, blues, classic country, and songwriter ballads. You are welcome to bring your own cooler and there is usually hot food & beverages available courtesy of Brown & Co., One Stop co-op. Free admission. Tip bucket available. Facebook page: Open Mic Garden Party at The Open Studio.

#### **Seeking New Sculptures**

The Artscape Sculpture Garden is ready to be updated with new sculptures. Established and emerging 3D visual artists in the Englewood community are invited to create and submit original sculpture artwork for consideration to be placed in the sculpture garden located at 460 W. Green Street. Submissions will be accepted through Monday, January 29th. Artists whose work is selected will receive a \$500 grant. Sculptures remain on exhibit for three years. For more information, visit scgov.net/englewoodcra, and scroll down to Artscape, or call

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Choral Artists of Sarasota's 45th season continues with "A Christmas Celebration!", featuring an evening of holiday harmonies and festive favorites, including African American spirituals, on **Sunday**, **December 10, 7pm**, at Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota. Joining the Choral Artists choir and soloists are Phoebe Powell, the new principal harpist for the Sarasota Orchestra, and Betsy Traba, the principal flutist for Sarasota Orchestra. Tickets are \$40 aeneral admission: and \$5 for students. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit ChoralArtistsSarasota.org or call **941-387-4900**. Photo: Phoebe Powell will provide music on the harp for the concert.





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Creating new works in television and film can often take years in development before reaching production. The Hermitage Artist Retreat's mission is to support these brilliant, creative minds and their original works at their earliest stages. Currently, there are many opportunities to see the work of Hermitage artists featured across streaming platforms, network television, and movie theaters. Be sure to check out the work of these award-winning writers, producers, composers, and actors. Hermitage fellows Madeleine George and Kim Rosenstock write and produce "Only Murders in the Building", and Michael R. Jackson composed a song for an episode (Hulu); Doug Wright is a writer on "The Burial" (Amazon Prime Video); Dipika Guha is a producer & writer for "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel", and Leslie Rodriguez Kritzer appeared in an episode of the show (Amazon Prime Video); Roberto Bentivegna worked on the screenplay of "House of Gucci"; York Walker is a story editor & writer for "FBI" (CBS & Paramount+); Rajiv Joseph (Hermitage Curator) and Bess Wohl write for "Extrapolations" (Apple+); Bess Wohl directed and wrote the screenplay for "Baby Ruby" (Hulu); Gavin Creel and Denis O'Hare are actors in "American Horror Story" (Hulu); and Halley Feiffer writes and is a showrunner for "American Horror Story-Delicate" (FX and Hulu). Pictured here are Top row (I-r): Roberto Bentivegna, Doug Wright, Halley Feiffer, Madeleine George. Middle row (I-r): Bess Wohl, Denis O'Hare, Gavin Creel, Michael R. Jackson. Bottom row (l-r): Leslie Rodriguez Kritzer, Kim Rosenstock, Dipika Guha, Rajiv Joseph.

#### Hermitage New Programs Announced

The Hermitage Artist Retreat announced new programs throughout the months of January and February. Continuing its commitment to innovative year-round arts programming, these events will be presented throughout the Gulf Coast region in collaboration with Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Nathan Benderson Park, and The Town of Longboat Key. Hermitage programs introduce worldrenowned artists to Florida's Gulf Coast community and invite audiences across the country to experience candid and engaging conversations, open rehearsals, play readings, film screenings, and more. Nationally renowned artists sharing a 'sneak peek' into

their creative process include Halley Feiffer, Anthony Hawley, Stephen Cole, David Evans, Jacquelyn Reingold, Joan La Barbara, Laura Kaminsky, James M. Stephenson, Emi Ferguson, Amir ElSaffar, Chris Ryan Williams, and Doug Wright. For program dates and information, visit hermitageartistretreat.org.

#### **Sunday Music Jams**

The Open Studio, 380 Old Englewood Road, is the site for Music Jams starting at **2pm on Sundays**. These jam sessions are for electric musicians to join together as a band and work out playing material. Besides making music, there will be food and fun for all those who attend. For jam session rules and songs, go to Facebook: Open Mic Garden Party at The Open Studio.

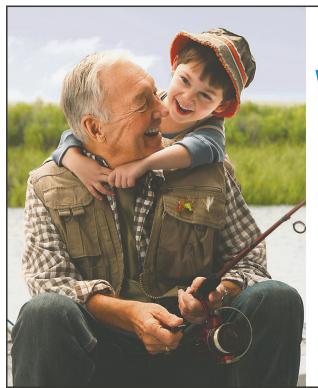
#### **Crazy For You**

Put on your dancing shoes as you are transported back to the Roaring Twenties by "Crazy for You", the Tony Award®-winning, toetapping, romantic production that has delighted audiences worldwide. The Asolo Repertory Theatre brings the musical comedy to the stage now through Thursday, January 4th. Featuring iconic Gershwin songs such as "Someone to Watch Over Me," "I Got Rhythm," and "Embraceable You," "Crazy for You" delivers comic high jinks, spectacular dance numbers, and fun for the entire family. There are both afternoon and evening performances available at the theatre located at 5555 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Tickets are \$35 to \$80 and may be purchased online at asolorep.org or by calling the box office at 941.351.8000.





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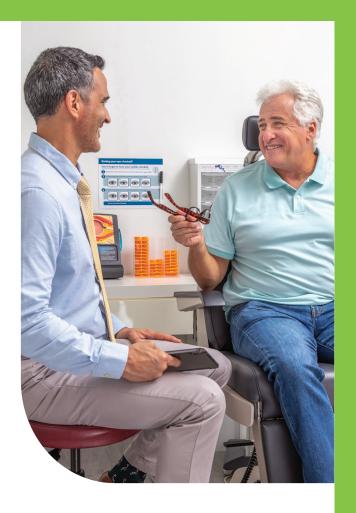
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## While You Were Away...Here's What Happened

By Alison Posner

Dear returning northerners, and warm greetings to those who have recently made Englewood their home. There has been a lot going on since you've been away, so let me catch you up...

#### **Paying it Forward**

We're excited to share some good news with you about the Rotary Club of Englewood Sunset. At the end of June, they presented \$70,000 in funds to various local charities. Recipients included Englewood Meals on Wheels, Kids' Needs, Inc., St. David's Jubilee Center, Dollars for Mammograms, Englewood Community Care Clinic, EARS, Team Tony Cancer Foundation and Englewood Area Cancer Foundation - just to name a few!!

#### Hunks Step Up To Raise Funds For Community

In September, ten local men in our community fearlessly donned heels and took the stage to raise funds for "Hunks in Heels." The event raised an impressive \$40,000 for Spread Spencer's Sparkle, a nonprofit organization founded by the Stephens family in memory of their late son, Spencer. The Englewood Elks Lodge was filled with 300 people who gathered to show their support. Proceeds from the 2022 event went to music programs at Englewood Elementary School, L.A. Ainger Middle School and Lemon Bay High School. Additionally, the proceeds enabled 20 students to attend



The 2023 Hunks In Heels celebrities.

Homecoming, extending support for students' participation in summer camp activities, and helping to acquire a musical instrument for a gifted student. This year's proceeds will be used in a similar manor.

#### **Aquaponics**

In May, Sky Academy was presented with two aquaponic towers donated by the four Rotary clubs in Englewood in collaboration with the YMCA of SW Florida. The towers will be used as part of their science and STEM project next year to help students learn about sustainability.

A Rotary district grant provided matching funds to the club's contributions to enable the purchase for the school. The four Rotary clubs are: Rotary Club of Englewood, Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary, Rotary Club of Rotonda and Rotary Club of Englewood Sunset.

#### People

The 2023 Secret Society of Smoked Mullet Awards Luncheon, was held at the Boca Royale restaurant. The award typically honors one person each year for helping to create the great community

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Some of the recipients of the Rotary Club of Englewood Sunset's fundraising efforts.













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The four Rotary Club Presidents at the Sky Academy Aquaponics. L-R:Tom Hinck, Dave Wampler, Carolyn Burke, and Allan Schidknecht

we have. This year, two winners were honored. Kale Dailey was honored posthumously. Theresa Daily, Kale's wife, accepted the award on his behalf. The second award was given to Carolyn Pope, honored for her hard work and dedication to the Englewood community. The Smoked Mullet was started in 1996 and awards individuals for their often unrecognized hard work and dedication in the community. The Legends Award was given to the Bob Scott family for their many years of service and dedication to Englewood.

Congratulations to Charlotte County Commission Chairman Bill Truex who was installed as President of the Florida Association of Counties Board of Directors.

In June, Terrance Connor was named the new Sarasota County Schools superintendent after replacing Brenden Asplen, who was forced out of the position in December. Connor came from Duval County where he served as principal and assistant principal of curriculum, and seventh- and eighth-grade comprehensive science teacher in Duval County Public Schools.



The 2023 Smoked Mullet Honoree, Carolyn Pope, with Eric Fogo, the 2022 Honoree.

#### **New Pediatrician In Town**

Meet Dr. Angela Schupp, who brings 27 years of medical experience, specializing in internal medicine and pediatrics. Dr. Schupp pursued her medical education at the University of Illinois and completed her residency at the University of Illinois College of Medicine - Peoria, where she earned her board certification in 1996. She moved to the area this year with her husband Rick. Schupp is now accepting patients at Englewood Pediatrics, 900 S. Pine St., Units 216 and 217.

#### Shaken Up By Hurricanes

Hurricane Ian swept through last September, causing a shakeup in the community. Several mobile home communities were among those hit hardest. The beach suffered some devastation and our very own local businesses and eateries suffered extensive damages, some have closed permanently and others were forced to temporarily close.

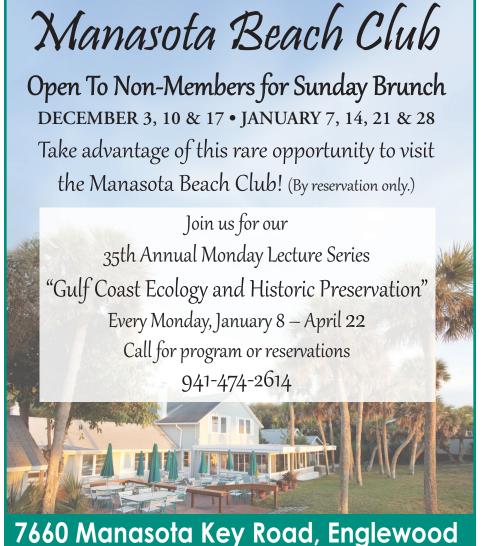
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Kale Dailey





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The Waverly on Englewood Beach has just re-opened. The popular restaurant's building was extensively damaged by

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Hurricane Ian and has been in the process of opening slowly. The banquet room opened in May, followed by the kitchen in June, and now, finally, the dining room is in full operation. General Manager Tracy Warren said that it has been a slow process but efforts have been rewarding. "It's been a long year," she said. The restaurant is located at 2095 N. Beach Road.

Mama's Italian Restaurant on S.R. 776 remains temporarily closed due to damage from Hurricane Ian. Repairs have been slow and difficult, and there is no anticipated reopen date at this time.

Sadly, in September we said goodbye to Country Hound Cafe, who had been serving up hearty breakfasts and lunches for more than 3 decades. After suffering setbacks from COVID and then damage from Hurricane Ian, they were forced to close.





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They didn't close without thanking their longtime patrons and bidding farewell to the community.

#### **New Businesses/New Location**

There have been some relocations, moves and new businesses coming to town.

- Magyar Deli, a family-owned business, offers a variety of Hungarian products.
   They have recently added fresh produce to their selections. They are located at 3376 N. Access Road, west of Tringali Community
- Bliss Beauty Boutique opened in June at 3789 S. Access Road.
- RescueMe Massage had their grand opening at 3630 N. Access Road in August. They offer a full range of massage services. Gift cards are available. The event was also a fundraiser for the National Alliance for Mentally Ill (NAMI).
- Bliss Dermatology recently opened their practice with two locations, one each in Englewood and Venice. Owned by Dr.
   Michelle Pennie, shewas also the founder of Paradise Dermatology. Their two locations are 699 S. Indiana Ave. in Englewood, and 315 Nokomis Ave. S. in Venice.
- The Green Artist held a grand opening in April at 457 W. Dearborn Street. The shop offers apparel for men and women, CBD products and beach accessories.

- In April, Gold Finger Marlen's Salon & Spa opened at 39 N. Indiana Ave., next to Olde Village Publix.
- Englewood Pool Store has moved from 2655 S. McCall Road back to their prior location in Heron Plaza, 2670 S. McCall Rd., Units 3 & 4.
- Reliable Cabinet Designs opened their second location at 7630 Sawyer Circle, Port Charlotte in April. Their original location is at 6900 San Casa Drive.
- Habitat Resale Store is back open after being closed for ten months and is ready to serve the community again, 3949 S. Access Road
- The Michael Saunders office is open after undergoing renovations due to Hurricane Ian. They are located at 1200 S. McCall Road
- Moors & Cabot Investments, formerly in Englewood Executive Suites, has relocated to Seafoam Village, 2800 Placida Rd., Unit 103.
- Basil Appliance recently reopened their Hurricane Ian damaged showroom. They are located at 2381 S. McCall Rd.
- Praise Automotive was located on Worth Ave. They have reopened at 2721 S. McCall Road.

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- The Englewood Alano Club, which provides a safe, substance-free venue for individuals and families seeking sustained recovery through 12 step meetings, workshops and social events has re-opend after sustaining damage from Hurricane Ian. They are located at 2936 S. McCall Road, #B.
- Furniture & Decor Encore opened a 2nd location at 3279 S. Access Road in May.
   Their other store is at 12456 N. Access Road.
- Thai To Go, 1823 Englewood Road, Lemon Bay Shopping Center, opened in August and serves uthentic Thai cuisine
- Arby's is returning to Englewood in the former Checkers restaurant in the Merchants Crossing Shopping Center.
   Arby's once operated a restaurant at 1970 S.
   McCall, where Marco's Pizza is now.

#### **Englewood Bank Name Change**

On September 25th, Crews Bank, parent company of Englewood Bank & Trust, Charlotte State Bank & Trust, Wauchula State Bank, and Crews Bank & Trust, unified the four banks as Crews Bank & Trust. For customers, the transition means they now have access to 19 branches in 13 counties and can take advantage of a wider range of services, including real estate loans and a full service Trust & Wealth Management division. Customers are encouraged to update to the Crews Bank & Trust app. Visit them online at crews bank com.

#### Statue Dedication

In September, Englewood marked the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Ian and the devastation it ravaged to our beaches, local businesses, homes and environment. The community commemorated this milestone by unveiling a sculpture erected on Englewood Beach, crafted from debris left by the hurricane. The statue was a gift to the community from Leadership Englewood 2023, and dedicated to the community for its resilience, as we rebuild, renew and restore Englewood.

#### Speaking Of Beaches...

Kudos to three members of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida Troop 617 of Englewood who have created Borrow Bins, as part of their Silver Award project. Borrow Bins are bins made of wood and alternatives materials that can withstand Florida weather, and are filled with beach toys. Not only does it provide a convenient solution to families' forgetfulness, but it also reduces plastic waste and protects the marine ecosystem. Donations are always appreciated.

#### Dearborn Street

Local business owners Scott and Terri Hesse have plans to develop a new market that will be situated in a vacant lot next door to their real estate office at

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Drafted from debris left by Hurricane Ian in 2022, this sculpture erected at the entrance to Englewood Beach was dedicated to Englewood for its resilience.

200 W. Dearborn Street. The new up-scale marketplace and event center will feature 75 booths offering food vendors, artisans and entertainers.

Events will continue on the street, such as Discover Dearborn on fourth Tuesday of the month. The event was created to patronize local businesses. Stop by, grab a bite and shop for unique, crafty, antique merchandise, or, just say hello to our friendly, local vendors. Also back is the Artist Colony at Dearborn Plaza on the first and third Wednesday each month. Artists and crafters selling their wares. The Farmers Market is every Thursday from 9am to 1pm, from October through May. Cruisn' on Dearborn happens the first Saturday each month.

There's even more to Englewood than shopping, beautiful beaches, great dining options, open markets and entertainment - there's also pickleball! The game is a culture of its own and was created by congressman Joel Pritchard and named after his dog "Pickles." Today, it's one of the most popular pastimes. With

numerous courts, both public and private, there's ample opportunity for play. The Englewood Sports Complex has recently expanded its offerings, providing 18 top-notch concrete and wood courts, both indoors and outdoors. No need for reservations – just show up and enjoy! The Englewood Sports Complex is located at 1300 S. River Road

In February, a wrecking crew demolished the former Englewood Sun building at 120 W. Dearborn St. The historic site, once housing the Blue Pagoda, later served as the Englewood office for the Daily Sun over the past decade. Following the land's sale to local youtuber and community member Danny Duncan last year, an exciting new venture is underway to construct a miniature golf course, promising entertainment for locals and visitors.

In July, we bid farewell to Kelly's II Tavern, 232 W. Dearborn Street. The bar had been a landmark in Englewood for many years, and was frequented by many patrons. Bar owner Kelly Cole bought the



Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida Troop 617 of Englewood created Borrow Bins, as part of their Silver Award project. The Borrow Bins are bins filled with eco-friendly toys.



Kelly's II Tavern is demolished to help make room for the new market place.

many years, and was frequented by many patrons. Bar owner Kelly Cole bought the bar 23 years ago from its former owner who had it for 20 years. Cole said she will remain in town. The sight will be a part of the Hesse's up-scale market place at 200 W. Dearborn St.

#### **Celebrating Englewood Pioneers For 67 Years**

In September, Englewoodians celebrated the end of summer with its annual Pioneer Days, but renamed the historical event "Celebrating Englewood

Pioneers", thanks to the collaboration between the Artist Colony and Englewood Chamber of Commerce.

The week-long celebration was condensed into a one day festival, thanks to a collaboration between the Artist Colony and the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. The event was a giant success. The parade went as planned, without a hitch, and there were no shortages of pies for the pie-eating contest or music of all genres. Becca DeRosa won the honor as Mayor for a Day after competing with

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six other candidates for the title. DeRosa raised \$17.340 for Kids' Needs of Greater Englewood. A total of \$41,004 was raised collectively for the charities of the other contestants, which included On the Spot Aid, The Literacy Center, Be Authentic You, Englewood Alano Club, Meals on Wheels and Spread Spencer's Sparkle. Jim and Beth Harrison were crowned and honored as the Grand Marshalls for their years of commitment and service in the community. The couple rode in the parade in a 1969 Cadillac Deville, donated by Suncoast Central Realty.

#### Farlow's Marks 20 Years

In September, Farlow's on the Water celebrated its 20th anniversary. Their menu features fresh seafood paired with Caribbean and southern-style cuisine.

In 2015, owners Keith and Laurie Farlow revamped the restaurant with a new kitchen, bar and expanded seating areas, both indoors and outdoors. They believe their dedication, perseverance, community involvement and great homemade cooking is key to a successful business. Farlow's is located at 2080 S. McCall Road. They offer dine-in, curbside, take-out and delivery. They have entertainment on the patio from Wednesday through Sunday.



Christopher "Topher" Pokorny won the adult Pie Eating Contest.

#### **Planning To Make Englewood Your Permanent Home?**

Pulte Home Company is seeking plans to develop two vacant properties, encompassing a total of 81 acres along Medical Boulevard. One parcel is situated to the east of HCA Florida Englewood Hospital, the other is just west of the Englewood Family YMCA. The proposal entails a total of 269 new homes.

Sarasota County Planning Commissioners have granted approval for an apartment complex in north Englewood. The Prose Apartment Complex will border Boca Royale Golf & Country Club and Arlington Cove, situated off State Road 776.

In addition, there are proposals for additional residences along River Road. Pending approval from the Sarasota County Commissioners, that would allow for the development of 565 units, comprising a mix of single-family and multi-family homes.

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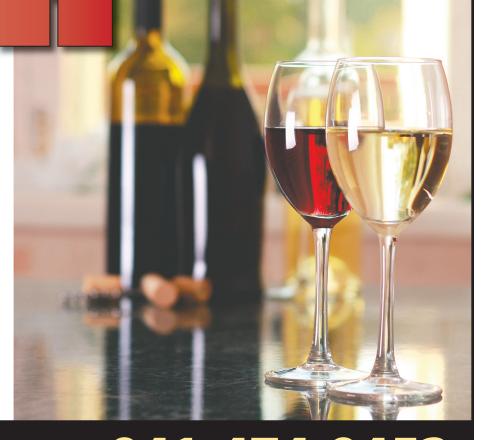
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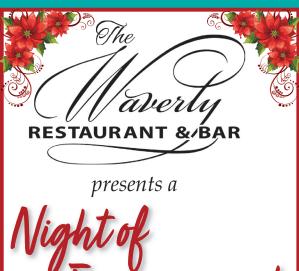


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These comforts are especially appreciated when the movie you are about to see is more than three hours long. Much has been said about the running time of Martin Scorcese's Killers of the Flower Moon (R). At 3h 26m, it's longer than Reds (1981) and Gandhi (1982), the last two studio films to feature that long-lost gift to moviegoers, the intermission.

The film, based on the nonfiction book of the same name by David Grann, tells the horrific story of the early 20th Century murders of members of the Osage Tribe, who after being kicked off their homeland, struck oil in Oklahoma, making them

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extremely wealthy and an instant target for greedy, evil white men. Even though the Osage owned the rights to the profits from the oil, they were forced to go to government-appointed guardians for permission to access the money. If only that was the worst thing they had to endure.

The evilest and greediest of the white men is Bill "King" Hale (Robert De Niro). On the surface, he's a friend of the Osage. He speaks their language, builds schools and attends their celebrations. But we soon find out he just wants their money, ALL their money! When his nephew, Ernest Burkhart (Leo DiCaprio), shows up looking for work after the War, Hale has a better idea. Marry an Osage woman and inherit her oil headrights. And by the way, you'll probably have to kill her and a few other people too.

Ernest sets his sights on Mollie Kyle, played by a mesmerizing Lily Gladstone. She is one of four sisters of a widowed mother, all living comfortably on their considerable oil money. Mollie

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suspects that Ernest, like just about every white man who makes their way to town, is pursuing her for her wealth, but she falls for him anyway. And it does appear that Ernest has genuine feelings for Mollie. But he's also lazy and more than once declares "I love money."

As more Osage are shot, poisoned, and blown up, several of them related to Mollie, Ernest becomes less a pawn and more of a bad guy. DiCaprio's choice to play the role with a distracting permanent scowl and furrowed brow doesn't exactly help his cause.

We know that Scorcese loves working with De Niro and DiCaprio, but both are too old for their roles. DiCaprio is 48, about 20 years too old to play a dim, easy-to-manipulate, guy returning from WWI. The real William Hale was in his 40s during his crime spree. De Niro, who is excellent and compellingly slimy, just turned

You want to talk about perfect casting? As the emotional core of Killers of the Flower Moon, Gladstone turns in a thoughtful, smart and soulful performance. It is heartbreaking to see Mollie realize that Ernest, who is actually an attentive husband and devoted father, might have something to do with the murders. When she bravely travels to Washington, DC to bring her people's plight to authorities outside her corrupt town, she knows the potential consequences.

When the brand new FBI gets

involved, bringing Tom White (Jesse Plemons) and his agents to town, it's only a matter of time before Hale, Burkhart and the rest of the gang get caught. Finally, something to alleviate the grimness of the previous two hours.

Scorcese has an undeniable gift for transporting his audience to another time and place. As in Gangs of New York, Age of Innocence and The Aviator, the director has captured the look and slightly grimy feel of the last days of the lawless Old West. Scorcese consulted with the Osage and cast Native American actors. The result is as accurate and sensitive a depiction of Native American life and culture as I've ever seen on screen.

Like Reds, Gandhi and Lawrence of Arabia, and unlike, let's say any Marvel movie, Killers of the Flower Moon has an important story to tell that justifies its running time, but barely. Could Scorsese and his long-time editor, Thelma Schoonmaker, have trimmed 20 minutes or so? Definitely. Would I have preferred a bit more backstory on the Osage victims and a bit less mustache twirling from De Niro and his criminal cohorts? Absolutely. Still, it's an extraordinary, heartbreaking story and Gladstone's starmaking performance makes Killers of the Flower Moon, one of the finest films of the year.



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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. Don't miss this performance on Tuesday, November 28 at 6pm. You, the audience, may think that you hate Shakespeare until you see this 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.

#### **Family Fishing Clinic** Join CHEC and the Englewood Fishing Club's lifelong fishermen for a 3-hour Family Fun Saturday fishing clinic on Saturday, December 2, 9am to noon, at

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fishing rod casting techniques, fish handling and the saltwater fishing regulations.

Program fee is \$10 per person. Child participants must be six years or older. All fishing equipment is included and supplied by the Florida Youth Conservation Commission Network. Register and purchase

your tickets at checflorida.org/ wading-birding.



#### **Lemon Bay High School Sportsmanship Award Winner**

Lemon Bay High School has announced the October, 2023 Sportsmanship Award winner Andre Gerber, junior, in boys' swimming. **Andre** attends practices/meets each day with a positive and respectful attitude towards fellow teammates, coaches, officials, and every opposing team faced. He is a topnotch teammate. He constantly reaches out to everyone to make sure they feel included and seen as an important part of the team. Andre automatically helps when he sees a need. He leads without being asked and his teammates



ANDRE GERBER

naturally follow because it is done with a genuine concern for the betterment of others. Andre constantly encourages, builds others up, and has a "WE" mentality over a "ME" mentality. When he is not competing, he is behind the lane cheering for every team member, including the divers who are often overlooked, as they compete in a separate location from the swim competition. Photo by Tim Kern.

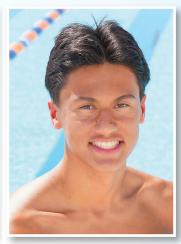
#### LBHS Athletes of the Month

The Lemon Bay High School Athletic Department would like to extend congratulations to the October 2023 Athletes of the Month winners: Rachel Gillis, Sophomore, Girls Golf and Patrick Hooper, Junior, Boys Swimming.



RACHEL GILLIS

Rachel Gillis was the #1 golfer most of the season. She led her team to their sixth straight team title at the 2023-24 Charlotte County Golf Championship and captured this year's Charlotte County Golf Individual Champion! Rachel was top finisher at the District Tournament and qualified as an Individual for the Regional Tournament when her "team" failed to qualify. At the Regional Tournament, Rachel shot an 85 (Par 73 course) and finished in 11th place out of 67 players. Rachel recently found out she also qualified for the State Finals!



PATRICK HOOPER

Patrick Hooper had a spectacular month of swimming. He was the District and Regional champion in the 100 freestyle in a very fast field. In his other event, he was the District runner up and placed fourth in Regionals in that event. He also led both of his relay teams to Regionals and one to the State meet. He qualified for the State meet in both his individual events as well. Furthermore, he set the school record in the 100 free. Patrick had an outstanding month while earning straight A's in the first quarter with five AP classes.

Receiving Honorable Mention for October Athlete of the Month is **Ron** Marquette, junior, and Kyle Domke, junior, in boys' cross country; Mackenzie Martin, sophomore, in Girls' Cross Country; Joe Scott, senior, Lorenzo Mauceri, senior, and Caleb Hutcherson, senior, in football; Lucas Newcomb, senior, Wyatt Seckel, junior, and Connor Murphy, senior, in boys' golf; Monica Heeq, sophomore, in girls' swimming; Ben Hoang, junior, boys' swimming; Lillyann Abbott, senior, Madeleine Googins, senior, Tori Medich, senior, and Mackenzie Long, junior, in volleyball. Photos by Tim Kern.

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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. The December movie is "The Muppets Christmas Carol" and will be shown on Wednesday, December 6, at **7pm**. For more information, go to visitvenicefl.org.

#### **Breakfast with Santa**

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources invites children ages 12 and under, and their families to the free Breakfast with Santa event. 10am to noon, Saturday, December 16. Enjoy breakfast, holiday music, and a visit by Santa in person at Laurel Park (509 Collins Road, Nokomis) and at Newtown Estates Park (2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota). Preregistration is required to attend this event. Register children

ages 12 and under online before Friday, December 8, or until the event is full. Unwrapped toy donations for children ages 12 and under are being accepted through Monday, December 11 at Sarasota County parks, events, fire stations and library locations. Englewood toy dropoff locations are Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Road, and Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street.

#### Free Week at Camp

Sign your child up now for a free week at summer camp next July! The Englewood Elks is sponsoring kids, ages 9 to 13, for one week of summer camp at the State of Florida Elks Association camp in Umatilla, Florida. Kids will attend camp from July 7 through 13. It's a great week for the kids: modern air-conditioned cabins, an aquatic center, gym, lake for canoeing and many more amenities. Camp is free to all interested in attending.

Reservations for camp will begin Friday, December 1st and run until Friday, March 1st. The Englewood Elks will provide bus transportation to and from camp. There are 50 spaces available. For more information call Carolyn at 248•568•7943.

#### **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.

#### New Phi Kappa Phi Honor **Society Member**

Emma Stevenson of Englewood was recently initiated into the

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Emma was initiated at the University

of South Florida. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

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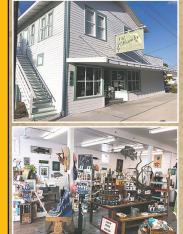




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An Englewood Girl Scouts color quard participated in the Charlotte County Veterans Day Parade on November 11th to honor and celebrate this country's heroes. The parade began at Port Charlotte Beach Park and ended at William R. Gaines Veterans Memorial Park in Port Charlotte. Front row from left (holding banner): Abby and Alivia. Back row: Carissa, Rylee H., Rylee T., Madelyn, Lilah, and Sammi.

## **Emma Wilson Publishes her First Book at Age 13**

By Chris Cameron

You have no doubt heard that sailors are "called by the sea" but the call of the sea expresses itself in the heart and passion of a young Englewood area girl for another reason. Meet Emma Wilson, whose love of the ocean has resulted in her writing and illustrating a children's book about friends who band together to help clean up the ocean. "Shipwreck Reef" tells the story of Shelly the sea turtle who recruits new friends, Tipp the black tip reef shark and Hammy the hammerhead shark, to assist her in cleaning up her home reef polluted by the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Geared for elementary age readers, the book nevertheless can educate all ages about ways to help protect our oceans and waterways.

Emma has embraced her passion with marine life since preschool and she has been educating herself on marine biology since then. She has taken classes at Mote Marine Laboratory and wherever else she can find sources to learn more. Her future plans are to pursue marine biology in college. Currently



Emma is pictured with the owners of Short Stop Printing, Klevis & Sara Kokareli, who printed "Shipwreck Reef".

Emma is a student at Student Leadership Academy in Venice.

Emma has an entrepreneurial spirit and started earning money at the age of four by selling homemade muffins at a local farmers market. At age eight, she started painting pictures of marine life and selling them at craft fairs. Even more impressive is the fact that Emma donates 10% of everything she makes to Mote Marine Laboratory, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, the Georgia Aquarium, and the Bimini Biological Field Station Shark Lab in the Bahamas! She definitely uses her money to support her passion. Emma was given a Young Philanthropic Award by Mote Marine in 2022 for her donations.

Emma wrote and illustrated "Shipwreck Reef" at age 13 and says it is the first in a trilogy series. Her book was published by Short Stop Printing here in Englewood and owners, Sara & Klevis Kokareli, showed their support for Emma by holding her book launch there on November 4th. The book sells for \$10, and you can pick up a copy locally at Culture Coffee, 405 W. Dearborn Street. It can also be purchased online at Emma's website: artbytheoceanfl.com. If you would like to meet this remarkable young lady, she will be holding a book signing on Saturday, December 9, 11am to 1pm, at Culture Coffee.

## Englewood Man on the Fast Track in Drag Racing

By Chris Cameron

While most of Englewood is focused on the OPA World Championships during Englewood Beach Waterfest and the power boats racing 150+ mph, that is life in the slow lane for a young Englewood man, who is building a career racing Top Fuel Dragsters which accelerate from 0 to 300 mph in three to four seconds.

Meet 19-year-old Cody Krohn, who was born with the love of racing, inherited from his father, Rich Krohn, a veteran drag racer. Cody grew up here in Englewood and graduated from Lemon Bay High School in 2022. He first raced at Bradenton Motorsports Park, where he won his first title in Junior Dragsters when he was just eight years old.

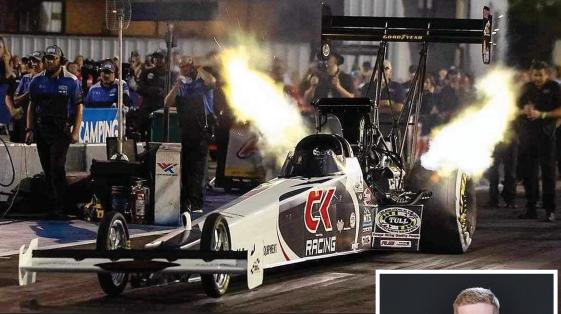
Cody continued to race his family's dragsters and built a Nostalgia Front Engine Dragster with his dad in 2018. At age 16, he attended Frank Hawley's Drag Racing School in Gainesville, FL. Frank Hawley is a National Hot Rod Association World Champion driver, with nine national championships. Driver training involves both classroom and on track time. He earned his licenses in Top Alcohol Dragster and Nostalgia Top Fuel that year and Top Alcohol Funny Car in 2020. Through continued hard work and practice, at 18 years old he earned his Top Fuel license in

February, 2023, making him the youngest professionally licensed driver in the NHRA.

Along the way, he racked up some impressive wins. Besides being the Junior Dragster Champion when he was eight, the following year he took home the championship at Bradenton Motorsports Park. Then, in 2021, he was runner up in the National Hot Rod Reunion in a Nostalgia Front Engine Dragster and returned the following year to win the National Hot Rod Reunion in Bowling Green, KY.

Although Cody has competed in several different classes, Top Fuel is his love. Top Fuel refers to the type of fuel that the dragster uses – a supercharged, nitro-burning formula, that boasts 11,000 horsepower. These dragsters race a straightaway course of only 1,000 feet, and accelerate to speeds of 330+ mph in 3.7 seconds. A parachute deploys to stabilize and slow the car. Needless to say, there is a feeling of dis-association as the brain struggles to process the speed and the driver experiences a force of 5Gs. Part of Cody's training involved learning to handle that brain disconnect and to think instinctually and fast.

The weekend of September 29 through October 1, Cody made his Top Fuel debut driving for 3-time world champion Larry Dixon at the NHRA Midwest Nationals in St. Louis, MO. Although he didn't bring home the win, it was quite an honor to drive for such a distinguished racer and he gained invaluable experience.



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Cody has the motivation and drive to succeed with his dream. One big plus in his favor is the full support of his father, Rich, his mother, Luci and his sister, Katie. His father has shared his drag racing expertise and taught Cody to know his way around engines and the mechanics of cars from a young age. Team Krohn is behind Cody all the way!

The 2023 season has come to an end and Cody is looking forward to next year. He had two sponsors this year, Rio Energy and JBS Equipment, and hopes to secure more for next year's races. Here in Englewood Cody has his own business, By Design Detailing LLC, which provides mobile auto & marine detailing service. He works hard and saves his money to pursue his passion

of drag racing. "I want to make nitro racing my full time career," Cody states. When he is not racing or working, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

If you would like to learn more about Cody, visit his website, codykrohnracing.com, or his page on Facebook or Instagram. To inquire about sponsorships, email cody@codykrohnracing.com.



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## 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.

Lemon Bay Preserve Walk Join the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and Dr. Bill Dunson on Saturday, November 25, 9am, for a 2-hour nature hike at South Venice Lemon Bay Preserve, northern most entrance, 5472 Kenisco Rd. (at the intersection with Euclid Rd.), Venice. The 1.5-mile walk will wander along scrubby flatwoods, brackish marshes, and salt flats with Bill highlighting and identifying distinguishing features. Members and non-members are invited to attend, but Bill asks that no one who is ill participate. Please, no smoking and no dogs. For more information, contact mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

## **Carlton Reserve Walk**

Join the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and member Dr. Mary Davis for a walk at the Carlton Reserve, 1800 Mabry Carlton Pkwy, Venice. The walk is Wednesday, December 6, 9:30 to 11am, and you will learn about the flatwoods/dry prairie habitats of this region and how fire, water, and grazing shape the plant communities. Meet at the first parking lot off the entrance road. Be prepared for wet feet, sun, and mosquitos. Bring a bag lunch or snack to eat at the nearby picnic shelter after the walk for more discussion with Mary and participants. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, contact mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

**Sleeping Turtles Preserve Walk** Join the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and Dr. Bill Dunson for a nature walk on Friday, December 8, 9 to 11am, at the Sleeping Turtles Preserve-North (Rohlwing),



Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast is delighted to announce the return of their celebrated farm-to-table luncheon, Feast Upon the Fields. Each year, this community-favorite event takes place on a different piece of land that the not-for-profit land trust has protected. Scheduled for Sunday, December 3 at 12:30pm, this year's event will take place at the Conservation Foundation's 432-acre Myakka Headwaters Preserve, 9600 Wauchula Road, Myakka City. Enjoy a one-of-a-kind menu from Chef Paul Mattison. Tickets are \$175 and sponsorships are available. Purchase tickets online at conservation foundation. com or call **941-918-2100**.

3601 Border Rd. Venice. The 2-mile loop walk will trail along the entire eastern edge of the preserve which is bordered by the Myakka River and is prone to either drying up or periodic flooding. Thus, the predominant habitat at Rohlwing is a type of riparian (riverside) oak forest that is uncommon. Members and non-members are invited to attend, but Bill asks that no one who is ill participate. Please no smoking/vaping and no dogs. Park across from the trail entrance. For more information, contact 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, December 17 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, email mangrovechapter@fnps.

## 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. Go to CHECflorida.org for a complete program calendar and registration links. For more information on programs, please call **941•475•0769** or email tome@checflorida.org.

## **Amberjack Environmental Park**

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 225-acre Amberjack Environmental Park on Monday, November 20 at 9am. Meet at 6250 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., where the street dead ends. To register, fill out the form online at checflorida.org or call 941•475•0769. Also offered Wednesday, December 6 at

**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 adaptions 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 checflorida.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 checflorida. org or call **941•475•0769** for more information. Also offered Wednesday, November 29 and Saturday, December 9 at 9am.

## Kayak EcoTour

Join CHEC and Biotica Eco-Tours on a beautiful, guided kayak ecotour of Lemon Bay and the surrounding mangrove habitats, including the nearby bird rookery, on Sunday, November 26, 9 to 11:30am. This tour is perfect for all skill levels and wonderful for nature lovers and bird enthusiasts. The tour is approximately 2.5 hours of easypaced paddling. The fee is \$50 per person, which includes kayak and all other equipment for the day. Meeting location is at the kiosk by the visitor center at Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Rd. Advance registration required. Please contact Biotica EcoTours at 941-350-4905 or bioticatours.com/eco-tours to reserve your spot.

**Guided Hike at Cedar Point** Join CHEC for a free guided tour of the beautiful 115-acre Cedar Point Environmental Park on Sunday, November 26 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. Also offered Friday, December 1 at 9am.

## **Bill Coy Preserve**

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 81-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. To register, fill out the form online at checflorida. org or call 941•475•0769 for more information. Also offered Monday, December 4 at 9am.

## Nighttime Seagrass **Wading Trip**

Embrace your nocturnal side and join CHEC for a two-hour nighttime wading adventure through the seagrass beds of Lemon Bay on Tuesday, November 28, 5:30 to 7:30pm. Search for, catch & release sea creatures in Lemon Bay while learning about the unique aquatic plants and animals with help from a CHEC naturalist. Program fee is \$15 per person. For registration, fill out the form online at checflorida.org or call **941•475•0769** 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.

## **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 repellant. 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 follows 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 medi-

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tative, peaceful walk through the labyrinth. Afterwards there will be a time to share and Q&A.

## **Nature Walk**

You are invited to join Susy D'Hont for a guided walk on Saturday, December 2, 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. Participants should war closed toe walking shoes, a hat, sunscreen, bug spray, water, and binoculars.

Venice Audubon Society News 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.

**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, fill out the Liability Waiver online and bring it with you.

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**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.

## **Ecuador Birding Excursion**

The Venice Area Audubon Society has scheduled a second opportunity for birders to travel to Ecuador on birding excursion scheduled for March 13 through 22. With more than 1,600 species of tropical birds, Ecuador is a birdwatcher's dream destination. The tour is arranged by Holbrook Travel and includes hotel, meals, local transportation, guides, & bird reserve fees. Naturalist Eileen Gerle will host the tour. For more information, contact Roy Musick at rmusick@veniceaudubon.org.







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# The Family Conservation Center Expands Exhibitors at Englewood Beach Waterfest

By Palma Frable

Englewood Beach Waterfest is just about here, with the kickoff event taking place on Thursday, November 16th with the *PowerUp* pre-race kickoff party, this year being held at The Waverly restaurant on N. Beach Road. On Friday night the Block Party and Race Boat Parade will be coming back to Dearborn Street, starting at 5pm. With live music at the Dignam Family Stage at Pioneer Park, multiple food, beverage, and retail vendors, the party continues until 10pm all along the downtown historic area.

On Saturday and Sunday, while the OPA World Championship races are taking center stage out on the Gulf waters, there will be a variety of exhibits staged a bit further on shore, but with a different focus. This year *The Family Conservation Center* (FCC), will be expanding their exhibition



Mote Marine representatives at one of their exhibits.

area to include even more fun and educational stations, all with a focus on learning more about this wild and wonderful natural area we call home. This year the FCC is being generously sponsored by Michael J Looney, Inc. on behalf of The Nancy Kay Czerwinski Looney Fund, a University of Florida Endowment Fund that supports scholarship awards to students studying Wildlife Ecology and Conservation who have demonstrated a commitment to conservation and wildlife in Florida.

The Butterfly Encounter. Photo by Chad Dion, Dion Photography.

"Conservation, and handson education are the two
cornerstones of our Family
Conservation Center", stated
Dana Lutz, Englewood Beach
Waterfest Board Member,
Founder and Coordinator
of the FCC. "We encourage
local conservation-focused
organizations to exhibit with
us at Waterfest to help educate
both locals and visitors alike,
on what impacts we can have
to fortify a healthy ecosystem

today, and ensure we provide stability for our next generation. This year I am proud to say we are again expanding our exhibition area to include a wider range of presentations, all focused on the natural wonders in our own backyard. Our local Lemon Bay High School Marine Club and Aqua Lab will be exhibiting, along with some wonderful volunteers from various groups within the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Committee, and many of our legacy exhibitors like Lemon Bay Conservancy, and Mote Marine Aquarium. Mote Marine is always a favorite with the children, as they bring a fresh perspective and a bit of enlightenment on the marine life living out in the Gulf, estuaries, and watershed areas.

"One very exciting addition this year is the *Big Cat Habitat*, the large-animal rescue in eastern Sarasota County. As a non-profit sanctuary they offer a permanent home for dozens of exotic animals and placement for animals in need. We are beyond energized to bring their organization to the forefront here at the FCC, to help educate

the public about animal care and conservation." Dana further expanded.

But, the FCC isn't just about education, as some of the favorite areas of exploration include the Butterfly Encounter, Venice Photo Booth, and of course, the Face Painting Booth. Families are encouraged to attend, as children under 12 are admitted to all events FREE, with the purchase of an adult ticket

The organizers, and hundreds of volunteers of Englewood Beach Waterfest, invite you to expand your marine life knowledge, fun hands-on education, and enlightening conservation efforts, by bringing your crew to The Family Conservation Center at Englewood Beach during the 2023 Englewood Beach Waterfest, Nov. 18 & 19, 2023. The exhibits will be open 10am-4pm.

You can get additional information on all the Family Conservation Center exhibits, buy tickets, and view events for this year's Waterfest by visiting www.EnglewoodBeachWaterfest.com





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# TAKING CARE BUSINESS

# **Crews Bank Offers Estate- Planning Seminars**

Crews Bank & Trust are offering free estate-planning seminars during December. "Wills & Trusts: Creating and Funding" will be offered on Tuesday, December 5, 10am to 11:30am, at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue. Learn the difference between a last will & testament, and a revocable living trust, how each works, and how best to title assets and assign proper beneficiaries. "Out of State Wills & Trusts and Benefits of Florida Residency" will be held on Thursday, December 7, 10am to 11:30am, at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue. Learn whether your out of state documents will work in Florida and the benefits of becoming a Floridian. "Selecting a Successor Trustee to Minimize Stress on Family" will be offered on Wednesday, December 13, 10am to 11:30am, at the Gulf Cove Crews Bank, 12651 McCall Road, Port Charlotte. Deciding who is best to serve as administrator in a power of attorney, will, trust, and health care directive is extremely important. Explore the skills, abilities, experience & time these roles demand. These seminars

are also offered at other times and locations. Registration is available at any

> The Englewood Chamber of Commerce held a Celebrity Look Alike Contest and has announced the winner. Congratulations to A.J. Stickley of the Stickley Law Office who won the title as a Governor Ron DeSantis look alike. Jonathan Varner of Wampler Varner Insurance Group came in second place for his resemblance

seminars Florida to have received 23

to Chris Pratt. Third place was Allan Schildknecht of EARS (Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary) who voters thought resembled Kansas City Coach Andy Reid. The Chamber thanks everyone who voted and all who entered this fun contest.

Crews Bank & Trust branch office, online at crews.bank, via email at trust@crews.bank or by calling Trust Operations Associate Linda Ferrara at 941-624-1943.

# **Small Business Owners Roundtable**

SCORE Manasota presents a Small Business Owners Roundtable series starting in December. Attendees will benefit from peer-to-peer learning and a networking opportunity, get input from other small business owners about your current challenges, discuss issues facing small business owners today, and learn what has worked for others, while sharing your success methods. There is no charge. All sessions are Zoom meetings and scheduled for one hour. The December session is offered on Tuesday, December 5 at 8am, noon, and 7pm. Upon registering for one of the sessions, you will receive the Zoom link. Sessions are facilitated by trained SCORE mentors. Register at score.org/ manasota under events.

## **Englewood Hospital Earns Another "A"**

HCA Florida Englewood Hospital is only one of two hospitals in the state of Florida to have received 23 straight A's for hospital safety from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit upholding the standards for excellence in patient care. This national distinction celebrates Englewood Hospital's achievements in prioritizing patient safety by protecting patients from preventable harm and errors. "Twenty-three straight A's for patient safety reflects the



Hurricane lan caused substantial damage to The Waverly Restaurant & Bar, but now the restaurant is finished with its renovations, and you will love the make-over! Make your reservation today for a finer dining experience with some menu updates. The bar has been relocated to the south side of the upstairs dining room and now offers a sushi bar. The drop ceilings have been replaced with a high ceiling and the full-length windows give you a spectacular view of the beach. The kitchen is all new

and state of the art. The banquet room has also been completely redone and now has a full-service bar. Downstairs, The Waves has extended seating with a landscaped area, "The Gardens", under cover. You can order from the Tiki Bar menu or the regular menu to take advantage of dining outside. Enjoy live music Thursday through Sunday evenings. Hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday, 11am to 9:30pm and Friday and Saturday, 11am to 10pm. The

Waverly is located at 2095 N. Beach Road. Visit them at thewaverlyfl.com or call **941-475-3500**. On November 2nd, The Waverly celebrated its grand reopening with a ribboncutting by the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. Here, co-owner Jill Hemmes and general manager Tracy Warren cut the ribbon held by Doug Izzo, chamber CEO (on left) and Shane Whitmore, chamber representative (on right).



EPIC Community Resource Center of Englewood celebrated their grand opening on November 1st with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. The community resource center,

located at 655 N. Indiana Avenue, focuses on meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the Englewood community through partnerships with various area organizations and resource sources. Visit

them online at epiccommunitycenter. org, call **941-460-6022**, or drop in for a visit. After president Ronnie Jackson cut the ribbon, there were cheers all around for this new resource hub for Englewood.

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dedication of our physicians, nurses and colleagues who show up for our patients with exceptional care every day," said Chief Executive Officer Joe Rudisill. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program exclusively based on hospital prevention of medical errors, infections, and injuries. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is peer-reviewed, fully transparent, and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually in the fall and spring. To see Englewood Hospital's entire grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org.

New Crews Bank & Trust App Crews Bank & Trust, previously a three-location banking brand with branches in Arcadia and Sarasota,

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expanded to more than 19 locations following a unification with its sister banks, Wauchula State Bank, Charlotte State Bank & Trust and Englewood Bank & Trust, on September 25th. Upon unification, customers were encouraged to update to the new Crews Bank & Trust app. This app offers the ability to pay bills, transfer money between accounts and bank at the customer's convenience, and a secure messaging portal. Also offered is online account opening through their OpenAnywhere technology as well as online applications for mortgages and home equity lines of credit. For those looking to transfer money person-to-person, Zelle® is offered. To download the app, go to Google Play for Android or the Apple App store for Crews Bank. For questions, call 888-406-2220.



HCA Florida Englewood Hospital CEO, Joe Rudisill, and a team of women caregivers donned hard hats & gloves and swung hammers to help build a single-family home for a family in North Port during Women Build Week. The event, hosted by Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County, is a unique opportunity for women to get on the construction site and learn new skills while helping to address the community's affordable housing crisis. The group installed windows, doors, and furring strips for the 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home. The future homeowner worked alongside the team of volunteers, helping her along the path to homeownership. Englewood Hospital also presented a check for \$5,000 to Habitat for Humanity of South Sarasota County to support their efforts to build a stronger, safer community.



Englewood Chamber of Commerce representatives were on hand for the groundbreaking ceremony on October 31st for Cabana Bay RV Resort by Boca Grande, located at the intersection of Rotonda Blvd. East and Gasparilla Road. The RV resort will offer 170 sites with water & sewer hook-up, community pool, clubhouse, pickle ball courts, dog park, laundry facilities, golf cart rental services, and more. The RV resort will be for short term rentals, from three nights to six months. Cabana Bay anticipates opening in Spring, 2024. To learn more, visit cabanabayrvresort.com.





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# CalendarataGlance

These are the shortened calendar events that were added to our website www.englewoodreview.com as of Friday, November 10. They represent events from November 17 thru December 3. 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 17**

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

Concert in the Park: City Center Front Green, 4970 City Hall Blvd., North Port. 6pm. Dancing & live entertainment under the stars. Free, 941-429-7275

### **FRI & SAT NOV 17&18**

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

## **SAT NOV 18**

## **Fall Community Garage Sale:**

Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Road. 8am-1pm. Indoor & outdoor booths. Free admission. 941-861-1980.

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

Venice Isle Craft Show: Venice Isle Clubhouse, 600 Cortina Drive, Venice. 9am–2pm. 79 vendors with crafts for sale. Breakfast & lunch available for purchase. Door prizes. Free admission.

Grilled Cheese Festival: CoolToday Park, 18800 S. West Village Pkwy., Venice. 11am–6pm. Family friendly event featuring grilled cheese themed items, live music, beer garden, kids activities. cooltodaypark.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-4pm. OPA championships. \$30 both days. Englewoodbeachwaterfest.com.

## **SUN NOV 19**

Majesty of Rock: Venice Performing Arts Center, 1 Indian Ave., 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. 10:30-11:30am. Free workshop about online safety & fraud protection. Call 941-861-1225 to RSVP.

## **THUR NOV 23**

Englewood Turkey Trot: Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Drive. 7:30-9:30am. 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 Rd., Pt. Charlotte. Noon-3pm. Free community Thanksgiving dinner, with turkey & all the traditional fixings. Inside sitdown or carryout. For homebound delivery, call 941-697-1747 by noon on Tue. Nov. 21.

## **MON NOV 27**

## Sounds of Soul Motown & Beyond:

Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Avenue S., Venice. 7:30-9:30pm. Relive the hits of Motown & beyond. \$55. Tickets at venicetheatre.org/events/sounds-of-soul.

## **MON-THUR NOV 27-30**

**Boating Safety Course: Zoom** online. 5:45-8pm. Boating skills & seamanship course. Qualifies for US Coast Guard & NASBLA certifications. \$45. Register: coastguardenglewood.com.

## **TUE NOV 28**

History of Am. Legion: Lemon Bay Historical Society, Green Street Church Museum, 510 S. Indiana Ave. 7-8:30pm. Learn about American Legion history & services today. Speaker: Ret. Col. Leroy Furman. Free, donations accepted.

## **WED NOV 29**

**Englewood Democratic Club:** Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. 5:30-7:30pm. Guest speaker Ron Cutsinger. RSVP to mobilize.us/ sarasotacountydec/event/583055/ englewooddemclub@gmail.com.

## **THUR NOV 30**

**Christmas Tree Lighting:** Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Ave. 5-7pm. Tree lighting at 6pm. Santa Claus, refreshments, toy drive. Free. 941-474-5511.

## Hermitage Sunsets @ Selby Gardens:

Historic Spanish Point, 401 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey. 5-6pm. "State of the Arts in Florida" panel discussion with Nataki Garrett, Tom Kirdahy, and David Wilkins. \$5pp registration fee at hermitageartistretreat.org.

**Longevity Blessing & Dorje Namjom:** Historical Society Crocker Church, 1260 12th Street, Sarasota. 7-8:30pm. Longevity Blessing and Dorie Namjom Cleansing Ceremony with

Buddhist master Anyen Rinpoche. \$50. Register at phowafoundation. org/upcomingprograms.

## FRI & SAT DEC 1 & 2

Winter Art Market: Englewood Art Center, 350 S. McCall Road. 10am to 3pm. Shop local art and artisan vendors. Instructor demos, live music, kids' activities. Food trucks. 941-474-5548.

### **SAT DEC 2**

Craft Show: Holiday Travel Park clubhouse, 1475 Flamingo Drive. 9am to 1pm. Over 40 crafters.

Rummage Sale: St. Vincent DePaul, 25200 Airport Rd., Punta Gorda. 9am-noon. Household items, furniture, linens, clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, books, and toys. No pets, please. Rain date: December 9. For questions, call 941-575-0767.

Rotonda Christmas Parade: Rotonda West. 10am-noon. Parade route: Fellowship Church, 140 Rotonda Blvd West, east on Parade Circle to Rotonda Blvd North, north to Rotonda Circle, end at Broadmoor Park, 646 Rotonda Circle.

Venice Boat Parade: Venice Intracoastal Waterway, 6–9pm. Parade route available at venicechristmasboatparade.net.

## **SAT & SUN DEC 2&3**

"Living is Dying" Buddhist Meditation Retreat: Private residence, Sarasota. Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 9am-2pm. Buddhist Meditation Retreat with Anyen Rinpoche. \$108. Register at phowafoundation.org/ upcomingprograms.

## **SUN DEC 3**

Community Resource Fair: Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. 10am-2pm. Sarasota County departments & non-profits offer information about services.

## **Rotonda West Holiday Walk:**

Broadmoor Park, 646 Rotonda Cir. 3:30-6pm. Holiday lights winter wonderland around the lake. School choirs will perform, Santa will be there. Refreshments.

**EPAS Holiday Concert:** Venice Symphony Jazz Orchestra at Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St. 7:30-9:30pm. \$30-\$40 tickets. Englewoodmethodist. com/EPAS.

## **ONGOING MONTHLY EVENTS**

**1ST TUESDAY** 

Englewood Bike Clinic: The Jubilee Center, 401 S. Broadway, 10amnoon. 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-2:30pm. Lunch & cards. \$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: W. Dearborn Street. Noon-6pm. Anyone with a classic car or a love of cars is invited to this free event. Enjoy music & music trivia. Shops & eateries remain open.

## **1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY**

Artist Colony: Pioneer Plaza,

325 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. 5-7pm. Enjoy live music. Bring your own seating. Free. Facebook: The Artist Colony in Englewood Florida.

## **2ND SATURDAY**

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

Manta Market: Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road. 9am-2pm. Outdoor market features 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-1pm. Provides free clothing & other basic necessities. Learn more at

## **3RD MONDAY**

mhmsarasota.com.

## **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 3 days prior.

## **3RD THURSDAY**

Senior Fellowship: Fellowship Church, 140 Rotonda Blvd W. Beginning in December, 11am-12:30pm. Enjoy a complimentary lunch, a time of fellowship and encouragement. Open to all seniors. RSVP at 941-475-7447.

## **4TH TUESDAY**

Discover Dearborn: West Dearborn Street. 4-7pm. 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. 8:30-11am. Softball open practice for men (60+). Adult softball fields. More info at englewoodseniorsoftball.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

## **Dvnamic Walk Fitness:** Englewood Sports Complex,

1300 S. River Rd. 10:30-11:30AM \$6/class 941-626-2399

## **MON-THURS**

## **Super Kids Martial Arts:**

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

## **TUES & THURS**

## **Boogie Chair by Laurentz:**

Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM 941-237-8983

## **TUE-FRI**

## **Open Play Pickleball:**

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

## **WED & THURS**

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

## **WED & FRI**

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

## **MONDAYS**

## **Myakka River Woodcarvers Club:**

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

Zumba with Laurentz: Centennial Park Rec Center, 1120 Centennial Blvd., Pt. Charlotte, 11am-noon. Combination exercise & dancing. Great for cardio. Fun. 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

Viva Divas Coffee Chat: Culture Coffee, 405 W. Dearborn Street. 10am to noon. Open to all ladies. Free. Facebook.com/groups/vivadivassisterhood.

Beginner Tai Chi Class: Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice, 10:30-11:30am, 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.

**Circl Mobility with Laurentz:** Harold Avenue Rec Center, 23400 Harold Ave., Pt. Charlotte. 11am-noon. Unlock your body's potential through flexibility, breath work, & mobility. Laurentz 941-237-8983.

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

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

Writers on the Air: 12735 US 41, North Port 5:30-6:30PM Free Open Mic for writers, poets, comedians. Sign up 5:30PM. Airs on 97.5 FM 501C-3, Sundays at 3:04PM. 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 Ave. 8-10am. Bring your classic, hot rod, or specialty car and join fellow car enthusiasts for coffee and conversation.

## **Circl Mobility with Laurentz:**

Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9:00-9:45AM. 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-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. 10:30-11:30am. 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. 10:30-11:30am. Free play time with toys & props for kids ages 2-8 with their caregiver, 941-861-1225.

Friends Finding Friends: EPIC, Community Resource Center, 655 N. Indiana Ave. 1-2pm. All welcome to play games and socialize. 941-460-6022.

## **Grief Share Support Group:**

Fellowship Church, Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 4-6PM 941-475-7447

Wed. Night Dinner: Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street. 4:30-6pm. 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**

Mexican food.

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

Farmers Markets: 300 block 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 handweights 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. 10:30-11:30am. Story time for children, ages 2-5, 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 Rd., unit 10.4-6pm. during school sessions. Free clothing for kids in need. Info@kidsneedsenglewood.org.

Englewood Opry: Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Avenue. 5:30-7:30pm. Bring a chair to enjoy classic country & bluegrass music by the Sidemen. Free. For more info, email Everard at recycledx2@icloud.com.

## **FRIDAYS**

## **Boogie Chair By Laurentz:**

Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda Blvd E., 9-10AM 941-237-8983 lalitenors410@gmail.com

Beginner Tai Chi Class: Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Avenue. 10-11am. 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.

## 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

## **SATURDAYS**

## **Zumba Fitness with Denise:**

Lemon Bay Woman's Club. 51 North Maple Street, 9-10AM, \$7/class, 941-268-8086

## **Kids Needs Clothing Boutique:**

Heron Plaza, 2670 S. McCall Rd.,#10. 10am-noon during school sessions. Free clothing for kids in need. Info@kidsneedsenglewood.org.

Adult Tennis Clinic: Englewood Recreation Center, 101 Orange St. 10-11am, Fach Saturday a different stroke through 2/24. Instructor Pete Zeeh. Free. 845-331-4355.

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

## Adventures with Felting Fibers: Arts

Alliance, 452 W. Dearborn Street. 1-4pm. Different needle felting or wet felting class each week. Fun, beginner-friendly classes, RSVP to Janine at 412-477-8658.

### **SUNDAYS**

### **Fresh Harvest Farmers Market:**

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

## **Christ Lutheran Church:**

701 N. Indiana Ave. 9:30AM. 941-474-1989 christlutheranfleng.com

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

## **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

Fellowship Church: Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 8:30AM and 10:30AM, Communion 1st Sunday each month. 941-475-7447

## **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

## **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

Music Jam: The Open Studio, 380 Old Englewood Road, 2pm, Jam sessions for electric musicians to play as a band. Facebook: Open Mic Garden Party at The Open Studio.

stdavids.dioswfl.org, 941-474-3140

## **Drum Circle:**

One hour before sunset. Englewood Beach, north end facebook.com/ englewoodsundaydrumcircle





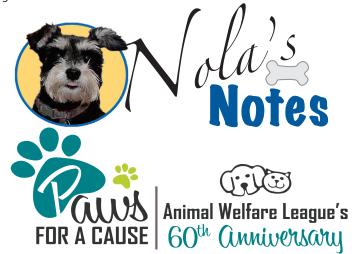


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## Paws for a Cause Celebration

The Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County invites you to join them for "Paws for a Cause - 60th Anniversary Celebration" on Sunday, December 3, 10am to 3pm. The party takes place at TT's Tiki Bar, Harborside Garden, 33 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. Enjoy music, photo booth, caricature artist, cornhole tournament, local vendors, and meet adoptable animals. Tickets are \$5. Dogs & kids 12 & under are free. Learn more and register your team for cornhole at AWLshelter.org/Paws-for-a-Cause.

## **Booze Wagon Raffle**

EARS, Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary, is raffling off a booze wagon filled with liquor valued at \$800. The drawing will be held



on January 27th at the EARS' Hawaiian Luau. The winner does not have to be present to win. Ticket price is \$10 and may be purchased at EARS Adoption Center, 500 N. Indiana Avenue and at EARS Thrift Store, 280 S. McCall Road. For questions, call 941.681.3877.

MEET: Hank, customer service canine, at Pookey's Mobil Mart, 13423 S. McCall Road.

**Pedigree and Age:** Hank is a fiveyear-old German Shepherd.

Likes: Hank likes to go to work with Barracuda Bill and loves Boars Head turkey & ham.

**Dislikes:** Hank is very loyal to Bill and hates being left behind.

Pet Peeves: Hank is very laid back and doesn't like aggressive dogs.

Office Jobs: Hank can be found behind



Hank greets a customer at the counter.

the counter where he keeps an eye on employees, and also greets

How Did You Acquire Your Human? Hank says that his father got him from a breeder in Texas.

Owner's Remarks: Hank's owner, "Barracuda Bill" Hartwig, says Hank loves to play, loves kids, and is very loyal and super smart.









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.

**HUMANE SOCIETY** 

**Meet & Greet and Adoption Hours** (By appointment only) Now Open Daily from 8am to 4:30pm.

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

**6781 SAN CASA DRIVE** 

Hi, I'm Miss B. I am no proper girl, but I am a playful one! I have special needs and require someone who is willing to take on a special girl like myself. I am FelV positive, which means I have to be the only cat in your loving home.



Trust me, I will steal your heart. If you would like to meet me, call first so I can come over from my foster home to meet you and show you my true personality.

Meet Ashlev. I know I have a famous name, but I am not one of the Olson twins. I am famous, though, as being the sweetest, most amazing girl here at the shelter. So, if you want a famous and sweet



girl in your life, come meet me. I'm a laid-back couch potato. I won't pull on the leash - and I also like chewy treats and fluffy bedding.



**Englewood Animal** Rescue Sanctuary

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.

Animal Rescue & Pet Food Store 500 N. Indiana Ave. • 681-3877 (FURR)

Photos by Bobbi Austin

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 3pm

**Bear** is an extremelv handsome Husky. He is friendly and loves to cuddle. He is a neutered male. 5 ½ years old. Bear is housebroken and knows some commands.





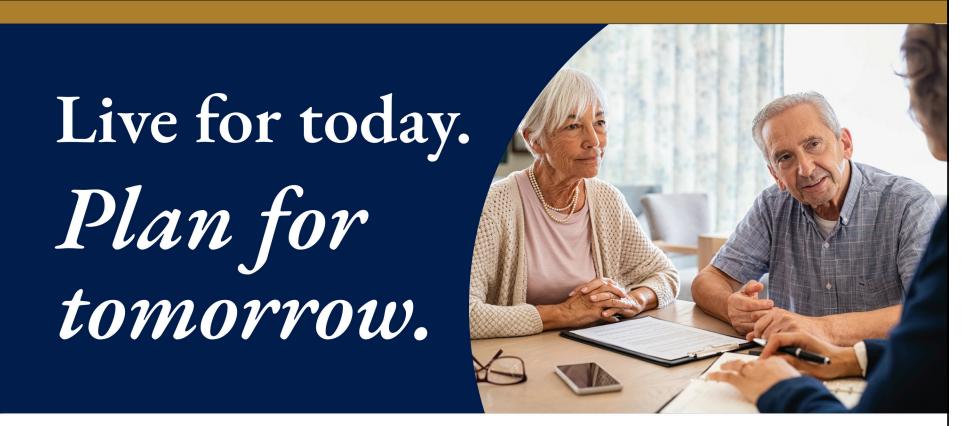
**Tuff** is a heautiful 4-month-old neutered male kitten. He has buff-colored fur and loves to play.

# **EARS Animal Rescue's Thrift Store**

We are located at 280 S McCall Road Monday through Saturday, 10am to 3pm PH: 941-460-6757

Donations of clothes and housewares are needed to help the EARS animals.

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.



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