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## Council Approves Funding Fireworks, Speed Bumps For Dunes Streets



Sanibel's 2016 City Council includes, clockwise from top left, Marty Harrity, Jim Jennings, Chauncey Goss, Kevin Ruane and Mick Denham  
photo by Jeff Lysiak

by Jeff Lysiak

During a very busy city council meeting on Tuesday, local leaders approved a number of agenda items related to Sanibel's contribution to funding the annual Independence Day fireworks display, implementing the second phase of The Dunes subdivision's traffic management plan and giving their stamp of approval for architectural design standards for buildings and structures devoted to resort housing, multifamily, commercial and institutional uses.

To begin the session, City Attorney Ken Cuyler led the election of the city's

mayor for 2016. Requesting nominations from the five-member council, Mick Denham nominated Kevin Ruane to serve his seventh consecutive term. After the motion was seconded by Chauncey Goss, Ruane's nomination was formally approved unanimously.

Ruane, in his first official action as mayor, nominated Denham to continue serving as vice mayor. Marty Harrity seconded the motion, and the vote for approval was also unanimous.

"Both the mayor and vice mayor have done a wonderful job... they've set the bar very high," added Goss. "I'm glad they're going to be doing this for another year."

Following City Manager Judie Zimomra reading the ordinance that would formally adopt new architectural design standards, Planning Department Director Jim Jordan delivered a presentation on the history of the proposed legislation.

According to Jordan, characteristics of the building styles represented among existing structures within Sanibel is identified as Island Style. This includes four sub-style categories:

- Old Florida
- Island Eclectic
- Island Contemporary
- Caribbean

"Some of the major themes in these building styles is that they are understated in their design, smaller in structure and rural in their character," he explained before noting a number of revisions to the ordinance since it had been passed along by the city's planning commission last December. Commissioners had requested that the draft ordinance be reviewed by local architects for their input. To date, the planning department has not received a response or recommended changes to the ordinance as originally drafted.

The three revisions proposed to Architectural Design Standard provision 4b include:

- Horizontal wall or screen plane in excess of 60 feet shall have an off-set with a minimum depth of six feet and a minimum to maximum length of 15 feet to 30 feet.
- Vertical wall or screen plane for buildings with multiple floors shall provide architectural features such as balconies, porches, walkways, sunshades, trellises, roof overhangs, canopies or protruding or recessed openings for every vertical floor.
- Such projections of the façade shall have a minimum depth of 3-1/2 feet and a total minimum length equal to 50 percent of the width of the horizontal plane from which they project.

Following a brief discussion, Ruane made a motion to approve the ordinance,

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## Historical Society To Host Movie Premiere April 13

The Captiva Island Historical Society will release its sixth and newest film in the oral histories series, *South Seas: Captiva's Enduring Paradise*, on Wednesday, April 13. The documentary will premiere at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom at South Seas Island Resort, located at 5400 Plantation Road on Captiva.

The Captiva Island Historical Society commissioned local filmmaker Rusty Farst to produce *South Seas: Captiva's Enduring Paradise*. Farst did extensive research, and describes the evolution of the northern tip of Captiva as a paradise, "challenging to find and even more difficult to abandon."

The film covers the history of the changing shoreline of northern Captiva through hurricanes, then features its early island residents, its rich farmland for crops, and then its becoming a world renowned resort destination.

The Captiva Island Historical Society is an active organization with a mission of preserving the history of the people and events that characterize Captiva Island. This film is educational and entertaining and will bring you even closer to Captiva.

The evening of the film screening, which is being sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company, will start with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., followed by the premiere, then dessert and coffee will be available after the film.

Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Call 472-2323 or email [mail@captivaislandhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:mail@captivaislandhistoricalsociety.org) to RSVP.\*



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## Last Call For Beer In The Bushes Saturday

It's last call to buy your tickets for the 5th annual Beer in the Bushes. Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's end-of-season bash is set for Saturday, April 9 from 6 to 10 p.m. Guests can roam the grounds of SCCF's nature center while sampling craft beer and food truck offerings, live music, dancing and a few surprises.

This is a rain or shine event and guests 21 and over are welcome to attend. Tickets can be purchased online at [sccfbeer.eventbrite.com](http://sccfbeer.eventbrite.com) for \$60 in advance, \$70 day of and at the door.

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, Presenting Sponsor, has been essential in keeping ticket prices low, according to SCCF.

Ticket sales are going well in large part because of this year's entertainers, Kermit Ruffins & The BBQ Swingers. Their unique brand of New Orleans jazz has earned them a national reputation and a local following.



Sanibel Captiva Trust Company's Steve Greenstein and Al Hanser

"The response to signing Kermit has been amazing," said Jeff Siwicke, concept creator. "Many thanks to Jensen's Twin Palm Resort and Marina for funding his performance as our returning Band Sponsor."

Attendees can choose among four

local food trucks. Tickets include \$10 in TruxBux, redeemable for dinner choices from any of the trucks.

Eight micro-breweries will be pouring samples as they compete to win the People's Choice Award. The lineup includes Point Ybel Brewing Company (the defending 2015 champs), Fort Myers Brewing Company, Momentum Brewery, Old Soul Brewing, Naples Beach Brewery, Palm City Brewing, Bury Me Brewing and Cape Coral Brewing Company.

This fundraiser helps support SCCF's mission of conserving coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed.

SCCF is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel. For additional information, call 472-2329.✪

## Orchid Society

A hands-on workshop will be featured at the Monday, April 18 meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society. Each participant will learn how to mount an orchid on bark and will bring home their creation. There is no cost for the orchids or materials for members; \$15 for non-members. The workshop will be held at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way.

Orchid novices are encouraged to come to the meeting's Fundamentals Session at 1 p.m. to hear Bill Overton discuss *Catasetinae Culture: Growing in Sphagnum Moss*. Overton has been growing orchids for over 40 years and is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. He will conduct the mounting workshop as well as this month's Fundamentals Session.

Anyone with questions or an "ill orchid" that needs further diagnosis can bring their plants to the meeting during "show and tell." Orchid society members are invited to participate in a monthly show. Ribbons are awarded for best Hybrid and best Species Orchids. An orchid raffle will also be held. Annual society membership is \$25 individual; \$40 for couples. Guests are \$5 plus \$15 if they participate in the mounting workshop. For more information, visit [www.sancaporchid.org](http://www.sancaporchid.org).✪

## Final Screening Of Sanibel Film To Be Shown On April 18



What Sanibel's east end looked like when the causeway opened in 1963

When Eric Pfeifer announced the third film in the Pfeifer Documentary Series, he had no idea it would be such a big hit. The February 10 premiere and the March 28 encore were both sellouts.

The third and final showing this season of *Sanibel Before The Causeway* will be held on Monday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Tickets are \$7 each, and are on sale at The Community House and Bailey's General Store. Additionally, Pfeifer Realty has donated DVDs of all three documentaries to The Community House to be sold to benefit the current renovation project.

The feature-length film includes vintage home movie clips from the 1930s through the early 1960s, and shows Sanibel the way it was before the causeway opened in 1963. The film was produced by Sanibel's seven-time Emmy Award winner David E. Carter.

More details about the documentary can be seen online at [www.SanibelStories.com](http://www.SanibelStories.com).✪



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## Upcoming Captiva Events

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 12, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Cone Rooms in Chadwicks Square at South Seas Island Resort. This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:

- Proposed bylaws revision on allocation and selection of panel seats.
- Discussion of recent meetings on sewers and wastewater treatment
- Update on priority committees including Captiva Drive bike/ped improvements and tax revenue studies
- A Captiva Erosion Prevention District and a Captiva Fire District update.

• Other business as necessary. Public participation is invited and encouraged. The next Captiva Community Panel meeting has tentatively been scheduled for May 10. Information and background documents are available online at [www.captivacommunitypanel.com](http://www.captivacommunitypanel.com).

### CEPD Meets April 13

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 13 at 1 p.m. at Tween Waters Inn. Call the district at 472-2472 or visit <http://mycepd.com> for further information.

### Hurricane Seminar April 13

The Captiva Hurricane Preparation Seminar will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at the Captiva Community Center, 11560 Chapin Lane. Learn what first responders do and what residents should do in the event of a storm evacuation or return to the island. Guest speakers include NBC-2 Weather Team's Kristen Kirchhaine, who will discuss the 2016 hurricane season, including the possible effects of the end of El Nino and start of La Nina.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will present How To Secure Your Boat For Rough Weather, and Lee County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit Deputy Tim Babor will talk about derelict vessels, legal definitions and responsibilities for boat owners, as well as removal of boats from state waters. Also, Lee County Emergency Operation Center's Chief of Emergency Management Jim Bjostad will present Respect The Wind, Fear The Surge.

Following the program, hurricane passes for return to Captiva via Sanibel will be available. Residents should bring proof of residency and, if possible, a completed application available at [www.mycaptiva.org](http://www.mycaptiva.org) or [www.mysanibel.org](http://www.mysanibel.org) and at the Captiva Memorial Library, 1150 Chapin Lane. There will be time for questions and answers with the experts. The seminar is free of charge and attendees will have the chance to win raffle prizes.

### Blind Pass Update April 21

On Thursday, April 21, Lee County

will hold an informational meeting about the Blind Pass Inlet Management Plan beginning at 5:30 p.m. at The Sanctuary Golf Club, 2801 Wulfert Road on Sanibel.

Lee County is hosting stakeholder meetings open to the public at project milestones for the Blind Pass Inlet Management Study. A presentation of the study status will be given at the beginning of each meeting, followed by a Q&A session. The April 21 meeting is the first of three planned stakeholder meetings and will be an introduction to the study.

The following topics will be presented:

- Project study objectives and scope
- Review of coastal evolution in the area
- Status of the numerical modeling effort

The study will evaluate options and provide recommendations for the ongoing management of Blind Pass and the adjacent beaches within its area of influence and will consider the collective input of the appropriate federal, state, and local governmental agencies. The study will be developed and utilized collaboratively by Lee County, Captiva Erosion Prevention District and the City of Sanibel with information to assist the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to adopt an Inlet Management Plan for Blind Pass with the support of the affected local governmental entities. State adoption of

an Inlet Management Plan with support of all three local governmental entities is the primary goal of the study.

For additional information, contact Steve Boutelle, Lee County Natural Resources Division, at 533-8128 or [sboutelle@leegov.com](mailto:sboutelle@leegov.com).\*

## American Legion Post 123

On Sunday, April 10, American Legion Post 123 will serve barbecued ribs and chicken all day. Cost is \$12 to \$14. There will be a legion general meeting at 6 p.m.

On Sunday April 17, there will be a fish fry.

Every Tuesday, tacos are served all day and, on Fridays, a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich is on the menu. There are daily specials as well as half-pound burgers. Food is served from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

The Ladies Auxiliary has cookbooks available for a donation of \$15.

If you have an American flag that needs to be retired, drop it off at your convenience.

American Legion Post 123 is located at Mile Marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-9979.\*

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The History Gallery, developed by the Captiva Island Historical Society, features many photos like this. All ages are welcome to step aboard a wooden replica of the old mailboat, Santiva, to capture the spirit of Captiva and learn through graphic and video panels about the events and people that shaped the island. The History Gallery is accessed through the Captiva Memorial Library, located on Chapin Lane in Captiva and open during Library hours. This week's image is The Manor House, built for Clarence B. Chadwick and family in the 1920s. It was located on the beach. Clarence Chadwick purchased property on Captiva soon after he and his wife first visited the island in 1923. He established a key lime plantation, which became a large producer of key limes worldwide. His property was later bought by two men from Connecticut, who turned it into a small fishing camp and called it South Seas Plantation.

photo archives of the Captiva Island Historical Society

## Islands Night Date Announced

The 23rd annual Islands Night, presented by Bailey's General Store, will return to Hammond Stadium at the CenturyLink Sports Complex on Wednesday, June 1 as the Fort Myers Miracle take on the St. Lucie Mets at 7:05 p.m. Pre-game festivities, including the traditional parade around the diamond, begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Miracle will begin their 2016 campaign on Thursday, April 7 when they host the Bradenton Marauders. For more information, visit [www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t509](http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t509).

## Chamber Annual Meeting April 19

The Sanibel Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 in the Sanibel-Captiva Room at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa. A reception will follow in the upstairs Sundial Ballroom.

The meeting is complimentary; however, cost to attend the reception is \$40 per person and there will be a cash bar.

Attendees must register by April 11 at the chamber's website, [www.sanibel-captiva.org](http://www.sanibel-captiva.org), or by calling 472-1966.

## Republican Caucus Features Harrington

Sharon Harrington, Lee County supervisor of elections, will speak to the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus on Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m.

State Representative Ray Rodrigues will speak the following Saturday, April 23, at the same time.

Their talks on Florida elections will be held at the Sanibel Public Library and the public is invited to attend. With elections coming this August and November, the topics should be of wide interest.

Harrington has been supervisor of elections since 2004 and is on the ballot for re-election this August.

Harrington was born in Cleveland, Ohio and came to Fort Myers in 1975.

She attended Edison Community College to study accounting and business administration. She joined the office of Lee County Supervisor of Elections in 1989 as fiscal officer/HR director. She is certified as a Master Florida Election Professional.

For more information, contact Will Smith at 395-0819 or [smi975@yahoo.com](mailto:smi975@yahoo.com).

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Beginning as a beach rental operation, the Stewart family learned first hand why our environment can be called paradise and a natural transition into passenger boats became inevitable. “Miss Paradise” a 40 foot powered catamaran was the first of it’s kind in this area. She could take up to 49 passengers, was shallow drafted, beach-able and built like a tank! She is still running strong today and is the longest, continuous running vessel in our area. Why not Trolleys too?! Custom built, the Fabulous Island Trolleys rolled onto Sanibel in 1994. Between these two trolleys, they have put enough miles on them to have gone all the way to the moon! Life long friendships were formed on Sanibel, the kids began to grow up and went to the Sanibel School, the wiener dog chased lizards and the parrot continued to squawk loudly every morning. By 1996, Port Sanibel Marina would become home to Adventures In Paradise...



Along with the rest of Sanibel's local businesses, Adventures In Paradise muscled through various events such as 9/11, Hurricane Charley, the "great recession", oil spill perceptions, and the coldest winter on record. Each challenge was met with optimism. "All will be well on the Island after the storm passes." In 1996, Port Sanibel Marina became the new "home" to Adventures in Paradise and the Stewart Family. Privileged to participate in the new development at Port Sanibel Marina, the Stewart's met the challenge with excitement. Beginning with only one palm tree, one small building, a few old docks, and the muddiest parking lot ever, Port Sanibel Marina is now fully established and designed with the areas most beautiful dry storage building, LOTS of palms trees and the Lighthouse Waterfront Restaurant. In 2009 the Stewarts created the Adventures In Paradise Outfitters retail-store on Sanibel and it quickly become one of the finest stores in the land. The kids grew into adults, got hitched to some pretty sweet chicks and began to saturate Mama and Papas house with grandkids. The world's williest wiener dog passed and now rests under the coconut palms as the parrot continues to squawk each and every morning. So what for the future of this island family? Adventure? Most certainly. More grandkids? Of course. Spreading more of the island love and respect for our waters? Absolutely

"Thank you Sanibel for being our home for 30 years. Looking forward to the next 60!" -The Stewart Family

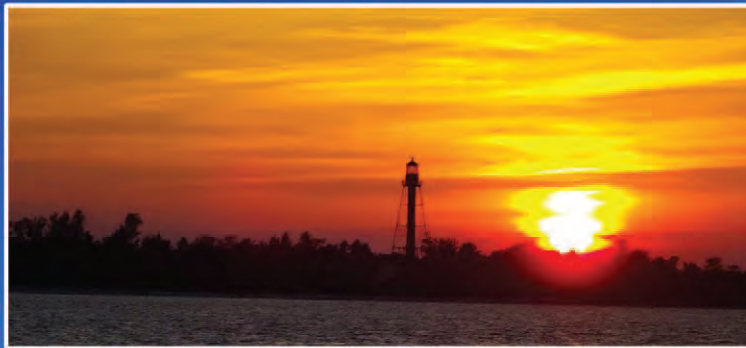
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## Documentary

The last few showings are planned of the documentary film showing the rich history of The Community House featuring never before seen clips of Sanibel and Captiva

from 1927 through present. Donations are appreciated at the door. The next showing is Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Films can be purchased for \$10.

## A Capella Fundraiser

The A Capella Group (TAG) from Cypress Lake High School, Fort Myers, will perform on Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds from this performance – presented by Jewell Family Productions – will go to TAG to help the talented musical group to travel to New York City for the International Champions High School A Capella Finals. Tickets are \$15.

Residents and visitors are welcome. Reserve tickets by emailing [jewellshirley362@gmail.com](mailto:jewellshirley362@gmail.com).



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Sharon Miller



## Release Pain, Fatigue And Stress

Tired from season, over the traffic? Come and chill out at this session on Monday, April 18 at 10 a.m. Dr. Susan Pataky will share natural, simple, gentle and easy techniques to help your body release pain, fatigue and stress. Wear comfy, loose fitting clothes. Workshop is by donation and all proceeds benefit The Community House. Reserve a place by Friday, April 15.

Dr. Pataky has a doctorate in naturopathic medicine and remains dedicated to sharing simple, natural solutions to common issues so many of us experience at some point in our lives. She is also a yoga therapist and a long-time member of International Association of Yoga Therapists and has instructed various body and mind techniques on the islands since 2003.

## Colorful Sips



Little Blue Heron by Sissi Janku

Evening art and wine parties with local artist Sissi Janku are designed to encourage the artist within to complete a masterpiece. Member price is \$45, non-members, \$55. The next class will be held on Wednesday, April 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. No experience is necessary. All materials are provided. Bring your favorite wine and a snack for sharing.

## Annual Meeting



The Sanibel Community Association's annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27 at 6 p.m. Learn the status of the association, and The Community House. Appetizers and beverages will be served after the report.

Call 472-2155 or stop by for reserva-

tions. Ballots will be mailed again this year.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to either the building or operating fund, visit [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net). A donation of \$1,500 pays the electric bill for a month, \$750 pays the garbage bill for a month, \$100 pays the pest control bill for a month.

## Shred Documents

Shred your unneeded documents and papers on Saturday, April 16 between 9 a.m. and noon at The Community House. Bring documents such as bank statements, credit card receipts, old checks and income tax returns. Fee is \$5 for one or two boxes per car. Donations are requested for more than two boxes. All proceeds go to The Community House operating fund.

## Duplicate Bridge

On Tuesday, March 29, there were seven tables in play. The winners were:

### North/South

1. Clara and Terry Terrana
2. Sue Danford and Linda Drasin
3. Joan and Bob Kent

### East/West

1. Mary and Dick Butler
2. Mary Ganske and Carolyn Karch
3. Helen and Jim McCartney

On Thursday, March 31, there were three tables in play. The winners were:

1. Geoffrey Moss and Will Smith
2. Clara and Terry Terrana

There are two ACBL-sanctioned games per week, held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The Tuesday game runs from the beginning of January through the end of April; the Thursday game runs from the beginning of January through the end of March.

For further information, contact Susan Willoughby at 281-3258.

The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way. For more information and reservations, visit [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net) or call 472-2155.\*

## Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Deep Blue* by Randy Wayne White
2. *Accidental PI* by David Watts
3. *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman
4. *Cuba Straits* by Randy Wayne White
5. *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson
6. *Dear Carolina* by Kristy Woodson Harvey
7. *Circling the Sun* by Paula McClain
8. *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney
9. *Junonia* by Kevin Henkes
10. *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout

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# First Fundraiser Staged For PAWS Of Sanibel

photos by Jeff Lysiak



Sheila Rodriguez, Pam Sullivan and Susan Jones



An original mixed media artwork created by Katie Gardenia, one of the live auction items



Jan Egeland, Kathy Boone and Melinda Roy



Billy and Salli Kirkland with Mandy and Steve Greenstein



Fundraiser attendees bid upon dozens of silent auction items at The Community House's North Room



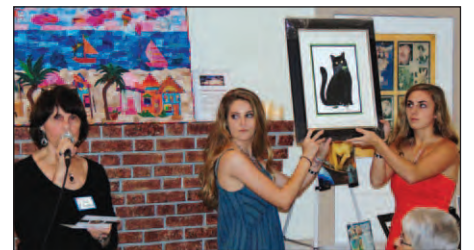
Molly Clements and Pat Middendorf perused the silent auction items available



The inaugural fundraiser for PAWS of Sanibel - dubbed Cocktails, Cat & Dog Tales - was held on March 30 at The Community House. A spirited live auction, emceed by Steve Greenstein, left, and assisted by Jan Egeland, Grace Gourley and Olivia Frejka, helped raise much-needed monies for the nonprofit organization.



Pam Sullivan, right, received a warm reaction to winning one of the live auction items



Jan Egeland, left, described a signed Ikki Matsumoto giclee print, which is displayed by Grace Gourley and Olivia Frejka



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## Council Approves Funding Fireworks



Kevin Ruane is sworn in to his seventh term as Mayor of Sanibel. Also pictured is city paralegal Julie Guernsey, who administered the oath of office, and Ruane's wife Doreen, who held the Bible.

which was seconded by Goss and approved, 5 to 0.

In other business, the council approved appropriating \$20,000 from the city's General Fund to pay for the annual Independence Day fireworks display. Goss requested that the item be pulled from the consent agenda in order to share his objections with his fellow council members.

"I'm not entirely for the city picking up the entire tab," he said, noting his preference for a cost-sharing opportunity with local businesses. Denham sided with Goss, adding that he wondered why Sanibel's policy is for fireworks displays to be permitted only on city-owned property. However, both Harrity and Jim Jennings backed the decision for the city to pay for the fireworks display.

"We call on our business community for so many things," added Harrity. "I'm very much in favor of the city putting this in our budget."

Ruane, who noted that for the past nine years, island businesses have successfully funded the display through sponsorships and private donations, told his fellow councilmen that if action wasn't taken on the item, the July 4th fireworks display might be put in jeopardy. He then made a motion to approve the item, which passed 4 to 1, with Goss dissenting.

Also, the council approved appropriating \$25,000 from the city's Transportation Fund for the purchase of four temporary/removable speed bumps and related signage that will be installed along Sand Castle Road. The request to advance into Tier II of Johnson Engineering's traffic management plan for The Dunes subdivision came from The Dunes homeowners association's board of directors.

Denham asked Public Works Director Keith Williams if traffic through the subdivision had been calmed and incidents of speeding reduced. Williams responded that data from Tier I of The Dunes traffic management plan was still being collected. Denham then noted his preference to waiting for that data to be



City paralegal Julie Guernsey, left, administers the oath of office to Vice Mayor Mick Denham, right, as city clerk Pamela Smith holds the Bible



Mayor Kevin Ruane read a proclamation in recognition of Sanibel Beauty Salon being in business for 65 years as businessowner MaryAnne Banta - pictured with her husband, Joe - look on during Tuesday's city council meeting

received and disseminated before moving into Tier II.

After hearing from Chief Danny Duncan of the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District and Chief Bill Tomlinson of the Sanibel Police Department, Bob Lindman of The Dunes' Traffic Committee told the council that his top priority was safety.

"I think we're all concerned with traffic," said Lindman. "But for us who live in The Dunes, safety is a top concern."

According to Lindman, since The Dunes traffic management plan was implemented 14 months ago, there have been 466 radar stops conducted by the police, with 201 citations issued.

"I would say that there has been an improvement, but there is a particular group of people who race through The Dunes (every day)," he added.

After some more debate, Ruane requested that the council approve moving into Tier II for one year, a motion which was seconded by Harrity. The motion passed, 4 to 1, with Goss dissenting.

Other discussion items included:

- A request by Local Roots, LLC, operators of the Sanibel Island Farmer's Market, to extend its season schedule by one month was approved. The market, open on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., will now run through May 31.

• Councilors approved an agreement between the city and Infinite Construction, LLC in the amount of \$154,900 for the 2016 Fishing Pier Repair Project as well as \$98,536.25 for the 2016 Lighthouse Beach Park Boardwalk Replacement (from the main roadway to the Emergency Access Trail).

• Discussion on the Civic and Cultural Core master plan cost estimates was continued to the May 3 meeting. Ruane also requested that the proposed financing plan be vetted properly, asking that the city manager arrange a meeting with the city's finance director prior to next month's council session.✪



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## Temple Bat Yam To Hold Seder For Passover

Every spring, Jews around the  
world celebrate the Passover  
holiday to commemorate the  
liberation of the ancient Israelites from  
Egyptian slavery. The story is described  
in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) in  
the Book of Exodus. Passover is also a  
spring harvest festival.

The name of the holiday derives  
from the last of the ten plagues inflicted  
to convince the Egyptian pharaoh to let  
the Israelite slaves go from Egypt. The  
doorposts of the Israelites were specially  
marked so that the Angel of Death  
would know to "Pass Over" the Jewish  
households.

When the Egyptian pharaoh finally  
freed the Israelites, it is said that they  
left in such a hurry that they could not  
wait for the bread dough to rise (leaven).  
Therefore, the tradition has continued  
so that for the duration of the Passover  
holiday, matzo, a flat unleavened bread,  
is eaten.

The highlight of Passover is the  
Seder meal that includes matzo, bitter  
herbs as a taste of the bitter slavery in  
Egypt, wine and the recitation of the  
Haggadah, a text that recounts the  
story of the Exodus so that no one  
forgets the harshness of slavery and the  
joy of freedom.

Temple Bat Yam will have its  
Passover Seder this year on the first  
night of the holiday, on Friday, April 22  
at 6 p.m. at The Community House,  
2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Rabbi  
Myra Soifer will lead the Seder and will  
weave elements of the Friday evening  
Shabbat service into the Seder.

The Seder will be a catered dinner  
including all the favorite traditional  
Passover foods, supplemented by dishes  
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the Seder plates will be provided.

To make reservations for yourself,  
family and guests, contact event  
coordinators Miriam Bailey at 489-  
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Arnoff at 472-8809 or AnnofSanibel@  
aol.com for further information,  
including the cost. Tables will seat up  
to eight or nine people. Please indicate  
the number of people in your party and  
any seating requests. The deadline for  
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## Local Teens To Perform At Starry Starry Night Talent Show April 10

Sanibel Community Church's annual Starry Starry Night – Night of the Stars Talent Show is set for Sunday, April 10 at 5 p.m. It will feature talent from Sanibel residents of all ages showing off their skills. Refreshments will follow.

This night will also be a way to learn about the church's youth ministry. The teens have several ministry opportunities planned for this summer. The middle school students will be attending BigStuf camp in Panama City Beach and the high schoolers will be participating in a large national youth conference called LIFE in Kansas City, Missouri.

Those interested in performing may contact Kevin Schafer, youth pastor, at 472-2684. The church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way, next to Jerry's Market. All are welcome.

For more information, call the church office at 472-2684 or email Schafer at kevin@sanibelchurch.com.✳



A local boy band



Church teens leading worship

## Marvelous Mondays Courses

Marvelous Mondays at Sanibel Community Church begin at 6 p.m. with a "bring and share covered dish" supper in the Fellowship Hall, followed by singing songs of praise.

Afterwards, three Christian educational courses are offered for people to choose from.

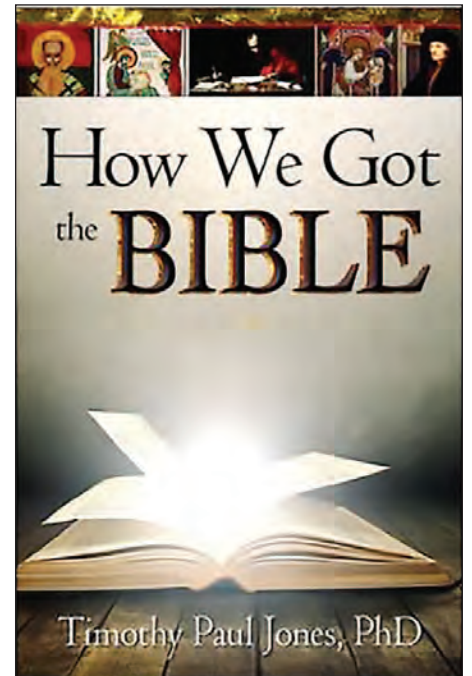
Ric Adams will be teaching about how Christ is seen in the Jewish festivals.

Worship leaders Lee DePuy, Brad Livermon and Kurt Schulte will be teaming up to facilitate a video course entitled, Gospel Shaped Worship.

Senior Pastor Dr. Daryl Donovan will facilitate an interactive video-discussion course on How We Got The Bible.

Each course runs for six weeks on six consecutive Monday evenings April 11 through May 16. All courses are free and all are welcome to participate.

Sanibel Community Church is a non-denominational Evangelical congregation serving Sanibel Island for over 100 years. The church campus is



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# SanCap Cares Hitches Their Red Wagon To A Star

The annual SanCap Cares Island Celebration was held Sunday evening at The Sanctuary Golf Club. Over 300 members of the Sanibel and Captiva communities joined together to raise over \$800,000 for the new Golisano Children's Hospital.

Having completed its \$10 million Capital Campaign pledge last year, and with the new building nearing completion, the group's priority has now moved to outfitting the new facility with state-of-the-art equipment and programs.

Dr. Brett Shannon, the evening's emcee, captivated his audience by sitting in a rocking chair and telling the story of how SanCap Cares got its start: 16 years ago, when a Sanibel infant became suddenly and desperately ill, a small group of neighbors banded together to purchase a rocking chair for mom and baby to use in the hospital. The first event was held that year, and to date, a total of over \$13 million has been raised.

This year's theme was "Hitch Your



**2016 SanCap Cares Committee**

Wagon to a Star," using old-fashioned Radio Flyer wagons to symbolize both a childhood memory, and the name of the new fund which will support special needs at the hospital. Art and Linda Cleary drove up to The Sanctuary in an oversized Radio Flyer wagon, built on a truck chassis. Parked at the entrance, it provided a wonderful photo backdrop for the evening.

Co-chairs Paula Bentinck Smith, Amanda Cross and Sue Peltzman began the evening by thanking everyone and answering the question, "Where do we go from here?" They explained that, going forward, the focus of SanCap Cares would be twofold: first, to help purchase state-of-the-art equipment needed to outfit the new building, and second, to inaugurate the Little Red Wagon fund that will provide ongoing

support for items and programs that do not fit in the hospital's budget.

The spotlight then fell on the evening's surprise emcee, Auctioneer Extraordinaire Marty Harity – dressed up as a little boy with bright colored socks, suspenders and a beanie cap – who proceeded to raise \$200,000 to purchase special, split screen monitors needed in the NICU, and then worked his magic for an additional \$75,000 to initiate the new, Little Red Wagon Fund.

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company was the event's Master Sponsor, as they have been for the last 13 years. The evening represented that which is so special about Sanibel and Captiva: Neighbors getting together in support of a cause that will benefit the entire community.

For more information visit [www.SanCapCares.org](http://www.SanCapCares.org) or contact Amanda Cross at 472-2082 or [SanibelCaptivaCares@gmail.com](mailto:SanibelCaptivaCares@gmail.com).✪



**Diana Day, chair of the "Give to Give" committee with auction items**



**Pat O'Daniel with his winning red wagon**



**Antonette McDonald with Paige Babcock**



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**Heather Corbin, Linda Mondelli, Brenda Harity, Diane Kimes, Mary Greenberg, Elaine Adler, Becky Kaplan, and Susie Holly, members of the founding Sanibel Cares Committee, 2001**



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Dick and Mary Butler, David and Loretta Leatherwood watching Yemisi Oloruntola-Coates, manager of LMHS Diversity and Language Services, demonstrate the Video Remote Interpreting System



Amanda Cross, SanCap Cares co-chair with David and Ellen Raisbeck



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Steve and Sue Peltzman, SanCap Cares co-chair



Paula Bentinck-Smith, SanCap Cares co-chair



Toni Shannon, Sanibel Cares 2001 co-chair with Dr. Brett Shannon, evening's emcee



Randy and Charlotte Hockensmith with the ever-entertaining Marty Harrity



Marty and Brenda Harrity, honorary chairs



Diane Silhavy, chair of the decorating committee doing her magic for the event



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## CROW Establishes Endowment Fund

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) announced that Roberta and Philip Puschel have provided the inaugural gift to launch the newly created Endowment Fund.

Totaling \$100,000, the lead gift provides a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding that will support CROW's mission, forever. That mission advances the "one world, one health" concept as CROW builds a better world for wildlife through care, collaboration and education.

In making the gift, Roberta Puschel remarked "Because we share the island with a wonderful abundance of wildlife, we feel an obligation to heal the sick and injured in order to return them to their homes."

The Puschels have participated in CROW activities since 2000 as volunteers, members, on the Board of Directors, in events and as supporters

of the capital campaign.

CROW leadership recently formalized an Endowment Committee, creating a permanent, independent body to oversee the Fund. "Endowment funds provide a stable, predictable source of income for nonprofit organizations and are a testament to the organization's plan to sustain its future. These funds are managed and, like a community savings account, this permanent pool of assets generates income and grows over time," said board president Melissa Congress, when making the announcement at the annual membership meeting.

Congress thanked the Puschels for their strategic, long-term view and added that the Board "looks forward to growing this endowment to enable our continued support of programs that are making a lasting impact."

Income from this endowment will supplement funds that are raised annually to ensure continuous service delivery of environmental education and patient care.\*

## OBITUARY



### PAUL JOSEPH EMILIUS

Paul Joseph Emilius, 86, passed away on Sunday, April 3 at his home in Sparta, New Jersey, surrounded by his loving family. Paul was born in Manhattan, New York in 1930, raised in Yonkers New York and spent his family life in West Milford, New Jersey and Sanibel Island

He was married to Joan Brennan Emilius of Yonkers for 62 years. As a young man he was a squire in the Knights of Columbus and later served many years as a Knight of Columbus. He was an active leader in the community and applied his knowledge and experience to many charitable organizations.

Paul served in the Korean War as an army reservist in the 332nd Engineer Aviation Battalion.

His entrepreneurial spirit led him to open Emilius Associates in Oak Ridge New Jersey in 1960 and under his leadership the firm expanded to become Geod Companies, a network of companies providing land surveying and photogrammetry services with offices in New Jersey and Massachusetts. Paul took great pride in the achievements of the notable projects his company provided Land Surveys for, including the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, Manhattan Bridge, World Trade Center site and most major highways through New Jersey and New York as well as project sites in Africa, Caribbean Islands and Spain.

He was dedicated to his family, church and community. He leaves behind his beloved wife Joan and their seven children, Paul, Sharon, John, Chris, Lauren, Allison and Eric and their spouses, Mary Emilius, Danny Abbott, Maureen Emilius, Janet Emilius, Bill Poulakis and Julie Emilius. He leaves 16 grandchildren, Noel, Casey, Heather, Ashley, Jimmy, Jack, Joey, Luke, Georgia, Paul, Alisha, Alexis, Randy, Taylor, Sammy, Ethin and Breena. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all. Paul was predeceased by his mother Helen and sister Margaret.

A memorial gathering will be held Wednesday at Goble Funeral Home, 22 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey, from 4 to 8 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. celebration of life service.

The family asks that Paul be remembered by doing good deeds and cherishing your loved ones, as he did in life.\*

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Plant Smart

# Purple Trumpet Tree

by Gerri Reaves

After its leaves drop in winter, the purple trumpet (*Tabebuia impetiginosa*) erupts in a shower of funnel-shaped blossoms that last for several weeks.

You might be familiar with the tree's more common relative, the yellow tabebuia tree – or “tabe” – that also brightens up the South Florida spring.

These ornamental trees are natives of Central and South America, members of the begonia family, and a relative of jacaranda and flame vine.

Purple trumpet is also known as tabebuia ipe for short and as pink tabebuia. Flower colors range from rosy pink to lavender to purple and are variegated with yellow in the throat. They appear in panicles at the branch ends.

Despite being semi-deciduous, it makes a good shade tree when it leafs out for the hotter months. Another advantage – it flowers at a young age.

This slow-growing tree reaches about 25 feet in height with a rounded form, an open canopy, and a smooth gray trunk that can become fissured with age.

The dark-green palmate leaves have five to seven oval or oblong serrated leaflets.

The elongated dry seed pods are up to a foot long.

Purple trumpet needs well-drained



Non-native purple trumpet is a relative of another popular ornamental tree, yellow tabebuia photo by Gerri Reaves

soil in a sunny location. It can grow well in sandy soil, but requires some organic material.

Until it's established, it needs plenty of moisture, after which it will be drought tolerant.

If benefit to wildlife is a factor in choosing trees for you yard, consider adding native flowering trees to you landscape, too.

Geiger tree (*Cordia sebestena*), lignum vitae (*Guaiacum sanctum*), and sweetbay

magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*), for example, not only provide lovely flowers, but benefit for wildlife, too.

Sources: *Florida Gardener's Guide* by Tom MacCubbin and Georgia B. Tasker, *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan, *Flowering Trees of Florida* by Mark K. Stebbins, ifas.ufl.edu, and south-florida-plant-guide.com.

*Plant Smart* explores the diverse flora of South Florida.\*

# 'Ding' Film Series Season Concludes

The documentary film *Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?* completes the fourth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium on April 13 at 2:30 p.m.

*Bag It* begins its mission with the ill effects of plastic bags, then evolves into a wholesale investigation into plastic and its effect on waterways, oceans, wildlife and our own bodies. It connects the dots between plastic and around 100,000 marine animal deaths each year, plus human disease from male infertility to diabetes.

The multi-award-winning, 65-minute documentary reveals just how plastic crazy we really are and how we can change the pattern.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free eight-film, biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).\*



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Reservations are required. Cost is \$10 per person. Call 472-2329 to sign up or ask for Dee Serage-Century for more information.

Call SCCF at 472-2329 for more information. The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.\*

**Lighthouse Bird Walk**

The group will be looking for migrating warblers and other songbirds on the next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk. Meet at the Lighthouse in the fishing pier parking lot at 8 a.m. on Saturday April 9.

Non-resident parking is \$4 per hour. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. A suggested donation is \$2. For more information, call Hugh Verry at 395-3798.\*



Prothonotary warbler

photo by Fance Paulsen

**League Meeting Features Past State President**

The annual meeting of the League of Women Voters-Sanibel will be held at the Sundial Beach Resort on Thursday, April 21. Featured speaker for the event is Deirdre Macnab, immediate past president of the League of Women Voters of Florida and current chair of the League's Natural Resources Advocacy program. After three terms guiding the League's successful efforts to pass constitutional amendments dealing with reapportionment and conservation, as well as several court victories involving the protection of voting rights, she is presently focused on solar energy. She is quoted as being determined to make the 'Sunshine State' the leader in solar energy "one rooftop at a time." Among the many awards she has received, Florida Audubon recognized her as their Woman Conservationist of the Year last year.



Deirdre Macnab

Check-in for the Sanibel League meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon followed by the program at 12:30 p.m. The luncheon cost is \$25 and reservations may be made by calling Ellen Strobel at 395-2969 or mailing a check to P.O.Box 1194, Sanibel. The reservation deadline is Monday, April 18. Interested parties who would just like to hear the presentation should arrive by 12:30 p.m.\*



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Judy McCormack and her son receiving the Lloyd Wright Philanthropy award from Paul McCarthy on behalf of the late John Boler

## Change Of Watch Ball

Captiva Island Yacht Club celebrated its Change of Watch on March 19. Each year club members thank the outgoing commodore and welcome in a new commodore.

Paul McCarthy was awarded his three silver star pin as past commodore and

120 members celebrated his year in office. The new flag officers, Joe Mondelli, commodore; Phil Dressel, vice commodore; and Cindy Brown, rear commodore, were welcomed aboard.

During this year's celebration, the late John Boler became the first recipient of the Lloyd Wright Philanthropy Award to celebrate his support of many organizations on the island. His daughter Judy McCormack was present to accept the award.✪

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## Fishing Club Monthly Meeting

submitted by Charles Sobczak

On Tuesday, April 12, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will hold its seasonal monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the north room of The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

There is no admission charge and the angling public is cordially invited to attend. Pizza and refreshments will be available at a nominal charge.

This month's featured speaker is former Lee County Commissioner and water quality advocate Ray Judah. He served as a commissioner for 24 years before losing to Larry Kiker. Since that time Judah has been involved with several conservation organizations fighting for clean water in Lee County and throughout Florida. These include the Florida Coastal & Ocean Coalition and Riverwatch. Judah, who has a bachelor's degree in zoology and a master's degree in natural resources, has always presented himself as an environmentalist.

He will be giving a PowerPoint presentation on the current status of the damaging water releases coming out of Lake Okeechobee and the impact these releases are having on local businesses and tourism. Judah has several ideas on how to solve these pressing issues and will offer an extended question and answer period directly following his presentation.



Ray Judah speaking on water quality

Because water quality issues are so important to local anglers, this is a meeting everyone concerned about the future of back-bay angling should plan to attend.

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly through season and sponsors several group outings as well as lending support for various fishing-related charities and organizations such as START, Lee Reefs and the Sanibel Sea School. For information on joining the club, contact Warren Tiegen at 579-0354 or attend our next meeting.

To learn more about the club and to view our fishing photos or explore our fish recipe section, go to [www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com](http://www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com).

For additional information call 850-0710.\*

## City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee Native Plant Tours



Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*)

Would you like to attract birds and butterflies to your property? The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee is offering guided native vegetation and landscaping tours of city hall grounds, planted exclusively with native plants. Tours are at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 13 and Saturday, April 23.

Attendees walk the grounds for ideas on planting native vegetation that requires no fertilizer and see how to plant a garden that reseeds itself with very little maintenance, is good for the environment and will attract birds and butterflies.

Vegetation committee members will provide information on proper planting

and care of native vegetation. The City of Sanibel encourages planting of vegetation that is indigenous to the area as it requires very little maintenance, no fertilizer and no supplemental irrigation.


Registration is not required. Attendees meet at the main entrance to city hall, 800 Dunlop Road, in front of the main staircase.

For more information, call 472-3700.

The natural resources department section of the city's website, [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com), offers information and photos of native plants, a listing of licensed contractors, Sanibel's vegetation standards and codes, and the Environmental Reference Handbook prepared by the vegetation committee.\*

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### Bobcat Tales — April 13

Bobcats seem to be flourishing through most of their North American range. While other wild feline species are in trouble, bobcats seem to be flourishing through most of their North American range and this adaptable feline's ability to survive close to humans is one of the reasons for its success. Rats and mice can make up to 40% of the bobcat's diet.

*Wednesday, April 13 at 10 a.m. \$5 adults.*

### Pick Blueberries in LaBelle — April 12

Carpool to Patty's U-Pick Blueberry Patch in LaBelle to hand pick your blueberries and learn about blueberry bees. Lunch in LaBelle and then visit the Curtis family's honey shop. *Tuesday, April 12. Reservations are required. \$10. Call 472-2329.*





### Snowy Plovers — April 14

Have you ever wondered about the staked nests on the beach or the families of birds with tiny chicks running around? Join us to learn more about the Snowy Plover. *Thursday, April 14 at 1 p.m. \$5 adults.*

### Tides, Currents & the Florida Shelf - Apr. 15

Why do the islands sometimes have just one tide a day? What is the Florida Shelf, where is it and why is it important? Learn how water behaves as the earth spins, the moon orbits and the winds blow. *Friday, April 15 at 1 p.m. \$5 adults*



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# Cassani Shares Need For Citizen Voices, Votes For Good Water Quality

submitted by Mike Gillespie, Committee of the Islands

Science isn't enough. We need active citizen participation if we want to reverse the effects of poor water quality and maintain a healthy estuary and watershed.

This was the main message delivered by water expert John Cassani, who addressed water quality challenges at the recent annual meeting of Committee of the Islands.

Sanibel's estuary, Cassani said, is at risk today from a combination of rampant development and poor management of water in our more than 1,000-square-mile watershed area.

Water being released from Lake Okeechobee by regulators after heavy rains is laden with nutrients, suspended solids and tannins. The nutrients stimulate abnormal algae blooms, some of which – like blue green algae – contain toxins, including neurotoxins.

### What Can Be Done?

The effect on beneficial sea grass can be devastating. The algae can actually coat and impede the growth of sea grasses like tape grass. Moreover, the suspended solids and tannins darken the water so that light does not permeate sufficiently to stimulate photosynthesis. The result is



John Cassani

that sea grass which provides both food and cover for a variety of marine life dies out.

During dry season, a different set of problems occurs. Sea grasses which normally prefer fresh water but tolerate some salt are exposed to excessive amounts of salt water as fresh water flows from the lake are curtailed. As a result, both they and the marine life which depend on them are placed at risk.

### Slow Progress Toward Water Storage Capacity

To address this, regulators are making slow progress toward developing storage capacity for fresh water during rainy season for eventual release during dry season. An example is the C-43 reservoir which, when it is completed in about 10 years, will still only provide about 38 percent of the fresh water storage that would be optimal. But it's a step in the right direction.

The state legislature during the recently concluded session passed a water bill which contains some worthwhile provisions. However, it also contains loopholes which will make meaningful regulation of runoff water difficult by prohibiting regulation of industry best practices and exempting some releases from scrutiny if they emanate from a pipe diameter of eight inches.

### A Perfect Storm

Looming down the road are the elements of what Cassani described as a perfect storm – namely explosive development in Florida and climate change.

He concluded by emphasizing that the protection of our estuarine water will not come about solely by adopting good science. Science is essential, but science alone rarely carries the day. What is needed – and what Sanibel and its city government demonstrate more than most other communities in Southwest Florida – is the willingness of citizens to become involved both with their voices and their votes.

COTI invites your input on this and other issues affecting our island. Send an email to [coti@coti.org](mailto:coti@coti.org). To read our past commentaries on island issues, visit [www.coti.org](http://www.coti.org) or visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook.\*

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submitted by Maureen Tesoro,  
Sanibel Public Library

The Sanibel Public Library Foundation, Inc., hosted a sold-out fundraising luncheon with critically acclaimed author Paula McLain at The Sanctuary Golf Club on March 11.

Paula McLain is the author of the *New York Times* and internationally bestselling novel, *The Paris Wife*, which captures the life of Hadley Richardson, spurned first wife of novelist Ernest Hemingway. Her *Circling the Sun* focuses on the life of Beryl Markham, the first woman to fly across the Atlantic from east to west. At the luncheon, McLain talked about her childhood, her writing process, and how she felt a real connection to both subjects of her bestsellers.



Jan Egeland and Paula McLain

This was the fifth annual Lunch with the Author event, which directly supports the work of the Sanibel Public Library Foundation. The presenting sponsor for the luncheon was Uhler and Vertich Financial Planners. Silver Sponsors were Linda and Wayne Boyd, Dolores and Jack Clarke, Gwenda Hielt-Clements, Linda Estep,



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To add your name to the mailing list for future luncheon events, call 214-0088 or email [authorluncheon@comcast.net](mailto:authorluncheon@comcast.net).

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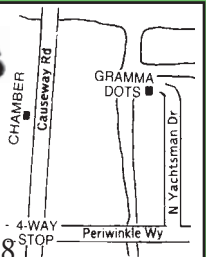


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**CROW Case Of The Week:**

# Gopher Tortoise

by Bob Petcher



**T**he gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) is a long-lived reptile that dines on grasses and herbs and occasional fruits and berries. Listed as threatened

in Florida, it is protected under state law. For example, before any land development or even clearing takes place, gopher tortoises must be relocated and property owners must obtain permits from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission to capture and relocate them.

Gopher tortoises reside in forests, pastures and yards or well-drained sandy areas with little tree canopy and much low-growing vegetation, such as sand hills, pine or scrubby flat woods, dry prairies, pine-mixed hardwoods and coastal dunes.

Gopher tortoises dig deep burrows for shelter with their shovel-like forelimbs and claws. Interestingly, these homey burrows are shared with more than 350 other species, which may include eastern diamondback rattlesnakes, opossums, rabbits, gopher frogs, burrowing owls and Florida mice. Their forelegs are complemented

by their stumpy, elephant-like hind legs and feet.

It is the latter limbs that CROW is caring for in an adult gopher tortoise that was found on the side of the road in Lehigh Acres on Friday, March 25. The patient was found not moving due to injuries in its hind legs.

Upon initial treatment, CROW medical officials noticed the tortoise was dragging both rear legs when attempting to walk. There were slight abrasions on its knees from the friction with the ground. The left leg appeared to be in more use than the right, although the movement didn't keep it from dragging its lower extremity. Neurological damage to the spine was diagnosed.

Further treatment determined the tortoise had "feeling" in its hind limbs, but it still refused to use them for walking. That is when it was decided to add wheels to the lower torso area to assist with mobility and to help it regain strength. In fact, the tortoise has utilized the wheels effectively while grazing outdoors.

"It is common practice to use wheels to assist with mobility," said Krystal Wood, CROW's doctor of veterinary medicine intern. "The wheels will be



**Patient #16-816 has begun to move without its assistance wheels for part of the day**

used to increase strength and will gradually be removed once mobility is restored. The goal is to get the tortoise to use the wheels less and less to increase its strength in the hind legs."

Within a week of its stay, the patient has experienced increased mobility in its hind legs, Wood says, and the wheels are removed for part of the day to aid in the strength-building process.

The gopher tortoise's release date is still pending. Due to the nerve injury, the expected return to its native

area will depend on how the patient responds and how quickly its hind legs regain proper strength.

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# Another Windy April



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**A**pril is always a notoriously windy month for anglers and this already proved true within the first few days of the month with gusty south winds up to 30 mph. As a fishing

guide/captain, you have those days when you have to make the call that it's just too rough to go fishing. When you weigh your options and realize that you just can't do it without a beating and soaking from Mother Nature, stay home.

A few days this week, I left the marina bright and early and, after getting to the open exposed water of the sound, simply turned around having to make that phone call both captain and client never enjoy: "Sorry sir, I won't be taking your money today, it's just too rough to go." Most wind directions

on Pine Island Sound still make it possible to get tucked away and fish somewhere in comfort. Strong south winds, on the other hand, offer anglers very few places to hide and make it just about impossible.

On the days I was able to get out and fish this week, the fishing was excellent with snook, redfish and trout all feeding well. Live shiners, which still remained hard to get some days, were the bait of choice for the snook while redfish would just as quickly eat a live pinfish. If you planned on catching trout after trout, live shrimp or even soft plastic jigs were all you needed. During the periods of southerly winds, I concentrated my efforts on south facing mangrove shorelines and did really well on all three species. Being able to set up way out from the target area and make wind-aided long casts was the key to hooking some of



Frank Edwardi from New Jersey with a top-of-the-slot redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

the larger snook we have done battle with in months.

Trout fishing has been some of the best I have seen in years, with reports of non-stop action coming from all over the sound. A popping cork live shrimp rig was hard to beat, although soft plastic jigs caught plenty too. Fish depths were from three to five feet on the eastern side of the sound from Chino Island all the way north to Flamingo Bay channel. I'm sure these trout are going off all through the sound. I just have not had to go very far to get it done. Once the bite slows a little, it's just been a matter of moving 50 to 100 yards and it's right back on again. Lots

of these trout are just less than the 15-inch minimum size but there are keepers in the mix too, along with Spanish mackerel, jacks, ladyfish and even a few bluefish. This is some awesome family fishing fun that lets anglers of all skill levels catch lots of fish.

Pine Island Sound manatee slow speed zones went back into effect April 1 or just in time to take away most of the places you might be able to hide and fish from April's windy conditions. This past week, there was a story on the national news about how people are fighting to not have the now over 6,000 manatees in Florida taken off the endangered species list. Manatee population recovery in Florida is an incredible thing, though it has little if anything to do with poorly placed, money-making, manatee slow speed zones. The fact that people who have no idea where Pine Island Sound is have so much to say about what happens out on our waters drives me nuts. Manatee slow speed zones are just a band-aid to hide the mass killer of manatee, red tide caused by nutrient rich run-off from lakes and rivers.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions email [captmattmitchell@aol.com](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).✪

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Among the Indian tools made from shells were a knife, dagger, needle, spearhead and spoon



Patty Wettstein points to a display of rope-like materials made by the Calusa Indians out of natural materials, including Spanish moss, saw palmetto, cabbage palm and yucca



Patty Wettstein holds a replica of the Marco Cat carving



Following the historical lecture, refuge visitors took a stroll along the Calusa Shell Mound Trail

## Refuge Offers Calusa Shell Mound Trail Tour

by Jeff Lysiak

On Wednesday, March 23, one of the most popular, fun and informative seasonal programs offered at the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, a presentation on the history of the Calusa Indians – including details of their everyday lives, the tools they used during the pinnacle of their dynasty and the reason for their ultimate downfall from western civilization – featured a walk along a shell mound trail on Sanibel.

Led by naturalist and “Ding” Darling Refuge volunteer Patty Wettstein, a group of visitors gathered at the head of the Calusa Shell Mound Trail, located near the exit of Wildlife Drive, to learn more about the people whose popula-

tions once numbered more than 20,000 throughout Southwest Florida.

The Calusa, at the time of European contact – around 1500 AD – occupied between 50 and 60 camps (“towns”) across the region. They were ruled by kings, led into battle by war captains and directed spiritually by a head priest. Inferior tribes would pay tribute to the paramount chief, usually in the form of gifts, such as a wife.

“They were very fierce and very powerful people,” said Wettstein during her 30-minute presentation.

Shell mounds, also referred to as “middens,” were constructed throughout the Calusa camps. When the chief decided that the midden was high enough, a massive structure was built for the prominent members of the tribe to inhabit. When that structure was damaged or grew old, the chief would also decide whether to add more layers of shell to the midden before a new structure was built.

Wettstein also showed off several dis-

plays of replica Calusa artifacts – many of which were made from mollusk shells or from animal bones, skins, hair or shell – including a knife, dagger, shuttle, plane spearhead and spoon. A second display contained rope-like materials made by the Indians out of natural materials, including Spanish moss, saw palmetto, cabbage palm and yucca.

The Calusa thrived throughout the area – including Sanibel locations identified as the Wightman and Kesson sites – because of the abundance of natural resources available. Using seine nets to fish in local estuaries, these people had a “supermarket” of marine life to supplement their diets.

“They were exceptional hunters, gatherers and fishermen,” said Wettstein. “They utilized what was available in the environment.”

In addition, Wettstein displayed a number of books and photographs depicting Calusa artifacts unearthed by early European explorers and, eventually, American settlers of Southwest Florida. Images of dugout canoes, masks and – the most significant find of all time – the Marco Cat, excavated by Frank Hamilton

Cushing in 1896. She also showed off a replica of the artifact; the original is housed in the Smithsonian Institution’s Department of Anthropology.

Other areas inhabited by the Calusa included Useppa Island, Pineland, Buck Key and Estero Island.

The refuge’s Calusa Shell Mound Trail, a 1/3-mile long stretch along a boardwalk through a dense hardwood hammock, offers a casual and shady stroll. Along the way, visitors will see evidence of the Calusa’s presence via shell mounds, some interpretive signage and a nine-panel information sign located next to the parking lot.

“Excavations at the adjacent Wightman site show that the bulk of their diet was oysters and shellfish,” one panel at the site reads. “The Calusa ate clams, mollusks, turtles, birds and land mammals such as raccoons, opossums and deer. Fish – including killifish, sardines, catfish, grouper, snook, jack, black and red drum, and shark – provided most of the protein in their diet. The Calusa caught most of their fish with nets, but they also used traps, spears, throat gorges and hooks.”

Following Wettstein’s lecture, several of the visitors walked along the Calusa Shell Mound Trail, pointing out warblers, wrens and other bird species who frequent the canopy of the refuge forest. ✨

# CROW Calendar Of Events

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) has specialty programs available for residents and visitors. Meet the staff and learn what it takes to rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife in Southwest Florida.

For reservations, contact Rachel Rainbolt at [rrainbolt@crowclinic.org](mailto:rrainbolt@crowclinic.org) or 472-3644 ext. 229 to register. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed weekends. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

**Friday, April 8, 11 a.m.**, adults \$7 teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Why Animals Come to CROW.

Whether animals are sick, injured, or orphaned, CROW aims to lead in their recovery. From fishing line entanglement to abducted babies, this presentation will address the most likely reasons patients are admitted to the hospital.

**Friday, April 8, 2 to 3:30 p.m.**, \$20 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff.

Wildlife walks are the best opportunity for visitors to get an in-depth look into the inner workings of the hospital and the treatment process. The program has two parts: an introductory presentation covering medical and rehabilitation methods and then a guided tour through treatment areas of the hospital, concluding on rehabilitation grounds. Wildlife Walks are approximately 1.5 hours: a 45-minute presentation with a 45-minute tour. This program is open to all, but it is not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity following the tour with an animal ambassador.

**Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.**, adults \$7 teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Baby Care at CROW, presented by a CROW volunteer.

Wildlife parents are devoted to the care of their young and rarely abandon them, and juveniles found “abandoned” might actually be in a natural stage of development. Those needing assistance are placed in a specialized wing of the wildlife hospital and are provided supportive care around the clock until they are old enough to care for themselves.

**Saturday, April 9, 2 p.m.**, adults \$7 teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wild About Rehabilitation, presented by CROW staff.

After a patient stabilizes in the hospital, CROW’s rehabilitation staff provides them with a combination of balanced diet, husbandry and physical therapy. This supportive care is necessary to ensure success during the final step in the rehabilitation process.

**Monday, April 11, 11 a.m.**, adults \$7 teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wild About Rehabilitation, presented by CROW staff.

**Monday, April 11, 2 p.m.**, adults \$7 teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – CROW Case of the Week, presented by a CROW student.

CROW’s teaching hospital offers externship, fellowship and internship opportunities for natural science and veterinary medicine students. While on site, students learn the ins and outs of conservation medicine and wildlife rehabilitation, and share their favorite patient stories.

**Tuesday, April 12 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.**, adults \$7 teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wild About Rehabilitation, presented by CROW staff.

**Tuesday, April 12, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.**, adults \$7 teens \$5, 12 and under no charge, advance registration required – Speaker Series: Seashells of Southwest Florida with guest speaker Dr. José H. Leal, science director and curator at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum.

This presentation explores the more charismatic and “story-telling” aspects of the mollusks present in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico and nearby bays, and along the coasts of the paradisiac barrier islands.

**Wednesday, April 13, 11 a.m.**, adults \$7 teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wildlife Rescue 101, presented by a CROW volunteer. Live animal encounter following the presentation.

**Wednesday, April 13, 2 to 3:30 p.m.**, \$20 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff.

Wildlife Walks are approximately 1.5 hours: a 45-minute presentation with a 45-minute tour. This program is open to all, but it is not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity following the tour with an animal ambassador.

**Thursday, April 14, 11 a.m.**, adults \$7 teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises, presented by a CROW volunteer.

The life of a gopher tortoise revolves around its burrow. These tortoises are found digging from southern Georgia to southeast Florida. Because of its contributions to the ecosystem, it is classified as a “keystone species.” CROW’s presenter explains why they are admitted and how the medical staff treats this species.

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Shell Of The Week

# Saw-Tooth Pen Shell



by José H. Leal, PhD, The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum Science Director & Curator

The saw-tooth pen shell, *Atrina serrata* (G.B. Sowerby I, 1825), is one of three

species of pen shells regularly found strewn on our beaches, particularly after winter storms or following environmental disturbances. Its shell is similar to the stiff pen shell, *Atrina rigida*, but is thinner, showing lighter color. It also differs by the finer, smaller scale-like projections regularly deployed along about 30 radial ribs. This is the most distinctive of the three local species of pen shells in the genus *Atrina*. The photo on right shows a saw-tooth pen shell in the shell museum's "Live Tank." The bivalve is lying on its side (in nature it would assume a vertical position, half-buried in the sand) and the incumbent aperture (water gets in for feeding and respiration) is on right and excurrent ("used" water is expelled) on left. The



Photos José H. Leal

The saw-tooth pen shell, a live specimen in the shell museum's "live tank"

photos by José H. Leal

bivalve can "zip-up" the mantle edges to regulate water flow. Learn more about the saw-tooth pen shell and other local species at <http://shellmuseum.org/shells/southwest-florida-shells>.

### Shell Museum Events

Daily Island Inn Morning Beach Walks (Advance booking required): Join our marine biologist for a beach walk near Island Inn on Sanibel. Walks depart daily from the Island Inn lobby at 9 a.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Parking at the Island Inn is free for beach walk participants. Space is limited; book online at [shellmuseum.org/events](http://shellmuseum.org/events) or call 395-2233 to make a reservation. All beach

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Monday at 1:30 p.m.: Carolyn's Collection – A fun and engaging look at quality shells of a private collector. (Please check [shellmuseum.org](http://shellmuseum.org) to note any schedule changes.)

Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.: Shell Bingo.

Wednesday at 1:30: Mollusk Matinees – A series of nature-related lectures presented by local experts.

(Please check [shellmuseum.org](http://shellmuseum.org) for weekly topics.)

Thursday at 1:30 p.m.: Cool Shells – See some great shell treasures not on exhibit.

Friday at 1:30 p.m.: Arts & Crafts – Create marine-themed art and take it home with you.

Saturday at 1:30 p.m.: Sanibel Shells – Discover the look, feel and subtle differences of local shells.

Sunday at 1:30 p.m.: Shell Bingo.

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## Mollusk Matinee

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Born and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Wolf earned a bachelor of science degree in ecology from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and a master of science degree in biology from Western Illinois University. Wolf's love of travel led her to spend a semester studying marine biology on the Great Barrier Reef at James Cook University in Townsville, Australia. During the summer of 2013, she conducted fieldwork on the home range use patterns and distribution of resident bottlenose dolphins in the Cres-Lošinj Archipelago (located in the Northeastern Adriatic Sea, Croatia).

In addition, Wolf has taught marine science classes in the Florida Keys and has experience in manatee, bottlenose dolphin, and sea turtle research and conservation.

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 395-2233 or visit [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org).

## Shells Found



Weston, Emerson and Brian Sirk

photo by A. Ziehl

Weston (17) Emerson (19) and Brian (21) Sirk of Silver Spring, Maryland found wentletraps, banded tulips, natica, olives, turbans, whelks and nutmegs on the beachfronts of Pointe Santo, Blind Pass and Lighthouse Beach while staying at Pointe Santo. This is the Sirk brothers' 14th spring break on Sanibel.✪

## Shell Found



Mary Claire, Missy and Sammy Cooper

photo by A. Ziehl

Sammy Cooper (12), Mary Claire Cooper (9) and their grandmother Missy, aka BeeBop, found a horse conch in front of Sunset South. "A treasure from the sea after four years of shelling," said Missy.✪



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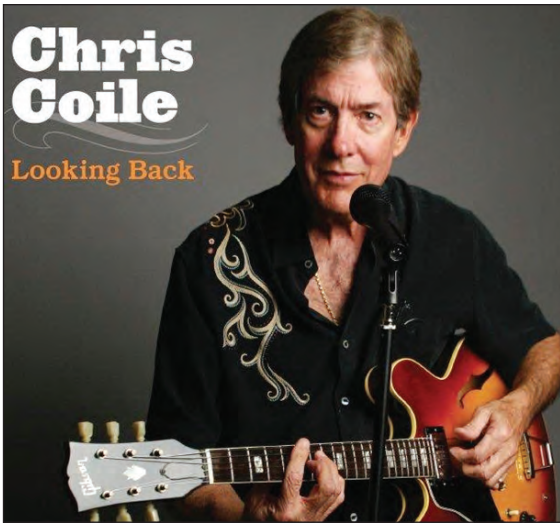
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Chris Coile, a local musician and entertainer, is performing the season finale concert to benefit FISH of San-Cap. This concert will be held on Tuesday, April 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at George and Wendy's Seafood Grill. Coile will be joined by local singers Sandy Greco, Cindy Cola and Dee Kelly.

Coile has been performing locally for the past five years, and for more than 30 years prior to that primarily on the east coast and in Montana. Classic rock and roll, country, island and big band standards are the tunes of choice. Coile will be performing the number one hits of four decades by acts like The Eagles, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Bobbie Darin, The Beatles, Elvis Presley, Carol King, Martina McBride, Simon and Garfunkel, Buddy Holly, Lloyd Price, Frankie Lyman, Conway Twitty, James Taylor, Eric Clapton, Shania Twain, Bette Middler, Jimmy Buffett and many more.

There is no cover charge to attend the April 19 concert,



Chris Coile's CD, *Looking Back*

and no minimum table fee. All donations to FISH are voluntary. In addition, 100 percent of sales for Chris Coile's CD, *Looking Back*, will benefit FISH.

Reservations are suggested and requested. Call George and Wendy's Seafood Grill, located at 2499 Periwinkle Way, at 395-1263.✳

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## Author Luncheon

eShelf. Participants in the Summer Reading Program earn books – one for their home library and one for patients at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Luncheon proceeds will allow additional books to be donated to the hospital library. A portion of funds raised at the luncheon will be used to add more bestsellers to the eShelf collection of downloadable books, movies and music. The Foundation leverages public tax dollar investment and helps the Sanibel Public Library provide dynamic and engaging initiatives that enhance the Library experience.✳



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# Learn Why Mollusk Extinction Matters To You

From May 22 to 24, scientists from across the United States and from around the world will convene at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum on Sanibel to discuss the ecological dangers posed to the second largest group of animals on earth, and how those perils may affect everything from the health of the ocean to the world's economy.

The Mollusks In Peril conference agenda includes:  
 Sunday, May 22 – Sunset Cruise (see details below)  
 Monday, May 23 – Terrestrial Mollusks (morning), Freshwater Mollusks (afternoon)  
 Tuesday, May 24 – Marine Mollusks (all day)

The forum registration deadline is fast approaching. Discounted prices will be available through April 30. Visit <http://mollusksinperil.org> to register and look at new additions to the list of forum speakers.

**Forum Activities Begin With**

**Sunset Cruise**  
 All are invited the evening before the Forum starts (May 22) for a Sunset Cruise around nearby Pine Island Sound. Admission includes appetizers, one complimentary drink, all aboard Captiva Cruises' *Lady Chadwick*. The cruise will depart from McCarthy's Marina, located at 11401 Andy Rosse Lane on Captiva, at 6:30 p.m., returning to the dock at 9 p.m. Cruise guests don't need to be registered for the forum to participate; all are welcome. The cost is \$25 per person, plus fees.

For more information, contact Dr. José H. Leal via email at [jleal@shellmuseum.org](mailto:jleal@shellmuseum.org) ✨



Hawaiian tree snails *Achatinella turgida* (left) and *Achatinella stewartii*

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## Fish Caught



Jay Romero

Jay Romero caught and released this bonnethead shark on a fishing excursion in Pine Island Sound on March 28 during his first visit to Sanibel Island. ✨

## Fish Caught



One of the Reed brothers with his redfish

Holding a nice catch

Sean and Christopher Reed, from Spring Lake New Jersey, went fishing on a Sea Reed Charter with much success and lots of fun, including a 24-inch, catch-and-release redfish. ✨

## Shell Found



Taylor Hay

New Sanibel resident Taylor Hay found a junonia on Easter morning along the West Gulf Drive beach a little north of access #7.

"What a surprise... I really couldn't believe my eyes," said Hay, who called his shell find "a special Easter gift for sure!" ✨

## Shells Found



Paulette Brochet

photo by A. Ziehl

Paulette Brochet, visiting from Millsboro, Delaware found a junonia and two alphabet cones on the beach on the Sanibel side of Blind Pass. She was staying at Periwinkle Park. "I've been shelling for 35-plus years and looking for a junonia in the surf," Brochet said. "Finally found one!" ✨



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## 'Ding' Final Lecture Of The Season

Learn How To Hike The Florida Trail from the authors of *The Florida Trail Guide*, Sandra Friend and John Keatley. The authors, both life members of the Florida Trail Association, will present two programs beginning at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, April 15 in the free "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center.

The year 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the statewide Florida Trail. The husband-wife team of Friend and Keatley have updated their guidebook to the trail for the occasion, building on a strong, award-winning first edition.

"Florida is different," says Friend. "Stretching 1,400 miles from the edge of the Everglades to Pensacola Beach, the Florida Trail is Florida's own National Scenic Trail and one of only 11 National Scenic Trails across America. It starts in a swamp,



John Keatley and Sandra Friend

and ends on a beach. What you'll see in between will give you a new appreciation for natural Florida."

Join the authors for this visual journey on how to prepare for hiking in Florida and what you'll see along the Florida Trail, followed by an open discussion on planning your next day hike or backpacking trip.

For five years, avid hiker Friend served as communications director for the Florida Trail Association and continues to volunteer as an activity leader. Keatley's earliest 50-mile backpacking trip was on the Florida Trail in the 1970s.

Following their presentations, the authors will sign copies of their book, which is available for purchase in the Refuge Nature Store, all proceeds of which benefit refuge wildlife and conservation and education programs.

Admission is free to the lectures, the last of the "Ding" Darling Friday Lecture Series sponsored by HighTower Advisors Fort Myers along with Mike and Terry Baldwin and support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

Seating for the lectures is limited and available on a first-come basis. Arrive one hour early to assure seating. Early arrivals can save one seat each and then may explore the Visitor & Education Center or Indigo Trail before the lecture starts. Saved seats must be filled 15 minutes before lecture time or risk reassigning.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors are welcome to explore the free "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center, Indigo Trail, and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

Note: Opinions expressed in guest lectures do not necessarily reflect the views of refuge and DDWS management, staff, and board of directors.

For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to [dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures). For the schedule of the 2016 DDWS Film Series, visit [dingdarlingsociety.org/films](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/films).✱



Parrot by Marcy Calkins

## Calkins Is April's Featured Artist

Each month, the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ exhibits the work of one or more fine artists. Paintings by island artist Marcy Calkins are on view in Fellowship Hall throughout the month of April.

Vibrant colors lend a playfulness to Calkins' paintings. The themes represented in the exhibit include travel memories; local landscapes, flora and birds; social, political and environmental subjects; and still lifes. The mediums she uses are acrylics, oils, pastels and watercolors.

As she paints, Calkins likes to experiment, and she enjoys pushing the color envelope. She uses the brush or palette knife to arrive at an impressionistic "rendering" or a Hopper-like "flat" application.

"Juggling composition, form, perspective, light and color for



African Grace by Marcy Calkins

a translation onto a canvas is an intriguing cognitive challenge," she said.

Calkins studied oil painting at an early age and renewed her study of painting when she moved to Sanibel 13 years ago. In Florida, Calkins is a member of art organizations including the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, BIG ARTS and Alliance for the Arts.

"I have found the art community in Southwest Florida to be filled with lovely people from a wide variety of careers and backgrounds," Calkins added. "I arrived to this painting party later in life and enjoy learning from all types of instructors and fellow painters."

Her Chicago affiliations include the Palette and Chisel, and the Old Town Triangle Association.

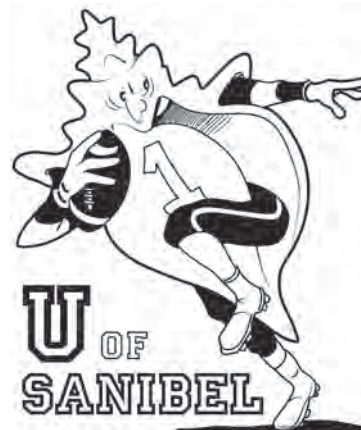
A teacher and educational consultant, Calkins earned her BS, MS and administrative degrees from Northern Illinois University. She taught professional development courses for

educators and for 34 years served as a financial literacy teacher and school-to-career coordinator at a Chicago suburban high school.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. All of Calkins' paintings are for sale. The

exhibit may be seen during office hours when Fellowship Hall is not in use and on Sundays after services: 7:45 a.m. Chapel and full services at 9 and 11 a.m. For more information, call the church office at 472-0497.✱

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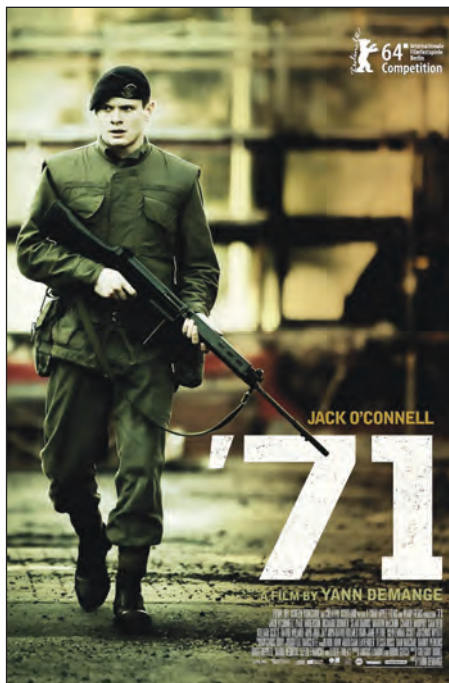
BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series

'71



by Di Saggau

The BIG ARTS Monday Night Movie for April 11, is '71, a taut drama about a



British soldier caught behind enemy lines in Belfast during the Troubles, the 30-year Northern Ireland conflict. The film is set in west Belfast in the early years of the conflict, a year before Bloody Sunday; a time when Northern Ireland was still routinely referred to on television news as "the province." This is a taut, suspenseful and involving feature with a very good performance by Jack O'Connell as Gary Hook, a British soldier whose troop has been sent to Belfast to investigate an incident of violence.

A house-to-house search goes horribly wrong, and Hook is left behind by his retreating unit. He and another soldier are separated from their retreating company

supplying arms to loyalist paramilitaries to maintain a deniable, proxy war. Officers are at odds with one another and some are plotting against their own chiefs. A former doctor on the Republican side may be Hook's only chance.

There are several interesting characters including two young men, a teenager and a young boy who both have encounters with Hook. We are always reminded of the complexity involved in interacting with a wanted man. '71 is at its best when Hook is on the run. The riot sequence is excellent. The camerawork is urgent and chaotic, yet the audience is never lost while following the action. The ensuing foot chase is handled with skill and a sense of terror. Momentarily evading his pursuers, Hook curls up into a ball of exhaustion and fear.

This nail-biting action thriller shows great control of action and timing, and an outstanding re-creation of the west Belfast war zone. It is a compelling, edge-of-your-seat thriller that weighs the innocence lost not only by its hero but by those who antagonize him. The film runs 99 minutes.

Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is \$10 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Each film is followed by a complimentary reception and discussion. Film Patrons: June Rosner and Russ

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BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 395-0900.\*

## BIG ARTS Concert Band

The BIG ARTS Concert Band will present a repeat performance of their recently sold-out Schein Hall "Pops" concert at Faith United Methodist Church, located at 15690 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers on Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m.

The 50-piece band will feature music from the "silver screen" with selections from *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *The Great Escape* and *The Magnificent Seven*.

Sanibel residents August Thoma and Erik Entwistle will be featured soloists, with Thoma playing the Duke Ellington classic *Harlem Nocturne* on alto sax, and Entwistle playing *Theme from The Apartment* on the grand piano.

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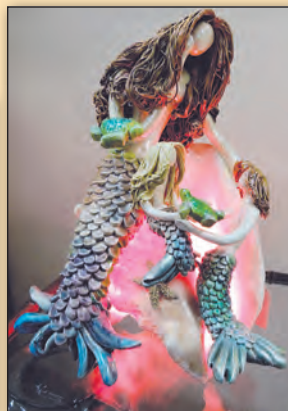
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Artist David Ruhe with one of his paintings

## Sanibel Captiva Art League Meeting

Artist David Ruhe will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of Sanibel Captiva Art League on Thursday, April 14. Beginning with light refreshments at 1 p.m., there is a warm welcome for anyone who is interested in attending.

An award winning artist whose work appears in private collections and are on display in several Florida galleries, including Sanibel Art and Frame, Ruhe has always been attracted to painting wildlife.

"My style has been described as 'realism with a magic touch.' I love to capture wildlife in intimate, poetic moments," said Ruhe. "My landscapes are designed to transport the viewer into another world and invite them to explore the story of their surroundings. I also enjoy taking everyday objects and

infuse my still life paintings with what I call 'playful' abandon."

At the meeting, Ruhe will be doing a demonstration and talking about his approach to painting, how he builds a composition, as well as sharing techniques he uses.

During the month of April, all are invited to view the Sanibel Captiva Art League-sponsored display of art at the Sanibel Public Library, which will focus on the Celebration of Florida. The public is also invited to participate in the weekly paint-out sessions every Thursday morning. Also during the month, paintings by San-Cap Art League president Marcy Calkins will be on display at SunTrust Bank. All are invited to the exhibit reception on April 14 at 4:15 p.m.

For more information about Sanibel Captiva Art League, visit [www.sancapart.com](http://www.sancapart.com).

## BIG ARTS Workshops And Seminars

Unleash your creativity, expand your horizons and meet terrific people at BIG ARTS this spring. Upcoming workshops and seminars include:

### Dance

Beginners Tap: Fridays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., May 6 to 27

### Drawing

Life Drawing (Non-Instructed Open Studio): Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, May 6 to 27

Constructing the Human Figure in Simple Forms: Mondays, 1 to 3:30 p.m., May 2 to 23

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### Fine Crafts

Glass Fusing: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., May 4 to 25

Glass Fusing: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., April 7 to 28

### Music

Voice Lessons, Private: Saturdays, 1:30 p.m. to TBD, through April 16

### Painting

Pouring Textures with Watercolors: Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 12 to May 3

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Experimental Master Class: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 14 to May 5

### Pottery

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Call 395-0900 or stop by the BIG ARTS Center, located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, to enroll. For complete course descriptions and the full season's workshops and seminars schedule, visit [www.bigarts.org](http://www.bigarts.org)/workshops or email [info@bigarts.org](mailto:info@bigarts.org).

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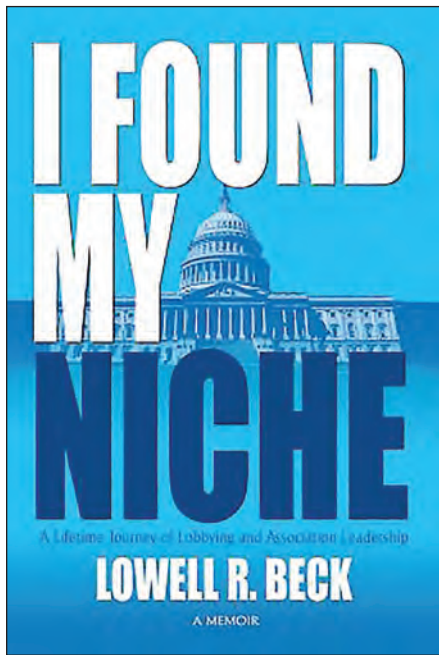
## Book Review

*I Found My Niche*

by Di Saggau

Lowell R. Beck, part-time Sanibel resident, has written a memoir titled *I Found My Niche: A Lifetime Journey of Lobbying and Association Leadership*. Beck was a lobbyist and association leader from the 1960s into the '90s. He was directly involved in many of the major political issues during these tumultuous times. This was a period when the United States was seriously challenged internationally and domestically.

A new young American president brought encouragement and hope, and immediately was faced with the possibility of nuclear war and urban riots and unrest over civil rights. War was escalating in Indochina. The president was assassinated. A president committed illegal acts that led to his resignation. Inflation was raging. A commercial insurance liability crisis hit many of the nation's doctors, schools, day-care centers, municipalities and others who couldn't obtain insurance to conduct their activities. The



country was hit with devastating natural disasters.

In his book, *I Found My Niche*, Beck writes about his role as a lobbyist and association executive during this period. He points out that lobbying, regardless of some publicized bad actors, is a respectable and even necessary part of government. He describes his work on numerous issues, including the adoption of the Twenty-Fifth and Twenty-Sixth Amendments to the Constitution and securing the mandating of vehicle airbags.

Former U.S. Senator Birch Bayh says of the book, "If you ever have participated in getting legislation passed, you will enjoy this book. If you have managed a professional or trade association, or have wondered what these organizations do, you will enjoy it. Are you a student interested in lobbying or wanting to work for an association? If so, you will gain from reading it. And, what if you're a regular citizen? Yes, you too will find it informative."

As deputy executive director of the American Bar Association, founding executive director of Common Cause, and president of the National Association of Independent Insurers (the nation's largest full service property casualty insurers trade association), Beck describes how professional and trade associations function. Managing associations is very different from managing profit-making businesses.

An important lesson in this book, particularly for younger people, is how fortunate you are to "find your niche" in life. And, that niche might not be readily apparent for a while. Beck found his, but hadn't planned on it, even while in law school. Urged by his family, *I Found My Niche*, is a memoir of how fulfilling it can be to find the right life's work. The book is available at local book stores and also online.\*



Joe Maiolo, right

## Hole In One

Joe Maiolo, an 80-year-old visitor from West Virginia, aced the 6th hole at Sanibel Island Golf Club using a 5 wood and a TaylorMade ball.\*

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selected by Tanya Hochschild

## No Doctors Today, Thank You

by Ogden Nash

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Yes, today I might even go forth without my galoshes,

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This is my euphoria day,

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I will tame me a caribou

And bedeck it with marabou.

I will pen me my memoirs.

Ah, youth, youth! What euphoria days them was!

I wasn't much of a hand for the boudoirs,

I was generally to be found where the food was.

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tocassins.

Kind people, don't think me purse-proud, don't set me down as vainglorious,

I'm just a little euphorious.

Ogden Nash published humorous poems in *The New Yorker*, he published more than two dozen books of verse, screenplays, lyrics and scripts for the theater, children's stories and essays. He performed on radio and at lecture platforms around the U.S., but the bedrock of his art are his poems and their wit.\*

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# Fun Times At The CECI Spring Festival



Emma Murray looked like a Frozen princess



Faith, Grace, Jenna, Olympia and Julia all had fun at the Spring Festival



Even the smallest of children had a good time hunting for Easter eggs



Alumni parents Michelle Tabbernee, David Lackenby and Nicki Wesley



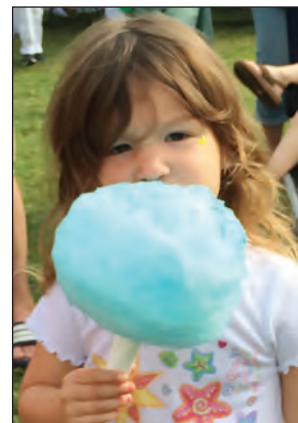
Jacob, Christine, Julia, John and Michael Lemmon visited with the Easter Bunny



Ava Wodjeski loved riding on the pony



Kaia and Kate Keating had lots of fun



Olivia Rondina loved her cotton candy



Scott Schwartz and Eamon Sullivan with the Easter Bunny



Charlee Armstrong snuggled up to the Easter Bunny

The Children's Education Center of the Islands held its 22nd annual Spring Festival on March 26 at Sanibel City Park. The festival, established for the children of the community, attracted the largest turnout in the history of the event.

The morning began with the traditional Easter egg hunts. Children ages 3 and under took their time collecting eggs while the older kids in different areas gathered eggs in record time. The egg hunts were followed by games, crafts, pony and "unicorn" rides, and music. The highlight for the children was a visit by the Easter Bunny with plenty of photo opportunities. Coming in at a close second in popularity were the "unicorn" and pony rides.

The Children's Centers thanks all the local businesses that donated items for the silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Education Center scholarship fund.

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## Relay For Life Seeking Teams

Participating teams are being sought for the 2016 Relay For Life of Sanibel and Captiva, to be held on Friday, April 15 at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, located at 949 Sand Castle Road. Festivities are scheduled to run from 3 to 9 p.m.

Event organizer Mary Bondurant is making a plea to join in the cancer research fundraising cause.

"The entire community is invited to come out and support Relay For Life," she said. "Join a team or sign up your team at [www.relayforlife.org/sanibel](http://www.relayforlife.org/sanibel)."

The local Relay For Life begins with an opening ceremony, which brings everyone together to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, to inspire hope by sharing recent accomplishments and progress, and to remind everyone that while we are winning this battle, fighting cancer is a year-round priority.

The Survivors' Lap features cancer survivors taking the first lap around the marked course to the sounds of upbeat music and other Relay participants cheering them on in celebration of their victory over cancer.

Next is the Caregivers Lap, where anyone who ever cared for someone with cancer walks a lap so they can be honored for their support. Caregivers walk this lap with the people they helped, if they are also present.

The Luminaria Ceremony is a time to

remember people lost to cancer, to support people who currently have cancer, and to honor people who have fought cancer in the past. The power of this ceremony lies in providing an opportunity for people to work through grief and find hope. Supporters may purchase a luminary to honor a loved one.

During the Relay For Life Closing Ceremony, all in attendance will pause to remember the lives of those lost and reaffirm their commitment to continue to fight back against this disease over the next year.

Visit [www.relayforlife.org/sanibel](http://www.relayforlife.org/sanibel) for more information.\*

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## Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

# Mindel Named Second Winner Of John Earle Memorial Award

submitted by Bob Buntrock

John Earle shot his final game of 8-ball before losing to the cancer bug on January 29, 2015. Earle was known for his quiet, deliberate style of play. He was a gentleman in a sport that sometimes attracts less than gentle men.

At the annual awards banquet for the Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League held on April 4 at American Legion Post 123, Pete Mindel was presented the John Earle Memorial Award as the league's player who most emulates John Earle as a man and a pool player. Mindel plays for the Sanibel Café.

The first John Earle Memorial Award was won by John Riegert, a member of the Sandycappers.

Noah Smith earned top shooter honors by posting an 84 percent winning average for the season. Smith plays for Bunt's Ball Busters..

Jack Cunningham, also from Bunt's Ball Busters, was named most improved player for the season. He raised his shooting average from 29 percent to 63 percent during the 2015-16 season.

Bob Buntrock was honored for posting the most 4-0 matches during the 24-week season. He is captain of Bunt's Ball Busters and has led the league as its organizer for nine years.

Special awards were presented to Kip Johnson and Doc Lubinski as the only two players who used either the eight ball or nine ball as the cue ball during league play. Their resulting shots, although masterful, were fouls and they lost their games. Too bad.

Cash prizes were awarded to the four league teams in the order they finished the season. Bunt's Ball Busters won \$900 for first place; Sandycappers \$700 for second place; Sanibel Café \$500 for third place; and Fresh Legion Crew \$300 for fourth.

Winners of the league's annual singles tournament were also awarded cash prizes. Mike DeWitt earned \$120 for his first place finish; Rich Ennis, \$90 for second; Randy Carson \$70 for third; Kevin Pottorf \$50 for fourth; Gator Gates and Jimbo Gaubatz, \$30 each for fifth/sixth; and Terry Ricotta and Doc Lubinski, \$20 each for their seventh/eighth finish.\*

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# COTI Elects New Directors And Officers At Annual Meeting



COTI board members, from left, Martin Packard, David Bath, Linda Robison, Larry Schopp, Mike Gillespie, Susan Tucker, Mike Miller, Stu Langton, Carolyn Swiney, Joe Salatino, Erhard Joeres and Bob Holder. Not pictured is Peter Pappas.

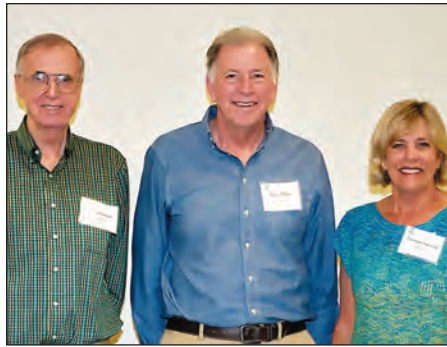
submitted by Mike Gillespie, Committee of the Islands

The Committee of the Islands elected three new members to its board of directors at the recent annual meeting, as well as a new president.

The new board members are Bob Holder, Linda Robison and Susan Tucker. Previous members re-elected to the board were David Bath, Stuart Langton, Martin Packard and Peter Pappas.



New to the COTI board of directors are, from left, Linda Robison, Bob Holder and Susan Tucker



New COTI officers, from left, Mike Gillespie, vice president; Mike Miller, president; and Carolyn Swiney, treasurer



Keynote speaker John Cassani addresses water quality issues



COTI audience at Annual Meeting



COTI Vice President Mike Gillespie with new President Mike Miller



Darla Letourneau and former COTI President Barbara Cooley



Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane and Vice Mayor Mick Denham



Sanibel City Councilman Chauncey Goss, Kerry Salatino and COTI board member Joe Salatino



David Bath (right) receives award from Mike Gillespie (left) for service as president of COTI



David and Gillian Bath



Mayor Kevin Ruane and Eric Pfeiffer



Ron Taverna and Richard Johnson



"Ding" Darling President Doris Hardy and COTI board member Susan Tucker



Former COTI board member Ruth Woodham

Mike Miller, who joined the COTI board this past year, was elected president, succeeding David Bath. Mike Gillespie was elected vice president and Carolyn Swiney was elected treasurer.

The COTI board now consists of 13 directors. Four of the directors are new to the board this year, while two others joined this past year, and two members joined two years ago.

COTI policy is to seek new members on a continuing basis, to replace those who leave the board after two consecutive two-year terms, as required in the group's bylaws.

COTI invites your input on this and other issues affecting the island. Send an email to [coti@coti.org](mailto:coti@coti.org). To read past commentaries on island issues, visit [www.coti.org](http://www.coti.org) or visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook. ✨



Keynote speaker John Cassani, Mayor Kevin Ruane, COTI President David Bath



photo by Laurie Hafener

## Photo Contest Winner

The winner of RS Walsh Landscaping's March photo contest is Laurie Hafener. The theme of the March contest was "flowers and fruit." Submitted photos were posted on RS Walsh's In The Garden Facebook page and at the company's Sanibel garden center.

Visitors to the Facebook page and the garden center were able to vote on their favorites. Hafener's photo of a young girl watering flowers was taken on the east end of Sanibel. She titled it *The World of Flowers According to Grandchildren!* Hafener will receive a \$50 gift certificate to In The Garden. Honorable mentions go to Eva Lee Kingsolver, Lynn Russell and Kyle Sweet.

The April contest theme is "Wildlife" and the deadline for entries is April 18. Submissions should include the photographer's name, phone number, location of the photo and a short story behind the photo. Up to five photos per person are allowed. Submissions can be sent via e-mail to [inthegarden@rswalsh.com](mailto:inthegarden@rswalsh.com).✽

## Mazza Spring Trunk Show Returns To Lily & Co. Jewelers

Lily & Co. Jewelers will hold its Mazza Spring Trunk Show April 6 to 9 with special guest Steven Mazza, fifth-generation jeweler. Mazza will unveil the spring collection.

"Everything we do is nature inspired," said Mazza, whose family has been crafting fine pieces of jewelry since the 1840s in a small town near Naples, Italy. "We try to keep things in their natural state for very colorful jewelry a woman can wear to express her individual personality."

The family business started with coral, which they harvested, then hand-carved. Today, Mazza is recognized for their use of colored gemstones. So pieces are not trendy one season and out the next, Mazza chooses to focus on color.

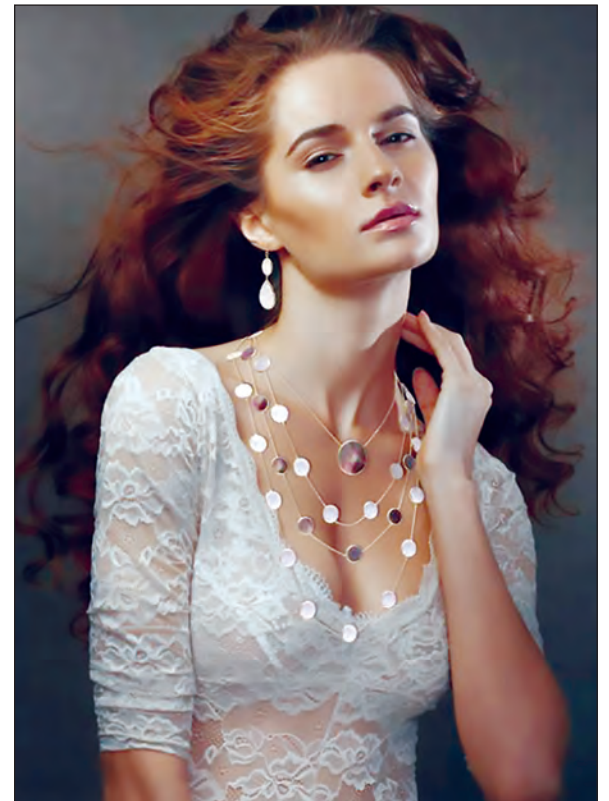
Designs are inspired by architecture or the element itself, such as shells or pearls, to create fashionable pieces. "They are certainly wearable, enduring designs women will enjoy for years and years to come," Mazza said.

Mazza has long known the beauty of natural shells like the ones strewn on the beaches of Sanibel. They are always incorporated into his collections. "It crosses demographics, from young to old, in the same way people are drawn to the sea," he said.

Mazza's distinguished pieces are hand-crafted in New York, which allows the family-run business to have a close relationship in the creation of each inspiring piece of jewelry. "It is just one way Mazza sets itself apart," said Lily & Co. owners Dan Schuyler and Karen Bell.

"We are delighted to host the Mazza Spring Trunk Event and have Steven as our guest," Schuyler and Bell said. "It is a great way to get a sneak peek at the new spring styles from the Mazza collection."

Steven Mazza will be on hand throughout the show. Lily & Co. is at 520 Tarpon Bay Road.✽



Mazza jewelry

## Shell Found



Emma Johannes with a horse conch she found

Emma Johannes, 15, of Naperville Illinois, stepped on this horse conch on a sandbar in front of her grandparents' condo on East Gulf Drive. Emma has been coming to Sanibel with her family since she was 10 months old and is excited to add this shell to her collection.✽

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# Captiva Community Thanks Bradley For Library Leadership



Longtime head librarian Ann Bradley, center, reacts to the warm response she received during her retirement party held last Thursday evening at the Captiva Civic Center. Also pictured is Shirley Stanton and Jim Pigott, who delivered tributes to Bradley.

photos by Jeff Lysick

by Jeff Lysick

Last week, more than 75 islanders gathered to pay tribute to Ann Bradley, a Lee County Library System employee for 30 years who spent the last dozen years serving as head librarian of the Captiva Memorial Library, where she was recognized for her spirit, innovation and connection with the community.

During an hour-long cocktail reception and retirement party, held on March 31 at the Captiva Civic Center, Bradley was feted by her co-workers and friends she made during her tenure at the local library, which was created – according to longtime library board member Shirley Stanton – in 1928 on the porch of the Dickey family home.



Shirley Stanton delivered a heartfelt speech prior to introducing Bradley

“Long before the creation of the Captiva Island Historical Society, Ann was very accepting of storing the historic photographs, postcards, letters and other documents,” said Jim Pigott, chairman of the CIHS board. “But that wasn’t going to be enough. So when it came to archiving everything, Ann really embraced the idea.”

The library, after undergoing extensive renovations in 2014, has a space dedicated to the CIHS via a replica of the old mailboat Santiva, which contains several historic artifacts, documents, postcards and photographs, interactive touch-screen educational archives and vintage film footage of old Captiva.

Two of Bradley’s co-workers, Naomi Pastor and Leslie Ruhl, offered their personal tributes as well.



Ann Bradley, left, pictured with library co-workers Naomi Pastor and Leslie Ruhl



Ann Bradley unwraps one of her retirement gifts, a painting of her horse, Hollywood Prince



Ann Bradley displays a card given to her by Bob Brace, right, on behalf of the CCA

“I’ll always remember her creativity,” said Ruhl, who worked alongside Bradley since 2008. “She has such a passion for people and animals, and an incredible love for books. She always has such great ideas about what to read.”

Pastor, a 16-year employee of the library, worked throughout Bradley’s tenure on the island.

“One of my favorite memories was the 50th anniversary celebration of *Gift From The Sea* (written by iconic Captiva resident Anne Morrow Lindbergh), which she helped bring here,” noted Pastor. “She always had a lot of enthusiasm and made so many contacts here over the years. She’s really done a lot for this community.”

Bradley herself was very humble in accepting the applause from the gathered crowd.

“I want to thank Naomi and Leslie for their patience over the years,” she said. “You can’t do this without a great community. I’m very proud of all of this... I just want to hug everybody!”

Bradley, who officially retired on March 30, brought many innovative programs and activities to the facility over the years, including the adult program series *Afternoon Sojourns*. Her replacement has not yet been named.✱



More than 75 people attended the March 30 retirement party for Ann Bradley

## Teddy Roosevelt Addresses Congressional Crowd At 'Ding'



Joe Wiegand, nationally-known impersonator of U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, made his annual visit to the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on April 1, performing a pair of sold-out lectures at the Visitor & Education Center photos by Jeff Lysiak



Following his lecture, Wiegand fielded questions from several members of the audience, answering as if the questions had been posed to Teddy Roosevelt himself

by Jeff Lysiak

Last year on April Fool's Day, a skunk ape was spotted by dozens of visitors strolling through the shallow waters of the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. So it should have come to no surprise for anyone on Sanibel to have seen President Theodore Roosevelt delivering a pair of standing-room-only lectures at the refuge's Visitor & Education Center on April 1.

In reality, it was Teddy Roosevelt impersonator Joe Wiegand, who comes to the refuge annually in honor of the 26th President of the United States' connection to both Southwest Florida and the National Wildlife Refuge System, created by Roosevelt in 1903.

Wiegand, who has been bringing Teddy Roosevelt to life for more than a decade, has performed in all 50 states and overseas, including a 2008 White House performance in honor of Roosevelt's 150th birthday.

Last Friday morning, Wiegand addressed the capacity crowd, as if they were members of Congress, on period conservation issues during his presentation entitled *Teddy: The Conservation President*.

"There was so much political corruption in my day that when roll was called, instead of responding 'present,' members of Congress would shout out, 'not guilty!'" said Weigand, a genuine doppelganger for Roosevelt.

During his 45-minute lecture, Wiegand discussed details of Roosevelt's adventurous lifestyle – before, during and after his presidency – the laws he helped establish to protect and preserve the country's natural resources as well as anecdotes of the affable American icon.

"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing," he told the crowd. He also talked about President Woodrow Wilson's role in creating the National Park System in 1916. "That was perhaps the only thing that Wilson got right," he humorously added.

He also elaborated on Roosevelt's history as a prolific author. "I wrote 30 books in my lifetime," Wiegand boldly proclaimed as Teddy might have in his day. "I did not write well, but I took well to writing."

During Roosevelt's tenure as president, he not only established Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge (located along Florida's central Atlantic coast) as the first unit of the present National Wildlife Refuge System, but he also doubled the number of national parks – from five to 10 – between 1901 and 1908. They included Crater



"Ding" Darling Society executive director Birgie Miller introduces Joe Wiegand to the 10 a.m. lecture crowd



Refuge visitors gathered to shake hands with the "president"

Lake in Oregon, Wind Cave in South Dakota, Sully's Hill in North Dakota (later redesignated a game preserve), Mesa Verde in Colorado and Platt in Oklahoma (now part of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area).

One of the pivotal moments of his lecture came when Wiegand recited a historic passage from Roosevelt's speech – entitled *Citizenship In A Republic* – made during a visit to Paris, France on April 23, 1910:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better," Roosevelt said as he addressed the crowd gathered at the Sorbonne. "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Following his lecture, Wiegand – still embodying the Roosevelt character – fielded questions from the audience. One inquiry had to do with this year's upcoming presidential election.

"I'm not really sure what's going to come out of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, except that I do intend to support the nominee," he responded prior to a short pause. "Unless it's Mr. Trump." Likening the GOP front runner to the pivotal character in the film classic *Citizen Kane*, he added, "You may draw your own conclusions from that analogy."

Then, Wiegand immediately quipped, "Of course, the opinions expressed herein do not reflect the opinions of any employee of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service."

Before concluding his presentation, after which he shook hands and chatted with several members of the audience, Weigand encouraged the crowd that when it comes to politics, the American people have the strongest voice with their right to vote.

"If you don't like what's going on with your government, then set about to changing the government," he added.✧

## Potluck At The Community House



A creative mermaid presentation



Palm tree plate

The April Community House Potluck on Thursday, April 21 at 6 p.m. will bring together all the recipes and fun that have brought residents and visitors back month after month. This will be the first viewing of the booklet that includes recipes from the chefs who prepared many popular dishes, *Cooking with the Islands' Stars* creations, and King Arthur Flour pie and cake contest entries.

Photos from previous nights will be shown along with a few fun videos. The new kitchen and fruit trees will be featured for a sneak peek at what you will see when the The Community House reopens in late fall. This is a great opportunity to financially support this desperately needed renovation. The Culinary Education Center opportunities for volunteering will also be presented for your input.

All are welcome to share in good food and camaraderie. Bring an appetizer, vegetable, protein item, rolls or dessert to serve six. Feel free to use your imagination and bring a creative presentation that is fun as well as tasty. Bring your own beverages. Water and iced tea will be available. While you're there, become a member of the Kitchen Club and join the volunteers who make the Culinary Education Center a reality. RSVP by calling 472-2155.✧

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## Highlights Of CROW's 2nd Annual Southern Comfort Fundraiser



Board members, staff and volunteers from the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife at last Saturday evening's Southern Comfort on Sanibel fundraiser, held at The Community House. The gathering included a buffet dinner, dancing, games and a silent auction. photos by Jeff Lysiak



CROW volunteer Cecilia Tweedy, left, sells raffle tickets to attendees Guillermo and Sandy Ortiz



CROW Executive Director Linda Estep welcomed the crowd



Lynn Ridlehoover and Jaye Boswell

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## Thompson, 93, Authors Second Children's Book

by Jeff Lysiak

Back in 2013, a woman known by generations of islanders for her annual contributions to The Sanibel School's traditional Arbor Day ceremonies – Berdenna Thompson – self-published her first children's book, *Round Red Apple*.

Last week, Thompson's second children's book, titled *Calico Cat Lights Up*, made its official debut.

"I had always thought that the word 'calico' had a certain swing to it... I've always liked the sound of it," said Thompson, 93. "Over the years, I've



Berdenna Thompson's second children's book, *Calico Cat Lights Up*, was recently published photo by Jeff Lysiak

looked at calico cats and loved seeing the different colors, shades and patterns in them."

Like *Round Red Apple* before it, *Calico Cat Lights Up* is a large hardcover book written for preschool to Kindergarten and first grade children. The 24-page book features full color illustrations created by Thompson's son-in-law Lew Phillips, former Sanibel chief of police.

"The book includes some of the activities that kittens do, like hiding in a sack and howling at night," said Thompson, who also volunteers by reading to youth program participants at the Sanibel Recreation Center. "And it's written for children who, when they're born are so innocent, like little pearls. They're precious."

A member of the Island Writers Group III, Thompson was an elementary

school teacher for 25 years after earning a master's degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University. A member of Sanibel's vegetation committee since 1987, she has been published in the *Christian Science Monitor* and The State of Michigan Reading Association booklet prior to publishing *Round Red Apple*.

According to Thompson, the idea to write *Calico Cat Lights Up* was "under my collar" for a while.

"I hadn't done anything with (the story) because I wanted to wait until Lew was available," she added. "Once I gave him the story, he just did what he does."

While copies of *Round Red Apple* have sold out, the first edition of her new book is on sale now, priced at \$18.95. For more information about buying the book, contact Lew Phillips at 340-8976 or email Lew-Phillips@comcast.net.✧





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## Yield To Pedestrians On Bike/Walk Paths In Lee County

submitted by Ken Gooderham for BikeWalkLee

High-season congestion isn't confined to our local roadways, as any biker or walker can attest. But in the competition for a limited amount of a public transit corridor space – pedestrian, cyclist, vehicular or whatever – who has the right of way and when?

Let's take them in order of vulnerability, just to make it easy:

### **Pedestrians:**

Everyone else is supposed to avoid colliding with them, even if they're not behaving properly (that's not etiquette, it's the law). At intersections and in crosswalks, they have the right of way (at least if there are signals saying so or, if no signal, they give others enough time and distance to react). If you share a sidewalk with walkers, yield to them (we're talking to bicyclists here – if anyone in a motor vehicle is sharing that sidewalk, you have made a serious directional mistake and need to get back on the roadway right now).

**Cyclists:** No matter where they are riding, they get the right of way over everyone but pedestrians. If they are on the sidewalk, they are viewed as pedestrians (albeit second-class pedestrians) – so that's easy. If they are on the roadway – whether on a bike lane, a shoulder or sharing the road – they still have rights as vehicles and should be treated as equals. So, unless you regularly buzz, cut off or otherwise harass your fellow motorists, you don't get to do any of that to cyclists. (An aside: Cyclists, it makes it a whole lot more likely that your fellow vehicle operators will treat you with some respect if you don't break vehicular rules... such as blowing through stop signs/lights, riding abreast when conditions do not allow, going the wrong way, etc.)

**Average motorists:** Everyone else in a vehicle should know how to negotiate rights of way with their fellow vehicles... that's what that driver's license test was all about, remember? So we won't dwell on that here, except to note a couple of unique circumstances that warrant attention: Motorcycles, because they can be harder to see (so watch for them); semis, because they have some unique issues (chiefly in turning and visibility) that deserve attention; and other lumbering and large vehicles, because the laws of physics can make sharing the roadway with them interesting, since they take longer to speed up, slow down and turn... and must drive accordingly.

**Golf carts:** A special case around here that warrant their own category because they can violate the rights of every other road user once they escape from the golf course. Contrary to the habit in some neighborhoods, carts are not meant to be driven on any sidewalk or bike lane... just because they fit doesn't mean they're legal. Nevertheless, if they are driven on said areas, they should yield to every other walking or biking user because the carts are the motor vehicles here, putting them on the low end of the rights scale. Similarly, carts are not meant to be driven on any old roadway, unless said roadway has been designated for their use (which usually means other traffic will go slow enough to allow them not to impede the flow). There are very few public roadways that allow carts to travel legally; look for a sign allowing such use before you assume it's OK.

One final thought on rights: Common sense and courtesy always need to be aggressively exercised when it comes to transportation interaction. You may have the right to be there doing what you're doing, but if the operator of a two-ton motor vehicle doesn't see you (or doesn't know what you're doing when you dart in front of them), you may end up being dead right.

It comes back to the basics – be predictable, be visible, be sensible and be nice. Practice those, and everyone can share the road or walk or lane comfortably.

Ken Gooderham writes this on behalf of BikeWalkLee, a community coalition raising public awareness and advocating for complete streets in Lee County – streets that are designed, built, operated and maintained for safe and convenient travel for all users: pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Information, statistics and background online at [www.BikeWalkLee.org](http://www.BikeWalkLee.org).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sanibel's shared use paths are not part of BikeWalkLee's network.\*



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# Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

All kinds of emergencies happen in life but let's talk about medical emergencies. Transporting you or your loved ones to the appropriate medical care quickly and safely is of primary concern under these conditions. What if that appropriate medical care is in another county, state or country? How does that work? What if you're on a cruise and you have a severe stroke and need emergency medical care immediately? What if your college-age student is studying abroad and has an extreme medical emergency and you want them transported back to the States for medical care? What if your dying wish is to be back home with family during a trying time for everyone.



These types of emergency scenarios play out all the time and it's important to know what type of emergency care transport is available and be familiar with how to prepare yourself for these medical emergencies especially when traveling.

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary's speaker last week, Dana Carr, vice president and director of operations of Air Trek Inc., a family-owned international air ambu-



**Dana Carr of Air Trek**

lance and private jet charter service located at the Punta Gorda Airport since 1978, spoke to us about Saving Lives at the Speed of Flight. The company's air ambulance is a fully equipped medical emergency intensive care unit with medical staff on board appropriate to the patient's specific medical condition. The staff may include an ER physician, critical care nurses, registered nurses and other medical specialists according to need.

Air ambulance services include door-to-door medical care. Before they even arrive to pick up a patient, they have contact with the doctors, family and others involved to analyze what will be necessary to transport the patient safely to their destination. They also have emergency ground transportation and personnel ready to pick up the patient



**Air ambulance Cessna 414**

and transport them to the airport for their air ambulance flight and emergency ground transportation waiting upon arrival to transport the patient to their medical care facility.

Contact with doctors and other medical professionals through and in-flight communication system is available at all times. In many cases, these flights are a life-saving mission.

Air Trek also transports many medically dependent patients from one area of the country or overseas to be with family or possibly to spend some time in their own vacation homes. These patients would not be able to travel on regular flights.

Carr told us this story: A patient, simply identified as a farmer from Iowa, was at a Fort Myers hospice. He knew he was dying from terminal cancer and his last wish was to go back home, go back to the farm, be with family and friends and see his farm again. So his family contacted Air Trek and they flew him home. During the flight they learnt he had been one of the Flying Farmers of Iowa; sometimes farm planes were used to deliver groceries and livestock

feed or deliver mail. These aircraft served many purposes for many people.

Before the Air Trek plane landed, it circled the farm so the man could take in the full view of his farm. When the plane landed, the man received a royal welcome from family and friends. Back at the farm, he nestled in his old easy chair and family and friends provided a steady stream of visitors and no doubt a steady stream of memories.

That flight took place on a Saturday and on Monday, Carr received a call from the farmer's son. Dad had died.

These are the types of services Air Trek does regularly and Rotarians could tell Carr's dedication to the individuals and families he serves is extremely important to him and his family.

Remember, this service is very expensive and having a specially designed and outfitted air ambulance with medical staff ready to go is an expensive operation to run. This is why travel insurance is an extremely good idea. Carr said there are special circumstances when monetary costs are absorbed by outside agencies working with Air Trek, but that is not the norm.

Air Trek also has a fleet of charter private jets available for non-emergency transport needs. Business and leisure travelers can climb aboard one of these private jets and know they are in good hands.

*The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary meets at 7 a.m., Fridays at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. Guests are always welcomed.\**

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Paul Gulbrandsen, center, and members of the Bonita Springs Shell Club

## Check Presented To Shell Museum

Last week, members of the Bonita Springs Shell Club presented a donation to the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum for the museum's Adopt-A-Class program to Paul Gulbrandsen, development associate. This program allows underserved Lee County fourth graders the opportunity to visit the shell museum for a couple hours of mollusk education and fun.✱

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## Island Seniors At The Center 4 Life

Meet your friends and make some new ones at the Center 4 Life. Browse through the following activities, then stop by to sign up.

**Page Turners with Ann Rodman** – If you are not on the Page Turners list, and wish to be, email annrodman@aol.com or contact the Center 4 Life.

The featured book for Wednesday, April 13 at 2:30 p.m. is *The Dinner* by Herman Koch. "A European Gone Girl...The Dinner, a sly psychological thriller that hinges on a horrific crime and its consequences for two families, has become one of spring's most anticipated suspense novels." – The Wall Street Journal.

**Naples Trail of Treasures with Lunch at Tin City** – Tuesday, April 12. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. This is a walking and shopping opportunity in Naples antique, resale, and home specialty shops. Lunch will be at Riverwalk Restaurant on the docks in Tin City. Carpooling will be available. Advance registration is required.

**Trip to IKEA in Tampa** – Thursday, April 21. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Trip includes round trip transportation with lunch on your own at the IKEA Café. Advance registration is required. Registration deadline is Monday, April 18.

**Chihuly Glass Studio Private Tour, Morean Arts Center Tour & Hot Shop Demonstration in St. Petersburg** – Tuesday, May 3. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Trip includes round trip transportation and lunch at the Banyan Café. There will be a private tour of the Chihuly Museum Collection, soup and sandwich at the Banyan Café, and a private guided tour of the Morean Arts Center followed by a glass-blowing demonstration at the Morean Glass Studio & Hot Shop. Limited spaces available. Advanced registration is required. Registration deadline is Friday, April 29.

**Games**  
Cost for all games is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

**Bridge** – Monday and Wednesday, register by 12:30 p.m. Game begins at 1 p.m.

**Mahjonn** – Thursday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

**Hand & Foot** – Thursday at 1 p.m.

**Bingo** – Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday and Thursday Kayaking** – April 12, 19 and 26 (weather permitting) at 8:30 a.m. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and limited space for those who own their own kayaks. Island Seniors will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Bring water, a small snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, hat and change of clothing. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

**Fitness Classes**  
Classes are available and all ages are welcome. Island Seniors, Inc. members pay \$4 per class or visitors \$7 per class. Annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership card to attend.

**Happy Hour Fitness** – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. This class keeps your brain fit and your heart, lungs and muscles strong with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises and balance. Hand weights, stretch cords and your body weight will be used. Class begins with a joke and ends with a positive thought for the day. Athletic footwear required. Silvia Villanueva is the instructor.

**Essential Total Fitness** – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Athletic footwear required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

**Power Hour Fitness** – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords, stability balls and mats are used. Improve core strength and balance. Athletic footwear required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

**Gentle Yoga** – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Mats are used to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

**Chair Yoga** – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. Similar to Gentle Yoga but all poses are done in a chair. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

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# Husband And Wife Are Named COTI Citizens Of The Year

submitted by Mike Gillespie, Committee of the Islands

For the first time in its 41-year history, the Committee of the Islands has named not an individual but a husband and wife team as its Citizens of the Year.

The award, which is to honor achievements and service to the island community, is presented at COTI's annual meeting, which was held last Wednesday evening.

COTI board member Joe Salatino made the presentation and surprised the audience with his announcement that the award this year would go to Tom and Linda Uhler, as Citizens of the Year.

The extent and nature of the couple's service to Sanibel and the larger Lee County community is truly extraordinary.

The Uhler's, who have lived on Sanibel since 1977, both volunteer with SCCF and have been permittees in the sea turtle research and monitoring program. Together, they chaired the 2004 American Heart Association Lee County Heart Ball and co-chaired the 2005 Heart Ball.

Linda recently completed her second term on the board of trustees for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and served as their president from 2013 to 2015. She is a member of the Sanibel Public Library Commission, currently serving as chairwoman. She is a volunteer with the Reading Pals Program at Gladiolus Learning and Development Center.



Tom and Linda Uhler



From left, COTI President David Bath, Citizens of the Year Tom and Linda Uhler, and COTI board member Joe Salatino

In addition, Linda has chaired major fundraisers like the United Way of Lee County, the American Heart Association Heart Ball and BRAVO! Ballet, a fundraiser for Gulfshore Ballet in Fort Myers. She is past president of the Junior League of Fort Myers and Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva. She has been a schoolteacher, retail businesswoman and served as district deputy for Congressman Porter Goss.

Tom is a member and past president of the San-Cap Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the board of trustees and current president of the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra. Together with Linda, he has chaired BRAVO! Ballet.

A survivor of both heart disease and cancer, Tom serves as treasurer of the Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation. In 2013, Tom was chosen as Hero of the Year by the Fort Myers News-Press. He is past board chair and led the 2011 and 2012 United Way of Lee County campaigns. An Eagle Scout and life member of the National Eagle Scout Association, he is the current president of the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.

COTI invites your input on this and other issues affecting our island. Send an email to [coti@coti.org](mailto:coti@coti.org). To read our past commentaries on island issues, visit [www.coti.org](http://www.coti.org) or visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook.\*

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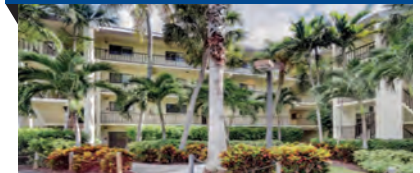
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Kasey Albright, Becky Skog, Ray Bini, Tiffany Onischuk, Dave Godfrey and Laura Richardson

## Young Professionals Meet At Legion

On Wednesday, March 16, American Legion Post 123 hosted the Young Professionals Association of Sanibel & Captiva's (YPASC) March After 5:30 networking session.

"The YPA of Sanibel & Captiva has had rewarding visits to many of the wonderful venues on island and are so happy to now be hosted by the historic American Legion," said Tiffany

Onischuk, wedding and catering sales manager at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa, who helped to coordinate the event along with Becky Skog of the American Legion.

The legion provided appetizers and guests took advantage of the drink selections and bar.

The young professionals were asked to contribute \$5 to benefit the American Legion and all they do to support veterans in the community. The donations totalled nearly \$100. Legion representatives Ray Bini and Dave Godfrey educated the group on the history and importance of the legion, as many were first time visitors.

Door prize drawings were held and the member of the month was selected as Dr. Sudeep Chawla of Island Chiropractic Center.

The YPASC's next event will be on Thursday, April 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., hosted by R.S. Walsh Landscaping at its In the Garden center. Admission is \$10 (cash only) and covers food, drink tickets and an entry into drawings. Attendees will have a chance to meet CROW's student interns, take photos with some of CROW's animal ambassadors and take advantage of 10 percent off select merchandise at the garden center. Proceeds will benefit CROW's patient care program.

Those interested in joining the association or hosting an upcoming event may contact Laura Richardson at lrichardson@bigarts.org.\*



Lori Kleiman

resource professionals, sharing best practices and new initiatives to bring to small businesses throughout the United States.

The business meeting and dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Sundial Resort and Spa, located at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. Guests are welcome. If you are interested in attending, register online at [www.ABWASanibelCaptiva.org](http://www.ABWASanibelCaptiva.org) by April 8 or contact Lynn Hoops at [LynnHoops@gmail.com](mailto:LynnHoops@gmail.com) or call Mary at 839-3633 The cost to attend the dinner meeting is \$25, payable by check, cash or credit card.\*

## ABWA Meeting

The ABWA (American Business Women's Association) of Sanibel and Captiva) will meet on Tuesday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sundial Resort and Spa on Sanibel. At the meeting, Lori Kleiman of HR Topics will be presenting a lecture on public speaking.

Kleiman is an accomplished businessperson, entrepreneur and leader. In her most recent corporate role, she orchestrated a group of 18 human resources consultants nationally. She conducted over 30 seminars in 2015 to business people and human

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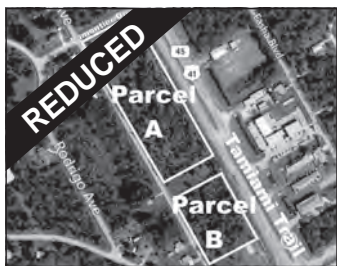
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## Shareholders Meeting

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company recently held its Sanibel Captiva Holdings Shareholders meeting at The Sanctuary Golf Club. Founder and chairman Al Hanser opened with a report on the overall health and growth of the company, which includes more than 300 client relationships comprising approximately \$1.5 billion in assets under management.

"Our in-house, local investment and trust administration teams are key differentiators for clients, leading to their positive relationship experience," said Hanser, who cited unique examples of client services above and beyond the financial sphere. "Deep friendships evolve from such close consultative relationships," he said.

In the last year, the company



Company founder and chairman Al Hanser opens the 2016 shareholders meeting at The Sanctuary

has focused on investment and economic programs, as well as the WOW series (Women. Opportunity,

Wealth.), featuring financial and estate planning topics. The company's broad philanthropic support to the communities it serves include more than 130 organizations benefiting education, arts, wildlife and conservation and human services.

### 2015 Highlights

- Chief financial officer Joseph Meek reported a healthy compound annual growth rate of assets under management of 14 percent from 2012 through 2015.

- Family Office Services assists families with multi-generational estates by coordinating with their professional advisement team for the best outcome. The new division is headed by F. Hood Craddock, CPA, whose firm in Winter Haven merged with the trust company.

- Key hires of experienced personnel and strategic appointments benefited clientele and supported the continuing growth of the company. Michael R. Dreyer, CPA, was named president of the Tampa Bay market.

Chief executive officer Terry Igo closed the meeting with a report on the company's near-term and long-range goals. Additionally, he reflected on the critical decision several years ago to leverage the success in Sanibel-Captiva by opening in Naples and Tampa Bay, and the growth advantage it afforded.

"At the heart of all this is people," Igo said. "Our employees, clients and community combined with our corporate culture is what makes us successful." ❄️

## Young Professionals

On Thursday, April 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., RS Walsh Landscaping and the Clinic for Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will jointly host the Young Professionals Association of Sanibel & Captiva's (YPASC) April After 5:30 Networking at RS Walsh's In The Garden Center. There will be food and beverages. Admission is \$10, cash only, for food, drink tickets, and entry into drawings for guest passes to CROW's Education Center and CROW's Wildlife Walk Hospital Tour as well as other prizes. Guests will have a chance to meet and greet with CROW's student interns, take photos with some of CROW's animal ambassadors as well as take advantage of 10 percent off select merchandise at RS Walsh In The Garden Center. Proceeds from the evening will benefit CROW's patient care program.

"This is going to be such a fantastic event, and while we've been featuring non-profit organizations at many of our events, this is the first true partnership of two organizations," said Young Professionals chair Laura Richardson. "Plus, the chance to spend time networking and meeting people in such a beautiful location as the In The Garden Center is something to look forward to itself."

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Young Professionals Association of Sanibel & Captiva or hosting an upcoming event, contact Laura Richardson at [lrichardson@bigarts.org](mailto:lrichardson@bigarts.org) and find YPASC on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ypasc](http://www.facebook.com/ypasc). ❄️



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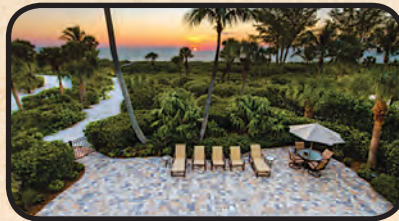


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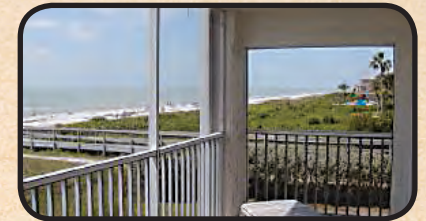


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## United Way Raises Record Amount

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee has concluded its 2015-2016 campaign and exceeded the campaign goal of \$9,385,330.

David Fry, 2015-2016 United Way Campaign chair, managing partner of Vantage Construction Services and owner of Dwell Florida, announced that local residents and companies contributed a record amount, \$9,420,338, to the campaign – a 4.2 percent increase over the amount raised last year.

"Not only has our United Way made goal, we have exceeded the campaign goal for the 23rd consecutive year by raising over \$9.4 million," Fry said at the goal announcement. "Our wonderful, generous community has done it

again!

"To all of you who gave, I send my most sincere thanks. I am so proud to call Lee County home, where people really care about each other.

"Because of your generosity, hungry families will receive food, veterans will find support when they return home, abused children and adults can find safety and shelter, older persons can remain in their own homes, and babies and toddlers can get a healthy start in life. You gave so others could have a better life."

"Making our campaign goal means that the 85 United Way Partner Agencies and over 200 programs that United Way supports will receive their full allocation of funding. Exceeding goal, means that United Way Partner Agencies and programs will be able to better serve more people in need in our community.

"All money raised by our United Way stays here in our community, and our United Way keeps administrative and



United Way Campaign Chair David Fry making the announcement that \$9,420,338 was raised

fundraising cost extremely low, returning over 90 percent of what is raised to the local agencies and programs. Our United Way is a four-star charity, the highest rating available on Charity Navigator. Charity Navigator is the largest and most utilized charity evaluator in America.

"Again, a sincere thank you to all of the individuals, companies, communities, and partner agencies for your generous contributions. You proved again what an enormously caring community this is."

The top local contributing companies and the top communities are as follows: Top United Way Company Contributors

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2. Bonita Bay Group, \$450,176
3. Chico's FAS, \$432,000
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6. Lee County School District, \$180,000

7. Lee Memorial Health System, \$146,564
  8. FineMark National Bank & Trust, \$122,644
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  10. BB&T Oswald Trippe & Company, \$104,038
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1. Bonita Bay, \$783,960
2. Sanibel Captiva \$370,628
3. Brooks, \$251,353
4. Pelican Landing, \$229,531
5. Mediterra, \$224,689
6. Fiddlesticks, \$205,082

After hearing the United Way goal announcement, Jennifer Benton, chief executive officer of Abuse Counseling and Treatment said, "Funding from United Way is so important to our agency. We served, last year, over 5,600 victims of domestic violence and survivors of sexual assault and human trafficking. Over 650 victims and their children stayed in our shelters. We could not do all that we do without our United Way."

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee has raised and distributed over \$147 million since it was established in 1957. For more information please call United Way at 433-2000 or visit [www.UnitedWayLee.org](http://www.UnitedWayLee.org).

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# Twins' Top Three Draft Picks Start Season Here With Fort Myers Miracle



by Ed Frank

The Minnesota Twins' top three draft selections for the last three years – right-hander Kohl Stewart in 2013, shortstop Nick Gordon in 2014, and left-hander Tyler Jay in 2015 – will all be members of the 2016 Fort Myers Miracle baseball team that begins the new season tonight, Thursday.

It's doubtful that a Miracle team in its 25-year history here has ever had been stacked with this type of top talent at one time, lending credence to the cliché that if you watch minor league baseball, you will be watching the major leaguers of tomorrow.

The high Class A Miracle begins the new season at 7:05 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night at Hammond Stadium against the Bradenton Marauders. The Friday night game will be followed by a big fireworks show. Free tickets are available at all Wendy's and Metro PCS locations.

Jay, out of the University of Illinois, was the 6th player selected in the 2015 major league draft after being named the Big Ten Pitcher of the Year. Baseball America rated Jay as the closest to the major leagues of any player drafted last year.

After signing with the Twins, he appeared in 19 games for the Miracle last year almost exclusively in one-inning stints while compiling a 3.93 ERA.

Gordon, the fifth player drafted in 2014, is the son of former major league pitcher Flash Gordon and the brother of the Florida Marlins All-Star Dee Gordon. Nick played the entire 2015 season for Low A Cedar Rapids where he hit .277 in 120 games with 25 stolen bases and 58 RBIs.

Stewart, the fourth player picked in the 2013 draft, is returning to the Miracle this season where he compiled a 7-8 record with a 3.20 ERA in 2015. His 129 innings pitched were the most of any Miracle hurler last season.

Other familiar names that will start the season with the Miracle are catcher-first baseman Alex Swim, a .311 hitter with last season's Miracle, and second-baseman Ryan Walker, who recorded a .269 average in 83 games last season.

Swim, named to the 2015 Florida State League All-Star team, was a non-roster invitee to the Twins this past spring training.

Brad Steil, the Twins director of minor league operations, named three other exciting prospects who will be on the Miracle roster. They are:

Left-handers Stephen Gonsalves and Randy Rosario, and center fielder Tanner English. Gonsalves was a combined 13-3 last year with Cedar Rapids and Fort Myers. Rosario is moving up from Cedar Rapids and English also has been promoted from Cedar Rapids.

Jeff Smith of Naples is returning as Miracle manager for the second consecutive year. He also guided the Miracle in 2008-09. His 2015 squad finished with a 76-63 record, the best overall in the Florida State League South Division.

The Miracle drew a record attendance in 2015 of 133,817 in 66 home games, topping the previous record of 124,749. The season opener last year drew 9,207 fans, a single-game record.

Following this week's season openers, the Miracle return to Hammond Stadium Monday for a four-game series with Brevard County. All four games begin at 7:05 p.m.

The Twins' minor league system is rated the fifth best among the 30 major league teams. This high rating is evidenced by the 2015 season records of their four minor league teams:

- Triple A Rochester – 77-67; second in their division.
- Double A Chattanooga – 76-61; Southern League Champions.
- High A Fort Myers – 76-63; best record in the division
- Low A Cedar Rapids – 77-63; reached Midwest League Championship Series, losing in the fifth and final game.✪

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last pitcher to start a season 8-0 for the Seattle Mariners?
2. In 2015, pitcher Jorge De La Rosa became the Colorado Rockies' career leader in strikeouts. Who had been No. 1?
3. Chicago's Matt Forte set an NFL record in 2014 for most receptions in a season by a running back (102). Who had held the mark?
4. Tom Gola is one of only two NCAA Division I male basketball players to hit the 2,000 mark in both points and rebounds. Who is the other person to do it?
5. When was the last time before the 2014-15 season that the Boston Bruins missed the NHL playoffs?
6. In 2016, Lindsey Vonn set the record for most career World Cup downhill skiing victories (37). Who had been tied with her?
7. Name the last Canadian to win the PGA's Canadian Open.

## ANSWERS

1. Aaron Sele, in 2001. 2. Ubaldo Jimenez, with 773 strikeouts. 3. Arizona's Larry Centers caught the Moser-Proell. 7. Pat Fletcher, in 1954. 4. George Washington's Joe Holup. 5. It was the 2006-07 season. 6. Annema-

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From left: Wally the mascot; Jay Fandel, Boston Red Sox; Skip Leonard, Lee Memorial Health System Foundation; John Farrell, manager, Red Sox; Katy Martinez, Lee Memorial Health System Foundation; Kristy Gudobba, event chair, The Forest Country Club; Derek DeArmond, event committee; Most Valuable Patient Tyler Reid; Scott Bertrand, The Forest; Kyle Boudrot, grandson of Shelley and Jack Blais; Most Valuable Patient Monique Reid; Brett Bodine, Red Sox; and major sponsors Shelley and Jack Blais

The 2016 Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic Series raised \$1,000,309 for Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida's Gift of a Lifetime capital campaign. The total includes matching support provided by longtime Children's Hospital friends Jack and Shelley Blais.

The Boston Red Sox again "stepped up to the plate" in a big way to help young patients from across the area by providing unprecedented access to Red Sox players, management, facilities and other support services. Scores of players took part in the golf tournament and related activities, helping to raise vital dollars for the children's hospital. This marked the event's 23rd year.

This year's series included the Boston Tee Party cocktail reception and celebrity golf tournament featuring major Red Sox stars – both held at The Forest Country Club in south Fort Myers in late February – and the annual Diamond Dinner held on the field at JetBlue Park in mid-March.

Hundreds of die-hard fans and local residents banded together with the Red Sox to help local children.

"Once again the Boston Red Sox and our matching sponsors, Jack and Shelley Blais, provided outstanding leadership for this lifesaving event," said Skip Leonard, chief foundation officer, Lee Memorial Health System Foundation. "Hundreds of golfers, sponsors, Red Sox fans and children's hospital friends all pitched in to help our young patients. This generous support will be a huge help as construction on the new Golisano Children's Hospital continues."

Scheduled for completion in early 2017, the new hospital building will include 128 beds for the care of local children along with the latest medical equipment and a specially trained team of medical care providers.

To get involved with the 2017 Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic Event Series, contact Katy Martinez at 343-6076 or BostonGolf@LeeMemorial.org.✪



## Sundial Kids' Tennis Camp

The annual Sundial Beach Resort & Spa Tennis Camp for youngsters will take place weekly from June 13 to August 4.

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## Selecting A Trustee: Lessons From The Bible



by Craig R. Hersch, Florida Bar Board Certified  
Wills, Trusts & Estates Attorney; CPA

When I sit with a client and the conversation turns to selecting the successor trustee in the estate plan, I'm often not sure that my client understands the importance of this decision. Following the client's death, for example, the successor trustee works with my office to conduct the trust administration. He's likely faced with tough decisions, such as which assets to sell, which assets to retain, and what legal and tax strategies to employ. Every day brings a different, weighty decision.

Often my clients turn to naming their oldest child. Is this the wisest course of action? Here I'm going to turn to one Biblical story that sheds light on this topic, the story of Jacob's sons.

You'll recall that Jacob was tricked following seven years of servitude to Laban (Jacob's uncle) to marry Leah (Laban's oldest daughter). Jacob loved Rachel, (Laban's younger daughter) and thought he was marrying Rachel. In fact, Jacob ended up marrying both women, but he loved Rachel more than he loved Leah.

Jacob and Leah had six sons, the eldest named Reuben. Later, Rachel would give birth to Joseph, who became Jacob's favorite son, so much so that he gave him the coat of many colors. The six sons of Leah were jealous of Joseph, for his mother was the one Jacob truly loved.

Reuben and his five brothers are out tending the flock far from home when Jacob sends Joseph out to see what they are doing. The brothers see Joseph from afar, and the sight of the cloak enrages them. They realize that alone, with no one to witness, they can kill Joseph and concoct a tale that would be impossible to refute.

Only Reuben protests. The Bible states that "Reuben heard and saved him (Joseph) from their hands" (Gen 37:21). Reuben did not. The discrepancy is so obvious that most translations from the original Hebrew do not render the phrase literally. What Reuben actually did was to attempt to save him. Reuben's plan was simple. He told the brothers not to kill Joseph but to let him die, thus averting the immediate danger.

That's when the brothers lowered Joseph into the cistern. The Bible tells us that Reuben's plan was to come back to rescue Joseph, but this did not happen. Instead, passing Midianites find Joseph and sell him into slavery. By the time Reuben returns to the pit to rescue Joseph, he is gone.

Upon the discovery, Reuben cries out to his brothers in despair.

Reuben is of good intentions. He cares. He thinks. He knew that his father would be distraught if Joseph were to die. He is not led by the crowd or by his darker instincts. He penetrates to the moral core of the situation. But somehow his good intentions backfire. Attempting to make things better, he only made things worse.

The Joseph episode is not the only episode evidencing Reuben's flawed thinking. When young, Reuben brings mandrakes home to his mother, Leah. Mandrakes were believed to be both an aphrodisiac and a fertility drug. Reuben was

not thinking of himself but of her. He knew that his father favored Rachel and not his mother.

Reuben presents the mandrakes to his mother in front of Rachel, who asks for some of them to seduce Jacob. This causes a fight and bitterness between the sisters. These are the only recorded angry words in the Bible between Leah and Rachel.

Another instance is where Reuben moves the bed of Jacob's handmaid following Rachel's death, prompting Jacob to believe Reuben only wanted to sleep with her. Rather, Reuben was attempting to save Jacob from himself in that scene. Instead, he draws his father's ire.

What Reuben lacks in all of these scenes is courage. Reuben lacks confidence so that at critical moments he is robbed of the capacity to carry through a course of action he knows to be right. He begins well but does not drive the deed home to closure. Returning with the mandrakes, he might have bided his time until Leah was alone. After Rachel's death, Reuben might have spoken directly to his father instead of moving the beds. In the face of his brother's murderous intentions toward Joseph, he might have carried him home.

While Reuben may have had the highest ethical sensibilities, he lacked courage. He knew what was right, but lacked the resolve to do it boldly and decisively.

This brings me back to the point of naming the oldest, responsible son as successor trustee. There is obviously more than one characteristic one must look for when naming a family member into important roles regarding your estate. This is your legacy. You want certain things to happen. Your trustee must make them happen in accordance with your wishes as written in your trust document. The future is uncertain and sometimes it requires a bold leader who is willing and courageous enough to make the tough decisions, and stand by them.

The story of Jacob, Leah, Rachel and their sons brings this point home like no other.

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## Bringing Clarity To Pool Chemistry

submitted by Rick Ranieri, Organic Chemist Tutor

This article summarizes the main methods by which chlorine is added to a pool. Chlorine is, by far, the best way to sanitize and control microbial growth in a pool (chlorine levels should be maintained between 2 and 5 ppm).

There are four ways chlorine is normally introduced into a pool.

1. *Bleach solution*, also called sodium hypochlorite; very alkaline; has a very high pH. Pros: A cheap and easy-to-use liquid. Cons: On addition of bleach to a pool, the pH may go above the normal acceptable range of 7.2-7.8. If this occurs, acid (muriatic/hydrochloric acid or sodium bisulfate) must be added to the pool to lower the pH to the acceptable range.

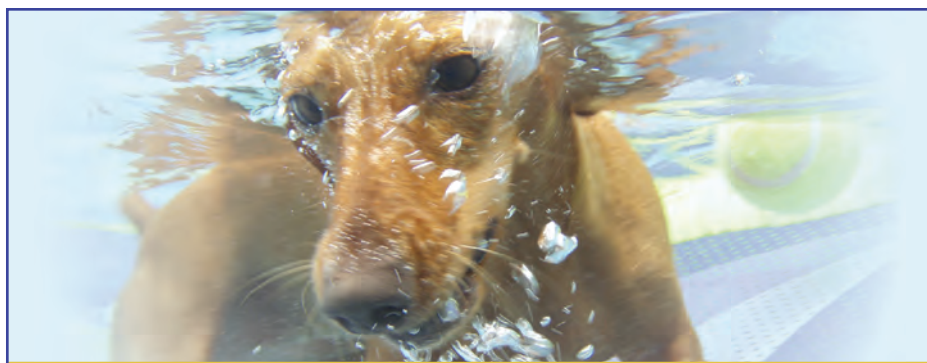
2. *Chlorine tablets*, used to give chlorine some resistance to sunlight decomposition. This form of chlorine is composed of a stabilizer molecule (cyanuric acid) bound to 3 chlorine molecules (acceptable range for cyanuric acid is about 30-90 ppm). Pros: Increases the lifetime of the chlorine in a pool. Cons: Releases cyanuric acid (also called stabilizer) which does not decompose like chlorine does. Over time, cyanuric acid levels build up in the pool and will lead to a condition called "chlorine lock," eventually making pool chlorine ineffective as a sanitizer. The pool must be drained and refilled to remove the excess cyanuric acid.

In public pools, if cyanuric acid levels reach 100 ppm, the pool must be closed to the public due to the ineffectiveness of the chlorine present and the resulting danger of microbial growth.

3. *Granular sodium chloride* (NaCl) (salt pool). NaCl, which is not a sanitizer, is added to a pool. It is then converted by electrolysis to bleach, the active sanitizer. The electrode hook-up, along with sensors in the pool, automatically perform this function. An excess of NaCl is always present. Pros: Minimal effort required; fairly cheap. One simply adds the NaCl, normally sold in bags, to the pool until the proper level is reached. Cons: The water will have a somewhat slippery, briny feel to it due to the constant presence of salt (NaCl). As in the case with bleach, the pH of the pool will rise. Acid addition may be required to lower the pH to acceptable levels.

4. *Chlorine gas*, requires the bubbling of toxic chlorine gas, normally kept in metal cylinders, into the pool until the proper chlorine level is reached. Pros: Very concentrated. Cons: The chlorine, on being bubbled into the bottom of the pool, reacts with water to give, among other things, hydrochloric acid (HCl). This lowers the pH and may require the addition of soda ash to bring the pH up.

I hope this article brings a little clarity to this aspect of pool chemistry. Rick Ranieri has lived on Sanibel for 17 years and maintains his own pool. He thanks Banner Pool staff for the many stimulating discussions about this subject.✪



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## Superior Interiors

## Storage Systems Promote Healthier Living



by Linda Coin

As you are gearing up to spend more time inside your home, this might be a good time to think about organization. It also might be a time to follow up on one of your New Year's resolutions.

"Getting organized" is said to be the second most possible vow made when the year turns to a new one. So, you can either complete the resolution you made or get a head start on next year's.

As a little more incentive, here's a list of some of the benefits you will gain from tackling that chore:

- You will be able to relax more. I've read that we often waste two hours in a single day looking for something. Organization can help you find things faster.

- You'll feel better about your home
- You'll be healthier by reducing stress.

- You'll be a better role model for others.

- You'll save money because many purchases actually never get used because they can't be found once they're brought home. You will buy items that you have place for.

Start with your bedroom. Shouldn't you have a closet that makes you feel better at the start and end of every day? Then look at your entry way – the one you use most often. How does that make you feel every time you use it? Then move on to your pantry, laundry, each bedroom, the garage, etc. View them each as an opportunity to make you feel better. A time to purge.

## Sources For Help

Today, there are closet, shelving and storage systems that will fit anywhere in the home or office. And they don't have to be ordinary. There are inspirational designs for every room or space. The combinations are limitless and there are extensive, stylish design options ranging from traditional to contemporary.

The endless configuration options achieve multiple uses such as room dividers, a display system, shelving, storage or a fabulous walk-in closet. Whatever the space, you can create a personalized furniture system just for you.

Tight on space? Systems like these can help you transform any space into one that is not only functional, but looks great too. Whether it be a space to entertain the family, putting space under a staircase to good use, or a place for display, there is a system that will work.

While there are websites that can help you and there are some systems that can be designed and installed by the more accomplished do-it-yourselfers, you might find it advantageous to use a professional.

Before that decision, however, you'll need to give some thought to such factors as: Are there seasonal changes in the contents to be stored? Are there bulky items? For closets, do you want shoes on the floor or on shelves? Are you aiming to store smaller items like jewelry?

Then there are the measurements: Measure how much space your clothes take up now. Measure both the front and back dimensions of a closet. Be sure to account for the baseboard and any inside trim. Like the proverb says: Measure twice, cut once.

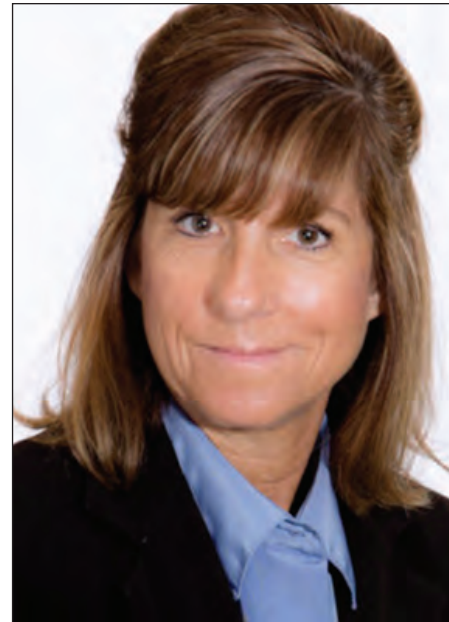
If you do work with a professional, be sure to have a clear understanding of such things as who will move the contents out of the space being re-done. Who will remove any current molding, baseboard, etc. and repair the damage? In other words, who will get it ready for the installation?

It may seem daunting, but remember

those benefits. And you won't have to make getting organized one of your resolutions for the New Year.

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## Bank Hires Senior Loan Processor



Kimberly Becker

Kimberly Becker has joined Sanibel Captiva Community Bank as a senior loan processor. She is

responsible for assisting customers with residential loan closings.

Becker has more than 23 years of consumer and commercial banking experience, as relationship manager, business banker, premier client manager, bank account executive, consumer credit and production officer.

A Cape Coral resident, Becker is a member of the Business Network International Southwest Florida Chapter and Above Board Chamber of Florida. She is a United Way and Rotary volunteer.\*

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## Neti Pots And Other Nasal Unstuffers



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

### Dear Pharmacist:

As spring rolls around, allergies and hay fever cause problems, and so do lingering strains of colds and flu. Maybe you are one of the 40 million people in North America who

are experiencing uncomfortable symptoms from chronic sinusitis? It translates to a lot of Kleenex, Flonase and Sudafed!

Are you experiencing some of these issues: Sinus pressure, headaches, cheek pain, eyeball pain, or pressure behind the eyes, puffy eyes, nasal dryness or a stuffed up nose? Do you have moving headaches or shocks in your scalp, dental pain or a foul odor that no one else can smell?

Today I'm reviewing some popular devices that help with chronic sinusitis:

**Neti Pots** – There are plastic and porcelain ones, I suggest the porcelain kind. Neti pots and other “nose” devices discussed are better than oral deconges-

tants like pseudoephedrine because they don't raise your blood pressure or cause spaciness or insomnia.

But they work superficially, addressing nasal and maxillary sinus problems (around your cheekbones), not those of the ethmoid (near the bridge of your nose) or sphenoid sinuses (behind your eyes). Luckily, those conditions are rare, and you'll need a CT scan of your sinuses to uncover ethmoid or sphenoid sinus problems.

**Pro** – It's affordable and readily accessible at health food stores and pharmacies. No set up is required, other than having warm distilled water and special neti salt.

**Con** – You have to tilt your head in an awkward position and this is problematic if you have neck or back pain. You need to buy distilled water. Please don't skimp and use tap water because your sinuses are not equipped to defend against pathogens very well. For example, people have died from a brain-eating amoeba found in tap water so use distilled.

### Neilmed Rinse

**Pro** – It flushes you out really well, and is more efficient than a neti pot. Many people claim it helped them after years of congestion. It comes with individual packets of salt with baking soda, which is instantly alkalizing. You control the pressure or “flush” by squeezing the bottle yourself.

**Con** – You may get a sinus headache afterwards and some people say it causes

a sensation similar to the feeling you get when you jump into a pool and water gets up your nose, but this goes away. It's made of a flimsy plastic container.

**Navage Nasal Irrigation** – Getting used to this device takes a try or two. It has a “pulling” effect rather than a pushing effect like other devices. It sends water up one nostril and literally suctions it out the other.

Once you get used to the sensation, you can reap the benefits.

**Pros** – It doesn't require awkward head positions. Some reviews from people on-

line say it changed their life, and helped them wean off years of nasal sprays and/or steroids.

**Cons** – You have to buy their proprietary brand of salt pods and the sensation of suction can feel bizarre. You also can't control or adjust the flow.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit [www.SuzyCohen.com](http://www.SuzyCohen.com).*✱

## Catch Spring Fever At Lee Animal Services

Spring fever is taking over at Lee County Domestic Animal Services. Now is a great time to cultivate a new relationship and adopt an adorable cat or fun-loving canine. Adopters can take advantage of reduced fees on specially marked pets throughout the month of April. Cats and kittens are also two-for-one adoption fee.

The adoption fee for all pets includes spay/neuter surgery; age-appropriate vaccinations; flea treatment; deworming; heartworm test for dogs six months or older; feline aids and

leukemia test for cats; a Lee County license for pets three months or older; Behavior Help Line; Microchip Pet ID; and a 10-day health guarantee. The total adoption package is valued at more than \$500.

Pets available for adoption may be viewed online and adopters can submit an application online as well. The website updates hourly. Volunteers and staff will be available to help individuals and families select the pet that best suits their lifestyle.

The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Adoption hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.✱

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

### Dear Shelley,

My husband and I want to send our child to preschool soon. My husband wants a school that allows the kids to play but I think an academic

one that will prepare our son for Kindergarten and the academic pressures that now start so early. What information do you have on this?

*Chandra J, Fort Myers*

### Chandra,

No one would disagree that academic expectations for children are much higher today than just a short years ago. Just one example of this according to Daphna Bassok, an assistant professor of education and public policy at the University of Virginia, in 1998, 30% of teachers believed that children should

learn to read while in kindergarten. In 2010, that figure was at 80%. Kids are expected to sit for longer and focus on more academic tasks, relegating play to a 20-minute recess in most schools today.

Kids face increasing pressures at school right now so it would make sense that we start teaching them as early as possible. Actually that is not the case. Kids need to play. Play is not trivial. “Play is brain-building for babies and young children. There is a sequence of how children develop, from the moral and emotional to the social and intellectual. Each phase requires building certain intellectual, emotional and physical muscles whether they want to do math, play on the swings or make a friend,” says Dr. Ellen Littman, a clinical psychologist. And “there is a developmental sequence and you can't violate it all that much,” says Littman. If kids don't play “they are not developing the normal skills that come from interacting with play, including how to manage their emotions,” said Littman.

Dr. Peter Gray, a psychologist and professor at Boston College says that play provides children with unstructured time,

with rules set by the kids and no adults acting as referee. It is how kids learn independence, problem solving, social cues, and confidence Gray hypothesizes that kids aren't learning critical life-coping skills because they never get to play anymore. “Children today are less free than they have ever been, he said and that lack of freedom has exacted a dramatic toll,” he noted.

Dr. Gray has observed that parents are so quick to jump in to solve the playground dust ups, warn about all dangers real and imagined and they fail to let kids have any independence for fear they will be abducted or hit by a car. “Where do children learn to control their own lives? When adults aren't around to do it for you,” he said. “If you don't have the opportunity to experience life on your own, to deal with the stressors of life, to learn in this context of play where you are free to fail, the world is a scary place,” he added.

Once a child gets to elementary school, playtime is limited. Allow your child the opportunity to play now so he will develop the life long social skills that are equally as important as the academic ones.

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## Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance  
Clancy

**Q:** I would like to work with my dreams to get some answers to some questions I have. How do I begin?

**A:** Working with your dreams is an excellent way to begin to also tune into

your own intuition and look into what aspect of your life your dreams relate to.

Dreams have layers, like an onion, it's not just one meaning, but many ways dreams can apply to your life. Dream interpretation is all about what resonates within you. By resonating, I mean that something gets stirred up, activated, you feel a certain excitement, or anger or some emotion. We dream every 90 to 120 minutes.

If you were to be hooked up to an EEG, your dream life would be measured. It would go to spikes of every 90 to 120 minutes of your sleep cycle. I happen to believe that we dream more than we realize.

There is so much we don't remember in dreams. However, if you follow these easy suggestions, you will be able to start piecing together your dreams and make sense of them. We want to remember our dreams and we need to remember our dreams in our lives right now. What people sometimes do is try too hard. When you try too hard with intuition or dreams, it cuts it off. You cannot force this. It's an open channel to receive. If you try too hard or force it, it stops the creative process. So begin by selecting a dream journal that is separate from anything else you write in. Get a pen to put with it and when you awaken from your dream, write down everything you

remember, no matter how silly it seems. If you don't do this and think that you will remember your dream in the morning when you awaken, chances are you won't. It is important that your subconscious knows it has its place and get an image on the dream journal that you love as this will help pull you into the dream. It's a personal relationship as you are describing the unconscious, and keep this journal by your bed and make it special.

Before you go to sleep every night, put out a request from your heart and you should have an answer, if not the first night, perhaps you will on the second night you put out the request. I would ask one question at a time then go to sleep. If you are not awakened in the night, then the next morning, take five minutes of silence then see what comes up for you. Remember, do not force this. Have a soothing transitional state from being asleep to wakefulness and make it nice for yourself. Use some peaceful way of waking up rather than a blasting alarm clock. Chimes are nice to awaken to.

You have access to the dream world and just see what intuitive impressions, colors, noise or even a feeling of anxiety, as this is ok. It can be wonderful as this is a gift to you because it's an answer to your question.

When you're wrestling with things just know that it is a way for you to do your work. As you continue to write your dreams down, you will begin to get a sense of what they mean. Anything you sense with your intuition is important to you. If you feel you need some help, please seek out a counselor who can assist you. Remember, just ask for what is in your heart and know that your intuition never lies. You are off to a great start and the power of your dreams will awaken your soul. Sweet dreams.

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## Night For Life For Transplant Recipients

On Monday, April 11 from 5 to 9 p.m., the 9th annual fundraiser, Night For Life, will be held at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers. It is sponsored by the Organ Transplant Recipients of Southwest Florida, Inc. to benefit local organ transplant patients and those on the transplant waiting list.

Entertainment includes the Del Prados, back by popular demand with three new voices, and a performance by the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre's cast of *Funny Girl*. Tickets are \$35 per person and include a buffet dinner, program, entertainment and silent and Chinese auctions. Doors open at 5 p.m. Auctions run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and the dinner buffet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The program includes recognition of transplant recipients, donors and caregivers.

Among the auction items are a Marco Island sunset cruise for two, a tour of the San Carlos Island Shrimp Fleet docks (which includes two Wild Pink Shrimp dinners and a panoramic view of Matanzas Pass), A Night at the Casino with hotel room and dinner for two, and a three-day stay at a Captiva Island gulf front resort. Bid on gift certificates from restaurants in Fort

Myers, Sanibel Island, Cape Coral, Fort Myers Beach and San Carlos Island. For family entertainment, there are tickets to Busch Gardens, Walt Disney World, the Naples Zoo and family memberships to local museums. Bid on jewelry and gift baskets, art from local artists, signed books and more.

This event raises money for the Fletcher Trust Fund, which was established in 2004 to assist transplant recipients in Southwest Florida. An average of 22 people die each day in the U.S. due to a lack of available organs and tissue donors. For more information about registering to be an organ donor, visit [www.donatelifeflorida.org/register](http://www.donatelifeflorida.org/register) or visit the booth at Night For Life.

Sponsors include Associates in Nephrology, Surgical Specialists, Dr. Malaki Retina Center, Kwik Copy Business Solutions, Cape Coral Irish American Club, LifeLink Foundation, Davita, Kidney Institute of Naples, The Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, Greg Allman, *Island Sun* newspaper and Taylor Carpet One.

To purchase tickets, call David Weinstein at 560-3401. For additional information on the event, visit [www.organsupport.org](http://www.organsupport.org).

To learn more about the Organ Transplant Recipients of Southwest Florida, Inc., or its monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of the month, contact [otroflswfl@gmail.com](mailto:otroflswfl@gmail.com) or visit [www.organsupport.org](http://www.organsupport.org).\*

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## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psycho-therapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

**Dear Mom & Me,**

Thirty years ago our second son was

born and he was severely handicapped. We gave him the best of care, but his care and responsibility destroyed our financial security, our marriage and our normal son suffered because he did not get the time and attention needed for his care. Our handicapped child died at 23 years of age.

Our oldest son is married and they told me his wife is six weeks pregnant. On a recent visit I told her I had read a medical article that said some doctors are telling their pregnant patients not to go into saunas or hot tubs in the early stages of pregnancy because the high heat may cause problems for the developing child.

My daughter-in-law listened and two hours later I saw her go into their very hot, hot tub and stay for 40 minutes. The following day she did the same.

I made no comment and left after my two-day visit. I could hardly leave soon enough. Why do you think she would act this way in light of our family's history with a handicapped child?

Margaret

**Dear Margaret,**

I am sorry, and I am sure your

daughter-in-law's actions felt like a slap in the face and disrespectful to your family history. Unfortunately I have found, no matter your experience, it is very difficult to be a prophet in your own land. I can only imagine that this issue is of critical importance to you. Perhaps your son would be a more receptive audience.

Pryce

**Dear Margaret,**

I cannot imagine why your daughter-in-law would do anything that would endanger her developing baby.

Many people, young and old, will not take advice given by anyone. I once heard a heart surgeon complain that he tries so hard to help his patients and many will not take his advice to help themselves.

It must have been difficult for you not to say something in response to her actions, but she seems to be determined to decide for herself what she will do and what she will not do.

Lizzie

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## Eden Energy Medicine

## Create Pet Confidence And Contentment



by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML (03-12)

Often, my 7-year-old golden doodle Chezy, carefully supervises and assists in private energy sessions with my clients. However,

it is important that he be “Zipped-up” so as to protect him from the energies of the clients and me while we are working intently. I have shown this tool to a number of professionals who have service dogs, therapy dogs or assist during massages. It makes such a huge difference for the animal, and they are very demonstrative of how much they benefit. One dog, Stella, gets so excited when she is Zipped-up, that she wants to stand on her back legs and give you a big hug; she rolls on the floor and makes her “happy sounds.”

The benefits are huge. We want our pet friends to be energetically resilient just like we are by creating a bubble of energetic protection around them. You know what it is like if you have walked into a party, train, plane, seminar, family reunion or other event and immediately felt the energy of others bombard you. Or, while talking with a person who is upset, feeling their negative attitude deflating you and you begin to feel vulnerable and sad. An animal is no different and, in fact, they are even more subject to the energies from others – they pull those emotions in like sponges.

So, we want to close the Central Meridian, which begins at the pubic bone and ends behind the bottom lip. It is one of two meridians that surround the core and keep the pet strong energetically. The Governing meridian begins at the base of the tail bone, runs up the back, over the head and ends behind the top lip. Here are the steps for your pet:

1. It is easiest if standing. Calm your pet. Gently place your hand between their front legs reaching to the hind legs. You don't have to touch them if they are sensitive. Pull the energy from the pubic area, up the mid belly, over the chest, up the neck and under the chin to the bottom lip. Do this three times.

2. On the fourth run, get to the lip and hold as you bring the other hand from the base of the tail up over the back, across the top of the head, across the nose and to the top lip. Then turn your hands as if you are locking the energy in.

The power of closing these meridians has a profound impact. At a presentation I did recently, I asked for three volunteers who absorbed others' energies and “stuff..” When the audience was asked to direct positive thoughts to the women, their Central meridian tested strong. When the audience was asked to direct negative thoughts, the meridian tested weak. It is that responsive! By teaching the women to mentally Zip-up with imagery (without using their hands), each stayed energetically strong even when the audience directed negative thoughts. You are doing the same for you furry friends.

Have fun with your energy! Next week's topic is Crossing Pet's Energies: Help them Heal or Heel.

*If you have a question, email Karen at [SemmEnergyCenter@gmail.com](mailto:SemmEnergyCenter@gmail.com) or visit [www.semmelmanenergy.com](http://www.semmelmanenergy.com). EEM does not diagnose or cure illness, but working with subtle energies of the body has been shown to help many conditions.\**

emceed by Peter Busch, NBC-2 evening news anchor. A performance from the Broadway Palm Children's Theatre cast of *James and the Giant Peach* will kick off the activities.

“We are very excited to host this event in partnership with the Lee County Schools and Suncoast Credit Union to help raise hunger awareness through art,” said Tracey Galloway, CEO of Community Cooperative. “It's a wonderful feeling to have our local school children be so hands-on in an effort to support their schoolmates who may go hungry on any given day.”

Eight local restaurants will have a soup or two featured including: Larry's Lunchbox Delicatessen, The Gathering Place, G3 Catering, Amore Brick Oven Pizza, The Lazy Flamingo, University Grill, Community Cooperative Café and individual Nancy Hicks on behalf of Suncoast Credit Union.

For more information, contact Nicole Rieg at [Nicole@CommunityCooperative.com](mailto:Nicole@CommunityCooperative.com), call 332-7687 ext. 101 or visit [www.communitycooperative.com](http://www.communitycooperative.com).\*

## Fill Empty Bowls To Raise Hunger Awareness

Community Cooperative's Empty Bowls event, presented by Suncoast Credit Union, is set for Sunday, April 10 at Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers.

Family-oriented festivities include a “soup-off” and soup sampling from local chefs and restaurants, a bounce house, face painting, craft station and student performances. Admission is free and wristbands for the soup sampling and other food will be available for purchase for a small donation. Money raised will benefit Community Cooperative's Healthy School Pantry and FLIP (Food Literacy in Preschool) programs.

One of a kind, handcrafted ceramic bowls made by Lee County school children will be available for purchase as a reminder of those who go hungry in Lee County.

Student performances will be

## FGCU Hockey Club Captures Championship

The DII National Club Championship game and Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) have become synonymous in recent years as the Eagles entered 2015-16 on the heels of two-straight title game appearances and only three years removed from their 2012 title.

FGCU suffered a pair of tough letdowns in Boston and Utah the last two years, losing to New Hampshire in 2014 and New York University in 2015 in each respective tournament. The pair of title game losses dropped the Eagles' record in the final to 1-3 overall with their lone triumph coming over defending champions, Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in 2012.

The Eagles found their way this spring, triumphing over Liberty, 4-1, to capture their second National Club Championship.

“The last two seasons were extremely tough on our group,” Matthew Maida, FGCU Hockey Club director of communications said. “It took a tremendous amount of courage and hard work for our team to get back to the championship game again in 2016 in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

“To finally pull through on our third straight finals appearance was as much a relief as it was a crowning achievement for a group who could have easily won nationals three years in a row.”

The current crop of Eagles may not realize it, but their struggles the last two years and their success this season is nearly a mirror image of the team they dispatched in West Chester. Entering the 2012 finals, GVSU was looking to defend their title before being toppled by FGCU. The Lakers would fall in the 2013 title game as well, marking a three-year run with a 1-2 record in the title game.

FGCU's current group of seniors were on hand to take up the runner-up mantle from GVSU for the next two years, a trend they were able to finally buck this year.

“We had a large senior class this season and it was especially important to get the job done before these young men graduated and went on their separate ways,” Maida said. “When you compete together and win a championship together, you become instantly bonded for life and I think our graduating seniors will appreciate this even more as the years pass and they reflect on their time with the Eagles.”

Early struggles were a theme of

FGCU's recent title game struggles and they were in danger of repeating the same pattern, giving Liberty an early edge in shots to begin the game. However, it was a tremendous team effort from scoring leader Dillon Duprey that opened the scoring for the Eagles.

Liberty struck back in the middle frame on a power play tally from Ben Freymond. Freymond's point shot found its way past Mike Reed to snap a lengthy extra man drought for the Flames.

The tie would be short lived, however, as the Eagles retook the lead with just 15 seconds remaining in the second as Mike Chemello stuffed in a rebound after a late-period faceoff. The possession started after a late rush from Dan Echeverri that forced an offensive zone draw for the Eagles. An even draw led to a loose puck that was jammed to the nearside post by Echeverri where Chemello managed to find the rebound just outside the paint.

Reed and the Eagles defense would carry the load over the final 20 minutes as Chemello's late second period goal would go down as the winner.

FGCU didn't necessarily need a second national title to cement their status as a DII Club powerhouse. The organization has been amongst the most successful in the ACHA over the past five-plus years, the 2016 title merely crowns one of the nation's strongest Club programs.

The Eagles have continuously drawn elite talents from across the country as the warm weather and on-ice success of Southwest Florida serve as a draw for nearly every type of player.

“The quality of the players that are interested and attracted to FGCU for both their education and the sport of hockey improves every season, so much so that we have even started to get inquiries from NCAA D1 players looking for a change,” Maida said. I could never had imagined the hockey would get so competitive and the player personnel so talented when we started and every season we are still surprised at just how good our recruits are when they hit the ice.”

FGCU's roster has grown to include players from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and South America. Daniel Echeverri, 2016 tournament MVP, has gained notoriety not only for his play on the ice, but his Colombian roots. His heritage is something the FGCU organization is proud to advertise as his on and off-ice success serves as a hallmark for the hockey program and the university as a whole.

For more information, contact team staff advisor Marc Laviolette at 590-7891; or Matthew Maida at 647-227-6288.\*

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Sanibel Captiva Community Bank employees, including President Craig Albert and VP/COO David Hall (seated center, in blue shirts)

## Bank Earns Five-Star Rating

BauerFinancial has awarded Sanibel Captiva Community Bank a five-star rating, the highest granted by the independent bank research firm. A five-star or superior rating indicates the institution has at least twice the capital that regulators require, is profitable and has kept delinquent loans in check. Sanibel Captiva Community Bank is well-capitalized, with \$277 million in assets, and generates the third highest return on equity of Florida's 157 chartered banks.

BauerFinancial has been analyzing and reporting on the financial condition of the nation's banking industry since 1983, using several indicators of a bank's finan-

cial strength in determining its rating. The firm analyzes data reported quarterly to federal regulators and compares it with historical statistics for consistency.

Founded in 2003, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank is the only bank chartered on Sanibel, where it has two locations, the main office at 2475 Library Way and 1037 Periwinkle Way. It has three locations in Fort Myers, in the Myerlee community, on McGregor Boulevard near Kelly Road and on College Parkway.

For more information, visit [www.sancapbank.com](http://www.sancapbank.com).✪

## Volunteers Needed For Annual Letter Carrier Food Drive May 14

Food assistance need will be greater than ever when school is out for the summer. Letter carriers in Southwest Florida are gearing up for the 24th annual national letter carrier food drive. The nation's largest single-day food drive, Stamp Out Hunger, will be held on Saturday, May 14. This is the one day when letter carriers collect non-perishable food that has been left by mailboxes.

Volunteers are needed to both help letter carriers collect the food and to help sort the food once it has been collected. Most food collected in Lee County will be distributed by the Harry Chapin Food Bank through their participating agencies in the county; food collected in Collier County will be distributed by Collier Harvest; food collected in Charlotte County will be distributed to participating food pantries. All food collected in food drives is distributed to participating agencies at no cost.

Volunteers are needed to assist letter carriers with their pickups and with preliminary food sorting. Contact Tanya Phillips at Harry Chapin Food Bank by calling 334-7007 or call Kim Berghs at the United Way at 433-2000 ext. 260.

Additional information about the letter carrier food drive and early food drop-off may be obtained by contacting George Sciascia, Letter Carriers' Food Drive coordinator, at [gsciascia@comcast.net](mailto:gsciascia@comcast.net) or 218-1147.✪

### ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### Top Producers



Bruce Cochran



Chuck Andrews

Bruce Cochran was the most productive selling associate for the RE/MAX of the Islands office during the month of February.

Chuck and Kimberley Andrews were the most productive marketing sales associates in February. ✪



Kimberley Andrews

#### Realtor Joins Firm

Wendy Humphrey has joined Premier Sotheby's International Realty as a broker associate.

Humphrey has been working in real estate on the islands of Sanibel and Captiva since 1990 and had her own brokerage before joining Premier Sotheby's. ✪



Wendy Humphrey

#### Top Producers

The top producers at South Seas, Sanibel & Captiva Properties for the month of February were: Joni Stokes, top producer for residential real estate; and Virginia Dundore, top producer for interval ownership. ✪



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FOR WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2016

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It isn't always easy for the rambunctious Aries to give a second thought to their often spur-of-the-moment choices. But aspects favor rechecking a decision before declaring it final.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Information emerges for the business-driven Bovine who feels ready to restart a stalled project. Be prepared to make

adjustments as needed at any time during the process.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Part of you wants to complete plans for an upcoming event, while your other self wants to see how things develop first. Compromise by moving ahead with your plans while being open to change.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) An unexpected change in a relationship could open up a problem or could lead to a much-needed and too-long-delayed reassessment of a number of matters. The choice is yours to make.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Time for the Lion to total the pluses and minuses resulting from recent personal and/or professional decisions. See what worked, what didn't and why, and base your next big move on the results.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) The clever Virgo can make persuasion work by presenting a case built on hard facts. Sentiment might touch the heart, but it's good, solid information that invariably wins the day.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You usually can win over the most stub-

born skeptics on your own. But this time you can benefit from supporters who have been there, done that and are willing to speak up on your behalf.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You win admiration for your determination to do the right thing. Don't be distracted from that course, despite the offer of tempting alternatives that might suddenly turn up.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) While you still need to maintain control of a dominant situation, a new development emerges, making the

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task easier and the outcome potentially more rewarding.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) New factors might have a positive effect on a still-pending matter, but only if the information proves to be credible. Trusted colleagues might be able to offer needed advice.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) The week favors moderation, especially if a health problem is involved. Resist the impulse to do more than might be good for you at this time. You can catch up later.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You could feel more than a mite upset by someone or some people who might be creating problems for you. Find out why they won't change their ways. Their reasons might surprise you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You know how to inspire others to do their best by setting a persuasive example of your own.

### THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 13, 1742, Handel's "Messiah," one of the world's most beloved musical works, premieres in Ireland. Although now associated with Christmas, "Messiah" made its world premiere during the Christian season of Lent.

- On April 12, 1861, Confederate Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard opens fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in South Carolina, launching more than 4,000 rounds. Two days later, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation calling for 75,000 volunteer soldiers to quell the Southern "insurrection."

- On April 17, 1882, several copies of Sheriff Pat Garrett's wildly inauthentic, fictionalized biography, "An Authentic Life of Billy the Kid," arrive at the

Library of Congress. The first full, realistic biography of William Bonney (the Kid's principle alias) was not published until 1989.

- On April 14, 1818, Noah Webster, a Yale-educated lawyer with an avid interest in language and education, publishes his American Dictionary of the English Language. The dictionary, which took him more than two decades to complete, introduced more than 10,000 "Americanisms."

- On April 15, 1912, the ocean liner Titanic sinks into the North Atlantic about 400 miles south of Newfoundland. It was later discovered that the liner Californian had been less than 20 miles away but had failed to hear the Titanic's distress signals because its radio operator was off duty.

- On April 16, 1947, a giant explosion occurs during the loading of ammonium nitrate fertilizer onto the freighter Grandcamp at a pier in Texas City, Texas. Nearly 600 people were killed and thousands injured when the ship was literally blown to bits. Its 3,000 pound anchor was found 2 miles away.

- On April 11, 1988, actress and singer Cher collects the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in "Moonstruck." Cherilyn Sarkasian first became famous as the taller, female half of the 1960s singing duo Sonny and Cher.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was 19th-century Russian playwright and short story writer Anton Chekhov who made the following sage observation: "Love, friendship, respect, do not unite people as much as a common hatred for something."

- If you suffer from galeophobia you're certainly not alone; Steven Spielberg's

1975 film "Jaws" may have popularized the fear of sharks, but it certainly didn't start it. Logically, though, swinophobia makes more sense -- pigs kill more people every year than sharks do.

- You might be surprised to learn that Harriet Tubman -- famous for her work as a conductor on the Underground Railroad -- also served as a Union spy during the Civil War, providing key intelligence that aided in the capture of Jacksonville, Florida. She also was the first woman to lead an armed assault during the Civil War; the Combahee River Raid freed 750 South Carolina slaves. She even continued her humanitarian work after the war, opening the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged and Indigent in Albany, New York.

- According to the nuns who worked with her, Mother Teresa's last words were, "Jesus, I love you. Jesus, I love you." According to her doctor, the last thing she said was actually, "I can't breathe."

- If you wanted to erect a building in Colonial times, you'd go to an undertaker; that's what building contractors were called back then.

- Ancient Romans recognized three distinct forms of kissing: The word "basium" denoted a kiss between acquaintances, "osculum" was used for a kiss between close friends, and "suavium" described a kiss between lovers.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Catch-and-release -- that's like running down pedestrians in your car and then, when they get up and limp away, saying, 'Off you go! That's fine. I just wanted to see if I could hit you.'" -- Ellen DeGeneres

## LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

**The Jacaranda** has live entertainment Friday and Saturday with Renata, playing funk, jazz and contemporary. Sunday is CJ and Friends, playing oldies, Motown, rock 'n' roll and country. Renata plays funk, jazz and contemporary on Monday. On Tuesday and Wednesday, it's Sir Mitch, playing classic rock, R&B and dance. Thursday is Eric Malibu, playing contemporary, reggae and dance.

**The Mucky Duck** on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva features music by Gary Earle on Thursday and Friday. Gene Federico plays on Saturday. Gary Earle plays Sunday; Mark Dupuy plays on Monday; Perry English plays on Tuesday; and Gene Federico plays on Wednesday.

**Sea Breeze Café at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa** has live island style entertainment on Mondays and a Spanish guitarist on Wednesdays.

**Traditions on the Beach at Island Inn** has live entertainment Friday and Saturday with Joe McCormick and Marvilla Marzan. On Sunday, it's Dusk. The "Jersey Kid" Mike Arnone performs on Monday. Woody Brubaker performs on Tuesday. On Wednesday, it's Woody Brubaker and Barbara Smith. On Thursday, Joe McCormick and Marvilla Marzan perform.

**Il Cielo** has live entertainment with Scott McDonald on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**The Island Cow** on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment on Friday with Gene Federico. Jay Helt plays on Saturday. Dan Confrey plays on Sunday.

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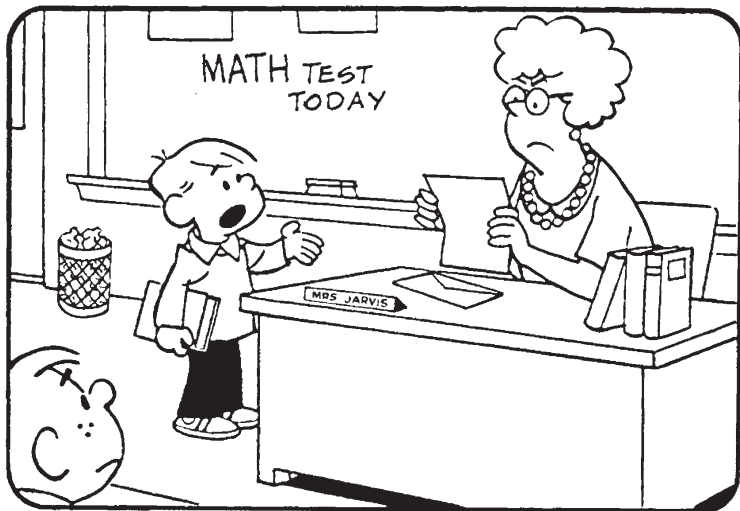
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## SUDOKU

**To play Sudoku:**  
Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

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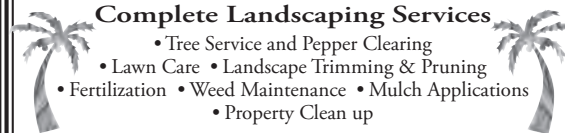


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- The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.
- If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water – and do it quickly.
- Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.
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Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Water Shadows Unrecorded Subdivison	Sanibel	2000	3,216	\$2,195,000	\$2,100,000	0
Cases	Fort Myers Beach	1978	2,880	\$2,299,500	\$2,065,000	114
Ibis Cove At Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	1995	5,416	\$1,970,000	\$1,750,000	319
Bellagio At The Colony	Bonita Springs	2007	4,431	\$1,649,900	\$1,500,000	140
Beach Estates	Fort Myers Beach	2015	2,867	\$1,449,000	\$1,375,000	252
Sanctuary At Wulfert	Sanibel	2004	3,108	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000	363
Cranbrook Harbor	Estero	2003	6,914	\$1,497,500	\$1,297,500	121
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2009	3,520	\$1,299,900	\$1,200,000	148
Sea Oats	Sanibel	1990	3,688	\$1,275,000	\$1,200,000	69
The Colony	Bonita Springs	2016	3,410	\$1,350,000	\$1,200,000	10

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Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva .....	274-5900
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FISH of Sanibel - Friends in Service Here .....	472-4775
Sanibel Island Fishing Club .....	472-8994
Horticultural Society of the Islands .....	472-6940
Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel and Captiva .....	472-8334
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## Pets Of The Week

**H**ello, my name is Max. I'm an 11½-year-old neutered male brindle and white hound mix. Don't be fooled by my size. I'm a mellow fellow. I walk nicely on a leash and always act quietly around people and other dogs. If you are just looking for a good dog for a great companion, I'm your boy. My adoption fee is \$75.

Hello, my name is Tasha. I'm an v8-year-old spayed female black and white domestic short hair. Don't be deterred by my age. Not only am I young at heart, 8 is really not that old for a cat. I love to meet and greet folks that visit the shelter looking for a new companion. I know I could be that special companion for you. My adoption fee is \$25.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com). When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.\*



Max ID# 656290



Tasha ID# 656193

### PAWS Of Sanibel

## Sonny And Cher

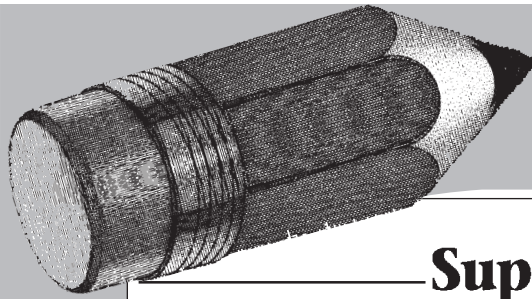
**H**i, we're Sonny and Cher and we're just as much fun as our famous namesakes. We are still just kittens that love to play with our toys and especially the lazer pointer. Our foster parents seem to get a big laugh out of that. While we're named after a famous couple we're really brother and we would like to stay together. We are really good kids with no bad habits. We faithfully use our litter pan and our cardboard scratching board instead of the furniture.

Sonny, the grey and white, is friendly, affectionate and playful. Cher is more shy, but still friendly and playful.

If you would like more information on these two charmers, or would like to see them in person, call PAWS volunteer Louise at 304-707-1701\*



Sonny and Cher



# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

answers on page 29B

## Super Crossword

### DISCARD PILE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Merchandise taken back, briefly
  - 5 London or Manhattan area
  - 12 Divs. of dollars
  - 15 Leaf support
  - 19 Mimicry pro
  - 20 Angle units
  - 21 Girls' night out, perhaps
  - 23 Small-scale golf variety
  - 25 Massive
  - 26 Fr. holy woman
  - 27 Pop artist
  - 28 Utter fibs
  - 29 To be, in Québec
  - 30 Wedding chapel vow
  - 31 Like — of sunshine
  - 33 Draft lottery org.
  - 35 Insult-hurling sort
  - 38 Conversed with
  - 40 Settle a debt
  - 42 The, in Québec
  - 43 Stop
  - 44 Food cart's counterpart on a ranch
  - 46 Bummed out
  - 47 "I get it!"
  - 48 FDR's follower
  - 49 Grill master's cover-up
  - 50 Opera parts
  - 52 Actor Jack of "Barney Miller"
  - 55 Wichita resident
  - 57 Execute a long slap shot, maybe
  - 60 Snooping (about)
  - 63 Juan or Eva of Argentina
  - 65 Exact copy
  - 66 Backed — corner
  - 67 Phrase with synonyms starting this puzzle's eight longest Across answers
  - 70 Indonesian skewered meat dish
  - 71 Less quiet
  - 73 Analyze the makeup of
  - 74 Clan
  - 75 Expert witnesses' unproven theories, say
  - 78 Kia minivan
  - 80 Noah's craft
  - 81 "L'shanah —!" (Hebrew "Happy holidays!")
  - 82 Shoulder lift
  - 83 Bee chaser?
  - 86 Bygone Olds
  - 88 Eden woman
  - 89 Beanbag tic-tac-toe game
  - 92 Stand by for
  - 95 Medical scan, briefly
  - 96 — -Puf (body sponge)
  - 97 "Billy Budd" star
  - 98 Worker in the trenches?
  - 101 Antitrust org.
  - 103 Old Cuzco native
  - 104 Portuguese for "year"
  - 105 Tony winner
  - 106 Plant pouch
  - 108 "Woe is me!"
  - 110 Pollution-fighting org.
  - 112 Ally of
  - 114 Bit from a shredder
  - 117 Charged
  - 118 Trip for nature lovers
  - 119 — -Alt-Del
  - 120 Kiln used for drying hops
  - 121 Modern art?
  - 122 "Ain't gonna happen"
  - 123 Former U.S. gas brand
- DOWN**
- 1 Smart blows
  - 2 Tombstone inscriptions
  - 3 Dwindle
  - 4 Tolkien monster
  - 5 Ocean Spray prefix
  - 6 Dial, Zest and Coast
  - 7 Arnold, Duchin and Merckx
  - 8 Rim
  - 9 Writer Bellow
  - 10 Actual thing
  - 11 Daisy's kin
  - 12 Common crudités go-with
  - 13 Fractions for many agents
  - 14 Bull's sound
  - 15 Sleuth
  - 16 Spade
  - 17 Russian carriage
  - 18 Chopin's 27
  - 19 Southern Indian city
  - 22 Moralize from a pulpit
  - 24 Actress
  - 25 Salma —
  - 32 Dog show gp.
  - 34 Sound-swapping reverend
  - 36 Eye-opener?
  - 37 Grazing area
  - 38 Educ. inst.
  - 39 Nashville nasality
  - 41 The Atlantic's Cape —
  - 45 Pictorial plot
  - 46 Sweatboxes
  - 47 Tennis pro
  - 51 Give it —
  - 52 Set of rooms
  - 53 William of — ("razor" philosopher)
  - 54 Green-lights
  - 55 Newsstand
  - 56 Novelist Nin
  - 57 Seek water with a divining rod
  - 58 Printer brand
  - 59 "Oro y —"
  - 60 Martial-arts mercenary
  - 61 "God is — side"
  - 62 Smell nasty
  - 64 "Law & Order" actor
  - 67 Common jazz combo
  - 68 Rinse
  - 69 Australia's — Rock
  - 72 Prefix for "outer"
  - 74 Old Roman wraps
  - 76 Marshy tract of land
  - 77 What GPS aids in: Abbr.
  - 79 Nebula, in part
  - 82 Bassist Sutcliffe
  - 83 Notions
  - 84 Performers like Houdini
  - 85 Suffix with journal
  - 86 Rock's Ocasek
  - 87 Cultural
  - 90 Brittle
  - 91 Stimp's cartoon bud
  - 92 Slow, to Solti
  - 93 Ryder of film
  - 94 In conflict
  - 95 "Lite" beer
  - 96 Lorraine of "The Sopranos"
  - 99 D, in Greece
  - 100 Ruhr hub
  - 102 Knock at gently
  - 107 Nile critter
  - 109 Retro hairdo
  - 111 Guthrie with a guitar
  - 113 Facial flaw
  - 115 — distance
  - 116 Star pitcher

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## King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Binge
  - 4 San —, Calif.
  - 9 Write in the margins
  - 12 Time of your life?
  - 13 — -Saxon
  - 14 Raw rock
  - 15 India's movie industry
  - 17 Meadow
  - 18 "The — Daba Honey-moon"
  - 19 Zigzag on skis
  - 21 Agile
  - 24 Alluring
  - 25 Commotion
  - 26 Banned bug spray
  - 28 Not intoxicated
  - 31 — podrida
  - 33 Knight's address
  - 35 Protuberance
  - 36 Alabama city
  - 38 Apiece
  - 40 Literary collection
  - 41 Sweet potatoes
  - 43 Chaste
  - 45 Archaeologist's relic
  - 47 Greek H
  - 48 Clay, today
  - 49 Broadway heroine who debuted in 1964
  - 54 Poorly lit
  - 55 Precipitous
  - 56 Basketball's Jeremy
  - 57 "Help!"
  - 58 Yonder
  - 59 Enthusiast
  - 5 To the center
  - 6 Id counter-part
  - 7 Lip cosmetic
  - 8 A bunch
  - 9 Dinghy's
  - 10 Cream-filled treat
  - 11 Squad
  - 16 Science workshop
  - 20 Nerve cell process
  - 21 Neighbor of Cambodia
  - 22 Not working
  - 23 Model who co-starred in "Las Vegas"
  - 27 Gratuity
  - 29 Writer Ferber
  - 30 Authentic
  - 32 You love (Lat.)
  - 34 Party animal
  - 37 In the thick of
  - 39 Confirm a password, perhaps
  - 42 Laziness
  - 44 Bando of baseball
  - 45 Crazes
  - 46 Hodgepodge
  - 50 Shelter
  - 51 Sprite
  - 52 By way of
  - 53 Hostel
- DOWN**
- 1 Poke
  - 2 Past
  - 3 Toothpaste type
  - 4 Convertible couch

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Aurelian
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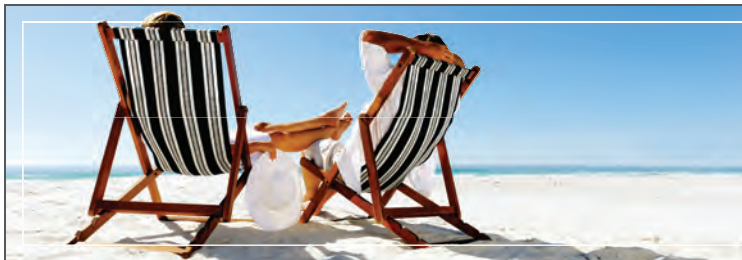
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