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Hannah-Rose Randi and Sarah Robles-Wise play daughter-mother duo Ellie and Katherine in "Freaky Friday."

EDITOR PICKS

By Marie Merchant



VHS Veterans Day Concert

VENICE — Venice High School Fine Arts Programs will perform a variety of patriotic favorites at this free concert taking place at 6 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Venice Performing Arts Center, 1 Indian Ave., building 5, Venice. For additional information, visit veniceperformingartscenter.com.



Veteran Family Fun Day

PORT CHARLOTTE — Veterans and their families can enjoy the Kid Zone, barbecue, ice cream, games, veteran benefits information and more, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Moose Lodge, 3462 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte. Hosted by Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Homes, Gulf Pines Memorial Park, and Lemon Bay Funeral Home & Cremation Services. For additional information, call 941-815-0291.

Veterans Day Ceremony in Patriots Park

VENICE — A Veterans Day Ceremony takes place at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at Patriots Park, 800 Venetia Bay Blvd., Venice. There will be veterans organizations, presentation of colors, city proclamation, patriotic music and speakers. Bring chairs and water. Hosted by American Legion Post 159 of Venice. For additional information, visit www.facebook.com/CityofVeniceFlorida.

Veterans Day at the Military Heritage Museum

PUNTA GORDA — This event honors the men and women who have served the nation with a ceremony beginning at 11 a.m Nov. 11 at the Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. For a schedule of events, visit militaryheritagemuseum.org.

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Field of Dreamz Crossroads Music Festival



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Lynyrd Skynyrd will perform at 9:30 p.m. Nov. 13.

Lynyrd Skynyrd and Whiskey Myers headline this year's event at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds

SUE ERWIN
Correspondent

PORT CHARLOTTE — The 7th annual Field of Dreamz Crossroads Music Festival is planned for Nov. 13-14 at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road.

Music legends Lynyrd Skynyrd and Whiskey Myers will take the stage as headliners after several performers get the audience rocking earlier in the evening.

"This year our lineup is absolutely amazing," said Brian Turner, promoter for the show. "Along with headliners Lynyrd Skynyrd and Whiskey Myers, both nights will be packed with music.The gates will open at 4 p.m. on Friday the 13th, and 2 p.m. on the 14th."

The event is sponsored by Big Boy Toyz productions, a Southwest Florida company that organizes live music, and large-scale expos, including showcases of exotic cars, motorcycles, boats, RVs and outdoor lifestyle gear.

"Based in Charlotte County, our events bring together great music, food, local vendors and unforgettable entertainment for weekends that people across the region look forward to all year," Turner said.

"While at the show, guests will have the chance to shop from local art vendors and sample some amazing food trucks from the area," Turner added.

For several years now, the organization has partnered with groups like Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity and My Warriors Place.

"These two nonprofit organizations are near and dear to our hearts," Turner said. "Every show, we auction off our (Ace Drums sponsored Guitars) to the highest bidders — these are authentic, and signed by all the artists performing that particular day. And 100% of those live auction dollars will go to help our community and make sure our veterans have a nice place to relax in Southwest Florida."

For the most updated information on this and other upcoming events, follow Big BoyToyz Expo on Facebook.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Nov. 13
Stretch 5-5:45 p.m.
Gunshine 6-7 p.m.
Rebel Rock Anthem 7:30-8:45 p.m.
Lynyrd Skynyrd 9:30-11 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 14
RJ Preston 4-5 p.m.
Dakota Poorman 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Hippies and Cowboys: 7-8 p.m.
Tyler Braden 8:30-9:30 p.m.
Whiskey Myers: 10-11:30 p.m.

*Subject to change



Whiskey Myers will perform at 10 p.m. Nov. 14.

‘Freaky Friday’ puts a twist on mother-daughter relationships

MARIE MERCHANT
GO! Editor

VENICE — The Venice Theatre presents “Freaky Friday” in the Raymond Center, running through Nov. 22.

Based on Mary Rodgers’ novel and the Disney film, “Freaky Friday” tells the story of Katherine Blake, an overworked, perfectionist mother, and her rebellious teenage daughter, Ellie, a news release states. Katherine (played by Sarah Robles-Wise) thinks Ellie (Hannah-Rose Randi) has no idea how complicated adult life can be, while Ellie is convinced her mother has forgotten what it’s like to be a teenager.

Tensions between the two reach a breaking point before Katherine’s wedding. Then, through a mysterious magical twist, they switch bodies. Katherine navigates high school friendships, teenage crushes, and classroom pressures while Ellie takes on her mother’s demanding responsibilities, including the final preparations for a wedding, the news release explains.

The mother and daughter discover that the other’s life isn’t nearly as easy as it looks.

The musical comedy is directed and choreographed by Brad Wages, with musical direction by Michelle Kasanofsky.

Robles-Wise and Randi face the acting challenge of playing their own characters while also embodying each other’s personalities after the switch, the release states.

The cast also includes Joey Lockwood as Ellie’s younger brother, Fletcher; Henry Barre as Katherine’s fiancé, Mike; Charlotte Crowley as Katherine’s assistant, Torrey; James Fiorendeno as Grandpa Gordon; Susan Mergens as Grandma Helene; and an intergenerational ensemble.

‘FREAKY FRIDAY’

Through Nov. 22 at the Venice Theatre, Raymond Center, 140 Tampa Ave. W., Venice. For tickets or additional information, call 941-488-1115 or online at venicetheatre.org.

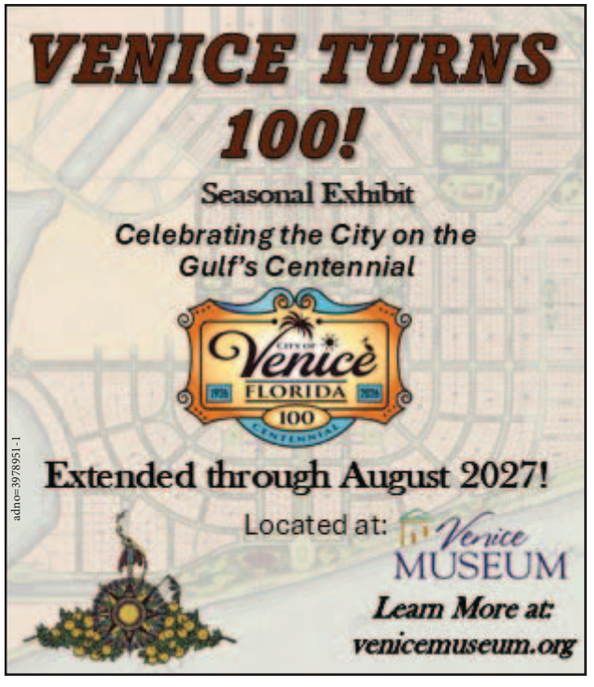


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Hannah-Rose Randi and Sarah Robles-Wise play daughter-mother duo Ellie and Katherine in “Freaky Friday.”



Freaky Friday” ends with a wedding between Katherine Blake (Sarah Robles-Wise) and her fiancee, Mike (Henry Barre). Mike becomes step-father to Fletcher (Joey Lockwood) and Ellie (Hannah-Rose Randi).



Tribute brings AC/DC's thunderous sound

SUE WADE
Special to Go!

PUNTA GORDA — The Highway to Hell AC/DC tribute will salute those who are about to rock on Nov. 17 at Gulf Theater.

Formed in Sydney in 1973 by Scottish-born brothers Malcolm and Angus Young, the band became infamous for its high-voltage energy and signature outfits. Angus, for one, bravely adopted a short-pants schoolboy uniform after his sister Margaret stitched one for him. At 71, he still wears it onstage.

Early on, Bon Scott became lead singer, selling hits like "Highway to Hell," "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap" and "T.N.T."

After Scott died of acute alcohol poisoning in 1980, Geordie frontman Brian Johnson became (and remains) the group's gravelly lead singer, releasing "Back in Black," which went on to become one of the best-selling albums in music history. AC/DC has since been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and won its first Grammy Award.

Johnson, like Angus, became known for a signature cap — Johnson's, a flat newsboy; Angus's, a schoolboy's wool cricketing cap. Johnson sings lead, but Angus eagerly lip-syncs along, with skipping schoolboy antics.

For 20 years, Highway to Hell has stormed stages across the nation and worldwide, delivering a high-voltage AC/DC experience that feels unmistakably authentic.

Fronted by powerhouse Welsh vocalist Martyn Jenkins as Johnson and backed by a supporting cast of top-tier Classic Albums Live musicians, the show features an all-live production with massive harmonies. Every member sings like a lead vocalist, creating the thunderous background vocals AC/DC is known for.

The band brings the AC/DC catalog to life, capturing both Bon Scott and Brian Johnson eras with uncanny musical and visual detail. This is the only AC/DC tribute with members who've performed alongside Johnson and Cliff Williams.

HIGHWAY TO HELL: 'THE ULTIMATE AC/DC TRIBUTE'

7 p.m. Nov. 17 at Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. For tickets, visit militaryheritagemuseum.org, email ghansen@militaryheritagemuseum.org or call 941-205-8545.



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Highway to Hell brings the AC/DC catalog to life, capturing both Bon Scott and Brian Johnson eras with uncanny musical and visual detail.

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More than a concert, this is a celebration of music, memories, and the enduring legacy of one of America's most beloved artists. Filled with exceptional musicianship, engaging storytelling, and plenty of sing-along moments, this audience-favorite performance is sure to leave you smiling. Don't miss the return of a show that continues to delight fans year after year.

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Artists converge on Siesta Key to compete in Siesta Key Crystal Classic Sandsculpting Festival

MARIE MERCHANT
Go! Editor

SIESTA KEY — Sand sculptors from around the world will bring their artistic skills to the 16th Siesta Key Crystal Classic International Sandsculpting Festival, taking place Nov. 13–16.

The event turns Siesta Beach into an outdoor art gallery. Throughout the festival, guests can watch the artists turn ordinary sand into extraordinary works of art, meet the sculptors and learn more about the techniques and creativity behind their creations, an announcement states.

The master sculptures are judged by a professional panel. Festival guests also have the opportunity to cast their votes for the People's Choice Award.

On Nov. 14, see the sand artwork illuminated with colored lights until 9 p.m.

There will be sand sculpting lessons and live demos Nov. 13-15.

"The Crystal Classic is truly a one-of-a-kind experience," said Sarah Firstenberger, CEO of the Siesta Key Chamber of Commerce in the announcement. "Every year, we're amazed by the talent and creativity these artists bring to Siesta Beach. It's incredible to watch a sculpture take shape right before your eyes. There's so much to experience throughout the festival, from live music and entertainment to food, activities and opportunities for the whole family to get sandy and have some fun."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CARISSA WARFIELD, STILL SILVER PHOTOGRAPHY/SIESTA KEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Wander through an outdoor gallery of intricate sand sculptures, cast your vote for your favorite with your People's Choice token, and snap photos at specially designed festival photo-op sculptures.

SIESTA KEY CRYSTAL CLASSIC SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL

Nov. 13-16. At Siesta Key Beach, 948 Beach Road, Sarasota. For tickets or additional information, visit www.siestakeycrystalclassic.com.

Aspiring sculptors can enter the Amateur Sand Sculpting Contest. The Adult Amateur Contest takes place on Nov. 14 and the Youth Amateur Contest takes place on Nov. 15. Each registered contestant will receive a designated sand plot and access to water. To register or for additional information, visit siestakeychamber.ticketspice.com/2026-amateur-contest-adults-and-youth.



Since 2010, this four-day event has brought together master sand sculptors from around the world to transform Siesta's famous sand into works of art.

Wine Festival returns to Wellen Park

SUE ERWIN
Correspondent

WELLEN PARK — The 2026 Wellen Park Wine Festival is planned from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 in Downtown Wellen Park, 19725 Wellen Park Blvd.

The third annual outdoor event will feature nearly 40 vintners, food pairings and small bites from Downtown Wellen restaurants, and live contemporary jazz music.

There will be a wine dinner kickoff event on Friday, Nov. 13. Entry tickets will include a five-course dinner at Solis Hall and guests will need a separate ticket for the Nov. 14 Wine Festival.

"The Wellen Park Wine Festival is about more than just great wine and food. It's about bringing people together and creating an experience they'll remember," said Rick Severance, president of Wellen Park.

Live jazz and blues music will be performed by Doug Deming & The Jewel Tones and Branco Costa throughout the Saturday festival, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"There's something special about seeing Downtown Wellen come alive with people discovering new wines, enjoying live music and spending time with friends and family," Severance said. "It's the kind of atmosphere that makes Wellen Park such a vibrant community, and we look forward to sharing that with guests year after year."

For those new to the wine world, or interested in learning more about wine varieties, a wine tasting class will take place from 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 14.

General admission tickets include a souvenir tasting glass, a signature event tote, access to the lawn tent, 4 food sampling tickets, and unlimited wine tastings starting at 1 p.m from nearly 40 participating wineries during the event.

VIP tickets include all general admission perks plus VIP tent access, access to the air conditioned Solis Hall including indoor seating and private restrooms, and early entry to the event starting at noon.

Limited seating will be available in both the general admission and VIP tents.

Parking is free and guests must be 21 or older to attend.

WELLEN PARK WINE FESTIVAL

6 p.m. Nov. 13: Wine dinner
11 a.m.-noon Nov. 14: Wine class
Noon Nov. 14: Grand Tasting VIP admission
1 p.m. Nov. 14: Grand Tasting General admission
Downtown Wellen Park, 19725 Wellen Park Blvd., Wellen Park.
For tickets or additional information, visit wellenpark.com/wine



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Wellen Park's 2026 Wine Festival is a ticketed event celebrating vintners and the culinary talents of Wellen Park restaurateurs.

Memories revisited in 'Schoolhouse Rock Live!'

Staff Report



PHOTOS BY NATALIE HENDRY

The musical is part of Broadway Palm's Children's Theatre, which provides an introduction to live theatre for young audiences.

FORT MYERS — Broadway Palm's Children's Theatre is presenting "Schoolhouse Rock Live!" now playing through Nov. 13.

"This fun-filled musical brings the beloved songs and educational spirit of the iconic Schoolhouse Rock! television series to the stage in an energetic

adventure perfect for audiences of all ages," a Broadway Palm press release stated.

In the musical, as a nervous teacher prepares for his first day in the classroom, his imagination comes to life through a lively collection of familiar tunes, including "Conjunction Junction" and "I'm Just a Bill."

What begins as a case of first-day jitters quickly transforms into a confidence-building musical journey filled with laughter, learning and plenty of unforgettable songs.

"This show celebrates the power of learning while reminding audiences that sometimes the best way to find your confidence is to simply let your imagination take the lead," the press release stated. "Whether introducing a new generation to these classic songs or bringing back memories for longtime fans, Schoolhouse Rock Live! is an entertaining and educational experience the whole family can enjoy."

Broadway Palm's Children's Theatre provides an introduction to live theatre for young audiences, creating memorable experiences through engaging productions designed for the entire family.



"SchoolHouse Rock Live!" brings back the memories of the TV series through song and dance.

BROADWAY PALM'S CHILDREN'S THEATRE: "SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE!"

Through Nov. 13 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. Tickets can be reserved by calling 239-278-4422 or online at BroadwayPalm.com.



A ROCKIN' CHRISTMAS WITH THE SHAKEDOWN SHUFFLE

Jingle Bell Jive is an electric, high-octane concert for the holiday season that features your favorite rock n roll Christmas songs ("Blue Christmas," "Run Rudolph Run") mixed with a retro twist on reimagined classics.

Starring actors from the national tour of Million Dollar Quartet, and led by Jason Cohen, who has played Jerry Lee Lewis in over 80 cities, Jingle Bell Jive is the perfect way to boogie into the holiday season!



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MUSIC REVIEW

Family-friendly production opens Sarasota Opera's fall season

EMMA JO PATTEN
ArtsBeat

SARASOTA — With its towering stone walls and rich red velvet curtain, the Sarasota Opera House is, in itself, an enchanting venue. Paired with the talents of the Sarasota Opera artists, the opening night performance of Engelbert Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel, directed by Felicity Stiverson, was a fairy tale brought to life.

A solid overture from the Sarasota Orchestra musicians (led by veteran Sarasota Opera conductor, Anthony Barrese) established the evening's themes of adventure, excitement, whimsy and just a bit of danger. In addition to the orchestra, the opera also partnered with the Sarasota Ballet School and Conservatory. Dressed in varying costumes of greenery and hooded capes, these student dancers added elements of mystery and intrigue to the forest setting.

Though both were initially a little jittery, Kara Morgan (Hansel) and Kerrigan Bigelow (Gretel) were sound in their roles, capturing the childish essence of Hansel and Gretel's sibling dynamic. Humperdinck's version of the tale differs from the original by reversing their ages; thus, Gretel is older than Hansel. Morgan plays a most convincing annoying little brother, dancing around the stage, lobbing insults and sticks at Gretel and behaving with impetuous rashness. Her high, crystalline voice lends itself nicely to Hansel's youth and mischievousness.

Bigelow contrasts this by bringing to her performance of Gretel a youthful innocence, playfulness, and the protective instincts of an older sister. Her voice, while high and clear like Morgan's, possesses a healthy vibrato and differs just enough to be able to tell the two apart in duets. They mesh strikingly well in Act II's "Evening Prayer" scene, where Bigelow calms her vibrato to fit Morgan's sound. At moments during this scene, they almost sound like one voice.

Three other major cast members also gave memorable performances. Lindsey Polcyn as Gertrud, is the perfect high-energy, overwhelmed, overworked "Mother Hen," fussing and pecking at her family with bright and powerful vocals. Spencer Reichman portrays her husband, Peter, with a boisterously carefree yet seriously fatherly energy. As the only baritone, Reichman would have stood out even without his rich and booming Rallala's.

Judging by the cheers and whistles that followed her exit off-stage, the fan favorite of the evening appeared to be Lisa Chavez as the villainous witch. For every actor, the challenge of playing a familiar character lies in balancing the character's essence with the provision of novelty. It's a fine line, and Chavez walks it well. Falling somewhere between Willy Wonka and Hannibal Lecter, her witch is witty and humorous in her mission to eat Hansel. Chavez's well-aimed delivery of quips like "Mine is the treat to end them all" solidifies these qualities.

Friday's performance not only highlighted the talents of the aforementioned stars, it also showcased the strength of the supporting children's choir, technical crew, and directors. Each element — the set design, the costuming, the lighting, the choreography, and the functionality of the props (especially the gingerbread witch at the very end) — established the reality of Hansel and Gretel's world. Despite some of its members being very small in age, the children's choir is a powerhouse of sound in the show's final moments.

The production opted for the English translation of the originally German tale, likely a strategic choice based on the demographics of the opera's patrons. Additional accessibility was provided by subtitles playing on a board above the stage, which was particularly helpful for those who may, like myself, struggle with auditory processing of new material.

Enchanting and whimsical, the Sarasota Opera's Hansel and Gretel is a delightful experience, reminding us that even in our most hopeless of times, youthful innocence and optimism can light the way forward.

"Hansel and Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck. Conducted by Anthony Barresse. Reviewed Oct. 30, Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota. Through Nov. 14. Tickets are $25.65-$164.80. Sarasotaopera.org; 941-328-1300

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PHOTOS BY ROD MILLINGTON

Lisa Chavez as the Witch in the Sarasota Opera season opener, "Hansel and Gretel."

'HANSEL AND GRETEL'

Through Nov. 14 at the Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota. For tickets or additional information, call 941-328-1300 or online at Sarasotaopera.org.



Kick off the holiday season at 'Lighting of the Village'

MARIE MERCHANT
Go! Editor

PUNTA GORDA — Kick off the holiday season at Fishermen's Village's "Lighting of the Village" on Nov. 14.

The Village will be decorated holiday decor and a record number of lights glistening around every turn and delightful décor throughout the Village. Visitors of all ages will enjoy strolling past storefronts, listening to holiday music and seeing the Village trees trimmed with ornaments, a news release states.

The Shane Duncan Band takes the stage at the Sunset Beach from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Santa will arrive at 5:45 p.m. via the Punta Gorda Fire Department.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony begins at 6 pm. inside the main entrance, followed by the Lighting of the Village at 6:15 p.m.

Sunset Pipes & Drums Band Parade will follow the lighting ceremony.

Following the parade, there will be bag pipers performing in multiple locations until 8 p.m.

The Asian Community Dance Crew Lighted Wing Fairy performers will be in various locations from 5-8 p.m.

Risk & Romance will perform holiday music from 5:30-9 p.m. in Center Court

Mark Gorka will be performing from 5-9 p.m. in the third section of the Village.

There will be photos ops with Elf on the Shelf from 5-9 p.m.

Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who after the lighting until 9 p.m.

Barefoot Beauty Fairy Hair, Jesse Ink'd Tattoos, Bouncing Buddies Face Painting and Clique Photo Booth Fun Photos will be open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The shops will be open until 9 p.m. for holiday shopping.

Fishermen's Village is at 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.

The Grinch and Santa will be in the Village on select dates through the holidays. Visit www.fishermensvillage.com for their schedule.



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Kick off the holiday season at Fishermen's Village's "Lighting of the Village" on Nov. 14.

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Nov. 11-17

Wednesday

Healing Field of Honor

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 10-11. The Healing Field of Honor will transform the waterfront at Laishley Park into a moving display of American flags, creating a patriotic tribute.Laishley Park, 120 Laishley Court, Punta Gorda. www.puntagordarotary.org

Military Heritage Museum to Honor Veterans

Ceremony begins at 11 a.m. Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. militaryheritagemuseum.org

Veterans Day Ceremony in Patriots Park

11 a.m. Patriots Park, 800 Venetia Bay Blvd., Venice. www.facebook.com/CityofVeniceFlorida

VHS Veterans Day Concert

6 p.m. Venice Performing Arts Center, 1 Indian Ave., building 5, Venice. veniceperformingartscenter.com

Featured

Legendary Voices Tribute Dinner Show



Starring Memories, Kim and Dave Romine. Featuring Nathan Romine, their son with a tribute to Michael Buble. He also will perform songs from Journey and duets with Kim and Dave. Other tributes include, Dave as Tom Jones, Engelbert Humperdinck, Roy Orbison; Kim as Dolly, Linda Ronstadt and Connie Francis. Nov. 28 at Rotonda Golf & Country Club, 100 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West. $50 dinner and show. Dinner 5-6:30 p.m. Call 941-697-2414 or 941-697-4880.

Featured



'Legends & Laughter'

Jan. 10. Jimmy Mazz will take you on a musical journey through songs by a wide variety of performers from the classics to today's contemporary artists. Special appearance by Kim and Dave from Memories bringing the hits of Diana Ross, Dionne Warwick, BJ Thomas and Gary Puckett. Hotel Venezia, 425 U.S. 41 Bypass N., Venice. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Show at 7 p.m. Dinner and show: $55; show only $35. 941-308-7700

Thursday

Art, Wine, & Design

4-7 p.m. An immersive evening celebrating art, wine and inspired designs in Punta Gorda. pace. In collaboration with Punta Gorda Chocolate & Wine and SandStar Design Studio. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., Punta Gorda. 941-639-8810 or visualartcenter.org

Comedy/magic show: Erick Olsen

7:30 p.m. The Library Comedy Club located inside The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 33 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. 305-343-2930, degame@att.net

Featured

Own a boat or kayak? Be a guest Punta Gorda Boat Club's Sunset Social



The Punta Gorda Boat Club is celebrating 75 years of boating with friends. The Punta Gorda Boat Club hosts monthly socials, trips and events for boat and kayak owner members. Reserve a spot for an upcoming social event taking place from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Punta Gorda Boat Club, 802 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. To reserve a spot, what to bring or learn more, contact Jan at 941-740-1636. www.pgboatclub.org

Friday

Field of Dreamz Music Festival featuring Lynyrd Skynyrd/ Whiskey Myers

Nov. 13: Lynyrd Skynyrd. Nov. 14: Whiskey Myers. Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte. www.facebook.com/BigBoyToyzExpo

'Freaky Friday'

Through Nov. 22. An overworked mom and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies Venice Theatre, Raymond Center, 140 Tampa Ave. W., Venice. 941-488-1115 or venicetheatre.org

Sing-Along Trolley

7:30 p.m. Nov. 13, 27. Sing-along tour to '70's and '80s hits with trivia and a bar stop at 99 Bottles. Discover Sarasota Tours, 1826 4th St., Sarasota. DiscoverSarasotaTours.com

Siesta Key Crystal Classic Sand Sculpting Festival

Nov. 13-16. 948 Beach Road, Sarasota. www.siestakeycrystalclassic.com

Featured



The Grand Chanukah Klezmer Festival and Menorah Lighting

Celebrate Chanukah in downtown Venice at Chabad of Venice's Grand Chanukah Klezmer Festival at the gazebo in Centennial Park, 200 W. Venice Ave., Venice, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 6, with a concert by the Miami Klezmer Band, the lighting of a 16-foot menorah with local dignitaries, a Chabad Hebrew School performance, kids' Chanukah activities, traditional Chanukah food, a grand raffle, and Judah the Maccabee, a 8-foot-tall Chanukah mascot. To RSVP: chabadofvenice.com/klezmer or call 941-493-2770.

Lemon Bay Woman's Club: Holiday Bazaar

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Saturday

The Venice Symphony Big Band: 'The New Voice of the Great American Songbook'

3:30 p.m. Venice Performing Arts Center, 1 Indian Ave., Venice. 941-207-8822 or thevenicesymphony.org

Lighting Of The Village

Shane Duncan Band takes the stage at 5 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 5:45 p.m., followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony and Lighting of the Village at 6:15 p.m. Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. www.fishermensvillage.com

Key Chorale: 'Radiance 2.0 Bradenton: A Candlelit Choral Experience'

7 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 4030 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton. 941-552-8768, keychorale.org

Rockabillaque Florida

Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee, 506 S. 1st St., Immokalee. casino.hardrock.com/immokalee

Christmas Bazaar

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood. ww.englewoodmethodist.com

Manta Market at Lemon Bay High School

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road, Englewood. www.facebook.com/LBHSMantaMarket

Veteran Family Fun Day

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Kid Zone, barbecue, ice cream, games, veteran benefits information, and access to local veteran and community services. Hosted by Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Homes, Gulf Pines Memorial Park, and Lemon Bay Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Moose Lodge #2121, Port Charlotte. 941-815-0291

Wellen Park's Wine Festival

A ticketed, outdoor event celebrating distinguished vintners and the culinary talents of Wellen Park restaurateurs. wellenpark.com

Sunday

'Sophisticated Ladies'

Through Nov. 22. A Tony Award-winning theatrical journey through Duke Ellington's music. Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, 1012 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota. 941-366-1505 or westcoastblacktheatre.org

Sixtiesmania

3 p.m. Venice Performing Arts Center, 1 Indian Ave., Venice. veniceperformingartscenter.com

Sarasota Medieval Fair

Through Dec. 6. Jousting, human combat chess matches, musicians, artisans, food, performers and more. Mallaranny Farms, 29847 FL 70 E., Myakka City. www.sarasotamedievalfair.com

The Florida Philharmonic: 'From Broadway to a Galaxy Far, Far Away'

4 p.m. Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda. www.thefloridaphil.org

Monday

Arcadia Fall Festival

Through Nov. 30. the festival brings together businesses for a month of festive decorations, interactive challenges, unique shopping experiences, workshops, events and community gatherings. visitdesoto.com

Featured

Venice Fall Classic Sports Card Show



Nov. 27-29. Dealers will be buying and selling sports cards and memorabilia from the 19th century to the present. Marty Castillo of the 1984 World Championship Detroit Tigers will be signing from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 28. Free appraisals on pre-1975 items. JSA autograph authentication service on-site. Admission is $3 per day (kids 12 and under free). 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 29. Hotel Venezia Banquet Center, 425 U.S. 41 Bypass N., Venice. 810-441-4028, pennantfevershow.com

Tuesday

The Edwards Twins

6:30 p.m. Venice Gardens Civic Association, 406 Shamrock Blvd., Venice. theedwardstwins.com

Biriba Union

5:30 p.m. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Downtown Sarasota Campus, 1534 Mound St., Sarasota. 941-306-1202 or ArtistSeriesConcerts.org

'The Orchid Show 2026: Christian Sampson' exhibit

Through Dec. 6. Features a creative collaboration between the team at Selby Gardens and artist Christian Sampson, known for creating playful installations of color, light and form using glass, acrylic and dichroic film. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 1534 Mound St., Sarasota. selby.org

Highway To Hell: AC/DC tribute

7 p.m. Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. 941-205-8545 or www.gulftheater.org

Featured



Memories presents 'Legends Live Again'

One stage, four unforgettable icons. Enjoy Kim's tribute to Dolly, Dave's tribute to Elvis and their son Nathan performing the voices of Michael Jackson and George Michael. Dinner and show is $55, show only is $35. Dinner seating begins at 5:30 p.m., Show begins at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Hotel Venezia, 425 U.S. 41 Bypass N., Venice. 941-308-7700.

Featured

Michael Bodnyk in concert



Michael Bodnyk returns for a Thanksgiving-themed concert at 4 p.m. Nov. 15. Lakeside Lutheran Church, 2401 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. Bodnyk is the music director at St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church in Sarasota. A freewill offering will be gathered to support future concerts.

Featured

'A Yuletide Excursion'



Start your Christmas celebration early with The Charlotte Chorale at "A Yuletide Excursion" at 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda. This concert will put you in the holiday mood with a collection of Christmas melodies: some familiar, some not so familiar. Visit www.charlottechorale.com or call 941-204-0033 for ticket information, pricing and seat selection.

Featured

Chanukah celebration in Downtown Wellen Park



Chabad of Venice brings Chanukah back to Downtown Wellen Park, Solis Hall, 19745 Wellen Park Blvd., Wellen Park, for the second annual free community celebration at 5 p.m. Dec. 9. Live music by The Freilach Band, a grand menorah lighting at dusk, a Chanukah snow globe photo booth for families, and arts and crafts for kids. Bring a lawn chair. More informtion and RSVP: chabadofvenice.com/wellen or call 941-493-2770. Solis Hall, 19745 Wellen Park Blvd., Wellen Park.

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CONCERTS

VHS Veterans Day Concert

6 p.m. Nov. 11. Venice Performing Arts Center, 1 Indian Ave., building 5, Venice. veniceperformingartscenter.com

Neil Berg's The 70s: Long Live Rock 'N' Roll

7 p.m. Nov. 12. Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. 941-263-6799 or VanWezel.org

Karuna Quartet

7:30 p.m. Nov. 12. First Presbyterian Church, 2050 Oak St., Sarasota. www.perlmanmusicprogramsuncoast.org

Caroline Campbell

11 a.m. Nov. 12. Sarasota Yacht Club, 1100 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. 941-306-1202 or ArtistSeriesConcerts.org

Il Volo

8 p.m. Nov. 12. Benchmark International Arena, 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa. www.benchmarkintlarena.com

Bryce Mullins

7:30 p.m. Nov. 13. Troll Music, 628 E. Venice Ave., Venice. 941-484-8765, www.trollmusic.com

Blank Space: The Unofficial Taylor Swift Tribute

7 p.m. Nov. 13. Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. 941-263-6799 or VanWezel.org

Shatoby: Shania Twain and Toby Keith tribute

7 p.m. Nov. 13. Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. 941-205-8545 or www.gulftheater.org

Johnny D and The Rocket 88s

7-10 p.m. Nov. 13. Eagles Lodge, 621 Colonia Lane E. Venice. gotonight.com

Doja Cat

7:30 p.m. Nov. 13. Benchmark International Arena, 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa. www.benchmarkintlarena.com

The Venice Symphony Big Band: 'The New Voice of the Great American Songbook'

3:30 p.m. Nov. 14. Venice Performing Arts Center, 1 Indian Ave., Venice. 941-207-8822 or thevenicesymphony.org

Paisley Craze

7:30 p.m. Nov. 14. Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood. 941-475-6756, LemonBayPlayhouse.com

Gulf Coast Symphony: 'Haydn & Mozart'

2 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14. Gulf Coast Symphony, Music & Arts Community Center, 13411 Shire Lane, Fort Myers. gulfcoastsymphony.org

Key Chorale: 'Radiance 2.0 Bradenton: A Candlelit Choral Experience'

7 p.m. Nov. 14. Christ Episcopal Church, 4030 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton. 941-552-8768, keychorale.org

Peter Baron: Tribute to Peter Frampton

7 p.m. Nov. 14. Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. 941-205-8545 or www.gulftheater.org

David Foster/Katharine McPhee

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Biriba Union

5:30 p.m. Nov. 17. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Downtown Sarasota Campus, 1534 Mound St., Sarasota. 941-306-1202 or ArtistSeriesConcerts.org

The Edwards Twins

6:30 p.m. Nov. 17. Venice Gardens Civic Association, 406 Shamrock Blvd., Venice. theedwardstwins.com

Highway To Hell: AC/DC tribute

7 p.m. Nov. 17. Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. 941-205-8545 or www.gulftheater.org

Latitude Adjustment: Jimmy Buffet Tribute

7:30 p.m. Nov. 17. Visani, 2400 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. 941-629-9191 or www.visani.net

Will Johns Band

7 p.m. Nov. 18. Venice Art Center, 390 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice. 941-485-7136, veniceartcenter.com

Floyd Nation

7 p.m. Nov. 18. Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. 941-263-6799 or VanWezel.org

'Living in the USA' — Tribute to Linda Ronstadt

7 p.m. Nov. 20. Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. 941-205-8545 or www.gulftheater.org



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The Venice Symphony Big Band's "The New Voice of the Great American Songbook" brings classics to life at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Venice Performing Arts Center, 1 Indian Ave., building 5, Venice. Featuring guest artist Danny Sinoff, a jazz pianist, vocalist and bandleader, the concert showcases an artist who has spent more than 20 years captivating audiences throughout Southwest Florida and beyond. Accompanied by the Venice Symphony Big Band, Sinoff puts his own stamp on timeless favorites with smooth vocals and swinging rhythms. For tickets or additional information, call 941-207-8822 or online at thevenicesymphony.org.

Johnny D and The Rocket 88s

6-9 p.m. Nov. 20. American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave., Venice. gotonight.com

The Venice Symphony: 'Strauss and Surprises!'

Nov. 20-21. Venice Performing Arts Center, 1 Indian Ave., Venice. 941-207-8822 or thevenicesymphony.org

Chris Collins & Boulder Canyon: The John Denver Tribute

3 p.m. Nov. 22. Venice Performing Arts Center, 1 Indian Ave., Venice. veniceperformingartscenter.com

94 Strings

4 p.m. Nov. 22. First Presbyterian Church, 2050 Oak St., Sarasota. 941-306-1202 or ArtistSeriesConcerts.org

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'Rocky in Concert'

7 p.m. Nov. 22. Watch the original film on larger-than-life screens while the musical score is performed live by a symphony orchestra. This concert event also includes lobby displays featuring rare memorabilia, selfie stations and exclusive concert merchandise. Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. 941-263-6799 or VanWezel.org

Bread Zepplin

7:30 p.m. Nov. 24. Visani, 2400 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. 941-629-9191 or www.visani.net

Legendary Voices Tribute Dinner Show

Nov. 28. Starring Memories, Kim and Dave Romine. Featuring Nathan Romine, their son with a tribute to Michael Buble. He also will perform songs from Journey and duets with Kim and Dave. Other tributes include, Dave as Tom Jones, Engelbert Humperdinck, Roy Orbison; Kim as Dolly, Linda Ronstadt and Connie Francis. Rotonda Golf & Country Club, 100 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West. $50 dinner and show. Dinner 5-6:30 p.m. 941-697-2414 or 941-697-4880.

Johnny D and The Rocket 88s

6-9 p.m. Nov. 28. Elks Punta Gorda, 25538 Shore Drive, Punta Gorda. gotonight.com

Peter Mayer: 'A Stars & Promises Christmas Tour'

7 p.m. Nov. 28. Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. 941-205-8545 or www.gulftheater.org

Disney Worlds Collide Concert Tour

7 p.m. Nov. 28. Benchmark International Arena, 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa. www.benchmarkintlarena.com

Key Chorale: 'Nowell, Nowell'

4 p.m. Nov. 29. Sarasota Opera House, 61 N Pineapple Ave., Sarasota. 941-552-8768, keychorale.org

The Edwards Twins

Nov. 29-30. Visani, 2400 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. 941-629-9191 or www.visani.net

THEATER

'9 to 5 The Musical'

Through Nov. 14. Based on the film, this musical is a rollicking tale of revenge, friendship and empowerment set in the late 1970s. Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. broadwaypalm.com

'Singin' in the Rain'

Nov. 18-Jan. 2. This musical has it all: romance, show-stopping choreography and some of greatest tunes ever written. Asolo Repertory Theatre, Mertz Theatre, 5555 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. 941-351-8000 or asolorep.org

'Kimberly Akimbo'

Nov. 18-Jan. 3. A funny, heartfelt coming-of-age story about family, friendship, and making the most of the time you have. Florida Studio Theatre, Gompertz Theatre, 1265 First St., Sarasota. www.floridastudiotheatre.org

'August: Osage County'

Nov. 19-Dec. 13. A father who has vanished. A mother addicted to pills. Three sisters harboring secrets. When the Weston family unexpectedly reunites, their Oklahoma homestead explodes in a maelstrom of dysfunction. Venice Theatre, Pinkerton Theatre, 140 Tampa Ave. W., Venice. 941-488-1115 or venicetheatre.org

'The Four Old Broads Christmas Extravaganza?'

Nov. 19-Dec. 13. When Eaddy takes over the community theatre holiday pageant, everything goes hilariously wrong, unleashing missing costumes, disasters, wild animals, and nonstop festive chaos in this laugh-out-loud comedy with absolutely no silent nights. Charlotte Players, Langdon Playhouse, 1182 Market Circle, Port Charlotte. www.charlotteplayers.org

'White Christmas'

Nov. 20-Dec. 30. When Bob and Phil discover their former General's Vermont inn is facing hard times, they join forces with Betty and Judy to stage a Christmas spectacular. Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. broadwaypalm.com

'Sophisticated Ladies'

Through Nov. 22. A Tony Award-winning theatrical journey through Duke Ellington's music. Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, 1012 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota. 941-366-1505 or westcoastblacktheatre.org

'Freaky Friday'

Through Nov. 22. An overworked mom and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies with just one day to switch back before mom's wedding. Living each other's lives, they realize how difficult the other's world really is in this heartfelt and hilarious musical comedy. Venice Theatre, Raymond Center, 140 Tampa Ave. W., Venice. 941-488-1115 or venicetheatre.org

'The Unauthorized Hallmark(ish) Parody Musical'

7 p.m. Nov. 23. The story of Holly, an overworked Big City executive who returns to her quirky small hometown to save Christmas. Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. 941-263-6799 or VanWezel.org

Children's Theatre Series: 'Deck the Halls'

Nov. 28-Dec. 24. Celebrate the holidays — Sarasota style. With palm trees wrapped in lights, sand snowmen and festive tunes. Florida Studio Theatre, Keating Theatre, 1241 N. Palm Ave., Sarasota. 941-366-9000, www.floridastudiotheatre.org

'Sailing: Yacht Rock and Beyond'

Through Feb. 7. Set sail with the smooth sounds of the '70s and '80s in this feel-good celebration of Yacht Rock and beyond. Florida Studio Theatre, Court Cabaret, 1265 First St., Sarasota. www.floridastudiotheatre.org

'American Rebels'

Through March 21. Celebrates the rebels, dreamers, and visionaries who helped shape the American story. Florida Studio Theatre, Goldstein Cabaret, 1239 N. Palm Ave., Sarasota. www.floridastudiotheatre.org

FAIRS/FESTIVALS

Field of Dreamz Music Festival featuring Lynyrd Skynyrd/ Whiskey Myers

Nov. 13: Lynyrd Skynyrd. Nov. 14: Whiskey Myers. Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte. www.facebook.com/BigBoyToyzExpo

Siesta Key Crystal Classic Sand Sculpting Festival

Nov. 13-16. Artists converge on Siesta Key to compete. 948 Beach Road, Sarasota. www.siestakeycrystalclassic.com

Wellen Park's Wine Festival

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Dolly Parton lives on in Broadway Palm's '9 to 5'

KIM COOL
Special to Go!



PHOTO BY MICHAEL SHAPIRO
Backwoods Barbie played by Emily Bacino Althaus.

FORT MYERS — Beginning with a video of the late Dolly Parton introducing the newest musical at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Friday, Oct. 9, it was obvious that this production of "9 to 5" would be special.

And it was.

The Friday night audience saw many wearing cowboy boots and other items Parton might have worn. Coming so soon after the Aug. 25 passing of "The Queen of Country," the theater is likely to have a sold-out run as fans honor the late singer, songwriter, actress and businesswoman who created Dollywood and more.

"9 to 5" the musical was written by Parton and Patricia Resnick, who both have garnered numerous awards in the entertainment field. Parton won two Grammy Awards (Best Country Song and Best Country Vocal Performance) for the song "9 to 5."

Further, the 1980 film had multiple Oscar nominations.

True to the movie, the musical is set in a corporate office in the late '70s. The boss, Franklin Hart Jr. (Jacob Medich) would prove to be no match for the three women working for him: Violet Newstead (Sarah Hayes), Doralee Rhodes (Emily Bacino Althaus in the Dolly Parton role) and Nia Alsop as Judy Bernly.

Tackling a role as big as that of the iconic Parton is not easy but Althaus did it well. Medich had played Tevye in the Palm's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" and Old Deuteronomy in "Cats."

The two acts filled with musical numbers choreographed by Amy Marie McCleary and Jeleesa Monet made for a show as good as all the food on the Broadway Palm's buffet tables.

Following the overture was "9 to 5," the big production number that gets the show off to a powerful start with the three girls, their boss and an ensemble of singers and dancers.

That song is reprieved again in the second act as well as in the show's gala finale.

With 14 featured characters and an ensemble of 13 additional singers and dancers plus choreography by Amy Marie McLeary and Jeleesa Monet, that Broadway show was brought to the Broadway Palm with verve, vitality and vigor.

Back in the 1970s, female office workers too often were just that, with few women rising to leadership roles. With a boss like Franklin Hart Jr., it was no surprise to see that it was payback time and this boss was about to get all that he deserved and maybe even a bit extra.

Scenes of Manhattan on the video wall let us know we are in the Big Apple as does the set by Robert Kovach. Hart finds himself hanging on to his job and then some as the three women prove to be more than a match for his ego.

Medich more than earned his keep in the role of this not-so-nice keeper of the office.

Conductor and pianist Lucas Colton led an orchestra of 13 musicians.

'9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL'

Through Nov. 14 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. For tickets or additional information, visit broadwaypalm.com

Rockabillaque Florida

Nov. 14. Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee, 506 S. 1st St., Immokalee. casino.hardrock.com/immokalee

Grilled Cheese Festival

11 a.m. Nov. 21. Food trucks, live music and more. CoolToday Park, 18800 South W. Villages Parkway, Wellen Park. www.facebook.com/CoolTodayPark

Festival of the Arts

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 21-22. Explore an outdoor gallery featuring original work by artisans. Downtown Wellen, 19745 Wellen Park Blvd., Wellen Park. wellenpark.com

Punta Gorda Sullivan Street Thanksgiving Weekend Craft Festival

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 28-29. 331 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda. www.artfestival.com

Sarasota Medieval Fair

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COMEDY

Comedy/magic show: Erick Olsen

7:30 p.m. Nov. 12. The Library Comedy Club located inside The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 33 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. 305-343-2930, degame@att.net

Ben Bankas

Nov. 13-15. Visani, 2400 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. 941-629-9191 or www.visani.net

The Stone Cold And Jackal Holiday Show

7:30 p.m. Nov. 16. Visani, 2400 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. 941-629-9191 or www.visani.net

Drew Lynch

Nov. 19-21. Visani, 2400 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. 941-629-9191 or www.visani.net

Carmen Circillo

7:30 p.m. Nov. 20-21. The Library Comedy Club located inside The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 33 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. 305-343-2930, degame@att.net

Mark Evans

7:30 p.m. Nov. 21. Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood. 941-475-6756, LemonBayPlayhouse.com

MISCELLANEOUS

'Venice Turns 100! Celebrating the City on the Gulf's Centennial' exhibit

Through August 2027. See how the city has grown from a plan laid out by renowned city planner John Nolen to the thriving community it is today. Venice Museum, 351 Nassau St. S., Venice. 941-486-2487 or www.venicemuseum.org

'The Grover Koons Collection: Constructing Venice' exhibit

Through Jan. 20. This temporary exhibit features the work of Koons, a professional photographer who was hired by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to document the construction of the City of Venice in 1926. Venice Museum, 351 Nassau St. S., Venice. 941-486-2487 or www.venicemuseum.org

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Sing-Along Trolley

7:30 p.m. Nov. 13, 27. Sing-along tour to your favorite '70's and '80s hits with trivia and a bar stop at 99 Bottles in downtown Sarasota. Discover Sarasota Tours, 1826 4th St., Sarasota. DiscoverSarasotaTours.com

Military Heritage Museum to honor Veterans

Nov. 11. Ceremony begins at 11 a.m. Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. militaryheritagemuseum.org

Veterans Day Ceremony in Patriots Park

11 a.m. Nov. 11. Patriots Park, 800 Venetia Bay Blvd., Venice. Participation by all veterans organizations in the Venice area, presentation of colors, city proclamation, patriotic music and speakers. Bring chairs and water. Hosted by American Legion Post 159 of Venice. www.facebook.com/CityofVeniceFlorida

Art, Wine, & Design

4-7 p.m. Nov. 12. An immersive evening celebrating art, wine and inspired designs in Punta Gorda. pace. In collaboration with Punta Gorda Chocolate & Wine and SandStar Design Studio. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., Punta Gorda. 941-639-8810 or visualartcenter.org

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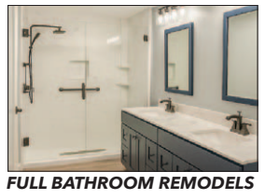
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Veteran Family Fun Day

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 14. Kid Zone, barbecue, ice cream, games, veteran benefits information, and access to local veteran and community services. Hosted by Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Homes, Gulf Pines Memorial Park, and Lemon Bay Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Moose Lodge #2121, Port Charlotte. 941-815-0291

Lighting Of The Village

Nov. 14. The Shane Duncan Band takes the stage at 5 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 5:45 p.m., followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony culminating in the Lighting of the Village at 6:15 p.m. Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. www.fishermensvillage.com

Bowl-Glazing Day

1-4 p.m. Nov. 14. Vincentian CARES Charlotte CARE Center and the Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda are inviting the community to get creative while giving back during Bowl-Glazing Day at the Visual Arts Center, 210 Maude St., Punta Gorda. The donated bowls will become part of the Mistletoe Empty Bowls event on Dec. 5 at the Charlotte Sports Park, an annual fundraiser and awareness event that uses handcrafted bowls as symbols of the empty bowls experienced by individuals and families facing food insecurity. visualartcenter.org/products/svdp-cares-empty-bowls

Arts & Crafts Market

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 14. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., Punta Gorda. 941-639-8810 or visualartcenter.org

Christmas Bazaar

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 14. Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood. ww.englewoodmethodist.com

Golden Girls Trolley Tour

Nov. 21. Visit the Bahi Hut for a Sandy Pines fru fru drink, then stop at the Bazaar on Apricot and Lime for a Golden Girls Fest with drinks, food, shopping and a beauty pageant. Wear your best GG outfits. Sarasota Tours, 1826 4th St., Sarasota. www.discoversarasotatours.com

Christmas Rummage Sale

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 21. Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood. ww.englewoodmethodist.com

'Air & Ice'

Nov. 21-28. Above the ice, the circus artists add aerial acts, acrobatics and juggling to the show. Presented by The Circus Arts Conservatory. Sailor Circus Arena, 2075 Bahia Vista St., Sarasota. circusarts.org

'New Feet Within my Garden Go: The Poetry of Emily Dickinson' exhibit

Nov. 21-Aug. 29. A selection of Dickinson's best-known, nature-inspired poems will be sited throughout the Historic Spanish Point campus. Accompanying the poems will be illustrations by artist Abby Wright and photographs of pages from Dickinson's herbarium, featuring her personal collection of pressed plants. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Historic Spanish Point campus, 401 N Tamiami Trail, Osprey. selby.org

Holiday Hall

Nov. 24-Jan. 7. Rebecca Hall is transformed with holiday-inspired pieces. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., Punta Gorda. 941-639-8810 or visualartcenter.com

Mayor's Downtown Christmas in Venice

5-7 p.m. Nov. 27. Christmas tree lighting, live music and more. Centennial Park, 200 W. Venice Ave., Venice. www.visitvenicefl.org

Venice Fall Classic Sports Card Show

Nov. 27-29. Dealers will be will be buying and selling sports cards and memorabilia from the 19th century to the present. Marty Castillo of the 1984 World Championship Detroit Tigers will be signing on from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 28. Free appraisals on pre-1975 items. JSA autograph authentication service on-site. Admission is $3 per day (kids 12 and under free). 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 29. Hotel Venezia Banquet Center, 425 U.S. 41 Bypass N., Venice. 810-441-4028, pennantfevershow.com

City of Venice Holiday Parade

Nov. 28. The 50th parade steps off at 6:30 p.m., with activities beginning at 3 p.m. in the downtown area. www.venicegov.com

Christmas Card Lane

Nov. 28-Jan. 2. See large holiday cards on display. Gilchrist Gilchrist Park, 400 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. 941-258-2080, genemurtha5@gmail.com

Tinsel Town Trolley

Select dates in December. Sing, see and sip on the new Tinsel Town Trolley holiday tour as you enjoy songs performed by entertaining cast members, carol down Main Street and view neighborhood lights. Discover Sarasota Tours, 1826 4th St., Sarasota. www.discoversarasotatours.com

'Light Up the Night'

Dec. 4. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. Santa arrives at 6 p.m. Live music by Evan Taylor Jones from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Josie Sal performs from 8:45-10:15 p.m. Christmas tree lighting ceremony at 8:30 p.m. Downtown Punta Gorda. LightUpTheNightPG.com

Venice Christmas Boat Parade of Lights

6 p.m. Dec. 5. View from the Intracoastal Waterway. www.venicechristmasboatparade.net

'Lights in Bloom'

Dec. 5-Jan. 2. Features more than two million lights illuminating the gardens and walkways of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 1534 Mound St., Sarasota. selby.org

San Pedro Catholic Church's Christmas Market

Dec. 5-6. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 5, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 6. On Dec. 6, meet Santa at a pancake breakfast. San Pedro Catholic Church Activity Center, 14380 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port. 941-426-2500







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