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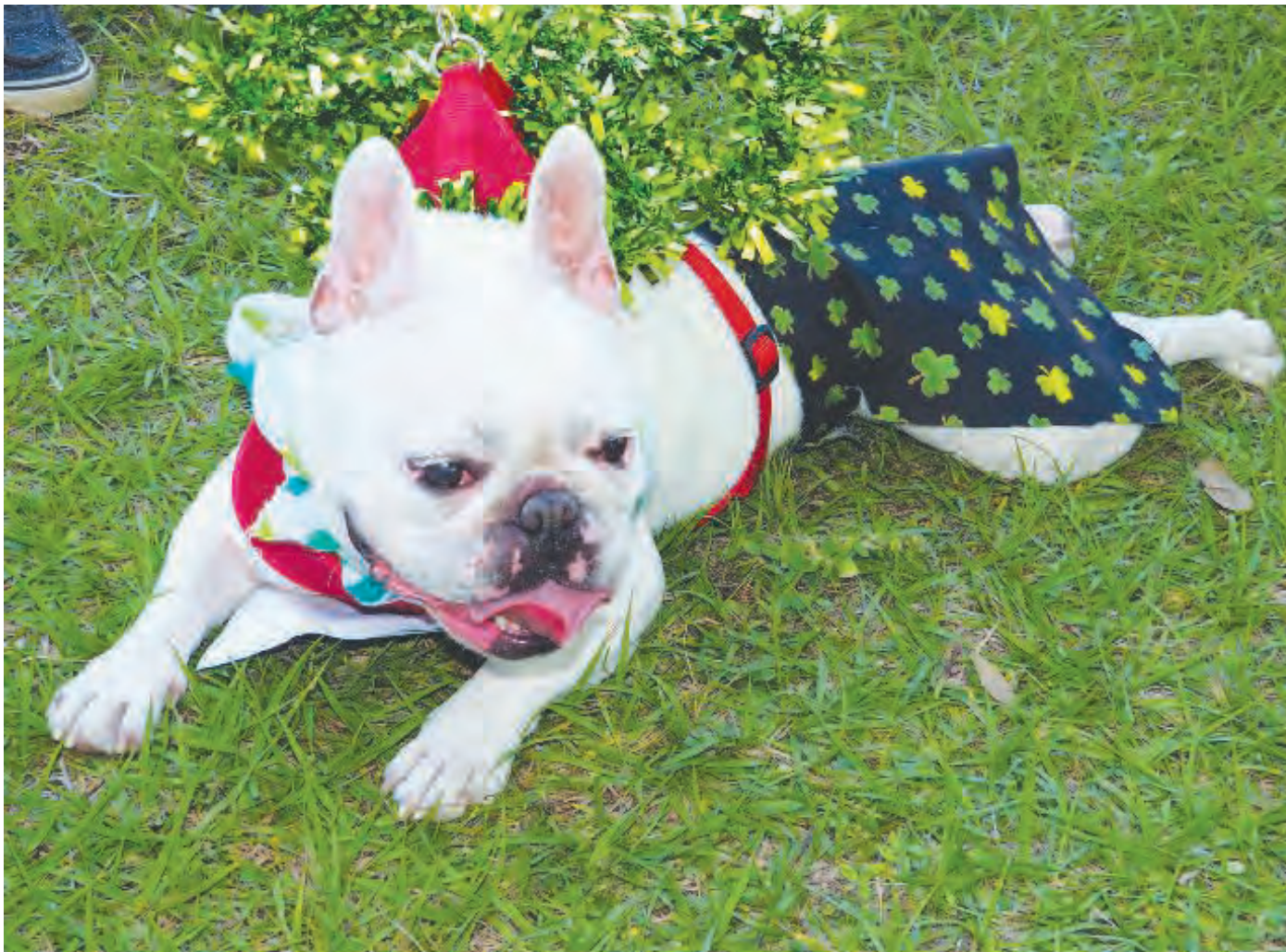


Photo by Ernie Soller

A very good time was had by ALL at 2017's edition of the annual Lakewood Ranch Irish/Celtic Festival, held at Greenbrook's Adventure Park.



Photo by Mark Odell

Golf, Inc. Magazine rates the Lodge at Country Club East among the best

Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club's newest addition, The Lodge at Country Club East, was recognized in the 2017 Golden Fork awards "Top of the Class" feature in Golf Inc. magazine's January/February issue.

Golf Inc.'s second annual Golden Fork awards recognized 12 golf facilities for either new or most improved dining options. Editors assessed entries based on improvements in revenue, traffic, guest satisfaction, aesthetics, service, menus and capital improvements. Nominees were divided into four categories: The Lodge at Country Club East was awarded second place in the "New, Private" category.

Most of the honorees, the article said, created casual elegance in a lively atmosphere. "Casual, rustic, local and beloved: This year's best ... food and beverage facilities are pulling in golfers and non-golfers alike for experiential dining," said Jack Crittenden, editor-in-chief of the magazine and the article's author.

Whether at a private club or a public course, he said, diners today want casual settings, defined by high-quality décor, rustic ambiance, local food offerings, and outdoor seating. The Lodge's winning entry read as follows:

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LODGE

“Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club opened its Lodge at Country Club East in April 2016 to rave reviews from members, and the new facility has provided a boost to membership sales. The club sought to create a casual restaurant and bar atmosphere while providing outdoor amenities that take inspiration from the history and natural

setting of Lakewood Ranch.

The main dining room was designed with exposed heavy timbers to create a rustic theme, and with panoramic views of the surrounding golf course. A covered outdoor patio uses natural stone and heavy timber.

An open kitchen allows interaction between diners and chefs as meals are prepared in full view.”

The Lodge, a \$10 million project, overlooks the ninth and 18th holes of the Royal Lakes golf course in Country Club East. It

features seating for nearly 250 in multiple indoor and outdoor dining areas. Within the 30,000-square-foot, facility there is a pro shop, golf cart storage, private and terrace dining and brilliant views of the golf course. The clubhouse area also features a putting course, event lawn, practice range and golf academy.

For more information about the Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club, or to see a video tour of The Lodge, visit www.lakewoodranchgolf.com.

Irrigation water usage still too high

BY ERNIE SOLLER,

Community Correspondent

During the monthly Community Development District board meetings held at the Town Hall in March, finance director Steve Zielinski warned residents that in all districts, irrigation water usage has been on the rise, with usage being above last year's totals by around 12%.

This, per Zielinski, will result in irrigation water bills from Braden River Utilities, which will create \$8,000 to \$12,000 worth of budget shortfalls per district, since district budgets were set reflecting a lower amount of water usage.

This means that the districts will need to increase assessments to pay for this additional water usage.

During the recent rebate program period during which incentives were available for residents who agreed to install a soil moisture sensor system, only about 220 rebates were given out, of the 450 that were available. This would indicate that many residents just didn't feel that installing the system was worth the cost. However, the use of the soil moisture sensor system *does prevent unnecessary watering*, since the system only allows turning the irrigation water on when the soil is dry enough to actually need the water.

CELLULAR TECHNOLOGY

Lakewood Ranch Executive Director Anne Ross reported that the communi-

ty is still looking into the poor cell service situation, noting that there are many alternatives in the marketplace, and all the alternatives should be looked into before any commitment is made to contract for new equipment. The community finance director Steve Zielinski commented that even though the district's roads have already been studied, as part of a “pavement assessment” program, it may be a good idea to include them in the reserve study, with a view toward finding any glaring discrepancies between the two.

She also commented that there are new bills moving through the legislative process in both houses of the state legislature in Tallahassee that could change the state's regulations regarding cell phone service, and preempt what districts may decide to do.

SHRED DAY

The annual Lakewood Ranch /Grow Financial “shred day” will be held April 29, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Town Hall. The Shred Day activity is a chance for Lakewood Ranch residents to get rid of old tax documents and/or other personal paperwork that they don't want to end up blowing around in a landfill.

RESERVE STUDIES

Each of the Lakewood Ranch district boards approved the expenditure of money for a “reserve study.”

These studies will quantify the assets of each district, indicate what capital improvements should be made, and will include a “life-cycle” estimate as to how long district-owned assets should last before they need to be repaired or replaced. The cost of these studies will vary by district,

but the cost will be anywhere from \$2,800 to \$4,500 per district, depending on the size and assets of the district, with the IDA 's study costing \$2,000. During the District 5 discussion on the matter, finance director Steve Zielinski commented that even though the district's roads have already been studied, as part of a “pavement assessment” program, it may be a good idea to include them in the reserve study, with a view toward finding any glaring discrepancies between the two.

Regarding pavement conditions, supervisor Henry Hofeler of District 6 inquired about standards for axle weights on community roads. Engineer Richard Ellis noted that the county has set standards for axle weights. Attorney Andrew Cohen will check into the regulations, as well as the legalities of establishing new weight limits if needed. Note: the weight of heavy trucks can adversely impact the durability of roads, since if such trucks are overloaded, they can and will cause roads to deteriorate at a much faster rate than might be expected, and district roads are intended to be, for the most part, residential, and not built to the standards of primary highways.

BUILDING SECURITY

District 2 Supervisor Tom Green questioned whether there is enough security in place for meetings at the Town Hall, and asked executive director Ross to check into the matter, in order to prevent any difficulties that

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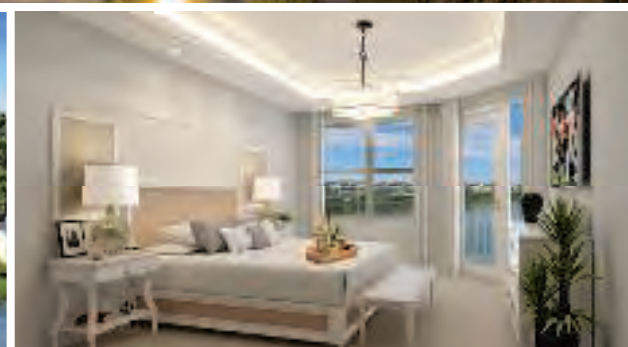
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April 22, 2017 – Sure Shot Annie's. For women only; this is a group of women who participate in the game of sporting clays, fostering expectations of quality instruction, nurtured friendships, and offerings in the community. Women range from sure-shots to novices. For more information email sureshotannies@aol.com.

April 29, 2017 – Eighth annual Tater Hill Fun Shoot. The event is presented by the Desoto County Chamber of Commerce and runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost for individual shooters is \$65, which includes 50 target shooting rounds and lunch. For more information email chamber@desotochamberfl.com.

NSCA Registered Shoots – April 25, May 27 and June 4.

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may arise with highly attended meetings during which controversial subjects may be up for discussion.

LANDSCAPING

Resident Angela Johnson, of District 6, asked about what she perceived as a lack of trimming of bed

plants in her area. Operations director Paul Chetlain replied that there is a schedule that determines what beds are trimmed when, and informed Ms. Johnson that he would follow up to make sure that the schedule was being followed.

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Sports Commission releases 2016 figures

The Sarasota County Sports Commission (SCSC), a division of Visit Sarasota County (VSC), had another notable year in 2016 – and the Premier Sports Campus at Lakewood Ranch played an integral part.

In 2016, SCSC hosted 135 events, an increase of 20% over 2015. These events generated an economic impact of \$178,565,040, an increase of 23% over 2015, and generated 108,302 room nights.

“We worked hard with our regional partners within the industry in 2016 to host events that continue to elevate Sarasota’s reputation as a premiere location for all levels of sporting events,” said Robert Wells, director of sports for VSC. “We are looking forward to building on this success in 2017 and beyond.”

Sarasota continues to garner worldwide attention. In the 2016 Sportcal Global Sport Cities Index, Sarasota County moved up 21 spots, now ranking



Eric Nalpas Photography

second in Florida, behind Miami; 15th in the United States and 181st in the world. Sportcal is the world’s leading provider of sports marketing intelligence based in London, England.

Top-producing events for Sarasota County in 2016 included the following events held at the Premier Sports Campus: the US Soccer Nike International Friendlies, with an economic impact of \$9,114,439; the USA Field Hockey President’s Day Cup, with an economic impact of \$4,186,452 and

the United States Australian Football League National Championships, with an economic impact of \$1,523,840.

The SCSC recently received the Sports Tourism Organization of the Year for population under 400,000 award by the National Association of Sports Commissions. The award recognizes and honors sports commissions who are innovative in marketing and hosting sporting events and who set an example for other sports commissions to follow.

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Introducing our new Director, Keith Pandeloglou!

On Feb. 27, the board of directors of LWR Community Activities announced Keith Pandeloglou as the new director. Pandeloglou replaces Kyanne Merrill, who has served for the past two years and helped for the past month with ensuring a seamless transition of duties. Pandeloglou comes to LWRCAC with various corporate and entrepreneurial experience, most recently serving as CEO of UTC Venture Group, and previously in multiple roles in sales, service, and information technology at TriNet. Pandeloglou is looking forward to meeting the community at the various LWRCAC events and club meetings during the year. The LWRCAC office is based at Cowork LWR on Main Street in Lakewood Ranch.

Irish Celtic Festival: The sixth annual Irish Celtic Festival was held March 11 at Adventure Park in Greenbrook. This year's event featured a new attraction, a Pop Up Pub, as well as annual favorites such as the Irish Spirits Relay Race, Lucky Dog Parade, and tons of Irish dancers, pipers, and bands. The Pop Up Pub was a hit, as festival goers were able to walk in, sit down, and enjoy time with friends and meet new ones. We partnered for the relay race with MVP Sports and Social, and three of their teams came in as the top four finishers in the relay races.



Memorial Day-Tribute to Heroes Parade: Calling all patriots! Join us on Main Street on May 28, waving your American flags and wearing your red, white and blue for the annual community celebration of our fallen heroes. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a pre-block party and the parade will begin at 7 p.m. Come out to remember our fallen heroes. You can participate in so many ways. Be a spectator, join our committee, volunteer for parade security, or march in the parade. Children can register their bikes, scooters, skateboards and wagons for the "Decorated Bike Contest," and all who enter will be part of the parade procession as a group. We will have awards for cutest, most patriotic and most creative decorating. Groups, clubs and organizations: show your support and enter a float, marching band or creative marching group. Residents and neighborhoods can decorate golf carts; we will have a trophy for best float. Each year our parade grows in size with new organizations joining the procession. The parade route has been extended this year! If you are a veteran, look for our VIP veteran viewing area, from which to enjoy the parade. Seats will be provided for you across from the Main Street Bazaar. To register your group, club or organization for the parade, submit a registration form located on our website, www.lwrcac.com.

Connecting Sponsors and Club Members: As part of his role, Keith will also be visiting with the clubs at their various meeting locations throughout the year and introducing several of the corporate sponsors to the club members. This will allow the corporate sponsors the ability to introduce themselves, describe what their companies/services provide to the community and interact and develop relationships with community members. The LWRCAC non-profit program is supported by the residents of Lakewood Ranch and corporate sponsors; so we're going to focus on bridging the gap between local businesses and the community members!

CLUB NEWS:

THE LAKEWOOD RANCH WOMEN'S CLUB generated nearly \$20,000 for charity with their fashion show and luncheon, IC Through the Looking Glass, on March 20 at the Sarasota Yacht Club. The show featured fash-



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Attendees Susan Jordan and Isabelle Eidet.



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Attendees Ellen Cunningham, Michele Fischman, and Annette Lloyd.

ions from IC at Dillards. The proceeds will go to three long-standing charities served by the Women's Club: Hope Family Services, serving victims of domestic abuse in Manatee County; Solve Maternity Homes of Sarasota and Manatee County; and SMART, the Sarasota-Manatee Association for Riding Therapy in Manatee County.

With the "Alice in Wonderland theme," members and friends of the Lakewood Ranch Women's Club moved among the guests, seated at tables decorated with teapot centerpieces, wearing fashions from IC, Eileen Fisher, Tahari and others. They provided guests a look at the latest trends in casual, daytime and cocktail and eveningwear. Debbie Palmer, IC representative and personal shopper at Dillards, commented the show. Trish Newman of the Women's Club, chaired the event.

In addition to the fashion show, a raffle and silent auction were held, featuring items including jewelry, clothing and accessories, a chauffeur driven Rolls Royce, Gourmet foods, boat rides, and many more enticing items.

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THE LUNCH CLUB AT LAKEWOOD RANCH welcomes adults in Lakewood Ranch to enjoy a delicious and nutritious lunch, socialize, and explore a variety of topics presented by guest speakers. Best of all, it's affordable and fun! Exciting topics for April and May include: 4/25 - Four Pillars Retreat Center, 5/2 - How Trauma Centers Save Lives, 5/9 - Legalized Cannabis, and 5/16 - The South Florida Museum. The Lunch Club meets every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. Please contact Jackie Godlewski or Sue Taylor at 941-749-0100, ext. 2100 for more information or to reserve your seat. Reservations are encouraged, but walk-ins are always welcome.

AVIAN CLUB: The Avian Club would like to ask neighbors to please be patient with the sandhill cranes who are raising their young and likely to suddenly - and without warning - cross our roads. Watching for these feathered residents and slowing down is the best way to give them a safe right-of-way, to prevent tragedies. Juvenile sandhill cranes need both parents to teach them to survive.

ASIAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH: The mission of the Asian Women's Club of Lakewood Ranch is to make a positive difference in the community and in its members by fostering diversity and enhancing awareness of Asian customs, culture, food, music, art and tradition through its fundraising events, cultural and educational seminars and outreach programs. The AWCLWR is an IRS-approved 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization.

There will be a presentation on "Ikebana, The Japa-

2017 Lakewood Ranch Calendar of Events

May 28	Tribute to Heroes	LWR Main Street
	Club Day on Main St.	
Oct. 20	Block Party	LWR Main Street
Oct. 27	BOO Fest	LWR Main Street
	Club Day on Main St.	
Dec. 8	Block Party	LWR Main Street

nese Art of Flower Arrangement" at 7 p.m. April 27 at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall, 8075 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Lakewood Ranch. Please contact Maria Cora Gaffar, AWCLWR president, to reserve a seat.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings or educational seminars are held every fourth Wednesday or Thursday of the month at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. For membership and events information, please contact Maria C. Gaffar at (941)361-1205 or via email at asian-womensclublakewoodranch@yahoo.com.

GARDENERS OUT EAST GARDEN CLUB is sponsoring its inaugural charity golf tournament honoring our veterans with the placement of a Blue Star Memorial to be erected at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. The memorial will be dedicated as part of the 2017 Memorial Day events in Lakewood Ranch on May 28. The Blue Star Memorial dedication is Gardeners Out East's third and largest beautification effort in Lakewood Ranch. The event will be hosted by Gardeners Out East in association with the Lakewood Ranch VFW Post 12055. The Blue Star Memorial program began in 1945, and is part of an ongoing national memorial effort by the National Garden Club, Inc., in cooperation with

its member garden clubs. These memorials can be seen throughout the U.S. on highways, important roads, and buildings. They are meant to be a living memorial for the men and women of the United States military. The golf event will be held at Esplanade Golf and Country Club on May 6. The activities start at 11 a.m., with a shotgun scramble starting at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to play golf and/or support this worthwhile charity event. We are honoring our present and past veterans with a "Walk of Honor" throughout the event. Please consider sponsoring a memory of a current or past loved one who served. Information for the golf tournament or being a sponsor/donor can be found on the Gardeners Out East website (www.gardenersout-east.com).

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LADIES' DEVOTIONAL HOUR: We meet every Thursday at Town Hall, from 9:45-11:30 a.m. All women of any age and denomination may join us each week. You will find great friendships formed, prayer, activity and joy! We will have our last meeting for the season on May 25. Contact Shirley Surowiec at shsur46@gmail.com or Carol Tumey at (941)727-3789.

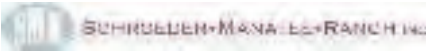
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THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB will meet May 17 at Town Hall. The book selection is "Where'd You Go, Bernadette," by Maria Semple. Come at 1 p.m. to meet and greet, with book discussion beginning at 1:30 p.m. for an hour. The June 21 selection is "Movement of Stars," by Amy Brill. Any questions please call Mary Button at (941)755-0012.

THE LAKEWOOD RANCH COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT): is gearing up for hurricane season, which runs June 1 to Nov. 30. Members of CERT's 27 neighborhood teams are in the process of attending first aid refresher workshops, conducting neighborhood emergency exercises, and storing additional rescue supplies to have on hand for what is hoped to be a quiet storm season. Almost 60 residents will have completed the CERT Basic Training Course by May, adding to the 250 already trained members in our neighborhoods.

LWR CERT is also holding hurricane and disaster preparedness workshops for residents to bring them up to date on the latest storm predictions and family emer-

gency preparedness tips. Contact your homeowner's association for information on presentations planned for your neighborhood.

Should there be a major hurricane or disaster in Manatee County, there are not enough emergency services personnel to be everywhere in this 900-square-mile county. LWR residents may have to wait until rescuers are able to reach us, and this is when your CERT-trained neighbors mobilize to help. Unfortunately, some Ranch neighborhoods still do not have enough trained volunteers to have their own teams. For those residents interested in becoming CERT volunteers, the next training course will be held in October. No medical or emergency services experience is necessary, only a desire to learn how to keep yourself and your family safe, and be able to help your neighbors if the need arises. This four-session course, conducted by instructors from East Manatee Fire Rescue and LWR CERT, covers family disaster preparedness, extreme weather threats, terrorism, emergency first aid, search and rescue and emergency radio communications. The course is free for LWR residents, and first aid and rescue gear is provided to course graduates. For information or to register, email CERT at lwr.cert@gmail.com.

For more information on family disaster preparedness, visit www.lwrcert.org.

THE LAKEWOOD RANCH DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB will meet from 6:30-9 p.m. April 20.

This is our "Spring Salon Competition." You must be a member to enter, however guests are welcome to attend the judging for \$10.

From 6:30-9 p.m. May 18, our speaker will be Skip Milos. Along with providing many Tampa Bay area businesses with beautiful design and photography, Skip Milos has been the Tampa Bay Rays team photographer since 2002!

The aim of the club is to promote growth in members' appreciation and skill in taking and making digital photographs. This will be accomplished through mutual education and learning in both the science and art of photography. Monthly meetings are designed and offered for all levels of photographic understanding. Special interest workshops are provided as needed to both beginning and advanced photographers. Visitors and guests are welcome at regular monthly meetings, but ask that they make a \$10 donation that helps us pay for our meeting room. If a guest chooses to become a member by the end of their first meeting, we will apply the \$10 donation to the cost of membership. However, guests are not permitted to participate in field trips or other special club events. Membership starts at \$40.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Woodland Community Church. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Our monthly meetings include guest speakers, demonstrations of techniques, print of the month competition and share your work.



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Irish? Who needs to be Irish to have a good time?

BY ERNIE SOLLER,
PHOTOS BY ERNIE SOLLER
Community Correspondent

Am I Irish? Not exactly. My ancestry is more “goulash, schnitzel and strudel” than “corned beef, cabbage, and soda bread.” I do, however, know a good time when I see one, and a very good time was to be had at the annual 2017 edition of the Lakewood Ranch Irish/Celtic Festival, held at Greenbrook’s Adventure Park.

What’s not to like about a festival that included a pipe band – the

Lion Rampant Band – which marched around the festival grounds and then, as part of the “Lucky Dog” contest, piped the canine contestants past the stage area where the Lucky Dog contest judges sat, to the delight of the crowd?

What’s not to like about a festival that offers some good Irish cooking, along with some appropriate beer and spirits? I never knew that Bushmills Irish Whiskey not only had a “regular/tripled distilled” variety, but also a “Black Bush” version, and even a “Red Bush” variety, labeled in

red, of course. Who’d a thunk it?

What’s not to like about a Festival which included the Irish humor of one veritable leprechaun, Cahal Dunne, an entertainment favorite in these parts, who not only tells Irish jokes but sings Irish songs, too? And while we’re at it, we should never forget the Irish dancers who trooped across the stage, dazzling onlookers with their fancy footwork.

What’s not to like about going into an inflatable pub, and confronting a huge man who was wearing a kilt, and sporting a shirt bearing the logo of a band known

as “Dropkick Murphy’s”?

And, if your kids got tired of listening to music, or they’d already filled themselves up on all the available food, they could cruise on over to the ride/bounce house area, where a gizmo would turn them upside down at the same time that it turned them round and round. If one big inflatable wasn’t enough, there was also a large dragon inflatable.

Now, at an Irish festival, one thing is sure- there will always be someone who is dressed to be noticed, and this year’s Lakewood Ranch Irish Festival was no ex-

ception. Did you see the guy with the green Viking helmet – complete with gold horns and braids? Or could you have possibly missed the guy with the iridescent green hair – and the big hat with shamrocks all over it? Even the dogs had a wild green headgear thing going. How about a greyhound with a green sequined top hat?

So, in looking forward to next year’s Irish Festival ...
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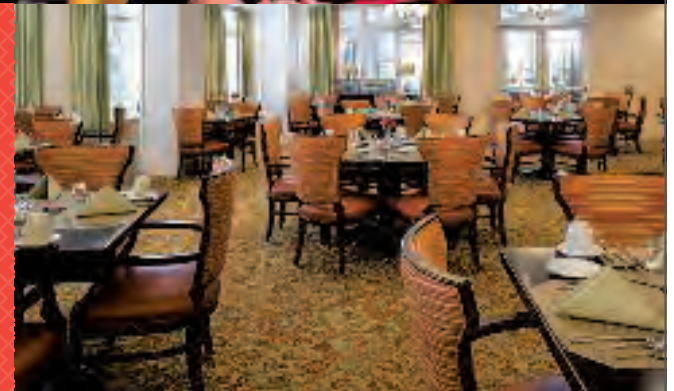


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BY ERNIE SOLLER,
Community Correspondent

“Good Coffee Speaks For Itself!”

Last September, a new coffee house held its grand opening on Lakewood Ranch’s Market Street, across the street from the Walgreen’s on the roundabout: Kahwa Coffee.

For the enlightenment of the uninitiated, kahwa is French slang for “coffee,” as in “Let’s go get a kahwa.”

Some might say “OK, so what makes this one unique, and why should I go there?”

Well, for one thing, there is a drive through! So, if you’re in a giant hurry to get to work or almost late for a meeting, you can whip into the Kahwa Coffee driveway, order your brew – and whatever else you might need – and be on your way fast. Or if you prefer the ritual of ordering inside the store, watching the barista prepare your selection, and enjoying it in a leisurely manner, that’s great, too.

Also, if you are into ordering at the counter and enjoying your selection while reading your morning paper or perusing a book, you should know that coming into Kahwa Coffee is a little like walking into an art gallery. That’s because Sarah and Raphael Perrier, the owners, have invited local artists to display their work on the walls of their store, and patrons who



Photo by Ernie Soller

find an item they particularly like are able to contact the artist and purchase the art work.

The owners of Kahwa Coffee are a couple with an interesting history. Raphael Perrier, originally from France, started in the coffee industry working as a barista, progressing to managing a coffee house, working at a wholesale organization, and a nightclub. Somewhere along the way, while working in Philadelphia, he met Sarah, a lovely ballerina/modern jazz dancer from St. Petersburg, Fla. They became a couple, moving to St. Pete in 2005, and in 2006, started Kahwa Coffee, had a baby, and bought a home. The Perriers now own four Kahwa Coffee locations in St. Pete, and four in Tampa. The Market Street location is their first in our community.

So, Kahwa Coffee has gotten to be pretty well-known around these parts. And as befits a growing

coffee concern, they offer, along with the “basics” of a good coffeehouse, such as regular blend straight coffee, lattes (I’m told that the “Lavender Latte” is one to check out), and espresso and various pastry items. There are croissants, pound cake slices, cookies etc. They are up-to-date in that not only can Lakewood Ranch coffee hounds come in and enjoy Kahwa’s offerings on-premises, but Kahwa Coffee offers Keurig cups of favorite blends, such as their Mistral blend, and their medium-to-dark roast Sirocco blend. Kahwa also carries other goodies, such as 32-ounce take-home growlers, insulated containers, 16-ounce travel mugs, bulk coffee, T-shirts, etc.

Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information visit kahwacoffee.com, stop by 8317 Market Street, or call (941)351-1551.

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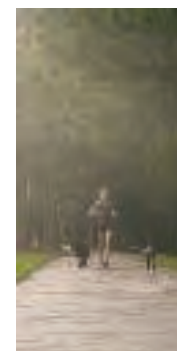


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Groundbreaking for Tidewell's Lakewood Ranch Hospice House

Tidewell Hospice and construction management contractor Willis Smith Construction broke ground at the site of the Lakewood Ranch Hospice House, a healthcare facility for the residents of Lakewood Ranch and East Manatee County. The \$5 million project is expected to be completed in late 2017. The 15,000-square-foot facility will feature 12 patient rooms, two family living-room areas and a cen-

tralized nurses' station.

The Lakewood Ranch Hospice House will be located at 11535 Rangeland Parkway, Lakewood Ranch.

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Dates: June 5th—August 4th
Monday – Friday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

\$165 per week or \$45 per day (members)*
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Session #3: Monday June 19 - Friday, June 23 Session #7: Monday July 24 - Friday, July 28
Session #4: Monday June 26 - Friday, June 30 Session #8: Monday July 31 - Friday, August 4

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Upcoming Events

(Please visit www.LWRBA.org to sign up for these events.)

Breakfast of Champions:

Finding Your Voice
Wednesday, April 26
7:30-9 a.m.

Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club
7650 Legacy Boulevard
\$25 LWRBA members; \$35 non-members

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Young Leaders Alliance:

Spring Fling Networking Social
Thursday, April 27
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club
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Join the Lakewood Ranch Young Lead-

ers Alliance at the fabulous and newly renovated Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club for a night of socializing and networking. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar available. Register online at www.LWRBA.org.

2017 Ranch Scramble Golf Tournament

Friday, April 28

11 a.m.-5 p.m. (1 p.m. shotgun start)
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Wednesday, May 3

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LWRBA Luncheon: Face to Face - Sarasota and Manatee Counties Present Their Opportunities and Challenges

Wednesday, May 17

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April 20th – Third Thursday

- Financial Forum, River Club CaddyShak, 9 a.m.
- Ladies' Devotional Hour, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 2 p.m.
- History Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

April 21st – Third Friday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Republican Club, Ranch Grill, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

April 22nd – Fourth Saturday

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 8:30 a.m.
- Digital Photography Focus Group, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

April 23rd – Fourth Sunday

- Ladies' Soccer, soccer fields 1 and 2, 2 p.m.

April 24th – Fourth Monday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:40 p.m.
- Angler's Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
- Jewish Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

April 25th – Fourth Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Bridge on Tuesday, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Italian American Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Running Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

April 26th – Fourth Wednesday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Women's Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- Total Health Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 6 p.m.

April 27th – Fourth Thursday

- Financial Forum, River Club CaddyShak, 9 a.m.
- Ladies' Devotional Hour, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Asian Women's Club, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

April 28th – Fourth Friday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Pro Jam Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

April 29th – Fifth Saturday

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 8:30 a.m.
- CERT refresher training, Town Hall, 8 a.m.

April 30th – Fifth Sunday

- Ladies' Soccer, soccer fields 1 and 2, 2 p.m.
- Jewish Club, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

May 1st – First Monday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Handcrafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- LWR Garden Club, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

May 2nd – First Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Kiwanis, Polo Grill, noon
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Double Deck Pinochle, various homes, 1 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

May 3rd – First Wednesday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Bingo, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 6 p.m.

May 4th – First Thursday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Women's Golf, Legacy, 7:30 a.m.
- Financial Forum, CaddyShak in River Club, 9 a.m.
- Ladies' Devotional Hour, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Democratic Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

May 5th – First Friday

- Women's Club Board Meeting, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

May 6th – First Saturday

- Adult Soccer, Summerfield Park, 8 a.m.
- CERT refresher training, Town Hall, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 8:30 a.m.

May 7th – First Sunday

- Ladies' Soccer, soccer fields 1 and 2, 2 p.m.
- Sunday Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

May 8th – Second Monday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Gardeners Out East, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- CERT General Membership Meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

May 9th – Second Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Kiwanis, Polo Grill, noon
- Bridge on Tuesdays, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Double Deck Pinochle, various homes, 1 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

May 10th – Second Wednesday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Total Health Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Community Activities, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
- Digital Photography board meeting, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 6 p.m.

May 11th – Second Thursday

- Ladies' Devotional Hour, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Financial Forum, Caddy Shack in River Club, 9 a.m.
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 2 p.m.
- Women's Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

May 12th – Second Friday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Pro Jam, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

May 13th – Second Saturday

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 8:30 a.m.

May 14th – Second Sunday

- Ladies' Soccer, soccer fields 1 and 2, 2 p.m.

May 15th – Third Monday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Handcrafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Italian American Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Creative Arts, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
- CERT Board Meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
- Jewish Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

May 16th – Third Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Kiwanis, Polo Grill, noon
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Double Deck Pinochle, various homes, 1 p.m.
- Anglers Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

May 17th – Third Wednesday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Women's Book Club, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 6 p.m.
- CERT Radio Communications Committee, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

May 18th – Third Thursday

- Financial Forum, River Club CaddyShak, 9 a.m.
- Ladies' Devotional Hour, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 2 p.m.
- History Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

May 19th – Third Friday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, noon

May 20th – Third Saturday

- Adult Soccer, soccer fields 1 and 2, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 8:30 a.m.
- Scribes Club, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Please note that all meetings will be held at Town Hall unless otherwise specified.

April 19	10 a.m.	CDD 4 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	10:15 a.m.	CDD 4 Board Meeting 907-0202
	6 p.m.	GBVA Board Meeting 907-0202
April 20	8:30 a.m.	CDD 1 Board Meeting 907-0202
	9 a.m.	CDD 2 & CDD 5 Board Meeting 907-0202
	10:30 a.m.	CDD 6 Board Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m.	CEVA Safety Meeting 907-6999
April 24	9 a.m.	IDA Budget Workshop 907-0202
	10 a.m.	CEVA Board Workshop 907-0202
	5:30 p.m.	Hollow Board of Directors Meeting 752-4812
	7 p.m.	CDD 1 Budget Workshop 907-0202
April 25	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	10 a.m.	CDD 6 Budget Workshop 907-0202
	3 p.m.	CEVA Board Meeting 907-0202
April 26	1 p.m.	Country Club Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m.	Edgewater Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	6 p.m.	CDD 4 Budget Workshop 907-0202
	7 p.m.	SRVA Board Meeting 907-0202
April 27	10:30 a.m.	CDD 5 Budget Workshop 907-0202
	2 p.m.	CEVA Violations Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m.	CDD 2 Budget Workshop 907-0202
May 3	4 p.m.	GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
May 4	3 p.m.	CEVA Restrictions Revision Meeting 907-0202
May 8	9 a.m.	IDA Budget Workshop 907-0202
May 9	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
May 10	1 p.m.	Country Club Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m.	Edgewater Modifications Meeting 907-0202
May 15	9 a.m.	CDD 6 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	3 p.m.	CEVA Board Workshop 907-0202
May 16	8 a.m.	IDA Board Meeting 907-0202
	10 a.m.	CDD 1 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	1 p.m.	CDD 2 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	2:30 p.m.	CDD 5 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	4 p.m.	GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202

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