

## NEWS BRIEFS

# Shell Point hosting open house

Shell Point Retirement Community will host an Assisted Living Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 10 at the Arbor Assisted Living Facility located in The Woodlands at Shell Point.

“Occupancy in assisted living facilities has gone up across the country as families seek alternatives to nursing care for parents who may need assistance with the activities of daily living, but do not require full time skilled nursing,” said Rita Southern, director of assisted living facilities and resident

support services. “Assisted living provides a more home-like environment while improving the daily quality of life through a variety of amenities.”

This event will offer tours of the Arbor, and presentations throughout the day to provide information on assisted living at Shell Point. Refreshments and entertainment will be available. Visit the on-site medical facility, chapel, gift shop, restaurant, fitness area and more.

Shell Point has two assisted living facili-

ties on site, the Arbor Assisted Living and King’s Crown. The Arbor Assisted Living is an elegant center with a total of 132 units, and a variety of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom floor plans. One of the most unique features at the Arbor Assisted Living is the in-house medical center with a full array of qualified medical personnel. Amenities on site for residents include a full-time activities staff, fitness center, salon, game rooms, chapel, library, and a number of social areas throughout the building. In

addition to the main elegant dining room, country kitchens are located on each residential floor.

The King’s Crown features 120 residential units with studio and one-bedroom floor plans, an expansive private dining room, library, computer station, and a variety of activity and gathering spaces.

To RSVP, and for more information about the Assisted Living Open House please call (239) 454-2292.

Shell Point Retirement Community is a continuing care retirement community located in Fort Myers just off Summerlin Road, two miles before the Sanibel causeway. ■

# Celebrity Golf Classic raises more than \$655,000

The Lee Memorial Health System Foundation has announced that more than \$655,000 was raised in partnership with the Boston Red Sox and will be directed toward treatments and programs for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit patients and their families.

A recent six-bed expansion of The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida’s NICU was necessitated by an increase in premature births and a nearly always full unit. The new funding and the six-bed expansion will seek to keep families together and reduce the number of neonatal intensive care transports to Tampa and Miami.

The Boston Red Sox and The Lee Memorial Health System Foundation partner each year on a three-part fundraising initiative to benefit The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida. The signature event series includes a Celebrity Golf Classic, a “Tee-Party” the

day before and “The Diamond Dinner.”

Red Sox players Tim Wakefield, Mike Timlin, Jonathan Papelbon, Manny Delcarmen, Clay Buchholz, Jon Lester and Hideki Okajima joined Red Sox Management for the events. Jack and Shelley Blais, longtime philanthropists provided a matching commitment to funds raised. This match allows the LMHS Foundation to double all

proceeds raised by the events. The six-bed expansion center within the NICU was recently named in their honor and will be called the Shelley and Jack Blais Neonatal Center.

Each year, a child who has been saved or treated by the designated funding area is honored as the MVP - Most Valuable Patient. This year’s MVP was 17 month-old

NICU success story Piper Lynne Buckley, daughter of Heather Buckley and former Florida Everblades star Tom Buckley, all of Fort Myers.

The Forest Country Club has hosted the golf tournament and Tee-Party for 15 years. Many members of the club serve on the event organizing committee and two of their residents, Marilyn Qunell and Dale Tucker, served as chairs of this year’s event series. Red Sox legend Jim Rice was this year’s honorary chair. ■

# Fort Myers museums offer half-price admission

The Southwest Florida Museum of History and the Imaginarium Hands-On Museum and Aquarium are offering a 50 percent discount to city of Fort Myers residents on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18.

The discount is being offered to honor

city residents whose tax dollars help support these facilities which add to the quality of life in the city and Southwest Florida in general.

To receive the admission discount, residents will need to show their city utility stub

as proof of residency at either or both the Southwest Florida Museum of History and the Imaginarium.

For more information or museums’ hours please call the Imaginarium at (239) 337-3332 or the historical museum at (239) 332-5955. ■

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