

# LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Community Outreach Newsletter



MAY 2024 EDITION

### A DAY AT THE RANCH...

Much like the "Cell Dog Program" serves dual purposes as a mechanism to provide second chances to both jail inmates and homeless canines, "Nan's Ranch" is an inmate-driven program, created by Sheriff Carmine Marceno, that is "inmate-driven."



Funded primarily by "Inmate Welfare Funds," the ranch instills the patience and compassion required to appropriately care for farm animals.

Both male and female inmates are afforded the opportunity to learn the varying and numerous skills that accompany raising these animals, while instilling confidence and teaching reliability.

A select group of students from the Alva School were invited to participate in "Opening Day" at Nan's

### (A Day at the Ranch...continued)

Ranch. The Alva School's FFA Program, designed to develop agricultural leaders in our community, proudly served as the first visitors to Nan's Ranch.



### LAKES PARK LIBRARY

Lee County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Practitioners conduct frequent classes addressing "Fraud and Scam Prevention."

This class, held at Lakes Park Library, drew a rather large audience. For additional information regarding these classes, please call 239-477-1CRU.



## ROVING WITH ROVER

Twice monthly, the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets is visited by local canines in need of a forever home.

Both the Gulf Coast Humane Society and the Animal Refuge Center bring adoptable dogs to the outlets for a casual walk about the mall property.



Today, the Gulf Coast Humane Society arrived with Zeus, Shep and Autumn in tow FOR "Mall Mutts."

These walks serve multiple purposes:

they expose the canines to potential adopters at the shopping mall, they provide the canines with a fair amount of exercise and, most importantly, improve the animal's social interaction with people. The ability to calmly interact with children, seniors and other pets makes these dogs significantly more likely to be adopted.



LCSO staff, along with Gulf Coast Humane Society volunteers, parade the pups into nearly all of the "pet friendly" retail stores, as well as stop to meet shoppers who wish to greet the dogs.

The well-being of our county's

homeless animal population is of major priority to Sheriff Carmine Marceno who works diligently to better the lives of these homeless pets.

Following this particular "Mall Mutts" event, all three of these furballs...Zeus, Shep and Autumn...were adopted by their forever families.

## D3DAY...THE DISABILITY DREAM AND DO

Created by athletes who overcame disabilities, the D3Day camps allow professional athletes to interact with and incorporate children with special needs in athletic activities.

This year's D3Day Disability Dream and Do event was held at Hammond Stadium at the Lee County Sports Complex in Fort Myers.



The day was filled with fun, laughter and smiles as the



Lee County Sheriff's Office Ice Cream Response Team served up loads and loads of ice cream to participants and guests.

## FLORIDA ART THERAPY FAMILY FUN DAY

Who said that a robot can't paint?

Clearly, Robbie the Lee County Sheriff's Office robo-dog has an artistic flair...and he demonstrated it during the "Florida Art Therapy Family Fun Day" event.



Our Community Response Unit and, of course, Robbie, interacted with participating families as they engaged in a number of therapeutic art activities.

## DUBIN CENTER "LUNCH & LEARN"

Serving individuals struggling with Alzheimer's and Dementia, as well as assisting their caregivers, has been the focus of the Dubin Center of Fort Myers.

Lynne Thorp, Executive Director of the Dubin Center, shared her remarkable knowledge with a room filled with seniors, caregivers and service providers.

The event, held at the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets, was followed by a lengthy question and answer period where the executive director addressed very specific concerns and questions regarding services available to both clients and their caregivers.



Special thanks to Village of Estero Vice Mayor Joanne Ribble, Councilmember George Zalucki and Greater Estero Chamber of

Commerce Board Chair, Bill Ribble, for attending the day's event.

An amazing free and delicious lunch was generously donated by our friends at Ford's Garage at Miromar Outlets.

## "CONCERT ON THE GREEN" AT MOODY RIVER

Over 200 ice cream cones were served to guests at the "Concert on the Green" held at Moody River.

Guests enjoyed amazing food and excellent music during the three-hour event.



## LIEUTENANT HOPE...

"Will Lieutenant Hope be there?"

"Is Hope going to be at the event?"



Prior to many of our outings and events, we are asked these questions.

There's something about this three-legged fur-ball that everybody adores. Perhaps it's the love that she emits...or the smiles that she brings to the faces of all who meet her.

It may very well be that she has slobbered on most of the residents of Lee County.

Whatever the reason, Lieutenant Hope is always in high demand!



Join the Lee County Sheriff's Office and Abuse Counseling & Treatment, Inc. for a FREE "Lunch & Learn"

"Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking: Detection and Resources"



FREE LUNCH  
GENEROUSLY  
PROVIDED  
BY  
FORD'S GARAGE



WHEN: Thursday, May 30, 2024 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

WHERE: Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets, 10801 Corkscrew Road, Suite 190, Estero

Registration is required! To register, please email Gary Levine at [glevine@sheriffleefl.org](mailto:glevine@sheriffleefl.org)

A TASTE OF ...



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VILLAGE**



**Saturday, May 18, 2024 • 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

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Dog/Cat Toys, Cleaning Supplies, Beds, Crates, Leashes,  
Harnesses, Potty Pads, Bleach, Dog/Cat Treats

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**DOZENS OF LEE COUNTY  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGENCIES ON-HAND**



## ROBBIE, THE ROBO-DOG AT 2024 EDISON AWARDS

Our metal canine, Robbie, joined the Ben Allen Band at this year's Edison Awards Day at the Caloosa Sound Amphitheater.



The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit was on-hand to check out some incredible technologies demonstrated at the event.



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A promotional graphic for the Lee County Sheriff's Office. It features a photo of Sheriff Lee sitting at a desk, smiling. To his right is a large graphic that says "FOLLOW US" and "ON ALL SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS". Below the photo are icons for Facebook, X, Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok, each with the corresponding social media handle: @SHERIFFLEEFL, @LEESHERIFF, @LEESHERIFF, and @LEECOUNTYSHERIFFSOFFICE.

## ESTERO FIRE RESCUE "LUNCH & LEARN"

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit hosted an "Estero Fire Rescue Lunch & Learn" addressing fall prevention for seniors at the LCSO Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets.



Susan Lindenmuth, Director of Public Affairs at Estero Fire Rescue, shared her decades of experience with attendees.

Issues addressed included home safety recommendations, falls related to medication side-effects, free Lee Health services, holiday decoration safety and much more.



Village of Estero Council members, Rafael Lopez and George Zalucki, attended the day's event.

Special thanks to "Tacos & Tequila Cantina" at University Village Shops for providing a delicious lunch!

## BONITA SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL

Cadet, Safety and Tech students at Bonita Springs Charter School spent a portion of their day observing the Lee County Sheriff's Office robot dog, Robbie, as he demonstrated the many amazing tasks that he can do.

The group had a number of complex questions for Robbie's operator.



**THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN IS A COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY.**

**WE'RE WATCHING...**



### CAREER DAY AT ECS

Preparing students for adulthood and the “real world” is a significant component at Evangelical Christian School in Fort Myers.



The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit proudly participated in this year's "Career Day," by visiting the ECS campus and

chatting with students regarding potential careers in law enforcement and public service.



### DO THE RIGHT THING...

Selected by a school committee, "Do the Right Thing" award winners bring significant pride to their schools...to their teachers and classmates...and are rewarded with a visit from the Lee County Sheriff's Office Ice Cream Response Team.

Winning the prestigious award results in ice cream cones for one's entire classroom, making the student winners extremely popular.



Sheriff Carmine Marceno recognizes the value of teaching youngsters to be responsible, reliable and virtuous and gladly dispatches an ice cream truck filled with treats to demonstrate that

genuine appreciation.

### BEST BUDDIES WALK

Of the many organizations that the Lee County Sheriff's Office engages with, it is always our pleasure to participate in "Best Buddies" events.



The "Best Buddies" program serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their caregivers, here in Lee County.

One particular event, the annual "Best Buddies Friendship Walk," is among our favorites.

Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit staff distributed some cool "swag" to the participants and guests.

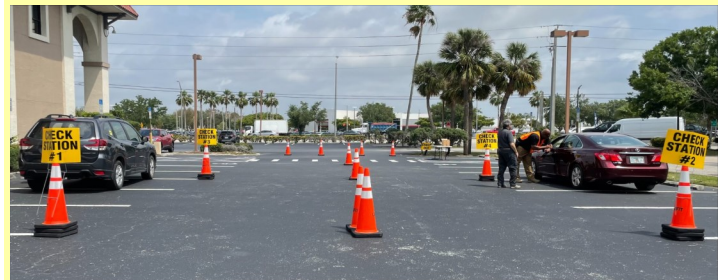


The Ice Cream Response Team, along with K9 "Mercy," a highly-skilled Bloodhound, shared in the day's festivities.

### CAR FIT

Members of the Community Response Unit hosted a "CarFit" event at the AAA of Fort Myers.

Participants were "fit" to their car and learned proper driving posture, acceptable lines of sight, lane assist features, mirror positioning and more.



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