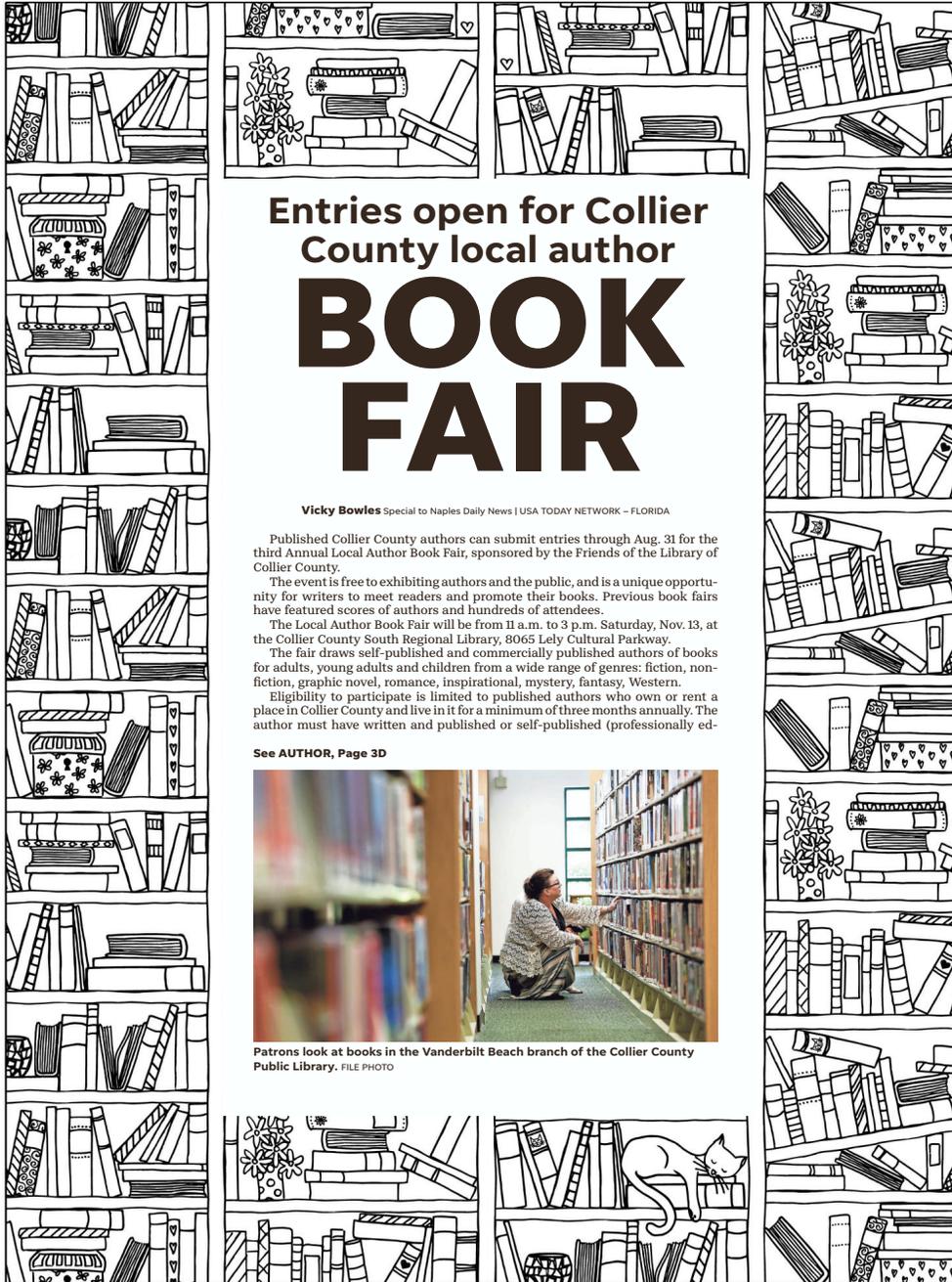


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Entries open for Collier County local author

BOOK FAIR

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Published Collier County authors can submit entries through Aug. 31 for the third Annual Local Author Book Fair, sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Collier County.

The event is free to exhibiting authors and the public, and is a unique opportunity for writers to meet readers and promote their books. Previous book fairs have featured scores of authors and hundreds of attendees.

The Local Author Book Fair will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Collier County South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway.

The fair draws self-published and commercially published authors of books for adults, young adults and children from a wide range of genres: fiction, non-fiction, graphic novel, romance, inspirational, mystery, fantasy, Western.

Eligibility to participate is limited to published authors who own or rent a place in Collier County and live in it for a minimum of three months annually. The author must have written and published or self-published (professionally ed-

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Patrons look at books in the Vanderbilt Beach branch of the Collier County Public Library. FILE PHOTO

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Northern parula, chimney swift among 51 animals to von Arx Wildlife Hospital



Inside the Wildlife Clinic
Joanna Fitzgerald
Guest columnist

A Northern parula and a chimney swift were among the 51 animals recently admitted to the von Arx Wildlife Hospital at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

Other admissions include two big brown bats, an Eastern screech owl, a white ibis, a red-shouldered hawk and a Florida box turtle.

The Northern parula was admitted after being injured when it struck a window. A resident on Marco Island found the bird on the ground unable to fly. The Northern parula was alert and hopping around the transport box when admit-

ted to the von Arx Wildlife Hospital yet it was apparent the bird's overall mentation was abnormal.

The warbler received arnica tincture to reduce inflammation and was placed on oxygen in a darkened animal intensive care unit to rest. Hospital staff test flew the parula after two days of rest and supportive care; the parula could maintain height but had low stamina.

After the parula spent an additional week recovering and regaining strength in an indoor flight enclosure, the tiny wood warbler was cleared for release. Visit the Conservancy's Facebook page to see a brief slow motion video of the release.

Northern parulas are one species of Neotropical migrant that will arrive in our area during their fall migration. Colliding with windows is a common cause

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A Northern parula is admitted to the von Arx Wildlife Hospital after being injured in a window strike. Conservative estimates state that up to 975 million birds die annually in the U.S. from collisions with windows and buildings. COLLEEN DURHAM/SPECIAL TO THE DAILY NEWS

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of injury and mortality for migrating warblers. Collisions can occur at night and during the day.

At night, lights on high-rise office buildings and condos draw migratory birds in close to where they can become disoriented and exhausted which then causes them to collide with buildings. If you work or live in a high-rise, close the shades and curtains and turn lights off at night.

Collisions occur during the day because birds can't perceive clear or reflective glass. Windows reflect the sky and trees. Birds perceive the reflection as an open flyway and collide with the glass.

To prevent window strikes, windows must be altered to make birds aware of expanses of glass. There are many proven techniques that will prevent birds from colliding with windows. For information visit www.abcbirds.org. If you find a bird injured from a window strike, place it in a dark, ventilated box and bring it to the von Arx Wildlife Hospital for immediate assistance.

Members of the public often mistakenly believe they have found a baby bird when they encounter a warbler because warblers are small in size. One noticeable difference between warblers and baby birds is that warblers are fully feathered; most baby birds have bare spots where feathers still need to grow in and baby birds might also have visible downy feathers. Also, most birds are no longer breeding and raising their young in late summer and fall when warbler migration would occur.

The woman who rescued this parula did indeed think she had found a baby bird and attempted to feed it egg and water. Hospital staff never recommend the public attempt to feed any injured or orphaned animal; offering water to an debilitated animal can cause further health complications, some of which prove more deadly than the initial injury.

The chimney swift was the fifth one transferred to

our facility from the Peace River Wildlife Center. Three transfers from Peace River have occurred so far this season. Von Arx Wildlife Hospital staff has established protocols for successfully raising chimney swifts resulting in high release rates. Due to our success, many centers contact us for assistance when chimney swifts are admitted to their facilities.

Chimney swifts construct a half-teacup shaped nest and use their saliva to bond the twigs to the inside of the chimney. Often times, the bond holding the nest to the chimney weakens during heavy rains. This swift had fallen to the bottom of a chimney earlier in the day. The swift was vocal, had a slight head tilt to the right, its left wing was drooping and it had a noticeable increased respiratory effort. The baby swift was young and not yet fully feathered. The most concerning issue was the rescuer had offered the swift water.

Von Arx Wildlife Hospital staff provided electrolytes and pain medication and placed the swift on oxygen in a warmed animal intensive care unit to rest. Staff monitored the swift closely but the trauma from the fall proved fatal, the nestling swift did not survive the night.

There is a strong network amongst wildlife rehabilitators in our area. Wildlife rehabilitators do what they can to help other rehabilitators, especially if one has expertise with a specific species. There is a shared common goal to do whatever is best for an animal in need. While this swift did not survive, the other swifts previously transferred to our facility have done well. Two swifts have been released and two continue to grow and thrive at our facility.

If you find an injured, sick or orphaned animal, contact the nearest wildlife rehabilitator who can provide information on the appropriate course of action to get the animal the care it needs.

Recent releases

The potential threat from Tropical Storm Fred put many releases on hold last week until rains and the chance for flooding subsided. Two Eastern cottontails, a Florida softshell turtle, two royal terns, a gopher tor-

toise and four mottled ducks were released recently.

Opportunities to help

Visit our website at www.conservancy.org and learn about opportunities to get involved. If you are unable to give of your time as a volunteer, become a member or donate. No matter how you choose to become involved, be assured your support allows the Conservancy to continue to protect Southwest Florida's water, land, wildlife and future.

Joanna Fitzgerald is director of the von Arx Wildlife Hospital at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Call 239-262-2273 or see conservancy.org.

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ited) at least one book within the last three years. Unpublished manuscripts and eBooks are not eligible for submission.

Along with the application, authors must submit one copy of their book to the Book Fair committee for consideration. Applications will be reviewed during the first week of September, and all applicants will be told during the second week of September whether they have been accepted.

All authors selected for participation will be given a table and two chairs to display and sell their books. Authors are responsible for selling their own books and for creating their own displays, where they can give information about their books and talk with the

public.

There is no charge for authors to participate, as Friends of the Library of Collier County covers all event expenses, and authors keep all the proceeds of their book sales.

Admission to the fair will be free to the public. Applications must be completed online at <https://collier-friends.org/local-author-book-fair-information-and-application/>.

Books submitted to the committee will not be returned and may be added to the library collection or used as a door prize. Mail 1 copy of your book to:

Collier County South Regional Library
 Attn: Local Author Book Fair
 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway
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Questions about the application process should be emailed to localauthorfair@gmail.com.

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