

Pace Center For Girls Brings Back Love That Dress!

Shopping Event Aug. 19 To 21

Pace Center for Girls, Lee County is bringing back its popular fundraising event, Love That Dress! with a new twist. This year, the event will be three fun-filled days of shopping Thursday, Aug. 19 through Saturday, Aug. 21 at Embassy Suites by Hilton in Estero.



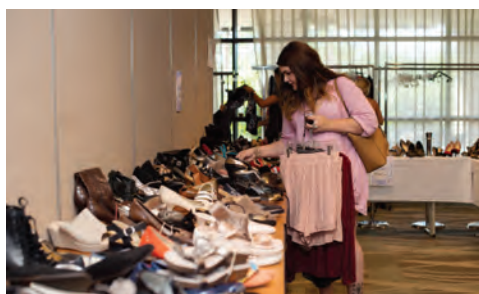
Described as the ultimate feel-good shopping spree of the year, Love That Dress! features shopping and silent auctions with all proceeds benefiting Pace programs and services. This year, Love That Dress! will feature a collection of 9,000 high-quality, brand-new boutique and gently used dresses, shoes, handbags and accessories sold at deeply discounted prices to attendees of Love That Dress! Inventory will be continuously restocked throughout the shopping event.

“We are excited to introduce this popular event in a new three-day format, where fashionistas and bargain hunters can shop while honoring the female spirit,” said Jennifer Nelson, chair of the 2021 Love That Dress! event. “This year, with an unprecedented outpouring of community support, we’re excited to reveal our largest and most glamorous selection of gently loved and brand-new fashion pieces.”

The shopping extravaganza will kick off Thursday, Aug. 19, with the Love That Dress! VIP Shopping event from 6 to 9 p.m. at Embassy Suites by Hilton, 10450 Corkscrew Commons Drive in Estero. VIP shoppers will enjoy a suite and be the first to shop with exclusive access to private dressing areas, express checkout and complimentary beverages, hors d’oeuvres and desserts.

General admission runs Friday, Aug. 20 through Saturday, Aug. 21, and guests can schedule a one-hour time slot for up to 15 guests. Shoppers can register online to shop a wide selection of dresses, shoes, handbags and accessories. General admission time slots are available from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

“We are so thankful to the Southwest Florida community for generously supporting the 13th annual Love That Dress!



event, and the Pace Center for Girls of Lee County mission,” said Amy McQuagge, cochair of the 2021 Love That Dress! Event. “This event helps raise critical funds that directly support strength-based, gender-specific programs that guide Pace girls in finding their voice, achieving their potential and becoming strong, productive and contributing members of society.”

Proceeds from Love That Dress! provide academic programs and counseling services to girls and young women ages 11 to 18 who are working to overcome risk factors such as poverty, substance abuse, domestic violence, foster home placement, neglect, grief, incarceration of a family member, mental health and physical, emotional or sexual abuse.

General admission ticket sales began July 1 at \$30 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available, including the presenting sponsor at \$10,000, designer sponsor at \$5,000 and VIP suite sponsors at \$1,500.

To register and learn more about the event and sponsorships, visit LoveThatDressLeeCounty.com or call (239) 425-2366.

Volunteers are also needed throughout the summer to sort and tag inventory as well as to support the main event in August. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact Volunteer Coordinator Jessica Cosden at Jessica.Cosden@pacecenter.org.

About Pace Center For Girls, Lee County

Since 2007, Pace Center for Girls, Lee County has been providing girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. The gender-specific, strength-based program is one of 21 centers throughout Florida, and is known throughout the nation as a

best practices model for diverting girls from the juvenile justice system. Pace is a registered not-for-profit organization that relies on the support of individuals, businesses, civic/community organizations and churches in Lee County in order to serve girls and their families. Since its inception, Pace Center for Girls, Lee County has served more than 650 at-promise girls and young women, believing each one deserves an opportunity to find her voice, achieve her potential and celebrate a life defined by responsibility, dignity, serenity and grace. For more information on Pace Center for Girls, Lee County, call (239) 425-2366 or visit www.pacecenter.org/locations/lee.

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

Carded Miniature Masterpieces

Opens Aug. 6 – 6 p.m., closes Aug. 26 – 3 p.m.

Cost: General admission: \$1 entry donation

The first artist trading card dates back to 1997 in Zurich and started as a collaborative cultural performance. The Artist Trading Card (ATC) project builds on different traditions. Miniature art has been in existence for centuries tracing its heritage back to the illustrated manuscripts of scribes in the Far East and Europe prior to the 15th century.



The origin of the modern trading card is associated with cigarette cards first issued by the United States-based Allen and Ginter tobacco company in 1875. They were the precursors of the sports cards and other trading cards. An important influence on the ATC concept were art movements of the 20th century which advocated a more popular art: art not for museums or auctions but from and within everyday life.

In this respect, the ATC project has an affinity with the Fluxus movement and with Robert Filliou’s notions of a “fête permanente,” a “création permanente,” or an “eternal network.” The “art of participation” as an interactive process can be traced back to the 1950s, and it developed within different genres like performance art and happenings, action art, mail art, or later computer art.

Artist Ndola Pency introduced the artist trading card idea to Southwest Florida in 2017 with great reception among artists of different mediums in the area.

Curated by Cesar Aguilera.

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC), 2301 First St., Fort Myers, FL 33901, (239) 333-1933, www.sbdac.com.

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Save The Date – Thursday, Sept. 23

Please join us on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. at the Vineyards Country Club, 400 Vineyards Blvd., Naples, for a fabulous fun evening of bingo for bags and baubles benefiting the Parkinson’s Association of Southwest Florida.



This popular event sells out fast so purchase your tickets today. Tickets purchased before Aug. 15 are \$75 each, and \$90 after that date.

The evening includes:

- A delicious plated-sit-down dinner.
- 13 fun rounds of bingo for designer bags like Valentino, Longchamps, Coach, Kate Spade, Michael Kors and more.
- Valet parking.
- Raffle tickets and additional bingo cards will be available for purchase.

Bring cash and your credit card for raffle tickets and alcoholic beverages.

To purchase tickets, visit parkinsonassociationswfl.org or call (239) 417-3465.

Sponsorship opportunities available, please contact Mary C. Schoeffel at (239) 417-3465 or MSchoeffel@parkinsonassociationswfl.org.

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From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Nationwide, law enforcement is receiving a growing number of reports regarding stolen catalytic converters.



The catalytic converter is a component of a vehicle exhaust system designed to reduce pollutants released into the air. Their use was mandated in 1975 as a means to protect the environment. It is located beneath the vehicle and, in some cases, can be easily accessed.

This device contains valuable precious metals including platinum, palladium and rhodium.

Removal of the device is relatively easy. With the use of a reciprocating saw, thieves slide beneath a targeted vehicle and quickly cut the device free from the exhaust system. Trucks and cars with significant room beneath the ground and the vehicle make for easier access.

Upon starting your vehicle, you will immediately know that the catalytic converter has been stolen as your exhaust will make an extremely loud and unpleasant noise.

Immediately contact law enforcement as well as your insurance company. Comprehensive insurance generally covers stolen vehicle parts.

While there are “anti-theft” devices that will make catalytic converter theft more tedious and time consuming, many are somewhat costly.

As is always the case, parking in well-lit and high-visibility areas reduces the likelihood of theft. Parking inside of a garage, of course, virtually eliminates the possibility of catalytic converter removal. Security cameras, aimed at

your vehicle, often deter would-be thieves and assist in their prosecution when caught.

Some vehicle owners have chosen to purchase engraving tools and etch their names and/or vehicle identification numbers onto their catalytic converters. Others have purchased specially-made steel cable, making theft a bit more difficult.

Legislators have begun composing bills aimed at discouraging the theft and sale of these automotive parts. Still, proactive measures reduce opportunity and dissuade criminals from targeting your vehicle.

Word Scramble Western Things

By Ellie Neal

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| Rssup | Tsmkhalib |
| Sosal | Otbs |
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| Rseohs | Oalosn |

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Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Whines
6. Cushions or mats
10. Money
14. Quickly
15. Chills and fever
16. Savvy about
17. France’s longest river
18. Give and _____
19. Food thickener
20. Constrained
22. Neuter
23. Not fluid
24. Gown fabric
25. Smudge
29. Liquor
31. Math
33. Bullfighter
37. Palisaded
38. Hit the sack
39. Smiled contemptuously
41. Gist
42. Extend
44. Give
45. Shore
48. Flower jars
50. Therefore
51. Gather responsibilities and authority
56. Voice Over Internet Protocol
57. Forearm bone
58. Leg bone
59. Feudal worker
60. Accomplishes
61. Gives forth
62. Lower limbs
63. Agile
64. Impudent

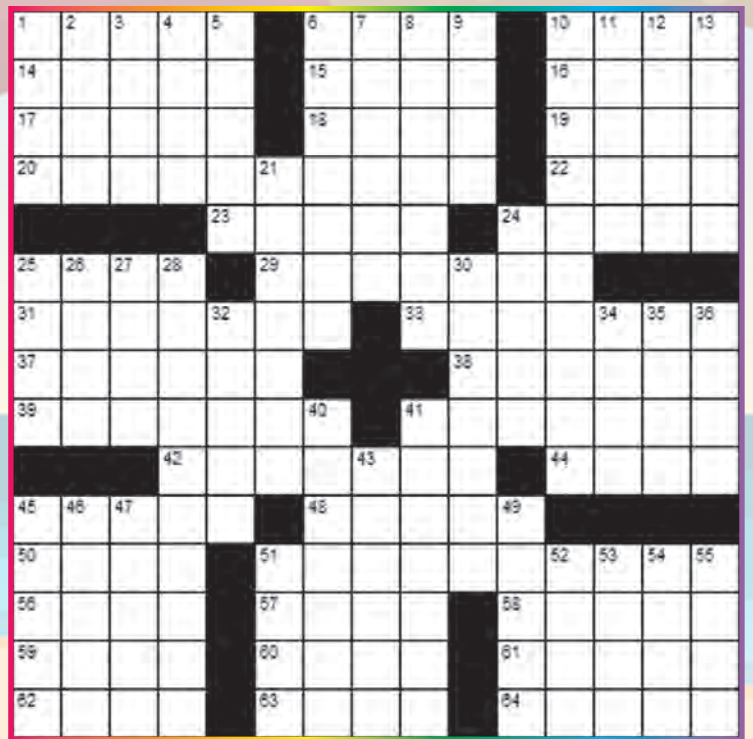
Down

1. Wan
2. Atop
3. Nonclerical
4. Beige
5. Appears
6. Kneecap
7. A type of fungus
8. Duchy
9. Sow
10. Changed into a solid mass
11. Cherub
12. Procrastinate
13. Mob
21. Lodger

24. Carries
25. Wood-cutting tools
26. Scheme
27. Leer at
28. Tools for star gazing
30. More abrasive
32. A bed on a ship
34. Eat
35. Killer whale
36. Bobbin
40. Gain through experience
41. Bliss
43. Leather maker
45. Chamfer

46. Jagged
47. Growing old
49. Satisfies
51. Wads
52. City in Peru
53. Nile bird
54. Pimples
55. Not difficult

Crossword Solution on page 6



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Catch The Action

August On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

Fishing or boating around Southwest Florida in August means dealing with the hot humid days and the possibility of daily thunderstorms. If you don't mind working around the weather the fishing is often pretty good.

Summer days often give us flat calm seas over the morning hours, perfect for short runs offshore. Our coastline is dotted with man-made artificial reefs, many well within sight of land and GPS coordinates available to the public. If you are an inshore fisherman, it's a nice change of pace to make a short run offshore, especially during the heat of summer when the inshore water temperatures are so high.

Fishing around the reefs, you never know what you might hook into. Everything from tasty snapper to huge goliath grouper live on the reefs. To get the most out of the day you want an assortment of tackle that can handle the fish you target and any surprise guest. Obviously with snapper you do not need super heavy tackle, the lighter the better for the best action. But, if you want to attempt to pull a big goliath grouper from his home you will need a rig extra heavy, we're talking 200- to 400-hundred-pound line. And many times, that's not heavy enough.

In between snapper and goliaths is the possibility of Spanish and king mackerel, cobia, permit, barracuda, snook, grouper, sharks of all sizes, plus many other species. A common method is anchor up, deploy a chum bag, and fish several different line class rods and baits for a variety of fish.

Inshore sea trout fishing should be good through the summer. Look for larger trout over areas of open water where shallow sand bars transition to deeper grass flats from 3 to 6 feet deep. Schools of small baitfish are concentrated in these areas. Trout, plus Spanish mackerel, bluefish, ladyfish, and sharks are located around the bait. Diving pelicans, terns and gulls often give up the location of schooling bait.

The mangrove snapper bite should continue strong throughout the inshore and nearshore waters. They gather around structure with good water movement; this could include any of the Gulf passes, docks and jetties, bridges, piers, and natural or man-made reefs. For bait, live shrimp, pilchards, and small pinfish is the ticket, plus small pieces of cut bait. Snapper have excellent vision, a small circle hook with 3 to 4 feet of 10- to 20-pound fluorocarbon leader will put the odds in your favor. Snapper are hard fighting for their size and one of the absolute best tasting fish in our waters. If you have visitors over the summer, snapper can make a great target and reward you with a fine dinner.



Good numbers of snook are roaming the surf along the gulf beaches throughout the summer and are a sight fisherman's dream. Most snook are males under 26 or 27 inches, but there are much bigger females mixed in. Pilchards, herring, small pinfish, 1/8- or 1/4-ounce white bucktail jigs, and a variety of small white flies are top baits. Look for the fish right off the edge of the beach in the surf or near any type of submerged structure. Remember, snook are catch and release only, quickly return them to the water. Trout, mangrove snapper, mackerel, whiting, pompano and maybe a flounder are a few of the other species you may hook into.

Whatever type of fishing or on the water you choose, be smart, drink plenty of water, and watch those thunderstorms.

For charter information, please contact us at Gulf Coast Guide Service and "Catch the Action" with Capt. Bill Russell, call or text (239) 410-8576, website: www.fishpineisland.com, email: gcl2fish@live.com.



Capt. Bill Russell is a native and lifelong resident of Pine Island who has spent his entire life fishing the waters surrounding Pine Island and Southwest Florida. For the past 26 years Bill has been a professional fishing guide who takes pride in customizing each trip to ensure everyone on board has a great time and will return again. Come join us and "Catch the Action."

Sudoku Puzzle

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Children's Advocacy Center 40-Year Anniversary Gala

Sheriff Marceno And Sheriff Scott (Ret.) To Cochair

Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) is celebrating 40 years of providing hope and healing to children and families in Southwest Florida with a fundraising celebration on Saturday, Dec. 4



at the Burroughs Home. We are pleased to announce Sheriff Carmine Marceno and Sheriff Mike Scott (Ret.) as honorary chairs of the event.

"We are honored to support the good work and distinguished history of the Children's Advocacy Center," shared Sheriff Scott. "Sheriff Marceno and I are looking forward to celebrating with our business and civic leaders in December."

For sponsor information, contact Lisa Rizzio, lrizzio@cac-swfl.org or (239) 939-2808.

Montage Women's Club

The Montage Women's Club is a social and philanthropic club open to all women residing in Lee County. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at The Landings Yacht, Golf, and Tennis Club (off McGregor Boulevard between Cypress Lake Drive and College Parkway). Meetings begin at 11:30 a.m. with a short social period followed by lunch at noon and then an informative speaker program. Within the organization are various interest groups for members' participation. Membership is open to both year-round and seasonal residents. We welcome you to visit Montage for a luncheon.

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday, Aug. 26. Our featured speaker will be Tiffany Wood from the Community

Response Unit of the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Tiffany is a crime prevention practitioner and she will be informing us about the latest information available on frauds, scams and identity theft. Luncheon fee is \$25 per person and the planned August menu entrée is quiche Lorraine served with a petite garden salad with raspberry dressing, rolls and butter, and chef's dessert choice. There is always an optional vegan menu entrée available.

If you would like to attend a Montage meeting, need further information, or would like to make a reservation, please call Rita Artwohl at (239) 703-7787. Reservations cutoff to attend this meeting is noon, Thursday, Aug. 19.

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What You Need To Know About The IRA One-Rollover-Per-Year Rule

Presented by Jacqueline J. Lambros, Registered Principal



The IRS permits IRA owners only one 60-day rollover per 12-month rolling period. The regulation applies to rollovers on an aggregate basis, rather than on an account basis, regardless of how many IRAs you own – including SIMPLE, SEP, traditional, and Roth IRAs. The 12-month period is measured from the date the IRA owner receives the first distribution that will be rolled over to another IRA, not from the date the money is actually rolled over. (There is no limit on the amount of trustee-to-trustee transfers or direct rollovers that can be completed within a 12-month period.)

Example: Mike has IRA No. 1 with a mutual fund company and IRA No. 2 with a brokerage firm. He receives a distribution of \$7,500 from IRA No. 1 on Jan. 15, and rolls the amount over within 60 days to IRA No. 2. If Mike receives another distribution before Jan. 16, 2022, from any IRA, then that amount would not be eligible for a 60-day rollover. If Mike wanted to request a trustee-to-trustee transfer between these two IRAs, however, that transaction would be permitted.

Exceptions To The One-Per-Year Limit On IRA Rollovers

The one-rollover-per-year rule does *not* apply to the following transactions:

- Conversions from traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs
- Trustee-to-trustee transfers to other IRAs
- Qualified plan-to-IRA direct rollovers
- IRA-to-qualified plan direct rollovers
- Qualified plan-to-qualified plan direct rollovers

What You Need To Know

There are certain best practices to follow before proceeding with a 60-day rollover distribution.

- When moving identically registered IRAs between institutions, you should initiate a nonreportable trustee-to-trustee transfer with the receiving firm to ensure that tax documents are *not* issued for the transfer and that your one rollover for the 12-month period is not used.
- Before requesting a rollover distribution, be sure that you have not previously completed a rollover under your Social Security number in the previous 12 months.

• Do not attempt a 60-day rollover into an inherited IRA or BDA-IRA, as that is *never* permitted.

Consequences For Violating The Rules

If you receive a distribution of previously untaxed dollars from an IRA, taxes and penalties may apply.

• You must include in gross income any previously untaxed amounts distributed from an IRA if you made an IRA-to-IRA rollover, *and* you may be subject to the 10 percent early withdrawal tax on the amount included in gross income.

• You may also be subject to a 6 percent excise tax for any ineligible rollover amounts that have not been removed from the IRA. To avoid this excise tax, the ineligible amount must be removed *with earnings* by the tax filing deadline, plus applicable extensions, for the tax year in which the rollover was made.

Additional Information

For more information, please refer to the IRS's IRA One-Rollover-Per-Year Rule. For additional guidelines on moving retirement money, please see the Rollovers of Retirement Plan and IRA Distributions resource on the IRS website.

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Town & River Civic Association Inc.		
Profit And Loss		
June 2021		
	Jun 21	Jan-Jun 21
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Income - Mandatory	0.00	10,560.00
Income - Voluntary	240.00	26,640.00
Total Income	240.00	37,200.00
Estoppel Preparation Income	150.00	500.00
Interest Income	.71	3.92
Total Income	390.71	37,703.92
Expense		
Accounting Fees	315.00	2,340.00
Bank Fees	35.00	120.00
Corp Insurance	190.42	1,621.50
Email Service	0.00	486.00
Legal Expense	980.00	2,437.50
Meeting Rooms	0.00	641.70
Newspaper Postage	138.50	829.28
PayPal Fees	0.00	34.02
Postage Expense	0.00	151.85
Printing & Postage	0.00	2,257.00
State Fee	0.00	61.25
Secretary Expense	0.00	757.50
Storage Expense	119.79	718.74
Utilities	45.63	272.37
Website Maintenance	0.00	200.00
Total Expense	1,824.34	12,928.71
Net Ordinary Income	-1,433.63	24,775.21
Net Income	-1,433.63	24,775.21

Virtual Programs At Your Lee County Library

Organizing, Analyzing, And Sharing: Using Technology To Your Advantage

Tuesday, Aug. 10 – 10 to 11:15 a.m.

Put technology to work for you with software applications that can be used to analyze, organize and share your genealogical data. Computers can help us analyze our research to discover what information we don't have and need to find, and then how we can share it with other family members. Our speaker will be Ann Staley of the Florida State Genealogical Society and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Virtual Book Discussion For Adults

Wednesday, Aug. 25 – 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Calling all readers! Join us for a live virtual book discussion for adults. There is no assigned title. Instead we will be taking turns sharing about the latest books that we have read.

Please preregister in order to participate in the program. Registrants will receive a confirmation email and reminder with the link to join the online discussion on GoToMeeting. Registration required.

All programs are virtual and require preregistration at www.lee.gov.com/library/programs.

Finding Resources For Older Adults

To help the growing numbers of older adults who have questions or need support, the Eldercare Locator stands ready to connect people with nearby aging resources available in their communities. Older adults, concerned family members, caregivers and professionals can contact the Eldercare Locator to find information about local aging programs and services that can help address a variety of needs during this national health crisis.



One call to the Eldercare Locator at (800) 677-1116, or a visit to the website at eldercare.acl.gov, can connect you to aging services that can help ensure that older adults can continue to live safely at home. For more than 20 years, the Eldercare Locator has connected older adults, caregivers and the professionals who work with them to local programs that can help meet their needs.

The Eldercare Locator is a free public service of the U.S. Administration for Community Living and is administered by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Find the Eldercare Locator online at eldercare.acl.gov or at (800) 677-1116.

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What's Blooming At Edison And Ford Winter Estates?

By Debbie Hughes, Senior Horticulturist at Edison and Ford Winter Estates



During the summer, I have time to visit other gardens to check out what's blooming somewhere else. My vacations are usually planned specifically for this purpose. This year, I stayed close to home and spent a few days on the beach on Sanibel and Captiva Islands and then spent a day at Bok Tower in Lake Wales.

When visiting these gardens, I noticed a few things. I saw a plethora of different native plants, dependent upon their special characteristic habitats. Florida's plant communities are as diverse as the peninsular state itself, and just a few miles from Fort Myers can have a different climatic zone, soil profile, and water table.

Along the island there were cabbage palms, cocoplum, seagrape, huge gumbo limbo trees, and a swath of native cactus, sea oats, grasses, railroad vine, and dune sunflower growing on the beach, which helps prevent erosion that can occur during storm season. I was also surprised at the density of plants, including a huge ficus tree similar to our banyan at Edison and Ford Winter Estates. I know the extra work it takes to keep these gargantuan trees in shape, and it appears the landscape crews on the island are up to the task. The shade they provide is beyond belief, and the temperature was 10 degrees cooler under these large shade trees – a needed reprieve from the hot summer sun.

On the trip to Bok Tower, there were also native foundation plantings, including Simpson's stopper, live oak, magnolia trees, saw palmetto, and hundreds of different native wildflowers sprinkled throughout the property. All and all, the importance of the landscape was very evident, and the views were breathtaking, but also perfunctory.

There are very low maintenance opportunities we should all employ in our gardens in the appropriate places. Whether to go with just native plants in the garden is a question only you can answer. There is virtually no right or wrong answer; only the question of what is best for our environment mixed with what is best for your ability to care for them! I personally love to see the natives mixed with appropriate exotics that are what some people call "Florida-friendly." I suggest looking at your garden with a fine eye and maybe redo an area with your particular circumstances in mind.

Outdoor design is just as important as the inside design since here in Florida, we can spend quite a bit of time outdoors.

Recently, I was asked to help a gated community built in the early 1980s in Fort Myers come up with a list of tree suggestions. Many of the trees that exist there are now on the state invasive plant list, such as carrotwood, java plum, ear leaf acacia

Visitors to Edison and Ford Winter Estates can see many unusual plants and trees from all around the world.



Opuntia cactus



Pink shower tree

and *Bischofia*. Their decision was first to remove the problematic trees, then replace with a new palette. Removing an existing tree is a difficult decision to make because it costs money to remove large trees and it will take years for a young tree to provide the same amount of shade.

The other issue is that many of the trees were planted too close to the houses. When this happens, patios and home foundations can be damaged from the erupting tree roots. A smart decision would be to plant small native trees such as cinnamon bark, fiddlewood, Bahama strongback or Jamaica caper. Small nonnative trees for the landscape include crape myrtle, *Lonchocarpus* or lilac tree, plumeria (frangipani), geiger trees, mussenda or tropical dogwood and small palms.



Cinnamon bark

Another hurdle that we are all facing is that there has been a shortage of trees since the hurricane hit in 2017. Replacing trees from damaging storms like *Hurricane Irma*, and staff shortages during the pandemic reduced the ability to get more trees started. Now with a renewed interest in gardening and being outdoors, the law of supply and demand frustrates gardeners looking for unusual specimens.

The summer months are a good time to look for tropical flowering trees that love our humid, hot, rainy weather. The most popular is the *Cassia javanica* or pink shower tree highlighted with several shades of pink dangling from the branches. Surprisingly, the blooms on this tree last for months. The Periwinkle Garden Club planted one in honor of Mina Edison near the Edison house.



Bangar nut

We also have an unusual tree planted in the research gardens that I have never seen anywhere else: the bangar nut (*Sterculia foetida*). This wide-spreading tree has a multitude of scarlet-hued

blooms; although, it unfortunately smells similar to moth balls. The botanical species name *foetida* means foul smelling, so you may not want to plant this unusual tree in your landscape.

Another unusual tree is dynamite or sandbox tree (*Hura crepitans*). This tree has separate male and female flowers on the same branch, which is different from the typical perfect flower with both male and female parts within each flower. This tree also produces spikes along the bark, similar to a cactus. Some people like to call it "monkey no climb tree." If this tree gets pollinated and seed pods form, they explode like dynamite. This explosion enables seeds to scatter and grow further away from the mother tree where the seedling may have a better chance of survival.



Dynamite bark

These are just a few of the unusual trees that are blooming at the Edison and Ford gardens this month. I encourage you to visit botanical gardens frequently and learn about unusual species that you won't typically find in landscapes. I hope to see you soon!



Female dynamite flower



Male dynamite flower

Town & River Civic Association Inc. Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2021

	<u>Jun 30, 21</u>
Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank 2580	6,138.62
First Citizens Bank - MMS	85,887.69
PayPal Account	1,045.98
Total Checking/Savings	<u>93,072.29</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	120.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>120.00</u>
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid, Lake Expense	2,268.48
Prepaid, Other Expense	2,929.03
Total Other Current Assets	<u>5,197.51</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>98,389.80</u>
Total Assets	<u>98,389.80</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity	
Prior Year Fund Balance	56,180.89
Retained Earnings	17,433.70
Net Income	24,775.21
Total Equity	<u>98,389.80</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>98,389.80</u>

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Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 3

8	4	7	3	9	1	5	6	2
1	6	9	2	4	5	7	3	8
2	3	5	7	6	8	1	9	4
4	9	2	8	7	3	6	1	5
3	5	6	1	2	4	9	8	7
7	8	1	6	5	9	4	2	3
5	1	4	9	8	2	3	7	6
9	7	8	4	3	6	2	5	1
6	2	3	5	1	7	8	4	9

Crossword Solution from page 2

P	U	L	E	S		P	A	D	S		C	A	S	H
A	P	A	C	E		A	G	U	E		O	N	T	O
L	O	I	R	E		T	A	K	E		A	G	A	R
E	N	C	U	M	B	E	R	E	D		G	E	L	D
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S	N	E	E	R	E	D		E	S	S	E	N	C	E
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B	E	A	C	H		V	A	S	E	S				
E	R	G	O		C	E	N	T	R	A	L	I	Z	E
V	O	I	P		U	L	N	A		T	I	B	I	A
E	S	N	E		D	O	E	S		E	M	I	T	S
L	E	G	S		S	P	R	Y		S	A	S	S	Y

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Our weekly market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each and every Saturday, year-round and rain or shine.

Different Strokes – Members Exhibition

July 9 to Aug. 28

Cost: Admission to the gallery is free, but a \$5 suggested donation keeps programming affordable and accessible.



Our diversity as a community is what makes us strong and our perspectives and viewpoints for making art are just as important. The alliance strives to support and foster all styles and mediums ranging from traditional two- and three-dimensional mediums like painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, fiber and mixed media to emerging and contemporary trends such as digital, installation, performance and experiential based works.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. during our weekly farmers' market.

Admission to our galleries is free all day, every day. Help keep it that way! Your membership or donation enables us to present amazing exhibitions and engaging programs that make the alliance an artistic, creative treasure.

Please note: if you are joining us for onsite programming, we ask that you adhere to signage and procedures posted on our campus. Face masks are requested.

The Chechens By Phillip Christian Smith And Directed By Bill Taylor

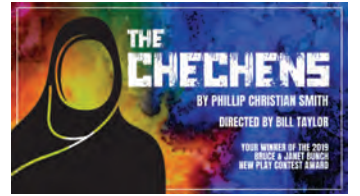
Aug. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14 – 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Aug. 15 – 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 members; \$30 nonmembers

Beautifully written, *The Chechens* is an intense, funny and vital production. Set in modern day Grozny,

the capital of Russia's Chechen Republic, rumors are going around that "certain people" are being rounded up and held in a camp on the East edge of town. Can one family protect their little brother who may or may not be the next target? Will they turn him in? Will they go so far as to honor-kill him? What prevails in the end – religion, politics or love?



This play is the winner of the Janet and Bruce Bunch New Play Contest Award.

This play stars Reuben Garcia, Miguel Cintron, Sharon Isern, Hollis Galman and Madelaine Weymouth.

A Woman Of Style: Mary Cassatt – Online Art Lecture

Aug. 19 – 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cost: Free for members; \$20 nonmembers

Summer vacationers traverse the globe in search of new sights and experiences, but we've got them all right here! It's staycation time – join us for a summer series of virtual art lectures and guided tours led by professional art historians and archeologists.



Mary Cassatt depicted the "New Woman" of the 19th century from the woman's perspective. Cassatt often created images of the social and private lives of women, with particular emphasis on the intimate bonds between mothers and children. Although Cassatt did not explicitly make political statements about women's rights in her work, her artistic portrayal of women was consistently done with dignity and the suggestion of a deeper, meaningful inner life. She was described as one of "les trois grandes dames of Impressionism" alongside Marie Bracquemond and Berthe Morisot and her work was compared to that of her good friend Degas, as they both sought to depict movement, light, and design in the most modern sense.

Please note: This interactive and hands-on event is hosted online, which means you get to enjoy it from the comfort of your living room, patio or kitchen table! An access link will be provided prior to the start of the event.

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Elegant, Outdoor Event To Benefit Hope Kids Care

Tickets are on sale for the second annual Shine: A Benefit for Hope Kids Care and Hope Hospice taking place on Friday, Oct. 15 at the Edison and Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers. Tickets are \$150 per person; table sponsorships for eight are available at \$1,600. Guests will enjoy riverside cocktails, dining, entertainment, and a live auction.

President and CEO of Hope Healthcare, Samira K. Beckwith will be joined by returning hosts, State Rep. Jenna Persons-Mulicka and Lizbeth Benacquisto to welcome guests to the elegant evening event.

"Our inaugural event was a wonderful success thanks to our cohosts, committee members, sponsors, and our generous patrons," said Beckwith. "This year plans to be an even bigger celebration thanks to our lead donors who have already stepped up in support of our deep commitment to this community and our passion to provide exceptional care and counseling to those in need."

Funds raised from Shine will help Hope continue to provide care for those who are in life's closing chapter, for all who are grieving, and for seriously ill children and their families. Each year, Hope provides more than \$2 million of unfunded care to ensure that all who need their help can find comfort, dignity, and hope. Due to COVID-19, the fundraising events Hope relies upon have not been possible, and expenses have increased in response to the pandemic. The community's support of this first in-person event since the pandemic is more meaningful than ever before.

To purchase tickets, learn about sponsorship levels and



Shine 2021 cohosts: Hope Healthcare President and CEO Samira K. Beckwith (center), Lizbeth Benacquisto (left) and Jenna Persons-Mulicka (right)

benefits, or request an invitation to the event, please visit ShineForHope.org or call (239) 985-7758.

Shine is presented by The Robert J Gunterberg Foundation and supported by top-level sponsors including Busey Bank, Cypress Cove/Cypress at Home, The John E. & Aliese Price Foundation, DeAngelis Diamond, and Priority Marketing. Other generous sponsors include Brown & Brown/Florida Blue, Jeff and Rebekah Barney, Capstone HME, CFS Roofing Services, Edison National Bank, Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, Home-Tech, Honc Destruction, Joint Implant Surgeons, Lee County Sheriff's Office, LSI Companies, Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co., Millennium Physician Group, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Strayhorn & Persons, Studio+, and TWC Services.

Hope Hospice is a not-for-profit health care organization dedicated to providing care and comfort to every individual and their loved ones as they fulfill life's journey. For more information, visit MoreHope.org.

Word Scramble Solution from page 2

Badge	Lasso	Cowboy	Boots
Tumbleweed	Saddle	Cattle	Sheriff
Spurs	Horses	Blacksmith	Saloon

Did You Know...

There Is A Planet That's Shaped Like A Potato

Not every celestial object has a shape that's as perfectly majestic as planet Earth. In fact, some of them look downright hilarious. Take Haumea, for example. This dwarf planet is cool for several reasons. About the same size as Pluto, Haumea orbits the sun beyond Neptune and has rings like Jupiter. What makes this object even more interesting is that it's shaped like a potato.



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By Alvaro Puig, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

Ahh, summer. Ten sweet yet short weeks to enjoy some of your favorite traditions. Maybe it's sipping an ice cold drink on the porch, spending a weekend at the beach, or cooling off with the kids at the pool. Now that you think about it, you might decide to treat yourself to a new porch swing or a new beach umbrella. Or suddenly realize that you need to buy more goggles because the kids lost theirs ... again. Before you start filling up your online shopping cart, we've got some tips you'll want to check out (no pun intended!).

Do some comparison-shopping. Before you buy online, use the power of the Internet to compare prices on different websites. We've got tips about using comparison-shopping sites (<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/online-shopping#comparison>).

Think critically about online reviews. Reading other people's opinions about a product can help you make a decision. But some reviews are downright fake or not completely honest. You may not know when a reviewer got something — like a free product — in exchange for the review. Learn more about how to evaluate online reviews (<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-evaluate-online-reviews>).

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