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# **Meet The Cruise Club Officers**

Name: Deb Haptonstall **Position: Vice Commodore** 



Where were you born? I was born in Dayton, Ohio. We have lived in Ohio our entire life.

How long have you lived in Fort Myers? We have lived here a year and a half. We had been looking off and on for a couple of years. Bill has wanted to live in the south for decades. He really disliked all the snow in Ohio. Town & River had exactly what we were looking for. It had the boat dock and view for Bill. I wanted a place that had a lot of social activities and also the view. We both wanted to find a church that we both liked. We did and it's Cypress Lake United Methodist Church. I'm very involved with the church and I also work there on Sunday mornings. Town & River was the perfect place.

Bill retired from DFAS as an accountant with the government. I retired from being a principal and teacher. We have four children, Whitney, Breyden, Garrett and Brennan. We also have six grandchildren. Once we both retired and the kids graduated from college it seemed like the right time to move.

How long have you been boating? Bill has been boating since he was a teenager. I started boating after we got married, 30 years ago. We boated in Meigs County, Buckeye Lake, Ohio and the Caloosahatchee River.

Are there any boating experiences or anything else you would like to share? When we lived and boated in Buckeye Lake, Ohio I had an accident on the dock. It was dark out and it had been raining. I fell off the dock and couldn't move because I broke four ribs. It was probably the most painful experience

I had ever had. I was in the hospital for five days. I lost my purse in the water and a week later we hired a scuba diver to get it out of the muddy water. It was a relief to get it back.

What do you enjoy the most about Town & River **Cruise Club?** We really enjoy the people we have met, the boating and all the social activities. We have been getting involved since we got here. Bill is president of Phase 1, I help on the Social Committee and I'm currently vice commodore for the Cruise Club. We love meeting new people and enjoy trying out different restaurants.

# Town & River **Cruise Club**

#### 2022/23 Event Schedule

September 10 Snug Harbor, Fort Myers Beach October 26 Matanzas on the Bay, Fort Myers Beach November 16 Doc Ford's, Fort Myers Beach December 10 Boat Parade, Town & River Canals December 10 Town & River Condo Clubhouse January 2023 1 Town & River Condo Clubhouse January 18 Phuzzy's, St. James City February 15 Three Fishermen, North Fort Myers

March 15 Nauti Parrot, Fort Myers Beach April 8 Annual Picnic and Meeting, Franklin Locks Each event includes a cruise, lunch, and short club

business meeting.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club call Ken Beebe, membership chairperson, at (239) 246-9323.

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### For Florida Repertory Theatre's 25th Anniversary Season

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Single tickets are now on sale for Florida Repertory Theatre's 25th Anniversary Season in the Historic Arcade and ArtStage Studio Theatres. The 2022/23 season opens to previews in the ArtStage Studio on Sept. 20, and the nineshow season runs through May 21, 2023.

Tickets start at \$63 and \$59 for regular performances and \$39 and \$36 for previews. Single tickets for *Ring of Fire* start at \$69 and \$63. Single tickets are priced dynamically and the value increases with demand.

Subscriptions offer big savings and packages start as low as \$216 for six shows. Packages are available for 9, 8, 7, and 6 shows, and offer the best discounts, greatest flexibility, and a wide variety of options for all budgets and schedules. The popular Flex Pass offers the greatest flexibility and allows pass holders to lock into \$56 tickets for the season after the minimum purchase of six tickets. Preview subscriptions sell out quickly for most plays, so the theatre recommends acting quickly to lock into those seats and savings while supplies last. Premium subscriptions start at \$318 (for six shows) and offer the biggest savings on premium seats

Single tickets or subscriptions may be purchased by calling (239) 332-4488 or by visiting www.floridarep.org. Box office summer hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lady Day At Emerson's Bar And Grill By Lanie Robertson Sept. 20 To Oct. 30 – ArtStage Studio Theatre

In this powerful musical tour de force, the ArtStage Studio transforms into the gritty Philadelphia bar where legendary jazz singer Billie Holiday gave one of her final public performances. Filled with her most beloved songs like Strange Fruit, God Bless the Child, and Ain't Nobody's Business if I Do. "Original and riveting!" – London Times

Incident At Our Lady Of Perpetual Help By Katie **Forgette** 

#### Oct. 25 To Nov. 13 – Historic Arcade Theatre

It is 1973, and the O'Sheas are just like any other family in town: middle-class, Irish, Catholic, and well-behaved. 19-year-old Linda is left to tell her sister about the birds and the bees, and chaos ensues when their parish priest overhears the bawdy details.

#### Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None Nov. 29 To Dec. 18 – Historic Arcade Theatre

In Agatha Christie's most chilling whodunnit, ten strangers are summoned to a remote island by a mysterious host ... but their weekend getaway takes a bloody turn when one of the guests turns up dead. "A perfect combination of thriller and detective story!" - The Guardian

#### Freud's Last Session By Mark St. Germain Dec. 13 To Jan. 15, 2023 - ArtStage Studio Theatre

On the eve of World War II, Dr. Sigmund Freud invites C.S. Lewis to his home in London. Over the course of one evening, these two great minds clash over humanity's greatest questions! Don't miss two great thinkers locking minds in an exciting, thought-provoking battle of wits! "Delightful! A brainy fencing match of Olympic caliber." - Bloomberg News

#### Ripcord By David Lindsay-Abaire Jan. 10 To 29 – Historic Arcade Theatre

A high-stakes comedy about two women of a certain age locked in a no-holds-barred battle to the death! Take a leap for big laughs as a retirement home bet between two "golden girls" escalates into the stratosphere! "Deeply satisfying! Vastly entertaining!" – Deadline Hollywood

#### The Importance Of Being Earnest By Oscar Wilde Jan. 31 To March 5 – ArtStage Studio Theatre

Oscar Wilde's wildly entertaining comic classic sparkles with dazzling wordplay and hilariously unlikely situations. Two carefree bachelors, and their carefully hidden double-lives, brought to vivid life in the ArtStage Studio Theatre! "The most perfect comedy in the English language!" – The Telegraph

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### All are encouraged to attend our next Board meeting on Sept. 8!

The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Board does not meet in June, July & August.

> South Pointe South Clubhouse 9734 Foxglove Circle, Fort Myers.

Check out our new website www.townandriveril.com.

# 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 (community entry 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 normally 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 will be held on Thursday, Sept. 22, and our guest speaker will be Debbie LoVerde, education coordinator for Sky Wolf Sanctuary. This is an educational and experience center that takes in exotic animals that were previously owned as pets such as wolves, coyotes, wolfhounds, cougars, bobcats, foxes and even a tortoise! The care given at the sanctuary is both physical and spiritual as the animals learn to trust again. Debbie will be bringing an ambassador animal with her to the meeting.

Luncheon fee is \$28 per person and the planned menu will be meat lasagna with haricot verts, rolls/butter and chef's choice of dessert. The optional plant based/vegan menu will be cauliflower steak with chimichurri sauce, lentil salad and grilled tomato and fresh fruit for dessert.

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, Sept. 15.

# **Word Scramble**

#### **Travel**

By Ellie Neal Ycsenre Ags Moobautlei Kttice Lteoh Ubs Wghyaih Peotd Latenierm Rnita Gbgagea

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**Word Scramble Solution** on page 7

# Sudoku Puzzle

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# **Crossword Puzzle**

#### Across

- 1. Type of bath salt
- 6. Riga resident
- 10. Clutch
- 14. India's Jawaharlal
- 15. Smell
- 16. Mitigate
- 17. Sing like Bing
- 18. Frost
- 19. Look with lust
- 20. Sass
- 21. Elvis offers the advice to act nice
- 24. Appliance brand
- 26. Journal
- 27. Semper fi gal or guy
- 29. Stunning sight on a Gucci purse
- 34. Whac. \_\_\_ (arcade game)
- 35. Animals
- 36. Ripen
- 37. Fidel's brother
- 38. Accompaniment to Austen's Prejudice
- 39. \_\_\_.Ball (arcade game)
- 40. Cacophony
- 41. Whooping or sandhill, perhaps
- 42. Most high schoolers
- 43. Slothful
- 45. Fool's gold
- 46. En pointe dancer's support
- 47. Train stop
- 48. The Doors tell us "the time for hesitation's through"
- 53. Brain scan: abbr.
- 56. Novelist Tyler
- 57. Harbor
- 58. Wooden weapon against vampires
- 60. Name above the title
- 61. Jog
- 62. Canvas support
- 63. Hauls, as a boat
- 64. Type of lily
- 65. Lovers' meetup

- 1. Abbr. on a business letter
- 2. Prefix with scope
- 3. The Miracles' Mama urges them to play the field
- 4. Spanish gold
- 5. Humdrum
- 6. Blackmore's Miss Doone
- 7. Fix typos, maybe
- 8. King Tut's wasn't discovered until 1922
- 9. Where timber stops appearing
- 10. "Mad" king of film

- - 11. Pasta sauce brand
  - 12. Wight or Skye
  - 13. Rind
  - 22. A Chorus Line finale
  - 23. Stimulating leaf
  - 25. Grind, as grain
  - 27. Tuesday, in New Orleans celebration
  - 28. With full force
  - 29. Tempera, e.g
  - 30. Impolite
  - 31. The Eagles caution us to chill out a bit
  - 32. Word with secret or talent
  - 33. They move in a gaggle
  - 35. Social commentator Lebowitz 38. Replaces, on a TV schedule
  - 39. Hematology prefix
  - 41. Coagulate
  - 42. Prepare copy for print
  - 44. Not these
  - 45. Part of rpm
  - 47. "Likewise!"
  - 48. Where nice guys finish, according to Durocher
  - 49. Engrossed by
  - 50. Chew
  - 51. Bygone time
  - 52. Kermit, for one
  - 54. Just gets by, with "out"
  - 55. Moolah
  - 59. Sailor

Crossword Solution on page 7



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Submitted by The Crafty Ladies of St. John XXIII Catholic Church

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Besides our always fabulous raffle, this year we will be joined by two food trucks, Great American Grilled Cheese Kitchen and Viet Yum. On Sunday, the Knights of Columbus will also be having their pancake breakfast after each Mass.

Come and join us on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Crafty Ladies came together 12 years ago. The group has grown to nearly 40 talented and dedicated women. All proceeds go directly back into the community.

Just a few causes we donate to are:

- St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
- Verity House Pregnancy Center
- Hunger Walk
- · Hope Hospice
- · Veterans blankets
- Hats for cancer patients
- · Soles for Souls
- Lee County Animal Care
- Special Equestrians
- St. John XXIII villas
- Cystic fibrosis
- Lung cancer research

We hope to see you at our craft fair at St. John XXIII, located at 13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers. Stop by, have a chat and, just maybe you can get some early shopping

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Tickets are on sale now! Be sure to get your tickets now as the demand will be very high.

#### **Buying Tickets**

The museum's website is the fastest and easiest way to make your booking on the North Pole Express. Reservations may also be made over the phone and in person at the Parrish ticket office. Online and telephone purchases will incur a 6 percent service fee. Ticket prices vary based on age, class of service and date of travel.





#### **Dates Of Operation**

The 2022 North Pole Express will operate on the following dates:

- Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4
- Dec. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
- Dec.14, 15, 16, 17, 18
- Dec. 20, 21

#### **Departure Times**

The train will depart twice each day for the 3.5 hour round trip at 5:15 and 7:15 p.m.

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# What Does Medigap Insurance Cover?

Presented by Jacqueline Lambros

Medigap, also called Medicare supplement insurance, is a type of optional coverage offered by private insurance companies. It is designed to pay some - or all - of your Medicare Part A and B copayments, coinsurance, and

#### **Town & River Civic Association Inc. Balance Sheet** As of July 31, 2022

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•	Jul 31, 22
Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank 2580	4,400.92
First Citizens Bank - MMS	85,903.35
PayPal Account	6,607.53
Total Checking/Savings	96,911.80
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	120.00
Total Accounts Receivable	120.00
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid, Lake Expense	3,676.56
Prepaid, Insurance	3,322.96
Prepaid, Other Expense	450.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	7,449.52
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	104,481.32
Total Assets	104,481.32
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity	
Prior Year Fund Balance	56,180.89
Retained Earnings	28,083.14
Net Income	20,217.29
Total Equity	104,481.32

### Town & River Civic Association Inc. **Profit And Loss**

July 2022				
•	Jul 22	Jan - Jul 22		
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Income				
Income - Mandatory	0.00	10,920.00		
Income - Voluntary	280.00	25,840.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	280.00	36,760.00		
Estoppel Preparation Income	500.00	1,000.00		
Interest Income	7.29	26.53		
PayPal Cash Bank Bonus	0.00	8.13		
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	2,702.07		
Total Income	787.29	40,496.73		
Expense				
Accounting Fees	315.00	2,775.00		
Bank Fees	35.00	245.00		
Corp Insurance	415.38	2,732.46		
Email Service	0.00	486.00		
Legal Expense	1,077.50	9,093.60		
Meeting Rooms	0.00	125.00		
Monument Sign Expense	0.00	119.48		
Newspaper Postage	146.50	1,016.90		
Office Expense	0.00	74.97		
PayPal Fees	0.00	259.20		
Postage & Delivery	108.41	683.21		
Printing & Reproduction	0.00	737.72		
State Fee	0.00	61.25		
Secretary Expense	375.00	637.50		
Storage Expense	119.79	838.53		
Utilities	0.00	243.62		
Website Maintenance	50.00	150.00		
Total Expense	2,642.58	20,279.44		
Net Ordinary Income	-1,855.29	20,217.29		
Net Income	-1,855.29	20,217.29		

How - And When - Do I Enroll?

- Open enrollment period: The six-month open enrollment period for Medigap begins the first day of the month in which you turn age 65. You must already be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B before you can enroll
- Guaranteed issue right: Health insurers must issue a Medigap policy to a person with a guaranteed issue right. A guaranteed issue right occurs when a person loses health insurance due to the following circumstances:
  - The employer coverage ends.
  - The policyholder relocates outside of a plan's service area.
  - The health insurer leaves the service area.
- The policyholder switches from Part C to traditional Part A and Part B within the first year of enrolling in a Medicare Advantage plan.
- Part B enrollment delayed with employer-provided health insurance: The Part A and Part B eight-month special enrollment period and the Medigap six-month open enrollment period may run concurrently, depending on when you enroll in Part B.
- The six-month open enrollment period automatically starts with Part B enrollment, even if you still have employer coverage.
- o For example, a 66-year-old woman continues to work and receives employer-provided health insurance. She decides to retire in July, and her employer coverage ends July 31. She enrolls in Part B in May. The Medigap open enrollment period begins in May.
- Enrollment before age 65: Federal law does not require health insurers to offer Medigap plans to people younger than 65, except in the following states: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

**Please note:** Medigap policies are *not* available to people with end-stage renal disease in California and Vermont.

#### What Are My Out-Of-Pocket Expenses?

Your costs will include the Medigap policy premium in addition to the Part B premium (and the Part A premium if you're not eligible for premium-free Part A). Medigap premiums will vary by plan type, insurance provider, and geographic location.

#### What Else Do I Need To Know About Medigap Coverage?

You must enroll during the six-month open enrollment period. During your enrollment period, private insurers cannot refuse to sell you a Medigap policy or charge a higher

premium—even if you have a preexisting condition. If you wait until after your open enrollment period, however, it may cost more, or your insurer may refuse to issue a Medigap policy.

In addition, be sure to note the following:

- Health insurers can sell Medigap policies only in the same states where they hold licenses.
- There are 10 types of Medigap plans. Each type must offer a standard set of benefits irrespective of geographic location. Each alphabetic letter - A, B, C, D, F, G, K, L, M, or N – identifies the plan type. For more information on these different types of coverage, view the Medigap Plans comparison chart by visiting www.medicare.gov and clicking Supplements & Other Insurance.

#### **How To Compare Medigap Policies**

- o Medigap C and F plans for new enrollees may be limited after Jan. 1, 2020. These plans are popular because they both cover the Part B deductible. If you are already enrolled in a C or F plan before Jan. 1, 2020, you can continue to select this coverage.
- Medigap policies issued in Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin have separate standard benefits.
- o Information for Massachusetts Medigap plans may be found at www.medicare.gov under Supplements & Other Insurance > How to compare Medigap policies > Medigap in Massachusetts.
- o Information for Minnesota Medigap plans may be found at www.medicare.gov under Supplements & Other Insurance > How to compare Medigap policies > Medigap in Minnesota.
- o Information for Wisconsin Medigap plans may be found at www.medicare.gov under Supplements & Other Insurance > How to compare Medigap policies > Medigap in Wisconsin.
- Medigap Plans C, D, F, G, M, and N offer coverage for emergency care while you are traveling outside of the United States.
- The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free, state-specific health insurance information. To locate information about a state's SHIP, visit www. shiptacenter.org.

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#### On Golden Pond By Ernest Thompson Feb. 14 To March 5 – Historic Arcade Theatre

This modern American classic tells the love story of Norman and Ethel Thayer, who return every summer to the serene comfort of their New England lake house but this summer the senior couple's life is turned upsidedown when their estranged daughter shows up with an unexpected surprise. "A work of rare simplicity and beauty!" – New York Daily News

Ring Of Fire: The Music Of Johnny Cash Created By Richard Maltby, Jr., Conceived By William Meade March 21 To April 16 – Historic Arcade Theatre

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#### NEW OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION REQUEST

Town & River Civic Association Inc.

P.O. Box 07073

Fort Myers, FL 33919

For improved communications,

Please update your contact information and go on-line to add to T&R Directory

Name(s):

Town & River Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing or other address, including zip:

Attention members in good standing, who have submitted their contact information, and have agreed to have their contact information published in the online directory, please go to our Town & River website @ www.townandriverfl.com and "sign up for members only directory".

Otherwise, the information submitted is for board use only.

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# **Catch The Action**

#### **September On The Water**

By Capt. Bill Russell

Now is the time for some of the best fishing of the year and is often overlooked in Southwest Florida. With school back in session, summer vacations over, and our northern friends out of state, this may be the time you will find the least number of anglers and boat traffic on the water.

With temperatures gradually cooling over the month and thunderstorms tapering off, days become more predictable and enjoyable. Of course, this is the height of hurricane season so that can change suddenly. Fish are more active throughout the day as water temperatures are cooling down ever so slightly.

Snook gradually exit the beaches and Gulf passes where they spend the summer months and begin to transition back inshore. Fish for snook around oyster bars, shorelines, sand holes, and structure such as riprap, docks, piers, and bridges. Top water lures are a good choice over the early morning and evening hours. There's not much better than watching a big lunker snook explode on a top water bait. Live bait is the best bet during daytime hours. A variety including pinfish, pigfish, pilchards, thread herring, small mullet, and live shrimp are some of the most popular.

We are stepping into the best redfish (red drum) fishing of the year, especially if you like to hunt and target big redfish. Reds begin to travel in schools throughout the inshore waters where it's possible to cross paths with several hundred in a tight pack herding bait across the flats. Keep an eye open for a disturbance on the water, it almost looks like a boat wake with no boats around to create the wake. The schooling fish are

generally traveling a direction parallel to an island or long bar. Once you figure the direction they are heading try to get well ahead of their path as quietly as possible, get in position and get ready. Often, they are moving faster than you think, a couple hundred yards is a good starting point. While schooling they will eat most anything, but it's in your favor to rig with something you can throw a long distance as they do not always follow your anticipated path. A few baits that come to mind are mid to large top water plugs, spoons, and cut ladyfish or mullet steaks. Most schooling fish measure 27 inches and above. If targeting reds with live or natural bait, circle hooks are the

way to go. Traveling in schools they are competing for food and suck down a bait pretty quick. The use of circle hooks reduces the chance of gut-hooking and allow for a healthy release.

Redfish and/or snook may be in or out of season in the areas you fish. Check current regulations and stay up to date by visiting www.myfwc.com. Also, upload the Fish Rules app on your phone. It has current regulations and seasons with pictures to help identify fish.

Sea trout begin moving back into shallower water to feed; this is a great time to work a top water plug across your favorite trout flats. Plenty of sea trout will be caught under the endless schools of baitfish, look for birds and surface

activity. Trout fishing gets better, and fish get bigger as the water continues to cool over the month.

Spanish mackerel, sharks, snapper, jack crevalle, bluefish, pompano, permit, tripletail, tarpon, cobia, and others are on the list of what we may expect to hook into over the upcoming months.

It will not be long before tourist season is upon us with roads and waterways becoming crowded. That's not the case for September, if you want to spend time fishing or just on the water without a crowd, do it now. Season will be here soon!

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

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# From The Desk Of **Sheriff Carmine Marceno**

### **Property Fraud Alert**

Property fraud has become an increasingly common criminal matter across the entire nation. As most property owners are unaware of this growing concern, I am



recommending that Lee County property owners consider registering for the free "Property Fraud Alert" offered by the Lee County Clerk of the Court.

Property fraud occurs when an unauthorized individual utilizes your identity to transfer your property into their name or fraudulently record documents related to your property. A counterfeit, forged document is created and then recorded into the county's official records.

Property fraud can result in costly and complicated problems and, as these criminal acts are often undiscovered until attempting to sell or refinance your property, the fraud can result in irreparable damage.

Once registered, property owners receive notification, within 24 hours, when a deed, mortgage or other land record with their registered name on it has been recorded into the county's official records.

Additionally, those who do not own property can also use this service so as to be notified of any documents being recorded in their name.

Property owners can register multiple properties, whether owned personally or commercially by visiting www.leeclerk. org/i-want-to/request/property-fraud-alert.



Greeters Club of Fort Myers welcomes women to join our extended family of friends who join together to have fun, explore our culture, and support the community. Our luncheon is on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 11:30 a.m. followed by a presentation by Greg Longenhagen, the artistic director of Florida Repertory Theater, who will give us an inside look at how a play goes from script to stage. We gather at the Club at Pelican Preserve, 9802 Pelican Preserve Blvd., located off Treeline Boulevard, between Colonial Boulevard and Daniels Parkway. R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, Sept. 8 by calling Sue Kindelan, (239) 940-8924. Hot and cold lunches available. Door prizes and 50/50! Cost for luncheon and program is \$27.

# Vintage Market — **Days Of South Gulf Coast Florida**



#### **Sept. 16 To 18**

Join us as we return this fall for Vintage Market Days of South Gulf Coast Florida at the Lee Civic Center, 1831 Bayshore Road, Fort Myers, FL 33917. With 100-plus vendors and artisans with unique vintage and antique goods, handmade treasures, recycled and repurposed items, clothing, jewelry, plantings, live music and more! Participate in DIY clinics and giveaways.

The market is all indoors so inclement weather (and heat!) are not a factor! Shop in comfort in over 50,000-square-feet of the most unique shopping experience in Lee County!

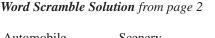
- Friday, Sept. 16 Early Buying Event, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 17 General Admission, 10 a.m. to

• Sunday, Sept. 18 – General Admission, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Service animals permitted according to state and federal

To purchase tickets, visit our website at www. vintagemarketdays.com/market/south-gulf-coast-florida/.

Admission for children under 12 is free. Cash and credit card are accepted at the gate. Once purchased, your ticket is good for re-entry into the event all weekend.

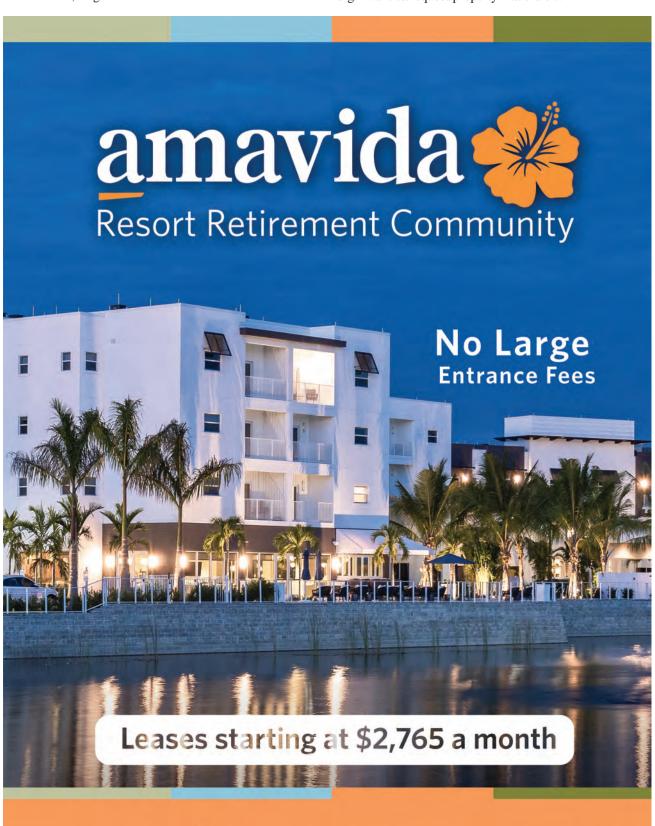
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