

Meet The Cruise Club Officers

Name: Fred Ford-Smith

Office In The Town & River Cruise Club:
Commodore



Where were you born? I was born in Hamilton, Ohio.

How long have you lived in Fort Myers? My wife Lorraine and I have been part-time residents for 19 years but last year we became full-time residents of Fort Myers.

How long have you been boating? Where have you boated? I have been boating for 70-plus years. As a youngster, I boated in the Muskoka Lakes, Hamilton Harbor. After that, we boated regularly off the coasts of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. For the next 30 years, we cruised the Great Lakes and the Trent-Severn Canal System. Now, Lorraine and I are enjoying navigating the local waters and cruising the west coast of Florida.

Are there any boating experiences or anything else you would like to share with the readers of the Town & River News? I taught Advanced Piloting and Celestial

Navigation for 10 years for the U.S. Power Squadron. Eventually, I pursued and received a 100 ton Merchant Marine License from the U.S. Coast Guard which I held for 25 years.

With my wife's invaluable assistance, we started and incorporated the Dock of the Bay Yacht Club in Sandusky, Ohio. This yacht club on Lake Erie has about 80 to 100 members at this time.

I ran for office and was elected to the Board Of Directors of MTOA in 2000. This is the world's largest trawler organization with about 2,500 members. As Director of Northern Operations, I organized and oversaw the club's first international rendezvous at both Leamington, Ontario and Toronto. I also provided organizational support in the group's first west coast rendezvous in the Seattle area.

ArtFest Fort Myers

High School Art Competition: Art Under 20

Art Under 20 exhibit and competition at ArtFest Fort Myers the first weekend in February provides a professional setting for students to display their artwork and compete for \$10,000 in annual cash awards. Over the past 21 years, 5,000-plus students have participated from all Lee County high schools and won \$153,000 in total awards.



Beginning in 2021, Art Under 20 gained a virtual component. Art Under 20 now has a high-impact gallery allowing each student's artwork to be displayed to a large national audience. ArtFest is excited to give students this new experience of participating in virtual shows and competitions and learning the skills of properly photographing their artwork for exhibits.

All Lee County high school students (public, private and home-schooled) are invited to participate in Art Under 20. Entries are accepted in seven categories: Digital, Drawing, Mixed Media, Painting, Photography, 3-Dimensional, Art Created Using Recycled Materials. Awards include Best of Show, first, second, third by category as well as numerous other named awards including the Equity Award for artwork that conveys diversity, equity and inclusion.

Kristin Woolam has been the Art Under 20 cochairwoman for 23 years and shares the belief of Art Under 20 Sponsor Suncoast Credit Union that "when the arts are an active and vibrant part of a community, everyone benefits. Students and the larger community get exposure to the arts in such a special way through Art Under 20."

Art Under 20 was created through ArtFest's dedication to the fact the arts are essential to the complete education of our youth. The arts teach students innumerable lessons that are critical to success in the ever-evolving creative economy that lies ahead. The arts teach youth that there are several paths to take when approaching problems and that all problems can have more than one solution. Prolific research shows impressive benefits of arts in education – encouraging students to stay in school, succeed in school, succeed in life and succeed in work.

People and organizations that believe in supporting art opportunities for our youth can support Art Under 20 in a variety of ways. Some include creating additional award categories; providing scholarship funds for winners; or



hosting art experiences for participants. Contact ArtFest Fort Myers for more information.

ArtFest Fort Myers, Southwest Florida's premier art festival, takes place Feb. 3 to 5, 2023 in downtown Fort Myers along the riverfront. Join 200 artists from across the county; the largest high school art exhibit and competition in south Florida and free interactive art experiences for children of all ages.

Art Under 20 Entry Forms and more information are available through all Lee County high school art departments, through counselors at most Lee County after-school programs serving high school students, or at ArtFestFortMyers.com/au20. Entries are being accepted currently and the deadline to enter is Dec. 9.

What: Southwest Florida's premier art festival featuring 200 national artists, high school art competition, street chalk art competition, children's art activities, fine food and entertainment.

Art Under 20: Located in the 3,000-square-foot tent at the west end of art festival under the U.S. 41 bridge.

When: Feb. 4 and 5, 2023. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Downtown Fort Myers riverfront on Edwards Drive

Parking: Look for bright event parking signs and flags. Parking lots adjacent to festival, street parking and city garages are open.

Information: ArtFestFortMyers.com or contact us at (239) 768-3602 or info@ArtFestFortMyers.com.

Did You Know? Americans For The Arts Youth Who Participate In The Arts Are:

- Four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement
 - Three times more likely to be elected to class office within their schools
 - Four times more likely to participate in a math and science fair
 - Three times more likely to be awarded for school attendance
 - Two times more likely to read for pleasure
- Continue the conversation! What is your passion for the arts as part of a complete education for youth?

**All are encouraged to attend
our next Board meeting on Oct. 13!**

The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Check out our new website
www.townandriverfl.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, Oct. 27, and our guest speaker will be Scott Simmons, editor at Palm Beach County *Florida Weekly* and Key West *Florida Weekly* plus the *Florida Weekly* in Fort Myers. His local column in our *Florida Weekly* is The Collector's Corner. Scott's presentation will be "A Road Trip Through Florida's Arts and Crafts." He will utilize some of his personal collectibles associated with Florida's growth through the decades.

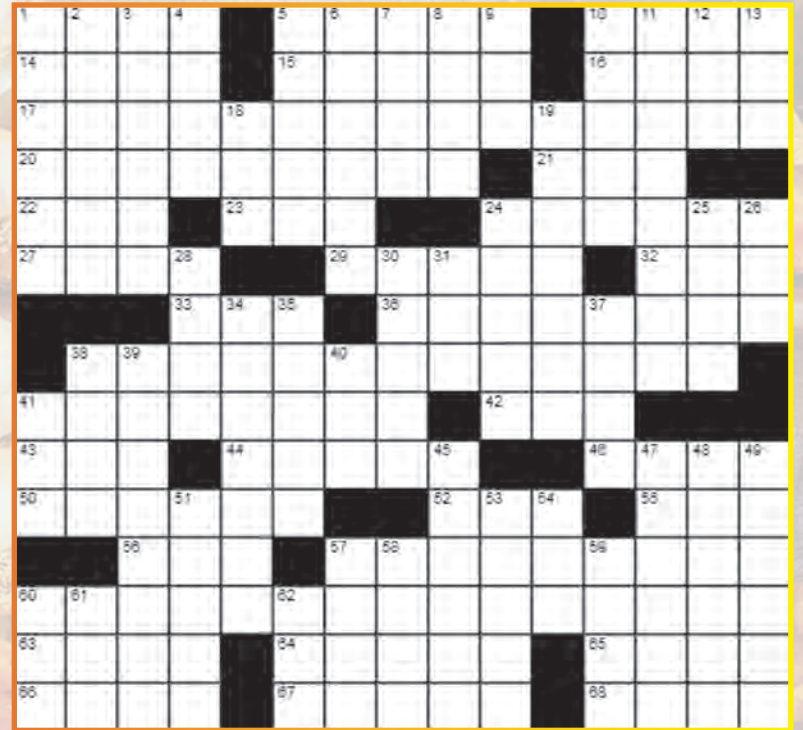
Luncheon fee is \$28 per person and the planned menu will be Pasta Primavera – farfalle pasta tossed with spinach, tomato, summer squash, caramelized onions, roasted garlic and Parmesan cheese with grilled garlic plank, rolls and butter, and chef's choice of dessert. The optional plant based/vegan menu will be Stuffed Zucchini Rolls nesting

on Mediterranean tomato ragout with sautéed spinach and polenta cake with 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, Oct. 20.

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Mardi ____
5. Hera of Greek myth drove this queen mad
10. Indian mulberry bushes
14. The San ____: (twin-tower, Central Park West apartment building)
15. Pad
16. Cardinal or pirate
17. Big Mac promotion?
20. It connects the cerebrum with the spinal cord
21. Sea god of Irish myth
22. Yule follower
23. Low digit
24. Made someone smart?
27. Donkey: German
29. Remove errors, as from software
32. 3
33. Get ready to fire
36. Crook of TV's *Crook & Chase*
38. Colorful European dynasty?
41. Brigands
42. 10th of 12: abbreviation
43. Vat contents
44. Most high schoolers
46. "Como ___ usted?"
50. Acquires a new tenant
52. Put on
55. Third book of the Bible: abbreviation
56. French island
57. Apportion
60. Ape realms?
63. Bakery sight
64. Flowering plant in the olive family
65. Rapper Tracy Lauren Marrow's stage name
66. Big cat
67. Skirt style
68. Delicate anatomical tissue

3. Unit of electric current
4. Alone: combining form
5. Prop for Will Rogers
6. Let up
7. Subterranean critter
8. Latin word in footnotes
9. He twice lost to DDE
10. Incus
11. Sounding an alarm
12. British writer Deighton
13. Performance auto group that developed Dodge Viper
18. Tree-like Tolkien creature
19. Of a work expressing sorrow
24. Pack animal
25. "___ Kleine Nachtmusik"
26. Half of a Vegas pair
28. Praise
30. Enchanting
31. Far from "Bravo"
34. "___ or 10?": (common question about writing numbers)

35. Dispenses, as punishment
37. Room opening
38. Partner of hearty
39. It's a joke
40. Ending for a native of Cyprus
41. Kind of fly?
45. Flat-bottomed skiff
47. Means of channeling water
48. Male hawk
49. Zoroastrian text
51. Spiral-horned antelope
53. "What the ___!": Stewie Griffin
54. This much Brylcreem will do
57. Seed coat
58. Where to find a hero
59. Long, narrow opening
60. Sock
61. Gardner of Tinseltown
62. Montgomery's here: abbreviation

Crossword Solution on page 7

Word Scramble

Monuments

By Ellie Neal

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Lfeie wetor | Clionln moimearl |
| Ssrea twreo | Khliilubnre umnotemr |
| Prieme taset bldgniui | Cra ud pmhurti |
| Ts oiuls char | Dismayp |
| Ceaps elened | Jat Haalm |
| Ntginhsowa tenmuomo | Egenehonts |

Word Scramble Solution on page 7

Sudoku Puzzle

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	3	1				9		
7				9	8			3 4
	7							1
	4			5				7
				3				
						1		
8								
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Sudoku Puzzle Solution on page 7

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32nd Annual Go Green Golf Tournament

Plantation Golf & Country Club will be hosting the 32nd Annual Go Green Golf Tournament to be held Friday, Oct. 21.

The event will run from 7:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with the following schedule:

7:15 a.m. Check-In and breakfast

8:30 a.m. Shotgun start

12:30 p.m. Lunch and awards

This event is a fundraiser for the nonprofit Keep Lee County Beautiful whose mission "is to inspire, educate, and engage

the Lee County community in improving, beautifying, and protecting our environment."

"We would be honored by your participation as we work to promote environmental awareness, community engagement and raise funds to support the efforts of our nonprofit organization. All donations, monetary or in-kind, are tax-deductible and stay right here in Lee County to directly benefit your home community. Your generosity and commitment are vital to the ongoing success of our programs!"

"Golfers will enjoy a pre-game grab and go breakfast, awards luncheon, experience auction, spirited putting contest, and will receive a special gift for participating! Complimentary beer, soda, water, and snacks will be available throughout the course. **Golf attire required:** collared shirts, please, **no** cargo shorts or jeans."

Visit the Keep Lee County Beautiful webpage to register online (<https://www.klcb.org/events/go-green-golf-tournament>).

About Keep Lee County Beautiful

The Keep Lee County Beautiful (KLCB) organization was established at the direction of concerned community leaders from the public and private sector. KLCB was certified by its parent organization, Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and was granted a nonprofit status as an environmental corporation in February 1990. It is responsible for coordinating and implementing a countywide litter education and prevention program involving the business community, local governments, organizations and individuals.

KLCB is governed by a volunteer 18-member board of directors and a five-member board of advisors representing labor, government, business and industry, environmental organizations, civic and professional associations.

Support Keep Lee County Beautiful and know that 100 percent of the proceeds stay in our community and help to make a cleaner, greener, more livable home for us all. Keep Lee County Beautiful provides a unique experience for individuals to make an impact in our community. We offer a variety of service projects to work with groups of all ages. We use the three "E's" of community engagement: Education, Environment and Events. Combining education with service creates a cohesive community effort for change.

Keep Lee County Beautiful is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that relies on the support of the community.

Can't Feel The Sand Under Your Feet?

Are you one of the millions of Americans that suffer from peripheral neuropathy? Have you been told you have to deal with it, live with it, and rely on Gabapentin, Lyrica, Cymbalta, injections or other dangerous off label drugs with serious side effects?

You see, it's not your medical doctor's fault, it's the completely irrational medical system that continues to treat only the symptom and not the cause.

Are you suffering from numbness, tingling, burning pain, deep stabbing pain, often diagnosed as peripheral neuropathy? Are you having balance problems or have the fear of becoming disabled, needing someone to take care of you and losing your independence?

As you can see in Figure 2, as the blood vessels that surround the nerves start to die off, the nerves begin to shrink from the lack of all its oxygen, nutrients, and blood supply. When these nerves begin to die, symptoms such as numbness, tingling, burning pain, sharp deep stabbing pain, balance problems, and lastly fatal falls and injuries begin to appear.

The main problem is that your doctor has relied on the "drug cocktail" and exploratory surgery approach which miserably fails.

You actually think like a neuropathy expert more than you think. Let me give you an analogy. What do you think of when you see a wilting plant? What does it need?

Exactly! Water, sunlight, nutrients, take any toxins away from its environment for healing!

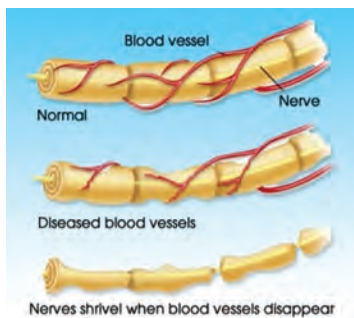


Figure 2

A nerve is an organism just like a plant, so our goal in our clinic is simple. We must increase blood supply to the nerve so it can heal. But first, ask yourself this question. How many medications will it take to increase blood flow to the dying nerve? You are correct! Medications cannot increase blood flow. With our 3-step process, we have a 90 to 95% success rate with neuropathy.

- 1) Increase blood flow
- 2) Educate small fiber nerves
- 3) Decrease pain signals

One way we increase blood flow is by using cutting-edge technology such as Lower Level Light Therapy, also known as LLLT. The technology was discovered by NASA by treating wounds in space. LLLT was approved by the FDA in 2001 and is at the forefront of neuropathy treatments. The low level light therapy creates a process called angiogenesis. Angiogenesis means "new blood vessels." It's like watering a plant. The more LLLT a nerve gets, the more it repairs itself, just like a plant would by getting more water, sunlight, and nutrients.

In addition to LLLT, we use a cutting-edge technology around a Nobel Prize-winning concept allowing increased circulation to the extremities.

It's crucial that once we get new blood to the nerves and create new blood vessels, to re-educate the nerve back to normal function. By using a device that's used in large hospital chains across the country for neuropathy, we are able to repair the damaged nerves, and start to make them durable once again.

The most common mistakes neuropathy sufferers make are to take the "it will go away on its own" or "the medications will get me better" mentality. Doing this for long periods can cause you to reach a point of no return.

Dr. Robert Davis is a Chiropractic Physician trained in Functional Neurology. He has been in practice for 24 years and can be reached at (239) 482-8686, www.ActiveHealthComplete.com.

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Snowbirds Can Get Free Or Low Cost Library Cards In Lee County

Here's How

If you **own** a home/condo in Lee County:

- Stop by the library front desk (at any of the 13 libraries in Lee County).
- Give the library staff your out-of-state driver's license or state identification card.
- The staff will confirm property ownership by looking up your name in the property appraiser's database. For you to get a free card your name must be listed on the property.
- You get a free library card – ta! da!

If you are **renting** in Lee County for a few weeks or a few months:

- Stop by the library front desk and request a visitor's card.
- Give the library staff your out-of-state driver's license or state identification card.
- Pay \$15 for a three month visitor's card (three months is the minimum).
- The staff will issue you a library card good for three months – ta! da!

And ... if you are renting for only two months for example, you can still view the library's databases and download books and music **remotely** when you go back up north, for that last month that you paid for.

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Balance Sheet	
As of August 31, 2022	
Aug 31, 22	
Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank 2580	4,384.78
First Citizens Bank - MMS	84,410.61
PayPal Account	6,607.53
Total Checking/Savings	95,402.92
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	120.00
Total Accounts Receivable	120.00
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid, Lake Expense	4,036.32
Prepaid, Insurance	2,907.58
Prepaid, Other Expense	400.00
Total Other Current Assets	7,343.90
Total Current Assets	102,866.82
Total Assets	
	102,866.82
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity	
Prior Year Fund Balance	56,180.89
Retained Earnings	28,083.14
Net Income	18,602.79
Total Equity	102,866.82
Total Liabilities & Equity	
	102,866.82

Town & River Civic Association Inc.	
Profit And Loss	
August 2022	
Aug 22 Jan - Aug 22	
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Income	
Income - Mandatory	0.00 10,920.00
Income - Voluntary	0.00 25,800.00
Total Income	0.00 36,720.00
Estoppel Preparation Income	0.00 1,000.00
Interest Income	7.26 33.79
PayPal Cash Bank Bonus	0.00 8.13
Miscellaneous Income	0.00 2,702.07
Total Income	7.26 40,463.99
Expense	
Accounting Fees	0.00 2,775.00
Bank Fees	35.00 280.00
Corp Insurance	415.38 3,147.84
Email Service	0.00 486.00
Legal Expense	809.00 9,902.60
Meeting Rooms	0.00 125.00
Monument Sign Expense	0.00 119.48
Newspaper Postage	152.59 1,169.49
Office Expense	0.00 74.97
PayPal Fees	0.00 259.20
Postage & Delivery	0.00 683.21
Printing & Reproduction	0.00 737.72
State Fee	0.00 61.25
Secretary Expense	0.00 637.50
Storage Expense	119.79 958.32
Utilities	0.00 243.62
Website Maintenance	50.00 200.00
Total Expense	1,581.76 21,861.20
Net Ordinary Income	-1,574.50 18,602.79
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2022/23 Event Schedule

- 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.



Town & River Cruise Club Membership Application

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

BOAT INFORMATION

Boat Name: _____

Boat Type and Size: _____

Boat example – Name: Only in America
Boat Type and Size: Power 30', Beam 10' 6"

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues \$45 / household
Initiation Fee \$50 / household (included burgee and name tags)

New Members Prorated Dues
Joining between

April 1 to September 30	\$45
October to December 31	\$30
January 1 to March 30	\$20

Send Application, Dues and Initiation Fee to: Cecilia Bourdon
1026 Clarendon Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Make checks payable to: Cecilia Bourdon

Alliance For The Arts

Rocky Horror Picture Show Is Back Again!

A beloved, rowdy, nocturnal tradition, the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* has been tantalizing audiences for over 40 years.



Join us on Oct. 15 from 6 to 10 p.m. and be part of a decades-long tradition of crowd participation as guests are encouraged to dance along to the Time Warp, yell back at the movie and throw props in time with the action on screen and our shadow cast. The event includes a Rocky Horror costume contest, food trucks, raffles, vendors, and a night under the stars with your favorite Transylvanians! This year's event will be hosted by the incomparable drag queen Alyssa Lemay!

Please bring your own blankets and lawn chairs – coolers are not permitted. Gates open at 6 p.m. Movie starts at dusk.

This show will sell out, so babies ... buy your tickets today.

The *Rocky Horror Picture Show* is Rated R – Under 17 requires an accompanying parent or adult guardian. Contains some adult material.

Visit our website www.artinlee.org/event/rocky to purchase tickets. General admission, \$25. VIP tickets, \$200 and will include table for four, four drink tickets, four special prop bags and access to indoor restrooms.

For sponsorship information, please contact Katherine at events@artinlee.org.

Help us better the impact of arts in our community by getting involved in the Arts and Economic Prosperity Study 6 (AEP6). The information you provide will help to measure the economic impact of the arts in Lee County.

We are excited to partner with Americans for the Arts to announce the launch of AEP6, the sixth national study of the economic impact of the nonprofit arts and culture industry! Economic impact studies such as these expand the conversation about how many people view the arts. While most appreciate the cultural benefit provided to our community, few realize that our local arts industry supports jobs, generates government revenue, and is a cornerstone of tourism.

We need your help to collect this data. While attending any performance, activity, event or program on our campus, please take a few moments to participate in the Audience and Attendee Survey. All answers are anonymous and help to measure the economic and social impact of arts and culture in our community!

Audience and Attendee Surveys will be available at the front desk in multiple formats, including hard copy, accessible by QR code or at our laptop station.

Let's change the conversation. The arts mean business. Learn more about the AEP6 study: AmericansForTheArts.org/AEP6.

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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

October On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

As we exit summer and head into the fall season, water temperatures of Southwest Florida begin to drop, large schools of baitfish make their migration south through our waters from the northern gulf. Many predator fish are on the move south as well. Combined with our resident species, October presents good fishing for a variety of species.

Expect loads of bait and bait schools over the next few months. Good amounts of bait or small fish stayed with us throughout the summer, and they will soon get reinforcements as their cousins begin migrating down the coast.

Often the best place to catch fish is around the bait, after all they are called bait schools for a reason. Here are a couple of the best ways to locate the bait: Dimpling on the surface or what looks like rain on the water is a dead giveaway when hunting for schools. Birds is another great indicator as they spend all day searching and feeding. Always be on the lookout for pelicans diving, terns, sea gulls, cormorants, and frigate birds.

Your best chance at action fishing around schooling bait is catching the same baits and fishing them alive. This requires skill with a cast net and a little bit of luck. If you know what type and size bait you are after, the depth of water, and sink rate of your cast net you are on your way. Seems like every day as I run from Matlacha into Charlotte Harbor I see at least one boat throwing a way too small and light net in deep water for large thread herrings. I won't say they will never catch any as anything is possible, but that is a lot of work for no or little reward.

Speaking of threadfins or Atlantic thread herring, they are common this month across the inshore waters and off the beaches. Fishing around a school generally results in hooking something. Sharks, tarpon, cobia, Spanish mackerel, jack crevalle, bluefish, sea trout, and others depend on the threads to keep their belly full. If the threads get too close to a shoreline, oyster bar, or structure redfish and snook are awaiting. Offshore you can add king mackerel, bonito, and possibly blackfin tuna to the list of hungry predators.

If you're not fishing the real thing or live bait, match a lure to the baits. These baits turn and flash when swimming, so a spoon, silver, or gold, is a tried-and-true bait. Plus, you can work a spoon through the water at any speed. Some fish like a slow retrieve while others need a speedy retrieve to get their attention. There are a host of lures that resemble



the baits, some are quite expensive; if toothy fish are around, expect to lose a few baits. A foot or two of light wire leader helps but cutoffs are still possible.

If fighting a shark gets your interest, toss out a chunk of fresh cut ladyfish or mullet a few feet under a float near the bait schools. Make sure you're rigged with a wire leader. Inshore, the larger sharks we hook most often are black tip, bulls, and spinners. All are great fighters.

This time of year, you could easily spend an entire day fishing while running from bait school to bait school. Some schools you will hook into a variety of fish, others a certain species, and some you will not get a bite. Fishing around these bait schools is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are gonna get.

Check current fishing rules and 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.

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."



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Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

Dark Art

The infamous Dark Art exhibition is back! A juried selection of the raw, visceral, beautifully dark works created by artists from Southwest Florida will feature painting, sculpture, photography, and mixed media projects all dedicated to the celebration of darker themes in art. Dark Art is bound to be weird and wonderful, with plenty of surprises in store.



This array of the ghoulish and macabre will be on display in the Grand Atrium gallery from Oct. 7 to 14. Donations are encouraged.

The opening reception will take place the first Friday of the month during Art Walk and will feature local live entertainment. Costumes strongly encouraged. Costumes may not include weapons that resemble or could easily be mistaken for real weapons.

Wicked Walk

Join us on Oct. 20 and 21 for Wicked Walk at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC)! Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tours leave approximately every 20 minutes.

Celebrating the arts and the achievements of student artists in Lee County, Wicked Walk is a collaborative project between Lee County Public Schools, the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, and the Sidney & Berne Davis Art

Center. The Wicked Walk is an immersive arts experience that tours audiences throughout the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center where Lee County School students explore spooky stories and classic monsters and horror in theater, dance, song and artwork.

Proceeds from Wicked Walk will benefit SBDAC and the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools.



Rooftop Halloween Party

It might be scary ... it might be a fright ... but it's sure to be fun on a Friday night!

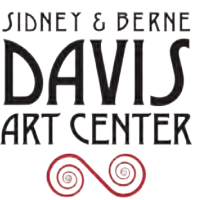
Sidney's Rooftop Halloween party is taking place on Friday, Oct. 28 from 8 to 11 p.m. for a fun night on the rooftop! Ticket price for general admission is \$10. Buy your tickets early as they will go fast!


Come one, come all! Dress up as your favorite character and get ready to dance, dance, dance! DJ Dream Jay will be spinning some great hits that will make you want to move.

Costumes are strongly encouraged so start getting creative now as there will be a winner for best costume!

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Word Scramble Solution from page 2

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| Sears Tower | Bunker Hill Monument |
| Empire State Building | Arc du Triumph |
| St. Louis Arch | Pyramids |
| Space Needle | Taj Mahal |
| Washington Monument | Stonehenge |

Crossword Solution from page 2

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Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

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