

Southwest Florida Symphony Announces Lineup For 64th Season

The Southwest Florida Symphony, Lee County's only professional orchestra, is excited to announce another innovative and diverse lineup of performances for the 2024/25 season. Maestro Stilian Kirov, the symphony's interim artistic advisor, will lead the orchestra through its 64th season of celebrated works of all genres, many of which are woven with groundbreaking pieces that allow concertgoers to expand their musical diet.



The symphony opens the season on Oct. 25 with another innovative Brave New Pops in partnership with the Alliance for the Arts. Rock & Roll Séance is a multimedia performance curated, arranged and conducted by locally beloved Maestro Andrew Lipke. This concert takes place outdoors on the Alliance for the Arts lawn and incorporates video, live vocalists who will channel the spirits of rock stars from the afterlife, and audience interactivity, all made larger than life with a full symphony orchestra performing bold arrangements for iconic rock tunes by Kurt Cobain's Nirvana, Amy Winehouse, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Marley, John Lennon, Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin and more.

From Dec. 6 to 11, the symphony takes its Holiday Pops on the road throughout Southwest Florida, from Babcock Ranch to the Tribby at Shell Point and other venues in between. In keeping with the symphony's signature innovation, Maestro Andrew Lipke returns with

unique arrangements for traditional holiday favorites, with special guest vocalist Mary Bichner, who will add even more sparkle and joy to this beloved Holiday Pops tradition.

On Jan. 17, the orchestra commences its mainstage series at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center in Punta Gorda led by Maestro Stilian Kirov with Beethoven's glorious *Symphony No. 9*, along with the Fort Myers Mastersingers, then kicks off its Barbara B. Mann Hall Concert Series on Jan. 18, repeating this performance. The concert opens with a Youth Orchestra side-by-side, both of which haven't been performed with the orchestra in a decade.

Other Barbara B. Mann Series performances include John Williams the Great on Feb. 1, with a "prequel" performance at Charlotte Performing Arts Center on Jan. 31. You've Got Mail: Musical Love Letters featuring Maestro Andrew Lipke and mezzo-soprano Mary Bichner, on Feb. 14, with an encore at Charlotte Performing Arts Center on Feb. 15. On March 15, for one-night only at Barbara B. Mann Hall, the orchestra presents 2025: A Space Odyssey featuring excerpts from Also Sprach Zarathustra (the theme from *2001: A Space Odyssey*),



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the theme from *Star Trek*, and Holst's *The Planets*. March 29 features an unlikely fusion, with weather in common. The Four Seasons: Vivaldi and Valli, featuring Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and tunes that made lead Jersey Boy, Frankie Valli, of the Four Seasons, famous. The Barbara B. Mann Concert Series concludes on April 26 with *American Beauty*, featuring pieces by beloved American composers and Dvorak's *9th Symphony: From the New World*, which was inspired by his infatuation with America.

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Alliance For The Arts

Uncommon Threads: Julio Julio, Kathleen Kinkopf And Mär Martinez

Aug. 2 To Sept. 28
10091 McGregor Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Operating within the confines of societal structures that shape all of our lives, the three artists in this exhibition explore universal human experiences through their work. Julio Julio, Kathleen Kinkopf and Mär Martinez traverse varied mediums and narratives to arrive at common themes of resilience, hope and strength.

Often, the scenes presented here combine familiar forms with aspects that are just out of step with our familiar reality.

This juxtaposition of unreality within familiar scenes allows viewers a new perspective from which to examine familiar concepts, echoing the magical realism genre of literature. This paradox creates a union of opposites, drawing attention to topics of politics, social change and spirituality.

Despite their divergent approaches, each artist grapples with the intricacies of living in a modern world, confronting uncomfortable truths and celebrating human resilience. Their work is rich with dramatic imagery and symbolic depth, inviting viewers to examine the structures that shape our lives and embark on a journey of self-reflection and discovery.

In The Theatre Lobby Gallery: *Piercing The Veil* By Danielle Branchaud

The goal of a surrealist is to present a glimpse into new and various worlds that are only accessible in dreams, or through the careful and well-practiced art of introspection. The works of Danielle Branchaud are notorious in their depth and intensity when it comes to facing those dimensions. For years she has used her own personal life experience and emotional complexity in order to create these visions, tapping into sources that have the potential to be both enlightening and devastating. After all, a lifetime is composed of many notes, high and low, and each one is worthy of exploration.

This collection of work presents just a fraction of that emotional experience, each painting inviting you to search within yourself for those same universal feelings.



Lee County Parks And Recreation

Florida-Friendly And Native Plant Swap

Saturday, Aug. 10, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Karl Drews Community Center, 18412 Lee Road, Fort Myers, FL 33967

Come join us for a morning of plant-related fun with fellow plant enthusiasts! Our plant swap will take place inside the Karl Drews Community Center. To participate, please bring one or more clearly labeled healthy plants! RSVP by calling (239) 533-1470 or emailing TRossi@leegov.com to reserve a table space.



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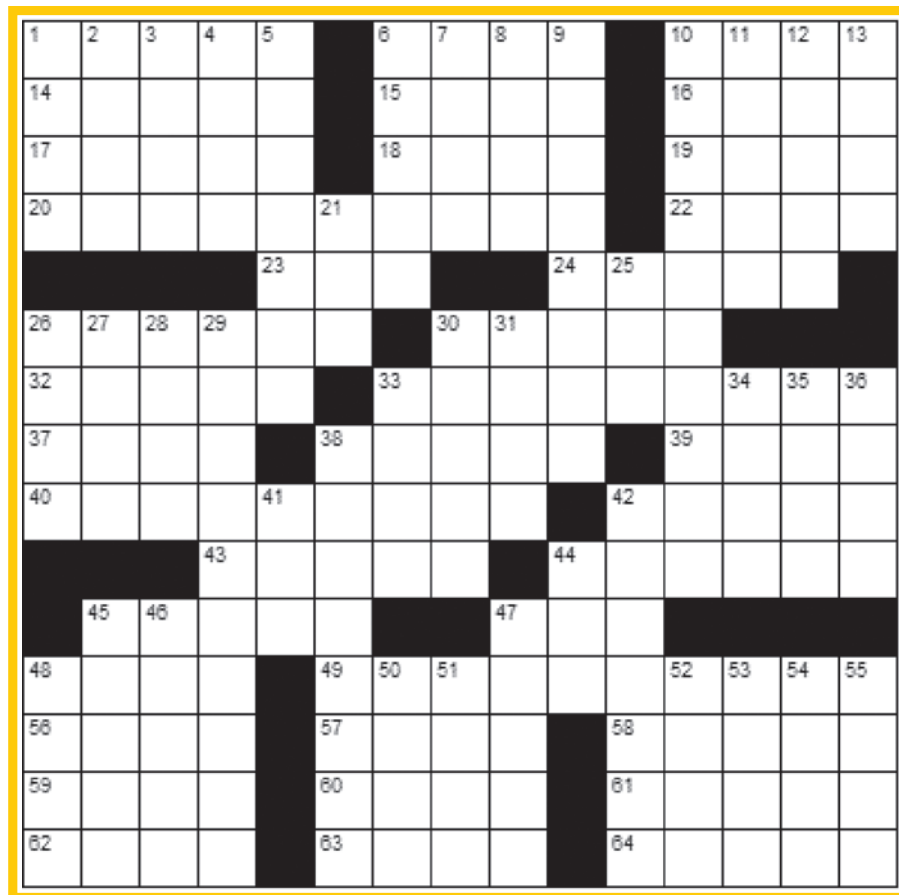
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Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1. Sacred hymn
- 6. Store
- 10. Dugout shelter
- 14. Skylit lobbies
- 15. List of choices
- 16. Bargain
- 17. Writing tables
- 18. African sheep
- 19. Prison
- 20. Too shocked for words
- 22. Coffee dispensers
- 23. Be bedridden

- 24. Pantywaist
- 26. Harsh
- 30. Brainy
- 32. Shad
- 33. Amends
- 37. Nonclerical
- 38. Adjust
- 39. Type of sword
- 40. Jeopardizes
- 42. Japanese animation
- 43. Lower part of the abdomen
- 44. Type of TV comedy
- 45. Monk's monotone
- 47. Conifer
- 48. Voucher
- 49. Capable of being absorbed
- 56. Hindu princess
- 57. Threesome
- 58. Units of land
- 59. Therefore
- 60. Noble
- 61. Cereal
- 62. Small songbird
- 63. D D D
- 64. Feeling



Down

- 1. Flat masses of soft material
- 2. Stair
- 3. Rear end
- 4. Prefer
- 5. Eye makeup
- 6. Tiny
- 7. In this location
- 8. Duty
- 9. Powerful
- 10. Adaptation
- 11. Grizzlies for example
- 12. Showery
- 13. Misfortunes
- 21. Hasten
- 25. Anger
- 26. Period of discounted prices
- 27. Distinctive flair
- 28. Empty
- 29. Increase
- 30. Suns
- 31. Swabs
- 33. Gulf port
- 34. Majestic
- 35. Captain of the *Nautilus*
- 36. Abound
- 38. Excited
- 41. French for "no"
- 42. Auto safety devices
- 44. Mister
- 45. Small trout-like fish
- 46. Door pivot
- 47. Gullible people
- 48. Ship workers
- 50. Scottish hillside
- 51. Your majesty
- 52. Anagram of "care"
- 53. Fiber source
- 54. Luau souvenirs
- 55. Anagram of "seen"

Crossword Solution on page 7

Word Scramble

Sports

By Ellie Neal

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| Thos utp | Eanco mlasml |
| Vilnaje | Nuseqtrmia aers- |
| Trwea lpoo | Giidnv |
| Tannobdmi | Ehgwit gintilf |
| Nahmtoar | Nigp gpno |
| | Lblaakestb |

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Sudoku Puzzle

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

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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 followed by an informative speaker program and a short business meeting. 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, Aug. 22, and our guest speaker will be Janelle Olson, engagement director at Community Cooperative. Olson will speak about the "School's Out, Hunger's Not" initiative.

Luncheon fee is \$28 and the planned regular menu entree will be Par Three Salad (a scoop of chicken, egg and tuna salads on a bed of garden lettuce, served with ranch dressing). The plant-based/vegan option entree will be grilled vegetables and Tofu Napoleon Pomodoro finished with balsamic syrup, herbed cous cous and blistered tomatoes.

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. 15.

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What's Blooming At Edison And Ford Winter Estates?

By Karen Maxwell,
Horticulture Specialist
and Horticulture
Programs Coordinator

While not always popular with humans, some plants, such as ginger, love heat and humidity! Dr. Henry Nehrling, the noted botanist and ornithologist who created the first botanic garden in Florida (Palm Cottage Gardens in Gotha) gave advice in the 1920s when he wrote "... Ginger-worts, all of a tropical nature do exceedingly well in our Florida gardens."

More than 1,300 species of plants are included in this tropical, perennial family and many of them are well known to the culinary trade including, ginger (*Zingiber officinale*), turmeric (*Curcuma longa*), galangal (*Alpinia officinarum*) and cardamom (*Elettaria cardamomum*). True gingers grown for fragrance and flavor contain volatile oils (like essential oils) while many other gingers do not have these and are grown for some striking flowers and dependable summer appearance. Several species of ginger are featured throughout the gardens at Edison and Ford Winter Estates.

Ironically, the best-known ginger is the least spectacular, *Zingiber officinale*, which rarely flowers. It is cultivated for its rhizome and makes an easily grown addition to the herb garden or kitchen garden in our subtropical climate. Common to all gingers, rhizomes are underground stems which grow horizontally (they are not roots) and they send up cane-like stems with leaves upon which the flower appears.

To grow any ginger rhizome, use a few 2- to 3-inch pieces with "eyes" and plant just below the surface of the soil where even moisture can be maintained. A piece of store-bought *Z. officinale* should be soaked in warm water for 24 hours prior to planting to remove any pesticide or growth inhibitor and this includes organic ginger. Plant in early spring and allow up to one year for the plant to mature. When growing true ginger, allow the leaves to die before harvesting the edible rhizome and provide three or four days for the roots to cure before using.

Variiegated shell ginger (*Alpinia zerumbet variegata*) grows in several locations in the Estates gardens. Native to Asia and India, this highly ornamental ginger is a dependable foliage plant that produces beautiful orchid-like blooms and appear as a panicle of flowers in early summer. They are slightly fragrant and grow in a clump up to 10 feet tall. Fragrant alpinias can be grown in full sun, but the leaves may scorch if some shelter from afternoon sun is not available. Popular in floral arrangements, the patterned and aromatic



There are several specimens of ginger and plants that resemble ginger throughout the gardens at Edison and Ford Winter Estates.

leaves are also used to wrap food, though the coarse leaves are not considered edible.

My personal favorite for an outstanding flower is torch ginger (*Etilingera elatior*), sometimes called Philippine wax flower. *Elatior* is Latin for tall growing, and this ginger can reach 10 feet. Due to its potential height, and the flowers that grow on plain stems, torch ginger should be planted where it receives some protection from strong winds which can break tall stems. The monocarpic flower (meaning once flowered the stem dies) should be cut near the bottom of the stem to encourage new stems and flowers.

Most gingers in Southwest Florida look their best when they receive morning sun and some afternoon shade, moist (not wet) soils and regular additions of clean, organic compost. Consider companion plantings to mask this ginger's mostly dormant winter phase. During the growing season, a potassium-rich fertilizer can be applied, and reduced during the winter. The torch ginger flowers will develop after the plants have experienced several months of temperatures in excess of 70 degrees.

Pinecone ginger, also called shampoo ginger, wild ginger, and bitter ginger (*Zingiber zerumbet*) gets its name from the shape of the bract, which supports small yellow flowers. The next time you're looking at the gingers in the estates gardens, take a close look at the flower. This floral structure is called a bract and its job is to protect the small flowers. When the pinecone ginger bracts are squeezed, they produce a soapy liquid that is often used in commercial shampoos and soaps and frequently marketed under the Hawaiian name of awapuhi. Native to India, it does well in shade gardens with ample moist organic soils and will grow into a dense cluster in several years.

Some gingers can become somewhat aggressive as their rhizomatous growth structure means they grow horizontally – not vertically, allowing them to form a thick clump in three or four years, but it is relatively easy to remove and share extra rhizomes with friends.

Native to Central and South America, red button ginger (*Costus woodsonii*) is a dependable flowering ginger which produces edible bracts and if well mulched, will provide near year-round flowers. Unlike many gingers that go dormant during the winter, this spiraling ginger is evergreen, not very fussy about soil and is somewhat salt tolerant, making it an excellent candidate for coastal properties. The delicate flowers are edible. The *Costus* genera of gingers have none of the aromatic oils that provide the fragrance and taste of the *Alpinias* and true gingers.

If you're looking for an unusual summer ground cover for a shady spot, consider peacock ginger (*Kaempferia sp.*). There are several species in the *Kaempferia* genus, all of which go fully dormant during winter, but once the soil and air warm up, the leaves will begin to emerge (usually in May). With small pinkish flowers, this ginger is appreciated for its striking foliage and compact growth. Some Southern gardeners consider it the Southern hosta.

Blue ginger (*Dichorisandra thrysiflora*) grows like a ginger and is prized for its stunning, long-lasting blue flower stalks, but it's actually in the spiderwort family instead of the *Zingiberaceae*. Though not related, heliconia and gingers enjoy similar growing conditions and are often found growing together, especially here at the Estates.

Plant ginger rhizomes in the spring and allow them a full year to mature. It will take several months of temperatures over 70 degrees for gingers to produce their first flowers. As tropical plants, gingers do not enjoy temperatures below 50 degrees and some will die if hit by frost; most of them are dormant during the winter. With the arrival of fall, any unsightly ginger stalks can simply be cut down to maintain a tidy garden appearance, and we recommend that a thick layer of mulch be placed over the rhizomes to protect them from very cold weather. Mark the location of the peacock ginger as well, as it goes completely dormant during winters.

When choosing the right ginger for your garden, let the botanical name be your guide. As one will quickly discover, the use of common names for gingers is often confusing and potentially misleading. Summer is a great time of year to see ginger plants blooming at the Estates. Take a tour and discover which species you'd like to purchase for your garden!



Hotter Temperatures And Aggressive Behavior

Studies documenting a link between excessive heat and aggression date back centuries and all declare the same definite association between the two.

An increase in violence, frustration and aggressive behaviors occurs annually as the temperature rises. Psychological studies attribute our altered behaviors to the extreme physical discomfort that we feel at higher temperatures.

While it is impractical to recommend staying cool during the blistering Florida summer, and while we have no mechanism to lower the temperature, it is imperative that we recognize that we are all victims of the oppressive heat and more likely to lose our temper.

A 2022 study completed by the Environmental Health Department in the Boston University School of Public Health, found that an increased number of patients went to emergency rooms for mental health conditions as outdoor temperatures rose.

Interestingly, it was also noted that the number of penalties, in National Football League games, increased at higher temperatures!

It is my hope that if we recognize the effects of heat and humidity on our temperament and our behavior, perhaps we can take a few extra deep breaths and avoid altercations and incidents of aggression.

Think ... choose your words and actions more carefully ... separate yourself from potential altercations.

Avoiding stressful conditions, while difficult, may allow us to "keep our cool" and prevent behavioral escalation, road rage incidents, etc.

Let's have a safe and pleasurable summer here in Lee County!

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Ninth Annual Golf Tournament Supports The Heights Center's Youth Programs

Sept. 27 At The Plantation Golf And Country Club

The Heights Foundation announces its ninth annual benefit golf tournament, "Swing For The Kids," scheduled for Friday, Sept. 27, at The Plantation Golf and Country Club. Proceeds from the event will support The Heights Center's vital programs aimed at fostering strong, self-sufficient families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood of Fort Myers.



Last year's tournament raised more than \$41,000. This year, organizers aim to surpass that amount to further support initiatives such as School Success and the enriching summer camp programs at The Heights Center.

"The poverty rate for children in Harlem Heights is more than twice the county average," said Kathryn Kelly, founder and CEO of The Heights Foundation/The Heights Center. "This tournament will help support programs at The Heights Center including School Success and our enriching summer camp."

The event will begin with registration at 12:30 p.m., followed by a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. After a day on the course, participants can look forward to a delicious dinner buffet and awards ceremony.

Golfers and sponsors are encouraged to register soon. A foursome is \$650, and sponsorship opportunities that include golf packages and recognition are available. The deadline for sponsorship is Sept. 15, and the deadline for golfer registration is Sept. 20.

For more information about the tournament, to register, or to explore sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.heightsfoundation.org/golf or contact Annie Campbell at (239) 482-7706 or annie@heightsfoundation.org.

About The Heights Foundation/The Heights Center

The Heights Foundation works to build strong, self-sufficient families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood. Our mission is to support education and wellness, promote family and community development and provide the

benefits of enrichment and the arts. The Heights Center, supported by The Heights Foundation, is a place for education, opportunity and enrichment. Heights Early Learning serves more than 85 babies through 4 years old. The Heights Center serves 163 children in AfterSchool and 153 children in SummerCamp. The Harlem Heights Community Charter School serves 200 children from kindergarten through fifth grade.

Harlem Heights was originally settled as a rural agricultural community. Approximately 780 children live in a mixture of single-family homes and multifamily apartments. Demographically, the population is approximately 70 percent Hispanic, 20 percent African-American, and 8 percent Caucasian.

The poverty rate for children in Harlem Heights is more than twice the county average, with family income 40 percent below the county average. As a result, families cannot easily access family support services in downtown Fort Myers and benefit greatly from programs within the neighborhood.



John Muni, Pastor Russ Hurst, Scott Cray, Jay Wade

Town & River Civic Association Inc. Profit And Loss June 2024

	<u>Jun 24</u>	<u>Jan-Jun 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Income - Mandatory	0.00	10,680.00
Income - Voluntary	240.00	22,740.00
Total Income	<u>240.00</u>	<u>33,420.00</u>
Estoppel Preparation Income	0.00	2,000.00
Interest Income	21.78	69.49
Misc Income	5.52	5.52
Total Income	<u>267.30</u>	<u>35,495.01</u>
Expense		
Accounting Fees	1,140.00	2,715.00
Bank Fees	35.00	210.00
Corp Insurance	0.00	2,157.00
Email Service	0.00	522.33
Legal Expense	0.00	1,170.55
Mailing	0.00	1,273.95
Meeting Rooms	0.00	425.00
Newspaper Postage	0.00	796.20
PayPal Fees	24.12	259.12
Postage & Delivery	310.02	310.02
Secretary Expense	458.32	863.40
State Fee	61.25	61.25
Storage Expense	119.79	718.74
Website Maintenance	67.83	216.83
Total Expense	<u>2,216.33</u>	<u>11,699.39</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-1,949.03</u>	<u>23,795.62</u>
Net Income	<u>-1,949.03</u>	<u>23,795.62</u>

Town & River Civic Association Inc. Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2024

	<u>Jun 30, 24</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank 2580	6,744.48
First Citizens Bank - MMS	101,620.23
PayPal Account	2,845.25
Total Checking/Savings	<u>111,209.96</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	1,650.96
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>1,650.96</u>
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid, Lake Expense	3,498.31
Prepaid Insurance	6,358.14
Prepaid, Other Expense	646.17
Total Other Current Assets	<u>10,502.62</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>123,363.54</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>123,363.54</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Annual Dues, Advanced	613.18
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>613.18</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>613.18</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>613.18</u>
Equity	
Prior Year Fund Balance	98,954.74
Net Income	23,795.62
Total Equity	<u>122,750.36</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>123,363.54</u>



Bill Martin, Brad Dohack, Patrick Halvarson, Tom Lytton



Kathryn Kelly and Javier Salazar



Chris Dwyer, John Dwyer, Jim Dwyer, Tiernan Dwyer

Continental Women's Club

The Continental Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at The Hideaway Country Club.

Our September program will feature excerpts from *The Wizard of Oz Youth Edition* performed by the Fort Myers Theatre Youth Program. You are invited to join us to experience these very talented young people, and to learn more about Continental.

Continental Women's Club is a social, cultural and philanthropic organization established in 1975, and membership is open to women living in Lee County. We have many special

events and interest groups within our club that you can participate in for social and educational purposes throughout the month and the year. In addition, we contribute to many local charities and award two scholarships each year to senior high school girls who plan on furthering their education.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at The Hideaway Country Club, 5670 Trailwinds Drive, Fort Myers, 33907. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$26. Reservation deadline for Sept. 5 is Tuesday, Aug. 27. Please call Liz Paul at (239) 691-7561 for meal selection and to make a reservation.

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Other performances include a quartet at the Alliance for the Arts' Oct. 7 memorial event, commemorating the one-year anniversary of the Hamas attacks on Israel; a chamber concert at the Tribby at Shell Point on Nov. 7, featuring award-winning pianist Pricilla Navarro; and a Young People's Concert, *The Conductor's Spellbook*, led by Maestro Kirov, on Feb. 3 and 4. Season subscriptions and single tickets to select concerts are currently on sale.

To purchase tickets or learn more, visit swflso.org/tickets/.

The Southwest Florida Symphony debuted as a community orchestra on April 15, 1961, playing in schools

and community centers with a roster of only 24 volunteer musicians. Today, the symphony boasts a roster of 70 world-class professional musicians and is Lee County's only entirely professional orchestra. The Southwest Florida Symphony's 64th year continues the orchestra's tradition of artistic excellence and innovation as Interim Artistic Advisor Maestro Stilian Kirov leads a season of spectacular performances. Maestro Kirov was selected through a brief but intense process to bridge the symphony's artistic gap until a music director search is complete.

For more information about the Southwest Florida Symphony, upcoming season performances, and subscription and ticketing information, visit swflso.org or call (239) 418-1500.

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Catch The Action

August On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

Fishing or boating in Southwest Florida in August means dealing with hot days and thunderstorms. Fishing can be good, and often without much competition, if you plan your day to take advantage of conditions.

If you just want to have fun and a little fishing while relaxing, then the beaches are a good choice, especially if you are fishing with the family. Good numbers of snook are roaming the surf throughout the summer and are a sight fisherman's dream. Most snook are running 22 to 26 inches, but there are much bigger ones. Free lined pilchards, small pinfish, shrimp, white bucktail jigs, and a variety of small white flies or lures are top baits. Look for the fish right off the edge of the beach in the surf or near any submerged structure. Remember snook are catch and release only. Trout, mangrove snapper, whiting, flounder, pompano, mackerel and tarpon are a few of the other species you may hook into along the beach. Fish a little; swim a little, not a bad way to spend the day.

Summer gives us days with flat calm seas from early morning to midafternoon, perfect for offshore fishing. Our coastline is dotted with artificial reefs, many well within sight of land and GPS coordinates available to the public. If you are an inshore angler, 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.

A cool aspect when fishing around the reefs is you never know what you might hook into. Everything from a small snapper to 500-pound goliath grouper calls them home. To get the most out of the day you want an assortment of tackle that can manage the fish you target. 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 2- to 500-pound line. And many times, that's not heavy enough.



In between snapper and goliaths there's the possibility to hook Spanish and king mackerel, cobia, permit, barracuda, snook, sharks of all sizes, plus other species. Many anglers fish several different line class rods at a time targeting more than one species.

Armed with a variety of baits is the best way to catch multiple species. Small baits like shrimp, pilchards and little pinfish are great for snapper and other bottom fish; larger live bait is often the ticket for a big barracuda, snook, or cobia. Big bait, dead or alive is the choice for goliaths. If you want to hook a permit you need small live crabs, this is often the best bait for cobia as well. Anchoring up current of the structure with a quality block of chum is the best way to bring the action behind the boat.

Inshore, sea trout fishing is steady through the summer. Look for larger trout over areas of open water where shallow sandbars transition to deeper grass flats from 3 to 6 feet deep with good water movement. Schools of small baitfish concentrate 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.

Speaking of sharks, they are abundant throughout the inshore waters. Size can range from a couple of feet to

well over 10 feet. Fresh chunks of mullet or ladyfish and large live pinfish are top bait choices. Some days we do better fishing baits on bottom and other days suspending baits under a float does the trick. It's just fishing, don't be afraid to experiment to see what works for you.

Over higher tides target redfish and mangrove snapper under mangrove overhangs and other structure. You can catch a big redfish on a small bait but seldom hook a snapper on a large bait. Mangrove snapper are one of our tastier fish. If you want to catch some, small baits and hooks with a light leader are key. Inshore mangrove snapper numbers were on the rise through June and July, there should be plenty around this month.

It's a good idea to use the weather and tides to your advantage, especially over the hot days of August. Water temperature can change quickly, give us three or four days with bright sunny skies and the inshore waters quickly get hot, often slowing the bite. A couple rainy days with limited sunshine and water temperature will drop several degrees; this can trigger good fishing. If conditions allow, get an early start to the day for plenty of time on the water and back to a safe place ahead of the heat and afternoon storms.

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 28 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."

Consumer Alert

Recognize Business And Government Imposters Who Want Your Money

By Alvaro Puig, Consumer Education Specialist

Scammers pretending to be from the government tell convincing stories to steal your money or personal information. But now they're taking a new, layered approach — and here are some clues to spot it.

The scammers first say they're with a company and contact you about a routine problem, like suspicious charges on your Amazon account, a virus on your computer, or an account breach.

The story quickly escalates: They lie and say your name is involved in serious crimes and claim the court is about to seize the money in your bank account or retirement savings. (Also a lie.)

Next, they switch from being the bearer of bad news to acting like the hero. How? By (supposedly) connecting you to someone with the government to "help" you fix the problem.

But the person they transfer you to doesn't work for the government. And they don't help. They want to trick you into taking cash out of your bank or retirement account and giving it to someone.

Here's what to know about how scammers try to deceive you:

- Scammers try to convince you they're with the government to gain your trust by faking the caller ID to make it look like a government agency is calling.

- Scammers give you an employee ID or badge number or use the name of a real government employee.



- Scammers send official-looking letters with seals and make up government agency names that sound real but aren't.

Someone who works for the government won't tell you to get cash or gold and give it to someone. They won't tell you to pay with a gift card, wire transfer, payment app, or cryptocurrency. They won't tell you to keep your conversation a secret or to lie to anyone. They won't tell you to transfer money from your accounts to "protect" it or for any reason. Only scammers do those things.

Check out How To Avoid Imposter Scams for more advice. And to report an imposter scam to the FTC, go to ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

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From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Why Law Enforcement Agencies Must Address Animal Abuse

“They’re just animals.”
 “Why would animal abuse be so important to the sheriff?”
 “C’mon...it’s just a cat!”



We have heard many similar statements made over the years. After all, why should law enforcement agencies be so concerned about a dog? A cat? A cow?

While all animals share the right to safety and proper treatment, and while the Lee County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO)

proudly protects our community’s pets, livestock and wildlife, there are other issues, in regard to animal abuse, that the public must be aware of.

A United States Department of Justice study, “Animal Cruelty as a Gateway Crime,” shared information that we needed to share with our LCSO Animal Cruelty Task Force friends and supporters.

Consider this...
 “FBI analysis of the lives of notorious killers suggested that many, if not most, had killed or tortured animals as children. Examples include the following:

- Serial killer Henry Lee Lucas killed at least 11 people between 1960 and 1983. “As a young teenager, Lucas reported having sex with the animals whose throats (he and his half-brother) would cut open before performing bestiality. He often caught small animals and skinned them alive for pleasure.”
- Albert DeSalvo, the “Boston Strangler” who killed 13

women between 1962 and 1964, trapped dogs and cats in orange crates and then released them to attack each other.

- Between 1964 and 1973, serial killer Edmund Kemper committed at least eight murders. As a teen, he killed both grandparents and beheaded his own mother. “From a broken home, (Kemper) showed all the ‘early warning signs’ of violence to come ... playing death games with his sister, beheading her dolls and later cutting the family cat into pieces.”

- David Berkowitz, the “Son of Sam” killer who killed six and wounded several others in New York City in the mid-1970s, poisoned his mother’s parakeet.

- Dennis Rader, the BTK killer (“Bind, Torture, Kill” was his signature on letters to the authorities), killed 10 in Kansas between 1974 and 1991. It’s reported that he used to hang stray animals as a child.

- Jeffrey Dahmer, who raped, murdered and dismembered 17 men and boys between the years 1978 and 1991, reportedly would kill and skin animals and then soak their bones and mount them on stakes in his backyard.

- Patrick Sherill, who in 1986 killed 14 coworkers at an Oklahoma post office and then shot himself, had a history of stealing local pets and tying them to a fence with baling wire.

- In 1997 outside Jackson, Miss., Pearl High School student Luke Woodham stabbed his mother to death and then opened fire on classmates with a rifle, killing two and wounding seven others. Woodham had written of the torture and killing of his pet dog, calling it his “first kill.”

- In May 1998, 15-year-old Kip Kinkel shot his parents to death before emptying three guns at his classmates in Thurston High School in Oregon, leaving one dead and 26 injured. Kip had often bragged to others at school about how he tortured animals.

Our efforts to eliminate animal abuse and mistreatment in Lee County have taken many malicious and corrupt individuals off of the streets. There is no mechanism with which we can calculate the criminal activity and abuse that we have prevented by responding to and investigating allegations of animal abuse.

It is critical to remember that the vast majority of these arrests were initiated by a phone call from a concerned resident.

So ... even if you are of the opinion that “it’s just a cat,” please report any and all suspicions of abuse to the Lee County Sheriff’s Office or your local law enforcement agency.

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When It Needs To Be Perfect

Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

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

Crossword Solution from page 2

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Poker Tournament Raises \$52,500 For Boys & Girls Clubs Of Lee County

Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County's 12th annual No Limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament attracted 120 card sharks and poker fanatics who helped raise \$52,500 to support club programs.

Held June 27 at DoubleTree by Hilton Fort Myers at Bell Tower, the event started with a cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres before players saddled up at the poker table. After several hours of playing, Brad Dohack and Jordan Drew called a truce and were declared co-winners; Troy Perkins won third place.

Proceeds from the event help enhance Boys & Girls Clubs' After-School Program and Summer Enrichment Camp. Both programs serve Lee County youth ages 6 through 18 and focus on five core areas: education and career, service and leadership, health and wellness, the arts, and sports and recreation.

"The poker tournament has become one of our signature fundraising events, and revenue helps support our core programs as well as provide scholarships that allow additional families to register their children," said Denise Gergley, CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County. "Like our annual golf outing, the poker tournament is a great opportunity for participants to showcase their competitive spirit while making a difference for children and teens in our community."

Scanlon Auto Group was the event's World Champion Sponsor. Additional sponsors included Tomahawk Construction, Geraghty Stockman Attorneys at Law, LMCU, First Horizon, Quattrone & Associates, Barron Collier Companies, DoubleTree by Hilton and Total Electric.

About Boys & Girls Clubs Of Lee County

Established in 1974, Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County serve children and teens through school-based, neighborhood and community club locations. The nonprofit's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. After-school and summer programs focus on five core areas: education and career, service and leadership, health and wellness, the arts, and sports and recreation. For more information, please visit BGClee.org or call (239) 334-1886.



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