

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

Island Hopper Singer-Songwriter ACMA Showcase

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 25
Time: 6:30 p.m. Cocktails, 7:30 p.m. Concert
Location: SBDAC's Grand Atrium
Cost: General admission, \$10; week of concert, \$15

General admission is first-come, first-served seating. Call Box Office for more information at (239) 333-1933.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is excited to once again present some of the best local songwriters as part of this year's Island Hopper Showcase. All artists are members of the Americana Community Music Association (ACMA), a Fort Myers-based nonprofit that promotes year-round original music.



the Will McLean Festival in Brooksville, Fla.; and numerous times in the BMI-sponsored Island Hopper Songwriter Festival. For four years, he hosted the weekly Songwriter Circle at the Americana Community Music Association located in Fort Myers, Fla. Though he occasionally will do selected covers, originals are his preference.

Robert Bidney is a singer-songwriter whose messages are as strong as his melodies. A seasoned performer, Bidney connects with his audiences through his infectious energy and emotional performances. He has recorded three studio albums to date. An eclectic array of artists around the world have covered his songs, and he's credited with a number of national radio and TV jingles. *Thank Goodness*, Bidney's third album, was among the 50 most-played albums on folk radio upon its release in 2023. Bidney was a winner in the 2023 first annual "Music for Humanity" songwriting contest and was a finalist in the 2023 International Acoustic Music Awards. Bidney's work has been praised by Ben Fong-Torres of *Rolling Stone*, Lee Zimmerman of *Goldmine Magazine*, and Jon Stein of WTBQ 93.5 FM in New York, among others.



Roy Schneider, founding member of the Americana duo Reckless Saints, has been performing his original music throughout the United States and abroad for the past two decades. His songs have thrice made him a NewFolk Finalist at the Kerrville Folk Festival (Texas), a contestant



on NBC's *The Voice* – Season 5, and placed him in the Telluride Acoustic Blues competition (Colorado). *No Depression* called him "a songwriter in the grandest tradition of Steve Earle, Lucinda Williams, Guy Clark, and Lyle Lovett, but with a voice, songwriting skill, stagecraft and instrumental talent all his own." In April 2023, Roy and Reckless Saints partner, Kim Mayfield, released a new album titled *Blue Twangled Folk'n'Roll*, and are currently making preparations for a new live-in-studio record for 2025.

Karen Cohen's eclectic guitar playing will perk up your ears, while her singing and songwriting will dovetail your heart. Her voice captures the emotional essence of her songs and resonates with our own personal experience. Her writing is full of imagery, and her melodies are as diverse as



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Bios

Bill Metts started singing and playing guitar during the Country Blues revival of the 1960s and fell in love with the art of finger-style guitar. He has performed at the prestigious Mississippi John Hurt Blues Festival; the world-famous "Ground Zero" in Clarksdale, Miss.;



Fort Myers YMCA To Host Annual River Nights Charity Event On Oct. 5

The Fort Myers YMCA is thrilled to announce its Annual River Nights Charity Event, taking place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the historic Burroughs Home and Garden. This elegant evening promises to be a night to remember, featuring an open bar, delectable heavy hors d'oeuvres, live and silent auctions, music and dancing under the stars.

All proceeds from the River Nights Charity Event are dedicated to providing essential services to children and families in our community. These funds will support the Fort Myers YMCA's scholarship program, ensuring that every child has access to safe, enriching after-school care, summer camp, swim lessons, sports, wellness programs, health education and more, regardless of the ability to pay.

"The Fort Myers YMCA is committed to serving the children and families in our community, providing a safe and nurturing environment where they can learn, grow and thrive," said Suzie Starks, Fort Myers YMCA executive director. "Events like River Nights are crucial in helping us raise the necessary funds to continue offering these vital programs and services. We invite everyone to join us for a wonderful evening and support our mission."

By participating in the River Nights Charity Event, attendees will directly contribute to the YMCA's

efforts in making a positive impact on the lives of local children and families. This event is an opportunity to enjoy an unforgettable night while supporting a cause that strengthens the community.

For more details or to purchase sponsorships and tickets, please visit River Nights Charity Event website or email Suzie Starks at Suzies@ymcaswfl.org or (239) 275-9622.

About YMCA Of Southwest Florida

YMCA of Southwest Florida is a leading nonprofit strengthening Southwest Florida communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Driven by its founding mission, the Y has served as a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community for more than 175 years. The Y empowers everyone, no matter who they are or where they're from, by ensuring access to resources, relationships and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. By bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and generations, the Y aims to improve overall health and well-being, ignite youth empowerment and demonstrate the importance of connections in and across Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Desoto, Hendry and Glades counties.



Downtown Fort Myers In September Art Walk

Art Walk

Sept. 6, 5 To 9 p.m.

Join us for September Art Walk! You'll find local vendors, crafters, and artists demonstrating and selling their unique works of art from a wide variety of mediums.



Music Walk

Sept. 20, 6 To 10 p.m.

The streets of downtown Fort Myers come alive for a one-night-only concert showcasing musicians of all talent levels and a variety of styles!

Free to attend! Fun for all ages.

For information contact **Lauri Langone**, (239) 313-5129, llangone@rdafortmyers.com.



All are encouraged to attend our next Board meeting on Sept. 12!

The Board does not meet June, July or August.

South Pointe South Clubhouse
9734 Foxglove Circle, Fort Myers.

Check out our new website
www.townandriverfl.com.

Crossword Puzzle

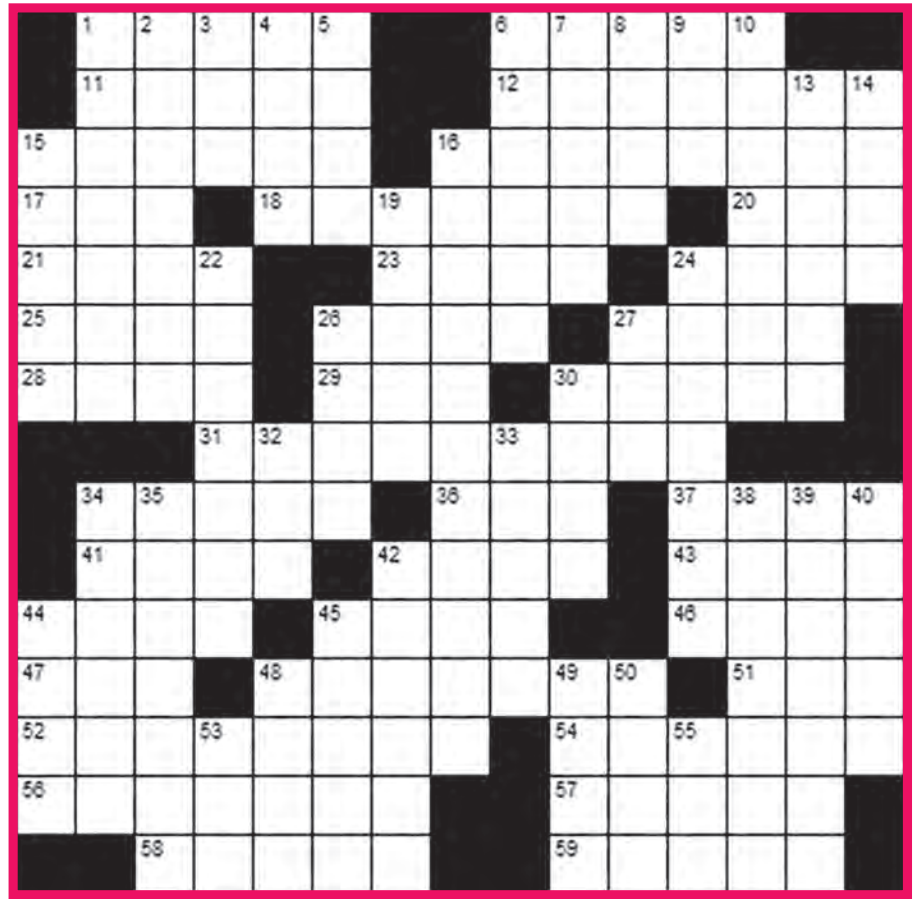
Across

- 1. Desert plants
- 6. Gave birth to
- 11. Fruit of the oak tree
- 12. Extraordinary
- 15. Imbecile
- 16. Flashy
- 17. Appropriate
- 18. Large flightless bird
- 20. Driveway surface
- 21. A place to swim
- 23. Miami basketball team
- 24. Rubber wheel
- 25. Sea eagle
- 26. Bargain
- 27. Which person?
- 28. Stair
- 29. Circle fragment
- 30. Fixes socks
- 31. Secretariat, e.g.
- 34. Beach
- 36. Large flightless bird
- 37. Combines
- 41. Sail holder
- 42. Baby's bed

- 43. Illustrated
- 44. Compassion
- 45. Hang around
- 46. Indian dress
- 47. Every last one
- 48. Think likely
- 51. Pale
- 52. Baronages
- 54. Affectionate
- 56. Presumes
- 57. Growing old
- 58. Dispatches
- 59. Blockade

Down

- 1. Garage alternative
- 2. Common solvent
- 3. Camp bed
- 4. Threesome
- 5. Hotels
- 6. Interment
- 7. Legislate
- 8. Talk effusively
- 9. Fire residue
- 10. Fee paid for instruction
- 13. Alerts
- 14. Stringed instrument
- 15. Flowing garments
- 16. Betrayals
- 19. Not here
- 22. Hansen's disease
- 24. Apparel
- 26. Minnow-like fish
- 27. Past tense of to be
- 30. Defeat decisively
- 32. Paintings
- 33. Leaves out
- 34. Grins
- 35. Bareheaded
- 38. Illustrating



- 39. Drive crazy
- 40. Musical genre
- 42. Gentle touch
- 44. Daddy
- 45. Engaged
- 48. Angry outburst
- 49. "Oh dear!"
- 50. Cartoon bear
- 53. Regret
- 55. Compete

Crossword Solution on page 6

Word Scramble

Weather

By *Ellie Neal* Etesl Duhnret
 Nithggini Obnriaw Dcolyu
 Woonsstrm Hcrueirha Liha
 Anir Ccoyelrn Wson
 Doonrat

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Sudoku Puzzle

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

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Voting

Start By Registering To Vote

Each of Florida's 67 counties has a Supervisor of Elections. This is an elected official that manages the elections for that county. If you are just beginning the voting process, Google **Supervisor of Elections and the name of your county** (i.e. "Supervisor of Elections Lee County"). You can find out how to register to vote (or confirm that you are already registered) and you can find out how to request a mail-in ballot on this website.

In Florida, the deadline to register to vote in the General Election on Nov. 5 is **Monday, Oct. 7** (registertovoteflorida.gov/home).

If you would like to request a mail-in ballot in Florida, vote-by-mail ballot requests must be received by 5 p.m. on the Thursday 12 days prior to the election (Florida Statute 101.62). This date is **Thursday, Oct. 24**.

An easy place to start out if you are completely flummoxed is the National Association of Secretaries of State webpage titled **Can I Vote** (nass.org/can-i-vote). Good luck!

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Consumer Alert

Scammers Impersonate Airline Customer Service Representatives

By Alvaro Puig, Consumer Education Specialist

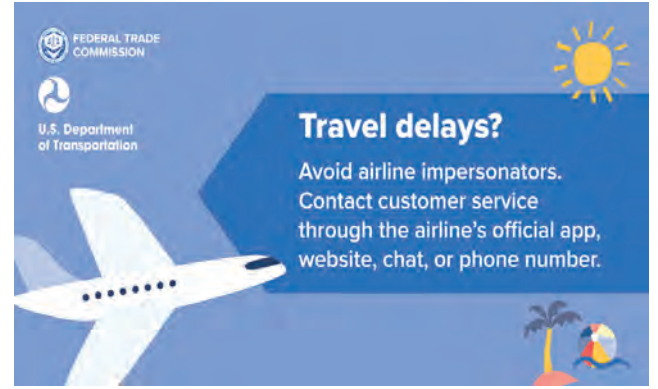
Most people can probably agree that there are few things more frustrating than airline delays or cancellations that leave you stranded at the airport. Whether the issues are the result of an unprecedented event like the Crowdstrike glitch that grounded thousands of flights worldwide, or more common disturbances like weather delays, desperate travelers often turn to social media for help from the airlines. Opportunistic scammers know this, and they're lurking behind fake accounts trying to steal travelers' information.

Scammers crawl social media looking for posts from upset travelers. They reach out to them through

fake social media accounts and pretend to be an airline customer service representative who's there to help. The scammers ask passengers for a slew of information, like their booking confirmation number, phone number or bank account. Or they send passengers to a spoofed site that harvests their personal information and use it to steal the passenger's identity or rack up charges on their accounts.

If you're dealing with travel troubles, here's how to avoid getting re-routed to an airline impersonator:

- Log in to your airline account and contact customer service through the airline's official app, website, chat or phone number.
- If you're at the airport, speak to a customer service representative in person.
- If you reach out through social media, find the airline's official social media page on their website. Look for a verification symbol or badge. And never give out personal information on social media.



If someone stole your personal information, go to IdentityTheft.gov to report it and get recovery steps. And report imposters to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Visit FlightRights.gov to learn about the airline passenger protections you are entitled to, or to file a complaint with the Department of Transportation (DOT) if an airline is not treating you fairly.



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When It Needs To Be Perfect

Sanibel Island location opening Black Friday

From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Shopping Center/Mall Safety Tips



Malls and shopping centers are excellent places to make purchases of all kinds and, as a result, these locations tend to be well populated and teeming with activity.

Shoppers migrate from store to store, occasionally stopping to eat or for a cup of coffee, and all too often pay little attention to the people around them and/or their surroundings.

Shopping with young children complicates matters as we must closely monitor their whereabouts and behaviors despite carrying packages, trying on clothing, navigating the mall, etc.

A number of my previous "Safety & Security Tips" address "situational awareness" and today's message will, once again, remind residents and guests of the importance of understanding your surroundings, familiarizing yourself with potential hazards and being in a position to effectively respond in the event of an emergency.

Walk confidently while demonstrating that you are paying attention to your environment. Distractions, such as smartphones, may send a message that you are not paying attention. Would be wrongdoers attempt to operate covertly and target unsuspecting victims. By constantly monitoring the people in your vicinity and that which is going on around you, you dramatically reduce the likelihood that you will be caught off-guard.

Try to avoid overburdening yourself with too many packages or large packages that are difficult to carry. Additionally, keep all of your bags and purchases within your site.

Never display large sums of cash and, other than while making payment at the register, avoid handling cash in public.

Those carrying handbags, purses and similar items should consider carrying/wearing them "cross-body" with the clasp or flap facing your body.

It is critical to remember where you parked and, when returning to your vehicle, have your keys/key fob in your hand.

Many of us enjoy the shopping experience, the activity and bustle at the mall and the interesting people that we encounter. It is, however, incumbent upon shoppers to remain attentive and to reduce the likelihood of victimization.

Be alert! Be safe!

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the stories behind the songs. Karen's roots run deep in pre-war fingerstyle blues, '60s and '70s folk music, and she has an affinity for women guitar players of those eras. She will have you leaning in! Karen lives in Punta Gorda, Fla. She is currently performing at multiple folk festivals around Florida, ACMA events, and community showcases.

Bruce Gallant has been writing songs for over 40 years, using them as a journal to reflect the different times in his life. "I started writing songs in my late 20s and have never stopped. Anything of importance in my life is in one of my songs. Writing is essential for my survival." Bruce is also on the board of the Americana Community Music Association and hosts the weekly Singer-Songwriting Circle.



What's Blooming At Edison And Ford Winter Estates?

A Look At Bamboo

By Karen M. Maxwell, Horticultural Specialist

During our hot, humid, rainy season – the climate trifecta to grow subtropical and tropical bamboo – is the perfect time to see bamboo growing at Edison and Ford Winter Estates and gain a brief understanding of this 30-million-year-old plant.

The towering stands of bamboo observed by Edison may have been planted along the riverbank by former Virginian, the Major James Evans who surveyed Fort Myers in 1872 and resided here until his death in 1901. His stand was described as "huge ... growing 35 to 40 feet in just six months." In our historic botanical records, the species of bamboo is not identified, but this growth-rate clue, told modern botanists it was not native bamboo, which naturally occurred as erosion control. Our two native bamboos: Switchcane (*Arundinaria gigantea*) is not documented to grow this far south in Florida and Little Cane (*Lasiacis divaricate*) also known as wild cane or wild bamboo, only grows to a height of 6 feet and with weak culms, often falls over. Neither of these could be mistaken for the impressive stands that captivated Thomas Edison.

More than 1,700 species of bamboo grow worldwide, principally in subtropical and tropical zones, a few are considered hardy. In Fort Myers where the Estates is located, we are in USDA Zone 10b, which is considered subtropical. A plant that grows so readily, without the need for pesticides, herbicides, etc., is an ethnobotany star. Plentiful in the land of panda bears, evolutionary adaptations have replaced meat with bamboo as their diet staple with high protein energy, good fiber and water, allowing bears to go up to two days without drinking water. Young shoots are a popular vegetable in Asian cuisine.

Taxonomically speaking, bamboo is not a simple plant – yes, it is in the grass family, Poaceae, which is the fifth largest plant family on earth, but also the No. 1 economically important plant family as it includes wheat, rice, corn, etc. Bamboo reaches full maturity in five years or so, and it does not require fertilizer to grow well. Harvesting regularly encourages growth at rates far faster than hardwood tree stands.

Bamboo is in the taxonomical subfamily Bambusoideae and then further refined by tribes, but that is as far as I'm willing to take our botanical enthusiasts in this article. Generally, most temperate bamboo is of the running variety – where underground rhizomes spread and sprout – while most tropical and subtropical varieties are clumpers; new culms (shoots) arise from the core of the original plant, have shorter root structures and grow in a distinct circle.

It is unclear where the English word bamboo originates – perhaps with early Portuguese sailors or derived from the Malay? All bamboo plants are considered evergreen, woody, and flowering with hollow, jointed stems (culms). Flowering? This is perhaps one of the most interesting features of bamboo – they have different flowering patterns depending on genus: sporadic, continuous or gregarious.

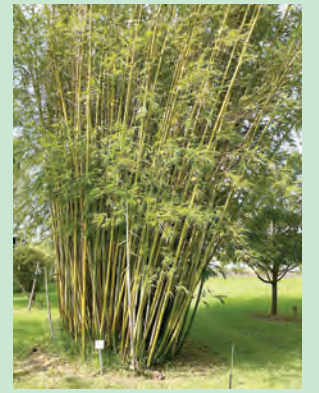
As the name implies, a sporadic flowering bamboo may produce flowers on individual clumps, and it may be triggered by some sort of stress. A continuously flowering bamboo, including our Sacred Bali Bamboo (*Schizostachyum brachycadum*) produces inconspicuous flowers throughout the year. Initial growth is in small culms, or shoots. As they mature, new culms will be wider, until the plant reaches maturity in five to seven years when all new culms emerge at the maximum diameter of the specific variety, in this case two to three inches.

The third class of flowering bamboo is known as gregarious. This is the most interesting and perhaps mystical of them all. The term gregarious means that a gregarious genus of bamboo, regardless of where it is growing in the world (i.e., at Edison Ford, in China, in your backyard, or at Kew Gardens in London) will all flower once, then die (monocarpy) at the same time until new seedlings start up and repeat the process – a new stand maturing in three to seven years. Most of us have probably never experienced this, as the cycle between flowering episodes for the gregarious bamboo range from 25 years to as much as 150 years.

Our Dwarf Buddha Belly bamboo (*Bambusa vulgaris 'Wamin'*) is one of those species. The Buddha Belly bamboo is perhaps the most easily recognized species of bamboo due to its swollen internodal growths. It typically grows in



Visitors can see many types of bamboo growing at Edison and Ford Winter Estates. When Thomas Edison first arrived at the property that became his winter retreat, it is believed that the bamboo growing along the shore enticed him to purchase the property. At the time, he was experimenting with different materials for a lightbulb filament and bamboo had a longer burn time than many other materials.



a zig-zag pattern which can be encouraged by stressing the plant with a little less water and lopping off the tops once each year. Be careful not to overstress and thus kill the bamboo by withholding water for too long – if its leaves start to curl, give it some water!

Another gregarious flowering bamboo is the desirable Black Bamboo, (*Phyllostachys nigra*), native to China. The new culms emerge green and take three to five years to blacken. This genus is hardy, vigorous, and a runner but only grows to approximately 35 feet tall. Alternatively, Black Timor Bamboo (*Bambusa lako*) is a tropical, clumping bamboo which will grow to great heights of 50 to 60 feet.

It is primarily tropical bamboo, which grow in amazing colors; two of our favorites is the Golden Hawaiian Bamboo, a cultivar of the so-called Common Bamboo (*B. vulgaris vittata*), which produces bright yellow culms with rich green stripes to a height of 50 feet and our Dwarf Blue (*B. chungii 'Barballata'*), both clumping plants. Full sun will bring out the best colors in bamboo, and with all species of bamboo, older culms should be pruned out every three years.

One of our most versatile bamboo, Oldham Bamboo (*Bambusa oldhamii*) has several common names, including Sweet Shoot Bamboo and Giant Timber Bamboo. This clumper is one of the fastest growing, drought tolerant species and is hardy down to 20 degrees. It grows to 65 feet with powdery green culms maturing to yellow with sufficient sun.

It's important to note that *Phyllostachys aurea*, Golden Bamboo is an invasive species and should not ever be planted. Many other running bamboos are very aggressive and not appropriate for a landscape. If you would like to plant some bamboo in your landscape, be sure to select a clumping species, rather than one that is running so that it doesn't take over your yard and your neighbor's.

All photographs by K. Maxwell

Town & River Civic Association Inc.	
Balance Sheet	
As of July 31, 2024	
	Jul 31, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank 2580	5,545.00
First Citizens Bank - MMS	101,641.75
PayPal Account	3,655.49
Total Checking/Savings	110,842.24
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	820.64
Total Accounts Receivable	820.64
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid, Lake Expense	5,083.84
Prepaid Insurance	6,358.14
Prepaid, Other Expense	578.34
Total Other Current Assets	12,020.32
Total Current Assets	123,683.20
TOTAL ASSETS	123,683.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Annual Dues, Advanced	853.18
Total Other Current Liabilities	853.18
Total Current Liabilities	853.18
Equity	
Prior Year Fund Balance	98,954.74
Net Income	23,875.28
Total Equity	122,830.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	123,683.20

Town & River Civic Association Inc.		
Profit And Loss		
July 2024		
	Jul 24	Jan-Jul 24
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Income		
Income - Mandatory	0.00	10,680.00
Income - Voluntary	120.00	22,860.00
Total Income	120.00	33,540.00
Estoppel Preparation Income	500.00	2,500.00
Interest Income	27.04	96.53
Misc Income	0.00	5.52
Total Income	647.04	36,142.05
Expense		
Accounting Fees	315.00	3,030.00
Bank Fees	35.00	245.00
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	29.76	288.88
Postage & Delivery	0.00	310.02
Secretary Expense	0.00	863.40
State Fee	0.00	61.25
Storage Expense	119.79	838.53
Website Maintenance	67.83	284.66
Total Expense	567.38	12,266.77
Net Ordinary Income	79.66	23,875.28
Net Income	79.66	23,875.28

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NEW OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION REQUEST

Town & River Civic Association Inc.
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Fort Myers, FL 33919

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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”.

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Catch The Action

September On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

September brings 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 boats 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 structures 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 lunger 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 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 fishing with live or natural bait, circle hooks are the way to go. Traveling in schools redfish are competing for food and suck down bait pretty quickly. The use of circle hooks reduces the chance of gut-hooking and allows for a healthy release.

Sea trout are 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.

Inshore mangrove snapper fishing was good through the summer and should continue into September. Snapper school up around some type of structure that could include bridge pilings, docks, piers, oyster bars, creeks, mangroves shorelines, bar edges, or any type of man-made or natural structure. Offshore, they are over artificial reefs and limestone ledges. Scale down your tackle with a light fluorocarbon leader of 20 pounds or lighter and small hooks. Best baits include shrimp (live or dead), small pilchards or pinfish, and a variety of cut baits. Chumming is a great option to attract snapper and get them fired up. Snapper are one of our best tasting fish.

Sharks of all sizes are roaming the inshore and offshore waters. They commonly show up while catching other fish and often take your hooked fish during the fight. Sharks offer a great option for a fun and hard fighting fish. A chunk of fresh meat from a ladyfish, jack crevalle, mullet, or bonito gets their attention. Make sure and use a couple of feet of wire leader, braid or single strand. Tarpon aren't in the big schools like a few months ago but are around



and may appear anywhere inshore and nearshore. Tarpon can be finicky, the best time to hook one is early morning and late afternoon into the night.

Offshore, after a hot summer, water temperatures begin dropping bringing fish closer to shore in shallower depths. Plus, pelagic species begin moving down the coast. Gag grouper season reopens in September while red grouper remains closed. American red snapper season has open days on and

off through September. Make sure and check current seasons before heading offshore. Artificial reefs that dot our coast, along with hard bottom and ledges in 30- to 70-foot depths are great locations to catch a variety of different fish from small to large.

Stay up to date with fishing regulations 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.

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, this is the month. 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 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."



Word Scramble Solution from page 2

Lightning	Sleet	Thunder
Snowstorm	Rainbow	Cloudy
Rain	Hurricane	Hail
Tornado	Cyclone	Snow

Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

6	1	8	9	7	4	2	3	5
9	2	3	1	5	8	6	7	4
4	7	5	6	2	3	8	9	1
1	4	2	3	6	7	9	5	8
3	5	7	2	8	9	1	4	6
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7	9	6	5	3	1	4	8	2
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Crossword Solution from page 2

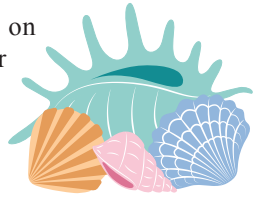
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Montage Women's Club

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 and 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, Sept. 26. Our speaker will be Carolyn Sudol, a local shell expert. Carolyn shares lots of information about various shells and utilizes her great sense of humor to keep the audience engaged in her lecture.



The luncheon fee is \$28, and you always have a choice between either a regular menu entree or a vegan/plant-based entree.

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. The reservation cutoff to attend this meeting is noon, Thursday, Sept. 19.

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Friday, Sept. 27, 1:30 p.m., Shotgun Start

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The Heights Foundation/Heights Center Golf Tournament supports school success, including our summer camp and after-school programs. We provide safe, supportive, fun programs for children after school hours and during the summer. These programs allow parents to work and children to connect with needed resources, including academic tutoring. Many of the children in after-school also benefit from daily music instruction.

Sponsorship deadline is Friday, Sept. 15. The golfer registration deadline is Sept. 20.

Event Schedule

Registration: 12:30 p.m.
Shotgun Start: 1:30 p.m.
Dinner Buffet and Awards: 6 p.m.

Sponsor Levels

Title Sponsor (eight players): \$10,000
Trophy Sponsor (eight players): \$5,000
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Birdie Sponsor (four players): \$1,000
Hole Sponsor: \$250
Foursome: \$650
Single Player: \$175

Existing Sponsors

Ace Sponsor: Owen Ames Kimball
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For more information, visit <https://heightsfoundation.org/golf/>.

About The Heights Foundation

The foundation was formed in response to a stunning realization during a church outreach on Thanksgiving in 1999. While delivering a simple Thanksgiving dinner, volunteers found a family of eight living in abject poverty and substandard conditions. The parents and their six children, ages 3 to 10, lived in a rented, concrete block duplex with no hope of change. They were paying their rent in cash to a neighbor, who was later discovered to be in jail. Through seed money from private individuals, the foundation began developing projects to meet the specific needs of families living in the Heights community, starting with the purchase and renovation of a home dubbed the "House of Hope." The years since the formation of the foundation have seen great improvements in living conditions, infrastructure and access to needed services. The foundation also acts as a resource and referral service and is a safety net of last resort.



Town & River Cruise Club Membership Application

Name: _____
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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
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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

Mark Your Calendar For The Craftie Ladies' Fall Craft Fair

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

The Craftie Ladies of St. John XXIII Catholic Church are once again having their Fall Craft Fair.

If you've been to one of our craft fairs before, you know we have a large variety of top quality, homemade items for sale. In addition to our well-known, exquisite quilts, afghans and hand-knit and crocheted items, there will be pillows, table runners, placemats/napkins, handmade rosaries, jewelry, mother/daughter aprons, tooth fairy pillows, novel baby items, lots of lovely holiday décor, including our fabulous wreaths, and so much more!

Some of our always fabulous raffle baskets include BBQ, Evening in Paris, Chocolate, Cat, Dog, and Layette baskets, plus more made by our wonderfully talented women. The drawing for each basket will take place at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10. You don't have to be present to win!

Come and join us on:
Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and
Sunday, Nov. 10 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Craftie Ladies came together 15 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:

- A.C.T.
- Blankets And Blessings
- Eva's Closet
- St. John XXIII Villas
- St. Martin De Porres



We hope to see you at our Fall Craft Fair at St. John XXIII Catholic Church Parish Life Center, located on Palomino Lane, just north of Daniels Parkway. Stop by, have a chat and maybe get some early shopping done.

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| 13440 CAUSEWAY PALMS COVE | \$439,000 |
| 13450 CAUSEWAY PALMS COVE | \$439,000 |
| 5010 GUNN PL LABELLE | \$425,000 |
| 3846 NW 42ND PL CAPE CORAL | \$424,900 |
| 13430 CAUSEWAY PALMS COVE | \$415,000 |
| 14983 RIVERS EDGE CT 129 | \$398,500 |
| D9 BOAT SLIP 50 FT GULF HARBOUR | \$270,000 |
| B21 BOAT SLIP 48 FT GULF HARBOUR | \$265,000 |
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