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President's Column

Every day that passes means we are getting more and more into hurricane season. It's time to check your hurricane plan including what you need to stay in your home and what you will need if you have to evacuate. Do you have batteries for your flashlights? Food that does not need cooking?



Sufficient water for everyone? Do you know how you will protect your windows? Your evacuation destinations? Have you had your car checked lately for long distance driving if that is your plan?

Suffice it to say, it is time for a family meeting. Let kids know they are responsible for figuring out how to entertain themselves with no electricity or in the car if you evacuate. Don't forget plans for your pets. Are their vaccinations up to date? Do you have carriers? Water? Food?

Look around your yard. Do you or your neighbors have things outdoors that could be missiles in a storm? Are the nearby storm drains clear? When did you last trim your trees?

Pruned trees are more likely to weather the storms.

Do you have neighbors who may need help? What can you do to get them storm ready? Have you downloaded the Lee Prepares app on your phone? Do you have flood insurance? You cannot buy flood insurance right before a storm. If you don't have it, this is the time to buy. My opinion is that my home is my largest single investment. I want to insure it. Take photos of your insurance and other paperwork so that you have it available.

There's much more. Most of the media companies have online Hurricane Guides that are very helpful. Check them out. In the meantime, enjoy your summer!

Report On The Effort To Dredge The Entrance To Whiskey Creek

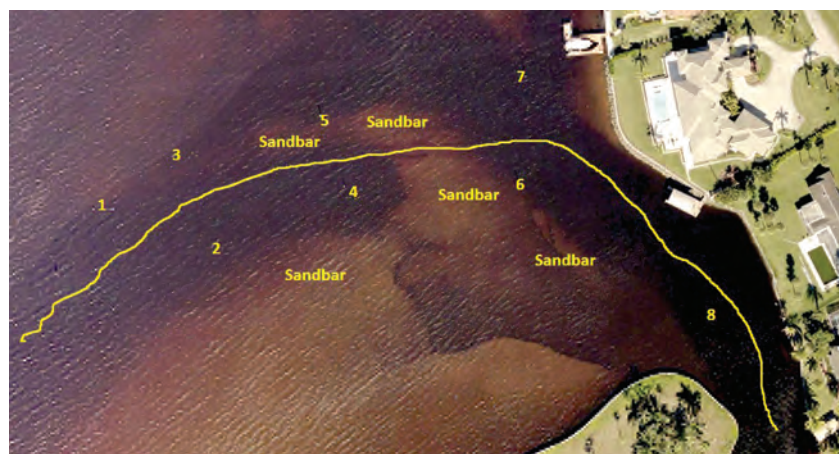
An organizational meeting by the Dredge Committee to discuss the dredging of the Whiskey Creek channel in the river was held at the Whiskey Creek Country Club on Wednesday, June 26. Forty residents attended.

The main topic was the necessity to obtain 50 percent plus 1 votes to initiate a dredging program to be overseen by Lee County. There are approximately 285 properties that actually front on the navigable inland waterway that is served by the Whiskey Creek channel. To proceed with the dredging application to the county, 143 "yes" votes are necessary. A link to the documents and extended information which were handed out or discussed at the meeting is posted on www.savewhiskeycreek.com.

Signature sheets for all streets involved (see the website) are being circulated by residents going door to door in the affected neighborhoods both inside Whiskey Creek Estates and outside. Once the 50 percent plus 1 level is attained, then the committee will submit the application to Lee County. It is expected to take at least one year to gain all permits. Members of the organizing committee have already paid the \$500 application fee to the county. If you want to sign the petition now, please contact the leader of the committee, Tom Doyle, at tdoylesoe@gmail.com.

If the program goes through, the owners of all 285 properties which would benefit from being on navigable water will be accessed the actual cost of dredging the channel via property tax on a prorated basis over a five- to 15-year period. No owner **not** fronting on the navigable waterfront accessed by the Whiskey Creek river channel will have to participate or be billed in any way for this dredging project.

It was strongly brought to the attention of all present that this effort is about property value maintenance, not boating. The seriousness of lowered property values due to lack of a navigable waterway was reinforced by one of the attendees who is involved in local real estate. The hardest



hitting comment was that if the waterway access to the river is closed off and **not** navigable, the owners still have to pay the premium water frontage property taxes and their property value will go down. With the ability to navigate the waterway, owners get the benefit of increased property value and the use of the waterway. This is **not** about boat owners, it is about property values of all those residences on the waterway.

The project is limited to the 300 feet of the marked channel from the mouth of the creek and out into the river. This is **not** a proposal to dredge the multiple inland portions of Whiskey Creek or any canals accessing the river portion of the channel.

The next step in this project is to collect signatures of 50 percent plus 1 owners of the affected properties so we can engage with the county to start permitting, estimate the cost, and obtain written agreements with all property owners. Once all the legal details are resolved, then all 285 property owners will be contacted with legal documents to fund the project.

*Reporting for the Dredging Committee,
Dr. Michael Echols*

Citizens' Climate Lobby

Volunteers Making A Difference For Our Environment

A nonprofit volunteer advocacy group called Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) in Fort Myers is focused on understanding the challenges we face from climate change and finding a bipartisan climate solution. CCL is a nationwide organization with 546 chapters throughout the country, and there are Florida chapters in Fort Myers and in other major cities in Florida.

CCL is science-based, and nonpartisan, holding core values of focus, optimism, relationships, integrity, and personal power. CCL is also committed to working with other environmental organizations toward creating a path

that leads us to improved health for humans, nature, and our economy.

CCL's outreach efforts have helped to educate citizens and elected officials about the serious impact of global warming on our health, and our future as a sustainable planet. CCL has helped to create political will in our representatives, culminating in a bill called the **Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA) (HR 763)**, sponsored by Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL) and co-sponsored by Francis Rooney (R-FL).

Since its introduction in January, the EICDA has gained the support or endorsement of local civic organizations in Southwest Florida, and from major environmental and business organizations throughout the country.

For more information, please visit the CCL website at citizensclimatelobby.org, or contact the group by email at fortmyersccl@gmail.com.

Clear Drains

During my morning walks around Whiskey Creek I notice many of our street drains clogged with debris and/or garbage. We all need to be mindful to check these outside our homes regularly to keep them clear. Heavy rain and winds are all too common here and we need to avoid flooding! Let's work together to keep our community safe and clean.

Sudoku Puzzle

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Crossword Puzzle

Across

- It delivers babies?
- World War I plane
- Grizzly
- Claw
- High fidelity
- Tibetan monk
- Mountain crest
- Absorb written material
- Aquiver
- Currant-like berry
- Hint
- Bird call
- Creator
- A spurlike projection
- Prosperous periods
- Take forcibly
- Truly
- Dossier
- Stilts
- Chills and fever
- Ornaments
- Play the bagpipes
- Sarcasm
- Internal-combustion engine
- In base 8
- Put clothing on
- Dwarf buffalo
- Swear in
- Arm or leg
- Autumn
- Lubricated
- Dirt
- Midmonth date
- Flip over
- A single time
- Carryall
- Squalid

Down

- Male deer
- Tropical tuber
- Margarine
- Decomposes
- Patella
- Termagant
- Jetty
- A long way off

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- Twin or double
- Type of harmless snake
- American symbol
- French for "Love"
- Anger
- Tavern
- French for "Friend"
- Manacle
- Largest continent
- Quiet time
- Praiseworthy
- Tummy
- 1 1 1 1
- Thug
- Auspices
- Attraction
- Scream
- Productive
- Historic period
- Curved
- Man's best friend
- Scallion
- Comedian
- Coarse edible red seaweed
- Plus
- Zero
- Beers
- Fully developed
- Away from the wind
- Care for
- Countercurrent

Crossword Solution on page 6



Strike Out Cancer

Join us for a community bowling event to raise money for a good cause – to help fight cancer; Saturday, Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at HeadPinz Entertainment Center, 14513 Global Parkway, Fort Myers. Registration is \$20 for individuals. Teams of four bowlers must preregister and the cost is \$75.



The first 75 bowlers registered will receive an event T-shirt and attendees will have the opportunity to win prizes. Sponsor opportunities are available. Please visit our website to register and for more information, <https://21stcenturycare.org/event/strike-out-cancer/>.



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Membership

By Gordon Lytle

As of July 1, 551 families have joined or renewed their memberships in the Whiskey Creek Civic Association for the year 2019. Of these, 35 families were newly enrolled. We are glad to welcome these to our community. The names of those who have joined since June 1 are listed below (except for those who requested that their names not be published).

- John A. and Barbara M. Buch
- Victor E. and Candie P. Delnore
- Susan K. and Devon E. Jones
- Mary Alice Robinson and Richard Lenholt
- Perry Brumm and Melinda Lucas
- Kevin R. and Michelle L. Michalowicz
- Kenneth L. Minton
- Thea A. Nash and Robert K. Nelson
- Bob and Mary Nies
- Allison and Lawrence Union III
- Randy and Elizabeth Wallace
- Robert B. and Jeanne White
- Rui Hao and Wei Xie

Continental Women's Club

By Liz Paul

Join us on Thursday, Sept. 5, when our guest speaker will be Mark Loren of Mark Loren Designs. Also, save the date for our annual game day fundraiser on Monday, Oct. 28. A fun day of bridge, Mah Jongg, euchre, bunco, scrabble, and more, including lunch.

Continental Women's Club monthly 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 \$24. Please call (239) 691-7561 for additional information on lunch and our game day.

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Tuesday Aug. 13, 27	2 p.m. ****	Coloring for Adults	Thursday	*****	
			Friday	*****	
			Saturday		

Yard Of The Month

The 1225 Westfield Drive home is owned by Cortney Bliss. She is a busy single mom of two sons, one in high school and one in college. Her busy schedule did not allow much time for yard work. In May, her yard had a complete landscaping makeover. Mexican petunias, ferns, firecracker, Texas sage, and a lovely magnolia tree now adorn her yard. In hearing of her years of sand and soil, her concern has been of restoring integrity with her neighbors. Her nomination for Yard of the Month is a small recognition compared to the respect and admiration already earned from her neighbors. It's always been a joy



1225 Westfield Drive

to walk by her house and getting to know her neighborhood but the beautiful transformation is truly "Bliss"!

Meet Skip Weber

Skip Weber has been a golfing member at Whiskey Creek Country Club for 15 years. He also lives in Whiskey Creek. He is a native New Jerseyan and returns to the Jersey Shore for vacations whenever possible. On June 14 he entered the Ocean County College Senior Art Show. He was awarded a First Place blue ribbon for his painting, *Rear Window*, in the watercolor category. He began painting on his

retirement from the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office in N.J. and is mostly self-taught. He is a member of the Pine Island Art Association in Matlacha. His paintings are on constant display through the Southwest Florida Art Council at the Coconut Mall Art Gallery, (next to Panera Bread). He also hangs his paintings in the WCCC clubhouse twice a year and the public is invited to visit, usually in November and January.



Left to right: President of Ocean County College, Skip Weber the artist, Director of Senior Services for Ocean County, N.J.



Skip Weber painting



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August Dinner Meeting

- Monday, Aug. 12
- Pinchers – The Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 W. First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901. Located adjacent to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in the Fort Myers Downtown River District
- 5:15 p.m. social, dinner and program to follow.

- August's program will be State Rep. Ray Rodrigues.
- \$25
- R.S.V.P.: <http://www.leerepublicanwomen.com> or Wren Morefield at (270) 210-1284 or wrenspet@hotmail.com before Thursday, Aug. 8 at noon.

Greeters Club

Thursday, Aug. 15 Luncheon

By Carolyn Lindbom

You are invited to celebrate Florida's summer season at an indoor picnic on Thursday, Aug. 15, with the members of the Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers. We've planned a casual luncheon with a traditional picnic menu followed by some fun activities. Dress for a picnic, bring your enthusiasm to join in with our members for an afternoon of fun and friendship, and remember that we cannot be "rained out!"



Make your luncheon reservation (cost: \$25) today and find out more about joining this dynamic group of Lee County women. Make your payment by check please, made out to Greeters Club. Visit our new website: greetersfortmyers.com to secure your reservation or email: greetersclub@gmail.com. Provide your contact information (your name, email address and phone number). You will receive a return email confirming your reservation. On the day of the luncheon, our registration desk is open from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. at the Plantation Country Club, 10500 Dartington Drive, Fort Myers. (Right or left turn off Daniels Parkway onto Treeline. Enter at Dartington Drive.)

Family Haven Foundation

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Charity Focuses On Financial Support To Caregivers Of Children With Unfit Parents Due To Addiction

The addictive drug epidemic has been a plague to American society for over 50 years and has been amplified with the recent rise in the abuse of prescription medications. The collateral damage of drug addiction is often children. Many times, the parents' drug abuse have left them unfit to care for their children. That responsibility frequently falls onto the shoulders of family members, who are not financially or otherwise prepared to raise a child. This became Tina Tusack's reality in March of 2017, and her journey inspired her and three of her closest friends to form Family Haven Foundation.

Family Haven Foundation's stated mission is to provide financial support to the caregivers of children with unfit or deceased parents due to addiction. It is named for Tusack's 3-year-old granddaughter Haven, who Tina has been raising nearly since birth due to her daughter's struggles with addiction.

"As I began this journey of raising a child for a second time, I quickly learned the challenges that so many Americans in

similar situations go through," said Tusack, who serves as the foundation's president. "You simply cannot prepare for this, and we intend to provide support when traditional avenues fall short."

Local restaurant Bucket's Wings & More has recently announced their partnership with Family Haven Foundation, which was kicked off with an inaugural golf tournament last month.

"The Family Haven Golf Tournament was just the beginning of our involvement," says Bucket's Owner Ainslie Walter. "Family Haven Foundation will be Bucket's charitable arm going forward, and we already have exciting plans to increase our involvement and our community's awareness of this epidemic in 2020 and beyond."

The foundation's core leadership is rounded out by Wisconsin businesswomen CeAnne Kaiser and Sue Vanderbilt, who both have firsthand experiences with unfit addicted parents in their own families. The four women have come together with the goal of assisting these unsung heroes of the drug crisis in America.

Those interested in making a donation can do so through the Family Haven Foundation website: <http://www.familyhavenfoundation.com>. The website also details the application process for those who wish to receive financial assistance.

The Family Haven Foundation extends beyond the Fort Myers area; it is a nationwide foundation.

Real Estate Round-Up

What's Selling In Whiskey Creek?

By Bob Oxnard, Realtor®,
GRI, CRS

Does it seem as if there are more homes for sale in Whiskey Creek this summer? As we travel through Whiskey Creek this summer we see a lot of "For Sale" signs on homes. Is this unusual for this time of year? Let's look at some statistics.

Single-Family Homes In Whiskey Creek

At the end of June, there were 24 active or pending single-family homes on the market and therefore displayed "For Sale" signs in Whiskey Creek. Yes, that is more than normal. However, only 14 were ACTIVE (of 887 single-family homes) on the market. Those homes had an average listing price of \$378,000 (the 12 non-waterfront homes averaged \$347,000) and a median price of \$355,000. Another 10 homes were PENDING sale.

Twenty-five single-family WC homes sold in the first six months of 2019; 49 have sold in the past 12 months. This means an average of four single-family homes are selling each month. A year ago the average was under three per month and we had over a six-month supply of single-family homes active on the market. Sellers became more motivated to reduce prices and



provided incentives to entice buyers. **At today's rate of sales we have less than a four-month supply of single-family homes active on the market.**

Whiskey Creek And Wyldewood Lakes Duplex Villas

Believe it or not, these wonderful villa homes are selling even more quickly than single-family homes. At the end of June we had only seven villas active on the market (of 495 total homes.) They averaged \$163,000 listing price. Three were pending sale and 18 had sold in the first six months of 2019 (average price \$183,300.) With an average of three sales a month and seven homes for sale, you can see that we have only about two months of inventory available.

What has caused this recent shift in supply? When sales were slower, several sellers decided not to sell and the listing expired or they took their homes off the market. Interest rates have softened recently, giving buyers more purchasing power resulting in more sales. Motivated sellers continued to lower prices, creating more opportunity for buyers. The economy is still healthy and consumer confidence remains strong.

What does this mean for buyers and sellers? As inventory shrinks, buyers have less bargaining power and competition for homes increases. Sellers may see a window of renewed opportunity that was diminished last year. The bottom line is deals are being made and Whiskey Creek homes are selling at a faster pace this summer than last year. Our neighborhood and community remains desirable. Dreams are coming true for buyers who always wanted to live in Whiskey Creek!

If you have any questions or comments about real estate, please contact Bob Oxnard at whiskeycreeknews@yahoo.com.

Cook's Corner

Salmon Smothered With Tomatoes and Basil – The Flavors Of Summer

Submitted by Sam Hoffer

This salmon dish is one of my favorites because the best flavors of summer shine through – vine-ripe tomatoes and freshly picked basil. Plus it's healthy, simple to prepare, and deliciously colorful. Did I mention that it also can be made ahead and is good served warm or at room temperature, making it perfect for a buffet. Feel free to substitute chicken breasts or any other firm fish for the salmon.

I've used heirloom tomatoes. The deep rich color and flavor of Cherokee Purples have made it my favorite heirloom and if you pair them with little yellow pear-shaped cherry tomatoes, you'll have a striking color combination. If you can't find heirloom tomatoes, don't let that stop you – any good flavored fresh garden tomato will work just fine. This is the time to use the best salt you can find because it makes a world of difference. Serve this dish when tomatoes are at their peak of freshness. Otherwise, save it until you have really good tomatoes.

Salmon Smothered With Tomatoes And Basil

Adapted from *Simply Shrimp, Salmon, and Fish Steaks* by Leslie Grover Pendleton and *The 60 Minute Gourmet* by Pierre Franey – serves 4

- 1 to 2 vine-ripe heirloom tomatoes
- A handful of yellow pear-shaped cherry tomatoes
- Good sea salt, such as Maldon
- Freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup finely chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 boneless salmon fillet, about 1½ pounds, preferably wild caught
- Grape seed oil, or any neutral flavored oil

Chop the tomatoes, season with sea salt and pepper, then transfer them, along with all of their juices to a bowl. Add the basil, lemon juice and 1 tablespoon olive oil and combine well. Let the tomatoes sit while preparing the salmon.

Preheat the broiler. Line a sheet pan or broiler tray with heavy-duty foil for easy cleanup. Arrange the salmon, skin side down, in one layer on the pan, drizzle with a little neutral flavored oil, then sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place the salmon under the broiler about 6 to 7 inches away from the source of heat. Broil (on low if your broiler has that setting) about 7 to 10 minutes or just until the pieces are cooked through. It is not necessary to turn the salmon. If it starts to burn, change from broil to bake and bake at 400 degrees until the salmon is done but still a little pink on the inside. Remove from the oven and cover with foil for a few minutes. It will continue to cook. When the salmon cools slightly, carefully slip the skin off with a knife and discard. Slide the salmon onto a platter, what was skin side down, and smother with the tomato and basil mixture. Let it stand for at least 10 minutes to absorb some of the tomato juices before serving. The salmon can stand at room temperature for up to 45 minutes.



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What's Blooming At Edison And Ford Winter Estates? —

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



When I lived “up north,” I looked forward to summertime and the chance to go barefoot outside during the long, warm days. Here in Florida, we can go barefoot during the winter months. For those of us who work outside, the heat is challenging. We get used to changing our shirts a couple of times a day, wearing a hat and sunscreen, and drinking a lot of water or other electrolyte beverages.

I have a friend who when hearing people complain about the heat, responds, “It would be hot if it was five degrees hotter.” I love his attitude! To make life easier for working in the garden, there are a few basic steps everyone should follow.

1. Start drinking water the moment you wake up in the morning. Caffeinated beverages can wake the mind up, but water is essential for all body functions. Working outside in the summer with temperatures above 90 degrees and high humidity puts a strain on the body. Hydration is imperative, along with pre-fueling with nutritional foods. Good lifestyle habits can give us the edge to function properly and help us to perform all day long in the garden.

2. Schedule weeding, planting, mowing, watering or other garden activities during the somewhat cooler morning hours. Don't look at gardening as a competitive race – pace yourself. Make a list of what needs to be accomplished and be realistic of your goals. During the winter months, you might be able to work outside for five hours without a problem, but in the summer, you may need to reduce the amount of time spent outdoors.

For example, you can mow the grass and weed for 30 minutes and then call it quits. Then the next day, perhaps do some edging and a little more weeding. The third morning could be spent walking around the garden, scouting for any possible problems, weeding a little more, and then pruning some of the extra growth summer brings.

3. Be sure to wear the appropriate clothing, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen for protection from the elements. Special clothing has been developed for quick dry and SPF protection, making those items hugely valuable when working outdoors. I suggest investing in good clothing and equipment, as it makes the job easier.

4. Find something new to plant. This adds excitement and anticipation while providing new experiences in the garden. Tropical plants do extremely well this time of year, as they prefer heat, humidity, and water. Adding amazing flowering plants to your garden will make you want to spend more time outdoors!

Some of my suggestions for summer plantings, include ornamental gingers – botanically called *Curcumas* – are especially happy during the summer season. Another ornamental ginger, called *Hedychium* or butterfly ginger, is also a lovely plant and is quite fragrant. These rhizomatous plants should be planted just deep enough that the tops of their stems are protruding above ground. Most gingers go dormant during winter months, but they will be back as soon as the weather is just right.

Many gingers will multiply and can be divided, so the plants can be shared with friends or neighbors or allowed to fill in an area of the garden. Digging the rhizomes is best done after a blooming cycle. Gingers are available in many colorful varieties and most prefer shade, so they are perfect for planting near a shaded seating area.

Another plant that likes it hot is the *Heliconia*, or “lobster claw.” This plant also makes for an interesting cut flower display. If you'd like to see some ginger or *Heliconia* plants in a garden setting, they are growing in several areas of the Edison Ford botanical gardens. They are also available for sale in the Edison Garden Shoppe, so you can take some home and plant them in your own garden paradise.



Butterfly ginger



Pinecone ginger

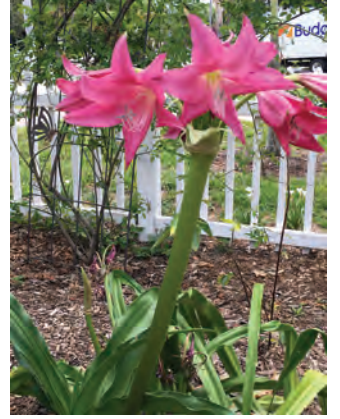
One of my favorite plants that does well during the summer is the crinum lily. Mina Edison, wife of Thomas, was fond of these plants as they tend to take care of themselves and keep on blooming throughout the year. Many people are familiar with the typical *Crinum asiaticum* that's mostly grown in gated communities or developments, but there are myriad of other varieties to choose from. During a tour of the Edison Ford botanical gardens, you will see many different colors of trumpet-shaped flowers emerging from strap-shaped leaves. These tall plants often reach chest height with flowers in shades of white, dark pink, striped pink, light pink and red.

Many different crinums are available, including the *Crinum americanum* (native to bogs and ponds in Florida), *Crinum bulbispermum* (white and fragrant), *Crinum* “Stars and Stripes,” *Crinum powellii*, *Crinum* “Ellen Bosanquet,” *Crinum jagus*, and many others. The bulbs look similar to an onion at the grocery store, but these are not edible. I've never met a crinum that I didn't like, as they are related to amaryllis – another bulb used in Florida gardens.

One of the nice things about gardening with bulbs here in sunny Florida is that it's not necessary to dig them up before cold weather hits. I recommend planting some of the unusual crinums, rather than planting what your neighbors have. If you live here all year long, it's time to enjoy summer for all the glorious blooms that everyone else misses when they go back up north!



Crinum bulbispermum



Crinum “Ellen Bosanquet”

Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

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

Crossword Solution from page 2

S	T	O	R	K		S	P	A	D		B	E	A	R		
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Historical Village To Close For Off-Season July 31

The Sanibel Historical Village will close for the off-season July 31 and reopen Oct. 15. Meanwhile, it remains open during the BIG ARTS construction project. The project will continue through the remainder of the historical village's season and into next season, but parking and access for village guests and volunteers will be available throughout that time.

The traditional entrance to the village has been closed off for the construction and a new, temporary entrance has been made available down the road to the west at what was the exit drive. That drive will now function as both an entrance and exit access. Clear signage has been added at both places.

The Sanibel Historical Village is operating on summer hours at this time, until it closes for the off-season July 31, reopening Oct. 15. For the month of July, the village will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. at no additional charge,

depending on docent availability. The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access to the buildings. Admission is \$10 for adults over 18. Members and children are free. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org or call (239) 472-4648 during business hours.





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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 the hot days of summer. Here are a couple options to cool down and change things up a little.

If you just want to have fun and maybe 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 fishermen's dream. Most snook are running 22 to 26 inches, but there are much bigger ones. Free lined pilchards, small pinfish, 1/8-ounce white bucktail jigs, and a variety of small white flies are top baits. Look for the fish right off the edge of the beach in the surf or near any type of submerged structure. Remember, snook are catch and release only. Trout, mangrove snapper, whiting, pompano and maybe a tarpon are a few of the other species you may hook into. Fish a little, swim a little, not a bad way to spend the day.

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



summer when the inshore water temperatures are so high. One 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 handle 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 200- to 400-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 many 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 small pinfish are great for snapper and other bottom fish, larger live bait is often the ticket for a big barracuda, snook, or gag grouper, and big bait, dead or alive is the choice for goliaths. If you want to catch a permit you need 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.

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

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

Capt. Bill Russell is a native and lifelong resident of Pine Island who has spent his entire life fishing the waters surrounding Pine Island and Southwest Florida. For the past 23 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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AND A DETERMINATION MET TO SATISFY THE MIND OF THE FREEDOM GRANTED

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN AN UNKNOWN FORCE EMERGES
INTERFERING WITH THE POWER OF YOUR THOUGHTS
PERCEIVING THE THOUGHT OF BECOMING AWARE OF
AND THE THUNDERING INVASION OF YOUR MEMORABLE FORCE

WHAT EVIL GRASPS THE INTENTION OF YOUR AUTHORITY
IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT FORCE IS NEEDED TO PREVAIL
AN EFFECT SHOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST RESISTANCE
AND THE OVERCOMING OF A FORCE AGAINST THE ODDS

Charles Pietro

A WHISKEY CREEK SUMMER

By Judith Foley

I feel all the signs
They're really quite clear
They all try to tell me
That summer is here.

The dreadful humidity
The heat and the rain
Those afternoon storms
Are really a pain!

But the people who live here
We've got it down pat
Just wear cooler clothing
And a great big hat!

We run from the house
To the car in a flash
Then into the store
Like a 50 yard dash.

Fly out of the store
And back to the van
And crank up the air
As high as we can.

We've got the heat whipped
We know how to cope
Cause there's no cool in sight
We can't even hope.

Until it's November
And we open the doors
And the breezes flow freely
As we work on our chores.

We've "weathered" the summer
And it's really worthwhile
Cause the rest of the year
Brings us one big smile!

Whiskey Creek Country Club News Calendar

By Jan Kotcamp

The Tuesday night men's and ladies' summer night league (open to the public) goes through the summer and into the fall. Call (239) 481-3021 for information. Call for golf tee times and lunch reservations at (239) 481-3021. The restaurant serves a breakfast and lunch on Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and breakfast on Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The bar is open seven days a week.

Visit the updated website at www.Whiskeycreekcc.com. Stop in to see the many new items for sale in the Pro Shop ... logoed golf shirts, etc. WCCC gift certificates for your gift giving!

Whiskey Creek Country Club Activities:

Monday: Pairs Nine Hole Golf 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Women's 18 Hole Golf League 8:30 a.m.
Bridge (Women's) 12:15 p.m.

Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.
Summer Golf League Men and Women 5 p.m.
Card and Games 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Men's 18 Hole League 8 a.m.
Bridge (Men's) 12:30 p.m.
Euchre 12:45 p.m.
Thursday: Mah Jongg 12 p.m.
Stableford 3:30 p.m.
Friday: Men's Nine Hole Golf 8:15 a.m.
Women's Nine Hole Golf 8:30 a.m.
Women's Bridge 10:15 a.m.
Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.
Hand and Foot 6 p.m.
Saturday: Early Bird Men and Women Golf 7:15 a.m.
Sunday: Breakfast 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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