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President's Message

It was great to see so many of our friends and neighbors all dressed up for the Kentucky Derby at neighborhood parties or driving around in their golf carts. For those who had parties or may have attended I hope it was a success and your horse won, placed, or showed.



It is hard to believe we are approaching another hurricane season especially as many of us are still repairing and rebuilding from *Ian*. Please take this time to prepare your homes and personal belongings. It is time to crank the generator, stock up on batteries, water, propane, gas and to make sure you have all your important documents secured. Included is the NOAA Hurricane Preparedness site for your review and help: <https://www.noaa.gov/hurricane-prep>. If we have learned

anything from the past several years it is to be prepared and we have an incredibly strong and resilient community.

The board will continue to work closely with the MSTBU to prepare and partner for the upcoming maintenance and enhancement projects ranging from new paint on the entrances, removing and replacing damaged trees, replacing and upgrading the signage on the entrances, upgrading the medians that had damaged shrubbery or sprinkler systems to upgrading electrical systems for lighting are among many of the items that have been identified to ensure we have a top-notch community.

The WCCA Board has been and will continue to bring new and exciting neighborhood events. Last month's letter announced the first ever community golf tournament with a portion of the proceeds raised going to Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida. The Battle at the Creek was slated for June but has been pushed to either July or August to ensure we have one of the most entertaining golf tournaments in Lee County. Keep an eye out for more details for sponsorship, foursomes, and more. We look forward

to having friends, neighbors and business supporting the inaugural event.

The WCCA meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. We encourage the community to attend and participate with any questions or concerns you may have as we serve this community for each of you. If you cannot join the board meetings you can always visit the website to review the minutes, get familiar with deed restrictions or review all the new committees to better serve our community.

The May meeting will be the last one before our summer break but please know we will continue to work for the community during the recess. The board will resume meeting in September if you miss the May meeting. As many of you know we relaxed the deed restriction for boats,

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Yard Of The Month

By Mark Franzer

I believe that one of the favored memories of a 4-year-old, Madison Brown, will be of the elation of her parents', Jason and Shelli's acquisition of 1630 Whiskey Creek a year ago. These Buffalo, N.Y., "exports" have questioned themselves of why they didn't make this move earlier, but the attraction of Jason's employment with Lee Health and having the Registered Nurse Shelli's working remotely from home was of the most opportune time to call Whiskey Creek home. Our centrally located and safe community is only trumped by the great neighbors that kept vigil over the Browns' residence as they escaped *Ian's* wrath. Much appreciation is touted for Mark Scarlato and George Papas for their assistance through the Browns' first experience of Florida's hurricane season. This safety provided by exceptional neighbors and the ability of daily walks/bike riding may not fully cover these northerners' freedom of skiing and snowboarding, but it does give the Browns the sunny reprieve they deserve. Nestled between this home's flora and fauna, you will find a grateful neighbor worthy of this month's recognition! Welcome the Browns and know that another amazing family resides in our beloved community!



1630 Whiskey Creek Drive

If you have family or friends that you'd like to share details of our beloved Whiskey Creek community (or show off your hard earned recognition!), the web page for their review is <http://www.whiskeycreeknews.net>.

Also, please check out Whiskey Creek's very own private Facebook page for additional community information, involvement and market areas! You'll need to request membership to gain access! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1430022127286192>

For those that would like to nominate other homes in our lovely Whiskey Creek, please send your nominations to WC.yardofthemonth@yahoo.com.

Whiskey Creek Country Club Sign

The sign about the cart barn has returned. *Hurricane Ian* blew the sign off the barn and split it into two big pieces and two other pieces that were never found. Joel and Jacinda Holden took the sign a few weeks ago to restore and remount.

History of the sign: double sided sign originally at Whiskey Creek Drive and College Parkway. Not sure if it was there in 1975. It was removed and replaced with other signage. It then was stored in a Whiskey Creek resident garage for many years. The resident's son was cleaning out the garage and brought the sign to the club a few years ago. I sanded and restained the sign. I had a local painter do some more work on it and had it hung over the entrance to the cart barn. A few years later *Ian* elected to take the sign down. Fortunately, the key sections of the sign were split in half but could be restored. The Holdens then repaired and remounted the sign. I believe former WCCA president, Bob L., could fill in some of the missing details and dates.

Thanks,
John

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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 Club at Pelican Preserve (community entry off Treeline Avenue between Colonial Boulevard and Daniels Parkway). Meetings begin at 11:30 a.m. with a short social period followed by lunch at noon and normally an informative speaker program. Within the organization are various interest groups for members' participation. Membership is open to both year-round and seasonal residents. We welcome you to visit Montage for a luncheon.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 22. We will have an award-winning "Professional Trash Talker" with Lee County Solid Waste, Angela Lamontagne, speaking. Lamontagne is a communication specialist and has been with the department for more than 15 years, so she knows all the ins and outs of managing the waste we all produce. She is going to share what

really happens at "away" and why it is so important to reconsider waste altogether.

Luncheon fee is \$28 and there is always either a planned regular entree or a plant-based/vegan entree to select for your meal. Exact menu options will be forthcoming at a later date.

Earlier this year we reached our maximum number of 125

members permitted by our club bylaws, but we maintain a waiting list and when a slot becomes available, interested women are contacted. 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, June 15.

From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Property Owners Seeking Renters Advised To Use Caution

Our office has received reports regarding a recent crime trend, occurring around the county, that involves disconcerting similarities.



My detectives have determined that property owners, using certain online rental websites which allow potential renters to have unescorted access inside of the property, have become the victims of an assortment of crimes.

Through use of these websites, potential renters are provided access codes and key-lockbox information that permit these individuals to enter a property without a real estate professional and completely unsupervised.

As a result, this practice of providing free access to homes and apartments, along with online photographs of the property's contents, may lead to criminal activities including theft and fraud.

Property owners are strongly advised to scrutinize online rental companies and to carefully consider the manner in which they allow access to their properties.

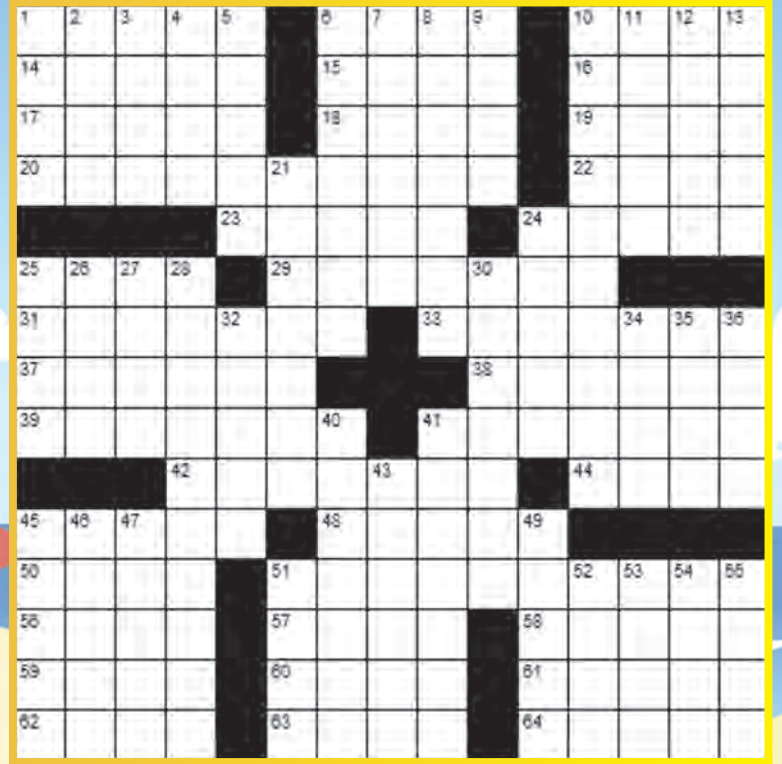
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Across

- 1. Brisling
- 6. Information
- 10. Agreement
- 14. Coronet
- 15. "Aeneid" figure
- 16. River in Spain
- 17. Not outer
- 18. Slang for feces
- 19. Any time now
- 20. Irrespective
- 22. Fork prong
- 23. Leavening agent
- 24. Angered
- 25. Yield
- 29. Precise
- 31. Nocturnal arboreal marsupial
- 33. Back up
- 37. Leased
- 38. Superficiality
- 39. Wanted
- 41. Worry
- 42. Play with songs
- 44. River to the North sea
- 45. Water vapor
- 48. Flow controller
- 50. Droop
- 51. She wore a glass slipper
- 56. Decorative case
- 57. Jewish month
- 58. Of a pelvic bone
- 59. Countertenor
- 60. Overhaul
- 61. Have a cow
- 62. Adolescent
- 63. Fiber source
- 64. Initial wagers

Down

- 1. Arouse
- 2. Durable wood
- 3. Sounded a bell

- 4. Environs
- 5. Dawdle
- 6. Speak eloquently
- 7. Apprehend
- 8. It browns bread
- 9. Snakes
- 10. Plague
- 11. Agitated
- 12. Hag
- 13. In shape
- 21. Deceives
- 24. Talking bird of poetry
- 25. 128 cubic feet
- 26. Type of sword
- 27. Puts on
- 28. Approximation
- 30. Spin
- 32. Type of body fluid

- 34. Bobbin
- 35. Belgrade native
- 36. Coastal raptor
- 40. Partition
- 41. Very large pot
- 43. "Maple leaf" country
- 45. Perspiration
- 46. What books are called
- 47. Wash out with a solvent
- 49. Genus of heath
- 51. Carbohydrate
- 52. Distinctive flair
- 53. Jaunty rhythm
- 54. Wash
- 55. Cards with one symbol

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Catch The Action

June On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

As we kick off the summer season in Southwest Florida, it's a great time to load up the fishing tackle, hit the water, and just have fun. Rather than get caught up with what species is in season or what can I keep, just go fishing.

We are lucky to have a lot of different fish, and of all sizes, that make our waters home through the summer. Some days it's fun to count just how many different species we catch, while not targeting any certain species. Children love this, large or small, every fish is cool for them to catch, different shapes and sizes make it even better.

You may catch everything from small fish that fit in your hand to sharks large enough to demand respect. Start by catching little fish like pinfish or ladyfish that will hopefully become bait for something larger. Locate a flock of birds dipping to the water and you can expect fish actively feeding, this is a great time to



cast a small shiny spoon or lure in hopes of Spanish mackerel or other hungry predators.

If you want live baitfish and have the ability and desire to throw a cast net, there should be plenty of bait around on the shallow grass flats. A good live well plumbed with a pump to

continuously exchange water is necessary to keep bait alive and frisky. A lot of different fish species are feeding on the summer bait schools. Even if you aren't attempting to net the bait, it's still a great place to catch a fish.

If the mess and hassle of catching live bait isn't your thing, we have plenty of tackle shops and bait stores selling live shrimp and other goodies. Apart from mullet, I believe every fish in our coastal waters dine on shrimp. They are a great bait, buy more than you think you will need as you can go through them quickly.

And there are artificial baits, they require more work, but it is always a great feeling to fool a fish into eating a chunk of plastic, metal, or feathers. There are too many different baits and lures to get into in this column, if you don't already have an assortment or favorite, hit up your local tackle shop. Small or family-owned tackle shops are a wealth of knowledge, I recommend them over the big box stores.

With the various baits, we want an assortment of rods and reels if we intend to fish for species of different sizes. If we have just one rod and reel, that's fine too, actually, it may be more fun and challenging. If the interest is there to hook into a shark with the hopes of landing it, then at least a couple of feet of wire leader is necessary. No need to waste money on heavy wire or cable, single-strand wire from 50 to 80 pounds is all you need, unless you are after really big fish with ultra-heavy tackle.

If you're up to the challenge, June is prime time to tangle with a big tarpon. They are roaming throughout the inshore waters, gulf passes, and a short distance off the beaches. If a fresh fish dinner is on the menu, mangrove snapper is your best bet. Snapper will be caught in good numbers inshore and around nearshore reefs throughout the summer.

It's fun to go fishing with no expectations, a day where you relax, take in the beauty of nature, and just live in the moment. If you catch fish great, if not that's fine too. The funny thing is, when we lower our expectations and relax, we are often rewarded with some of our best days of fishing. Give it a try!

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 27 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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By Ellie Neal

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Real Estate Round-Up

By Bob Oxnard, REALTOR®

I Will Buy Your House For Cash!

It seems like we get one of these “offers” in our mailbox every week. I am sure I am not alone. Are they serious? Will these buyers buy my house with terms like this:



- Cash offer
- No commission and low closing costs
- You choose the closing date.
- We buy “AS-IS.” No need to make repairs.
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We are told that all we must do is call their phone number and our problems will be solved. Does it sound too good to be true? What is the catch? **Perhaps the adage is appropriate, “If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.”**

As a Realtor, I have been asked if these offers are real, the simple answer is yes, but there are at least two catches. First is the price. The second is who is representing you? What recourse do you have if you enter into an agreement with an outfit like this and something goes wrong? **Even if you have an attorney to help with legal issues, what about the price?**

There is a scenario in which a buyer would offer what seems to be a fair price, and that the buyer is unusually motivated. Perhaps your property is needed by the buyer for a reason unknown by the seller. For instance, when Disney was buying property in central Florida to build Disney World, they were covert in their intentions, and who could blame them. Future highways or other development could also be a reason for a buyer to be unusually motivated.

The biggest reason a buyer makes a cash, as-is offer is that it is profitable for the buyer.

Sometimes a seller is unusually motivated. Perhaps the owner died, and the heirs want quick money over a fair price. Sometimes a seller is unaware of what a fair price is for their home. Certainly, some sellers are happy with

a sales price that is much higher than they originally paid. They might never realize that they sold below market value. This is especially true when prices are rising as they have done over the past decade. Our market peaked just over a year ago. Prices are still high but now declining. Interest rates have risen, further dampening home prices.

What is the answer for a homeowner who is intrigued by one of these “cash, as-is” offers? My advice would be to learn the value of your property before talking to a buyer. Any buyer. Determining a value can be as simple as entering your address in your web browser. You will get several “estimates of value” from Zillow, Realtor.com and others. These websites can be close in valuations considering their national scope.

Many experts agree that a local Realtor can provide an accurate CMA (comparative market analysis) which considers local variations and conditions. Realtors can charge for this service; most provide it for free. They can

also be a valuable resource in providing advice to the homeowner for making cost-effective improvements to enhance value.

Sometimes a homeowner will need an appraisal to obtain valuation. This opinion of value for a given purpose on a given date is a legal document that is accepted by courts and others. An appraiser charges for this valuation, but it can resolve disputes legally.

Unfortunately, a disaster like *Hurricane Ian* can bring out sharks who prey on desperate homeowners who just want out at any price. Perhaps that is the main reason we have seen the recent spate of cash offers in our mailboxes.

I like the “Hurricane Ian Strong” representing that we have survived *Ian* and are rebuilding to make Southwest Florida even stronger and better than before.

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

Whiskey Creek Country Club News

New Summer League and Junior Golf ... many new things going on at Whiskey Creek Country Club (WCCC). Call WCCC for dates, times, and rates, (239) 481-3021.

Don't forget to plan on Music, Appetizer Night! Call for date and times to sign up.

Looking for a special gift for Dad? Stop in the WCCC Pro Shop and see the many new items that have arrived. Beautiful colors ... men's logo shirts, hats, visors and sunglasses! Does

he need a new golf glove, ball marker, etc.? There are many items to choose ... undecided? Get a WCCC gift certificate.

Make Father's Day special and sign up for brunch. Come and enjoy a lovely lunch Tuesday to Saturday and brunch on Sunday! On Tuesday night, 5 to 7:30 p.m., enjoy the dinner of the day. Call ahead to see what's on the next Tuesday night menu. The bar is open daily for a refreshing beverage!

Contact the club for more details, (239) 481-3021.

Whiskey Creek Ladies' Club Meeting

The May meeting of the Whiskey Creek Ladies' Club (WCLC) was held at the Whiskey Creek Country Club. Members were greeted by hostesses Mary Hartsell and Lona Leugers. Thanks to Cathy Trent for the beautiful Spring/Mother's Day decorations.

President Mo Poirier opened the meeting with a flag salute. She welcomed 39 members and one guest. President Poirier gave a motivational message asking us to “Count our Blessings.” The treasurer's report was read by Cathy Trent. Members were asked to issue their lunch checks, in the future, to the WCLC and the ladies' club will issue a single check to the WCCC.

Members who celebrated their birthdays during the month of May were congratulated. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The monthly raffle was held by Luann Lapham.

President Poirier reported names of charities that were included in this year's list of donations. Checks in the amount of \$100 were issued to Whiskey Creek Country

Club, Pace for Girls, Community Cooperative and Harry Chapin.

The Whiskey Creek Book Club – Connie Reeve announced that the club will be discussing *Camp Zero*, by Michelle Min Sterling. They will meet May 18. The Whiskey Creek Ladies' Book Club meets on the **third Thursday** of each month from October to May, at the Whiskey Creek Country Club at 10:30 a.m. They have lunch and a book discussion. New members are welcome.

Mary Hartsell, chairperson of the Nominating Committee announced the officers for the 2023/24 term. Betsy Bastian conducted the swearing in of President Mo Poirier, Vice President Peggy Mocharski, Secretary Lena Pryor, and Treasurer Cathy Trent. President Poirier thanked the members for their support in the past.

President Poirier announced that \$30 dues for the year 2023/24 are due. Checks made out to WCLC can be mailed to Betsy Bastian. Dues must be paid by May 31, if your name is to be published in the 2023/24 members' booklet.

Lena Pryor

Security Report

By Michael Kuehn

Early Sunday morning, April 30, our NOAA Weather Alert Radio awakened us with warnings of severe thunderstorms and tornados. It was a stark reminder of *Hurricane Ian*. The wind was blowing ferociously and the rain was falling in a deluge. One of the TV stations was reporting power outages and a possible tornado sighting in the Whiskey Creek area. Our three daughters were visiting that week and there were screen panels blown out of the pool cage in the vacation rentals by owner (VRBO) rental home they were staying in. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day by mid-morning. Since that day I have not spoken with anyone who suffered a power outage or had fresh wind damage. What I did see when I left my house was that my lawn appeared to be blue. The tarp on someone's roof had been shredded into its individual strands about 12 inches long and the wind had carried them to my lawn. I decided to leave them for the mowers to get at but the breezes have caused them to work themselves deeper in the grass and I don't believe a mower will get them. The good news for whoever's roof they came from is that in spite of the deluge-like rain my rain gauge only caught less than 1 inch of rain.

This month we had three 911 calls of which one was a hang-up and the other two were accidental. The deputy also responded to a residence to supply medical assistance. The deputy was dispatched to a disturbance at a residence and no disturbance was found upon arrival. There were five violations at the stop signs one of which resulted in a citation. Also, for the first time we had a golf cart stopped for a stop sign violation. A vehicle acting suspiciously was stopped and proved to be lost. The deputy responded to a disturbance at the 7-Eleven and later the same day responded to a call about a suspicious person. On that stormy Sunday morning the deputy on patrol stopped and removed debris from the road. He also performed a wellness check on a resident requested by relatives who were unable to reach them. As always keep your outside lights on and overhead garage doors down. Lock all vehicles left in the driveway and remove all valuables and garage door openers from them.



Installation of officers



Swearing in of officers

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The 10 Habits Of Successful Losers

By Mary Lou Williams, M. Ed.

The successful losers of the title are winners at the losing game – the game of losing weight. By successful weight loss I mean permanent weight loss. There are three components of eating that make permanent weight loss possible: these are what we eat, how we eat, and how much we eat. How we eat is just as important as what we eat and how much we eat. The 10 habits of the title are the habits of how to eat. They are as follows:



1. Eat consciously, that is, with undivided attention. This means not reading while eating (no books, magazines, newspapers, mail), not watching television or listening to the radio, not talking on the phone or driving a car. It means being totally immersed in the taste of the food and nothing else.

2. Eat at regular intervals, no more than four or five hours apart. Waiting longer causes excessive hunger and overeating.

3. Do not eat between meals. The French are noted for eating three square meals a day and for their trim figures. Not eating between meals is a cultural habit in France. They believe eating between meals spoils the appetite and therefore the enjoyment of meals. And they also believe that our snacking lifestyle is a big contributor to the massive American weight gain. A good appetite is a good friend and not the enemy to be feared and avoided.

4. Have variety. Variety in meals throughout the week and month is important to prevent monotony and feelings of deprivation that can lead to bingeing. But paradoxically, it is equally important not to have variety at any one meal. This leads to overeating at that meal. It's called "The Buffet Table Syndrome." A single meal should be limited to two or three different foods. (Casseroles are exceptions.)

5. Make meals that are delicious. If there is no pleasure in eating, you will continue eating, seeking that pleasure, and will overeat searching for what is missing.

6. Eat slowly and chew each bite till all the flavor is extracted and savored. This gives the food time to be assimilated so that satiation signals can be sensed before overeating occurs. It also contributes to the enjoyment of eating.

7. Eat early in the day, finishing dinner no later than 7 p.m. Paradoxically, eating early in the day seems to prevent the cravings that come on many overeaters late in the day and continue till they go to bed at night.

8. Do not overeat. Habits 1 through 7 will prevent overeating. Signals of satiation occur that tell you when you've had enough. If eating consciously, you will become aware of these signals: feelings of warmth; feelings of fullness; loss of intensity of taste and flavor; feelings of discomfort after a meal if overeating has occurred.

9. Do not undereat. Do not leave the table hungry. Eat to the point of satisfaction, but not beyond. This means going by internal cues as listed in No. 8 and not by external cues such as a superimposed diet regimen or preordained number of calories.

10. Plan meals for each day and/or each week. This is the habit that makes all the other habits possible. You need planning to set aside uninterrupted eating time so that you can eat consciously and slowly. You need planning to have a variety of menus for the week. You need planning to prepare delicious meals. You need planning to have three meals a day at regular four- or five-hour intervals, ending by 7 p.m. And knowing that you will be eating something delicious at regular intervals helps prevent eating between meals.

New habits take between six months and a year to become established. The development of new habits is a learning process. Don't expect to be able to practice them perfectly overnight. You will revert to old habits along the way. These are not failures but learning experiences. You learn how to avoid those mistakes next time. Bon appetite.

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trailers, RVs, etc., until June as the storm created many challenges for your everyday storage needs. We will resume full enforcement of the deed restrictions at the end of June.

We are very proud and honored to have such a great working relationship with the country club as they host the meetings and keep the bar area open just in case you get thirsty. This relationship has been spearheaded by John Tuscano and his team for many years. For those who may not know, John will be retiring from the club in late May, early June and we would like to give him a BIG THANK YOU for everything he has done for our community. Enjoy retirement John.

The Whiskey Creek community continues to be one of the most desirable communities to live, play, retire and raise a family. I encourage our new and tenured residents to join or continue your membership support at <http://www.whiskeycreeknews.net/> and post your Whiskey Creek sticker on your car, golf cart, or boat. Please visit the <http://www.whiskeycreeknews.net/directors.htm> home page for board meeting updates, meetings dates (residents welcome to attend) and information about our community.

The WCCA Board is honored to serve the friends and families of Whiskey Creek. Stay safe, stay strong, and stay well.

Much respect,
Cole Peacock,
Board President, WCCA

Whiskey Creek Wildlife

The Swallow-Tailed Kite

By Mark L. Franzer

The swallow-tailed kite has been called "the coolest bird on the planet." With its deeply forked tail and bold black-and-white plumage, it is unmistakable in the summer skies above swamps, marshes, and large rivers of southern Florida. The kite's aerial acrobatics are a sight to see. It continually rotates its tail easily switching from a straight course to a tight turn in an instant as it scans for prey. Flying with barely a wingbeat and maneuvering with twists of its incredible tail, it chases dragonflies or plucks frogs, lizards, snakes, and nestling birds from tree branches. They usually ingest

their food while flying with the exception of bringing sustenance to the nest. Aside from parental duties, they rarely perch during the day. These birds are simply creatures of the air, spending most of their day aloft circling fairly low over trees on the hunt. After rearing its young in a treetop nest coinciding with the end of summer, the kite migrates to wintering grounds in South America.



Continental Women's Club

The Continental Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, July 6 at 11:30 a.m. at The Hideaway Country Club.

Our July program will feature Alexandria Edwards, marketing coordinator for the Edison Ford Winter Estates. She will be speaking to us about its history and importance in our community.

The Continental Women's Club is a social, cultural, and philanthropic organization established in 1975, and

membership is open to women living in Lee County. 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 \$25. The reservation deadline for July is Tuesday, June 27. Please call Liz Paul at (239) 691-7561 for additional information or to make a reservation.

Liz Paul

Something To Think About!

If only life could be like a computer and you messed up, you could press "Ctrl, Alt, Delete" and start all over!



My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb!

What Is A Grandparent?

Grandparents don't have anything to do except be there when we come to see them.

For Lexophiles

A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement, he became a hardened criminal.



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What Dads Actually Want For Father's Day

Not sure what to get dad for Father's Day this year? According to new research, you're better off reaching for the phone than a "World's Best Dad" mug.

A survey of 2,000 dads revealed that three in four dads (76 percent) prefer an experience over a physical gift for Father's Day. It also revealed what dad is really after for his Father's Day event and found that 57 percent of dads actually say it's their favorite day of the year.

And the top gift you can give your dad this year? A simple phone call.

While a phone call from their children topped the list of most desired gifts (47 percent), it wasn't the only thing dad had his eye on this year.

Four in 10 (41 percent) said a big, juicy steak would improve their Father's Day this year, while 38 percent of dads said they could really just go with some peace and quiet. Taking in a ball game with the family also scored high, with 38 percent saying that sounded like a lovely Father's Day treat, while one in three easy-to-please dads say they just want to be able to watch whatever they want on the TV.

Interestingly, 64 percent of dads reported that they specifically don't want anything that says "World's Best Dad" on it this year.

Sitting down for a meal with dad this Father's Day is apparently a very good idea, according to the research, as 79 percent of dads say they like to bond with their children over food. But if it's a cookout you're after, stay off the grill, because one in three dads say that if someone is grilling, it's going to be them. Another six in 10 confident dads feel like there's no better cook in the house than themselves.

Father's Day is a celebration of dads in all their dad glory. Give dad an experience that's guaranteed to please him this Father's Day.

The survey found that 56 percent of dads love to tell classic "dad jokes." In fact, according to the results, 47 percent of

dads have said the specific joke, "Hi hungry, I'm dad," and 60 percent of dads find the joke to be actually funny.

The survey also found that it takes four years after their first child is born before hitting "peak dad," and there are signs that show it, too.

For example, the top sign that you've hit "peak dad," is that you start to laugh at your own jokes (33 percent).



The second biggest sign you've reached "peak dad" is if you find yourself busting out cheesy moves on the dance floor. Also scoring high on the list was if you're always the one manning the grill.

Top 10 Gifts Dads Want For Father's Day

- Phone call from my kid(s) – 47 percent
- A big juicy steak – 41 percent
- Peace and quiet – 38 percent
- Taking in a ball game with the family – 38 percent
- An ice-cold beer or two – 35 percent
- A cheaper, practical gift (socks, tie, etc.) – 35 percent
- Glass of wine – 34 percent
- Watch whatever I want on TV – 34 percent
- Glass of whiskey – 29 percent
- A physical, expensive gift (Apple watch, etc.) – 29 percent

Word Scramble Solution from page 3

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| Donut | Bread |
| Cookie | Macaroon |
| Éclair | Cannoli |
| Cupcake | Coffee |
| Pie | Pastries |
| Cake | Croissant |


Crossword Solution from page 2

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Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

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9	4	5	2	8	7	3	1	6
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Membership

By Sally Gins

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community! If you are interested in becoming a member, please visit www.whiskeycreeknews.net and click the membership link on the right-hand side. The Whiskey Creek Civic Association appreciates your support as all donations are directly used to improve the quality of our neighborhood! The names of our members are listed below (except for those who requested that their names not be published).

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Poetry Corner

FLY ON THE WALL

When least expected,
An image comes along
Like a fly on the wall.
Black but with transparent wings,
Pretending to listen until bored or angry,
It circles my head buzzing one ear,
Then the other,
Offering not words or rhymes, just noise.
When it lands on my computer screen,
I google, ...quarter inch long, four thousand eyes,
Speeds at forty-five miles per hour.
Impressive, until it tries to enter my nose.
Then admiration turns to loathing.

With an old-style swatter
I give chase.
Until its buzz reveals the porch screen door,
I strike and miss once then twice.
A third miss hits the door frame
With enough force to open
And free the fly to vex some other
Frustrated poet.

Bob Nelson

What's Blooming At Edison And Ford Winter Estates?

By Lisa Wilson, Marketing and Public Relations
Director at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

I'm fortunate to work where there is always something blooming! While I'm typically at my desk during the week, I spend a lot of time in my own garden on the weekends. I've converted my entire yard into a garden space to benefit birds and butterflies, using plants that are native to Florida.

At Edison and Ford Winter Estates, we have a native section in the botanical gardens, where tourists and locals can learn about our native flora. We also have several native species for sale in our Garden Shoppe, for anyone who wants to attract butterflies and birds.

We have two native senna species, and both are must-haves in any Southwest Florida butterfly garden. *Senna ligustrina* is a medium-to-large-sized shrub that can get up to 8 feet tall and 6 feet wide. It has bright green leaves and bold, yellow flowers that it produces from fall to spring and sometimes in the summer. It likes a lot of sun and will readily spread by seed, so you'll have additional plants the following year. The plant is the larval host for the cloudless sulphur (*Phoebis sennae*), the sleepy orange (*Eurema nicippi*), and the orange-barred sulphur (*Phoebis philea*). Its native habitat includes forest edges but adapts easily to home gardens if it is planted in moist, but well-drained sandy or limestone soils. The plant will grow more robustly if it has some organic matter.

The other senna is the *Senna Mexicana* var. *chapmanii*. This one has a sprawling growth habit and tends to grow more horizontally than *ligustrina*, growing to about 4 feet tall and 6 feet wide. This one is short lived (three to five years) but is certainly worthy of a prominent sunny spot in a butterfly garden, where it can show off its glorious bright yellow blooms. It's a host plant to the same butterflies as *ligustrina* and since it's native to Pine Rockland habitats, it can thrive in alkaline soils. *Senna Mexicana* is listed as a threatened species.

Flowers of both senna species are some of the showiest of our Florida native plants and once you see the large sulphur butterflies floating around your yard, you will be very pleased that you added these specimens to your garden. Butterflies aren't the only insects that are attracted to the blooms; many of our native bees will also show up. Both sennas are legumes and the ripe seeds will form in pods; when the pods break open, the seeds can be collected to start new plants, which grow quickly. Both species can tolerate full sun or light shade, and both are drought tolerant.

At Edison and Ford Winter Estates, we have the *Senna Mexicana* var. *chapmanii* growing in the new wildflower garden amongst other natives. From time to time, these senna plants are available for sale in the Garden Shoppe where there is a nice selection of Florida natives and lots of great plants for butterfly gardens.

In my own garden, I have several of each species and they are equally adored by the sulphur butterflies. Now is a great time of year to start a butterfly garden if you don't already have one because as the temperature heats up, it will soon be the prime season for butterflies. Below are some tips for starting a butterfly garden.

- Butterflies need two types of plants: host plants (the female will lay eggs, the eggs hatch, caterpillars will eat parts of the plant); and nectar plants. Many butterflies are not very selective when it comes to nectar, but they have species-specific host plants.
- Do some research and find out which butterflies naturally



Sulphur caterpillar on Senna ligustrina



Senna Mexicana



Senna ligustrina blooms



occur in your area. Some butterflies have very specific habitats and may not ever find your garden, even if you plant lots of their host plants.

- Visit some butterfly gardens near you to see which species are most prevalent. These are most likely going to be the easiest to attract to your garden.

- Stop using pesticides. Pesticides kill insects and butterflies are insects. Plants and insects have evolved together, and the insects are supposed to eat the plants.

- After you make a list of butterflies in your area, research each one and plant their host plants.

- Plant a large variety of colorful nectar plants and group several of each species together (that makes it easier for the butterflies to see the plants). Some butterflies like to fly high in the treetops, while others float along, almost touching the ground, so be sure to plant trees, shrubs and wildflowers. I often follow butterflies around and watch which nectar plants they like and then purchase those for my own garden. Some butterflies prefer certain colors, so plant a variety.

- For the most part, butterflies like a sunny spot, but some, such as the zebra longwing and the Atala are happiest in shady hammocks, where their host plants naturally grow.

- Be sure to also provide shelter, such as trees and grasses. I've seen butterflies roosting on blades of Fakahatchee grass, as well as under branches of trees and shrubs.

We have a nice butterfly garden at Edison and Ford Winter Estates near the Garden Shoppe, which is open to the public. I hope you'll take some time to walk through and observe the different butterflies and see which flowers they like. There is a butterfly identification sign along the path, so you can learn as you observe. The Garden Shoppe staff can help you select plants for your butterfly garden. We hope to see you soon!

Cook's Corner

Quick Sticky Buns

1 (15-ounce) package frozen white dinner rolls
1 (3-ounce) package butterscotch pudding, not instant
1 cup nuts chopped
¼ cup butter
½ cup brown sugar
¼ teaspoon cinnamon

Grease Bundt pan, round springform, or 9- by 13- inch pan. Arrange frozen rolls on bottom of pan. Sprinkle with pudding mix and nuts. Combine butter, sugar and cinnamon and bring to a boil. Pour over rolls. Cover with a towel and let rise overnight on the counter. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes.

Corn Chip Salad

4 cups corn
2 cups grated cheddar cheese
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup green pepper, chopped
½ red onion, chopped
9- to 10-ounce package chili cheese corn chips

Combine corn, cheese, mayonnaise, pepper, and onion. Chill. Slightly crush corn chips; add and toss just before serving.

Signs

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