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Mark Rennie, the building fund coordinator and former board president of the Englewood Helping Hand, digs the first shovel of dirt for their new building site on the Englewood United Methodist Church campus. Read more on page 8.

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Around the Town



On Friday, July 23, Ivy's celebrated its 12th Anniversary with a party hosted by business owner Karen Tyree. Friends and customers gathered to celebrate, enjoying special sales and refreshments catered by Theresa Falcone of Cape Haze Convenience Store. Ivy's on Dearborn is a ladies boutique located at 446 W. Dearborn Street. You can find out more about the store at www.ivysondearborn.com or on Facebook.

Food Truck Party

Try some delicious food, support local vendors, listen to music, and most importantly support the Jubilee Center at St. David's on **Saturday, August 7**, from **4 to 7pm**, at On the Spot Window Tint, 7630 Sawyer Circle (off Gasparilla Road). Please bring donation(s) of back-to-school items, boxed food, clothing, shoes, etc., to be given to the Jubilee Center at St. David's. Those donating an item will receive a free raffle ticket. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Music by DJ David. Kids can enjoy the Bounce House, and you can visit the many food trucks and vendors present. So, join the fun and support the Jubilee Center!

This event is also sponsored by Wiseguys Barbershop and Rollin-Glow Auto Body. For more information, call **402-6588**.

Cruisin' on Dearborn

Vintage car owners and car enthusiasts converge on West Dearborn Street on the **first Saturday of the month** to display their "baby" and view all the others from **2 to 8pm**. Music to cruise by is sponsored by Old Englewood Village Association. Raffle tickets for prizes are available, too. Enjoy the shopping and various eateries in the downtown Dearborn area. Free admission. This month's Cruisin' date is **Saturday, August 7**.



Bill Truex was one of the selected few luminaries to be recognized with the "Top 100 Leaders in Real Estate & Construction" Award at the inaugural edition of the World Real Estate & Construction Forum (WRECONF) held at the MGM Grand, Las Vegas, USA on June 23-25. Truex is the current chairman of the Charlotte County Commission and a longtime resident of Englewood. He has had an extensive career in public service. He has also served on various local and national task forces and committees, including the Florida Association of Counties Public Safety Committee and Water Committee. A Certified Graduate Builder, Certified Green Building Professional and a Florida Certified Master Builder, Truex has incorporated sustainable construction practices as the foundation for Truex Preferred Construction's various residential and commercial projects, including the use of carbon fiber instead of steel for increased structural support. His drive for innovation and extraordinary contributions to the construction industry made him the perfect choice for the prestigious honor. Upon receiving the award, he said, "I think one of the things that led us to win the award is the diverse approach we take to construction. In our area, we are considered to be the problem-solvers, so when projects fail, we are usually brought in to fix them. I have a great team back home that has allowed us to go in this direction because you can't do it without a team. Although they do challenge me as to why we take on these tough projects, I simply give them the answer because we can, and we have the skill sets to do it!" WRECONF, a brand owned by Prism Events, Inc., is a three-day global real estate and construction conference that promotes networking, knowledge sharing and recognizes the industry-leading work of visionary individuals and organizations.

Fifth Annual TikiFest

On **Saturday, August 7**, enjoy live music and dance performances, artists, jugglers, and family fun activities for all ages at the Fifth Annual Fishermen's Village TikiFest. The free event from **noon to 4pm** takes place at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. For



"Manasota Mystique – Boots and Bling" will be held on **Saturday, October 2, 5 to 10pm**, at Crestwood Circus Ranch, 1481 Crestwood Road. Early bird ticket sales are available **through Tuesday, August 31** for \$125 per person, then tickets rise to is \$150. Ticket includes all food, drinks, and entertainment. It's a chance to dress up and partake in amazing food, drinks, dancing, auctions, and fun. The Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce holds this event yearly to raise funds for local organizations and Lemon Bay High School will once again be one of the beneficiaries of the fundraiser. This event sells out early, so purchase your tickets now! Full event details, including sponsorship opportunities, can be found online at ManasotaMystique.com.

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3450 N. Access Road. For more information about the SHINE program, call the Elder Helpline at **866-413-5337**

Family Movie Night
 Gulf Cove United Methodist Church invites your family to a free showing of the movie "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" starring Steve Martin. The movie will start at **7pm on Friday, August 13**, inside the church. Bring your own snacks and drinks; free popcorn will be available. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road, Port Charlotte, just before the Myakka River bridge on State Road 776. For more information, please call the church at **697-1747**, or email GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Movies
 Elsie Quirk Library invites you to their free Wednesday Evening Movie Nights starting at **5pm**. Bring the family to the library to enjoy a feature-length movie on the big screen in the upstairs meeting room. The movie dates for **August** are **Wednesdays, August 11, 18 and 25**. Free popcorn! Elsie Quirk Library is located at 100 W. Dearborn Street. For movie title and questions, call **861-1225**.

Outdoor Fitness Equipment Coming!
 Installation of outdoor fitness equipment along the walking paths at Ann and Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Drive, is underway. Installation is expected to be completed around **Friday, August 16**. Park patrons are encouraged to use caution around the area. Similar



Dollars for Mammograms wants everyone to know that it is business as usual, nothing has changed. This non-profit organization wants to clarify that they just expanded the wheel of opportunity to better serve the underserved in this area for those unable to afford a mammogram as a result of their new partnership with Englewood Community Care Clinic. Possible recipients, like before, will still be able to get their application from their health providers, outpatient clinics, family health clinics, the website, emailing info@dollarsformammograms.org or mailing a request to Dollars for Mammograms, Inc., PO Box 366, Englewood, FL 34295. Dollars for Mammograms offers "help for today" & "hope for tomorrow" to area residents of Charlotte & South Sarasota Counties who are uninsured, under-insured, or cannot afford breast related health testing & readings. For details, visit www.dollarsformammograms.org

outdoor fitness equipment is also being installed at South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper St. in Punta Gorda.

Community Beach Bash
 Come celebrate the Englewood Chamber's 80th birthday on **Saturday, August 21, noon to 4pm!** They are holding a Birthday Beach Bash at Englewood Beach pavilion

number 3 next to the volleyball courts. Come out and celebrate all things Englewood! This is a fun community event for all to enjoy. There will be live music, corn hole, volleyball, and more. Food and soft drinks will be provided. Cost is \$10. Register online at www.Englewoodchamber.com under the community events link.

more information, visit www.fishermensvillage.com or call **639-8721**.

CRA Advisory Board Meeting
 The Sarasota County CRA Board meets at **1pm** on the **second Monday of the month** at Lemon Bay Park, 570 Bay Park Blvd. The topics agenda for the **Monday, August 9, 1pm** meeting includes a new proposed event presentation, *A Plant Based Diet*, by Mark Rosen, Hermitage Artist Retreat funding request, Dearborn Street Plaza policy discussion, Englewood Sculpture Garden selection and the CRA Advisory Board meeting time. New business is discussion on future land use designations along S. McCall Road. There will also be updates for the W. Dearborn Street Improvements, S. McCall Road Drainage Project, the Dearborn Street Plaza and an OEVA (Old Englewood Village Association) update. The meeting is open to the public and any persons

wanting to comment are directed to complete a "Request to Speak Card" for the comment. For more information, call the Englewood CRA at **473-9795** or email englewood@scgov.net. The Englewood Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) is part of the Sarasota County Government Planning and Development Services Department.

Medicare 101
 Have questions on Medicare or want to learn the basics as you approach your 65th birthday? Counselors from SHINE are available to assist with Medicare enrollment. SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and your local Area Agency on Aging. Join them for a session about Medicare basics and the importance of enrollment periods on **Thursday, August 12, 10:30am to noon**, at the Englewood Charlotte Library,

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The Jubilee Center, St. David's Episcopal Church, was selected as one of the Lightspeed Gives Grant recipients. The \$800 award was used to purchase 50 lightweight sleeping bags for their "campers." The Jubilee Center extends many thanks to Ed Hill, Director of Outreach Lightspeed Voice, and to Brad Fuller, Owner of Lightspeed Voice, for this wonderful blessing for their clients! Pictured (left to right): Ruth Hill, Jubilee Center Administrator; Jubilee Center Volunteers Marny Hayward, Ann Landry and Robert Hannula with the sleeping bags.



On July 21, The Jubilee Center, St. David's Episcopal Church, received a surprise visit from these two wonderful men, Newt Webb, President of Englewood Moose Lodge #1933, and Bob Stayrook, three-year Trustee of Lodge #1933 who presented a donation check for \$1,000. Jubilee Center Administrator Ruth Hill said, "We were blessed with a check presentation of \$1,000! So amazing! We cannot begin to express our sincere appreciation to all the members of the Englewood Moose Lodge #1933 for their continued support of the Jubilee Center and the clients we serve." For more information about the Jubilee Center, call 681-3550. Photo (l-r): Newt Webb, Ruth Hill, Bob Stayrook.

Let's Eat – Englewood Dates

The Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that the 7th Annual Restaurant Week Promotion, "Let's Eat! - Englewood" is planned for **Thursday, September 16 through Thursday, September 30**. The highly anticipated event is expected to include around 30 participating restaurants. This year's "Foodie Celebration" will include a 3-course prix fixe dinner menu for \$29 and 2-course prix fixe lunch menu for \$15. The specialty menus will be available for online viewing in early September at www.LetsEatEnglewood.com. "This is a great opportunity for patrons

to possibly enjoy a new special menu item at one of their favorite restaurants, or try out a new restaurant," said Chamber Executive Director, Doug Izzo. "Our goal is to increase business for the local restaurants during the slower time of year, and to continue to promote Englewood, FL as a culinary destination." Laurie Farlow, owner of Farlow's on the Water, said their restaurant saw an increase of 30% in sales during the Let's Eat campaign in 2020. The Chamber thanks the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitors Center again for their generous support of the event.

Florida Air Show
It's official! The 2021 Florida

International Air Show performer lineup has been finalized. This year's airshow will be the weekend of **October 16 and 17** at the Punta Gorda Airport. Performers include the F-16 Viper Demo Team, Chef Pitts, Jim Pietz, Commemorative Air Force Douglas SB-5 and FG-1D Corsair, SOCOM Para-Commandos, Patty Wagstaff, and Beechcraft Bonanza. Learn more about the air show, and purchase tickets at www.floridaairshow.com.

Sarasota County Surtax Workshops

The infrastructure surtax is a voter-approved sales tax used to invest in local infrastructure improvements, such as public safety, roads, sidewalks, parks, libraries, and schools. Multiple workshops are planned in the coming months to collect feedback from citizens on what kinds of projects they find most important. To find a public meeting near you, visit www.sarasotacountysurtax.net.

Community Care Clinic In-Person Visits

Just a reminder that the Englewood Community Care Clinic (ECCC) is **open** for in-person patient visits on **Monday and Thursday evenings** starting at **5pm**. Patients will be seen on a walk-in basis (no appointments). Staffed by volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and administrative personnel, the clinic provides free medical services to the uninsured and working poor in Charlotte and Sarasota counties. The clinic is located at the Mac Horton West County Annex at 6868 San Casa

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Charlotte County Commissioner Ken Doherty has been appointed to the National Association of Counties' Transportation Steering Committee (NACo). He was also appointed to the Highway/Highway Safety Subcommittee, on which he will serve as vice chairman. Doherty was first elected to the Charlotte County Commission in 2012. Prior to serving on the commission, Doherty worked as a professional engineer and as the county engineer. He served as chairman of the Charlotte County Charter Review Commission in 2010 and as a member in 1992, 1997 and 2004.

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OneBlood Blood Drives

Plan now to donate blood at one of the Englewood OneBlood "Big Red Bus" blood drives that are scheduled on the following dates. Please note that blood drives are subject to change at any time. Donors are requested

Drive. For more information, please call the clinic at **681-2081** or visit www.Englewoodclinic.org.



Sign up now for the Pirate Poker Run, one of the events leading up to the Englewood Beach Waterfest in November. With a Pre-Party planned for **Friday, September 17, 5 to 9pm**, at the SandBar Tiki & Grill, the Pirate Poker Run is from **10am to 4pm on Saturday, September 18** followed by the After-Party, **5 to 7pm**, at the Lighthouse Grill at Stump Pass. Party to music by "American Made" (pictured here), cash prizes handed out for the best poker hand, wear your Pirate best for the Pirate Costume Contest to win prizes, and find out if you won any of the prizes in the raffle drawing. There will be five fun stops with food & drink specials at each stop. Registration is only \$25 per person (poker hand only) and \$40 (poker hand & T-shirt). Online registration ends **Tuesday, September 14** but you can register the day of the Poker Run from **8:30 to 10am**. Tickets for the raffle drawing will be available at both events. Learn more and register at <https://englewoodbeachwaterfest.com/poker-run/>

to visit the OneBlood website at www.oneblood.org to schedule an appointment. **Sunday, August 8, 10am to 4pm:** Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road. **Tuesday, August 10 and Wednesday, August 11, 8am to 1pm:** Englewood Fire Department, 599 S. Indiana Avenue. **Friday, August 13, 10am to 4pm:** Gulf

Coast Hardware, 975 S. McCall Road. **Friday, August 20, 11am to 5pm:** Englewood Pet Supermarket, 1951 S. McCall Road (Palm Plaza.) **Saturday, August 28, 9am to 3pm:** Symbiont Service Corporation, 4372 N. Access Road. **Monday, August 30, 8am to noon:** Englewood YMCA, 701 Medical

Blvd. **Monday, August 30, 1 to 4pm:** Winn Dixie, 1951 S. McCall Road (Palm Plaza.)

Sports

Golfers Who C.A.R.E. Scramble
Get Your Swing on with C.A.R.E. Auxiliary! Join C.A.R.E. Auxiliary on **Saturday, September 25** for their annual Golfers Who C.A.R.E. Scramble to be held at **8am** at the Riverwood Golf Club, located at 4100 Riverwood Drive, Port Charlotte. Cost is \$90 per person or \$360 per team. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies (C.A.R.E.) Attendees of the event will have a jam-packed day of golfing, specialty awards, raffle prizes and amazing food generously provided by Riverwood Golf Club. Get your teams together, bring your raffle cash and let's golf for a great cause! Registration & Sponsorship opportunities at www.carefl.org/events. Please contact Jamie at **639-5499** or email: golferswhocare@gmail.com with any questions. The C.A.R.E. Auxiliary Society is a social, educational, and philanthropic group dedicated to furthering the mission of The Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies, Inc. and caring for all victims of violent crimes.

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Trick or Trot 5K Trail Run
Zoomers Southwest Florida Running & Triathlon Club presents their annual scholarship fundraising race on **Saturday, October 16** at **8am**. Come join fellow ghouls and goblins in this Halloween-themed (costumes encouraged!) 5K trail run through Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6961 San Casa Drive. There will be awards for Overall, Youth, Masters, Grand and Senior Masters, Veteran Masters, and top 3 Male/Female in each age group. Also, an award for best costume. Finisher's medals for all runners and a cool tech shirt. Early registration through **August 15** is \$35 and then rises to \$40. Kids, ages 1-14, are \$23. Sponsored by Subway, proceeds will benefit the Zoomers Scholarship Fund, Suncoast Humane Society, and middle/high school athletics. For more information or registration, go to <https://zoomersrun.com>.

color-coded road markings. This is not a race! Breakfast, lunch, and fully stocked rest stops with homemade snacks, and full mobile SAG (support & gear) are included in your registration. Pre-registration cost online by **Friday, October 22** is \$50; day race is \$55. First 400 to register receive a free ride t-shirt and goodie bag. Doors open at **7am** for check-in & breakfast with

group starts beginning at **8am**. Start and end location is Imagine School, 2757 Sycamore Street, North Port. For more information & registration, visit www.peoplefortrees.com.

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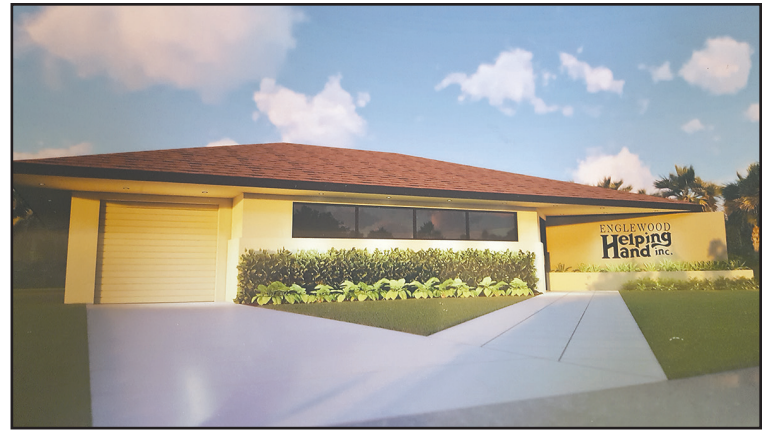
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The Englewood Chamber of Commerce has recognized two more long-standing chamber members with their Milestone Member initiative. Sea Oats Beach Club, an Interval Ownership Resort, has been a chamber member for 53 years, and Englewood Beach & Yacht Club with 39 years of chamber membership. Sea Oats Beach Club is located at 1720 Gulf Blvd., and Englewood Beach and Yacht Club nearby at 1815 Gulf Blvd. on Manasota Key, and you can learn more at www.EnglewoodBeachResorts.com. Chamber Membership Coordinator, Kim Park, holds the recognition sign at Sea Oats and at Englewood Beach & Yacht Club's sign is Chamber CEO Doug Izzo.



After five years of planning, Englewood Helping Hand (EHH) was able to ceremoniously dig the first shovel of dirt for their new larger building to be able to help more people in need here in the Englewood area. Mark Rennie, former EHH board president and building fund coordinator for the project, dug the first shovelful as a gathering of EHH volunteers, partner church representatives, Sarasota County Commissioner Ron Cutsinger, Englewood Chamber representatives and members of the public gathered around. Ginny Anderson, current EHH Board President, introduced the EHH board members and thanked all the hardworking volunteers and many donors. Englewood United Methodist Church Pastor Bo Sim provided the blessing for "the anointed ground on which Englewood Helping Hand will be able to continue and expand to serve the Englewood area." The new building, near the site of the current food pantry/social services resource location on the Englewood United Methodist Church campus, will be a 2400 square foot warehouse type building with a large client lobby, running water, a bathroom, kitchenette, two offices for expanded social services assistance, and a large garage door for donations and All Faiths Food Bank shipments. The builder is Don Hamsher of Hamsher Homes, Inc. A temporary building behind the church continues to serve Englewood during construction. Hours of operation are currently **Wednesday & Thursday, 8am to 1pm**. Originally founded in 1983 by local churches, Kiwanis Club, and community members to serve the needy, EHH continues to serve the Englewood community, even during the pandemic. EHH is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization is supported solely by donations from area churches and other churches, businesses, organizations, community members and All Faiths Food Bank. EHH is not affiliated with any church although the Englewood United Methodist Church rents the location to EHH for \$1 on a 99-year lease. For those who would like to help keep the food pantry stocked, a list of currently needed items is posted on their Facebook page weekly. Englewood Helping Hand is located at 700 E. Dearborn Street on the corner of Dearborn & Pine Street. They can be reached at **474-5864** or email englewoodhelpinghand@outlook.com. Financial donations can be mailed to Englewood Helping Hand, PO Box 791, Englewood, FL 34295.

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Arts & Entertainment



This winter, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens (Selby Gardens) will spotlight the work of Robert Mapplethorpe, one of the most significant photographers of the 20th century, together with the poetry of legendary singer-songwriter and poet Patti Smith in a special exhibition "Flowers, Poetry and Light", on view throughout the garden's 15-acre Downtown Sarasota campus at 1534 Mound Street, Sarasota. Marking the sixth edition of the Gardens' annual Jean & Alfred Goldstein Exhibition Series, which explores the work of major artists through the lens of their connection to nature, this immersive exhibition puts a selection of Mapplethorpe's photographs of orchids, hyacinths, and irises, and excerpts of Smith's poems and lyrics on flowers and nature, in dialogue with new horticultural installations inspired by the two artists' work. The exhibit will run from **February 13 through June 26, 2022**. The Gardens will host "An Evening with Patti Smith," on **Tuesday, February 15**, as a lecture and performance with Smith that will shed new light on this body of work. For updates, visit www.selby.org.

Lemon Bay Playhouse New Season

Lemon Bay Playhouse is excited to begin their 2021/22 season after a long COVID-19 hiatus. The production season kicks off with the hilarious comedy, *Separate Beds* by M.J. Cruise, running **September 8 through September 26**. Also on the schedule are *Fox on the Fairway*, *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, *Old Ringers*, *The Prisoner of Second Avenue*, *The Psychic*, and *the Savannah Sipping Society*. Individual tickets to all this season's shows and special events are now on sale! There are other showcase productions on the schedule, as well, such as the *Magic Elixir Band*, Bill Gladwell, John & Patty Tuff, and *Paisley Craze*. See the complete schedule with dates/times and to purchase tickets online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or at the Box Office, 96 W. Dearborn Street, **weekdays 10am to 2pm and one hour before show time**. Volunteer opportunities are also available. You can also call **475•6756** during box office hours.



If soul music is your style, come be entranced by the "Magic Elixir Band" on **Saturday, October 2** at the Lemon Bay Playhouse (LBP), 96 W. Dearborn Street. "Mark Rom & The Magic Elixir Band" delivers their audiences fresh new original American Music, along with deep album cuts and classic soulful covers. Utilizing top local and national talent, each show brings you "Inside the Studio," with premium quality sound, an intimate chill vibe, and a memorable musical experience for all ages. Show time is **7:30pm** and tickets are \$23 for adults/\$18 for students. Purchase tickets online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or at the Box Office, 96 W. Dearborn Street, **weekdays 10am to 2pm**. Phone **475•6756**.

at the gazebo in Centennial Park, 200 W. Venice Avenue. These free concerts are held on the second and fourth Friday of each month from **7 to 9pm**. Rob Garcia is scheduled for **Friday, August 13** and Joe Mullan & Chris Smith on **Friday, August 27**. Attendees are asked to follow CDC guidelines and bring their own chairs and blankets. No alcohol is permitted in Centennial Park.

Fiction Writers Group
Join Englewood Charlotte Library volunteer Tammie for a free discussion about writing fiction. The Fiction Writers Group meets on **Saturdays, August 14 and August 28, 10:45am to 1pm**, at the library,

3450 N. Access Road. For more information, please contact Tammie Diehl at Tamiamifl@comcast.net.

Majesty of Rock Concert
If you are fans of the super-rock bands, *Journey & Styx*, plan to attend the Majesty of Rock Concert on **Saturday, August 21** at CoolToday Park. The band faithfully re-creates the sound and feel of these two super-rock groups. This is an outdoor general admission show. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. No outside food or beverages allowed. Tailgating is allowed. Gates for the show open at **6pm** and the concert begins at **8pm**. Tomahawk Tiki Bar will be open during the show and concessions will be available. Tickets are \$12 with limited VIP spaces for \$75. Tickets are now on sale at <https://am.ticketmaster.com>. CoolToday Park is located at 18800 S. West Villages Parkway, Venice.

Arts in August
Fishermen's Village and the Punta Gorda Visual Arts Center invite you to attend their Arts in August event on **Saturday, August 21, 10am to 3pm**. Held at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, there will be live demonstrations, fine art & crafts vendors along with dining, shopping, and entertainment. Visit www.artsinstitute.org.

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Area resident Todd Cameron recently published his first novel, "Snowblind", and is doing a book signing on **Saturday, August 28 from 10am to noon** at the pavilion in Lemon Bay Park, 570 Bay Park Blvd. "Snowblind" is a 'Florida noir' crime/thriller set mainly on the Gulf Coast in the early 80s following the exploits of Vietnam vet Richard MacCarter, a hard drinking, down on his luck chopper pilot in the Florida Keys. Lured by money and adventure, MacCarter finds himself sliding fast into the wild and treacherous drug smuggling underworld. He finds himself in a lethal game of cat and mouse stretching from the sun-drenched Bahamas to the sleepy barrier islands of Florida's Gulf Coast. Eventually seeking refuge in a snowy Canadian town, he meets a woman named Nicole who inadvertently leads them into dark and deadly waters. A fatal turn of events has MacCarter headed for the coldest place on the planet, Antarctica. Canadian Todd Cameron's early pursuits were athletic—skateboarding, bodybuilding, and swimming—before finally settling down and focusing on writing, a passion he has had since childhood. He also has owned and operated a shark diving venture. Todd now lives with his wife Valerie in Southwest Florida, where he is at work researching and outlining his second novel, "Hurricane Hole". He still enjoys swimming and maintains an active lifestyle here. The book is also available for purchase on Amazon. Visit www.toddcameron.net for learn more about Todd.

fishermensvillage.com or visualartcenter.org for more information.

Third Wednesday Book Club

If you would like to be a part of a book club, come to the Englewood Charlotte Library

on the third Wednesday of each month from **6 to 7pm** for a discussion of that month's chosen title. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own copy of the featured book. The group meets outside the library at 3450 N. Access Road.

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Lemon Bay Playhouse (LBP) opens their 2021/22 season with "Separate Beds," a comedy by M.J. Cruise running **Thursday, September 8 through Sunday, September 26**. Ernie and Twink are in the autumn of their lives. In celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary, the couple's children send them on a Caribbean cruise. Free of chores and children, Ernie and Twink are wined, dined, and introduced to exciting people.

When they meet the rich, seductive Blake and Beth, who still seem to have a perfect life together after ten years of marriage, Twink becomes infatuated with the glamour of the other couple's lives and seeks to reignite the spark in her own marriage. But is the grass actually greener on the other side? Find out in this heartwarming and hilarious voyage of rediscovery. For performance dates/times and ticket purchase information, go to www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or come/call the Box Office, 96 W. Dearborn Street, **weekdays 10am to 2pm** or one hour before show time. Phone: **475•6756**.

On **Wednesday, August 25**, *The View from Somewhere* by Lewis R Wallace, will be discussed, and on **Wednesday, September 15**, the group will be discussing *I am, I am, I am* by Maggi O'Farrell. For details, call **681•3736**.

Hermitage Sunsets @ Selby Gardens

The Hermitage Artist Retreat presents *Hermitage Sunsets at Selby Gardens* on **Friday, August 27 at 6:30pm**. *Words and Music: Performance in Process* features two unique and extraordinary performing artists, Thea Lobo and Ni'Ja Whitson, who will share their words, voices, and music in a memorable summer evening at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 1534 Mound Street, Sarasota. Registration is \$5. Find the event details and registration link at <https://hermitageartistretreat.org>.

Percussion Ensemble Showcase
Punta Gorda Symphony returns to the stage at Florida SouthWestern State College

Charlotte Campus on **Saturday, August 28, 7pm**. The show will highlight Punta Gorda Symphony Percussion Ensemble – a section that rarely gets to take center stage during orchestral performances. Percussionists Dean Anderson, Scott Crawford, Isaac Fernández Hernández, and Tihda Vongkoth will come front and center to showcase the most riveting array of instruments and music seldom heard in live concert settings. Adult tickets are \$30 per concert. For more information and tickets, visit www.PGSymphony.org, or call the office at **205•5996**. Florida SouthWestern State College Charlotte Campus is located at 26300 Airport Road, Punta Gorda.

LBP Cast Auditions

Lemon Bay Playhouse (LBP) has announced that some of the auditions for this season's productions will be "cluster auditions", meaning auditions will be for two shows at the same time. Actors will have the option of auditioning for one

or both shows but because the shows run back-to-back, actors who are cast can only do one of the two shows. These are the shows that will share audition dates: *Fox on the Fairway* and *A Child's Christmas in Wales* – **Sunday & Monday, August 29 & 30**; *Old Ringers* and *The Prisoner of Second Avenue* – **Sunday & Monday, November 21 & 22**; and *The Psychic* and *The Savannah Sipping Society* – **Sunday & Monday, February 20 & 21, 2022**. As in the past, all auditions will start at **7pm**. Scripts and sides will be available for perusal at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com (sides only) or at the Box Office, 96 W. Dearborn Street, **between 10am and 2pm weekdays**. Please Note: Due to the COVID-19 virus, the audition plans are subject to change.



Andy Sandberg, Artistic Director and CEO of the Hermitage Artist Retreat, announced today the organization has welcomed James R. Monaghan as its new programs manager. Monaghan joins the Hermitage after serving as the Asolo Rep's dramaturg and literary manager. In his new role, Monaghan will be responsible for coordinating and managing the Hermitage's acclaimed artist and community engagement programs. He will work closely with Sandberg and the Hermitage team in overseeing the Hermitage's nationally renowned artist residency program and will also collaborate with hundreds of Hermitage artists to bring innovative, authentic, and unique programming to this region. Prior to his work with the Asolo Rep, Monaghan wrote about theatrical design as the Tow Foundation Fellow in the Roundabout Theatre Company Archives, created a one-on-one theatrical experience entitled [antidote] for the National Theatre of Croatia in Rijeka, and worked in the literary department of the Play Company in New York. He has been a resident artist at the Catwalk Institute, was featured in the Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas' newsletter and recently directed a digital production of *Spring Awakening* with the Georgetown Gilbert and Sullivan Society. Learn more about the Hermitage Artist Retreat at www.hermitageartistretreat.org.

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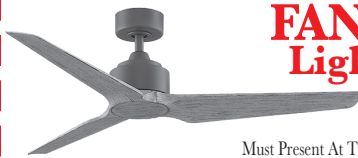
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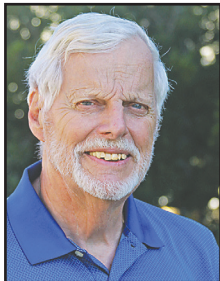
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Notable NEIGHBORS

By Dean M. Laux

He went from wine to water

Englewood's Kenn Visser pretty much by accident found himself in the businesses of growing fine wines and making pure water. But in doing so, he has done a great service to a great many people.

Kenn grew up in Kirkwood, Mo., an upscale suburb of St. Louis, and put in a couple of years at the University of Missouri, but on summer break in 1972 he got a job on a dairy farm outside of Vancouver, British Columbia. He liked the area so well that he stayed on, doing whatever work he could find on farms in the area. BC is rich in fruit and wine-growing properties, and within a few years Kenn gained considerable knowledge and expertise. Enough so that in 1979 he landed a job with Compact Orchard Development Co. in Okanagan Centre, BC, managing 100 irrigated acres of high-density tree fruits and wine grapes.

In 1982 he moved up to an executive-level position as general manager of Covert Farms in Oliver, BC. He now had responsibility for 500 irrigated acres of vineyards, tree fruits, ground crops and alfalfa. He trained and supervised a staff of up to 125 employees and did crop planning and management for 20 different crops, especially wine and table grapes. He was responsible for financial planning and crop-specific cost accounting programs. He initiated and monitored the firm's planting and pruning strategies, pest and disease control programs and direct-to-customer sales and marketing programs. "It was hard work," he recalls. "I'd work from early March into December without a day off." But it was worth it. He was a "man for all seasons," now an expert in the wine-growing business and well paid for his knowledge and skills.

In 1986 he accepted an offer to join a "First Nation" (we'd call it "Native American") enterprise that needed his expertise. "It was called Inkameep Vineyards, Ltd." he says. "They had all this land, they hadn't made any money on it for 17 years, and they really needed help. I signed

on for seven years as general manager, to help them maximize the value of their wine-growing territory. We concentrated on one thing only: growing grapes." His efforts paid off. The Inkameep made \$250,000 in profits the first year, and their business grew. And grew. So did the region. There are now 240 wineries in the valley. While working for Inkameep, Kenn also served as a director of the British Columbia Grape Marketing Board, where he co-authored industry position papers and helped develop strategies for BC's grape and wine industry under the Canadian government's free trade agreements.

Once the Inkameep had their vineyards booming, Kenn moved on. A business acquaintance asked him if he'd enter a joint venture in the water purification business. "I didn't know anything about water purification," Kenn says, "but he said, 'Let's just have fun and make money.'" After examining the concept



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and financials, Kenn decided to go for it. The company, Water Pure & Simple, was to sell water bottling franchises for a purified product, and Kenn served as director of sales and marketing. In a five-year period, WP&S established 40 franchises, developed a customer base of 25,000 accounts and sold out to US Filter/Culligan for a tidy profit.

While he was at WP&S, Kenn saw a device at a trade

show in Los Angeles that could add high volumes of oxygen to water, and the concept fascinated him. "At the time there were no differentiated water choices," he says. "You got either 'spring water' or 'purified' water." But water with a high oxygen content would delay the buildup of lactic acid in the muscles, meaning that users would have longer and better performance times and a quicker recovery from exhaustion. That was ideal for athletes, of course, but also for the normal folks doing physical labor or exercising.

Kenn put together a team that bought the patent rights to the superoxygenation technology and formed Life O2 International, a Naples, Florida-based company that licensed it to partners in some 22 countries. Along the way, Life O2 worked with Water One, Inc. of Ft. Myers, to not only produce the high-tech water purifier but also to create a delivery system for the user

that was small, solar-powered and mobile, so that it would have great value for those who were not connected to an electric grid system: water-craving inhabitants of rural areas, underdeveloped countries and areas that had suffered a major natural disaster that disrupted their grid system and water-delivery capability.

In 2010 Haiti was hit with a monster, magnitude 7.0 earthquake that knocked out the is-



Kenn Visser and wife Linda.

land's grid system and left large areas with no clean water source. Families were drinking muddy rainwater and worse, and were ravaged with waterborne diseases. "The disaster in Haiti was horrific," Kenn remembers. "I went there and saw tent cities where the natives were drinking water from cisterns that was so toxic that they were sick every day. Waterborne disease is a worldwide killer, and something had to be done there." The Water One units were an ideal solution. So Kenn got in touch with some charitable organizations he knew would be interested in placing sustainable off-the-grid purifiers in the hands of the Haitians. He found partners in Rotary International and its local affiliates, Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary and the Rotary Club of Englewood.

The effort in Haiti paid off. Many hundreds of lives were saved there, and the effort inspired Kenn to start a similar project in Cuba in partnership with the Southwest Florida Methodist Churches. The Southwest District Mission Program included the Englewood United Methodist Church as a fundraiser and supporter. Agape Flights in Venice made the initial flights to Cuba bringing purifiers to churches there. "Right now, 36 Methodist churches in Cuba have purifiers," Kenn says. He

got other projects going in the Dominican Republic, Honduras and India, and he worked with Rotary Club affiliates as far away as Chevy Chase, Md. The Salvation Army raised \$145,000 for purification kits to be sent to 4,500 families in Puerto Rico. And current projects are underway in Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador.

"Through these efforts with our local partners," Kenn observes, "we have given people the tools they can use to have sustainable off-the-grid water where it is desperately needed." It may have been a lucky accident that Kenn Visser ended up in the water purifier business, but there are no doubt thousands of people in several countries who are mighty glad he did.

Dean Laux is exploring interesting folks living in our community. If you know of anyone with an interesting background please send an email to: tomnewton@englewoodreview.com. Include the person's name, contact info and give a brief description of the person's background.

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Amanda's PICKS

What I'm Rewatching

It's strange how we'll rewatch our favorite sitcom, *The Office*, *Friends*, or in my case *Parks and Recreation*, again and again, but that amazing movie we saw in college or on a date night—once is enough. How many times have you flipped through the menu on a cable or streaming service and thought “I love that movie,” and moved on to your favorite home renovation show?

My cinephile daughter happened upon the British indie film *Mona Lisa* (R) on TCM. It's a movie I remember really liking when I saw it in a cinema in Cambridge in 1986, but for some reason, never thought to watch it again. When Emma started it up on Sunday afternoon, and I heard Nat King Cole singing “Mona Lisa, Mona Lisa,” I sat down.

I recalled exactly two things about *Mona Lisa*; that Bob Hoskins was fantastic in the starring role and that it did not have a happy ending. The first thing I noticed while rewatching *Mona Lisa* is how much Cathy Tyson's call girl, Simone, reminded me of Jaye Davidson's character, Dil, in 1992's *The Crying Game*. Both movies were directed by Neil Jordan. It was so obvious, it was almost distracting.

When I wasn't obsessing about the Simone/Dil thing, I was enjoying watching Bob Hoskins as George, an ex-con who gets drawn up in London's seedy world of pimps and prostitutes when Simone hires him to drive her around to her clients. I had forgotten Michael Caine played a bad guy in the movie. It's all very gritty and atmospheric and a bit dark. Hoskins ended up winning just about every award except the Oscar, which he lost to Paul Newman. If you're going to lose...

How to Watch - Hulu and HBO Max

Fast forward to 2006 and *Little Miss Sunshine* (R). Fifteen years isn't 35, so I remembered a lot more about this charming



indie film that became a box office and critical hit. It won a slew of awards including a well-deserved Oscar for Best Original Screenplay and it is definitely original. Abigail Breslin stars as Olive, an upbeat young girl obsessed with beauty pageants. Her highly dysfunctional family includes brother Dwayne (Paul Dano), who reads a lot of philosophy books and refuses to talk, a grandfather (Oscar-winner Alan Arkin), who does drugs and swears, a father (Greg Kinnear), who is a wannabe motivational speaker, and a mother (Toni Colette), trying to keep it all together.

The family takes their VW Bus on a road trip from New Mexico to California for Olive's Little Miss Sunshine Pageant. The movie is so well-written that every moment, whether wacky or heartwarming, feels authentic. And it's funny. “Everybody, pretend to be normal, OK?” I think I enjoyed it even more the second time.

How to Watch Free - TUBI

(edited for language)

I tried but couldn't make it through George Clooney's latest Netflix movie, *The Midnight Sky*. And just between us, it's not his best look. You know what is his best look and one of his best performances? 2009's *Up in the Air*. Clooney was nominated for an Oscar for his role as Ryan Bingham, a guy who travels more than 300 days a year, firing guys for a living. He seems

perfectly happy with a lifestyle that leaves him with no time for a relationship, family or home life. Then a young hotshot Natalie (Anna Kendrick in her first major role), convinces the boss (Jason Bateman) to fire people over the computer instead of in person, thus potentially grounding Ryan. He wins a reprieve by wrangling one last trip, this time with Natalie. He's also juggling a new relationship with a fellow frequent flyer (Vera Farmiga) and his sister's wedding. If you do rewatch *Up in the Air*, know that many of the people you see fired (who don't have a dialogue with Clooney or Kendrick) are people who were actually laid off and recruited by the filmmakers to share their stories. I didn't know this the first time I saw it.

How to Watch - Hulu, TV for People Who Love the Movies

Netflix's original series *The Movies That Made Us* is a fun, fluffy and occasionally insightful look at influential films including *Jurassic Park*, *Die Hard*, *Back to the Future* and *Forrest Gump*. Each 48-minute episode is narrated in an almost sing-songy fashion by Brit Donald Ian Black. Even if you've seen the movie a dozen times, you will learn something new, especially about the shenanigans involved in getting a movie made. There are interviews with cast members, producers, writers and crew members, but don't expect Julia Roberts to show up in the *Pretty Woman* episode.

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With so much laundry being generated, homeowners may want to consider paying extra attention to the space in the house where their clothing is being cleansed. Laundry room renovations may not top homeowners' priority lists, but it may be time to give these rooms another look.

Assess your equipment

If your appliances are aging, a laundry room renovation can start with an investment in new appliances. New models have large capacity loads, tend to be energy-efficient and could have innovative features that help fit with your laundry lifestyle. Purchasing front-loading models also can free up design space, as you can install a counter directly above the units, saving room for other items like drying racks.

Figure out your room needs

A laundry room need not be limited to laundry only. Many homeowners make large laundry rooms catch-all spaces that can serve as utility or mud rooms, pantry overflows, or off-season storage areas. Consider the functions you want the room to serve and include those ideas in your designs.

Add some natural light

If possible, include a window in your laundry room. Natural light can help make the room more enjoyable. It also can help you identify stains on clothes that need to be addressed and make it easier to fold matching items like socks.

Think about a utility sink

Many washing machines drain out directly to waste pipes in the floor or wall, but you also can opt to have them empty into a utility sink. This sink also provides a convenient place to handwash items, clean tools or paintbrushes, or store items that perhaps you do not want to bring into a bathroom or kitchen sink.

Include some flair

This utilitarian space need not be boring or bereft of design elements. Mirror your home's style in the laundry room, and include wall hangings, plants, accent items, and even task lighting. Play up certain features with a bold floor tile or brightly colored walls.

Updating laundry rooms can be a great way to make doing laundry more enjoyable and efficient.



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AUGUST

South Florida Gardening Calendar

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WHAT TO PLANT

Annuals/Bedding plants: The hottest days of summer limit planting to heat-tolerant vinca, coleus, salvia, and celosia.

Bulbs: Aztec lily, butterfly lily, walking iris, and spider lily can be planted any time of the year, even late summer.

Herbs: Herbs that can be planted from plants (not seeds) include bay laurel, ginger, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary.

Vegetables: Start planting eggplant, okra, peppers, pumpkin, squashes, and tomatoes for the fall garden.



WHAT TO DO

Palms: Check older fronds for yellowing as it may indicate a magnesium or potassium deficiency. Apply an appropriate palm fertilizer.

Vegetables: Solarize the vegetable garden for 4-6 weeks in preparation for fall planting if not done in July.

Poinsettias: Pinch back poinsettias and mums before the end of the month to allow time for buds to form for winter bloom.

Ornamental plants: Fertilize those plants that show signs of deficiencies. Rapid growth and leaching rains may result in nutrient deficiencies in some plants.

Annuals/Bedding plants: Remove spent blooms, cut back,

and fertilize flowering annuals and perennials to extend the bloom season into the fall months.

UF RESOURCES FOR GARDENERS

- UF/IFAS Publications (EDIS) edis.ifas.ufl.edu
- Florida-Friendly Landscaping fyn.ifas.ufl.edu
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Club Chatter



GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club reacted as quickly as possible to the tragedy at the Surfside Florida condo disaster. They donated a check for \$500 and joining with the other General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) chapters throughout Florida to provide relief for 400 first responders and many anxious families. Hydration and personal safety became a challenge for first responders working in wet, hot, and humid conditions at the Surfside Condominium Disaster. On site every day, GFWC clubwomen delivered hundreds of neck gaiters, boot dryers, moisture-control socks, foot powder, blister relief items and t-shirts. They provided midnight meals and returned daily with thousands of water bottles and snacks for first responders and anxious families waiting onsite. Also donated by the GFWC volunteers were tents, tables, chairs, and industrial fans, giving first responders an opportunity to replenish their strength during breaks. The clubwomen also provided kitchen necessities for 35 Surfside families who lost their homes and are moving into new permanent living quarters. GFWC Florida President Dianne Foerster reflected on the actions of the GFWC volunteers during the past month. "I am grateful that GFWC Florida has made a small impact in the lives of so many during this tragedy. Thank you to all who helped GFWC Florida reach out to those who needed our hearts, our help, and our prayers," said Foerster. Donations are still gratefully being accepted. Checks can be designated for "Surfside Disaster Relief" and made payable to GFWC Florida, 4444 Florida National Drive, Lakeland, FL, 33813. There are three GFWC Clubs in Charlotte County. For information about the Rotonda West Woman's Club or to join, please contact rwwcmembership@hotmail.com. You do not have to be a resident of Rotonda West to become a member.



With the help of an anonymous donor, the Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary made a donation to the Kids' Needs Shoe Drive. Kids' shoes for those who need them will be available at the Back to School Bash on **August 7** at SKY Academy, and after that date, at the Kids' Needs Greater Englewood Clothes Closet on **Thursday evenings, 5 to 7pm, starting August 12**. Linda Stevens of Stevens the Florist said that she is overwhelmed by the generosity of the community and the outpouring of love from everywhere, including high school classmates and a best friend from Massachusetts, who sent donations after seeing Linda's Facebook posts. Presenting the check to Kids' Needs at Stevens the Florist are (L to R): Dave Wampler, Linda Stevens, and Dennis Guzik.

BPWEV Dinner Meeting

On **Tuesday, August 17**, Ellen McLaughlin will be the speaker at the Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) dinner meeting which starts at **5:30pm**. McLaughlin is the Program Director for Schoolhouse Link, a homeless education program at the Safe Children Coalition. This program is a long-standing collaboration between the School Board of Sarasota County and the Safe Children Coalition. Ms. McLaughlin has been with the Schoolhouse Link Program for fifteen years. The program provides a variety of free services to ensure that homeless children and youth are able to enroll, attend and succeed in school. BPWEV meets every third Tuesday of each month at the Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice. The public is invited to all meetings. For information go to www.bpwev.org.



At the Business and Professional Women of Florida (BPW/FL) State convention held in June, the local BPWEV (Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice) was honored with the following four awards: Debra Straw, Best Membership Chair; Esther Bird, Best Leadership Chair; Morina Chmielak, Best Recruitment Chair; and Karin Drury, Best Public Relationship Chair. This organization believes in Women Helping Women by offering Adult Learners Scholarships yearly and supporting organizations that help families. The mission of the organization is to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information. BPWEV meets **every third Tuesday of each month** at Plantation Golf and Country Club. The public is invited to all meetings. For information visit www.bpwev.org. Holding their awards are (l to r): Debra Straw, Esther Bird, Karin Drury, and Morina Chmielak.



At the July 20th dinner meeting, the Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) awarded 2 Christine Davis Memorial Adult Learner Scholarships. Bianca Vales, who is finishing her BSN degree in December of this year, received the scholarship for a second time. Pamela Leigh Schueler is seeking a BAS degree in Health Services Administration. Both students had to address the BPWEV members and talk about their goals, their families and how the scholarship

is helping them to reach those goals. This organization believes in Women Helping Women. Adult Learner Scholarships are offered every year to women residing in Sarasota or Charlotte Counties. Also, at this meeting, members collected backpacks with school supplies and healthy snacks that were later distributed to Taylor Ranch Elementary School and the Venice Salvation Army. For more information about BPWEV, visit www.bpwev.org. Pictured here (l to r): Natalie Bloom, Scholarship Committee; Pamela Leigh Schueler, Karin Drury, Scholarship Committee; Bianca Vales; Esther Bird and Carol Kouba, Scholarship Committee.



The Rotary Club of Englewood welcomed two new awesome Rotarians, Cindy Fitch and Liz Nason who transferred from other Rotary clubs. These ladies are going to be a great asset to the club. The club meets **every Tuesday from 11:30am to 1pm** at Landy's Restaurant. Visitors are welcome to attend as the club's guest. Learn more at www.therotaryclubofenglewood.org or on their Facebook page. You can also email therotaryclubofenglewood@gmail.com. Pictured (left to right): Rotarians Marcia Ziegler, Liz Mason, Club President Traci Hamill, Cindy Fitch and Karen Current.

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Have a Gardening Question?

Charlotte County Master Gardeners are back on Tuesdays from 10am to noon for free gardening information at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. Whether you are new to Florida gardening or are stumped by a problem with your lawn, trees, shrubs or plants, these Master Gardeners are available to answer your questions. Find out about Florida Friendly Landscaping, too. No appointments needed, just drop in! For more information, call the library at 681-3736.

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) Nature Walks

On these casual walks with CHEC volunteers, you will search and learn about plants, animals, fungi, and more that live in Charlotte County preserves. Prepare for each walk with plenty of water, insect repellent,

sunscreen, and clothing that will protect you from insects and plants. **Advance registration is required.** The health and safety policies for CHEC programs are subject to change. For information on programs, mask requirements and Covid-19 safety precautions, please call 475-0769 or email gerald@checflorida.org. Go to www.CHECflorida.org for a complete program calendar.

Monday, August 9, 8am:

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre Amberjack Environmental Park off Placida Road. Meet at 6250 Gasparilla Pines Blvd (at the end of the street). Register at 475-0769.

Monday, August 16, 8am:

Join CHEC on a guided walk through 308-acre Tippecanoe Environmental Park. This Charlotte County park includes habitats such as scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh, and wetlands. Meet behind the Charlotte County Sports Park, 2400 El Jobean Road. Call 475-0769 to register.

Monday, August 23, 8am:

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 125-acre Oyster Creek/Ann and Chuck Dever Regional Park. Meet at the San Casa entrance at 6790 San Casa Drive. Register at 475-0769.

Seagrass Daylight Wading Trips

Tuesday, August 10 & Tuesday, August 24, 8am:

These free seagrass wading adventures offered by CHEC take place in the seagrass beds of Lemon Bay at Cedar Point Environmental Park. On these guided programs with local experts, you'll experience a short-guided hike through various ecosystems of the park, and then you will get to wade into the shallow waters of Lemon Bay and use dipnets to sample all the incredible wildlife that lives within the seagrass flats. Prepare for each walk with plenty of water, insect repellent, reef-safe sunscreen (no oxybenzone), and clothing comfortable both for hiking and being in the water. Advance

registration is required as trips fill up quickly! Trips are limited to 15 people and a wait list is available for each trip. Register by calling 475-0769. Meet behind the Cedar Point Visitor Center, 2300 Placida Road. For more information, call 475-0769 or email gerald@checflorida.org.

NEW-Nocturnal Seagrass Trips

Come explore Cedar Point Environmental Park's nocturnal side! This trip will meet in the park at 2300 Placida Road, behind the Visitor Center, on **Saturday, August 21, 45 minutes before sunset (meet time 7:30pm)** and take a short-guided hike through the park down to the vibrant waters of Lemon Bay. There, you will have the chance to wade into the water right at sunset with nets and buckets to see what creatures can be observed living in the seagrass flats! You will be in the water as day turns to night and see what sort of nocturnal animals can be found! All animals will be released at the end of the program. The price of the program is \$15 per person, and children must be 8 years or older to attend. Headlamps and glowsticks will be provided to use in the dark while in the water, but you are welcome to use your own flashlights on the night hike back to the visitor center! Please bring plenty of drinking water, wear bug spray, and wear comfortable walking shoes that can also be worn in the water. Trips are limited to 12 participants. For more information or to make reservations, please call 475-0769 or email gerald@checflorida.org. The September outing will be **Saturday, September 18.**

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Great close-up of this pelican pair at the Lighthouse Grill. Pelicans frequent this location in hopes of a free meal from returning boats. Taken by Suzy Lawko of Englewood when visiting the restaurant.

Readers' Nature Photos



Charles Musick from Ventura Village in South Venice captured this shot of one of the bobcats who frequent his subdivision. There is also a female with her kitten who pass by his yard. Charles says bobcats have been in the area since before the neighborhood was built.

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OLD ENGLEWOOD VILLAGE

The Next Chapter

by Robert Reil

As the new President of OEVA, I would like to take a moment and introduce myself.

In the summer of 1978, I moved to Englewood from N. Miami for my senior year of high school with my family. No doubt, I have seen a lot of things change since! In those first years my father, Richard Reil along with my mother Janet, (who have passed in recent years)

owned and operated “Reil’s Outboards”, a small Johnson/ Evinrude dockside boat motor repair business on McCall Rd and Langsner Street.

After high school, I found my way to the Navy as a Machinist refitting Trident Class Nuclear Submarines aboard the USS Simon Lake (AS33). Next was supporting the Atlantic Fleet Support on the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN68). During

my tour I did not see much action, but I was aboard when the Nimitz returned for a second visit to the Gulf of Sidra near Libya after her initial 1991 encounter with Libya’s Muammar Gaddafi.

After the Navy, I was worked several years as a certified Honda motorcycle mechanic. Next, I found my way into robotics and automation, which sent me to Hong Kong for 6 months designing, installing, and

servicing various equipment. Later, life transitioned into the IT field, and I became a certified Microsoft and Cisco Network Engineer. I did well and learned a lot.

Before long, life changed again for me in a dramatic way when a very dear friend pointed out that I was a “natural analyst”, suggesting that I pursue a career as a Business System Analyst. For almost ten years now, I have been working in the corporate world as an interpreter between businesspeople and computer geeks for large banks, power companies, government contractors and others. I love it!

After resettling back home in Englewood, I recently married a wonderful woman who equally loves this community. Life could not be better. Together we are building a rental business based on mangos and Thai food. I know that sounds crazy, but on the food end, you can visit my wife’s Facebook page, “Mango Tree Thai”, for details as we start up. For the rental, the concept includes improving the home of my teen years into “Mango Tree Lodge” (a 2-unit efficiency off Dearborn that could be a seasonal rental, an Air-BNB, or a Thai cooking class getaway resort). We look forward to sharing these with the community when the time is right for unveiling.

After returning to Englewood and getting reacquainted, I began volunteering for various activities and then I was invited to attend an Old Englewood Village Association (OEVA) meeting. The group had a new president, the organization was in transition, and they needed help, so I joined.

In the beginning, my skills and tech focus were probably annoying because their systems and processes, despite being constantly updated, still needed a lot of work. Thankfully, and with a lot of effort from OEVA’s past and current officers, the

organizational systems and processes are getting a lot friendlier.

So, what is next? More technology is coming! With my background in linking technology and business processes together, I intend to see OEVA’s web, information, and social media services united into one friendly community tool that will add value to OEVA’s members and improve the organizations transparency and accountability. There is a lot of work still to do, and we could use your help.

Next on the list is to continue the development of The Englewood Arts District (EAD, formerly RCTOD), which is currently moving forward as a CRA community project and as an OEVA committee. Amazing things are going to come from this! The EAD website is being developed, signage and a logo has been created, a QR code purchased and linked, and an introductory fall art walk is being planned.

Another focus of ours is to continue the work of our past president whose passion for the arts inspired all of us. Plans are in the works for murals downtown, art contests and adventures, more youth outreach, street art events, music, etc.

Please join us when the Plaza is completed. OEVA will be resuming its’ monthly Town Hall meetings, and we look forward to listening and learning from you all.

I look forward to serving our community and sharing what is happening in Old Englewood behind the scenes. Exciting opportunities and times are coming on every front, and I cannot wait to share them with you in the coming articles.

Stay tuned and get involved! Visit www.oldenglewood.com and click Volunteer! We need you!

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PREVENTION

- Keep all medicine out of children's reach and get rid of old or unneeded products.
- Ask if any of your medicines are opioids, and keep an up-to-date medicine list for your doctors.
- Do not combine opioids with similar medicines or alcohol.
- Do not take medicine prescribed to others.
- Call poison control for questions about drug combinations, misuse.



RESPONSE

Call 911 immediately if someone cannot be awakened!

OTHER SIGNS OF OPIOID OVERDOSE:

- Slow or no breaths
- Noisy breathing
- Vomiting
- Cool, wet skin
- Very small pupils

Use naloxone (if available) while waiting for rescue.



RECOVERY

- Seek professional treatment for addiction to opioids, including prescription pain medicine, heroin, or fentanyl.
- Get support from family, friends, and doctors.
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Keeping **UP** with **KIDS**

Back to School Bash 2021

The annual Back to School Bash takes place at SKY Academy at 871 S. River Road on **Saturday, August 7 from 10am until 1pm**. This free event will be a drive-by distribution again this year with backpacks, school supplies and toiletries. Kids Needs of Greater Englewood will have their Clothes Closet open from **10am to 1pm** for free tennis shoes, socks, and clothing. It is open to any child who is attending an Englewood area school or is a military dependent. Children must attend with a parent or guardian. The attending adult must have a proper ID for the Englewood area and/or a report card from the children's school. This annual event is sponsored by the Englewood Family YMCA, Living Hope Church, Kids Needs of Greater Englewood, The Rotary Youth Foundation, Symbiont Service, Michael J Looney Electric, Elsie Quirk Library, and several local churches and businesses. For more information, call the YMCA at **475•1234**.

Kids' Needs Clothes Closet Hours

If your child needs clothing for the new school year, the Clothes Closet at Kids' Needs Greater Englewood will be open

Monday through Wednesday, August 9–11, from 5 to 7pm.

It will then resume normal operating hours beginning on **Thursday, August 12, 5 to 7pm, and every Thursday evening, 5 to 7pm**, throughout the school year. You are asked to fill out a new registration sheet upon your first yearly visit to the closet for the 2021/22 school year. The Kids' Needs Clothes Closet is located at 272 S. Indiana Avenue in the plaza where you will find Obees.

Back-to-School Drive-Thru

The Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County (DOH-Charlotte) has partnered with Sunshine Baptist Church and Safe Kids Southwest Florida, to bring the community some Back-to-School festivities. This drive-thru event will include a food pantry, school supplies, and goodie bags. There will be vendors on site for the community to visit with. DOH-Charlotte will be giving out bicycle helmets & fitting them for each child. Pre-Registration for DOH Charlotte County September Child Passenger Event will also be taken at this event. The event will be held on **Saturday, August 14, 10am to noon**, at Sunshine Baptist Church, 23105 Veterans Blvd,

Port Charlotte. There is no charge for the event, but space is limited. Please reserve your spot today by e-mailing Farrah. Fishman@flhealth.gov or calling **624•7200, ext.7273**. Masks are encouraged, but not required.

Preschool Prep-Englewood

Registration is now open for the Preschool Prep program! The program for children 3-4 years old is designed to improve listening and group interaction skills while providing practice for the preschool and school environment. The child must be at least age three by **September 1**. Students are expected to attend class once each week from **September 2021 – March 2022**, excepting holiday breaks. Class will be held at the Englewood Charlotte Library on **Fridays from 11am to noon, starting Friday, September 3**. Space is limited and registration is required via the library website, https://charlottefl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/libraries/ or by calling your local branch at **681•3736**. The Englewood Charlotte Library is located at 3450 N. Access Road.

Sidewalk Chalk Saturdays

Come one, come all to the Englewood Charlotte Library on any **Saturday, from 10am**



On July 28, Elsie Quirk Library held a Family Mini-Golf Night. During the morning, youth spent time designing and constructing each hole layout, using their imagination. That evening 25 participants, both children and adults, spent an enjoyable time at the 12 challenging holes of putt-putt mini golf that were spread throughout the library. The holes that were created earlier in the day challenged the children's science, math and engineering skills and it was an engaging way for children to collaborate with each other to create the final results. It was a wonderful, exciting way to kick off the Makedo Kit giveaway powered by Sarasota County Libraries and the Harry Shapiro Charitable Foundation. The event preparation really featured the tools in the Makedo Kits that can be used to create things out of cardboard - saws, screwdrivers, hole punchers, and screws. These kits were given to the youth participating at the event. Pictured here is Austin Parsons.

to 5pm, and help decorate your library with colored chalk!

There will be a designated chalk area to design, decorate, and create artwork. Go to the circulation desk to collect your chalk. This program is intended for all ages. The Englewood Charlotte Library is located at 3450 N. Access Road and is open **Saturdays, 10am to 6pm**. For questions, call **681•3736**.

Tunes 4 Tots

Children ages 0–6 and their caregivers are invited to join a musical storytime designed to get the little ones moving and grooving. On **Thursdays, from 1 to 1:45pm**, drop in to enjoy songs, rhymes, stories, instrument play, and more at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. For more information, call the library at **681•3736**.

Dog Tales at the Library

Kids ages four and up can come

to the Englewood Charlotte Library and read to a certified therapy dog on the **fourth Saturday of every month from 2 to 4pm**. Upcoming dates are **Saturday, August 28** and **Saturday, September 25, 2 to 4pm**, and you can choose a 15-minute window to read with the dog. Reading to a therapy dog helps children build their literacy skills in a fun and low-pressure environment. The library is located at 3450 N. Access Road. For questions, call **681•3736**.

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Graduating students at Englewood Sailing Association's (ESA) second Learn to Sail Camp pose happily with their student coaches upon completing 5 days of basic training in the sport of sailing. The camp was conducted at ESA's compound at Indian Mound Park on Lemon Bay. Several students have elected to continue sailing instruction in classes offered by ESA. Learn more about ESA at www.Englewoodsailing.org. Pictured are (L-R): Ryan Witt, coach; Valerie Kappelmann; David Raby; Everett Chappel; Evan Dillon; Madison Kussow; Jada Kell; Kate McCarthy; Kayla Gutierrez; Hannah Reese; Celina Cummings; Gavin Reese; Elizabeth Bliss; Nathaniel Zydzik; Connor Miles, coach; Jake Bliss; Ray Hoffmann; Roxy Hoffmann; Brandon Mannisto, coach; Evan Pearson, coach; Dylan Daniels; Wesley Lopes; Nina Wasluk, coach; Roman Leone, coach; Alex Fuller; Trenten Amboyan, coach; Owen Fucilla; Caleb Konrardy, coach; and Ben Ferguson, coach. Not Pictured is Colton Boucher.

A Real Hero Restores Life

By Chris Cameron

Earlier this summer, an Englewood area resident received a guide dog from Southeastern Guide Dogs and is now able start living her life again. Cheryl (Cheri) Sytsma has been rescued by her own personal hero, aptly named Hero!

Cheri was born with “lazy eye”, aka amblyopia, which gave her double vision. Of course, Cheri just thought everyone saw like she did. At age five, she had her first surgical procedure to try to correct the problem, but it was unsuccessful. Even with glasses, she struggled in school as she tried to learn to read. Feeling frustrated, she is thankful that her first and second grade teachers continued to encourage her to keep trying. Although she enjoyed the subjects of science and math, school was very hard for her and forget gym! She saw two of everything, so she never was sure which object was the “real” ball. Her mother chose not to put her into a special class as she wanted to keep her in mainstream schooling. During high school, she worked as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) in the evenings as she loved the idea of helping others.

After graduating high school, Cheri began classes at a junior college where she had the good fortune of meeting a vision specialist who taught her to block out the page except for the line she was reading, and the world of reading opened up to her. She graduated from the Chicago School of Massage Therapy in 1985 and was hired by the upscale Mario Triocio Salon & Spa in Chicago, where she performed massage, acupuncture, reflexology and aromatherapy. Later in her career, she worked for a chiropractor.

Cheri moved to the Englewood area after vacationing with her mother and stepdad. She relocated here because she fell in love with the beaches and outdoor lifestyle and, of course, the weather. Up until about ten years ago, her vision had remained more or less consistent, but then her vision started to worsen with dimming vision in



Hero gives Cheri a “high-5”.

her right eye, bad headaches, and problems with dizziness. Then she started losing the peripheral vision in her left eye and was declared legally blind two years ago.

Cheri applied for a guide dog through Southeastern Guide Dogs and during the wait, found herself withdrawing from social outings due to frequent falls and balance loss. Her world narrowed to basically being homebound due to safety concerns, and even then, she would run into objects in her house.

The application process to receive a guide dog lasted about two years as Southeastern Guide Dogs had curtailed their training and programs due to COVID-19. In the meantime, she served as a relief puppy-raiser volunteer for the organization and took dog training lessons. With the easing of the pandemic restrictions, Cheri received the news she had been waiting on! Her application was approved April 20th. Southeastern Guide Dogs brought four “trial” dogs to visit Cheri and allow her to “test drive” each dog by practicing walking and other activities. Each guide dog has its own pace, and that pace needs to be matched to the person’s pace as a dog moving too quickly or slowly will increase the potential fall risk.

On May 2nd, Cheri went to the Southeastern Guide Dog campus in Palmetto for a three week stay. Each member of her eight-person class enjoyed a private room and she was

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introduced to her dog, Hero. Hero is a two-year-old female yellow Labrador retriever and the two spent their time developing a personal bond and undergoing partnership training during the three-week session. “Hero is very much a go-getter, and she wants to learn and to teach me to do the right things,” Cheri says. The campus is set up with various life scenarios and the students, with the help of their dog partner, learn how to function successfully and safely in the “real” world. Towards the end of the class, the students have field trips to different locations for real-life situations. Cheri says as the relationship develops over time, you learn

to communicate with your dog and teach each other how to work as a team and understand what your partner is saying. She can’t praise Southeastern Guide Dogs enough, mentioning the outstanding campus, the bonds formed with her human instructors, and her entire experience there. There is no cost to the guide dog recipient. Thanks to generous donations from FROMM Family Pet Food and Elanco, she receives free dog food, and is provided with Hero’s heartworm/flea protection and free regular vet visits.

Cheri plans to start pursuing the activities she enjoys, like basket weaving, swimming, and creating a social life, as well as continuing the Zoom courses by the Lighthouse of Manasota (vision loss education center) on her computer. She and Hero continue to learn as a team and when off duty, Hero loves to play ball and she really loves people.

Before withdrawing due to her vision loss, Cheri had been a very friendly and social person. Hero is also very friendly, so the pair are starting to regenerate a social life together. She has become an advocate for both the American Council of the Blind and the Florida Council of the Blind. “Hero makes me feel a lot

more secure, independent, and just happy to go out and engage in life again,” Cheri declares and then adds, “She is my hero. I have been looking forward to this time for nearly two years now, and it’s finally here!”

Cheri offers some guidelines for the public when you encounter an individual with a guide/service dog.

Remember that the dog is working – do not try to greet the dog or distract it from doing its job. If at some point, the person offers to let you greet the dog, wait until the person gives the command to the dog that’s it is okay to interact with you.

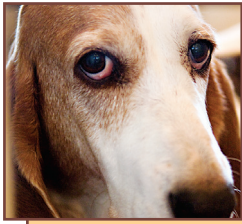
It is disheartening to have a person focus on the dog and forget that the dog has a person with it – greet the person first.

If you are asked for directions, remember that a person with impaired vision can’t see, so don’t point in a direction or say “over there” or “at the yellow sign.” Give a verbal direction like “continue straight ahead to the corner” or “it is on your right in four feet.”

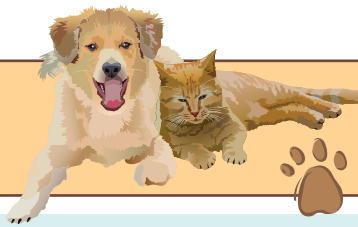
NEVER grab the dog’s leash or harness!

If you come across a service dog alone, follow it, as the dog is trained to seek help for the owner and will lead you to that individual.

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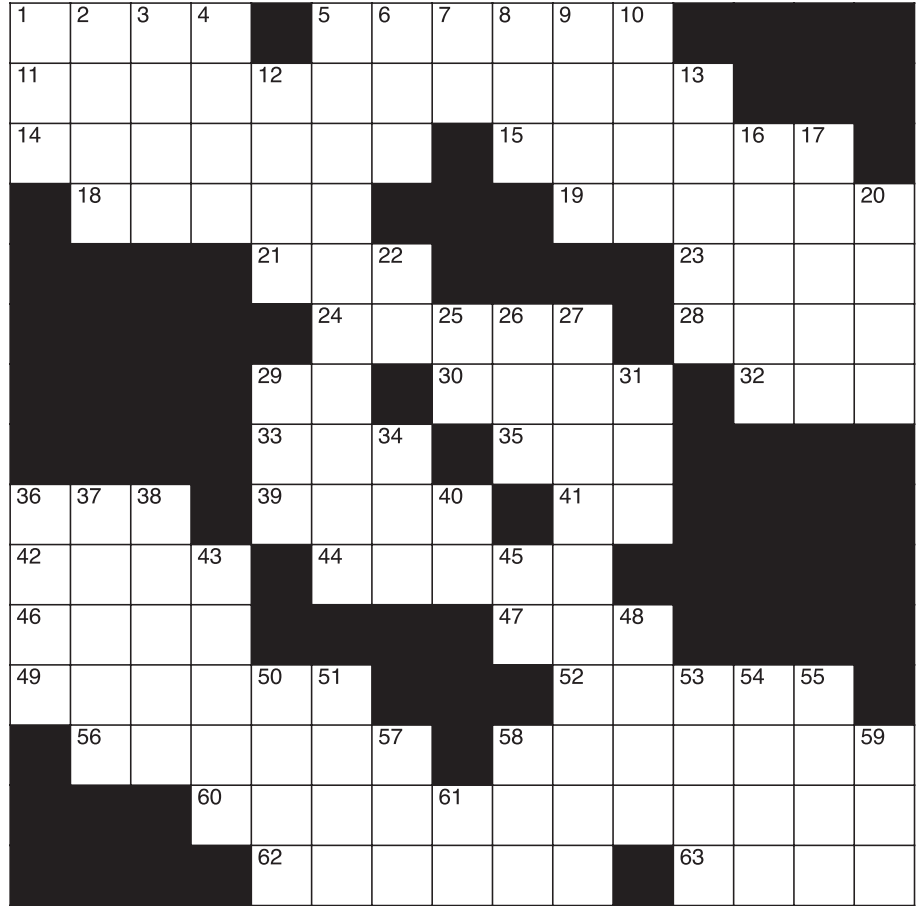
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Absence of difficulty
5. Preserve a dead body
11. Gratitude
14. The act of coming together again
15. More cushy
18. Visionaries
19. Fish-eating bird
21. Indicates near
23. NY Mets legend Tommie
24. Icelandic poems
28. Pop
29. Hammer is one
30. Senses of self-esteem
32. Trigraph
33. Not around
35. Electronic data processing
36. Driver's licenses and passports
39. Snake-like fishes
41. Military flyers
42. Raincoats
44. Type of community
46. Feature of worm's anatomy
47. In the center
49. Laid back
52. Jewelled headdress
56. In slow tempo
58. ___ Falls
60. Saying things again
62. Periods in history
63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

1. Body part
2. Mimics
3. Expel or eject
4. Sea eagle
5. Subdivision of cenospecies
6. Dialect of Chinese
7. Mr. T's character on "The A-Team"
8. Consumed
9. Chinese dynasty
10. NFL great Randy
12. Ireland
13. Palm trees
16. Fungal disease
17. Willis and Jerry are two
20. Affirmative!
22. Potato state
25. "The First State"
26. A way to develop
27. Associations
29. Woman (French)
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Brew
36. Mosque prayer leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Jr.'s father
43. Scad genus
45. Morning
48. Length of a straight line (abbr.)
50. Double curve
51. Small thin bunch
53. Worn by exposure to the weather
54. Mars crater
55. Humanities
57. Of the ears
58. "To the ___ degree"
59. Residue
61. It keeps you cool



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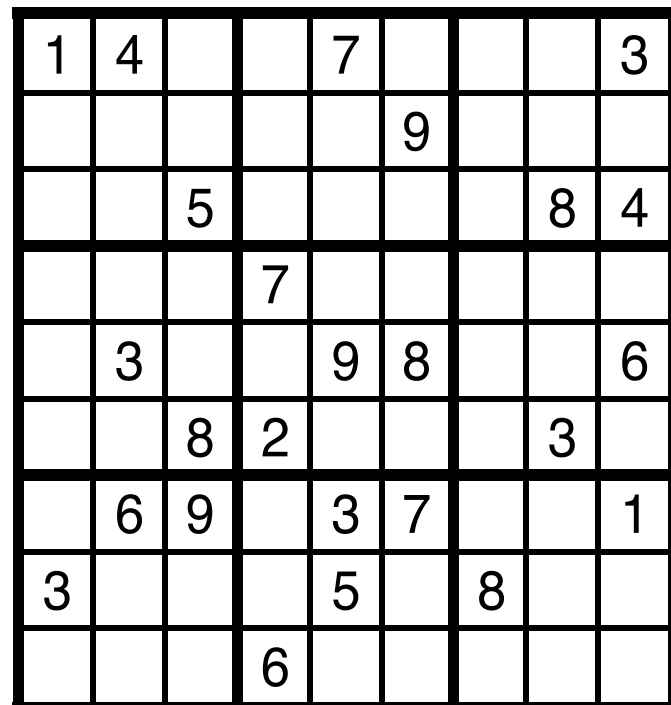
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