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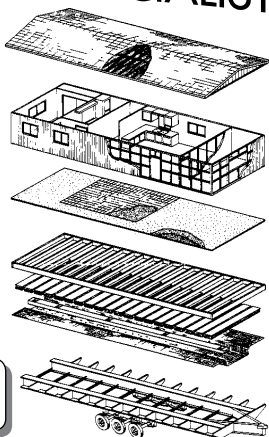
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From the Manager's Desk:

Vita Blough



Happy Month of August!

There are several important matters that I would like to highlight this month.

You will be receiving Association's correspondence and will be asked to consider signing up to receive Association's notices via email. It is a "paperless" option.

Taking this step can undoubtedly help save time and money and you will have the convenience of receiving official association notices via email and having this information at your fingertips.

It is important to note that filling in this form is not mandatory, and you can continue receiving notices the "old fashioned" way - through the mail for any owner who does not give their consent to "go paperless".

We are starting a Banking Transition. Associa Gulf Coast has heard your feedback and frustration with the CNB Bank. You asked for faster processing times, brick and mortar branch in St Petersburg and better customer care. Associa Gulf Coast did the research to find the bank that will fit these needs and we are happy to announce that we will be transitioning to BankUnited starting October 1, 2024. Closest branch is in Feather Sound at 3507 Ulmerton Rd, Clearwater FL 33762

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Paying by Check: new coupon books will be sent to you prior to the transition with the new check mailing address information. We will share information on when to expect coupon books once we have it available.

Our Office team is happy to answer your questions and assist you. We will share more information with you as it becomes available.

We are officially in Hurricane Season. Hurricane Beryl just left thousands of Texans without power for multiple days and I hope that everyone understands the seriousness of devastation Hurricane can cause. Please make sure that you have an evacuation plan, please update your emergency contacts with the office and please stay prepared. Please reach out to the Office team to request a copy of printed Hurricane Guide or visit AmericanaCove.com to get a digital copy.

Enjoy the Summer!





ACA News

By Ron Miller

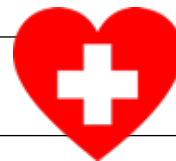
Boy time is flying, here it is August already! Next month some of our friends will start showing up again, and some the clubs will be up and running again. I don't have a lot to report on. I've been working with the Cove manager on the updates to our kitchen. Everything takes time, when I find out I'm sure everyone will know.

A big THANK YOU should go out to the Landscape Committee for all the work they have done around the Cove. It's making the Cove look better, I'm sure they will keep up the great work. All of their committee is 100% volunteers! I wish a lot more people would volunteer for our different clubs. It doesn't hurt, and you might feel really good helping the Cove.

The Burger Burn is August is 13th and the time 5-6:30. The date was changed because of the Primary Election on the 20th. Come out and spent some time friends! Even though there are so many away for the summer or on vacation, we have been having a great turnout. Hope to see you there.

Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez – Editor



Vaccination Time

Hello everyone. Once again we are able to partner with Walgreens to provide seasonal vaccines for our residents in the comfort of The Atrium.

Our wonderful Pharmacist, Lourdes, will be here on Tuesday, September 24 between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

Walgreens will offer the latest Flu vaccine, RSV, Pneumonia, Whooping Cough and possibly the updated COVID vaccine.

VERY IMPORTANT: You must pre-register with me prior to September 18, whether or not you have joined us before and even if you have the same insurance coverage.

I will ask you which vaccines you are interested in; your date of birth, and information from your health insurance card or Medicare card. HIPPA regulations prohibit Lourdes from bringing an electronic device to these clinics.

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Brad Coath, MSN, CRNA (ret.)




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Gloria Julius

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Veterans

Good news! We now have a box to put your retired, torn, or faded American Flags. It's up and running. The first week there were about five flags, and the 2nd week even more. Thanks for not putting in the trash. I will see that all of the flags will be retired in the proper way. I would love to see more flags on more houses! If you need help installing them, I can see that you get help.



Next month some of our northern friends will start the return to the Cove. It will be great to see them again and meet some new friends.

If you are new to the Cove and you have served in the armed forces of the U.S., please sign the list on the ACA board. Then your name will be placed on Veterans plaques on the clubhouse wall. You have earned that right.

Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

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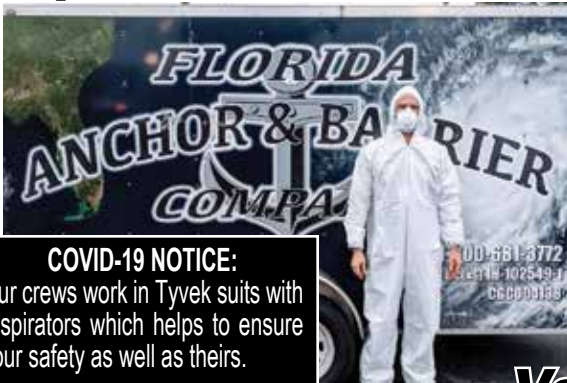
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Sunshine Report for August

By Cindy Peacock

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August Birthdays:

8/2 Marilyn Waltz	8/10 Tina Deathrager	8/25 Joanne Keenan
8/2 Mary Willsey	8/14 Ron Sellers	8/25 Lorraine Sapia
8/2 Laura Abram	8/15 Mel Corey	8/26 Linda Howe
8/2 Tammy Shadday	8/15 Betty Penn	8/26 Judith Krapf
8/3 Debra Garraffa	8/16 Stephanie Haines	8/26 Sharon Leclair
8/3 Dorrance Howland	8/16 Steve Howard	8/27 Cathy Tiehaara
8/6 Susan Napier	8/17 Nelson Taylor	8/29 Tony Giaquinto
8/8 Cindy Fulkerson	8/18 Ada Winn	8/29 Andrea Wetmore
8/8 Kim Nemi	8/20 Libby Hopkins	8/30 Candy Newkirk
8/8 Nancy Shockley	8/20 Cheryl Pavelka	8/30 Nancy Werner
8/9 Irene Brandmark	8/23 Carol Parker Myers	8/30 Judy Whiteford
8/9 Susan Solomon	8/24 Cammie Holfelder	8/31 Linda Quince

August Anniversaries:

8/3/1968	Cheryl & Al Martin	56
8/4/1973	Sylvia & Oscar Arenas	51
8/6/1961	Marie & Ron Sellers	63
8/7/2021	Janet & Dave McLaughlin	3
8/7/1998	Debbie & Steve Scrimsher	26
8/12/2006	Toni & Jeff Jones	18
8/15/1981	Terry & Frank Manganello	43
8/16/1980	Maureen & John Karem	44
8/17/1968	Donna & Mark Peacock	56
8/18/1988	Kathy & Phil Williams	36
8/20/1966	Joanne & Tom Wallace	58
8/22/1982	Claudia & Dan Dion	42
8/22/1987	Diane & Roger LaRochelle Jr.	37
8/23/1974	Roxanne & Joseph Noling	50
8/24/1994	Georgette & George Meade	30
8/29/1987	Diane & Michael D'Ambra	37
8/31/2001	Susan & Charlie Galligan	23
8/31/1991	Ann Wenner & Beverly Kane	33



Passed Away and Will Be Missed:

Bill Foley
Richard Terpenning





Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac



Growing up I think most kids have fond memories of summer vacations (anyway I hope they do). I hope we still enjoy our special times with family and friends. It is fun to share our photos, stories and memories of these good times. It is hard to believe that August is coming so soon and before you know it another summer and all of its memories will be behind us.

The Boat Club had their monthly Tiki Hut party on Saturday, July 13th and 52 folks attended enjoying the great dishes shared by all, the refreshing pool activities and great conversations. Leann Baxendale was the proud winner of the 50/50 raffle for \$77. Congratulations Leann! Our next Tiki party is scheduled for Saturday, August 10th at 5PM Come and enjoy! Once you join the boat club these monthly get togethers are part of your membership. Just bring your dish to share and remember to sign in! If you are a resident but not a member or if you have a guest, you are most welcome to join in the fun. It will cost you \$10 per person to enjoy this good time. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN. There is always a registration table set up and it only takes a minute. This is where you will be given your name tag. No drinks will be served without your name tag being visible.**

Before you know it the kids will be going back to school and routines will change once again ... like a kaleidoscope ... one little turn and a new design is created! Stay tuned for the beauty of the next season! The next boat club meeting is on the calendar for Saturday, September 14th at 10AM in the Atrium. Come and join us!

Book Club

By Nan Krueger



Summer time and the reading is easy we are continuing to meet with our Book Chat format. We have had great discussions about the books we are currently reading or have heard good things about. This is our last month for Book Chat. In September we resume our regular meetings, and we will be discussing **The Women by Kirsten Hannah.**

The list of books we have read, and will be reading, is on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse under the "Friends of the Library" section.

We meet the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM in the library. All women residents are welcome to join. Please stop by, meet us, and of course join us if you would like.

This month we are meeting on Thursday, August 8. Happy Reading!!

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Buddhism

By John Howell



Hoping everyone still has plenty of shade and a nice tall glass of iced tea. This month we examine literature and art. Continuing our exposé from July, thus uniquely spotlighting the threat to humanity's narrative from A.I. Ongoing rewrite/redraw and unauthorized "mash up" is happening at exponential speed, everywhere; ad infinitum. This POV will juxtapose the two (can you spot the connections?)* shedding light on what we have to lose, not only as a society, but millennia of authentic human History itself.

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*As the Dalia Lama has noted; "We want to maintain (in high definition) our physically archived religious/cultural heritage too." Many bad actors around the globe, which have been recently cited as the new "axis of evil", want to destroy other nation states without firing a shot. Unfortunately in today's sophisticated cyber-crime arena (via the "dark web") this is reputedly being done. Please pray for the generations to come... segue/"To Our Children's Children's Children"... a pivotal 1969 album we will spotlight next month for a fun, yet in depth analysis of progressive/spiritual-oriented music...from the producer's mixing board to an audio engineering evolution.



Till next time try and keep a positive outlook, while being kind to all sentient beings as we continue to fully support and pray for our friends in Ukraine, Israel, and freedom-loving democracies

Namaste



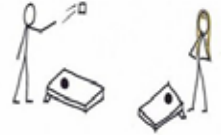
Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch

Cornhole club took a break for the summer but we will begin playing again next month on the second Thursday of September at 6:30 p.m. Actual Cornhole Club membership drive will start in November as usual. We will be having our first meeting in November as well. Dues were voted on at our last meeting and will stay at \$10 a season. Hope to see all members back next month, along with anyone new who would like to play.

Hope you finish out your summer relaxing and safe.

Call Doug or Debbie if you have any questions. (727) 366-4273.



Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch

The Landscape committee has been busy overseeing a few summer projects. Hopefully you have noticed a few things that have been done to beautify Americana Cove. Palm Tree Direct came in the end of June and finished planting the remainder of the Copper Leaf plants at the end of the parking lot. They also transplanted a large Palm tree already located in the park but not in an ideal area for its growth to Founder's Park where we had lost a tree. We did this instead of buying a new Palm, saving the Cove substantial money. Along with these projects we also placed a new palm in the parking lot outside the pool area where one had to be removed because it had died. Lastly new Indian Hawthorn plants were put in along the front fence line on 1st street and two Hibiscus bushes were also relocated instead of buying new at the pagoda on the north side. These were all done this time of year because of going into the rainy season.



Just a reminder again from the Landscape Committee for all the new residents moving in.

If you are planning on doing any landscape projects such as plantings, stone or pavers make sure that you get a landscape request form from the office or off the Cove website. You need to turn in what you plan to do before you start, so that approval can be given. If you do not do this there is a chance you will have to take it out at your expense. This can happen if approval can't be given for what you have done.

The Landscape Committee regular meetings will start up again in September. They will be held the 2nd Monday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. We hope to see all past members there as well as anyone new who would like to help in keeping our park beautiful by helping with some landscaping projects and decorating the Cove for the holidays.



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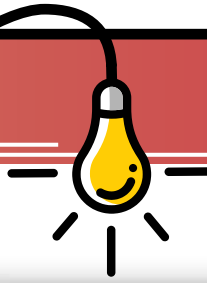
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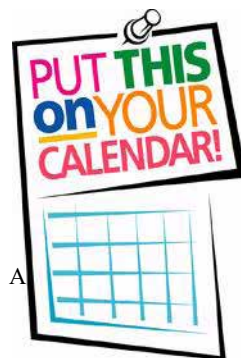
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bingo 6PM C	3 Got It! 4PM A
6	7	8 Book Club 1:30 PM L Fines Comm. 7PM GR	9 Planning Comm 10:30 AM A Welcome Comm 1PM A Bingo 6PM C	10 TIKI HUT Party 5PM
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27	28 Town Hall Mtg 9:30AM - 11:30 AM C	29	30 DOUBLE BINGO 6PM C	31



Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: August 2024

Day	Event	Time		Location
Monday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Bridge	10:00am	Year around	A
	Line Dancing	11:30-1:00p.m.	Nov-April	C
	Nickel Bingo	1:15pm	Year around	C
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	A
	Art Strong	6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April	L
	Cue Club-Men's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
Tuesday:	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Shuffleboard Social League	10:30am -12:30pm	Nov-April	S
	Maj Jong	2:00pm	Year around	A
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	A
	Cue Club-Men's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B
	Crafters	6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April	C
	Cards	6:30p.m.		A
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m..		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
Wednesday:	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Pokeno	1:00pm	June-Oct	C
	Hand & Foot (cards)	1:00 p.m.	Year round	A
	Cue Club-Women's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B
	Board Games	6:00pm	Year round	A
	Texas Hold'em	6:30pm		A
	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	G
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
Thursday:	Shuffleboard	10.30am		S
	Dominoes	1:00pm	Nov-April	A
	Progressive Rummy	4:00pm	Year around	A
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B
	Cornhole	6:30-8:00 pm	Sept-April	C
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Year around	B
	Bingo	6:00p.m.		C
Saturday:	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	10:30am-12:30p.m.		S
Sunday:	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:30pm	Nov-April	A
	Bocce Ball Pick-up	1:00pm-5:00pm	Nov-April	BC
	Summer Bocce	2:00pm	June-Oct	BC
	Vespers	4:50p.m.	Nov-April	A
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	C
	Misc Cards	6:30p.m.	Year round	A



***A:** Atrium
C: Clubhouse
L: Library
S: Shuffleboard Courts
B: Billiards
G: Game Room
BC: Bocce Court

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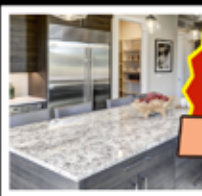
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Live Music

By Libby Hopkins



Hello Everyone!

Live Music Group Members are traveling, or trying to beat the heat here at Americana Cove.

Starting this month, and spilling into September, we will be working on programming for our 2024-25 season. We will start off with a Halloween Extravaganza!! Please see the September Live Music Group article for details on what is happening with us, and what you have to look forward to!!

For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a music group within the park that usually put on a performance twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse from October through April. We work hard to deliver an entertaining, fun hour of musical joy, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch!

Live Music Group will all be back in the clubhouse in October! Happy Summer!!

Shuffleboard Club

By Anthony Daleo



Yes, we still have several of our club members shuffling on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. We would really like to have some other Americana Cove residents join us. If you have not played before, we will be happy to have you attend and we will give you some instructions. A special thanks to our loyal shuffleboard players who continue to shuffle.

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Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Hello everyone! I cannot believe it is already August. We have experienced a very hot summer and not too much rain yet! We have only had to cancel class a couples times since the summer season kicked in due to weather conditions. Swim exercise continues 6 days a week with attendance averaging 15-20. We have had several people go on vacation throughout the summer escaping the heat!



Items of interest:

Thank you all for being very patient with the water temperatures. The temps have been higher than normal due to some maintenance issues that developed. Vita addressed them with the vendors and we are currently back to the normal refreshing temperature of 84 in the pool. It's important to note that the pool is starting its 10th year with us and goes without saying that ongoing maintenance issues can and at times will take place. They are addressed as soon as they are known and we are very appreciative of the due diligence by Vita and the Maintenance staff to getting them resolved.

Be sure to check the Facebook group page on a daily basis for current weather updates/class cancellations.

A HUGE shout out to Maureen, Terry, Nan and Diane making sure we have coverage everyday so we can enjoy swim exercise all year long. THANKS ladies!!

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Real Estate Changes will affect Buyers and Sellers

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

The results of the commission lawsuit settlement by the National Association of Realtors will become effective August 17, but what impact will this settlement have on real estate commissions throughout the U.S?

The long-term impact remains to be seen as real estate companies adhere to the new guidelines that resulted from the settlement. Here's what will be changing in the next month:

- All Multiple Listing Services throughout the nation will no longer show any commission as of August 17, 2024. How does that affect buyers and sellers? "Realtors will not know how much a seller will pay if they bring a buyer to purchase a home," explains Broker Marty Pozgay,

"We are expecting when we receive a call from a Realtor to show a home, they will ask 'How much is the seller paying for commission?' If the seller has decided not to pay any commission to a buyer's agent, then the Realtor may not show the home as they will have no incentive to do so."

- Every potential buyer who contacts a real estate office will have to sign a contract that explains how much the Realtor will assist them and how much that will cost. This practice goes into effect August 17. "Each real estate office will have to determine how to structure a buyer's commission," said Pozgay. "I suspect it will become a negotiated item if a buyer decides to purchase a home."

Commissions have always been a negotiated item, but now there will be more options for sellers as they determine how much they should pay a Realtor to bring a buyer to view their home. Pozgay explains, "Here's an example: If a buyer is willing to pay list price if the seller will pay a commission to the buyer's agent, then the commission becomes part of the negotiating process."

"Sellers may discover that the current method of paying a commission and splitting it between listing agent and buyer's agent is still the smartest and easiest method of selling their homes," said Pozgay.





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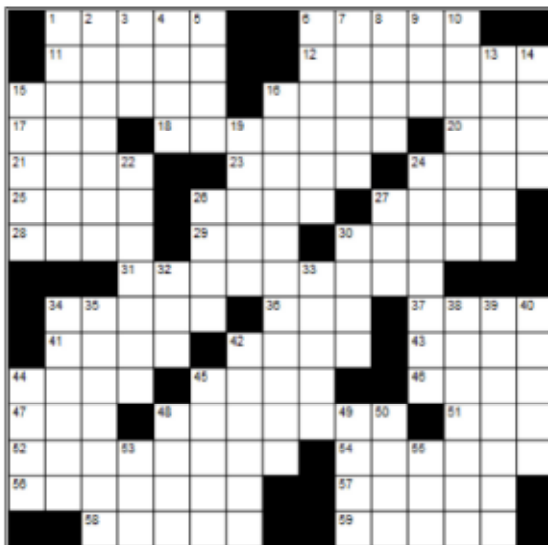
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ACROSS

1. Support
5. Open window problem
11. Happen again
12. Back up
15. Anagram of "Stared"
16. Realm
17. What we breathe
18. Progestin or androgen
20. Partially opened flower
21. Wingless bloodsucking insect
23. Absorbed
24. Rump
25. Custard dessert
26. Occupied
27. Rational
28. Abominable Snowman
29. Play a role
30. Took a chance
31. Rigid disciplinarians
34. Winter accessory
36. Cygnet's father
37. Female chickens
41. Healthy
42. Verruca
43. Dwarf buffalo
44. Chats
45. Kiln-dried barley
46. Rules and regulations
47. American Dental Association
48. Hotel gofer
51. Fraternity letter
52. In a dazed manner
54. Received
56. Term of endearment
57. Not upper
58. Delicacy
59. Wear away



DOWN

1. Tactile alphabet
2. Withdrawal
3. Air hero
4. Junkyard dogs
5. Once, long ago
6. Sagging
7. Send, as payment
8. Ardent
9. Bog
10. Champion of the people
13. Drunk
14. Stops
15. Goofy
16. In a forceful or urgent manner
19. Belch
22. Beasts
24. Parade V.I.P.
26. Vomit
27. Seated oneself
30. Amount owed
32. Form of "to be"
33. Not south
34. An unilluminated area
35. Floorshow
38. Decreed
39. Not anywhere
40. Antelope of India
42. Billfold
44. Handguns
45. Mass communication industry
48. Chomp
49. Look at flirtatiously
50. Impoverished
53. Each
55. One plus one



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Everything she needed to know, she learned on a potato farm

Linda Sanford grew up on a potato farm on Long Island. She says that growing up on the farm gave her a strong work ethic that she values tremendously today. According to a story on Newsday.com, Sanford said everyone in the family worked on the farm. “We all worked,” she said. “We were moving irrigation pipes or picking vegetables, or helping to plant, or we were driving trucks and tractors. You rolled up your sleeves and you got the job done.”



Eventually, Sanford found herself working and earning about \$300 a week in a job in the typewriter division of a Lexington, Ky., business.

Sanford later landed IBM’s top sales post. She was the first woman to ever fill this job. She sold computer equipment around the world and oversaw a 17,000-person unit. She flew overseas for business meetings on a regular basis. Sanford was vice president of IBM’s internal On Demand Transformation and Information Technology initiative before her retirement in 2014.

Sanford says when she starts feeling down or overwhelmed she remembers the farm and what her parents and grandparents told her repeatedly: “If you work hard and do what you need to do, good things will happen.”

Teamwork from the birds

Teamwork might seem like a complicated subject, but to some creatures it comes naturally as a way to survive and to expend the least amount of energy, according to a BBCNews Online story.



For instance, in France at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Villiers en Bois, scientists taped heart monitors to great white pelicans. These birds had been trained to fly behind a light aircraft and a boat, and a team was able to observe them during their flight. Pelicans, it is known, fly in “squadron” formation, or in a “V,” and they flap in time with their leader. Scientists, now able to observe and gather data from the heart monitors found that the birds’ heartbeats were lower when they flew in formation than when they flew solo. This was because they were able to benefit from each other’s air streams. They were also able to glide more. Animals of all types evolve certain behaviors because it helps them to migrate, feed or survive more easily. The entire group benefits because less energy is required to perform the great task at hand. Working together, the birds were able to accomplish their migratory goals by expending less energy and being able to fly farther than when they are alone. It seems that there is a lesson here, and it’s not for the birds.

On mistakes

When you make a mistake, don’t look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.

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