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board for info on the "Red, White, and Blue" event. Our membership continues to grow and we welcome everyone to check out the benefits of membership. Come join and remember, golf is fun. Lets get more birdies out there!

Royal Oaks Women's Golf

The game of the day was front nine less 1/2 handicap. Group one was won by Dianna Love 33. Tied for sec-

ond were J.T. LeMasters and Carol Dygert with a 34. Mary Kay Frandsen won the second group with a 34. Second was Lynn Houghton with a 36 and third was Maureen Edwards at 37. The third group was won by Kathy Kollar with a 38. Second place went to Ginger Drake with a 39. There was a three-way tie for third place among Pat Salberg, Leslie Rizzo, and Doris Engel with 40. Closest to the pin was won by Noreen Salo.

ORWGA Winners

Another low net tournament took place at Spruce

Creek on June 10 and the winners were: Flight A: Judy Gerace, Joan Klier; Flight B: Kate Lott, Norma Rombach; Flight C: Nancy Reichenbacher, Norma Erickson and Flight D: Gerry Painter, Evelyn Exell.

Bev Schasel won the "Closest to the Pin" and Kate Lott won the "double pot" (a two week rollover) for "Chip Ins". These ladies are "keeping cool" under pressure despite the June temperatures. Well done!!

Do You Remember?

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Carol Ann's Corner

Have you tried any of the many games that are played in Oak Run lately? Although never much of a player in the past, I have become acquainted with two that I re-

ally enjoy. Every Friday at 1 p.m. there is a gathering of Scrabble and Upwards players in the card room in the Orchid Club. If you like word games you should give it a try. They say word games are great mental gymnastics to keep your brain nimble. The other game I like is Bunco on Saturdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Island Club. No use pretending there is any skill involved in throwing dice. But it sure is fun hoping luck will be with you that particular evening.

When doing my recycling

lately I noticed that some of us are not using good recycling manners. There were plastic bags and even a plastic milk jug in the bin reserved solely for aluminum cans. There appeared to be non-newsprint paper in the bin reserved solely for newspapers. Please recycle but be responsible and put only items meant for each bin in them.

Send all items for this column to Carol Ann Wheeler at democratcarol@deccacable.com no later than the afternoon of the Friday before publication.

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'Code Red' system provides information

MICHEL NORTHEA
Special to the Citizen

In less than two hours, more than 145,000 Marion County residents knew about the Marion County Sheriff's Office recent Hurricane Preparedness Expo.

To test the county's new rapid emergency notification system, Code Red, staff sent out a message county-wide utilizing the system.

The message went out to those with land-line phones and phone numbers that were already in the established data base, said Sgt. Robert Johnson, deputy director of operations, division of emergency management.

But Johnson and the staff at the sheriff's office also want to send messages to cell phone users.

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INSIDE

ON THE ROAD TO BLUE CRAB



The Motorcycle Club at Oak Run recently made the trip to the Blue Crab Festival in Palatka.

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CENTURY PLANT IS BLOOMING



The sky's the limit for this century plant blooming at a home in Marion Landing. There's no telling how high it will go.

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Audience blasts president at Stearns' town meeting

JIM CLARK
Editor

U.S. Rep Cliff Stearns, R-Ocala, made it clear what he hopes will happen if the Republicans regain control of the House of Representatives in this fall's election.

"The first thing Republicans will probably do is cut off funding for Obama health care."

Stearns conducted a series of town meetings last Saturday, and the event at Joy Lutheran Church was more like an anti-President Obama rally than an informational meeting. There were a couple of emotional moments as one woman yelled out, "We don't have an American president, we have a Muslim president." She

complained about Obama's lack of support for the National Day of Prayer. Another man shouted out a complaint that has been heard before, about Obama's failure to produce a birth certificate to show he was born in the United States.

Discussion of the oil spill in the Gulf started the meeting as Stearns showed a video of his questioning of officials from BP and the Coast Guard. In the video, Stearns was quite emphatic about the failings early in the spill that have led to the situation as it is today. "You've got to stand up and say we could have done more," he told the officials.

He said that 15 nations had offered im-



PHOTO BY JIM CLARK

U.S. Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Ocala, speaks to the crowd at Joy Lutheran Church on June 12.

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Flag retirement, essay winners

Marion County veterans groups conducted a flag retirement ceremony Sunday at Veterans Park in Ocala, in which flags that were no longer usable were burned. As part of the Flag Day event, fourth and fifth-grade students from around the county read their winning essays, "What the flag means to me." Hammett-Bowen had four winners, the most of any school in the county. From the left are Julia Hallam, Hope Cotto, Eddie Navarro and Alex Marques.



Candidates appear at Coalition

JIM CLARK
Editor

Candidates for Marion County School Board got to face the public Monday at the first of several political forums conducted by the State Road 200 Coalition.

The forums will continue at subsequent Coalition meetings, held on the second Monday of each month.

Nancy LeFevre Thrower, running for District 4, started the afternoon, saying she got her dedication to service from her father, who spent 42 years in Rotary without missing a meeting.

"Education begins at the dinner table," she said. "When schools and parents work together, kids do better." She talked about pay for teachers, and saying no to state unfunded mandates. She said she'll visit schools often and wants to educate citizens to vote. Referring to her name, she said, "I'm a thrower and I'm ready to pitch in."

Angie Boynton spoke next, saying it was "time for us to make a difference." She said it was "incumbent upon us to recognize and address all the fatal flaws in the education system."

Acting as a tutor, she started a program to teach children how to do everyday things in the real world.

Thomas Patrick, a 35-year school employee, has worked in various capacities, especially with facilities and as a purchasing agent. "I'm very concerned about the School Board when the stimulus money runs out." He also said he was "not very happy about

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"Many people don't have land-lines anymore, they just have a cell phone," said Chip Wildy, explaining why registering one's contact information is important.

Residents with only a cell phone must register to learn of pending severe weather, a missing child in the neighborhood, a gas leak, escaped convict, or other information deemed important to the community.

Business owners are also encouraged to enter their information.

To register, go to the sheriff's office website, marionso.com. Registering includes putting in your name, address, e-mail address, and phone numbers.

For those without Internet access, officials

suggest using a computer at one of the county's public libraries to register or call Marion County Emergency Management for help at 352-369-8135.

Registering only takes about a minute but it could take two weeks for the submitted information to be verified and added to the database by emergency management.

For those who are not sure if they are registered, register anyway because the system will delete any duplicate numbers, Johnson said.

For residents living in an area different than other family members who might be concerned for an elderly parent, for example, can register their parent's phone number and address and then list their number as the alternate number so the message goes to both places.

Message alerts can also go to e-mail addresses.

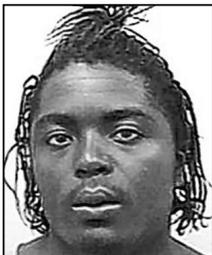
When deciding what message to send out and to what areas of the county, sheriff's office personnel can decide to disseminate the information by zip code or by outlining a geographic area, like in the case of a lost child, Johnson said.

The emergency alert system is a reverse 9-1-1-type system and was purchased through a grant. The grant pays for the system for two years.

Both Wildy and Johnson encourage registration into the Code Red emergency alert system as part of hurricane preparedness.

In their roles with emergency management, they also remind residents of the importance of having a plan.

Marion's most wanted



Jiris Nathaniel Monte Manns, 23, writ of bodily attachment, child support.



Lawrence Morgan, 35, felony violation of probation, battery on a law enforcement officer, DUI impairment.



Natalie Neal, 32, felony violation of probation, fraud credit card.



Linda Reilly, 40, violation of probation, battery domestic violence.



Terrance Roberts, 20, violation of probation, possession of cannabis less than 20 grams.

'Stuff the Bus' collections taking place

Hospices of Marion County Thrift Stores announce their eighth year of participation in the Kingdom of the Sun Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America's Stuff the Bus program. Operation Stuff the Bus is designed to give school supplies to more than 1,700 children identified as homeless attending the Marion County schools.

Operation Stuff the Bus will be at the Bellevue Regional Shopping Center on Saturday, July 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Hospice of Marion County Thrift Stores will collect donations for Stuff the Bus program at all three locations July 16 to 23. All donations will be delivered to the Bellevue site by Hospice volunteers and staff.

School supplies needed, (new only please) include backpacks, 3-ring binders, calculators, pens, pencils, small dictionaries, folders, colored markers, tab dividers, kids scissors, colored pencils, graph paper, notebook paper, and alarm clocks (No spiral notebooks.) Personal Hygiene Items: deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush and paste, combs, laundry detergent, etc. New Clothing—sneakers, shorts, tee shirts, jackets, socks, underwear.

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Questions and answers about the college's new name

What is the new name of the college?
CFCC has become the College of Central Florida.

When did the new name take effect?
The name became effective on May 25.

How was the name selected?
College of Central Florida was selected following an extensive survey of students, staff and community members. An online survey, available Sept. 25 through Oct. 31, 2009, garnered 1,480 submissions or 580 distinct names. CFCC's Name Change Task Force selected four to present to the CFCC District Board of Trustees. The board unanimously selected College of Central Florida.

What steps were required to change the name?
The name change required the approval of the CFCC Board of Trustees and the State Board of Education.

Why did the college change its name?
In 2009, the Florida Legislature adopted legislation to replace the Florida Community College System with the Florida College System, adopted a process for the approval of new baccalaureate degrees by institutions in the system, and established a process for how a community college would change its

name. Because of these changes, the District Board of Trustees decided a name change for the college was appropriate.

What baccalaureate degree programs will the college offer?
The college plans to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management with specializations in Agribusiness Management, Health Care Management, Management Information Systems or Public Safety Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education with Prekindergarten/Primary Education Certification. The B.A.S. and B.S. degree program offerings at CF are contingent upon approval by the college's accrediting agency, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The programs would be offered beginning in January 2011.

Does the new name indicate a new mission for the college?
While the name will change, the focus of the college will remain the same. The college will continue to serve the community through high quality educational opportunities that are accessible and affordable.

Is this the first time that the name of the college has changed?

The college has three names in its history. Central Florida Junior College was established in 1957 when community leaders and citizens envisioned an educational resource that would help Marion, Citrus and Levy counties to grow and prosper. In 1958, Hampton Junior College opened as one of the first black, two-year colleges in the state, and in 1966 the colleges merged. The name was changed to Central Florida Community College in 1971 to reflect more accurately the character and purpose of the college serving a larger community.

Have other community colleges changed their names?
Most institutions in the Florida College System — formerly the Florida Community College System — have considered, are in the process, or already have changed their names. For a list of the colleges, visit the Florida Department of Education website at <http://data.fldoe.org/workforce/contacts/default.cfm?action=showList&ListID=52>.

Will the website and e-mail addresses change?
The college will retain the www.CF.edu Web address. The CFCC Foundation website will change from www.CFCCFoundation.org to www.CF.edu/foundation, and the CF Institute website will change from

www.CFCCtraining.com to CFItraining.cf.edu. E-mail addresses will remain the same.

How does the name change have an effect on students who began their studies when the name was Central Florida Community College?
Students who began their studies when the name was Central Florida Community College and expect to graduate forward will be graduates of College of Central Florida.

If I am a graduate of CFCC, which name should I use on academic and employment applications?
College of Central Florida.

Is the College of Central Florida going to be considered a university?
CFCC is proud to be a Florida college. "A Florida college may not use the designation 'university,'" according to Florida Statute 1001.60.

Will the tuition be the same for the baccalaureate courses as the associate degree courses?
The Board of Trustees is expected to approve associate degree tuition for 2010-2011 on June 23. A decision will be made regarding tuition/fees for baccalaureate courses in late summer or early fall.

STEARNS

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mediately to help with the oil spill, but were kept away because of a bill called the Jones Act. This bill, passed in the 1920s, requires that ships working in U.S. waters be built in the U.S. and manned by U.S. crews. "The president should have waived the Jones Act and allowed the 15 countries to help."

Stearns also said that "we're making a mistake" by "foot-dragging" when it

comes to building more nuclear power plants. He pointed to the delays in getting a new Progress Energy plant built in Levy County.

One man questioned Stearns' leadership, noting that the people never hear of him taking charge in anything. That was when he pointed out the video of the questioning about the oil spill. He said the Ocala daily newspaper doesn't report on

the things he does, including, he said, the fact that as a result of his BP questioning he was asked to speak to the National Press Club earlier this week.

Stearns was asked about the 2012 presidential race and whether he thought there was "another Ronald Reagan" out there to run. The congressman cited Rep. John Thune of South Dakota, who unseated Tom Daschle. "He is a dark horse that I could support."

The Arizona immigration law came in for some discussion. "I support it 100 percent," Stearns said. He added that it was almost identical to an existing federal law, and "all 50 states should have this law." He said that he didn't think Florida could get it done now: "Gov. (Charlie) Crist wouldn't support it."

Stearns also said he supports the Fair

Tax proposal. There was some talk about the economy. One woman, Candy Melton of Heath Brook, said she moved to Florida a while back and can't get a job, despite some professional credentials.

Other comments from the audience included that "we have lost our morals," and "too few know what war is about." Stearns also commented on Obama's qualifications to be president. "I don't know how people thought he could do the job."

Stearns is up for re-election this fall, and has drawn two opponents. One, Don Browning, is a Republican and will appear on the primary ballot, and the other is Steve Schonberg, listed as no party affiliation.

No Democrats qualified to run.



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The crowd listens to Cliff Stearns.

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Tuesday, June 22: Moose Burgers starts at 5 p.m.; karaoke by David Baldwin 5 to 9 p.m.
Thursday, June 24: Lunch Special noon to 2 p.m.; cards 1 p.m., bowling 6 p.m., shuffleboard and Wii, 7 p.m.

Purvis Gray and Company, LLP of Ocala, audited Marion County's financial statements starting in January 2010 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and found that Marion County meets all professional standards for how it manages financial accounts. During last Tuesday's board meeting, a representative from Purvis Gray and Company released the auditor's findings.

The audit, required annually by Florida Statutes in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, included evaluating governmental and business activities as well as each major fund. The audit also included an analysis of the county's internal control over financial reporting and compliance with various laws, regulations, and grant agreements. "Our audit did not identify any significant deficiencies required to be reported in accordance with Government Audit Standards," Certified Public Accountant Tim M. Westgate said. "We found no financial emergencies or trends indicating a deteriorating financial condition. Having no reportable items is a very good thing, especially considering the impacts the current economy could have on your financial statements."

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Community calendar

Saturday, June 19

Families can get financial advice

United Way of Marion County will hold the third annual "Day of Action" on Saturday, June 19, 2010. This year's event will focus on helping Marion County families improve their financial situation through budgeting and saving money.

"Family Financial Fitness" workshops will be featured from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ewers Center at the College of Central Florida on State Road 200 in Ocala. The event is free and will include lunch. Sessions for adults include topics such as creating a household budget, tips on saving money, learning about banking options and looking at your credit report. Sessions for children will also be provided by United Way and GreenPath. All sessions are provided by trained facilitators. Deadline for families to register is Wednesday, June 16. To register call United Way at 352-732-9696.

United Way Day of Action is an opportunity for United Way communities to show what it means to LIVE UNITED. June 21 — the longest day of the year, with more daylight hours than any other — presents an annual opportunity for the United Way system to declare its intention to improve lives in measurable and lasting ways by mobilizing thousands of people around a common goal: advancing the common good.

For more information, contact Krista Martin at 352-732-9696 or kmartin@uwmc.org.

Music, bike festival at Circle Square

Put on your leather, grab your biking buddies and ride your motorcycle down to The Town Square at Circle Square Commons on Saturday, June 19 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. You will enjoy a full day of live musical entertainment and more than 30 craft and food vendors.

Music Schedule:

- 11 a.m., Donald J - Jazz
- Noon, Sounds of Time - Oldies
- 1:30 p.m., Karaoke Corner
- 3 p.m., Radar - Caribbean
- 4:30 p.m., Live Bait - Jimmy Buffet Tribute
- 5:30 p.m., Eli Magic Sound - Latin
- 7 p.m., Stayin' Alive - Bee Gees Tribute

8 p.m., Stayin' Alive - '60s and '70s Tribute
For more information visit: www.CircleSquareCommons.com.

Monday, June 21

Constitution Party to meet

The next meeting of the Constitution Party of Marion County will be on Monday, June 21, at 6 p.m. in the main branch of the Marion County Public Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., near 25th Avenue in Ocala.

All people registered in the Constitution Party are urged to attend, all others are welcome to attend also. Voter registration forms will be available.

Legion post to meet

The Ralph J. Green American Legion Post 354 will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, June 21 at 1 p.m. in the community room in the Sheriff's Brian Litz Building, 9048 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala.

There will be an election and installation of officers for the 2010/2011 year. Try to arrive early to enjoy light refreshments and comradeship with fellow veterans. For further information telephone Commander Barbara Cherbonneau at 352-873-1737.

Tuesday, June 22

WMBA After Hours Mixer

The West Marion Business Association is having an after hours mixer at F.W.H. Associates at 7651 S.W. Highway 200, Suite 108 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be an open bar as well as hors d'oeuvres. This event is open to all businesses on the west side of Ocala. Please bring a business friend and be sure to register for the door prize at the event. To learn more about WMBA visit its website at www.westmba.com.

Wednesday, June 23

Fair Tax meeting scheduled

Don't you just love the IRS with all its bureaucracy, red tape, and audits? When you call to ask them a question

about your taxes, isn't it nice to know that 50 percent of the time they give you the wrong answer because even they can't understand the 70,000 pages of our tax policy? Isn't it about time we stopped the madness? Join us June 23 at 6 p.m. at the Marion County Public Library (2720 Silver Springs Blvd.) for a presentation of the Fair Tax. Let's put the IRS out of business and abolish taxes based on what we produce and place it on what we spend. The Fair Tax is simple, transparent and fair. To RSVP or for more information, contact Ron and Elaine Maiellaro at ocalafairtax@cfl.r.com or call 352-671-6724.

Friday, June 25

Democrats host canteen-era dance

The Marion County Democratic Party is hosting a fundraising canteen-era dance. The fundraiser will take place on Friday, June 25, at The American Legion, at Tuscawilla Park, 516 N.E. Sanchez Ave., Ocala. The event will run from 7 to 11 p.m. There will be a \$15 per person donation requested and tickets can be purchased by calling the Marion County Democratic Party Headquarters office at 352-402-9494, Sally Smith at 352-390-3472 or Georgette Mottl at 352-694-5872. All those in attendance will be asked to write a letter to a soldier for the "DEC Make a Difference Day."

There will be dance music from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s as well as dance and nostalgic costume contests. Setups will be provided and participants are asked to BYOB and to also bring hors d'oeuvres to share.

Saturday, June 26

SPCA to hold book sale

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) of Marion County is holding a used book sale on Saturday, June 26th, from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

It will be in front of Winn Dixie at 8445 S.W. State Road 200 in Friendship Center (next to On Top of the World Communities).

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Planning for retirement is a complex undertaking for all of us, but for women, it's especially challenging. One reason is that women

Women and retirement

live longer than men, so they have more years of retirement to prepare for. Another is that they spend more of their active years out of the workforce — in many cases, raising children or caring for aging relatives — which gives them less opportunity to build up retirement savings and private pensions.

As a result, women wind up more dependent than men on Social Security to pay for retirement, and Social Security often isn't

enough. On average, it pays just 40 percent of what a wage earner made in her working years. But as a woman, you can improve your prospects for a secure retirement through smart long-term planning:

■ Start saving on a regular basis. Even \$20 a week can add up to a decent nest egg, especially if you start young.

■ Take retirement into account when choosing a job. Ask potential employers if they offer a retire-

ment plan and/or pension plan. Find out how they work. Look for employers that match at least part of your contribution to a retirement account.

■ Work as long as you can. The longer you earn income, the more time you have to amass savings. The older you are when you stop working, the fewer years of retirement you'll need to budget for. Delaying the start of Social Security benefits up to age 70 will result in a

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be used for college expenses, as collateral for a small business loan, or any other happily anticipated or unexpected event.

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OTOW photographer has display

Mike Roppel, a resident of On Top of the World, has a display of photographs at the Master the Possibilities just outside On Top of the World on Southwest 80th Street. The pictures were taken in St. Petersburg, Russia, last summer.

He has been a member of Shutterbugs since August of 2006. His voyage to this group began as a young man. He has used a wide variety of cameras including a Brownie Hawkeye, an Instamatic, a 2/14 press camera, a 4x5, 35mm, a 30x30 Graphic Arts camera and now he uses a digital camera.

His photographic experience included being a yearbook photographer in college and a Still Ground photographer with the Air Force. After his release he worked for a photofinisher and then attended New York Institute of Photography in NYC.

While living in New Hampshire for 26 years, he had his own darkroom and studio in the house. He then got a position as a graphic arts photographer primarily working on wallpaper designs. He also became a member of the New Hampshire Professional Photographers Association where his various officer positions led to be the president for two years.

Following his move to Ocala, he has been regularly published in the On Top of the World monthly newspaper and the South Marion Citizen.

My wife took the photo with the display and our former exchange student Nadya Ilyina took the other one.



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That sinking feeling

Visiting the natural sinkhole in Ocala National Forest

MICHEL NORTHEA
Staff Writer

Through the woods and down a mile-long bumpy, dirt road in the Ocala National Forest, there's a trailhead for the Lake Eaton Sinkhole Trail.

Recently, as another outing offered through Marion County Parks and Recreation Department, a group of hikers were led through the mile-plus long trail to the 80-foot-deep, 450-foot-wide sinkhole.

The hike was led by Michigan-born, Florida-raised Kevin Congdon. Much of his youth was spent running in the forest. As an adult, he contracts with the Florida Wildlife Commission to help with its summer camps to teach teens the joy of the outdoors, and Marion County Parks and Recreation to lead hikes as needed.

"I've learned through experience," he said pointing out a possible hiding place for an Eastern diamondback rattlesnake in among fallen,

rotting pine trees. Snakes try to camouflage themselves to avoid falling prey to a hawk.

Along the hike, Congdon encouraged taking advantage of the recreational opportunities offered in the 385,000-acre forest. He suggested just driving some of the 1,500 miles of dirt roads in the forest and looking for wildlife, including deer and bears. Maps are available at the visitor's center. All dirt roads in the forest are in grid fashion linking back to three different highways: State Road 40, County Road 314 or State Road 19.

During hunting season, Nov. 4 through Jan. 2, much of the national forest is closed to non-hunters. The exception is the Juniper Springs Recreation Area, open year-round to visitors.

An overlook platform, with benches for resting, gives visitors an opportunity to see the top edge of the sinkhole without walking down 10 flights of stairs. Those continuing

the walk find temperatures 15 degrees cooler and a variety of trees, including a magnolia tree, as they descend the stairs.

For Carrie Thomas of Ocala, the hike was her first trip with the Marion County Parks and Recreation and her first venture into the national forest. She signed up for the hike because she wanted exercise and something a little more adventurous than a walk in the neighborhood.

She and her mother, Carol Sieg, both said they were signed up for other hikes in the fall.

Walking along the footpath among scrub oaks, pine trees and blue skies overhead, Steve and Pam Shinnick both agreed they enjoyed the hiking opportunities the county offers.

The Shinnicks have taken the kayak trips provided by the county, too.

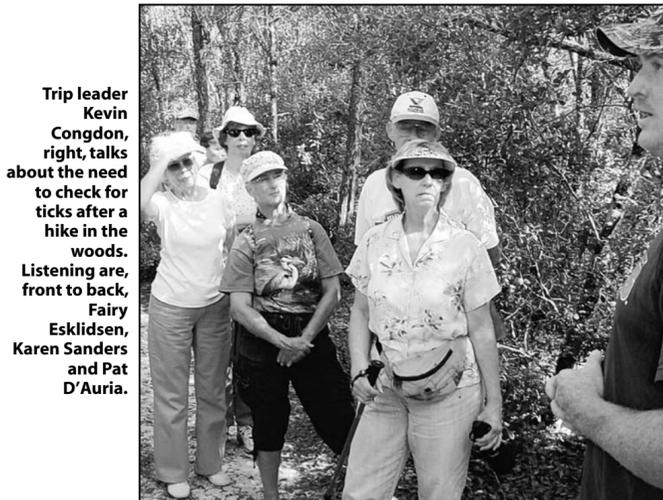
Although the county won't offer any more hiking trips until the fall, they offered five hikes since January and 10 kayaks this winter/spring, said Cathy Norris, recreational manager for Marion County Park and Recreation.

This summer the county offers a "summer series" of kayak trips to Juniper Springs Creek, two different trips on the Ocklawaha River, the Rainbow River and Silver River. Those trips are \$25 each and include kayaks, paddles, life jackets and snacks.

Check out the county's recreational opportunities through marioncountyfl.org and follow the department links to parks, or call 352-671-8560.



Karen Sanders was one of the first down the 10 flights of steps leading to the observation deck near the bottom of the Lake Eaton Sinkhole Trail. Other hikers were taking photos of the magnolia growing in the sinkhole. Temperatures are about 15 degrees cooler inside the sink in the summertime.



Trip leader Kevin Congdon, right, talks about the need to check for ticks after a hike in the woods. Listening are, front to back, Fairy Esklidsen, Karen Sanders and Pat D'Auria.



PHOTOS BY MICHEL NORTHEA

Trip leader Kevin Congdon, said that many of the big pines in the forest are being pushed out by scrub oaks.

Saturday, June 26

African Violet Club to meet

COALITION

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The African Violet Club will meet Saturday, June 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the Sheriff's substation, 9048 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala.

This month's meeting is sure to delight whether you wish to display a lovely Dish Garden or Terrarium or learn what it takes to enter one in a show. One of our fabulous members, Marjorie Hendon, who does expert dish gardens and terrariums, will bring in supplies for the club to put together their own dish garden base or terrarium for this project or obtain one from Marge. Guests are always welcome and light refreshments will be served. For more information go to the website at www.africanvioletclubofocala.org and remember to return to this website regularly for more information on the next meeting and other important information. Or feel free to contact club President, Carolee Carter at 352-237-3308.

Saturday, July 3

July 4th at Circle Square

Enjoy a patriotic evening and celebrate Independence Day at the Circle Square Commons Town Square on Saturday, July 3 from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Come celebrate America's independence with a salute to the Armed Forces, a tribute to the music of the '40s performed by The Swing Sisters, an energetic performance by local favorite Norman Lee, a Missing Man presentation including four World War II North American T-6 model aircrafts used by the Air Force from 1939-1957, plus craft and food vendors.

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the FCAT." As far as parent involvement, he said that elementary school help seems to be OK, but "middle school and high school, that is where we have a problem." He also spoke of making sure there was board unity.

One other candidate, Dean Blinkhorn, could not attend and will appear next month. District 4 incumbent Sue Mosley has indicated she will not run again.

In District 5, incumbent Ron Crawford spoke from experience, saying he had worked to hold down tax increases in the past by using the reserve. He talked about the building of new Forest High School, where he fought to bring down the cost to where at that time it was built at the lowest square foot cost in the state. He said in the past he has tried to do things in the county without raising taxes.

Mary Williams was the other speaker from District 5. She is a fourth generation Marion County resident, and commented, "the kids need to move to the next level." She spoke of her experience in going to Tallahassee with the American Cancer Society to speak with legislators, and said because of that she would have "no problem" dealing with lawmakers.

Another District 5 candidate, Sharon Hagen, could not attend and is expected to speak next month.

Candidates then took questions from the audience, and spoke on the condition of North Marion, board members'

salaries (they're state mandated), transportation and portables (all agreed they will still be around).

Incumbent District 3 member Bobby James was introduced, but did not take part in the forum since he was unopposed.

In other matters: Members heard that a new auto parts store, later identified as Battery Source, was coming to the area near where Triple Crown homes used to be. The address will be 7201 S.W. State Road 200.

The Friends of the Library asked people to sign a petition at the library to increase the size of the building. They said that Freedom Library is second busiest in the children's section in the county and second in the distribution of books.

Parks and Recreation Month will be in July, members were told.

The next meeting on July 12 will feature State House candidates for District 22, and Circuit Court Judge candidates for Group 5 (one race, two candidates).



Angie Boynton



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Carol Ann Wheeler

OAK RUN

The Blue Crab Festival in Palatka, Florida, was the destination ride for the Oak Run Motorcycle Club on Saturday, May 29. In addition to the good ride, the members enjoyed all the interesting booths and of course the food. Our next meeting is Monday, June 21, at 7 p.m. in Palm Grove. We will be discussing our participation in the Oak Run Fourth of July parade which will take place on Saturday, July 3. Line up is at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call Rod George at 352-854-8721.

Motorcycle Club journeys to Blue Crab Festival

only, Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Phillips Center in Gainesville. We will sell the tickets in the Orchid Club lobby on Monday, June 21, from 8 to 9 a.m. The price for the show, bus and tips will be \$74. Sign up soon as it is sure to be a sellout. For more information, call Connie Smith or Joanne Misener.

park. Seating is available, and a local parade starts at 10 a.m. down the main street. On the way home we will make a stop at the Dakotah Winery for tasting and there is a unique gift shop right in the main room. The cost is only \$18. Call Roy and Pat Meisen for more information.



Members of the Oak Run Motorcycle Club are shown at a rest stop on the way to Palatka for the Blue Crab Festival.

Next Monday, a group will be leaving for Stone Mountain, Georgia. There were two seats available due to illness. The cost is just \$185 per person for double occupancy. Call Dick and Elsa Berbig if you are interested in going on this 3-day trip.

The show "Red, White, and Tuna" will be on Sunday, June 27, at the Show Palace. Call George and Barbara Murphy to get on their wait list.

There will be a trip to the Hard Rock Casino on July 26, and there are a few seats available for this trip. Call Valerie Oddo for this trip. Cedar Key Seafood Festival has a few seats remaining on the bus for the trip on Saturday, Oct. 16. There are arts and crafts along the street and food is available in the

On Saturday, Sept. 25, we will go to the dog races in St. Petersburg. This is a beautiful new facility for us and also features a poker room and simulcast for you to enjoy. You will start with a buffet lunch which includes both brunch and luncheon items, and you will receive a free program for the races. You can enjoy all this for only \$30. Call Bob and Maureen Farulla to reserve your seat.

Oak Run Veterans The Oak Run Veterans Association will be marching in the Independence Day parade being held on July 3. As in the previous years, the ORVA will have a trailer available for those who would like to ride. The trailer will be at 83rd Street. Those riding in the trailer as well as those

who will march in the parade behind the honor guard are asked to please be there by 7:30 a.m. The parade is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. This is an opportunity of the ORVA to show the community those who served in the military to protect our freedom. Let's not forget those who were not able to come home from the battlefields. There will be a cool down held in the auditorium at the conclusion of the

parade, where the ORVA will present the flags of each service. Please be on hand, and if possible if you have a small American flag, please bring it as a symbol of dedication to our great nation. The ORVA looks forward to seeing everyone on hand to honor the celebration of the birth of our great nation.

Little Theatre Oak Run Little Theatre at its June 7 meeting formed a reading committee consisting of Arn and Peg Studer, Frank and Diane Porterfield, Kati Doyle, Dianne Robillard, Dee Gragg, Linda Dale-sandry and Art Schmidt. Publishing companies provide catalogs of plays setting forth a synopsis of their plays. There are thousands of such plays. This committee will sort through the catalogs and settle on 40 or so plays they feel they want to consider. Members will read each of these scripts containing several hundred pages and write up a critique. At their meetings they will then dispose of the plays they feel do not merit further consideration. This is a long and arduous process but they will finally determine the one play they feel is a good fit for the club and our audiences.

theme is "Cavalcade of Shows" and each cart will be decorated to commemorate one of the plays we have produced over the past 21 years. More on Donating at No Cost

I am planning to do a thorough clean out of my clothes closet and will be taking (hopefully) bags of stuff to the Hospice shop in Jasmine. If you would like me to take things for you, call me, Carol Ann Wheeler, at 352-873-2964.

Royal Oaks Men's Golf Association Here's some great news. There will be a "Red, White and Blue" special event in the June. The Board of Directors approved the budget changes, and the additional funding.

On June 11, the game was three best net. First place with a score of 185 was the team of Lacey, Smith, Start and Schiavo. The second place team was Dowling, Staiger, Soine, and the ever popular Duke Slayton with a score 190. Third place was captured by the team of Tennant, Gildea, Aubrey, with a blind and a team score of 189. 193 was the score that secured a fourth place tie for the teams of Catapano, Elder, Ducz with a blind, and Terry, Kennedy, Berbig and a blind. Closest to the pin was won on the white tees by Lacey and Smith and on the red tees by Szabo.

All members are requested to check the bulletin PLEASE SEE OAK, PAGE 24

Some Father's Day humor



Dick Frank

PUN ALLEY

Father's Day is Sunday. Almost 100 years have elapsed since the first Father's Day was celebrated. In the 1900s fathers didn't have it nearly as good as fathers of today; but they did have a few advantages:

Back then, if a father put a roof over his family's head, he was a success. Today, it takes a roof, deck, pool, and 3-car garage.

Back then, fathers could help their children with their school work. Today, fathers rely on their kids to teach them how to work the computer and set the VCR.

Back then, a father waited for the doctor to tell him when the baby arrived. Today, a father must wear a smock, know how to breathe, and make sure the video camera is loaded.

Back then, fathers passed on clothing to their sons. Today, kids wouldn't touch Dad's clothes if they were sliding naked down an icicle.

Back then, a father came home from work to find his wife and children at the supper table. Today, a father comes home to a note, "Jimmy's at baseball, Cindy's at gymnastics, I'm at adult-ed; pizza in fridge."

A tall tale The father knocked on the bathroom door where his teenage daughter had been taking a bath for over an hour: "Cindy! Just how long will you be in that bathtub?"

From the other side of the door came the reply: "Oh Daddy! Water doesn't affect your height. I'm still 5-4!"

Checking up on dad A college boy wrote his father: "I can't understand why you call yourself a kind parent when you send me no money. You haven't mailed me a check in almost two months. What kind of kindness do you call that?"

"That," the old man replied, "is unremitting kindness."

Pop corn My father always proposed a toast before he disciplined me. "That's funny! What was it?"

"Bottoms up, son!" She got her good looks from her father. He's a plastic surgeon.

"Daddy, Daddy, can I have another glass of water please?"

"But I've given you 10 glasses of water already!"

"Yes, but the bedroom is still on fire!"

I was going to buy a copy of "The Power of Positive Thinking" and then I thought, what good would that do?

Son: "Dad, my teacher says I should have an encyclopedia."

Father: "Nonsense, you'll walk to school the same as I did."

One time my kids wanted to surprise me with a good breakfast in bed on Father's Day. They put a cot in the kitchen.

Father to unwelcome suitor: "I don't want my daughter tied to a hopeless idiot all her life."

Suitor: "Of course not, sir. Then I take it I have your consent?"

The human race A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race begin?"

The mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children."

Two days later, the girl asked her father the same question, "How did the human race begin?"

The father answered, "Many years ago, there were monkeys from which the human race evolved."

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God and Dad said it developed from monkeys?"

The mother answered, "Well, dear, it's very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

Real help? "Dad, will you help me with my homework?"

"I'm sorry," replied the father, "It wouldn't be right."

"Well," said the boy, "at least you could try."

True lies A father was scolding his six-year-old for having told an extra-big fib. "I never told lies when I was your age," he said.

The boy allowed a moment to pass and then, rather brightly, asked: "How old were you when you started, Dad?"

Point of View A mother was taking her young son for a ride in the car when he asked, "Mother, where are all the infernal idiots?"

"Why, Son," she replied, "they only happen to be on the highway when your father is driving."

Water shortage The father sent his small boy to bed.

Five minutes later: "Dad."

"What?"

"I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a drink of water?"

"No. You had your chance. Lights out."

Again, five minutes later: "Da-aaaad."

"What?"

"I'm thirsty. Can I have a drink of water?"

"I told you no! If you ask again I'll have to spank you."

"Da-aaaad."

"What?"

"When you come in to spank me, can you bring me a drink of water?"

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A vacation Bible school will take place at Maranatha Baptist Church, 525 Marion Oaks Trail, June 21 to June 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a special awards program on Sunday, June 27, at 10:45 a.m.

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Fathers play important role

We often hear about the bad fathers, those who couldn't care less about their children, who treat them as a biological accident, or who leave and put them out of their minds or, worse yet, physically and mentally abuse those little ones.

But across the country, there are millions of fathers who take their responsibility toward their children seriously, who work without much fanfare to make sure their youngsters become good, strong, moral adults.

This Sunday is their day to shine, their day to be recognized for the good that they do in forming the future leaders of our nation.

It wasn't until the mid 1960s that President Lyndon Johnson officially proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. The day first made its appearance in the first decade of the 20th Century when a Washington state woman wanted to honor her father, who had raised the family by himself following the death of his wife in childbirth.

Even now, the day takes a back seat to Mother's Day in May, which receives a lot more notoriety and public comment.

But that's what a lot of good fathers do - sit back and watch the mother and the children get a lot of the credit.

This weekend, though, give him his due. If you're fortunate enough to have your dad still around, don't e-mail him, don't text him. If you want to send him a card, that's OK. But most importantly, give him a phone call (you know, those old-fashioned things with a dial tone and push buttons). Let him hear your voice saying "Happy Father's Day" live and in person.

Even if your dad is still around but not a part of your life, give him a call anyway. Time has a way of healing all wounds, and if it's been a long time since you had any contact, it could be beneficial for both of you.

Finally, to all the fathers out there, even if you're not in a position to get greetings from your children, know that society appreciates the good work that many dads have done over the years, and enjoy the day.

Happy Father's Day to all.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Get out the vote

The Tea Party of Ocala is about to launch a countywide program to "Get out the Vote."

It will be called: Operation Shoe Leather.

The goal is to visit all 472 churches in Marion County, and ask the clergy to encourage their congregations to vote, vote, vote, please vote. Included in the literature they will giving to each church will be letters extolling the virtues of freedom, and perhaps the need for Americans to appeal to a higher authority to help us retain that freedom: appeal to God.

In addition they will have cards with information regarding the time, and place of the Tea Party meetings. A big welcome is extended to every resident in the county. Come by and see what the Tea Party is all about. You just might like it. Lower taxes, smaller frugal government, respect for property rights, treat citizens with a little respect, less pompous bureaucracies or, you might like to add an issue or two

into the mix.

Citizens are now speaking up. They want the government to enact a citizen agenda, not the governments agenda. It is OUR country, not the government's country.

The Ocala Tea Party has taken the time to vet all candidates who wish to be questioned by the "In Your Face Committee." Soon you will be seeing the reports on these candidates circulating around Marion County.

The Ocala Tea Party is not taking our citizenship lightly. We are taking an interest in our government, and trying to become informed citizens. We invite all of Marion County to join us. It is your country, too. For those harried citizens who cannot possibly attend a meeting, you can find a mountain (make that a mountain range) full of information on the website: www.TeaPartySolutions.com.

Whose country is this anyway, ours or the bureaucrats? You decide.

D.I. Larson Ocala



Keeping it rational while complaining



Jim Clark

The Cliff Stearns town meeting last Saturday was well attended, but our local Congressman didn't hear anything he hadn't heard before.

The crowd spent the whole time bashing President Obama, with Stearns occasionally joining in, instead of providing information to Stearns or learning something from this very knowledgeable representative.

Stories such as that of the woman who moved here over a year ago and can't find a job despite having a professional background were the type of information that Stearns needed to hear.

What he didn't need was to hear a woman scream, literally, anti-Obama, anti-Muslim venom.

That isn't going to accomplish anything, and just made it seem that she was totally out of control and not a voice of reason.

Then there was the man in the back who stood up and said he had a hard time finding out who his representative was, and asked if Stearns was up for reelection. He had to be reminded that representatives are elected every two years, and senators every six years, with one-third staggered so the entire Senate can't be replaced at once. I guess his civics lessons from years ago didn't take, since that hasn't changed for a couple of centuries.

It just surprises me that people get that emotional. Then again, I've heard it before. I remember an old boss of mine yelling at a visitor to our office, "I don't care, I just want the (bleep) out of office." He was yelling about Richard Nixon.

So over the years it has gone both ways. I remember the people yelling how Richard Nixon was destroying the Constitution and that our nation couldn't survive. Yet 35 years or so later, we're still here.

And 35 years or so after Obama, we'll still be here.

I'm disappointed in the rabble rousers who say that certain people are destroying our country. It shows that they have no faith in our Constitution, in our form of government. It shows that they don't accept the fact that when we don't like who's in the White House, we can vote the rascal out in four years.

So while I certainly can't be counted as an Obama backer, I do have faith. We will survive this, the same as we survived Nixon and Watergate, the same as we survived Clinton and Lewinsky, and the same as we survived countless other scandals throughout our country's 234-year history, which we will celebrate in two weeks.

So while we need to work to change things, we need to do it rationally, so we don't alienate the people who might be on the fence and deciding which way to go.

Stay calm, folks. You'll get a lot more done that way.

Jim Clark is the editor of the South Marion Citizen. He can be reached at editor@smcitizen.com or 352-854-3986.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hindsight is politically safer

Just because we can dance and chew gum at the same time doesn't mean we can operate a three thousand pound vehicle safely while text messaging. Even birds have enough sense to stand still while twittering. And they have fewer collisions than we do.

Prohibition of text messaging while driving is inevitable. How long it will take in Florida and around the nation depends on a few legislators who relish capturing the limelight by being obstinate about the obvious.

Seven states ban all hand-held phone use while driving. Twenty-eight states prohibit text messaging. And despite public surveys which show overwhelming support for prohibition, a few timid states have limited the ban to truckers and novice drivers.

Legislators' reasons for blocking a ban on texting are feeble and ludicrous - a violation of personal liberties, picking on texters while ignoring people eating burgers, shaving, or applying mascara. Some knuckle-

headed legislators see any ban as creeping communism.

A logical argument against a ban is difficulty of enforcement. A simple remedy is a prohibition of all hand-held phone use in a moving vehicle. Oh my! That would require medal-of-honor bravery on the part of the legislature.

Hindsight is politically safer. Just wait a few years for the fatality statistics to make a better case.

Jim Flynn Ocala

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June is bustin' out with harmony

PETER MUSELLA Special to the Citizen

We sang for our supper! Members of the Ocala Big Sun Chorus and Good Vibrations quartet (plus one, if you paid attention) serenaded shoppers at the Publix Shopping Center at Canopy Oak on Saturday, June 5. We sang outside (whew, it was hot) and inside the store (it was cool). Shoppers and employees enjoyed the entertainment. Special thanks to Publix for their cooperation and support. We performed to publicize the upcoming "Barbershop Extravaganza" at On Top of the World Cultural Center.

First, many thanks to the On Top of the World Cultural Center for presenting a very special successful afternoon of Barbershop harmony, featuring five of the best of Florida's quartets on their way to international competition in Philadelphia this July. Special thanks and applause to our own John Spang for all his hard work and dedication to barbershop harmony, making it all possible. Good job, John. Our "straw hats" go off to you. More than 600 people attended the afternoon show on Saturday,

June 12. Members of the Ocala Big Sun Chorus led the cheering section. The audience enjoyed an afternoon of magnificent har-

mony by very talented quartets and we all wish them good luck on their journey to competition. Members of Ocala Big

Sun Chorus would like to wish all the dads out there a very happy Father's Day. Have a great day. We'll be back in September with re-

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Rev. James L. Snyder

Things my father never told me

after he is gone. Then they remember all of the things that are a part of their life that came from their father. That is a shame.

In thinking back on my father, there were a few things I wish he had told me.

OUT TO PASTOR

This is my first Father's Day to celebrate without my father. Earlier this year he passed away after a long battle with heart and lung disease. It will be a rather somber day for me this year, but I carry in my heart all those things we shared while he was alive.

My father taught me many things, especially when I was young. He taught me how to ride a bicycle, hunt and fish and then how to drive a car. All those things the person carries with him the rest of his life.

I remember when my father gave me the old traditional father and son "birds and bees" talk. It went something like this. My father sat down with me on the back porch and said, "I guess I need to have a little talk with you..." then there was a long period of awkward silence...

I prepared myself for a very long lecture and in the back of my mind I was wondering if the old man knew as much as I did about the "birds and the bees." When you are 16, there is not anything that you do not know. I was more than willing to share with him my expertise in this area of human activity.

Father cleared his throat and then said, "The birds and the bees is something you need to know about. The one will peck you to death and the other will sting you to death. My advice is stay away from both and you'll have a happy life." With that, he got up and went back to doing whatever he was doing. I never did get around to thanking him for that piece of advice. It took me years to understand it.

I also would have liked to have known that an argument is not won the day of the argument. Men have the idea that you speak your mind and then let bygones be bygones. Women, especially wives, have no concept of letting bygones be bygones. My father should have told me that no man could ever win any argument with a woman. The sweetest and most powerful two words in all of the English language is, "Yes, dear."

Something else I had to learn the hard way and I wish my father had told me about it. Never surprise your wife with an expensive gift for no reason. Suspicion is a hard thing to dispel. You think you are doing something nice and spontaneous and she thinks you have done

something naughty and suspicious.

My father could have saved me a lot of grief if he would have told me never to ask your wife, "How's your day been?" When you do interject such a query, your wife will give you a minute-by-minute, conversation by conversation account of her entire day, and please, do not interrupt her. Any man who can keep up with that should be given the Nobel Peace Prize.

Another thing that would have been helpful if my father would have explained to me is that anything cute and comes as a bundle of joy will cost a fortune and keep on costing for the rest of your life. These "bundles of joy" look so cute in the

hospital but after you bring them home the real cost begins. If we are going to have comprehensive health insurance, it should include the expenses of raising these babies after we bring them home from the hospital.

Then there is shopping. Oh my soul, it would have been so beneficial if my father could have sat down and explained to me the concept of shopping from a woman's point of view. Shopping is an art no man can really aspire to. I cannot tell you how much it has cost me for my wife to save \$3.99.

I guess my father did the best he could. That reminds me of my Heavenly Father: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your chil-

dren, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matthew 7:11 KJV).

In celebrating Father's Day, let us not forget to thank our Heavenly Father for all his good gifts.

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O B I T U A R Y



Paul R. Knight, 75, fire coordinator

Paul R. Knight, 75, passed away June 13, 2010 at Ocala Regional Medical Center. Mr. Knight was born in Newton, Mass. He was a county fire coordi-

nator in Maine and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Knight moved from Kennebunkport, Maine to Ocala in 2004. He was a member of the Friendship Volunteer Fire Department and the Marion County Fire Rescue Advisory Board. Mr. Knight leaves behind his loving wife of 52 years, Doris and one son, Roger L. Knight of Jacksonville, FL. Memorial Service for Mr. Knight will be Monday, June 21, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Hiers-Baxley Timber-Ridge Chapel, 9695 S.W. 110th St., Ocala with Pastor Randy Stone officiating. Inurnment will be in Florida National Cemetery Bushnell, FL at 1 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Friendship Fire Station 7884 SW 90th St., Ocala, FL 34476.

Community OPINION

RIGHT DOWN THE CORRIDOR

Voters don't realize our nation is under distress



Robert E. Beckner

Our next national election is Nov. 4, 2010 and will be here before we know it. All 435 U.S. House seats and 33 of the 100 U.S. Senate seats will be up for grabs. It's very concerning when you live with politics every day of your life and you don't see many positive steps being taken, such as new faces and candidates coming forth. Being sought are constitutional conservatives, and so far as is known the Republicans have made few moves if any, to meet with the Tea Party officials to seek out their ideas and suggestions of getting rid of all the R.I.N.O.'s holding seats presently. If they don't do it soon, the five months remaining until the election will be over and they will lose again if they stick to their old proven wrong efforts. This has been conveyed to the National Republican Senate leadership and other politicians along with the information that re-election contributions will not be forthcoming and without funds they won't regain control of the Senate, as they claim Democrats are out raising them three to one. They are wasting a valuable opportunity.

It appears that too many American voters still to this day don't realize how much our nation is under distress. Yes, we see more and more signs of life of the American people who are beginning to

speaking up and out and always against our stand of the president and his regime of 39+ member band of henchmen AKA "Czars" after those in olden day Russia. Just like the olden ones, these current ones are all Socialist, Marxist or Communists as he's completely violated his oath of office on numerous occasions, as well as various members of Congress have done, he has in 18 months done what he wanted, against the majority of the public, just ignoring their wishes on dozens of occasions. I'll name just four; health care, immigration control, large bailouts and taxes. Obama's "favorable" rating, according to the polls, is 42 percent, the lowest of lows. So our hope is to take control of the Senate and we can then stop his destructive bent.

While the media covers exhaustively the oil spill that Obama ignored for 42 days, or the Arizona border protests, quietly our country is losing its freedoms. Congress, both Houses, are manufacturing and passing bills that will strip us of our freedoms and send the country heading into financial chaos. That's where we need to keep our eyes open and write, fax or e-mail our Florida House and Senate Representatives and demand they take action to "enforce the laws (national) already on the books." Phone numbers of interest to the White House are: comments 202-456-1111, switchboard, 202-456-1414 and fax 202-456-2461.

The White House is using union goons as their arms to attack groups speaking out against this administration and the president. Watch the real news on Fox, especially Glen Beck at 5 p.m. They are

the "only" station where you'll see the violence, mobs and riots here in the U.S. and overseas daily. These union members lie and lead people into frenzied riots and intimidate anyone standing in their way. It's not for the good of the workers; it's for their pockets and to wield an extraordinary amount of power. Their purpose is to control health care, financial institutions and every single business in the country. The administration favorite union SEIU has been given Obama's blessing and are using them to create class warfare. When the economy further fails, as it most certainly will, it will be the clashing of classes that fuels the riots on the streets. The union organizers will be leading the charge.

Let's face it, we are fighting for our existence as a republic, they want global government. We must stop this legislative madness. Inform and expose your relatives, friends, everyone you know, as to what is happening. If you know men and women of honor, those that can and will do the hard work repealing, replacing or reforming legislation intended on destroying our country and be sure they are constitutional conservatives, urge them to step up and run for the office of their choice. We don't have to trust a two party system. Just because they back the same old political hacks, doesn't mean the candidate is worthy for office. If things don't begin to change soon as to candidates, the grassroots of the Republican Party and others just may have to suggest and recommend that we all vote against every "incumbent" in office. It might be necessary because they all lie so much we can't believe a word they

say about their record of voting and the average voter has no way of getting a copy of that politician's voting record. If they are truly any good they can always run for office again the next election, it would just give them a needed breather! We must stay galvanized and focused on whom we want to keep, if any, or throw all the bums out!

It's actually scary when we learn that our national debt is now 13 trillion dollars and the president of the Federal Reserve claims the debt is really \$104 trillion if you count Social Security, Medicare and obligations including federal pensions. If that's not enough, Ben Bernanke of the Fed is truly gambling with our dollar. He has set the Fed's printing presses on fire to pay for aggressive bank and auto bailouts and the Wall Street crises. "No" effort has been made to fix this big Obama mistake!

China is well known now claiming the global economic dominance and we depend on them for our debt of \$895 billion to them. The Chinese will soon, if not already, know the dollar will fall and they will sell off our U.S. bonds, sending us into a further tailspin, aka super inflation. Obama and his cohorts have truly mismanaged our economy. They played a dangerous game of poker and now their bluff has been called. Even Warren Buffet has said repeatedly that America is on an unstoppable path toward inflation. How many honest economists do we need to tell us this? The mainstream media has continued to sleep through this threat. Nor has anyone mentioned that just since 2008 we've seen a startling 135 percent increase in the money supply.

Obama and Congress think they can regain prosperity with "intentional" inflation. Obama's next solution will be to tax his way out of our problems. On Dec. 31, 2010, one of the most massive tax increases in history will begin. That's when the Bush tax cuts expire, which will be an immediate 10 percent tax increase across the board for

citizens of all categories. Capital gains tax will rise by almost 50 percent and tax on dividends almost as much as 250 percent! Also, Obama is openly talking about a new "value-added-tax," which is just a national sales tax which if it follows all of European countries could add anywhere up to 25 percent on "every item" an American purchases, it's a hidden tax the politicians obviously love.

We'll end this with just a little more bad news. The U.S. Treasury says each taxpayer (you) will have to fork over \$117,000 in order to pay off our national debt. Also, 95 percent is how much value the U.S. dollar has lost in the past 100 years.

Thomas Jefferson said, "When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty."

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What is in that tea anyway?



Wendy E. Binnie

treated in this manner, they will be ruled by tyrants, a corporate America consumed by a creed of greed. And there will be no middle class any longer, except those who bow to their masters, the new royalty of our former great nation.

Along comes a group called "The Tea-Baggers." Their members act like they have been in a Rip Van Winkle state for going on 10 years. Where were they while the Bush regime was sending this country into a permanent state of decline, giving the wealthiest citizens huge tax cuts at the expense of everyone else and fighting two wars on credit? Where were they when the country was taken into an illegal and unjustified war with Iraq, which they themselves admitted was an illegal war? Didn't that constitute a war crime? Where were they when the U.S. Constitution was being violated? Isn't that considered a crime? Where were they when the Bush regime was violating the UN Charter when the U.S. was a member? Wasn't that a crime? Where were they when the Geneva Conventions on the Treatment of Prisoners was violated? Wasn't that a war crime? Where were they when they killed the writ of habeas corpus? Where were they when federal and international laws and treaties were violated? Where were they when it became evident that Bush had no command whatsoever of the English language and invented new words of his own, and often reversed the meaning of his intended statements? Where were they when the Republican majority in Congress acted as a rubber stamp approving every disastrous policy of his?

The worst fault of President Obama is being unable to perform miracles to repair all of the damage done to this country throughout the eight years of the disastrous oil-men's regime. Though he could use a little spice in his grits, he wasn't elected as a deepwater drilling engineer. If we, the taxpayers, bailed out the banks with our tax dollar, and quite possibly BP, are we not then, stock holders? If so, when do we receive our dividends? Could this not be a kind of back-handed route to socialism? Does anybody care to explain or come up with an answer?

Your writer gave her opinion a couple of months ago when this was brought up. The book, which she read is one of many on the same subjects. How we are going to have to get on the ball with clean energy and global warming because in 2050 there are going to be 9 billion people on the Earth. If we don't have enough energy, people all over will be rationed on water and electricity. It talks about the debt, what China will do to us in the long run if we don't handle the industry problem in the near future. It is almost the same book Tom Friedman wrote, "Hot, Flat and Crowded" also read along with many, many others on this level. The same identical subject that many true experts are telling us must soon happen. We should all be happy that our president reads these informational books by experts. Read them before commenting on something you do not know. Or are people guessing at what it means if they care at all? People are just guessing at what they think it means.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Read what it says

The term "separation of church and state" is used so much there are citizens who believe it is part of our Constitution. Now we can't pray in school or in public, we can't have Christmas manger scenes, etc. These practices are declared so harmful to our society that on a regular basis the ACLU or other ungodly organizations are expanding the ban on our using the name of God in any way. Efforts to remove "In God we trust" from our money and other places are constant. Why not look at just what our Constitution really says?

Amendment 1: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

I'm just a simple Georgia boy, and can't see how anyone with a brain can interpret that to mean separation of church and state. If anything, we are prohibiting the free exercise of religion by denying our rights to pray in school or any other public places. How we allowed this to happen is beyond me and I'm ashamed of our not taking a stand for God!

In case you are interested in what the Bible says about this, I invite you to attend Berean Baptist Church's July 4 service beginning 10:45 a.m. Our pastor is preaching on this very subject. Our location is 4800 S.W. 20th St., Ocala.

What a glorious way to celebrate America's birth and our return to the godly principles that made this country great.

Wayne Rackley Ocala

County pay raise

I read that Sheriff Ed Dean would give 900 of his employees a well deserved pay raise for the work that they do protecting the residents of Marion County. This is at a time when 90,000 of the working residents in our county are supporting 18,000 county residents who are presently unemployed.

To pay for this, raising taxes will be needed to give these public servants their well deserved increases in wages. This is an attempt to try to keep up with the firefighters who earn \$7,000 a year more than the deputies of our county. Many retired residents of this county just don't have the money to pay for these increases for county employees who are competing against one another for our tax dollars.

Marion County is home to many retirees who did not see a cost of living adjustment in their Social Security checks to help them keep even with inflation. This is also at a time when these same retirees were forced to pay as much as a 100 percent increase for their prescription drugs to help keep them alive.

We are all sacrificing during these trying times but to be forced to work two and three jobs for each family to stay in their homes when you are in your 70s and 80s is just too much to ask. The law enforcement officers and the fire department employees are near and dear to our hearts but there is only so much we can do.

To raise taxes to pay for these increases may be the only way to bring parity between these two county gov-

ernment departments but they must realize what impact it will impose on those they have sworn to protect.

Jerry Segovis Ocala

The trouble we're in

Obama is a student of Saul Alinsky...he taught him as a professor. Saul Alinsky loved Cloward and Piven. The 2 professors were at the signing of Clinton's "motor Voter" act. Do your own research, but nothing makes sense anymore. Keep working on your emergency supplies like food storage...this is a worst case scenario, but better to be prepared for the worst than to be caught unaware. It's all unsustainable, the debt, the corruption, the entitlements, where does it all end. We have 13 Trillion in debt...we are going to leave that to our grandchildren's children to pay off. For What?

It is a tremendous mistake to think that the disaster in the Gulf of Mexico will help convince Americans of Barack Obama's incompetence. Obama's true agenda is so insidious that even his inability to handle a crisis serves his greater strategy.

And that strategy has a name: it is the Cloward-Piven Strategy. Named for the two Leftist sociology professors who formulated it, its purpose is to bring about the demise of capitalism by overloading the system, largely by making more people desperate and dependent on the government.

Thus, Cloward-Piven's goals are served by more and more aliens flooding across the border and filling jails, emergency rooms and welfare rolls. It is also served by the mortgage crisis; in fact, Professors Cloward and

Piven were the creators of ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), which helped pressure banks to implement the lending policies that precipitated that crisis. But Cloward-Piven seeks a financial crisis far wider-ranging and more encompassing than a mere mortgage meltdown.

So if the oil spill in the Gulf manages to destroy the fishing and tourist industries in that region, shut down oil drilling, raise the price of oil and of food all over the country, and bring more and more Americans to a financial breaking point and thus dependent on food stamps and other government programs, Obama and Co. will smile and nod at one another as the Cloward-Piven strategy hums merrily along.

Anything that puts a greater strain on government services — and the inability of those services, through incompetence and complex bureaucracy to actually improve things — advances the goals of Cloward-Piven. The more desperate and demoralized the American people become, and the more preoccupied we are with simple survival, the better our new "leaders" like it, and the closer they get to assuming total and complete control of every aspect of our lives.

Read about the Cloward-Piven Strategy in greater detail in an American Thinker article from November 23, 2009, "Cloward-Piven Government" by James Simpson. Simpson explains that even the patently unconstitutional laws and policies implemented by the Obama regime are a deliberate part of the strategy, because in addition to using financial

crises to bring about the desired changes in our way of life, it is necessary to render our Constitution impotent and irrelevant.

If you think the Gulf oil spill spells trouble for Obama, you're just not looking at as big a picture as he's looking at, and you just don't realize how much trouble we're all in.

Joe Paterek Ocala

Help our own BP stations

I've heard a lot about boycotting local BP stations because of the oil spill. This just shows what I've always been taught, "average is not too bright." WOW! Can you imagine such idiotic thinking. These people didn't have anything to do with the spill. They're victims too.

Marion County citizens boycotting local BP stations are hurting our own neighbors. So, do we add to this stupidity. Absolutely not. So you not too bright people get your heads out of the sand and get on board to help these BP service stations. If I'm not mistaken the corporate offices are on the other side of the pond. We had to bail them out in the 1940s, so I guess we have to do it again. It's not "Rule Britannica," it's "What's Good for the USA." I don't know what the reference to Britannica means and I don't mean dictionaries.

We have a BP station at the intersection of State Road 200 and 103rd Street, and I see no reason why I or anyone else should boycott this station. We buy local.

Bill Ford Oak Run

Emeritus of Ocala West
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For more information on this program, contact Barbie Smerecki at 352-861-4444 or email her at teachwithtoys@yahoo.com.

Habitat for Humanity
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Ocala ReStore Volunteers- volunteers are needed to

help out in the thrift store to benefit Habitat and help raise funds to build affordable homes. Come join in and help organize and decorate the store! Warning—there may be some lifting involved, but look at as a great work-out routine! Schedules are available Monday-Saturday from 8 am-4:30 pm.

Construction site volunteers- helping hands are needed for all areas of home

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Free lunch is provided to volunteers who work a four hour shift. For more information on how to get involved, contact Patty Hughes at 352-237-7776 or e-mail her at ocalaactivities@hawthornevilageretirement.com.

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This Father's Day, teach an old dad a new twist



Adon Williams

SOCIAL SECURITY

Who says you can't teach an old dad new twists? All across the nation, people are telling their fathers, grandfathers, and other special men in their lives about a new "twist" in the law that may help them qualify for extra help paying for costs associated with their prescription drugs.

When you're spending time with Dad this weekend, ask him if he can use some help paying for his prescription drugs. If so, tell him about the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan and the extra help available through Social Security.

If Dad is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, he

may be eligible for extra help to pay for his monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The extra help is worth an average of \$3,900 per year.

If you're met with a resistant, "No, I've looked into it before and I don't qualify," then let him know the law changed in January 2010. As volunteer spokesman Chubby Checker will tell you, a new "twist" in the law makes it easier than ever to qualify for the extra help.

Thanks to this new "twist" in the law, we no longer count any life insurance policy he has as a resource, and we no longer count as income any financial assistance he receives regularly from someone else to pay his household expenses like food, mortgage or rent, utilities or property taxes.

Don't take our word for it, see Chubby Checker's rocking message at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

To qualify, he must be receiving Medicare and: Have income limited to \$16,245 for an individual or \$21,855 for a married couple living together. Even if his annual income is higher, he still may be able

to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples in which income may be higher include if he or his wife:

- Support other family members who live with them;
- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and

Have resources limited to \$12,510 for an individual or \$25,010 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count his house or car

as resources.

You can help Dad fill out an easy-to-use online application at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp

To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

You and your dad can learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods. Visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

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June Happenings



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Alzheimer's and Dementia: The Difference
 July 16 - 2:00pm

This program will give insight into the different reasons for dementia. There will be several very interesting photos of a normal brain versus an Alzheimer's brain as well as a brain affected by a stroke. Presented by Terrie Hardison, Executive Director, Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance.

Management of Hypertension
 July 23 - 2:00pm

According to the American Heart Association, 74.5 million people in the US have high blood pressure. Hypertension can cause serious problems such as stroke, heart failure, heart attack and kidney failure. Learn about causes, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and prevention as well as natural ways to manage your blood pressure. Presented by Rajnikant Patel, MD, Family Practice Physician for the Senior Healthcare Center.

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Luncheon Train, Friday, Aug. 27: Come enjoy a two-hour Murder Mystery Luncheon train ride aboard the Star Clipper out of Eustis. Includes bus, two-hour murder mystery train ride, complete lunch, all taxes and gratuities.

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Show Palace Dinner Theatre, "Oklahoma," Wednesday, Nov. 3: Join us for this classic Broadway Show. Trip includes bus, reserved seats for the matinee show, complete hot lunch buffet, all taxes and tips.

Orlando Outlet Mall, Thursday, Nov. 4: Cost includes bus and tip for driver. Lunch is on your own. Four hours at the mall.

Alhambra Dinner Theatre, "The King and I," Saturday, Nov. 6: Come enjoy this classic musical. Join us at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre in Jacksonville. Cost includes bus, reserved seats for the matinee show, complete hot lunch buffet, all taxes and gratuities.

Early Bird Dinner Theatre, "How the Other Half Loves," Thursday, Nov. 11: Join us in for this very funny romantic comedy

about three couples whose lives intersect. Includes reserved seats for the matinee show, complete hot lunch buffet, all taxes and tips.

Thanksgiving Dinner and Show, Thursday, Nov. 25: The Palace Grand in Spring Hill (on U.S. 19) is celebrating the holiday with The New Dawn Singers. Come enjoy the holiday with friends. Includes a complete buffet, reserved seats, all taxes and gratuities.

Word of Life Gospel Productions, "Sights and Sounds of Christmas," Wednesday, Dec. 8: Come enjoy this Broadway-Style show for the holidays at the Word of Life Performing Arts Center in Hudson. A fantastic show with beautiful costumes, music and dance. Cost includes bus, hot lunch buffet prior to the 2:30pm show, reserved seats, all taxes and tips. Non refundable payment due by August 15.

First Baptist Church Orlando, Singing Christmas Trees, Saturday, Dec. 11: This show sells out every year. The cost includes great reserved seats for the 3 p.m. show followed by a 5:30 p.m. lavish dinner buffet right there at the church hall, all taxes and tips. Last year's show was excellent as well as the food. Don't miss it this year.

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Two Night, Three-Day Mystery Trip, Monday to Wednesday, Dec. 13-15: Join us on this three day mystery trip. As usual I won't tell you where we are going, but a lot of great stuff involved. Includes bus, nice hotel for 2 nights, breakfast daily, 2 dinners, 2 lunches, other things I can't say, all taxes and tip for Brian. \$100 deposit Final due Oct 13.

Alhambra Dinner Theatre, "It's a Wonderful Life," Thursday, Dec. 16: This classic film has become a favorite holiday musical. Join us at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre in Jacksonville. Cost includes bus, reserved seats for the matinee show, complete hot lunch buffet, all taxes and gratuities.

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Singles dinner

All singles in Cherrywood are invited. We meet in the Cherrywood lot at 4:30 p.m. and carpool from there. The following is the schedule for dinners in the month of June, 6/20 Olive Garden and 6/27 Royal Orchid.

Pool tournament

The 3rd Annual Norm Pellerin 9-Ball Tournament is scheduled to be played beginning July 26. This event is opened to all Cherrywood residents. So chalk-up pool players and

sign up for this event. Entrants must register by July 19th. There is a sign up sheet in pool room. See Geri at the Clubhouse for more information.

Accordion Club

The Accordion Club meets the fourth Wednesday of the Month. Next meeting is June 23, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Call Dick Richards at 352-208-5245 for more information

Plan on attending to either play the accordion or just enjoy the music.

Democratic Club

The Cherrywood Democratic Club will have an open meeting on June 18 at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse card room. All Cherrywood residents are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

The club meets on the third Friday of each month at 2 p.m. Harriet Scarpino, 352-873-9955, is the president.

Nancy Archer and her daughter Christine are 12-year Cherrywood residents. Get Cherrywood news to her at bluejay10453@hotmail.com by Thursday mornings.

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To Your FINANCIAL HEALTH

In this series about asset protection, thus far we have reviewed insurance and placement of corporation and limited liability companies and partnerships. In this issue we will discuss trusts and State homestead laws.

Irrevocable trusts: As the name implies, an irrevocable trust is a trust that you can't revoke or change. Once you have established the trust, you can't dissolve the trust, change the beneficiaries, remove assets from the trust, or change its terms. In short, you lose control of the assets once they become part of the trust. But, because the assets are out of

WENDY

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As for the Gulf of Mexico and its environs, we can't think of it without experiencing a deep ache in the gut. We cannot look at the horrific damage done to the birds, animals, fish and whatever may have been at the bottom of the water without breaking into tears. Families who for

Asset Protection- Part Three

your control, they're generally beyond the reach of creditors, too. Unlike an irrevocable trust, a revocable trust provides the assets in the trust with absolutely no legal protection from your creditors.

Offshore (foreign) trusts: It's possible to transfer assets to trusts that are formed in foreign countries. While the laws of each country are different, they share one similarity- they make it more difficult for creditors to reach trust assets. In order for a creditor to be able to reach assets held in a trust, a court must have jurisdiction over the trustee or the trust assets. Where the trust is properly established in a foreign country, obtaining jurisdiction over the trustee in a U.S. court will not be possible. The creditor must commence the suit in the off-shore jurisdiction. Typically, a local attorney will not take the case on a contingency basis. If a creditor wants to pursue litigation in the offshore jurisdiction, it must be prepared to pay the foreign attorney up front. Many jurisdictions require the creditor to post a

bond to guarantee the payment of any costs that the court may impose on the creditor. These obstacles have the general effect of deterring creditors from pursuing action.

Domestic self-settled trusts: The laws of Alaska, Delaware, and a few other states enable you to set up a self-settled trust. Alaska was the first state to enact such an anti-creditor trust act. Delaware soon followed. A self-settled trust is a trust in which a person who creates the trust (the grantor) can name himself as the primary beneficiary. These trusts give the trustee wide latitude to pay as much or as little of the trusts assets to any or all of the eligible beneficiaries as the trustee deems appropriate. The key to his type of protective trusts that the trustee has the discretion to distribute or not distribute the trust property. Creditors can only reach property that the beneficiary has the legal right to receive. Therefore, the trust property will not be considered the beneficiary's property, and any creditors of

the beneficiary will be unable to reach it. Domestic self-settled trusts may not be as effective as a foreign trust because a judgment from an individual state must be honored by another state under the U.S. Constitution.

State Homestead Laws: The federal Homestead Act, which was enacted in 1862, offered 160-acre parcels of land to anyone willing to settle on them. After 5 years, these "homesteaders" would become owners of the land, as long as certain conditions were met. Though this act was repealed in 1976, many states have enacted their own homestead laws that may protect some or all of the equity in your home against certain creditors claims. A homestead filing will protect your home from most debts (including judgments) that arise after the

homestead becomes effective. It generally will not protect a home from debts incurred before the homestead status attaches. State homestead laws vary widely from state to state. Some offer property tax relief or other tax considerations to real estate owners. Generally, the property you homestead must be a property that you own and occupy as your primary residence. Homestead laws exempt from attachment a certain amount of the equity value in the homestead property. Florida offers unlimited protection. Even a multi-million-dollar estate is safe from attachment by certain unsecured creditors. Some creditors are not subject to homestead law protection: mortgages, second mortgages, home equity loans or lines of credit secured by the property, mechanic's lines for

labor and/or materials provided to construct, alter, improve or repair the property, Federal, state or local income taxes, property taxes or assessments, debts owed to government agencies (federal student loans or Medicaid liens), and court-ordered support of a spouse or minor child are some examples.

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Children's rides will begin at 7:00 p.m. Booths, exhibits, and lots of good food, will line the park. The Opening Ceremony will start at 7:00 p.m. with musical entertainment ending the evening with a spectacular fireworks display.

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MARION LANDING

Board prexy Joe Raffony introduced them as "Jingle," the man, and "Bells," his wife, during June Homeowner's Forum, but somehow forgot to mention the connection; both are ding-a-lings for the Salvation Army's red kettle. Their community volunteer service includes active membership in Patrol, CERT and Sunshine, Set-Up, Dance and Christmas Decoration committees. You always see them pitching in during breakfast, lunch and dinner events. In between, they find time to stay in shape on the bocce ball and shuffleboard courts, as well as participating in our Senior Games. Residents like Jim and Ginny Dillon help keep your Marion Landing address as the great place it is to call home.

Memorial Day at Marion Landing

Between volunteers

rounded up by Frank Sztar, George Taragna and Joe Raffony, we had almost non-stop Memorial Day activities at Marion Landing. The morning saw our veterans marching to the Lifestyle Center where a commemorative service included placing the traditional wreath before the program continued indoors. That afternoon kicked off the annual Memorial Day Dinner and appropriate presentations. Altogether a fine salute to those who made our celebrating Memorial Day possible.

Jack's real bean stalk?

Fred and Mary Eblri

planted a small "cactus thingie" in front of their new Marion Landing home 11 years ago. The leaves got bigger and bigger over the years and became identifiable as a Century plant, but nothing else happened, until a few weeks ago. It suddenly decided to bloom and the blossom rose into the sky several inches a day. According to Mary, "You could almost see it growing." Neighbor Neil Williams has also been taking day-by-day photos, so maybe we'll see his resulting slide show, if it ever stops blooming.

Library finds

Shelving books in our

Lifestyle Center library is a weekly reminder of how diversified this community collection of reading matter actually is. Other than mysteries and romance novels, there's so much more to be found in shelf sections for biographies, true crime, large print, Westerns and even a helpful mishmash of reference and research volumes, all kept tidy and orderly by Di- Anne Kmoch's team of shelvers.

Just last week, I ran across several good examples of the eclectic titles our residents have contributed. How about "The American Steam Locomo-

tive," or the "America Sign Language Dictionary" and even "Build It Yourself Homestead"? But my favorite find was the "Complete Guide to Beer Can Collecting."

Remember, the Lifestyle Center library is expected to be closed during July and August, so better load up on your summer reading, right now.

New Services Binder
Now that the hallway bulletin board is restricted to residents' 3" x 5" Want Ad cards, there's a new Business Services Binder in the library. It contains business cards, advertisements and material related to home care, grounds maintenance, real estate agencies and other information. I can't tell whether it's available to both residents and non-residents alike, but you'll find it atop the cabinet just inside the library door on your right. And next to it should also be a binder containing restaurant menus. These have been thoughtfully arranged east and west of I-75.

Help Wanted

As you've read in The Communicator, all activities normally held in the Lifestyle Center have either been cancelled or relocated "for the duration." Summer months without our snow birds are usually pretty quiet anyway. So now is a great time to suggest subjects or topics for this column you feel I may have neglected or just not been aware of. You can forward these and other ideas to my attention at editor@smcitizen.com.

Meanwhile, you may still be able to get on board the June 24 greeting card class before all creative classes shut down for the redecoration process. Pam will be working on alternative activities and has lined up a field trip with lunch. Liz Herrick has been assured The Communicator will publish both July and Au-

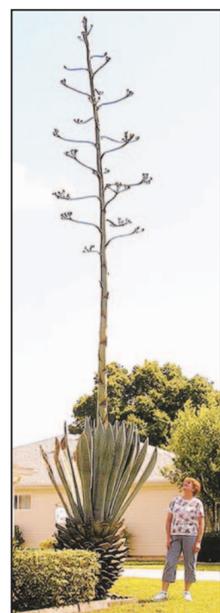


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Mary Eblri wonders how high their Century plant "bloom" is going to reach.

gust editions to keep us on top of what's going on in Marion Landing. And I believe both June and July birthday boys and girls will be feted on Saturday, June 26. While bowling will be suspended during Lifestyle Center redecoration, the resident's mailbox will be relocated to the Bowling Center for the duration. We may also get some sort of progress report during the Fourth of July picnic on July 3, too.

Did You Know?
Did you know top fuel dragsters reach 300 miles per hour before you can complete reading the sentence?
Rog Patterson is a Marion Landing resident and Friendship Kiwanis member. Contact him with news for the column, he's in the Landing phone directory.

Vivien Leigh film series concludes



June Roberta

OTOW HAPPENINGS

Living a balanced life should be easier for retirees than working people but that's not always the case. Some of us are still prone to putting chores before fun. Only having good times can get just as stale as only doing chores and the like.

It's important to make time to learn, exercise, keep up with chores, and play, whatever that is for you. We now have the time to engage in hobbies, see the latest movies, but also balance our checkbook and keep our living quarters neat and tidy.

Balanced living is when you are happy working and playing equally. Living in the present, and not obsessing about the past or future, allows us to appreciate right now and find joy in whatever we are doing. "Patience leads to mindfulness and mindfulness brings you in balance".

Simplicity in all things is the most important part of life balance. It helps to reduce the time we spend on chores. Connecting only with people you truly care about and getting rid of the ones you don't, simplifies your relationships.

If you live your life in balance, your life will become one of joy, happiness, and serenity.

The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone

This was the last movie of the Vivien Leigh film series at Live Oak Hall. Before watching it, Dr. Pat Wellington spoke about the movie. She also gave us some more background on Leigh.

Tennessee Williams wrote the story when he was 38 years old. Lottie Lenya had a part in the movie as a pimp. A very young Warren Beatty co-starred as Vivien Leigh's gigolo. "Grieving middle-age widow falls for young Italian gigolo". Pat mentioned that this was the worst time in Leigh's life. She was in her early 50s but looked older. That's probably because she was a four-pack-a-day smoker and had chronic TB.

Watching these movies is a great way to spend a couple of afternoon hours. They are in black and white which makes sad movies even sadder. This one didn't have the usual Hollywood ending but stayed true to the story line.

Master the Possibilities
Next week concludes the spring quarter of the Master the Possibilities programming. There are five

A boy's search for his missing sister



Pat Wellington

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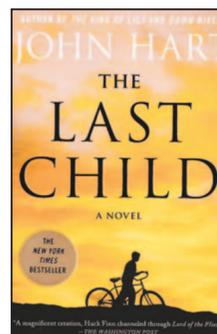
Just one year earlier, 13-year-old Johnny Merrimon had been a happy teenager with loving parents and a close relationship with his twin Alyssa. But his sister's abduction has changed all that. His father abandoned the family out of guilt and recrimination from his wife because he was late picking up Alyssa from school and she walked home alone. Johnny's beautiful mother, Kathleen, is now addicted to prescription drugs and alcohol and has taken up with an abusive former boyfriend.

The experience has been a painful lesson: "Johnny learned early. He learned that there was no safe place, not the backyard or the playground, not the front porch or the quiet road that grazed the edge of the town. No safe place and no one to protect you."

Everyone tells Johnny to get on with his life because Alyssa is dead, but the kid is not buying it. Somewhere, he believes, Alyssa is alive and waiting to be found. One witness, Johnny's best friend Jack Cross, saw her enter a van. Other than that the case has gone cold. Sharing Johnny's torment is Detective Clyde Hunt who considers his failure to find Alyssa a personal one. His obsession with the disappearance has destroyed his own family, alienating both his wife, who left him, and his son, who stayed but barely speaks to him.

Determined to find his sister but armed solely with county maps, Johnny takes huge risks exploring the dark side of his hometown. Fearing for the boy's safety, Hunt has no choice

to pair up with him. This excellent thriller is told from multiple perspectives and the intensity of the characters pulls the reader along as if in a torrent by the force and brilliance of the prose. This dynamic, solid story is incredibly well done. And even though this relatively new prize-winning author provides ample clues and foreshadowing, the ending nevertheless surprises. Highly recommended.



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Volunteer Recognition Award



Rog Patterson

MARION LANDING

Board prexy Joe Raffony introduced them as "Jingle," the man, and "Bells," his wife, during June Homeowner's Forum, but somehow forgot to mention the connection; both are ding-a-lings for the Salvation Army's red kettle. Their community volunteer service includes active membership in Patrol, CERT and Sunshine, Set-Up, Dance and Christmas Decoration committees. You always see them pitching in during breakfast, lunch and dinner events. In between, they find time to stay in shape on the bocce ball and shuffleboard courts, as well as participating in our Senior Games. Residents like Jim and Ginny Dillon help keep your Marion Landing address as the great place it is to call home.

Memorial Day at Marion Landing

Between volunteers

rounded up by Frank Sztar, George Taragna and Joe Raffony, we had almost non-stop Memorial Day activities at Marion Landing. The morning saw our veterans marching to the Lifestyle Center where a commemorative service included placing the traditional wreath before the program continued indoors. That afternoon kicked off the annual Memorial Day Dinner and appropriate presentations. Altogether a fine salute to those who made our celebrating Memorial Day possible.

Jack's real bean stalk?

Fred and Mary Eblri

planted a small "cactus thingie" in front of their new Marion Landing home 11 years ago. The leaves got bigger and bigger over the years and became identifiable as a Century plant, but nothing else happened, until a few weeks ago. It suddenly decided to bloom and the blossom rose into the sky several inches a day. According to Mary, "You could almost see it growing." Neighbor Neil Williams has also been taking day-by-day photos, so maybe we'll see his resulting slide show, if it ever stops blooming.

Library finds

Shelving books in our

Lifestyle Center library is a weekly reminder of how diversified this community collection of reading matter actually is. Other than mysteries and romance novels, there's so much more to be found in shelf sections for biographies, true crime, large print, Westerns and even a helpful mishmash of reference and research volumes, all kept tidy and orderly by Di- Anne Kmoch's team of shelvers.

Just last week, I ran across several good examples of the eclectic titles our residents have contributed. How about "The American Steam Locomo-

tive," or the "America Sign Language Dictionary" and even "Build It Yourself Homestead"? But my favorite find was the "Complete Guide to Beer Can Collecting."

Remember, the Lifestyle Center library is expected to be closed during July and August, so better load up on your summer reading, right now.

New Services Binder
Now that the hallway bulletin board is restricted to residents' 3" x 5" Want Ad cards, there's a new Business Services Binder in the library. It contains business cards, advertisements and material related to home care, grounds maintenance, real estate agencies and other information. I can't tell whether it's available to both residents and non-residents alike, but you'll find it atop the cabinet just inside the library door on your right. And next to it should also be a binder containing restaurant menus. These have been thoughtfully arranged east and west of I-75.

Help Wanted
As you've read in The Communicator, all activities normally held in the Lifestyle Center have either been cancelled or relocated "for the duration." Summer months without our snow birds are usually pretty quiet anyway. So now is a great time to suggest subjects or topics for this column you feel I may have neglected or just not been aware of. You can forward these and other ideas to my attention at editor@smcitizen.com.

Meanwhile, you may still be able to get on board the June 24 greeting card class before all creative classes shut down for the redecoration process. Pam will be working on alternative activities and has lined up a field trip with lunch. Liz Herrick has been assured The Communicator will publish both July and Au-

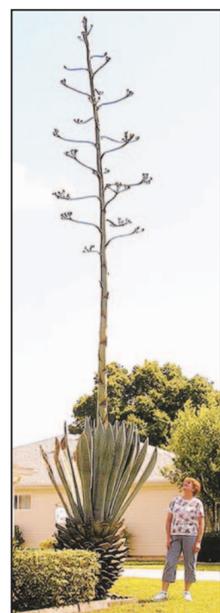


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Mary Eblri wonders how high their Century plant "bloom" is going to reach.

gust editions to keep us on top of what's going on in Marion Landing. And I believe both June and July birthday boys and girls will be feted on Saturday, June 26. While bowling will be suspended during Lifestyle Center redecoration, the resident's mailbox will be relocated to the Bowling Center for the duration. We may also get some sort of progress report during the Fourth of July picnic on July 3, too.

Did You Know?
Did you know top fuel dragsters reach 300 miles per hour before you can complete reading the sentence?
Rog Patterson is a Marion Landing resident and Friendship Kiwanis member. Contact him with news for the column, he's in the Landing phone directory.

Vivien Leigh film series concludes



June Roberta

OTOW HAPPENINGS

Living a balanced life should be easier for retirees than working people but that's not always the case. Some of us are still prone to putting chores before fun. Only having good times can get just as stale as only doing chores and the like.

It's important to make time to learn, exercise, keep up with chores, and play, whatever that is for you. We now have the time to engage in hobbies, see the latest movies, but also balance our checkbook and keep our living quarters neat and tidy.

Balanced living is when you are happy working and playing equally. Living in the present, and not obsessing about the past or future, allows us to appreciate right now and find joy in whatever we are doing. "Patience leads to mindfulness and mindfulness brings you in balance".

Simplicity in all things is the most important part of life balance. It helps to reduce the time we spend on chores. Connecting only with people you truly care about and getting rid of the ones you don't, simplifies your relationships.

If you live your life in balance, your life will become one of joy, happiness, and serenity.

The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone

This was the last movie of the Vivien Leigh film series at Live Oak Hall. Before watching it, Dr. Pat Wellington spoke about the movie. She also gave us some more background on Leigh.

Tennessee Williams wrote the story when he was 38 years old. Lottie Lenya had a part in the movie as a pimp. A very young Warren Beatty co-starred as Vivien Leigh's gigolo. "Grieving middle-age widow falls for young Italian gigolo". Pat mentioned that this was the worst time in Leigh's life. She was in her early 50s but looked older. That's probably because she was a four-pack-a-day smoker and had chronic TB.

Watching these movies is a great way to spend a couple of afternoon hours. They are in black and white which makes sad movies even sadder. This one didn't have the usual Hollywood ending but stayed true to the story line.

Master the Possibilities
Next week concludes the spring quarter of the Master the Possibilities programming. There are five

A boy's search for his missing sister



Pat Wellington

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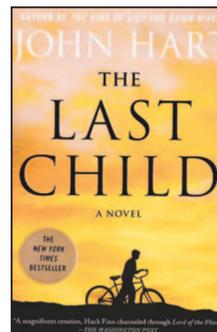
Just one year earlier, 13-year-old Johnny Merrimon had been a happy teenager with loving parents and a close relationship with his twin Alyssa. But his sister's abduction has changed all that. His father abandoned the family out of guilt and recrimination from his wife because he was late picking up Alyssa from school and she walked home alone. Johnny's beautiful mother, Kathleen, is now addicted to prescription drugs and alcohol and has taken up with an abusive former boyfriend.

The experience has been a painful lesson: "Johnny learned early. He learned that there was no safe place, not the backyard or the playground, not the front porch or the quiet road that grazed the edge of the town. No safe place and no one to protect you."

Everyone tells Johnny to get on with his life because Alyssa is dead, but the kid is not buying it. Somewhere, he believes, Alyssa is alive and waiting to be found. One witness, Johnny's best friend Jack Cross, saw her enter a van. Other than that the case has gone cold. Sharing Johnny's torment is Detective Clyde Hunt who considers his failure to find Alyssa a personal one. His obsession with the disappearance has destroyed his own family, alienating both his wife, who left him, and his son, who stayed but barely speaks to him.

Determined to find his sister but armed solely with county maps, Johnny takes huge risks exploring the dark side of his hometown. Fearing for the boy's safety, Hunt has no choice

to pair up with him. This excellent thriller is told from multiple perspectives and the intensity of the characters pulls the reader along as if in a torrent by the force and brilliance of the prose. This dynamic, solid story is incredibly well done. And even though this relatively new prize-winning author provides ample clues and foreshadowing, the ending nevertheless surprises. Highly recommended.



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New trips are being scheduled



Nancy Archer

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Luncheon Train, Friday, Aug. 27: Come enjoy a two-hour Murder Mystery Luncheon train ride aboard the Star Clipper out of Eustis. Includes bus, two-hour murder mystery train ride, complete lunch, all taxes and gratuities.

Mystery Day Trip, Wednesday, Sept. 8 and Friday, Oct. 29: Can't tell you what we're doing or where we are going. Includes

lunch, bus, tax and tip and much more. Always fun! Book early, mystery trips always sell out quickly.

Biloxi 3 nights, Oct. 17-20: Call for details

Clearwater Yacht Cruise, Thursday, Oct. 21: Enjoy a narrated two-hour luncheon cruise of Tampa Bay on board the Yacht Star-Ship. Trip includes bus, narrated two hour cruise, complete lunch, all taxes and gratuities.

Show Palace Dinner Theatre, "Oklahoma," Wednesday, Nov. 3: Join us for this classic Broadway Show. Trip includes bus, reserved seats for the matinee show, complete hot lunch buffet, all taxes and tips.

Orlando Outlet Mall, Thursday, Nov. 4: Cost includes bus and tip for driver. Lunch is on your own. Four hours at the mall.

Alhambra Dinner Theatre, "The King and I," Saturday, Nov. 6: Come enjoy this classic musical. Join us at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre in Jacksonville. Cost includes bus, reserved seats for the matinee show, complete hot lunch buffet, all taxes and gratuities.

Early Bird Dinner Theatre, "How the Other Half Loves," Thursday, Nov. 11: Join us in for this very funny romantic comedy

about three couples whose lives intersect. Includes reserved seats for the matinee show, complete hot lunch buffet, all taxes and tips.

Thanksgiving Dinner and Show, Thursday, Nov. 25: The Palace Grand in Spring Hill (on U.S. 19) is celebrating the holiday with The New Dawn Singers. Come enjoy the holiday with friends. Includes a complete buffet, reserved seats, all taxes and gratuities.

Word of Life Gospel Productions, "Sights and Sounds of Christmas," Wednesday, Dec. 8: Come enjoy this Broadway-Style show for the holidays at the Word of Life Performing Arts Center in Hudson. A fantastic show with beautiful costumes, music and dance. Cost includes bus, hot lunch buffet prior to the 2:30pm show, reserved seats, all taxes and tips. Non refundable payment due by August 15.

First Baptist Church Orlando, Singing Christmas Trees, Saturday, Dec. 11: This show sells out every year. The cost includes great reserved seats for the 3 p.m. show followed by a 5:30 p.m. lavish dinner buffet right there at the church hall, all taxes and tips. Last year's show was excellent as well as the food. Don't miss it this year.

Non refundable payment due by Aug. 15.

Two Night, Three-Day Mystery Trip, Monday to Wednesday, Dec. 13-15: Join us on this three day mystery trip. As usual I won't tell you where we are going, but a lot of great stuff involved. Includes bus, nice hotel for 2 nights, breakfast daily, 2 dinners, 2 lunches, other things I can't say, all taxes and tip for Brian. \$100 deposit Final due Oct 13.

Alhambra Dinner Theatre, "It's a Wonderful Life," Thursday, Dec. 16: This classic film has become a favorite holiday musical. Join us at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre in Jacksonville. Cost includes bus, reserved seats for the matinee show, complete hot lunch buffet, all taxes and gratuities.

Show Palace Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 22: The Show Palace writes their own Christmas Play each year. Join us for this year's Christmas Show with all the wonderful Christmas songs and dance. Trip includes bus, complete hot and cold lunch buffet, reserved seats, all taxes and gratuities.

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National Park, Mesa Verde, Durango, Oklahoma City, New Orleans. Includes many side trips along the way, nightly hotel accommodations, breakfast daily, 7 lunches, dinner daily, all taxes and gratuities including driver. Call Laura Kane for rate.

7 Night Western Caribbean Cruise, Carnival Legend, Jan. 23-30, 2011: Sails from Tampa to Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Belize and Isla Roatan. Call for rates.

Singles dinner All singles in Cherrywood are invited. We meet in the Cherrywood lot at 4:30 p.m. and carpool from there. The following is the schedule for dinners in the month of June, 6/20 Olive Garden and 6/27 Royal Orchid.

Pool tournament The 3rd Annual Norm Pellerin 9-Ball Tournament is scheduled to be played beginning July 26. This event is opened to all Cherrywood residents. So chalk-up pool players and

sign up for this event. Entrants must register by July 19th. There is a sign up sheet in pool room. See Geri at the Clubhouse for more information.

Accordion Club The Accordion Club meets the fourth Wednesday of the Month. Next meeting is June 23, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Call Dick Richards at 352-208-5245 for more information

Plan on attending to either play the accordion or just enjoy the music.

Democratic Club The Cherrywood Democratic Club will have an open meeting on June 18 at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse card room. All Cherrywood residents are welcome. Refreshments will be served. The club meets on the third Friday of each month at 2 p.m. Harriet Scarpino, 352-873-9955, is the president.

Irrevocable trusts: As the name implies, an irrevocable trust is a trust that you can't revoke or change. Once you have established the trust, you can't dissolve the trust, change the beneficiaries, remove assets from the trust, or change its terms. In short, you lose control of the assets once they become part of the trust. But, because the assets are out of

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To Your FINANCIAL HEALTH

In this series about asset protection, thus far we have reviewed insurance and placement of corporation and limited liability companies and partnerships. In this issue we will discuss trusts and State homestead laws.

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WENDY

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As for the Gulf of Mexico and its environs, we can't think of it without experiencing a deep ache in the gut. We cannot look at the horrific damage done to the birds, animals, fish and whatever may have been at the bottom of the water without breaking into tears. Families who for

Asset Protection- Part Three

your control, they're generally beyond the reach of creditors, too. Unlike an irrevocable trust, a revocable trust provides the assets in the trust with absolutely no legal protection from your creditors.

Offshore (foreign) trusts: It's possible to transfer assets to trusts that are formed in foreign countries. While the laws of each country are different, they share one similarity- they make it more difficult for creditors to reach trust assets. In order for a creditor to be able to reach assets held in a trust, a court must have jurisdiction over the trustee or the trust assets. Where the trust is properly established in a foreign country, obtaining jurisdiction over the trustee in a U.S. court will not be possible. The creditor must commence the suit in the off-shore jurisdiction. Typically, a local attorney will not take the case on a contingency basis. If a creditor wants to pursue litigation in the offshore jurisdiction, it must be prepared to pay the foreign attorney up front. Many jurisdictions require the creditor to post a

bond to guarantee the payment of any costs that the court may impose on the creditor. These obstacles have the general effect of deterring creditors from pursuing action.

Domestic self-settled trusts: The laws of Alaska, Delaware, and a few other states enable you to set up a self-settled trust. Alaska was the first state to enact such an anti-creditor trust act. Delaware soon followed. A self-settled trust is a trust in which a person who creates the trust (the grantor) can name himself as the primary beneficiary. These trusts give the trustee wide latitude to pay as much or as little of the trusts assets to any or all of the eligible beneficiaries as the trustee deems appropriate. The key to his type of protective trusts that the trustee has the discretion to distribute or not distribute the trust property. Creditors can only reach property that the beneficiary has the legal right to receive. Therefore, the trust property will not be considered the beneficiary's property, and any creditors of

the beneficiary will be unable to reach it. Domestic self-settled trusts may not be as effective as a foreign trust because a judgment from an individual state must be honored by another state under the U.S. Constitution.

State Homestead Laws: The federal Homestead Act, which was enacted in 1862, offered 160-acre parcels of land to anyone willing to settle on them. After 5 years, these "homesteaders" would become owners of the land, as long as certain conditions were met. Though this act was repealed in 1976, many states have enacted their own homestead laws that may protect some or all of the equity in your home against certain creditors claims. A homestead filing will protect your home from most debts (including judgments) that arise after the

homestead becomes effective. It generally will not protect a home from debts incurred before the homestead status attaches. State homestead laws vary widely from state to state. Some offer property tax relief or other tax considerations to real estate owners. Generally, the property you homestead must be a property that you own and occupy as your primary residence. Homestead laws exempt from attachment a certain amount of the equity value in the homestead property. Florida offers unlimited protection. Even a multi-million-dollar estate is safe from attachment by certain unsecured creditors. Some creditors are not subject to homestead law protection: mortgages, second mortgages, home equity loans or lines of credit secured by the property, mechanic's lines for

labor and/or materials provided to construct, alter, improve or repair the property, Federal, state or local income taxes, property taxes or assessments, debts owed to government agencies (federal student loans or Medicaid liens), and court-ordered support of a spouse or minor child are some examples. This information was partially developed by Forefield, Inc., an independent third party. It is general in nature, is not a complete statement of all information necessary for making an investment decision, and is not a recommendation or a solicitation to buy or sell any security. Investments and strategies mentioned may not be suitable for all investors. Past performance may not be indicative of future results. Raymond James & Assoc. Inc does not provide advice on tax, legal or mortgage issues. These matters should be discussed with an appropriate professional.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Read what it says

The term "separation of church and state" is used so much there are citizens who believe it is part of our Constitution. Now we can't pray in school or in public, we can't have Christmas manger scenes, etc. These practices are declared so harmful to our society that on a regular basis the ACLU or other ungodly organizations are expanding the ban on our using the name of God in any way. Efforts to remove "In God we trust" from our money and other places are constant. Why not look at just what our Constitution really says?

Amendment 1: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

I'm just a simple Georgia boy, and can't see how anyone with a brain can interpret that to mean separation of church and state. If anything, we are prohibiting the free exercise of religion by denying our rights to pray in school or any other public places. How we allowed this to happen is beyond me and I'm ashamed of our not taking a stand for God!

In case you are interested in what the Bible says about this, I invite you to attend Berean Baptist Church's July 4 service beginning 10:45 a.m. Our pastor is preaching on this very subject. Our location is 4800 S.W. 20th St., Ocala.

What a glorious way to celebrate America's birth and our return to the godly principles that made this country great.

Wayne Rackley Ocala

County pay raise

I read that Sheriff Ed Dean would give 900 of his employees a well deserved pay raise for the work that they do protecting the residents of Marion County. This is at a time when 90,000 of the working residents in our county are supporting 18,000 county residents who are presently unemployed.

To pay for this, raising taxes will be needed to give these public servants their well deserved increases in wages. This is an attempt to try to keep up with the firefighters who earn \$7,000 a year more than the deputies of our county. Many retired residents of this county just don't have the money to pay for these increases for county employees who are competing against one another for our tax dollars.

Marion County is home to many retirees who did not see a cost of living adjustment in their Social Security checks to help them keep even with inflation. This is also at a time when these same retirees were forced to pay as much as a 100 percent increase for their prescription drugs to help keep them alive.

We are all sacrificing during these trying times but to be forced to work two and three jobs for each family to stay in their homes when you are in your 70s and 80s is just too much to ask. The law enforcement officers and the fire department employees are near and dear to our hearts but there is only so much we can do.

To raise taxes to pay for these increases may be the only way to bring parity between these two county gov-

ernment departments but they must realize what impact it will impose on those they have sworn to protect.

Jerry Segovis Ocala

The trouble we're in

Obama is a student of Saul Alinsky...he taught him as a professor. Saul Alinsky loved Cloward and Piven. The 2 professors were at the signing of Clinton's "motor Voter" act. Do your own research, but nothing makes sense anymore. Keep working on your emergency supplies like food storage...this is a worst case scenario, but better to be prepared for the worst than to be caught unaware. It's all unsustainable, the debt, the corruption, the entitlements, where does it all end. We have 13 Trillion in debt...we are going to leave that to our grandchildren's children to pay off. For What?

It is a tremendous mistake to think that the disaster in the Gulf of Mexico will help convince Americans of Barack Obama's incompetence. Obama's true agenda is so insidious that even his inability to handle a crisis serves his greater strategy.

And that strategy has a name: it is the Cloward-Piven Strategy. Named for the two Leftist sociology professors who formulated it, its purpose is to bring about the demise of capitalism by overloading the system, largely by making more people desperate and dependent on the government.

Thus, Cloward-Piven's goals are served by more and more aliens flooding across the border and filling jails, emergency rooms and welfare rolls. It is also served by the mortgage crisis; in fact, Professors Cloward and

Piven were the creators of ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), which helped pressure banks to implement the lending policies that precipitated that crisis. But Cloward-Piven seeks a financial crisis far wider-ranging and more encompassing than a mere mortgage meltdown.

So if the oil spill in the Gulf manages to destroy the fishing and tourist industries in that region, shut down oil drilling, raise the price of oil and of food all over the country, and bring more and more Americans to a financial breaking point and thus dependent on food stamps and other government programs, Obama and Co. will smile and nod at one another as the Cloward-Piven strategy hums merrily along.

Anything that puts a greater strain on government services — and the inability of those services, through incompetence and complex bureaucracy to actually improve things — advances the goals of Cloward-Piven. The more desperate and demoralized the American people become, and the more preoccupied we are with simple survival, the better our new "leaders" like it, and the closer they get to assuming total and complete control of every aspect of our lives.

Read about the Cloward-Piven Strategy in greater detail in an American Thinker article from November 23, 2009, "Cloward-Piven Government" by James Simpson. Simpson explains that even the patently unconstitutional laws and policies implemented by the Obama regime are a deliberate part of the strategy, because in addition to using financial

crises to bring about the desired changes in our way of life, it is necessary to render our Constitution impotent and irrelevant.

If you think the Gulf oil spill spells trouble for Obama, you're just not looking at as big a picture as he's looking at, and you just don't realize how much trouble we're all in.

Joe Paterek Ocala

Help our own BP stations

I've heard a lot about boycotting local BP stations because of the oil spill. This just shows what I've always been taught, "average is not too bright." WOW! Can you imagine such idiotic thinking. These people didn't have anything to do with the spill. They're victims too.

Marion County citizens boycotting local BP stations are hurting our own neighbors. So, do we add to this stupidity. Absolutely not. So you not too bright people get your heads out of the sand and get on board to help these BP service stations. If I'm not mistaken the corporate offices are on the other side of the pond. We had to bail them out in the 1940s, so I guess we have to do it again. It's not "Rule Britannica," it's "What's Good for the USA." I don't know what the reference to Britannica means and I don't mean dictionaries.

We have a BP station at the intersection of State Road 200 and 103rd Street, and I see no reason why I or anyone else should boycott this station. We buy local.

Bill Ford Oak Run

Emeritus of Ocala West

Get in shape while helping others do the same! A fitness instructor is needed to teach a "slow movement exercise class" Tuesday and Wednesday classes from 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Slow movement classes include stretching arms and legs, and lifting 1 lb. arm weights. Exercise class routine will be provided to the volunteer(s), so all the volunteer(s) needs to bring is enthusiasm and an interest in keeping fit and helping others do likewise.

For more information on this program, contact Barbie Smerecki at 352-861-4444 or email her at teachwithtoys@yahoo.com.

Habitat for Humanity

For those who love a challenge and the realization that "sweat equity" can help make owning a home a reality- Habitat can offer lots of volunteer opportunities for all ages and skill levels. Habitat needs volunteers to help with:

Ocala ReStore Volunteers- volunteers are needed to

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help out in the thrift store to benefit Habitat and help raise funds to build affordable homes. Come join in and help organize and decorate the store! Warning—there may be some lifting involved, but look at as a great work-out routine! Schedules are available Monday-Saturday from 8 am-4:30 pm.

Construction site volunteers- helping hands are needed for all areas of home

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Free lunch is provided to volunteers who work a four hour shift. For more information on how to get involved, contact Patty Hughes at 352-237-7776 or e-mail her at ocalaactivities@hawthornevilageretirement.com.

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This Father's Day, teach an old dad a new twist



Adon Williams

SOCIAL SECURITY

Who says you can't teach an old dad new twists? All across the nation, people are telling their fathers, grandfathers, and other special men in their lives about a new "twist" in the law that may help them qualify for extra help paying for costs associated with their prescription drugs.

When you're spending time with Dad this weekend, ask him if he can use some help paying for his prescription drugs. If so, tell him about the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan and the extra help available through Social Security. If Dad is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, he

may be eligible for extra help to pay for his monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The extra help is worth an average of \$3,900 per year.

If you're met with a resistant, "No, I've looked into it before and I don't qualify," then let him know the law changed in January 2010. As volunteer spokesman Chubby Checker will tell you, a new "twist" in the law makes it easier than ever to qualify for the extra help.

Thanks to this new "twist" in the law, we no longer count any life insurance policy he has as a resource, and we no longer count as income any financial assistance he receives regularly from someone else to pay his household expenses like food, mortgage or rent, utilities or property taxes.

Don't take our word for it, see Chubby Checker's rocking message at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp. To qualify, he must be receiving Medicare and: Have income limited to \$16,245 for an individual or \$21,855 for a married couple living together. Even if his annual income is higher, he still may be able

to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples in which income may be higher include if he or his wife:

■ Support other family members who live with them;

■ Have earnings from work; or

■ Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and

Have resources limited to \$12,510 for an individual or \$25,010 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count his house or car

as resources.

You can help Dad fill out an easy-to-use online application at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp

To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

You and your dad can learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods. Visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

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Things my father never told me

OUT TO PASTOR

This is my first Father's Day to celebrate without my father. Earlier this year he passed away after a long battle with heart and lung disease. It will be a rather somber day for me this year, but I carry in my heart all those things we shared while he was alive.

My father taught me many things, especially when I was young. He taught me how to ride a bicycle, hunt and fish and then how to drive a car. All those things the person carries with him the rest of his life.

I am reminded of what Mark Twain said about his father: "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." That sums up every person's experience with his or her father. Most people do not appreciate their father until

after he is gone. Then they remember all of the things that are a part of their life that came from their father. That is a shame.

I remember when my father gave me the old traditional father and son "birds and bees" talk. It went something like this. My father sat down with me on the back porch and said, "I guess I need to have a little talk with you..." then there was a long period of awkward silence... "about the birds and the bees."

I prepared myself for a very long lecture and in the back of my mind I was wondering if the old man knew as much as I did about the "birds and the bees." When you are 16, there is not anything that you do not know. I was more than willing to share with him my expertise in this area of human activity.

Father cleared his throat and then said, "The birds and the bees is something you need to know about. The one will peck you to death and the other will sting you to death. My advice is stay away from both and you'll have a happy life." With that, he got up and went back to doing whatever he was doing. I never did get around to thanking him for that piece of advice. It took me years to understand it.

In thinking back on my father, there were a few things I wish he had told me.

For example, it would have been nice if he had told me that women are not men. I did find this out on my own after some time. This has nothing to do with biology but everything to do with psychology. He could have warned me that at least once a month women are psycho. Men have no idea what is going on and every month it returns like a bad penny.

I also would have liked to have known that an argument is not won the day of the argument. Men have the idea that you speak your mind and then let bygones be bygones. Women, especially wives, have no concept of letting bygones be bygones. My father should have told me that no man could ever win any argument with a woman. The sweetest and most powerful two words in all of the English language is, "Yes, dear."

Something else I had to learn the hard way and I wish my father had told me about it. Never surprise your wife with an expensive gift for no reason. Suspicion is a hard thing to dispel. You think you are doing something nice and spontaneous and she thinks you have done

something naughty and suspicious.

My father could have saved me a lot of grief if he would have told me never to ask your wife, "How's your day been?" When you do interject such a query, your wife will give you a minute-by-minute, conversation by conversation account of her entire day, and please, do not interrupt her. Any man who can keep up with that should be given the Nobel Peace Prize.

Another thing that would have been helpful if my father would have explained to me is that anything cute and comes as a bundle of joy will cost a fortune and keep on costing for the rest of your life. These "bundles of joy" look so cute in the

hospital but after you bring them home the real cost begins. If we are going to have comprehensive health insurance, it should include the expenses of raising these babies after we bring them home from the hospital.

Then there is shopping. Oh my soul, it would have been so beneficial if my father could have sat down and explained to me the concept of shopping from a woman's point of view. Shopping is an art no man can really aspire to. I cannot tell you how much it has cost me for my wife to save \$3.99.

I guess my father did the best he could. That reminds me of my Heavenly Father: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your chil-

dren, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matthew 7:11 KJV).

In celebrating Father's Day, let us not forget to thank our Heavenly Father for all his good gifts.

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Community OPINION

RIGHT DOWN THE CORRIDOR

Voters don't realize our nation is under distress



Robert E. Beckner

Our next national election is Nov. 4, 2010 and will be here before we know it. All 435 U.S. House seats and 33 of the 100 U.S. Senate seats will be up for grabs. It's very concerning when you live with politics every day of your life and you don't see many positive steps being taken, such as new faces and candidates coming forth. Being sought are constitutional conservatives, and so far as is known the Republicans have made few moves if any, to meet with the Tea Party officials to seek out their ideas and suggestions of getting rid of all the R.I.N.O.'s holding seats presently. If they don't do it soon, the five months remaining until the election will be over and they will lose again if they stick to their old proven wrong efforts. This has been conveyed to the National Republican Senate leadership and other politicians along with the information that re-election contributions will not be forthcoming and without funds they won't regain control of the Senate, as they claim Democrats are out raising them three to one. They are wasting a valuable opportunity.

It appears that too many American voters still to this day don't realize how much our nation is under distress. Yes, we see more and more signs of life of the American people who are beginning to

speaking up and out and always against our stand of the president and his regime of 39+ member band of henchmen AKA "Czars" after those in olden day Russia. Just like the olden ones, these current ones are all Socialist, Marxist or Communists as he's completely violated his oath of office on numerous occasions, as well as various members of Congress have done, he has in 18 months done what he wanted, against the majority of the public, just ignoring their wishes on dozens of occasions. I'll name just four; health care, immigration control, large bailouts and taxes. Obama's "favorable" rating, according to the polls, is 42 percent, the lowest of lows. So our hope is to take control of the Senate and we can then stop his destructive bent.

While the media covers exhaustively the oil spill that Obama ignored for 42 days, or the Arizona border protests, quietly our country is losing its freedoms. Congress, both Houses, are manufacturing and passing bills that will strip us of our freedoms and send the country heading into financial chaos. That's where we need to keep our eyes open and write, fax or e-mail our Florida House and Senate Representatives and demand they take action to "enforce the laws (national) already on the books." Phone numbers of interest to the White House are: comments 202-456-1111, switchboard, 202-456-1414 and fax 202-456-2461.

The White House is using union goons as their arms to attack groups speaking out against this administration and the president. Watch the real news on Fox, especially Glen Beck at 5 p.m. They are

the "only" station where you'll see the violence, mobs and riots here in the U.S. and overseas daily. These union members lie and lead people into frenzied riots and intimidate anyone standing in their way. It's not for the good of the workers; it's for their pockets and to wield an extraordinary amount of power. Their purpose is to control health care, financial institutions and every single business in the country. The administration favorite union SEIU has been given Obama's blessing and are using them to create class warfare. When the economy further fails, as it most certainly will, it will be the clashing of classes that fuels the riots on the streets. The union organizers will be leading the charge.

Let's face it, we are fighting for our existence as a republic, they want global government. We must stop this legislative madness. Inform and expose your relatives, friends, everyone you know, as to what is happening. If you know men and women of honor, those that can and will do the hard work repealing, replacing or reforming legislation intended on destroying our country and be sure they are constitutional conservatives, urge them to step up and run for the office of their choice. We don't have to trust a two party system. Just because they back the same old political hacks, doesn't mean the candidate is worthy for office. If things don't begin to change soon as to candidates, the grassroots of the Republican Party and others just may have to suggest and recommend that we all vote against every "incumbent" in office. It might be necessary because they all lie so much we can't believe a word they

say about their record of voting and the average voter has no way of getting a copy of that politician's voting record. If they are truly any good they can always run for office again the next election, it would just give them a needed breather! We must stay galvanized and focused on whom we want to keep, if any, or throw all the bums out!

It's actually scary when we learn that our national debt is now 13 trillion dollars and the president of the Federal Reserve claims the debt is really \$104 trillion if you count Social Security, Medicare and obligations including federal pensions. If that's not enough, Ben Bernanke of the Fed is truly gambling with our dollar. He has set the Fed's printing presses on fire to pay for aggressive bank and auto bailouts and the Wall Street crises. "No" effort has been made to fix this big Obama mistake!

China is well known now claiming the global economic dominance and we depend on them for our debt of \$895 billion to them. The Chinese will soon, if not already, know the dollar will fall and they will sell off our U.S. bonds, sending us into a further tailspin, aka super inflation. Obama and his cohorts have truly mismanaged our economy. They played a dangerous game of poker and now their bluff has been called. Even Warren Buffet has said repeatedly that America is on an unstoppable path toward inflation. How many honest economists do we need to tell us this? The mainstream media has continued to sleep through this threat. Nor has anyone mentioned that just since 2008 we've seen a startling 135 percent increase in the money supply.

Obama and Congress think they can regain prosperity with "intentional" inflation. Obama's next solution will be to tax his way out of our problems. On Dec. 31, 2010, one of the most massive tax increases in history will begin. That's when the Bush tax cuts expire, which will be an immediate 10 percent tax increase across the board for

citizens of all categories. Capital gains tax will rise by almost 50 percent and tax on dividends almost as much as 250 percent! Also, Obama is openly talking about a new "value-added-tax," which is just a national sales tax which if it follows all of European countries could add anywhere up to 25 percent on "every item" an American purchases, it's a hidden tax the politicians obviously love.

We'll end this with just a little more bad news. The U.S. Treasury says each taxpayer (you) will have to fork over \$117,000 in order to pay off our national debt. Also, 95 percent is how much value the U.S. dollar has lost in the past 100 years.

Thomas Jefferson said, "When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty."

Robert E. Beckner lives in Majestic Oaks with his wife, Sarah. He is a retired private investigator and insurance adjuster. He has also been a photographer and served with the Military Police in the Marine Corps.

O B I T U A R Y



Paul R. Knight, 75, fire coordinator

Paul R. Knight, 75, passed away June 13, 2010 at Ocala Regional Medical Center. Mr. Knight was born in Newton, Mass. He was a county fire coordi-

nator in Maine and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Knight moved from Kennebunkport, Maine to Ocala in 2004. He was a member of the Friendship Volunteer Fire Department and the Marion County Fire Rescue Advisory Board. Mr. Knight leaves behind his loving wife of 52 years, Doris and one son, Roger L. Knight of Jacksonville, FL. Memorial Service for Mr. Knight will be Monday, June 21, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Hiers-Baxley Timber Ridge Chapel, 9695 S.W. 110th St., Ocala with Pastor Randy Stone officiating. Inurnment will be in Florida National Cemetery Bushnell, FL at 1 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Friendship Fire Station 7884 SW 90th St., Ocala, FL 34476.

What is in that tea anyway?



Wendy E. Binnie

treated in this manner, they will be ruled by tyrants, a corporate America consumed by a creed of greed. And there will be no middle class any longer, except those who bow to their masters, the new royalty of our former great nation.

Along comes a group called "The Tea-Baggers." Their members act like they have been in a Rip Van Winkle state for going on 10 years. Where were they while the Bush regime was sending this country into a permanent state of decline, giving the wealthiest citizens huge tax cuts at the expense of everyone else and fighting two wars on credit? Where were they when the country was taken into an illegal and unjustified war with Iraq, which they themselves admitted was an illegal war? Didn't that constitute a war crime? Where were they when the U.S. Constitution was being violated? Isn't that considered a crime? Where were they when the Bush regime was violating the UN Charter when the U.S. was a member? Wasn't that a crime? Where were they when the Geneva Conventions on the Treatment of Prisoners was violated? Wasn't that a war crime? Where were they when they killed the writ of habeas corpus? Where were they when federal and international laws and treaties were violated? Where were they when it became evident that Bush had no command whatsoever of the English language and invented new words of his own, and often reversed the meaning of his intended statements? Where were they when the Republican majority in Congress acted as a rubber stamp approving every disastrous policy of his?

The worst fault of President Obama is being unable to perform miracles to repair all of the damage done to this country throughout the eight years of the disastrous oil-men's regime. Though he could use a little spice in his grits, he wasn't elected as a deepwater drilling engineer. If we, the taxpayers, bailed out the banks with our tax dollar, and quite possibly BP, are we not then, stock holders? If so, when do we receive our dividends? Could this not be a kind of back-handed route to socialism? Does anybody care to explain or come up with an answer?

Your writer gave her opinion a couple of months ago when this was brought up. The book, which she read is one of many on the same subjects. How we are going to have to get on the ball with clean energy and global warming because in 2050 there are going to be 9 billion people on the Earth. If we don't have enough energy, people all over will be rationed on water and electricity. It talks about the debt, what China will do to us in the long run if we don't handle the industry problem in the near future. It is almost the same book Tom Friedman wrote, "Hot, Flat and Crowded" also read along with many, many others on this level. The same identical subject that many true experts are telling us must soon happen. We should all be happy that our president reads these informational books by experts. Read them before commenting on something you do not know. Or are people guessing at what it means if they care at all? People are just guessing at what they think it means.

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CITIZEN EDITORIAL

Fathers play important role

We often hear about the bad fathers, those who couldn't care less about their children...

But across the country, there are millions of fathers who take their responsibility toward their children seriously...

This Sunday is their day to shine, their day to be recognized for the good that they do in forming the future leaders of our nation.

It wasn't until the mid 1960s that President Lyndon Johnson officially proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day...

Even now, the day takes a back seat to Mother's Day in May, which receives a lot more notoriety and public comment.

But that's what a lot of good fathers do - sit back and watch the mother and the children get a lot of the credit.

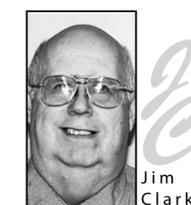
This weekend, though, give him his due. If you're fortunate enough to have your dad still around, don't e-mail him, don't text him...

Finally, to all the fathers out there, even if you're not in a position to get greetings from your children, know that society appreciates the good work that many dads have done over the years...

Happy Father's Day to all.



Keeping it rational while complaining



The Cliff Stearns town meeting last Saturday was well attended, but our local Congressman didn't hear anything he hadn't heard before.

Stories such as that of the woman who moved here over a year ago and can't find a job despite having a professional background were the type of information that Stearns needed to hear.

What he didn't need was to hear a woman scream, literally, anti-Obama, anti-Muslim venom.

That isn't going to accomplish anything, and just made it seem that she was totally out of control and not a voice of reason.

Then there was the man in the back who stood up and said he had a hard time finding out who his representative was, and asked if Stearns was up for reelection. He had to be reminded that representatives are elected every two years...

He was yelling about Richard Nixon. So over the years it has gone both ways. I remember the people yelling how Richard Nixon was destroying the Constitution...

And 35 years or so after Obama, we'll still be here.

I'm disappointed in the rabble rousers who say that certain people are destroying our country. It shows that they have no faith in our Constitution...

So while I certainly can't be counted as an Obama backer, I do have faith. We will survive this, the same as we survived Nixon and Watergate...

So while we need to work to change things, we need to do it rationally, so we don't alienate the people who might be on the fence and deciding which way to go.

Stay calm, folks. You'll get a lot more done that way.

Jim Clark is the editor of the South Marion Citizen. He can be reached at editor@smcitizen.com or 352-854-3986.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Get out the vote

The Tea Party of Ocala is about to launch a countywide program to "Get out the Vote."

It will be called: Operation Shoe Leather.

The goal is to visit all 472 churches in Marion County, and ask the clergy to encourage their congregations to vote, vote, vote, please vote.

In addition they will have cards with information regarding the time, and place of the Tea Party meetings. A big welcome is extended to every resident in the county.

For those harried citizens who cannot possibly attend a meeting, you can find a mountain (make that a mountain range) full of information on the website: www.TeaPartySolutions.com.

Whose country is this anyway, ours or the bureaucrats? You decide.

D.I. Larson Ocala

into the mix.

Citizens are now speaking up. They want the government to enact a citizen agenda, not the governments agenda.

The Ocala Tea Party has taken the time to vet all candidates who wish to be questioned by the "In Your Face Committee."

Prohibition of text messaging while driving is inevitable. How long it will take in Florida and around the nation depends on a few legislators who relish capturing the limelight by being obstinate about the obvious.

Seven states ban all hand-held phone use while driving. Twenty-eight states prohibit text messaging. And despite public surveys which show overwhelming support for prohibition...

Legislators' reasons for blocking a ban on texting are feeble and ludicrous - a violation of personal liberties, picking on texters while ignoring people eating burgers, shaving, or applying mascara.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hindsight is politically safer

Just because we can dance and chew gum at the same time doesn't mean we can operate a three thousand pound vehicle safely while text messaging.

Legislators' reasons for blocking a ban on texting are feeble and ludicrous - a violation of personal liberties, picking on texters while ignoring people eating burgers, shaving, or applying mascara.

headed legislators see any ban as creeping communism.

A logical argument against a ban is difficulty of enforcement. A simple remedy is a prohibition of all hand-held phone use in a moving vehicle.

Hindsight is politically safer, Just wait a few years for the fatality statistics to make a better case.

Jim Flynn Ocala

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June is bustin' out with harmony

PETER MUSELLA Special to the Citizen

We sang for our supper! Members of the Ocala Big Sun Chorus and Good Vibrations quartet (plus one, if you paid attention) serenaded shoppers at the Publix Shopping Center at Canopy Oak on Saturday, June 5.

First, many thanks to the On Top of the World Cultural Center for presenting a very special successful afternoon of Barbershop harmony, featuring five of the best of Florida's quartets on their way to international competition in Philadelphia this July.

June 12. Members of the Ocala Big Sun Chorus led the cheering section. The audience enjoyed an afternoon of magnificent harmony by very talented quartets and we all wish them good luck on their journey to competition.

Members of Ocala Big Sun Chorus would like to wish all the dads out there a very happy Father's Day. Have a great day. We'll be back in September with really big news. Enjoy your summer. Stay cool and healthy, and remember "Keep the Whole World Singing."

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TIMBER RIDGE Community Church advertisement for conservative-traditional services.

Citizen newspaper logo and contact information for Gerry Mulligan and John Provost.



Carol Ann Wheeler

OAK RUN

The Blue Crab Festival in Palatka, Florida, was the destination ride for the Oak Run Motorcycle Club on Saturday, May 29. In addition to the good ride, the members enjoyed all the interesting booths and of course the food. Our next meeting is Monday, June 21, at 7 p.m. in Palm Grove. We will be discussing our participation in the Oak Run Fourth of July parade which will take place on Saturday, July 3. Line up is at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call Rod George at 352-854-8721. Oak Run Travel A new show has just been announced. "Fiddler on the Roof" will play for one night

Motorcycle Club journeys to Blue Crab Festival

only, Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Phillips Center in Gainesville. We will sell the tickets in the Orchid Club lobby on Monday, June 21, from 8 to 9 a.m. The price for the show, bus and tips will be \$74. Sign up soon as it is sure to be a sellout. For more information, call Connie Smith or Joanne Misener.

Next Monday, a group will be leaving for Stone Mountain, Georgia. There were two seats available due to illness. The cost is just \$185 per person for double occupancy. Call Dick and Elsa Berbig if you are interested in going on this 3-day trip. The show "Red, White, and Tuna" will be on Sunday, June 27, at the Show Palace. Call George and Barbara Murphy to get on their wait list.

There will be a trip to the Hard Rock Casino on July 26, and there are a few seats available for this trip. Call Valerie Oddo for this trip.

Cedar Key Seafood Festival has a few seats remaining on the bus for the trip on Saturday, Oct. 16. There are arts and crafts along the street and food is available in the

park. Seating is available, and a local parade starts at 10 a.m. down the main street. On the way home we will make a stop at the Dakotah Winery for tasting and there is a unique gift shop right in the main room. The cost is only \$18. Call Roy and Pat Meisen for more information.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, we will go to the dog races in St. Petersburg. This is a beautiful new facility for us and also features a poker room and simulcast for you to enjoy. You will start with a buffet lunch which includes both brunch and luncheon items, and you will receive a free program for the races. You can enjoy all this for only \$30. Call Bob and Maureen Farulla to reserve your seat.

Oak Run Veterans The Oak Run Veterans Association will be marching in the Independence Day parade being held on July 3. As in the previous years, the ORVA will have a trailer available for those who would like to ride. The trailer will be at 83rd Street. Those riding in the trailer as well as those



Members of the Oak Run Motorcycle Club are shown at a rest stop on the way to Palatka for the Blue Crab Festival.

who will march in the parade behind the honor guard are asked to please be there by 7:30 a.m. The parade is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. This is an opportunity of the ORVA to show the community those who served in the military to protect our freedom. Let's not forget those who were not able to come home from the battlefields. There will be a cool down held in the auditorium at the conclusion of the

parade, where the ORVA will present the flags of each service. Please be on hand, and if possible if you have a small American flag, please bring it as a symbol of dedication to our great nation. The ORVA looks forward to seeing everyone on hand to honor the celebration of the birth of our great nation.

Little Theatre Oak Run Little Theatre at its June 7 meeting formed a reading committee consisting of Arn and Peg Studer, Frank and Diane Porterfield, Kati Doyle, Dianne Robillard, Dee Gragg, Linda Dale-sandry and Art Schmidt. Publishing companies provide catalogs of plays setting forth a synopsis of their plays. There are thousands of such plays. This committee will sort through the catalogs and settle on 40 or so plays they feel they want to consider. Members will read each of these scripts containing several hundred pages and write up a critique. At their meetings they will then dispose of the plays they feel do not merit further consideration. This is a long and arduous process but they will finally determine the one play they feel is a good fit for the club and our audiences.

It was decided because of so many activities in Oak Run around the Fourth of July holiday and with many members away on summer vacations we would not hold our meeting scheduled for July 5. We are pleased that we will enter 11 golf carts in the Fourth of July parade. Our

theme is "Cavalcade of Shows" and each cart will be decorated to commemorate one of the plays we have produced over the past 21 years. More on Donating at No Cost

I am planning to do a thorough clean out of my clothes closet and will be taking (hopefully) bags of stuff to the Hospice shop in Jasmine. If you would like me to take things for you, call me, Carol Ann Wheeler, at 352-873-2964.

Royal Oaks Men's Golf Association Here's some great news. There will be a "Red, White and Blue" special event in the June. The Board of Directors approved the budget changes, and the additional funding.

On June 11, the game was three best net. First place with a score of 185 was the team of Lacey, Smith, Start and Schiavo. The second place team was Dowling, Staiger, Soine, and the ever popular Duke Slayton with a score 190. Third place was captured by the team of Tennant, Gildea, Aubrey, with a blind and a team score of 189. 193 was the score that secured a fourth place tie for the teams of Catapano, Elder, Ducz with a blind, and Terry, Kennedy, Berbig and a blind. Closest to the pin was won on the white tees by Lacey and Smith and on the red tees by Szabo.

All members are requested to check the bulletin PLEASE SEE OAK, PAGE 24

Some Father's Day humor



Dick Frank

PUN ALLEY

Father's Day is Sunday. Almost 100 years have elapsed since the first Father's Day was celebrated. In the 1900s fathers didn't have it nearly as good as fathers of

today; but they did have a few advantages:

Back then, if a father put a roof over his family's head, he was a success. Today, it takes a roof, deck, pool, and 3-car garage.

Back then, fathers could help their children with their school work. Today, fathers rely on their kids to teach them how to work the computer and set the VCR.

Back then, a father waited for the doctor to tell him when the baby arrived. Today, a father must wear a smock, know how to breathe, and make sure the video camera is loaded.

Back then, fathers passed on clothing to their sons. Today, kids wouldn't touch Dad's clothes if they

were sliding naked down an icicle.

Back then, a father came home from work to find his wife and children at the supper table. Today, a father comes home to a note, "Jimmy's at baseball, Cindy's at gymnastics, I'm at adult-ed; pizza in fridge."

A tall tale The father knocked on the bathroom door where his teenage daughter had been taking a bath for over an hour. "Cindy! Just how long will you be in that bathtub?"

From the other side of the door came the reply: "Oh Daddy! Water doesn't affect your height. I'm still 5-4!"

Checking up on dad A college boy wrote his father, "I can't understand why you call yourself a kind parent when you send me no money. You haven't mailed me a check in almost two months. What kind of kindness do you call that?"

"That," the old man replied, "is unremitting kindness."

Pop corn My father always proposed a toast before he disciplined me. "That's funny! What was it?"

"Bottoms up, son!" She got her good looks from her father. He's a plastic surgeon. "Daddy, Daddy, can I have another glass of water

please?"

"But I've given you 10 glasses of water already!"

"Yes, but the bedroom is still on fire!"

I was going to buy a copy of "The Power of Positive Thinking" and then I thought, what good would that do?

Son: "Dad, my teacher says I should have an encyclopedia."

Father: "Nonsense, you'll walk to school the same as I did."

One time my kids wanted to surprise me with a good breakfast in bed on Father's Day. They put a cot in the kitchen. Father to unwelcome suitor: "I don't want my daughter tied to a hopeless idiot all her life."

Suitor: "Of course not, sir. Then I take it I have your consent?"

The human race A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race begin?"

The mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children."

Two days later, the girl asked her father the same question, "How did the human race begin?"

The father answered, "Many years ago, there were monkeys from which the human race evolved."

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God and Dad said it developed from monkeys?"

The mother answered, "Well, dear, it's very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

Real help? "Dad, will you help me with my homework?" "I'm sorry," replied the father, "It wouldn't be right."

"Well," said the boy, "at least you could try."

True lies A father was scolding his six-year-old for having told an extra-big fib. "I never told lies when I was your age," he said.

The boy allowed a moment to pass and then, rather brightly, asked: "How old were you when you started, Dad?"

Point of View A mother was taking her young son for a ride in the car when he asked, "Mother, where are all the infernal idiots?" "Why, Son," she replied, "they only happen to be on the highway when your father is driving."

Water shortage The father sent his small boy to bed.

Five minutes later: "Dad."

"What?"

"I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a drink of water?"

"No. You had your chance. Lights out."

Again, five minutes later: "Da-aaaad."

"What?"

"I'm thirsty. Can I have a drink of water?"

"I told you no! If you ask again I'll have to spank you."

"Da-aaaad."

"What?"

"When you come in to spank me, can you bring me a drink of water?"

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That sinking feeling

Visiting the natural sinkhole in Ocala National Forest

MICHEL NORTHEA
Staff Writer

Through the woods and down a mile-long bumpy, dirt road in the Ocala National Forest, there's a trailhead for the Lake Eaton Sinkhole Trail.

Recently, as another outing offered through Marion County Parks and Recreation Department, a group of hikers were led through the mile-plus long trail to the 80-foot-deep, 450-foot-wide sinkhole.

The hike was led by Michigan-born, Florida-raised Kevin Congdon. Much of his youth was spent running in the forest. As an adult, he contracts with the Florida Wildlife Commission to help with its summer camps to teach teens the joy of the outdoors, and Marion County Parks and Recreation to lead hikes as needed.

"I've learned through experience," he said pointing out a possible hiding place for an Eastern diamondback rattlesnake in among fallen,

rotting pine trees. Snakes try to camouflage themselves to avoid falling prey to a hawk.

Along the hike, Congdon encouraged taking advantage of the recreational opportunities offered in the 385,000-acre forest. He suggested just driving some of the 1,500 miles of dirt roads in the forest and looking for wildlife, including deer and bears. Maps are available at the visitor's center. All dirt roads in the forest are in grid fashion linking back to three different highways: State Road 40, County Road 314 or State Road 19.

During hunting season, Nov. 4 through Jan. 2, much of the national forest is closed to non-hunters. The exception is the Juniper Springs Recreation Area, open year-round to visitors.

An overlook platform, with benches for resting, gives visitors an opportunity to see the top edge of the sinkhole without walking down 10 flights of stairs. Those continuing

the walk find temperatures 15 degrees cooler and a variety of trees, including a magnolia tree, as they descend the stairs.

For Carrie Thomas of Ocala, the hike was her first trip with the Marion County Parks and Recreation and her first venture into the national forest. She signed up for the hike because she wanted exercise and something a little more adventurous than a walk in the neighborhood.

She and her mother, Carol Sieg, both said they were signed up for other hikes in the fall.

Walking along the footpath among scrub oaks, pine trees and blue skies overhead, Steve and Pam Shinnick both agreed they enjoyed the hiking opportunities the county offers.

The Shinnicks have taken the kayak trips provided by the county, too.

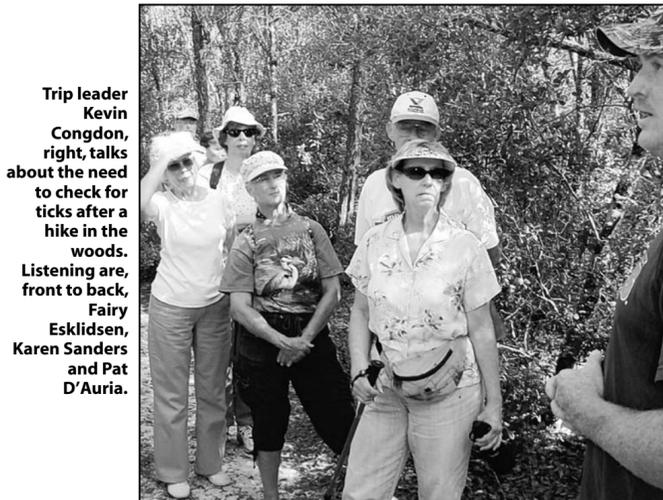
Although the county won't offer any more hiking trips until the fall, they offered five hikes since January and 10 kayaks this winter/spring, said Cathy Norris, recreational manager for Marion County Park and Recreation.

This summer the county offers a "summer series" of kayak trips to Juniper Springs Creek, two different trips on the Ocklawaha River, the Rainbow River and Silver River. Those trips are \$25 each and include kayaks, paddles, life jackets and snacks.

Check out the county's recreational opportunities through marioncountyfl.org and follow the department links to parks, or call 352-671-8560.



Karen Sanders was one of the first down the 10 flights of steps leading to the observation deck near the bottom of the Lake Eaton Sinkhole Trail. Other hikers were taking photos of the magnolia growing in the sinkhole. Temperatures are about 15 degrees cooler inside the sink in the summertime.



Trip leader Kevin Congdon, right, talks about the need to check for ticks after a hike in the woods. Listening are, front to back, Fairy Esklidsen, Karen Sanders and Pat D'Auria.



PHOTOS BY MICHEL NORTHEA

Trip leader Kevin Congdon, said that many of the big pines in the forest are being pushed out by scrub oaks.

Saturday, June 26

African Violet Club to meet

COALITION

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The African Violet Club will meet Saturday, June 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the Sheriff's substation, 9048 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala.

This month's meeting is sure to delight whether you wish to display a lovely Dish Garden or Terrarium or learn what it takes to enter one in a show. One of our fabulous members, Marjorie Hendon, who does expert dish gardens and terrariums, will bring in supplies for the club to put together their own dish garden base or terrarium for this project or obtain one from Marge. Guests are always welcome and light refreshments will be served. For more information go to the website at www.africanvioletclubofocala.org and remember to return to this website regularly for more information on the next meeting and other important information. Or feel free to contact club President, Carolee Carter at 352-237-3308.

Saturday, July 3

July 4th at Circle Square

Enjoy a patriotic evening and celebrate Independence Day at the Circle Square Commons Town Square on Saturday, July 3 from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Come celebrate America's independence with a salute to the Armed Forces, a tribute to the music of the '40s performed by The Swing Sisters, an energetic performance by local favorite Norman Lee, a Missing Man presentation including four World War II North American T-6 model aircrafts used by the Air Force from 1939-1957, plus craft and food vendors.

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the FCAT." As far as parent involvement, he said that elementary school help seems to be OK, but "middle school and high school, that is where we have a problem." He also spoke of making sure there was board unity.

One other candidate, Dean Blinkhorn, could not attend and will appear next month. District 4 incumbent Sue Mosley has indicated she will not run again.

In District 5, incumbent Ron Crawford spoke from experience, saying he had worked to hold down tax increases in the past by using the reserve. He talked about the building of new Forest High School, where he fought to bring down the cost to where at that time it was built at the lowest square foot cost in the state. He said in the past he has tried to do things in the county without raising taxes.

Mary Williams was the other speaker from District 5. She is a fourth generation Marion County resident, and commented, "the kids need to move to the next level." She spoke of her experience in going to Tallahassee with the American Cancer Society to speak with legislators, and said because of that she would have "no problem" dealing with lawmakers.

Another District 5 candidate, Sharon Hagen, could not attend and is expected to speak next month.

Candidates then took questions from the audience, and spoke on the condition of North Marion, board members'

salaries (they're state mandated), transportation and portables (all agreed they will still be around).

Incumbent District 3 member Bobby James was introduced, but did not take part in the forum since he was unopposed.

In other matters: Members heard that a new auto parts store, later identified as Battery Source, was coming to the area near where Triple Crown homes used to be. The address will be 7201 S.W. State Road 200.

The Friends of the Library asked people to sign a petition at the library to increase the size of the building. They said that Freedom Library is second busiest in the children's section in the county and second in the distribution of books.

Parks and Recreation Month will be in July, members were told.

The next meeting on July 12 will feature State House candidates for District 22, and Circuit Court Judge candidates for Group 5 (one race, two candidates).



Angie Boynton



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Community calendar

Saturday, June 19

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United Way of Marion County will hold the third annual "Day of Action" on Saturday, June 19, 2010. This year's event will focus on helping Marion County families improve their financial situation through budgeting and saving money.

"Family Financial Fitness" workshops will be featured from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ewers Center at the College of Central Florida on State Road 200 in Ocala. The event is free and will include lunch. Sessions for adults include topics such as creating a household budget, tips on saving money, learning about banking options and looking at your credit report. Sessions for children will also be provided by United Way and GreenPath. All sessions are provided by trained facilitators. Deadline for families to register is Wednesday, June 16. To register call United Way at 352-732-9696.

United Way Day of Action is an opportunity for United Way communities to show what it means to LIVE UNITED. June 21 — the longest day of the year, with more daylight hours than any other — presents an annual opportunity for the United Way system to declare its intention to improve lives in measurable and lasting ways by mobilizing thousands of people around a common goal: advancing the common good.

For more information, contact Krista Martin at 352-732-9696 or kmartin@uwmc.org.

Music, bike festival at Circle Square

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- 5:30 p.m., Eli Magic Sound - Latin
- 7 p.m., Stayin' Alive - Bee Gees Tribute

8 p.m., Stayin' Alive - '60s and '70s Tribute
For more information visit: www.CircleSquareCommons.com.

Monday, June 21

Constitution Party to meet

The next meeting of the Constitution Party of Marion County will be on Monday, June 21, at 6 p.m. in the main branch of the Marion County Public Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., near 25th Avenue in Ocala.

All people registered in the Constitution Party are urged to attend, all others are welcome to attend also. Voter registration forms will be available.

Legion post to meet

The Ralph J. Green American Legion Post 354 will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, June 21 at 1 p.m. in the community room in the Sheriff's Brian Litz Building, 9048 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala.

There will be an election and installation of officers for the 2010/2011 year. Try to arrive early to enjoy light refreshments and comradeship with fellow veterans. For further information telephone Commander Barbara Cherbonneau at 352-873-1737.

Tuesday, June 22

WMBA After Hours Mixer

The West Marion Business Association is having an after hours mixer at F.W.H. Associates at 7651 S.W. Highway 200, Suite 108 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be an open bar as well as hors d'oeuvres. This event is open to all businesses on the west side of Ocala. Please bring a business friend and be sure to register for the door prize at the event. To learn more about WMBA visit its website at www.westmba.com.

Wednesday, June 23

Fair Tax meeting scheduled

Don't you just love the IRS with all its bureaucracy, red tape, and audits? When you call to ask them a question

about your taxes, isn't it nice to know that 50 percent of the time they give you the wrong answer because even they can't understand the 70,000 pages of our tax policy? Isn't it about time we stopped the madness? Join us June 23 at 6 p.m. at the Marion County Public Library (2720 Silver Springs Blvd.) for a presentation of the Fair Tax. Let's put the IRS out of business and abolish taxes based on what we produce and place it on what we spend. The Fair Tax is simple, transparent and fair. To RSVP or for more information, contact Ron and Elaine Maiellaro at ocalafairtax@cfl.r.com or call 352-671-6724.

Friday, June 25

Democrats host canteen-era dance

The Marion County Democratic Party is hosting a fundraising canteen-era dance. The fundraiser will take place on Friday, June 25, at The American Legion, at Tuscawilla Park, 516 N.E. Sanchez Ave., Ocala. The event will run from 7 to 11 p.m. There will be a \$15 per person donation requested and tickets can be purchased by calling the Marion County Democratic Party Headquarters office at 352-402-9494, Sally Smith at 352-390-3472 or Georgette Mottl at 352-694-5872. All those in attendance will be asked to write a letter to a soldier for the "DEC Make a Difference Day."

There will be dance music from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s as well as dance and nostalgic costume contests. Setups will be provided and participants are asked to BYOB and to also bring hors d'oeuvres to share.

Saturday, June 26

SPCA to hold book sale

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) of Marion County is holding a used book sale on Saturday, June 26th, from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

It will be in front of Winn Dixie at 8445 S.W. State Road 200 in Friendship Center (next to On Top of the World Communities).

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Women and retirement

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■ Work as long as you can. The longer you earn income, the more time you have to amass savings. The older you are when you stop working, the fewer years of retirement you'll need to budget for. Delaying the start of Social Security benefits up to age 70 will result in a

larger monthly check, too.

■ Purchase a life insurance policy. Permanent life insurance provides guaranteed death benefit protection for your loved ones in the event of your death. Additionally, it offers valuable "living" benefits and tax advantages.

For example, as a policyholder, you can access accumulated cash value through loans and withdrawals to supplement your retirement income. Plus, these funds can also

be used for college expenses, as collateral for a small business loan, or any other happily anticipated or unexpected event.

Using life insurance is a little-known option that can be a big help for women down the road.

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OTOW photographer has display

Mike Roppel, a resident of On Top of the World, has a display of photographs at the Master the Possibilities just outside On Top of the World on Southwest 80th Street. The pictures were taken in St. Petersburg, Russia, last summer.

He has been a member of Shutterbugs since August of 2006. His voyage to this group began as a young man. He has used a wide variety of cameras including a Brownie Hawkeye, an Instamatic, a 2/14 press camera, a 4x5, 35mm, a 30x30 Graphic Arts camera and now he uses a digital camera.

His photographic experience included being a yearbook photographer in college and a Still Ground photographer with the Air Force. After his release he worked for a photofinisher and then attended New York Institute of Photography in NYC.

While living in New Hampshire for 26 years, he had his own darkroom and studio in the house. He then got a position as a graphic arts photographer primarily working on wallpaper designs. He also became a member of the New Hampshire Professional Photographers Association where his various officer positions led to be the president for two years.

Following his move to Ocala, he has been regularly published in the On Top of the World monthly newspaper and the South Marion Citizen.

My wife took the photo with the display and our former exchange student Nadya Ilyina took the other one.



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Questions and answers about the college's new name

What is the new name of the college?
CFCC has become the College of Central Florida.

When did the new name take effect?
The name became effective on May 25.

How was the name selected?
College of Central Florida was selected following an extensive survey of students, staff and community members. An online survey, available Sept. 25 through Oct. 31, 2009, garnered 1,480 submissions or 580 distinct names. CFCC's Name Change Task Force selected four to present to the CFCC District Board of Trustees. The board unanimously selected College of Central Florida.

What steps were required to change the name?
The name change required the approval of the CFCC Board of Trustees and the State Board of Education.

Why did the college change its name?
In 2009, the Florida Legislature adopted legislation to replace the Florida Community College System with the Florida College System, adopted a process for the approval of new baccalaureate degrees by institutions in the system, and established a process for how a community college would change its

name. Because of these changes, the District Board of Trustees decided a name change for the college was appropriate.

What baccalaureate degree programs will the college offer?
The college plans to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management with specializations in Agribusiness Management, Health Care Management, Management Information Systems or Public Safety Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education with Prekindergarten/Primary Education Certification. The B.A.S. and B.S. degree program offerings at CF are contingent upon approval by the college's accrediting agency, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The programs would be offered beginning in January 2011.

Does the new name indicate a new mission for the college?
While the name will change, the focus of the college will remain the same. The college will continue to serve the community through high quality educational opportunities that are accessible and affordable.

Is this the first time that the name of the college has changed?

The college has three names in its history. Central Florida Junior College was established in 1957 when community leaders and citizens envisioned an educational resource that would help Marion, Citrus and Levy counties to grow and prosper. In 1958, Hampton Junior College opened as one of the first black, two-year colleges in the state, and in 1966 the colleges merged. The name was changed to Central Florida Community College in 1971 to reflect more accurately the character and purpose of the college serving a larger community.

Have other community colleges changed their names?
Most institutions in the Florida College System — formerly the Florida Community College System — have considered, are in the process, or already have changed their names. For a list of the colleges, visit the Florida Department of Education website at <http://data.fldoe.org/workforce/contacts/default.cfm?action=showList&ListID=52>.

Will the website and e-mail addresses change?
The college will retain the www.CF.edu Web address. The CFCC Foundation website will change from www.CFCCFoundation.org to www.CF.edu/foundation, and the CF Institute website will change from

www.CFCCtraining.com to CFItraining.cf.edu. E-mail addresses will remain the same.

How does the name change have an effect on students who began their studies when the name was Central Florida Community College?
Students who began their studies when the name was Central Florida Community College and expect to graduate forward will be graduates of College of Central Florida.

If I am a graduate of CFCC, which name should I use on academic and employment applications?
College of Central Florida.

Is the College of Central Florida going to be considered a university?
CFCC is proud to be a Florida college. "A Florida college may not use the designation 'university,'" according to Florida Statute 1001.60.

Will the tuition be the same for the baccalaureate courses as the associate degree courses?
The Board of Trustees is expected to approve associate degree tuition for 2010-2011 on June 23. A decision will be made regarding tuition/fees for baccalaureate courses in late summer or early fall.

STEARNS

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mediately to help with the oil spill, but were kept away because of a bill called the Jones Act. This bill, passed in the 1920s, requires that ships working in U.S. waters be built in the U.S. and manned by U.S. crews. "The president should have waived the Jones Act and allowed the 15 countries to help."

Stearns also said that "we're making a mistake" by "foot-dragging" when it

comes to building more nuclear power plants. He pointed to the delays in getting a new Progress Energy plant built in Levy County.

One man questioned Stearns' leadership, noting that the people never hear of him taking charge in anything. That was when he pointed out the video of the questioning about the oil spill. He said the Ocala daily newspaper doesn't report on

the things he does, including, he said, the fact that as a result of his BP questioning he was asked to speak to the National Press Club earlier this week.

Stearns was asked about the 2012 presidential race and whether he thought there was "another Ronald Reagan" out there to run. The congressman cited Rep. John Thune of South Dakota, who unseated Tom Daschle. "He is a dark horse that I could support."

The Arizona immigration law came in for some discussion. "I support it 100 percent," Stearns said. He added that it was almost identical to an existing federal law, and "all 50 states should have this law." He said that he didn't think Florida could get it done now: "Gov. (Charlie) Crist wouldn't support it."

Stearns also said he supports the Fair

Tax proposal. There was some talk about the economy. One woman, Candy Melton of Heath Brook, said she moved to Florida a while back and can't get a job, despite some professional credentials.

Other comments from the audience included that "we have lost our morals," and "too few know what war is about." Stearns also commented on Obama's qualifications to be president. "I don't know how people thought he could do the job."

Stearns is up for re-election this fall, and has drawn two opponents. One, Don Browning, is a Republican and will appear on the primary ballot, and the other is Steve Schonberg, listed as no party affiliation.

No Democrats qualified to run.



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The crowd listens to Cliff Stearns.

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Purvis Gray and Company, LLP of Ocala, audited Marion County's financial statements starting in January 2010 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and found that Marion County meets all professional standards for how it manages financial accounts. During last Tuesday's board meeting, a representative from Purvis Gray and Company released the auditor's findings.

The audit, required annually by Florida Statutes in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, included evaluating governmental and business activities as well as each major fund. The audit also included an analysis of the county's internal control over financial reporting and compliance with various laws, regulations, and grant agreements. "Our audit did not identify any significant deficiencies required to be reported in accordance with Government Audit Standards," Certified Public Accountant Tim M. Westgate said. "We found no financial emergencies or trends indicating a deteriorating financial condition. Having no reportable items is a very good thing, especially considering the impacts the current economy could have on your financial statements."

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"Many people don't have land-lines anymore, they just have a cell phone," said Chip Wildy, explaining why registering one's contact information is important.

Residents with only a cell phone must register to learn of pending severe weather, a missing child in the neighborhood, a gas leak, escaped convict, or other information deemed important to the community.

Business owners are also encouraged to enter their information.

To register, go to the sheriff's office website, marionso.com. Registering includes putting in your name, address, e-mail address, and phone numbers.

For those without Internet access, officials

suggest using a computer at one of the county's public libraries to register or call Marion County Emergency Management for help at 352-369-8135.

Registering only takes about a minute but it could take two weeks for the submitted information to be verified and added to the database by emergency management.

For those who are not sure if they are registered, register anyway because the system will delete any duplicate numbers, Johnson said.

For residents living in an area different than other family members who might be concerned for an elderly parent, for example, can register their parent's phone number and address and then list their number as the alternate number so the message goes to both places.

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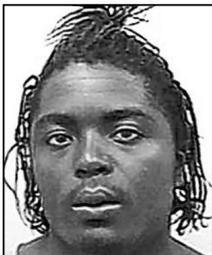
When deciding what message to send out and to what areas of the county, sheriff's office personnel can decide to disseminate the information by zip code or by outlining a geographic area, like in the case of a lost child, Johnson said.

The emergency alert system is a reverse 9-1-1-type system and was purchased through a grant. The grant pays for the system for two years.

Both Wildy and Johnson encourage registration into the Code Red emergency alert system as part of hurricane preparedness.

In their roles with emergency management, they also remind residents of the importance of having a plan.

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board for info on the "Red, White, and Blue" event. Our membership continues to grow and we welcome everyone to check out the benefits of membership. Come join and remember, golf is fun. Lets get more birdies out there!

Royal Oaks Women's Golf

The game of the day was front nine less 1/2 handicap. Group one was won by Dianna Love 33. Tied for sec-

ond were J.T. LeMasters and Carol Dygert with a 34. Mary Kay Frandsen won the second group with a 34. Second was Lynn Houghton with a 36 and third was Maureen Edwards at 37. The third group was won by Kathy Kollar with a 38. Second place went to Ginger Drake with a 39. There was a three-way tie for third place among Pat Salberg, Leslie Rizzo, and Doris Engel with 40. Closest to the pin was won by Noreen Salo.

ORWGA Winners

Another low net tournament took place at Spruce

Creek on June 10 and the winners were: Flight A: Judy Gerace, Joan Klier; Flight B: Kate Lott, Norma Rombach; Flight C: Nancy Reichenbacher, Norma Erickson and Flight D: Gerry Painter, Evelyn Exell.

Bev Schasel won the "Closest to the Pin" and Kate Lott won the "double pot" (a two week rollover) for "Chip Ins". These ladies are "keeping cool" under pressure despite the June temperatures. Well done!!

Do You Remember?

Tune in to channel 12 for

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Carol Ann's Corner

Have you tried any of the many games that are played in Oak Run lately? Although never much of a player in the past, I have become acquainted with two that I re-

ally enjoy. Every Friday at 1 p.m. there is a gathering of Scrabble and Upwards players in the card room in the Orchid Club. If you like word games you should give it a try. They say word games are great mental gymnastics to keep your brain nimble. The other game I like is Bunco on Saturdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Island Club. No use pretending there is any skill involved in throwing dice. But it sure is fun hoping luck will be with you that particular evening.

When doing my recycling

lately I noticed that some of us are not using good recycling manners. There were plastic bags and even a plastic milk jug in the bin reserved solely for aluminum cans. There appeared to be non-newsprint paper in the bin reserved solely for newspapers. Please recycle but be responsible and put only items meant for each bin in them.

Send all items for this column to Carol Ann Wheeler at democratcarol@deccacable.com no later than the afternoon of the Friday before publication.

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'Code Red' system provides information

MICHEL NORTHEA Special to the Citizen

In less than two hours, more than 145,000 Marion County residents knew about the Marion County Sheriff's Office recent Hurricane Preparedness Expo.

To test the county's new rapid emergency notification system, Code Red, staff sent out a message county-wide utilizing the system.

The message went out to those with land-line phones and phone numbers that were already in the established data base, said Sgt. Robert Johnson, deputy director of operations, division of emergency management.

But Johnson and the staff at the sheriff's office also want to send messages to cell phone users.

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ON THE ROAD TO BLUE CRAB



The Motorcycle Club at Oak Run recently made the trip to the Blue Crab Festival in Palatka.

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Audience blasts president at Stearns' town meeting

JIM CLARK Editor

U.S. Rep Cliff Stearns, R-Ocala, made it clear what he hopes will happen if the Republicans regain control of the House of Representatives in this fall's election.

"The first thing Republicans will probably do is cut off funding for Obama health care."

Stearns conducted a series of town meetings last Saturday, and the event at Joy Lutheran Church was more like an anti-President Obama rally than an informational meeting. There were a couple of emotional moments as one woman yelled out, "We don't have an American president, we have a Muslim president." She

complained about Obama's lack of support for the National Day of Prayer. Another man shouted out a complaint that has been heard before, about Obama's failure to produce a birth certificate to show he was born in the United States.

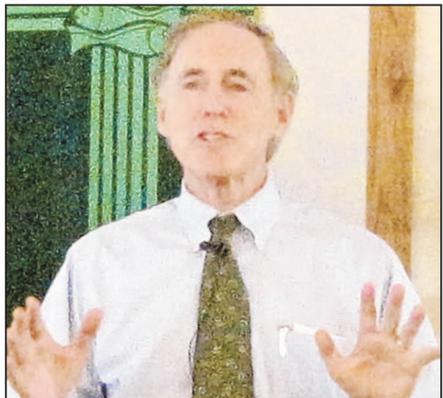
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U.S. Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Ocala, speaks to the crowd at Joy Lutheran Church on June 12.

Candidates appear at Coalition

JIM CLARK Editor

Candidates for Marion County School Board got to face the public Monday at the first of several political forums conducted by the State Road 200 Coalition.

The forums will continue at subsequent Coalition meetings, held on the second Monday of each month. Nancy LeFevre Thrower, running for District 4, started the afternoon, saying she got her dedication to service from her father, who spent 42 years in Rotary without missing a meeting.

"Education begins at the dinner table," she said. "When schools and parents work together, kids do better." She talked about pay for teachers, and saying no to state unfunded mandates. She said she'll visit schools often and wants to educate citizens to vote. Referring to her name, she said, "I'm a thrower and I'm ready to pitch in."

Angie Boynton spoke next, saying it was "time for us to make a difference." She said it was "incumbent upon us to recognize and address all the fatal flaws in the education system."

Acting as a tutor, she started a program to teach children how to do everyday things in the real world. Thomas Patrick, a 35-year school employee, has worked in various capacities, especially with facilities and as a purchasing agent. "I'm very concerned about the School Board when the stimulus money runs out." He also said he was "not very happy about

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Flag retirement, essay winners

Marion County veterans groups conducted a flag retirement ceremony Sunday at Veterans Park in Ocala, in which flags that were no longer usable were burned. As part of the Flag Day event, fourth and fifth-grade students from around the county read their winning essays, "What the flag means to me." Hammett-Bowen had four winners, the most of any school in the county. From the left are Julia Hallam, Hope Cotto, Eddie Navarro and Alex Marques.

