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Fire-Rescue dispatch available on Internet

MICHEL NORTHSEA
Staff Writer

For those curious about where all those fire trucks are going, the answer is just a few keystrokes away.

Now online is access to a live fire-rescue dispatch list allowing residents to stay in the know on where Marion County Fire-Rescue is going or what it may be doing in your neighborhood.

Access the information by going online to marion-countyfl.org/firecalls/Firescan.aspx, once there, visitors will see a list of where and what firefighters and paramedics are responding to.

The information shown includes the date, the time that call came in, what type of call it is and the location.

To protect residents' privacy, the exact address is not disclosed but cross-roads are used, said Miranda Iglesias, public information officer for Marion County Fire-Rescue.

And the call type description used doesn't list a specific medical complaint either, again to protect a patient's privacy, said Iglesias.

In case of a heart attack or a stroke or any medical situation, those calls are referred to as "medical incidents." An incident where the situation is more

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INSIDE

JOY LUTHERAN HOLDS VBS



The Baobab tree was the centerpiece for a week of Vacation Bible School recently.

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Panhandlers attack undercover deputies

JIM CLARK
Editor

Two panhandlers who were working the area on State Road 200 near County Road 484 were arrested last week after they allegedly attacked two other men, who turned out to be Marion County deputies.

Daniel Francis Hawkins, 40, was accused of simple assault and resisting without violence. Glen Walter Morgan, 50, was charged with aggravated assault.

Both were listed as homeless.

According to the report, a deputy conducted an undercover operation in the area of Southwest 95th Circle and State Road 200 at about 2:30 p.m. Thursday, in reac-

tion to an increase of violence among the transients in the area.

When the deputy arrived he first stood in the median on 95th about five yards from Morgan. In his report he says that Morgan "became very upset" and advised the deputy that it was his turn to be at the intersection and that there were 20-minute rotations, and he needed to wait his turn.

When the deputy refused, the report indicates that "Morgan became very belligerent, screaming profanities."

The deputy then saw Hawkins starting to walk toward him screaming profanities and told him to leave. When the deputy refused, the two men rode off on their bicycles.

When the deputy returned about 45 minutes to an hour later, Hawkins was standing in the median on State Road 200. The deputy went out and stood approximately 50 yards away on the median. According to the report, Hawkins began screaming profanities and the deputy was then approached by both suspects.

When the two men got closer, Morgan drew his right arm back and the deputy observed a gold padlock in his right hand. He then verbally threatened the deputy, who began to walk away.

After the two followed him, Morgan drew his arm back. Both were "within arms reach" when another deputy approached.

The second deputy identified



Hawkins



Morgan

himself as a deputy and showed identification. Morgan was placed in handcuffs and his padlock was taken away.

Hawkins became belligerent and was also to be arrested, but then ran across SR200, running southbound.

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McCollum speaks at local forum

JIM CLARK
Editor

Those attending the Republican Business Council's political forum Saturday got to hear one of the two key GOP candidates for governor.

Bill McCollum spoke to the crowd at the West Port High School auditorium, stressing a lot

of positive things about himself, commenting only briefly on his opponent, Rick Scott.

He said that, despite commercials to the contrary, he supports the Arizona immigration law, and filed a brief in favor of the law.

"I thought that the decision in the courts (nullifying part of the law) was wrong, very wrong."

He added, "The president is saying the states don't have the power

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More candidates to be at Coalition next Monday

The State Road 200 Coalition meeting will take place on Monday, Aug. 9.

Residents of the Corridor are invited to attend the meeting in the Collins Health Resource Center, building 300, suite 303, at Timber-Ridge Medical Park on Southwest 110th Street, off State Road 200.

Speakers are expected to be the Republican candidates for County Commission District 2, as the group continues a series of meetings with political hopefuls.

Coffee and cookies are available starting at 12:30. The meeting begins at 1 p.m.



PHOTOS BY JIM CLARK

The finished handmade bears occupy a table at Timber Ridge Community Church.

'Prayer Bearers' made by local church ladies

There are many hurting/sick folks in our world, and many folks who care. Once a month, a number of ladies of Timber Ridge Community Church (10260 S.W. 110th St.) get together to stuff and finish handmade bears which are distributed to critically and terminally ill children and adults in various facilities, so that they may have a physical reminder that they are not alone and that

they are cared for and prayed for. Appropriate fabrics are purchased, and the fabric is given to one member to cut the little bears' pattern; then the cut fabric is given to another member to sew together.

The ladies get together and stuff and finish the bears. This group has been working together since 2003 and has made more than 2,000 bears of various sizes.

One group member makes about 40 small bears per month and also makes hats for cancer patients. Recently, 20 large bears were given to the Shriners Hospital for Children. They now have received a total of 50. And, 20 were recently given to Shands Hospital. Others interested in the project are invited to join this ministry by contacting Chairlady Betty Espey at 352-854-5959.



From the left, Joyce Rex, Theresa Zimmerman, Norma Hawkins, Lucy Slevin and Marci Hutto.



From the left, Shirley Kutzner, Ginette Dean, Linda Rescorl, Nancy Brunner, Betty Espey, and Jean Williamson.

County stays below maximum millage

In a unanimous vote during Tuesday's board meeting, Marion County commissioners adopted the maximum tentative county-wide millage rate of 3.89 mills for the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget. A millage rate of 3.89 equates to \$3.89 for each \$1,000 of taxable property values, or \$389 for a home with a taxable value of \$100,000.

The resulting tax levy is \$7 million below the roll-back rate (the amount Marion County collected in taxes during the 2009-10 fiscal year) and \$33 million below the maximum tax levy allowed under Florida law. In short, the 3.89 tentative millage rate will result in a tax savings (compared to the current year) for Marion County citizens, according to budget officials

within the Marion County Clerk of the Courts.

In the proposed budget, Marion County's assessments will also remain the same, including the \$165.99 residential fire assessment, \$87 solid waste assessment and \$15 stormwater assessment.

Taxable property values, pro-

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Woman finds stranger sleeping in her car

JIM CLARK
Editor

A man who was discovered sleeping in someone else's car was accused of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

According to the Marion County Sheriff's Office, a woman came out of Walmart on State Road 200 and found Shawn Thomas Miller, 38, of Southwest 52nd Street, sleeping in her car. She called deputies, who arrived and found Miller still asleep.

After being awakened, he first said that it was his father's car and he had been sleeping for several hours because he had been drinking.

COP SHOP

He then consented to a search, and he was reportedly found to have five Xanax pills without a prescription.

The vehicle owners did not press charges for trespassing, but Miller was arrested on the possession charge.

Also at Walmart, a woman was accused of retail petit theft after she allegedly took a knife sharpener kit, sunglasses, shampoo, conditioner, hair ties and hair brushes. Rebecca Danielle Jones, 26, of Southwest 132nd Lane, was given a notice to appear. She and two people who were with her were issued trespass warnings.

The Southwest District Office of the Sheriff reported three DUI arrests:

As part of a DUI checkpoint at the post office on Southwest 60th Avenue, Stephen Bernard Forrest Jr. of Southwest 31st Street was accused of DUI, third offense. When he stopped for the checkpoint he failed to follow the cars in front of him, and had an open bottle of beer in the vehicle. He allegedly failed the field sobriety test. He refused to take a breath test and was arrested.

Donald G. Eckerdt of Northwest 20th Street was accused of DUI after he was found sleeping in his minivan at SR 200 and Southwest 60th Avenue. He also refused to submit to a breath test and was arrested.

Carlos A. Reinoso-Castaneda of Fort Myers was accused of DUI after being stopped on West State Road 40 after making a wide left turn and then traveling west in the eastbound lane. His breath registered at 0.168 and 0.177.

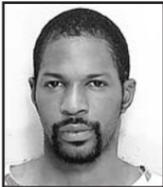
Marion's Most Wanted



Jennifer Crossin, 49, warrant, violation of probation, child abuse.



Joey Ray Hamilton, 29, order to take into custody, driving while license suspended.



Devon L. Martin, 28, order to take into custody, retail petit theft.



Jorge Luis Mirabal, 23, violation of probation, drug offender probation, possession of cocaine.



Briana Shackelford, 18, bench warrant, failure to appear for arraignment, possession of cannabis less than 20 grams.



Darrell Eugene Williams, 36, bench warrant, failure to appear, pre-trial conference, sale of cocaine with 1,000 feet of school and worship center, possession of cocaine.

New golf store established locally

On the heels of its multi-year agreement with Sears to establish the first U.S. based "store-within-a-store" retail model for the golf industry, Edwin Watts Golf Shops, LLC, one of the world's largest specialty golf retailers, today announced the acquisition of five retail locations from Southern Golf Partners, including stores in Albany, Ga.; Augusta, Ga.; Macon, Ga.; Ocala and Panama City Beach. Each of the five stores will be converted into full-service Edwin Watts Golf Shops, offering the freshest assortment of brand name golf equipment, apparel, accessories and electronics. The Ocala store is at 3131 S.W. College Road (State Road 200).

The acquisition, which complements the Sears agreement that will add 12 "store-within-a-store" retail locations at Sears stores nationwide, further adds to Edwin Watts Golf Shops' stable of more than 70 domestic retail locations, and enhances an overall golf retail operation that is supported by direct catalog sales and a popular eCommerce Internet business at www.edwinwattsgolf.com.

"We are very excited to expand the Edwin Watts Golf Shops portfolio with the acquisition of these five new store locations," said John Watson, Chief Executive Officer, Edwin Watts Golf Shops. "In conjunction with our new agreement with Sears, we are committed to establishing the Edwin Watts Golf Shops brand in new markets nationwide, while also continuing to leverage our brand name to open up new stores in regions where we already have a presence."

The five new Edwin Watts Golf Shops locations, via the Southern Golf Partners acquisition, will be equipped with the latest technology, including a launch monitor and club repair facility, and will feature select product assortments in golf equipment and apparel, electronics and related golf accessories from top brands such as Callaway, TaylorMade, Titleist, FootJoy, Adidas Golf, Cleveland, Cobra, Adams, Wilson, Champions Tour and others.

Watson adds, "Edwin Watts Golf Shops will continue to bring a new dimension of golf retail to an ever-growing audience of avid golfers, newcomers to the game and shoppers of golf equipment and accessories. This type of expansion is important to the game as it creates opportunities to grow golf at a time when it is needed the most."



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Friendship Kiwanis members and spouses enjoying a recent Saturday morning Orange Juice Social including, from the left, Dick Kirby, Frank Hofstatter, Nancy Kirby, June Hofstatter, Roger LeClerc, Shirley Rutledge, Bobbi Patterson, Pat and Ken Tremewen, who all shared refreshments from Frank's bottomless jug.

Orange juice socials for Friendship Kiwanis Club

Frank Hofstatter was really tickled when the Liberty Middle School Builders Club, sponsored by his Friendship Kiwanis Club, announced efforts to establish a relationship for their members with namesake Liberty Park on Southwest 103rd Street. As the Friendship Kiwanis liaison for LMS Builders Club, Frank works directly with faculty co-advisers, Alexan Johnson and Louann Boemio.

The LMS Builders Club is one of several Kiwanis-sponsored student groups in Marion County and around the world. They begin with the Friendship Kiwanis program for Terrific Kids at College Park Elementary School children, recognizing hard work and fellowship. You've seen bumper stickers each Terrific Kid receives displayed on the cars of proud parents. Next is the LMS Builders Club for middle schoolers. Friendship Kiwanis also sponsors West Port High School's Key Club and there are Circle K Clubs for college-age students. Most recently, AKtion Clubs were formed for members with disabilities. The common thread in all of these Kiwanis-sponsored organizations is emphasis on nurturing re-

spect for others as well as offering leadership opportunities.

While the LMS Builders Club is finalizing arrangements with the Marion County parks management, Frank decided it was appropriate to make his fellow Kiwanians more familiar with the park itself. To that end, he began hosting his Saturday Morning Orange Juice Socials under the park's new pavilion and has been attracting more and more attendees week after week.

FIRE

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trauma oriented, such as a shooting, stabbing or serious fall, comes under the description of "trauma incident."

There are 21 descriptions for calls including aircraft emergency, citizen/public assist, grass fires, structure fires, mutual aid, technical rescue, hazmat,

lines down and water rescue that may be listed.

Information listed is updated every five minutes.

Without a person dedicated to the project, the new website was six months in the making.

County staff looked into purchasing a system that would offer the same information from a private company but the price tag was \$20,000.

That's when county staff

decided they could take on the project themselves without spending any money, aside from staff time, said Iglesias.

The on-line dispatch information is similar to what is used in Palm Beach County and no other county in Central Florida offers such information, she said.

"We're being open on where we respond to and where our citizens' tax dol-

lars are going," Iglesias said. Information about different codes appearing is available by scrolling down the page.

In addition, the fire rescue website, marioncountyfl.org/FireRescue/Fire_default.aspx, provides a map showing where each unit is stationed.

Readers of the Citizens are typically served by units from Stations 21 and 32.

MILLAGE

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vided by Property Appraiser Villie Smith, showed that the total taxable property value (used for budgeting purposes) declined by 11.2 percent

this year, resulting in a \$2.1 billion shortfall. During the last three years, Marion County has experienced a 27 percent drop in taxable property value, a decrease of approximately \$6.1 billion.

Marion County's departments and constitutional offices decreased the

budget by \$82 million, or from \$594 million in the 2009-10 adopted budget to \$512 million in the 2010-11 proposed budget.

Marion County commissioners will host two public hearings before approving the final 2010-11 millage rate and budget. The budget hearings are sched-

uled for Sept. 9 and Sept. 23 at 6:50 p.m.

These public hearings are open to the public and held at the McPherson Governmental Complex Commission Auditorium (601 S.E. 25th Ave., Ocala).

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 2/2/2 Sentinell model with split bedroom plan, front porch and oversized garage. Breakfast nook and inside laundry located in a 55+ gated community. We offer R/V parking for the residents. Home is offered as/is with right to inspect. MLS #338362 \$89,900	 2/2/2 Cocos Model with screen enclosed room overlooking yard which backs up to Oak Run. Home is in move-in condition with nice carpet & vinyl floor covering inside laundry and large two car garage with opener. All appliances stay. Located in a gated 55+ community. Great winter home with parking for R/V for residents. MLS #340810 \$89,900
 2/2/1 Pindo Model with new roof has carpet in living room, bedrooms and tile in kitchen, baths and inside laundry. New paint in house is bright and clean. All appliances convey, garage door opener. Located in a gated 55+ community. Home is offered with FHA or VA financing. MLS #340816 \$75,000	 2/2/1 Cocos model with carpet living room and bedroom, tile in kitchen, inside laundry and baths. Home has a screen room, 9' x 14' one car garage and opener. Great home for retirement, located in a gated 55+ community. MLS #339134 \$75,000
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 2/2/2 home with carpet in living room and bedrooms, tile in rest of house. New roof and new air. Large Florida room under heat and air and a screen/vinyl room. Very clean home and ready to move in. Located in a gated 55+ community. Palm Cay offers many things to do. Great place to retire to. Parking for RV's for residents. MLS #339553 \$82,500	 2/2/2 SENTINEL MODEL featuring split bedroom plan, tile in dining rooms, bath, kitchen and inside laundry. Breakfast nook overlooking the backyard, new roof in 2008, newer air, glass enclosed patio, irrigation system and garage door opener shows well and it's a good retirement home. Located in a gated 55+ community. MLS #342405 \$82,500

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Community calendar

Saturday, Aug. 7

Island Festival at Circle Square

Saturday, Aug. 7, when The Town Square at Circle Square Commons hosts the exciting third annual Island Festival.

The excitement begins with the pulsating drum beats of Tahiti and beautiful Island dancers dressed in authentic and colorful costumes. The diverse Latin band Grupo Salsarengue will play Merengue, Bachata, Bolero, and other rhythms to get you up and dancing. Plus enjoy a special performance by Extensions Dance Studio dancers.

Bring the whole family to the Island Festival on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 5 to 10 p.m. on The Town Square at 8409 S.W. 80th St., Ocala. For more information visit: www.CircleSquareCommons.com.

Chess group to meet

The chess club that formed at the Freedom Public Library meets the first Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grab your board and chess pieces and come on down. Interested persons are invited to attend for a rousing game of chess.

It's your move! For more information, call Ron at 352-873-2276.

Yoga in Sholom Park

Yoga will be conducted on Saturday, Aug. 7, in Sholom Park on Southwest 80th Avenue, 2 1/2 miles north of State Road 200. Join us at 9 a.m. for a beautiful hour as we connect to Mother Nature.

Our next session will be on Saturday, Sept. 4, at 9 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 8

Second Sunday Drum Circle

All are invited to a Drum Circle, Sunday Aug. 8 at 6 p.m., at the far end of Fort Island Trail Gulf Beach in Crystal River. We will drum until sunset. Bring a chair; we have a few drums to share. Dancers and children invited. Free.

The Circle is held the second Sunday of every month, before sunset; meet at 6 p.m. this month.

Moose public breakfast

A public breakfast will take place at the Moose Lodge on Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m. Coffee, juice, eggs, potatoes, biscuits with gravy, toast, choice of bacon or sausage, all at a great price!

The lodge is at 10411 S.W. 110th St., one mile north of the State Road 200 main entrance of Oak Run.

Thursday, Aug. 12

Diabetes nutrition management

Nancy Gal, health educator, Extension Agent IV with University of Florida/IFAS and Marion County Extension, will present the second part to her presentation on Type 2 Diabetes on Thursday, Aug. 12, at 2 p.m. in Benson Hall at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. If you missed the first session in June, you can still attend this next session when Nancy will talk about the Diabetic Diet.

All interested persons are welcome to attend this free seminar. To register and for further information call St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at 352-629-5948. St. Matthew's Lutheran Church is at 3453 N.E. Silver Spring Blvd, Ocala.

Thursday, Aug. 12

NARFE to meet

The monthly meeting of NARFE, Chapter 2279, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, will be Thursday, Aug. 12, at 2 p.m. at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9336 S.W. 105th St.

Speaker will be Lee Deal, service officer from NARFE. He will talk about emergency information for members and employees and a wide variety of issues.

For information, call 352-854-1757.

Candidates to visit Palm Cay

County Commission candidates will speak at the Palm Cay Republican on Thursday August 12 at the Palm Cay Oasis Club House at 7 p.m. Kathy Bryant, Christine Dobkowski, Tony Mendola, Elicia Sanders and Les Smith will be guest speakers and will provide answers to your questions and concerns. This opportunity is presented for you to become familiar with the candidates we will be voting for on the Primary Election Aug. 24. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. For additional information, contact James Pettus at 352-438-9662.

Friday, Aug. 13

Shabbat Experience scheduled

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala presents a Shabbat Experience on Friday Aug. 13, at 6 p.m. at the Collins Medical Resource Center, 9401 State Road 200, Building 300, in Ocala. The program will feature Jennifer Singer, educational director of Congregation Kol HaNeshama (Reconstructionist) in Sarasota who will lead in joyous song and worship. Her daughter, Sarah, will enhance the service with her beautiful soprano voice. A traditional, catered Shabbat meal will be served. Special Shabbat songs and blessings will follow after the meal. Regular Shabbat services will take place at 8pm. The cost for the meal is \$18 per person. Contact Estelle at 352-237-8277 for reservations by Aug. 6.

Saturday, Aug. 14

Flea market at St. Jude

The annual flea market will take place at St. Jude Catholic Community at 443 Marion Oaks Drive in Marion Oaks between the hours of 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14. Items for sale include clothing, household goods, etc. Tables to sell your own merchandise are available at \$20 each. Food is also being sold. For more information please contact Blanca at 352-307-4028.

Jimmy Beaumont, Skyliners to perform

Jimmy Beaumont and The Skyliners recorded one of the all-time greatest hit songs of rock and roll, "Since I Don't Have You," in 1958. Throughout more than five decades of popularity, this golden masterpiece has been recorded by other nationally known artists with their own arrangements. Today, members Donna Groom, Nick Pociask, Dick Muse, Mark Groom and legendary leader Jimmy Beaumont, continue to thrill audiences in the United States and Canada!

Don't miss this incredible night of music and nostalgia on Saturday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Circle Square Cultural Center at 8395 S.W. 80th St., Ocala. For more information visit: www.CSCulturalCenter.com, or call 352-854-3670.

World series for 10-under starts the 13th

Friday the 13th is usually a day for horror flicks and old wives' tales. On this upcoming Friday, Aug. 13, though, one of America's most superstitious sports, baseball, will go to bat at the Rotary Sportsplex on Maricamp Road.

The Cal Ripken World Series tournament starts at the sportsplex on Aug. 13. The 10-day tourney will bring 10 teams of 10-year-olds from across the country to Marion. Festivities will kick off the night before opening day with a banquet; fireworks are scheduled for the opening evening. Local dignitaries will throw first pitches. Eight teams will play each day for the first five days of the tournament, followed by playoffs to crown the 10-U World Series Champion.

Marion County became a contender location for the series after hosting the 2009 Cal Ripken Southeast Regional Tournament. The original host for the 10-U group backed out unexpectedly, and local organizers capitalized on the opportunity to bring series teams, families and fans

into the area.

According to Ocala/Marion County Visitors and Convention Bureau estimates, the event will have an economic impact of \$600,000 - \$800,000.

Baseball fans can purchase family passes to attend the 10-day event for \$50. For more information or to purchase a pass, contact Marion County Parks and Recreation at 352-671-8560.

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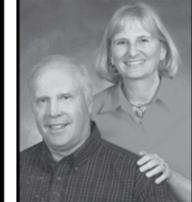
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The crowd sings along with the "Star Spangled Banner" prior to the start of the forum.

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Above, candidates' booths line the walkway leading into the West Port auditorium. Below, the usually clear entrance to the school is covered with campaign signs.

FORUM

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to enforce federal laws." The former U.S. representative and current attorney general of Florida, also said that he was part of the lawsuit to have the health care plan of President Obama overturned. He noted the high cost to the states of Medicaid, and added, "Along comes Obama care" which would increase eligibility.

"When we win, the entire law will be thrown out."

ATTACK

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The first deputy identified himself as a law enforcement officer and yelled to Hawkins that he was under arrest. He eventually caught Hawkins and tackled him.

After both were secured in handcuffs, the two deputies walked both men to the southeast corner of intersection, which was in front of Chili's restaurant to wait for marked units to arrive.

During this time Hawkins allegedly began yelling profanities, spitting and kicking his legs. He was placed in leg restraints.

At that point patrons began coming out of Chili's to see what was going on.

Hawkins had to be physically forced into the marked patrol car. Both men were taken to the county jail where, as of Tuesday, both were still in custody.

The bicycles were taken for safekeeping. Morgan's puppy was taken by Animal Control.

McCollum said he was running because "It's about my children and grandchildren and making Florida a better place for them."

He stated, "I am a Ronald Reagan Republican," and rattled off a list of his beliefs, including reducing government and being against unfunded mandates.

He also said the state needs to attract more business, including small businesses. "Florida has depended all too long on tourism and agriculture. Other states are cleaning our clocks" when it comes to attracting new businesses. He also called Florida "one of the most overregulated states in the country."

He also backed public

education improvements and lawsuit litigation reform, saying that Florida had one of the highest medical malpractice premiums in the nation, and that in turn was causing a shortage of doctors.

He called for a "two-year time out" on property tax increases.

Getting around to Scott near the end of his talk, McCollum said he was telling stories about him that weren't true. He noted Scott's problems with HCA and said Scott was "responsible for the largest Medicare fraud" in the nation. He said that when Scott left HCA he received \$300 million, "and now he wants to be governor."

He said Scott was invited to the forum but chose not to attend. "Why, I don't

know," he added.

"I'm proud of the record I have," he concluded, listing politicians such as Jeb Bush, Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney as those who have endorsed him.

The rest of the forum was dedicated to local candidates, all on the Republican side.

Candidates either spoke briefly or took part in a debate, answering questions from a panel.

Booths or tables were placed by the candidates along the walkway leading to the auditorium. The band "Six String Recovery" played before the event and during breaks. Heather Osborne sang the national anthem, and State Sen. Ed Dean, who is not up for re-election this year, welcomed the visitors.



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CITIZEN EDITORIAL

New traffic concern

A pair of recent traffic fatalities in Marion County has put the spotlight on something that we don't normally consider a road hazard – wheelchairs.

Two men in wheelchairs were killed in July as they attempted to cross busy highways.

On July 19, Doyle McClendon, 73, died when he was struck in his motorized chair as he attempted to cross U.S. Highway 27 near Foxwood.

On July 29, Bryan Sacks of Summerfield was killed in his manual chair when he was struck on busy, but dark, U.S. Highway 441 in the southern part of the county.

Neither was crossing at a light.

In both instances, other cars avoided the collision before the victim was struck. Also in both cases, the people who hit the wheelchair stopped at the scene.

While this may seem to be something new in this area, a Google search for “wheelchair killed” brings up several instances across the country where motorists have struck and killed those in wheelchairs. In some instances, the driver did not stop.

So we must warn drivers to be alert, especially in our county which has a number of wheelchair-bound residents and a huge number of retirement areas.

And the responsibility for avoiding accidents also has to fall on the wheelchair owners themselves. Crossing busy highways at poorly lit areas where there is no stoplight is courting danger.

Let's get everyone on the same page. This type of accident is particularly devastating both on the victim's family and on those who hit the wheelchair. Let's all be careful and keep an eye out for the wheelchairs. And if you're trying to cross a busy highway, make sure you do so where you can be reasonably safe.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Who are we anyway?

Congratulations to L. Emmons, Ed Noe, Bill Farthing and Charles Piazza for your thoughtful editorials last week. When you write with common sense and an obvious love for our country, it shows the “far left” up for who they are and gives them challenges they simply can't answer without revealing their radical agenda for all to see. I can't wait to see Wendy Binnie's response to the challenges. One of the oldest sayings known to man, “You can best judge a man by the company he keeps” has never been more meaningful than it is with President Obama. If these American hating radicals don't scare you with their visions for our future, you truly don't understand what made America great. Don't believe me, Glenn Beck or anyone else, just listen to their own words from their own mouth and their writings.

The more power the federal government attains, the more freedom we lose. Does even the most liberal American really want this type change for our children and grandchildren? Do you really prefer other countries to ours? Do you believe that our rights come from government and not from almighty God? Most Americans strongly support our capitalist system and the opportunities it provides, denouncing the attempted move toward socialism or worse by this administration. Again, if you don't believe we are the greatest country in the world you have the right to move

to wherever you think is better.

Liberals attack the Tea Parties without any knowledge of what goes on in the meetings. I know of no other group that works so hard to get meaningful information to the public about local and national candidates and their stance on important issues.

Our Ocala Tea Party provides “report cards” on the candidates, not to endorse, but to provide the public with this information. Following an opening Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, we are brought up to date on recent national and local events. We then feature a candidate who makes a short presentation on his or her qualifications then have an open forum for questions. Anyone can participate and this gives us the opportunity to better know the candidate and how they feel on important issues relative to the respective office/position. Every voting citizen should have this information so if you have not attended, I invite you to our next Monday night meeting at 7 p.m. at Berean Baptist Church on 20th Street in Ocala. Look me up, Lord willing, I will be there.

Most Americans still believe that God is in charge, he is the creator of the universe, we were created in his image, not the result of some explosion Wendy, and we pray the he will continue to bless our country as he has in the past. He promises to heal our land if we turn back to him.

God bless.

Wayne Rackley
Ocala



Discovering some gems in the area



Jim Clark

Marking my first anniversary at the *South Marion Citizen*, I learned this past weekend that there are still things to discover in this area.

Last Saturday there was a political forum at the West Port High School auditorium. This was my first trip to this facility (I've been to sporting events at the school before) and I was stunned to see the auditorium.

I realize it's part of the county's arts program, but still, it's one of the best high school facilities I've ever seen. Spacious and comfortable, it was a great venue for this forum put on by the Republican

Business Council.

Actually, there was so much room, I wondered why the candidates were required to set up their booths outside, where the heat was oppressive. However, that's another story.

If you ever have a chance to go watch a production at this facility, don't avoid it because you think you're going to be stuck in just another high school auditorium. As you make up your mind to attend an event, don't let the building be an excuse not to go.

Parking is plentiful and there is a sheltered walkway entrance where people can be dropped off.

Earlier that morning, I took a photo of the “Stuff the Bus” program, and on my way to West Port, I was running early and saw the sign for Sholom Park.

The park isn't very imposing looking from 80th Avenue, but I decided to detour off the road and see what was back there.

It was amazing. If you've never been to this park, which is free, take time to go back there. It's a

beautiful setup in which you can lose yourself to nature, and it's wisely built far enough back from the road so there's no traffic noise to distract you.

I have to confess that I didn't get out and walk around, since the heat index was about 105 on Saturday. But I saw enough from the road and the parking area to make me realize what an asset to the community this is.

For those who aren't familiar with the location, you go north from State Road 200 on 80th Avenue. After you pass the Circle Square Commons on OTOW and head toward West Port, the park will be on your left. Warning signs are non-existent, however, until you're right on top of it, and there is no left turn lane, two things that should be remedied by the county as soon as possible.

The park is open during daylight hours. Enjoy.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Charlie Crist, a known quantity

Well, we've seen and heard from the candidates for governor and senator. At least we've seen and heard who can bash each other the most. But, where is the substance? Nowhere! Let me say right here, that I'm not part of any political party or movement, I'm just a concerned citizen.

Out of this group who would be senator is a man we all know, as a champion for the people, Charlie Crist. You've heard the old saying “a bird in the hand is worth two in a bush.” Well, that's what we have in Charlie Crist. We know him. He's been our governor now for four years and we know what he stands for.

Many of you didn't live here during the tenure of Gov. Lawton Chiles, a governor's governor. I walked with Lawton, worked with him to get my associations legislation through the

Legislature and knew him personally and a finer man you won't find anywhere. Everything he did was for the people of Florida. Charlie Crist is that type of man.

Again, we know Charlie Crist and what he stands for. He couldn't continue on the path of the Republican Party, so he declared to be an Independent, and that's what he's been as governor; an Independent. Jeff Greene and Marco Rubio are opportunists and Kendrick Meeks has had a taste of the Congress and wants to go to the big boys' side, the Senate. In all, and I mean all of these three men's advertisements, they do nothing but bash each other. No substance as to who they are or what they will do for Florida.

We know what Charlie Crist will do for Florida because he's shown these last four years that he represents Florida and Florida's inter-

ests. His service to Florida is an open book. He's had to fight the Legislature where his former party does nothing but play politics and we should clean house with whole lot of them. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Cliff Stearns who is completely out of touch with his constituents. He's another party man who votes the party not the people, but enjoys the perks of a senator.

Not being a politician but a concerned Florida resident, we must support and vote for Charlie Crist, if we want someone who listens to the people and votes for the people. This election is critical for all Americans but Floridians in particular. Charlie Crist would vote to support the Space Coast and discontinue drilling for oil in the gulf, just to mention a couple issues.

Bill Ford
Ocala

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Letter writers should check their sources



Wendy E. Binnie

WB

Writers find it quite difficult to respond to ridiculous statements that “everybody knows the real truth.” “Everybody?” If that were so, it would be impossible to prove, never mind accept. It also sounds extremely silly and childish. To be accused of being a non-Christian (or non-any religion) is personal attack by people who haven’t the slightest idea about that which they are talking. It is also difficult to defend when an unwritten rule of journalism is not to engage the reader in banter. We resent being told that we do not want us to be a Christian nation; that we are jealous of millionaire talk show hosts and worse yet when statements are made without equivocation that our president is neither Muslim nor a socialist, the writer is told vehemently they are incorrect. To make such a comment requests the detractor to define socialism, we can wait. Just what is our “proven

form of government?” It might be good book material.

Another self-described patriot writes that the writer is way far to the left. Nothing could be further from the truth — but dream on if you must attack. As to the rest of the amazingly awful diatribe, please go to snopes.com or a decent reference source as columnists have neither the time nor the inclination to rebut line by line. Hatred is a terrible emotion; it rots the soul — how much better to seek the truth and refrain from bemoaning people who have the guts to let it all hang out. Nobody says we must all agree — what a boring world that would be, but at least try to disagree with civility.

The mention of journalists is hysterical — but please, you people with computers please Google it and you’ll find such a mish-mash as to rival the Gorgon knot! Oh sorry, they were also called infamous. Leaving the Sherrod mess alone for now — Mr. Beck has a list of “too many to count” boo boos, errors and cases where he has been proven wrong — but why not do your own work — Google it yourself. “If I get out of control and start leveling baseless charges,” Glenn Beck claimed on his Fox News Channel show,

“guess what happens? I’m fired.” But that evidently didn’t stop him from later accusing President Barack Obama of allegedly refusing to meet with BP’s CEO because the British oil giant’s top executive is white. The Fox News host played a clip of President Obama declaring, “My experience is when you talk to a guy like a BP CEO, he’s going to say all the right things to me. I’m not interested in words, I’m interested in action.” Where did he say white BP CEO?

Beck then went on to rebuke Obama for saying he’d meet with the president of Iran, but not the chief of BP. Lampooning Obama, Beck remarked, “I’ll meet with Mahmoud Ahmadinejad ... without any preconditions because we have to be able to talk ... We’ll sit down; have some tea, some crumpet. Yeah, you’re a raging lunatic but we can get through to you and trust you. Now, the BP CEO? Depart from me, evil one!” Oh what a riot, what a comedian; what an embarrassment. Something far more serious occurred.

On Sunday, July 18, unhinged ex-convict Byron Williams loaded his truck with guns and headed up a California highway with the intention of starting a revolution. If he hadn’t been stopped by brave officers — two of whom were

wounded in the confrontation — he could have carried out a plan to kill staff at progressive organizations, including the Tides Foundation.

What is the Tides Foundation? It’s the nonprofit that Glenn Beck brags about “turning the light of day” on by constantly attacking it as part of a socialist conspiracy to destroy our government. The Tides Foundation isn’t the shadowy political influence of Beck’s fantasies — it’s a transparent organization known in the philanthropic community for doing good public service. Make no mistake: Beck’s intention was to paint the Tides Foundation as a dangerous, increasingly powerful threat to freedom that must be stopped. And Williams set out to stop them.

It’s time for those who profit from Beck to take responsibility for his incitements to violence. Beck’s paranoid, dishonest and incendiary rhetoric doesn’t just reflect on Beck — it reflects on News Corp., Fox News’ parent company, and its shareholders. Morgan Stanley owns nearly \$300,000,000 in News Corp. stock, Bank of New York more than \$175,000,000, Goldman Sachs \$115,000,000, and JPMorgan Chase nearly \$70,000,000. As owners of

the company, they need to take responsibility for the conduct of its employees. They should renounce his violent rhetoric and dangerous consequences.

Media Matters Senior Fellow Eric Boehlert wrote: “Indeed, for more than a year Beck has been portraying the progressive organization as a central player in a larger, nefarious cabal of Marxist/socialist-Nazi Obama-loving outlets determined to destroy democracy in America. Beck has routinely smeared the low-profile entity for being staffed by “thugs” and “bullies” and involved in “the nastiest,” like indoctrinating schoolchildren and creating a “mass organization to seize power.”

As Media Matters reported, the conspiratorial host had mentioned (read: attacked) the little-known progressive organization nearly 30 times on his Fox program alone since it premiered in 2009, including several mentions in the last month. (Beck’s the only TV talker who regularly references the foundation, according to Nexis searches.) So yes, Beck has done all he can to scare the hell out of people about the Tides Foundation and “turn the light of day” onto an organization that actually facilitates non-profit

giving. And guess what? Everybody in America would have found out about the Tides Foundation last week if Byron Williams had had his way. Demand that News Corp’s major shareholders renounce Beck’s violent rhetoric and its dangerous consequences.

Bertrand Arthur William Russell, 3rd Earl Russell (b.1872 – d.1970) was a British philosopher, logician, essayist and social critic best known for his work in mathematical logic and analytic philosophy. Over the course of his long career, Russell made significant contributions, not just to logic and philosophy, but to a broad range of subjects including education, history, political theory and religious studies. In addition, many of his writings on a variety of topics in both the sciences and the humanities have influenced generations of general readers. Oh, and darn it — he was a pacifist.

Definition of Conservatism: “The fortunate must not be restrained in the exercise of tyranny over the unfortunate.” Harper’s Magazine, March 1926 – Bertrand Russell.

As I was saying,
Wendy England Binnie a novelist and op/ed columnist lives in Oak Trace Villas.

S T A N G



Every party seems to have room for one bore.

Can’t help it: News is negative



Robert E. Beckner

RB

RIGHT DOWN THE CORRIDOR

As the conservative columnist of this newspaper, my views obviously are of a conservative nature. Our country currently is being headed by a president and Congress that is the most liberal-progressive one that our people have lived under. It is my job to point out as many items as possible that will affect our readers’ lives, found not only in the local, state, national and even international locations. Readers are informed, educated and made aware of what is sooner or later going to affect their lives. This column does not make or create the news, which is mostly all negative, we just report it.

What has happened to our once prosperous, proud America? All we read and see today is the country in deep debt, it will never be able to pay back, not even by our chil-

dren and their children. We see very high joblessness and homelessness. Our rate of unemployment here in Ocala is 13.5 percent, homes being foreclosed at record rates, more homes whose value is worth less than what the owners are currently paying for them. Watch TV and everyone is full of murders, rapes, kidnapping, robberies and you name the crimes. There is no variance every day. Gasoline and food prices among others are way up on everything, anything you buy is overpriced as some take advantage of what is being called a recession and being said to look out for a double dip depression. This is just a small sample of what poses for news, do you truly see any one thing that would pass for “positive” news?

So is it any wonder that when writers report things of this nature; to some readers the choice word is that we have “negativity” in our columns! Most writers would much prefer a different world where there would be peace and happiness and we could say it’s all a wonderful life, from an economic, health and employment and all good feelings, situation, but that is exactly not what it is, everyone must quit wanting to see the world through rose colored glasses. That world will never be back again, at least in my lifetime. Amer-

icans must want it back enough to work for it! The so-called negative writers are not on any crusade or have hostility or anger, in their columns. If anything readers should appreciate the news as they can now read it, as often you are given news and information before you get it from any other sources, if ever at all. Appreciate what “freedom of speech” we still have as the current socialist government is currently doing its best to take it away from all forms of media in a variety of ways, this would tighten their closing network of even more control on every aspect of our lives. Yes, it’s hard to believe that we have such enemies inside our country, when always in the past our enemies were easier to know and to accept as they were all foreign to our country.

You cannot hold meaningful discussions with your enemies, which are Muslim Islamic extremists, subversive and insurgents, terrorists who have only one thing in mind, to follow their Koran (Bible) to kill us and all the other infidels. We have four states that are about bankrupt right now, New York, New Jersey, Michigan and especially California and all of them will soon be begging Congress to help their states out of their financial mess which they brought

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on themselves. They'll probably get it, this administration won't say no with an election coming up in November (only 100 days away). They couldn't care less about further spending as they have no intention of ever paying it back. With 20 million workers on pension plans, there is a total of more than 360 billion of "unfunded" pension plans. By increasing taxes it's going to hit hard in 2011. Let unions continue to run amok, put more regulations on businesses and then watch more jobs disappear. We have just seen in June when the "Disclosure Act" was passed, which limits political free speech, which will bring grief, government deficits are such a public relation's nightmare that Democrats didn't even bother enacting a budget this year. The \$3.6 trillion can just blow in the wind and they hope you don't notice a \$1.5 trillion

deficit. On taxes, you deserve a whole column on this subject, just a continuation of our "Doom and Gloom" columns. We cannot write about our politics since it seems everything going on is negative. The president's approval rate, according to the Wall St. Journal, is down to 44 percent, and Congress is even worse at 11 percent. How about the weather, try New Orleans, the wind and flooding from Katrina hit them hard and the help they received was a further disaster, it was handled so poorly. Then the recent oil leak that brought out all the corrupt information that doesn't need anymore details here. The country is having floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, mud slides, earthquakes, fires, train and plane crashes, the list is long and all bad. Yet this bad news gets reported and some writers are blamed for telling readers about it! Do we have an option?

It's current and important to report that the de-

parture of General McChrystal damaged the president's leadership image that was already reeling from the oil spill, high unemployment of 15+ percent nationwide, Afghanistan and even Iraq, all these multiple fronts show ineffectiveness in any type of crisis management. He is in a constant campaign mode, now playing the race card on TV everyday, this adding to his critics' opportunity to blame his "leadership" style and incompetence. The public has clearly lost all trust in this government. The president's oil drilling moratorium will cost more jobs. It's well known his spinning of the oil crisis is just to later push his Cap and Trade agenda. Democrats daily show they want to impose a social secularist

agenda on America.

If we look outside America, we see riots in Canada at the G-20 meetings and in South Africa, due to lingering racial tension, tribal politics and the prospect of violent land grabs. Will we see all this in America when "Sustainable Development" gets further into our lives?

We daily hear and read about North Korea's threats, as of today they were making "nuclear" ones over our joint Naval maneuver with South Korea.

Iran laughs at us and the United Nations over our threatened sanctions as they proceed merrily along developing nuclear bombs. Mighty China "owns" our country through all our government bonds they have bought to keep Amer-

ica going for a little while longer, as they continue to make friends all around the world and gaining trade deals for their future. Closer to home, Mexico sends its president to address our Congress where he received a standing ovation when he spoke, telling Congress and our president how we should "control our borders and our immigration policy." We let him and Congress get away with it! Instead of closing and protecting our Mexican border as called for in our Constitution, the president has the attorney general sue the state of Arizona for passing an immigration law, not in conflict with the federal law, but one to actually help do the federal's job.

This column will be effective if you read it with

an open mind and take your own hard look at what is going on in this maddening, current, messed up world we live in. You won't find anything but "negativity" going on around us and it will get even worse if "constitutional conservatives" don't come out and vote in November to clean house of all the current politicians who have got us in this mess. Also, good hunting in your search for "positive" reading.

In a time of Universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.....George Orwell

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M O R E L E T T E R S

Advice for Wendy

For once I totally agree with Wendy Binne when she wrote: "Nothing more needs to be said."

I hope she follows her own advice.

Mike Zuckerman
Ocala

Socialist or Muslim

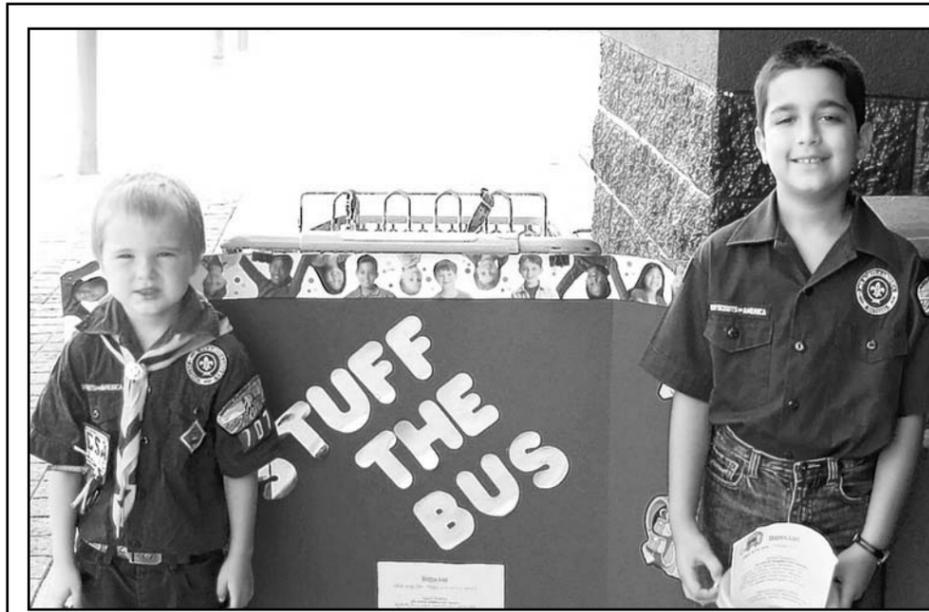
A reply to L. Emmons:
It is extremely unlikely a

congress person or senator would permit a Socialist or Muslim or noncitizen to occupy the presidency. Please call your congressman for the facts.

He is Clifford Stearns at 351-8777.

You should question the source of your information. I would.

Alan Gold
Ocala



Stuff the bus

The big yellow bus was at Walmart last Saturday as people were asked to donate toward helping homeless children with school supplies. Many passers-by dropped funds into the buckets carried by Cub Scouts from Pack 707 at Ocala West United Methodist Church, including Charles Starr, left, 6, and Justin Atwood, 7. The final Southwest Ocala visit will be Aug. 8, Sunday, at Meadowbrook Church, 4741 S.W. 20th St.

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June Roberta

OTOW HAPPENINGS

Simplify your life week is Aug. 1 through 7. This is just an extra reminder as it can be done whenever you find some spare time. Find smarter, faster, and easier ways of doing things. Don't overflow your home. Doing so only gives you more things to take care of and less time to relax and enjoy your retirement.

Any clutter, whether it's overflowed closets or knick-knacks everywhere, should be reduced to a minimum. One way to simplify is to stop going on buying sprees. Mall shopping is being used as entertainment especially by the young.

Trigger Point Therapy

In classroom 1 at the Learning Center, Bob Mawhiney and his wife, Phyllis, gave a talk on this subject. There were four home therapies discussed: tennis ball therapy, stretch and pull, knee-leg roll, and elbow therapy.

These therapies can be self-administered to relieve pain, muscle soreness and stiffness. Dr. Mawhiney demonstrated proper self application (when and where to apply). These therapies help to control pain without excess medication. He also discussed how to determine if the problem requires a visit to a doctor.

We were given a few handouts to add to the information being given. One page showed a man and a woman with the pressure points noted. Another mentioned information that was developed by Mrs. Mawhiney. She was diagnosed with fibromyalgia in 1988 and devised the therapies they discussed today. In 1996, she became a Certified Chiropractic Assistant to her husband who practiced in the health field for over 55 years.

Master the Possibilities

There are over a dozen classes that start next week. It's a very eclectic curriculum and there are some "one of a kind" presentations that you may be interested in.

There's a psychology class titled "Dealing with Difficult and Nasty People"... something we all deal with (unfortunately). There's a class on the First Amendment ... a presentation on "Scams"... and even a trip to a Paso Fino ranch.

Ocala symphony's Mathew Wardell will do "Conductor's Corner" that's always a very popular offering. These are just a few topics. There's also computer, art, health/wellness and Florida topics.

They would love you to stop by and bring a friend. To register online, go to masterthepossibilities.com. See you in class!

Entertainment Group

Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. the ballroom will be jumping!

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Maryellen has appeared on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno, Lifetime's "Girls Night Out" and A&E's "Evening at the Improv."

Tickets go on sale Monday, Jan. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the ballroom and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday thereafter. \$7 general and \$9 reserved with maxi-

mum of four tickets per purchase and are for residents in all OTOW Communities.

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On the Road Again

Bob Woods told me the

other day that he still has plenty of seats available for his Smoky Mountains and Key West coach trips. The cut off date for the Smokies is Sept. 9 and for Key West it is Nov. 7. He told me he is hoping people aren't procrastinating and waiting for the last minute. He explained to me that a simple deposit will give that person a seat on the coach and is fully refundable up to the time of final payment.

The Smoky Mountains trip departs Nov. 14 for a seven-day excursion, taking in many shows, a guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains and some free time in historical downtown Gatlinburg.

The Key West trip departs Jan. 16, for a five-night, six-day coach trip spending three nights in the Conch republic (Key West). There will be enjoyable stops on the way to the Keys in Fort Lauderdale and Homestead and on the way home an airboat ride in the Everglades on the way to Fort Myers and more

sightseeing before heading up Interstate 75 and home.

Bob also told me he has a five-night cruise booked departing Port Canaveral on Dec. 18, 2011 on the Freedom of the Seas heading for the Grand Caymans and Cozumel, Mexico, before returning. A good opportunity to do some final Christmas shopping besides having a good holiday cruise. The ship returns to Florida on Dec. 23.

For additional information and flyers please call Bob Woods at 352-854-0702. Don't hesitate, don't procrastinate, call today. Non-residents welcomed.

And this too shall pass ...

June Roberta is retired and lives in OTOW. She enjoyed a diverse career, including being a legal secretary to a theatrical attorney on Madison Avenue. Call her at 237-9208, or e-mail jroberta@cfl.rr.com. Deadline is a week prior to Friday's publication.

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Bess and Vedis have three children. Their two sons are police officers in the St. Louis suburbs and their daughter is a school teacher in Landenburg, Pennsylvania. Bess and Vedis have nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Vedis served in the U.S. Army for three years during World War II and was recalled and served for one year in the Korean War in 1951. He is a Scottish Rite Freemason, Valley of St. Louis Orient of Missouri. His blue lodge is Four Mile Lodge, No. 212, Campbell, Missouri.

They both like gardening, walking, traveling and going on short day trips. Vedis also bowls weekly. Welcome Vedis and Bess to the best community in Florida.

From Koebbes' Kitchen:

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- 1 med. onion chopped
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- 1 tsp poultry seasoning
- ½ tsp paprika
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 large carrot diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- ¼ tsp rosemary
- salt and pepper to taste

In a dutch oven, sauté the onions and garlic in olive oil. Remove garlic and reserve, add oxtails and brown on all sides. Add tomatoes, carrot, celery and seasonings, including the reserved garlic. Cover and simmer for about two hours until meat falls off bones. Serve over brown rice. Enjoy.

Here is but a smidgen of doin's out our way:

Bob Breffle will receive school supply donations for Dunnellon School now. Deposit in box on porch or contact Bob. He thanks everyone for their continuing support.

No Open House Committee meeting in August. Open House on the second and fourth Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at usual.

Finance and modification accepting applications for new members. Forms available in community office.

Arts and crafts fair 2010. Applications for space available, first come, first pick. Also sign up now for volunteers. Annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be Sat-

urday, Dec. 4. For more information, contact Shirley Camenson.

Application forms available for candidates for board of directors. Two directors to be elected. Voting to take place after annual meeting of SCP Homeowners Association, Tuesday, Oct. 19. All applications must be received at the community office by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Newspaper and aluminum recycling every Tuesday early morning. Place bundled or bagged newspapers, magazines and aluminum next to garage door for pickup by volunteers from the On the Level Club.

Bingo every Tuesday evening for Preservists.

Cards on sale 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Games start at 6:30 p.m.

Until next time. God be willing and the creek doesn't rise.

Deej and her husband,

Joe, live in Spruce Creek Preserve. To submit news items or announcements leave notices in her library cubby or call her. The Koebbes are listed in the Preserve phone directory.

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Saturday, Aug. 7: Queen of Hearts Party 5 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 8: Breakfast 8 to 11 a.m.; district meeting at West Marion, 1 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 10: Moose Legion meeting 6 p.m.,

Men's meeting 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 10: Meat-leaf dinner starts at 5 p.m.; John Vest entertains 5 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 12: Pitch, cards 1 p.m., bowling 6 p.m., shuffleboard and Wii at 7 p.m.

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Democratic Club candidate forum will be on Aug. 18



Carol Ann Wheeler

OAK RUN

Ken Nadeau, who is running for County Commissioner, District 2, and Jon Paugh who is running for the Florida House, District 22, will be at the Democratic Club candidate forum at 7 p.m. on Aug. 18 in the Orchid Club. These two candidates are confirmed at this time although others may also appear. The program is open to all. Come and be an informed voter.

Way Off Broadway

Way Off Broadway's production of "Call Me Madam" features the music of Irving Berlin. Tunes such as "Hostess With The Mostess," "It's a Lovely Day Today," "The Best thing For You Would Be Me" and "You're Just in Love," as well as many other beautiful songs, will be performed. There will be a surprise tune that may have you on your feet singing along.

The talented cast has been working with music director Nap Auger and assistant music director Mary Walker to ensure delightful performances when "Call Me Madam" is presented Oct. 22, 23 and 24. Ticket sale time is finally here. The good news is that in addition to the Orchid Club, tickets will also be available at the Palm Grove Club. Sale dates at the Orchid Club lobby are Aug. 14 from 8 to 10 a.m., Aug. 17 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and Aug. 28 from 8 to 10 a.m. and 5:30

to 6:45 p.m. Palm Grove ticket sales will begin in September and will be announced then. Ticket chairlady Linda Noel can answer any question regarding tickets if you call 352-873-9908.

Way Off Broadway's next meeting is Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Palm Grove Club.

Do You Remember?

Tune in to channel 12 for Len Teitler's presentation of the Pen-Del-Mar Club's dinner with the steel drum ensemble in June 2010. The program will be narrated by Anna Boodee and air following "FYI" daily at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. from Aug. 6 to Aug. 13.

Renaissance Women

All you unattached ladies out there are invited to join Renaissance Women on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Chili's. Call Pat at 352-854-7549 to reserve your spot. In September the group is thinking about going to Sky and trying their new menu.

Call Gerry at 352-873-6868 if you are interested in going with a group to the new Julia Roberts movie coming out in mid-August

Those who like gambling are reminded that Oak Run Travel will have another casino trip on Sept. 13. Call Pat Kreideweis for more information.

At the last meeting it was decided to donate money to Interfaith again this year for the holidays. Your donation should be brought in cash to the next meeting on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m. at Palm Grove. Watch channel 12 for up-to-date information about the activities of this active club.

Oak Run Travel

To fill out your calendar for the rest of the year, we will start with December and work backwards.

The first date is Dec. 16 which is a new trip for us this year, "Celebration of Christmas Past at the Car-

riage House Museum." The Carriage House Museum is amazing by itself but at Christmas time it is beautifully decorated. The costumed guides escort small groups of visitors through the museum, where performers share how our early ancestors celebrated Christmas. Christmas music, sumptuous desserts and hot chocolate complete the holiday mood. Call Connie and Phil Smith to reserve your seat.

Then on Nov. 6 will be another holiday treat for Thanksgiving, Bok Tower Gardens and concert. The concert is by the Orlando Symphony Orchestra playing pops and light classics, plus you get to see beautiful gardens and eat a great dinner. Call Jack and Eleanor Foggan.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, will be the ever popular musical, "Oklahoma," at the Show Palace Dinner Theatre. The buffet dinner and show are always first class. Call Joanne and John Misener and enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

In September, you have two great trips to choose from: The Hard Rock Casino #3 on Monday, Sept. 13 for only \$21. Call Art and Pat Kreideweis to get on this trip. Also, you can enjoy the dog races at our new facility, the Derby Club in St. Petersburg. You will start with a buffet lunch which includes both brunch and luncheon items. As well as the dog racing, there is a poker room for you to enjoy. Call Bob and Maurteen Farulla to reserve.

The tickets for Celtic Thunder (call Joanne Misener) and "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Phillips Center (call Connie Smith) are going fast so call today to reserve. We can't get additional tickets for either show.

For information on our overnight trips in 2011 call

John Casablance for information on the Celebrity Cruise to the Eastern Caribbean March 26 through April 2. Call JoAnn and Jan Flickinger for information on the Costa Rica trip April 12 through April 18. And finally, call Bob and Cindy Kocher for the few cabins remaining on the Ruby Princess cruise which starts in Venice, Italy, from Oct. 18 through Nov. 6.

Royal Oaks Women's Golf

On Tuesday, July 27, the game was "count only the holes that begin with the letters o-n-e-s." We counted holes 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17 and 18. We then deducted one-half our handicap from our 9-hole total.

The winners in group 1 were: first place — Sylvia Zappia, 29; second place — J.T. LeMasters, 31 and third place — Pat Blackburn, 32.5. In group 2: first place — Carol Clark, 30; second place — Maureen Edwards, 33; third place (tie) — Salita Timmermeyer and Janet Tully, 33.5. In group 3: first place — Patty Waddell, 30.5; second place (tie) — Pat Salberg and Joanne Morris, 35.5.

Closest to hole 3 was Maureen Edwards.

Royal Oaks Lady Niners

"Scratch and Scramble" was the team game we played on July 29. For this game, each person plays their own ball and records their net score. When finished, the net scores for each of the team members are combined, then divided by the number of team members. The team of B.J. Lassiter, Joyce Madill, Sally Crass and Ilene Simnowitz won. The team of Eleanor Cerlenko, Patty Waddell,

Joan Scholl and B.J. Lassiter (blind) and the team of Rae Stover, Carolee Riola, Diana Schmidt, and Patty Waddell (blind) tied for second place.

Patty Waddell made a chip-in for par on the 17th hole!

All ladies living in Oak Run are welcome to play with the Lady Niners on Monday mornings. The teetimes are noted on the sign-up sheet in the ladies locker room.

Carol Ann's Corner

These safety tips about driving in the rain were sent to me by Pat Ghertler. One is rather obvious once you think about it. The other you will have to try for yourself. The first is "never drive in the rain, or on ice, with your cruise control on." You might think setting a slow speed would help you maintain a safe and consistent speed. However, if the car hydroplanes and the tires leave the road, cruise control will accelerate and you could find yourself flying down the road. Actually I have thought that you shouldn't use cruise control in anything other than perfect conditions, when cars are not weaving in an out of lanes and when you will be traveling at the same rate of speed for a consider-

able period of time. That's probably why they call it cruise control. With cruise control on there's a good chance that your braking foot is farther from the brake than it would be if it were on the accelerator. In addition, when you take your foot off the accelerator the car will slow slightly even before you engage the brake while with cruise control the car will continue at the same speed until you depress the brake.

The second rain driving tip is "wear sunglasses, even at night, if you are having difficulty seeing." It is said to help with the reflected glare. Try it and see how it works for you.

Send all items for this column to Carol Ann Wheeler at democratcarol@deccacable.com no later than the afternoon of the Friday before publication. Note there are no hyphens in the address. If you wish to call her; the number is in the Oak Run directory. You may send pictures as jpg attachments. Typed copy or hard copy photos can be placed in Carol's cubby across the street from her house but should be submitted earlier as they take longer to process. The names of the people in all photos must be included.



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August 6 - 2:00pm

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 **Communication! What are You Really Saying?**
August 13 - 2:00pm

This interactive program deals with the lives of caregivers and people living with dementia. We will address effective communication tips, how environment can play a role, and the effects it can have on someone with dementia. Presented by Terrie Hardison, Executive Director, Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance.

 **Taking Control of Your Diabetes**
August 17 - 2:00pm

Do you find it difficult to know which foods to choose and how to order when you are dining out? Do you not dine out because you might select the wrong foods and adversely affect your diabetic numbers? Learn about making dining out more pleasurable. Presented by Jennifer Cangenelli, Registered Dietician, Ocala Health System.

 **When to Call 911: Facts that Could Save Your Life!**
August 20 - 2:00pm

Do you know when to call 911 for a medical condition? Some people delay calling 911 because they are unsure whether their medical condition or complaint is an emergency. There are specific conditions that should not wait. Presented by Arthur Osberg, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Ocala Health System.

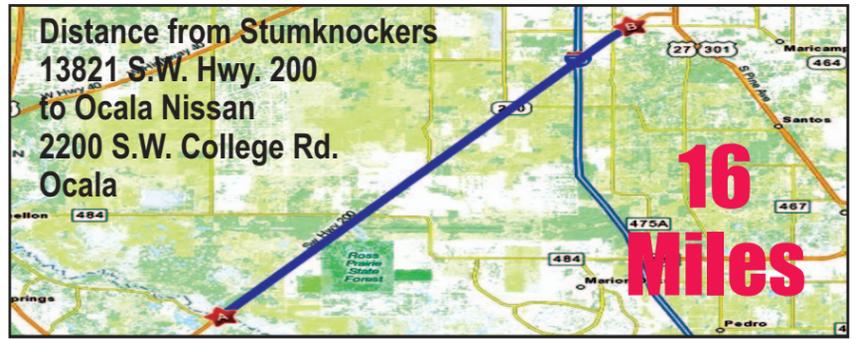
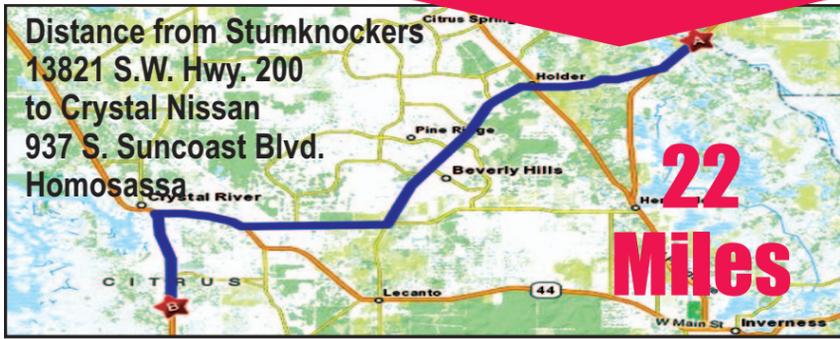
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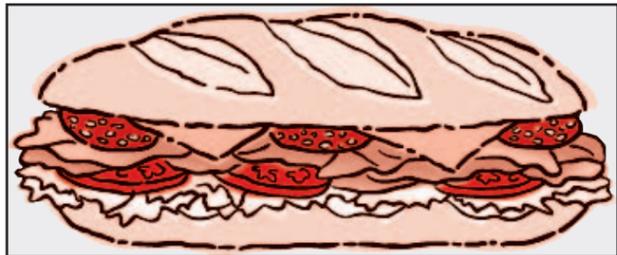
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Taking a look at modern auto mechanics



Dick Frank

PUN ALLEY

Modern cars are wonderful. An indicator lights up whenever there's something wrong; but the source of the problem is not always obvious. Such a problem had me back to my local tire and auto care center several times. They persevered and fixed the car as good as new, spending more effort on it than I was charged.

Such problems have been known to drive auto mechanics to mental wards. Doctor: "This room is reserved for auto mechanics."

Visitor: "But the room is empty; are there any patients?"

Doctor: "Yes, they are all under the beds repairing."

Auto stop

A mechanic was working under a car and some brake fluid dripped into his mouth. "Wow! That

stuff isn't too bad tasting," he thought. Next day he told his buddy about tasting the brake fluid. "Not bad," he said. "Think I'll have a little more today." A few days later he was up to a bottle a day, and told his friend "This brake fluid is really great stuff."

His friend was worried; "You know that brake fluid is poison and bad for you. You better stop drinking that stuff."

"Hey, no problem," the mechanic said, "I can stop any time."

Mechanic needed

A guy's car broke down on a remote Scottish road. Luckily, there was a cottage nearby. The guy walked over to it and knocked on the door.

"Is there a mechanic in the area?" he asked the woman who answered the door.

She scratched her head and thought for a few seconds. "No," she finally said, "but we do have a McAndrews and a McKay."

Carburetor trouble

Tom's wife came in the house and said, "Honey, the car won't start, but I know what the problem is. There's water in the carburetor."

Tom then said, "You know, I don't mean this offensively, but you don't know the carburetor from the accelerator."

"No, there's definitely water in the carburetor,"

she insisted.

"OK Honey, that's fine, I'll just go take a look. Where is it?"

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"That doesn't matter," replied Darryl, "I just need to sell the car."

"Okay," said Ted, "Here's the address of a friend of mine. He will turn the odometer back to 50,000 miles. Then it should be easy to sell your car."

The following weekend, Darryl made the trip to Ted's friend. About one month after that, Ted asked him, "So, did you sell your car?"

"No," replied Darryl, "why should I? It only has 50,000 miles on it!"

Tea Party

Contrary to what the

history books say the Boston tea party really was a raid by Indians. These Native Americans knew that drinking tea was essential to their early morning hunting excursions. They would drink it in the evening and early the next morning the need to urinate would wake them up.

But there was one Indian who just wouldn't wake up. He really wanted to hunt with the others so one night he drank four quarts of tea, certain that would help. But once again he didn't wake up; he drowned in his tea pee.

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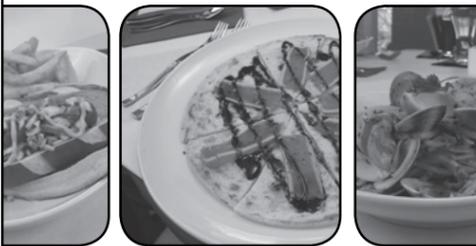
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As summers go, this one is going



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Rev. James L. Snyder

OUT TO PASTOR

During my high school career I was no thespian, however, I could act the fool when called upon. My friend was the thespian and starred in our senior high school play, "Finian's Rainbow." One of the musical numbers was, "When I'm not near the girl I love, I love the girl I'm near."

I have altered this title a little to fit my own needs. My version goes, "When I'm not in the season I love, I love the season I'm in." It is a wonderful motto and has solved quite a few problems

down the years. Just don't ask me to sing it for you. I can, but you do not want to hear it, believe me.

At my age I have learned a thing or two. One of the things I have learned is that you might as well be content where you are at because that is where you are. All these people that are jumpy and nervous because they are not exactly where they want to be, waste a lot of precious time and energy.

I am old enough to appreciate where I am. I could bemoan the fact that I'm not somewhere else, but what good would that do. I know I'm not at my destination yet, so I am determined to enjoy the journey and not miss one thing along the way.

This is the difference between the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly.

Just the other day her Majesty was complaining about the weather. "It's so hot outside, I can hardly stand it."

Of course, I could not resist saying, "Well, why don't you sit down." To

which, she treated me to one of her infamous glares. Somehow, in the hot sunshine her glare did not have its normal effect. For one, she was too hot and did not have the energy to follow through on her glare.

But I love the summer. It is a wonderful time of the year and my affection for the season goes all the way back to my days in school.

I enjoy every aspect of summer and when God created summer, he created a masterpiece. Not a summer day goes by that I do not thank Him for the summer.

I need to get one thing quite clear: I am not one of those who lie out in the sun to get a suntan. That is not my cup of tea, or rather glass of lemonade. I do not fault those who lie out in the sun to get what they call a suntan. Rather, I feel sorry for those old saps. Why ruin a good day by lying in the sun?

I had one bad sunburn in my life. It happened on our honeymoon. My wife and I were married in Au-

gust in the year of our Lord 1971. Upon common consent, we chose for our honeymoon location Niagara Falls.

The motel we stayed in had a marvelous swimming pool. At the time, my companion in nuptials and I thought we were living the life of luxury. This was the first time we had been on our own and we were going to enjoy it to the hilt. Too bad we could not afford a Hilton.

Late that morning we walked several blocks down the street and treated ourselves to our first lunch as a "till-death-do-you-part" twosome. I am not sure what we ate all I remember is the company was terrific. After lunch, we decided to spend some time at the poolside.

Being unaccustomed to the life of luxury I did not know what the rules were. So, in my sheer ignorance I decided to sit by the pool and luxuriate in the beautiful August sun. Obviously, I was more tired than I realized and fell into a wonderfully deep

sleep.

Finally, I began to hear a voice I recognized and soon began to understand some of the words. "Do you know it's almost time for supper?"

I opened my eyes and tried to smile. My face would not smile. In fact, my face felt rather hot. Then the rest of my body joined in the fiery chorus informing me that every bit of my body was ablaze. I had a sunburn to beat all sunburns. I could not move. I could not get up from the lounge chair.

A short journey into panic-land brought me into full consciousness. With great care and with the help of my new wife I was able to get into our room. I laid down in the bed with every corpusele in my body screaming in protest. The more I lay there the hotter I became. I heard of hot bridegrooms on their wedding night but this was not how I pictured it.

Fortunately, we had planned to stay in the motel for a week and for a week exactly, I lay in my

bed unable to move without excruciating pain.

Ever since that time, I have had a great deal of respect for the summer sun. Even though I had that one bad experience, I have never blamed it on the summer season. Rather, I have reveled in what the Bible teaches. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

It is in the "all things" that I discover God's love for me.

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Cherrywood travel

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861-1432 to get the rates and reserve your seat. Remember you do not need to live in Cherrywood to go on our trips. Just call Nancy to sign up.

Boogie Wonderland (eight seats have opened up on this trip), Thursday, Aug. 19: An all-new musical revue which highlights the fads, fashions and music of one of the most outrageous decades in history. Filled with some of the best songs of the 1970s and tributes to classic commercials and variety shows of the era, this show is a perfect trip for the whole family.

Luncheon Train (just five seats open), 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.

Clearwater Yacht Cruise (16 seats left), Thursday, Oct. 21: Enjoy a narrated two-hour luncheon cruise of Tampa Bay on board the Yacht StarShip. Trip includes bus, narrated two hour cruise, complete

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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," (eight seats left) 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," (14 seats left) 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 (20 seats left), 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

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First Baptist Church Orlando (waitlisted), 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 (20 seats left), 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," (five seats left) Thursday, Dec. 16: This classic film has become a favorite holiday musical. Join us at the Alhambra

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Show Palace Christmas (waitlisted), 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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Are early wildflower blooms a sign of global warming?

From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: I've noticed that wildflower blooms in the mountains have been coming earlier and earlier in recent years. Is this a sign of global warming? And what does this mean for the long term survival of these hardy yet rare plants? — Ashley J., via e-mail

As always, it's hard to pin specific year-to-year weather-variations and related phenomena — including altered blooming schedules for wildflowers — on global warming. But longer term analysis of seasonal flowering patterns and other natural events do indicate that global warming may be playing a role in how early wildflowers begin popping up in the high country.

University of Maryland ecologist David Inouye has been studying wildflowers in the Rocky Mountains near Crested Butte, Colorado for four decades, and has noticed that blooms have indeed begun earlier over the last decade. Aspen sunflowers, among other charismatic high country wildflowers, used to first bloom in mid-May, but are now are doing so in mid-April, a full month earlier. Inouye thinks that smaller snow packs in the mountains are melting earlier due to global warming, in turn triggering early blooms.

Smaller snow packs not only mean fewer flowers (since they have less water to use in photosynthesis); they can also stress wildflower populations not accustomed to exposure to late-spring frost. According to Inouye's research, between 1992 and 1998 such frosts killed about a third of the Aspen sunflower buds in some 30 different study plots; but more recently, from 1999 through 2006, the typical mortality rate doubled, with three-quarters of

all buds killed by frost in an average year thanks to earlier blooming.

Inouye's worrisome conclusions are backed up by experiments conducted by fellow researcher John Harte, who over a 15 year period used overhead heaters in nearby wildflower study plots to accelerate snow melt. The results were the same: Wildflowers bloomed early and not as vigorously.

Several studies in Europe have shown that some species of wildflowers there may be able to migrate north and to higher elevations as the climate warms, but Inouye fears his beloved Aspen sunflowers and many other American wildflowers may be lost forever as they are not able to migrate as quickly as needed in order to survive widespread surface temperature increases and escape extinction.

Harte is also gloomy about the prospects for Colorado's mountain wildflowers. He predicts that the wildflower fields he and Inouye have been studying will give way to sagebrush desert within the next 50 years, whether or not the governments of the world can get a grip on greenhouse gas emissions.

As a hedge against such dire predictions, the nonprofit Center for Plant Conservation is spearheading seed collection efforts on thousands of rare wildflower species across the U.S. for inclusion in the Colorado-based National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation, a repository for both com-

mon and rare "prized" American plant seeds. The "banked" seeds, useful if not solely for preserving the genetic makeup of species that may go extinct in the wild, can also be used for future restoration projects on otherwise compromised landscapes.

Contacts: David W. Inouye, <http://chemlife.umd.edu/facultyresearch/facultydirector/davidwinouye>; Center for Plant Conservation, www.centerforplantconservation.org; National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation, www.ars.usda.gov/main/site_main.htm?modecode54-02-05-00.

Dear EarthTalk: What are the most important foods to buy organic? — Rachel Klepping, Bronxville, NY

Given the usual higher prices of organic versus conventionally-grown foods, it can be a challenge to get the biggest bang for our buck while eating healthy and avoiding the ingestion of synthetic chemicals along with our nutrients. One approach, say some experts, is to only buy organic when the actual edible parts of a non-organically grown food might come into direct contact with toxic fertilizers and pesticides.

The nonprofit Environmental Working Group (EWG) reports that consumers can reduce their chemical exposure by some 80 percent by either



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Pat Wellington

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In the opening of this recent Stone Barrington novel, Stone has experienced a bad week. Standing by his table in New York's trendy Elaine's, his sexy Russian girlfriend dumps him with no previous hint that she was ending the affair. But a new job offer soon brightens his outlook. It's a simple assignment really — just find millionaire Warren Keating's estranged son and have him sign a document allowing the elder Keating to sell the family company. The kid's last known address is Key West, so it will be a working vacation for Stone and sidekick Dino. Or so it seems.

Unfortunately, Evan Keating doesn't care to be found. So Stone and Dino nose around the town until someone suggests a restaurant where the kid hangs out. And — bingo — there at

the bar with a pretty but dangerous looking girl is the object of their hunt. Stone approaches him but Evan declines talking inside. He gets up and leads the way while Stone follows: Outside on the sidewalk, a bench had been placed as a waiting area for the restaurant, and Keating motioned for Stone to sit down. Stone sat next to Keating, his back to the restaurant door. 'I know this will come as a surprise to you, but my law firm represents Elijah Keating's Sons, and ...' Something struck the back of Stone's neck, and the night exploded in stars."

This sets the stage for Stone to meet still another model-quality babe with a raging libido and almost 24/7 availability. She is

Swedish Annika, the emergency room doctor who treats Barrington. Their gratuitous sex will fill pages while adding nothing to the plot.

Recovering from his injury, Stone learns that his task is more daunting than first thought because Evan has scuttled his plans to wrap things up with a second disappearing act. This — now you see him — now you don't — pattern will continue for some time although Stone and Dino, sated on conch fritters and endless sunshine, barely complain about their imposed Key West loitering.

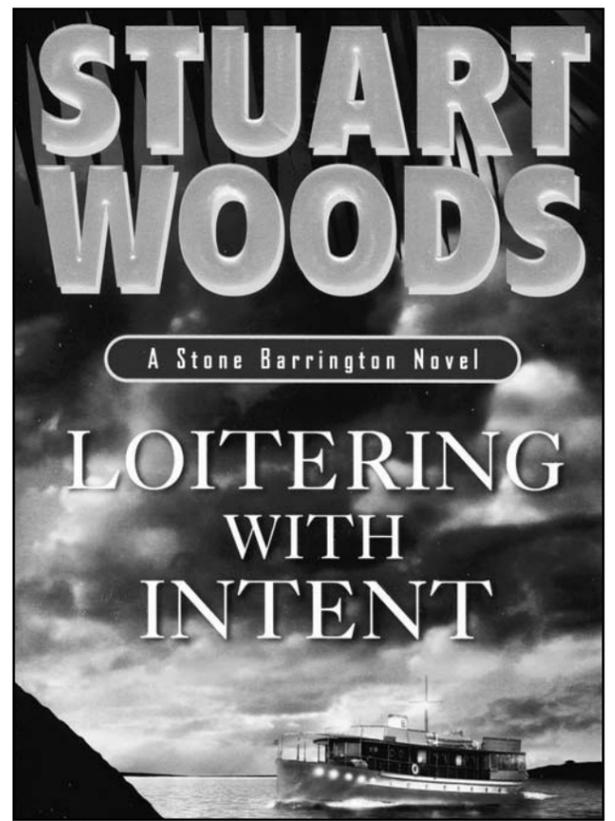
Characteristic of earlier Barrington novels are shocking twists and turns as chilling Keating family secrets surface. Case in point, client Warren Keating may

have committed his elderly father to a nursing home where he is constantly drugged, may have murdered his brother, and, incredibly, may have plans to off his own son.

Sound like a good read? Yes, it is. And as a special bonus, frequenters to Key West will delight in the many references to local attractions like Louie's Backyard and others.

Pat Wellington is a retired English professor, freelance writer, and faculty member of On Top of the World's Master the Possibilities, who shares her passion for books with others.

LOITERING WITH INTENT
By Stuart Woods



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tax prep continues

United Way of Marion County will continue to offer free income tax preparation starting Monday, April 26 through October 15. Marion County residents who need their tax returns amended or need prior year taxes done from 2007 through 2009 can take advantage of the free assistance Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. at the United Way office. Please call 352-732-9696 to make an appointment. All volunteers providing tax assistance are trained by the Internal Revenue Service.

For more information, contact Faith Beard at 352-732-9696 extension 200 to make an appointment.

Workshop volunteers needed

United Way of Marion County is looking with volunteers who are interested in being facilitators for personal budgeting workshops. Training will be provided to all individuals along with instructors' manual and materials. Facilitators will present to businesses and organizations who are interested in hosting classes for their employees or clients or members at their facility.

For more information, contact Krista Martin at 732-9696 ext. 215 or kmartin@uwmc.org.

Meals on Wheels is shy on drivers

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avoiding the most contaminated conventionally grown fruits and vegetables altogether, or by eating only the organic varieties. To help us sort through what and what not to buy, the group offers a handy Shopper's Guide to Pesticides, which fits on a small piece of paper that you can keep in your pocket and have handy on grocery trips. You can print it out for free from EWG's FoodNews.org website, or you can download it as a free App for your iPhone.

To make it easy to use, EWG has distilled its analysis into two lists. The first, "Dirty Dozen: Buy These Organic," lists foods that when grown conventionally contain the largest amounts of pesticide and fertilizer residues. These include peaches, strawberries, apples, blueberries, nectarines, bell peppers, spinach, cherries, kale/collard, greens, potatoes, and (imported) grapes. Consumers should definitely spend the extra money for organic versions of these foods.

On the other side of the coin, EWG's "Clean 15" list includes foods that contain the least amount of chemical residues when grown conventionally. These include onions, avocados, sweet corn, pineapples, mangos, sweet peas, asparagus, kiwi, cabbage, eggplant, cantaloupe, watermelon, grapefruit, sweet potatoes and honeydew. It's OK to eat conventionally grown varieties of these foods.

EWG analysts developed the "Clean 15" guide using data from some 89,000 tests for pesticide residues in produce conducted between 2000 and 2008 and collected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). What's the difference, you may ask? EWG found that by eating five conventionally-grown fruits and vegetables a day from the Dirty Dozen list, a consumer on average ingests 10 different pesticides; those who stick to the Clean 15 list ingest less than two.

Other foods you and your family eat, such as meats, cereals, breads and dairy products, might also be exposing you to unwanted chemicals. According to EWG, the direct health benefits of organic meat, eggs and milk are

less clear, but you should play it safe by sticking with all-natural, free-range, grass-fed meats that are not fed antibiotics or growth hormones, and by choosing only organic dairy products.

Thanks to increasing demand, more and more food purveyors are putting extra emphasis on organics. This will ultimately result in both lower prices and larger selections. Natural foods market aisles are already teeming with organic choices — and chances are your local supermarket or big box store has introduced organic versions of many popular items. Consequently, there has never been a better time to take stock of what you are feeding yourself and your family, and to make changes for better health.

Contact: EWG, www.foodnews.org; USDA/FDA, <http://usda-fda.com/articles/organic.htm>.

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The Environmental Working Group's handy "Shopper's Guide to Pesticides" makes it easy for consumer's to know which foods they should definitely buy organic ("The Dirty Dozen") and they can eat safely ("The Clean 15") without paying a premium for an organic variety.

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large enough to provide living space for animals and humans alike. For most of the year, the tree is leafless and the branches look like roots sticking up in the air, like it may have been planted upside down.

The Tree was the centerpiece for the Vacation Bible School theme at Joy Lutheran Church. During the week of July 19 approximately 40 children and 27 volunteers (24 church members and three seventh-graders from Liberty Middle School) gathered at the Baobab Tree to listen to the stories from the Bible surrounded by the vibrant images from the African savannah in the forms of music and animals. Getting together to hear the

good news was a blast at this Bible school. The kids loved singing the songs, playing and learning together. The five daily themes of trust, love, follow, care and share were interwoven in the activities in the Kalahari Crafts, Grassland Games, Madagascar Music and the Savannah Storytelling.

Of course none of this could have happened without the efforts of the director, Georgia Adams, and co-director, Vicki Valli. These ladies started planning for this fifth annual Vacation Bible School four months ago. Through the efforts of the other volunteers they created the animal sets, prepared the lessons, practiced the songs, and prepared the crafts and games and planned the snack menus. They also found help from the community. The neighboring church, First Congregational United Church of Christ provided child size furniture and Ocala West United Methodist helped with the making of the animal decorations.

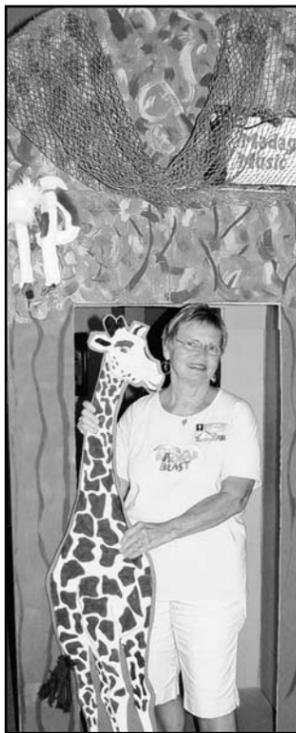
So as the Baobab Tree is a symbol of community this theme made it easier for the children to see how their faith is part of who they are and how they act in the world. The children leave the program having learned important things about God, the Bible and themselves through their connection to one another and to the world.



Volunteer Ken Erhardt assisting the children with the Grassland Games at the Joy VBS Baobab Blast.



The kindergarten class with teacher, Shirley Reents, getting their Bible lesson for the day.



VBS Co-Director, Vicki Valli, walking the giraffe through the Baobab Tree.



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Accordion Club

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Cherrywood Bowling News

Just a reminder that our Fall/Winter League will start on Sept. 13. If you haven't signed up yet and you would like to join the league we will be having our meeting on Aug. 30 at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse if anyone is interested. For all returning members, if you are not able to attend the

meeting please make sure you contact one of our officers or a member of your team. We may need to adjust some of our teams where members have dropped out. Hope you all had a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Fran Hall, Sec./Treas.

Songbird notes

We would like to thank all of the very kind folks who supported our bake sale and other food items at the Christmas in July craft show, which was a success.

After our summer break, the Songbirds will commence rehearsals on

Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 1, at the clubhouse at 2 p.m. We would like to invite anyone who likes to sing (talent not really a prerequisite - no embarrassing tryouts) to join us for fun and music. The group will be practicing some new music plus holiday numbers and this will be the perfect opportunity to join. We'll have a seat and music ready for you. Questions? Call president, Aprile at 352-237-0924 or Edna at 352-291-8815.

Democratic Club

The Cherrywood Democratic Club will have an open house meeting Friday, Aug. 20, at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse

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For information call Harriet Scarpino, president, at 352-873-9955.

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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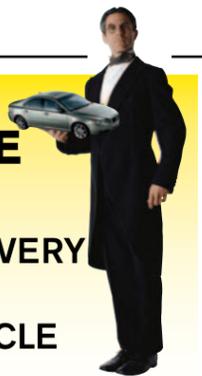
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