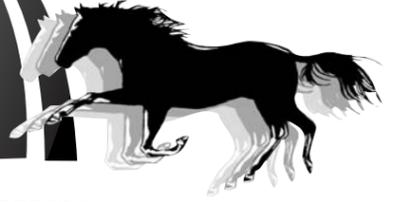


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Santorum	12 percent
Paul	6 percent

BRIEFS

Iwo Jima remembrance scheduled for Tuesday

Marion Woods retirement community, 1661 S.E. 31st St. S.E. in Ocala, invites local veterans and the general public to a remembrance of the Battle of Iwo Jima on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m.

Iwo Jima, site of the famous flag-raising photo by Joe Rosenthal, was a pivotal one-month battle between the United States and Japan during World War II. February marks the 67th anniversary.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided during the remembrance.

The community is also hosting a free veterans benefits seminar to educate local veterans and surviving spouses, who may be unaware that their wartime service could qualify them to receive up to \$2,019 per month through the Department of Veterans Affairs' Aid and Attendance program.

The purpose of the seminar is to offer details about the history of Aid and Attendance, outline the requirements to qualify for this tax-free benefit, and inform applicants about the needed documentation. Aid and Attendance is one of the VA's most overlooked available benefits. Space is limited so guests are asked to RSVP by calling Marion Woods at 352-671-1700.

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The twisted, burned-out wreckage of a Cessna that crashed last week, killing the pilot who was scheduled to become CEO of a local health system, lies in a field on Southwest 38th Street.



PHOTO BY JOHNNY WALKER

Workers process the crashed plane for loading onto a truck to go to Gainesville.

Hospital's new CEO dies in crash

BY JIM CLARK
Editor

Last Thursday evening in Macon, Ga., Allen Golson, CEO of Coliseum Health System, spoke at his company's awards banquet. This was to be his final speech as CEO, since he had accepted a position as CEO of Ocala Health Systems, including Ocala Regional Medical Center and West Marion Community Hospital.

At the dinner, he praised his wife for her support and praised health system workers.

He received a standing ovation from the crowd of about 200.

Friday morning, he and his wife, Carol, boarded his twin-engine six-seat Cessna to fly to Ocala. He told friends they were coming to Ocala "to look at some real estate."

But as his plane circled to the

south end of Ocala International Airport and made its final approach, something went terribly wrong.

As it approached 38th Street, the plane, witnesses said, suddenly veered to the left, possibly to avoid hitting the buildings on the north side of the street, and crash-landed in a field, catching fire upon impact.

Allen Golson, 55, was killed. His wife, Carol, 52, was pulled from the wreckage by nearby workers and survived. They were the only people on board.

The crash site is a short distance south of the airport, just southeast of the Ocala Regional Sportsplex, a little over a mile east of West Port High School and just over a mile north-northwest of Fairfield Village and The Centers on 60th Avenue.

The Macon Telegraph reported that investigators found that the landing gear was retracted, or in the "up" position, not down as you would expect from a plane about to land. The paper also said that the investigation showed that Carol was seated near the rear of the plane, not in the cockpit.

Golson had been in contact with the tower at OIA, indicating that he was on final approach. According to officials, he gave no indication of any trouble on board.

The Golsons had been married for 30 years after meeting at the University of Alabama. They had no children, but other relatives were in Ocala on Saturday to visit the crash site.

Carol Golson was released from the hospital on Monday.

The wreckage was taken to Gainesville on Saturday.

Robber hits store at 484

A gunman robbed a clerk at the Chevron convenience store at the corner of County Road 484 and State Road 200 Tuesday morning. It was reported at 10:42 a.m.

The man received money from the clerk, then left the scene.

Photos show him driving away in a four-door black Honda Civic with a parking decal and a Union Firefighting sticker on the back window.

The robber was described as a white male in his early to mid 20s, about 5-foot-6 and weighing about 200.

He was dressed in a green jacket with a blue hoodie, wore jeans and glasses. He was believed to be right-handed.

The weapon was described as a black semi-automatic.

Anyone with information is asked to call Det. Bobby Levay at the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 352-427-6790.

Are you ready for some soccer?

BY PATRICIA A. WOODBURY
Special to the Citizen

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church is now ready for some spring soccer! They are looking for boys and girls from 4 years to 6th grade to register for this fun and encouraging sports experience.

Players may register at the church office on Saturday, Feb. 4, from noon to 5 p.m.; on Monday, Feb. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 8 and 9 from 4 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, Feb. 10 from 3 to 6 p.m. The registration fee is \$65 per child, which includes a reversible jersey, water bottle, socks, and car magnet. Scholarships are available.

All players must have a soccer evaluation, which will occur at the time of registration that helps to promote equal and competitive teams as well as a substitution system.

Practice begins Tuesday, Feb. 14

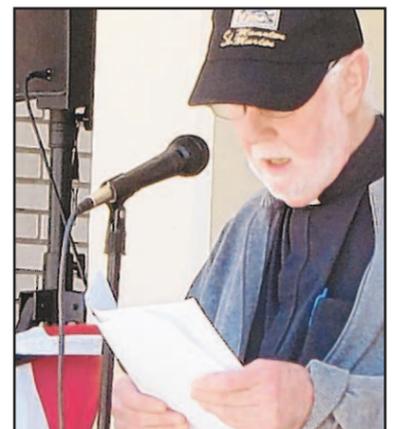
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PHOTOS BY JIM CLARK

Rally for Life

Local residents, many from Queen of Peace Catholic Church, took part in a Rally for Life Saturday at Ocala City Hall, listening to speakers and singing hymns.



Father Patrick J. O'Doherty reads the opening prayer.

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Boy honored for helping to save mother



Harbour View Elementary School student Stephen Flanner, 8, poses against Marion County Fire Rescue Engine 30 during a tour of Spruce Creek Station 30 on Jan. 24. Stephen was recognized by firefighters who responded to his 911 call on Sept. 17. Stephen was honored for his bravery and composure during an emergency situation in which his mother lost consciousness.



Kristin Metcalf hugs her son as they share their story with Marion County Firefighters at Spruce Creek Station 30 on Jan. 24.

PHOTOS BY MARION COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

Harbour View Elementary School Student Stephen Flanner, 8, was recognized by Marion County Fire Rescue on Jan. 24 for the bravery and composure he showed during an emergency on Sept. 17.

When his mother, Kristin Metcalf, began having a severe asthma attack she asked Stephen to run across the street to his grandmother's house for help. In the meantime Kristin lost consciousness, and when Stephen couldn't locate his grandmother he called 911. Stephen, who was 7 years old at the time, calmly provided dispatchers with the necessary information and then watched after his 2-year-old sister until rescuers arrived seven minutes later.

"He did outstanding. He did better than most adults do during an emergency situation," MCFR Firefighter/Paramedic Brent Murray said during Tuesday's recognition event.

To honor Stephen for a job well done, MCFR invited him, his mother and his sister to meet their rescuers and to take a tour of Spruce Creek Station 30, 7900 S.E. 135th St., Summerfield.

During their visit, Stephen was presented with a goody bag, had the chance to climb aboard engine and rescue vehicles and took a tour of the station.

Crew members from South Forest Station 6, who also responded to Stephen's emergency call, were also present.

During the event, Metcalf credited public education efforts and Stephen's previous teacher for providing students instruction on what to do during an emergency situation.

Each year, Marion County Fire Rescue makes it a priority to visit all public elementary schools within the county during October's Fire Prevention Month campaign, which teaches children how to communicate with operators during a 911 emergency and the importance of having a family safety evacuation plan.

For The Love of Animals Gala fundraiser

Have A Heart for Companion Animals, Inc. has planned a "For The Love of Animals Gala." It's a fundraising event featuring The Johnny Mello Show and Adult Magic Demonstrations by "Magic Mark," Beasley, a high-energy interactive magician.

The show will be held Saturday night, Feb. 11, from 7 until 10 p.m. in the Silver Springs Shores Community Center, located at 590 Silver Road, Silver Springs Shores.

The gala will begin with 20 minutes of magical demonstrations and continue with Doo Wop, Rock-n-Roll and Country Music selections from the best of by-gone eras. It's a fast paced round robin sing off of six local singers who will perform 1950s and 1960s style music.

Featured performers include: Johnny Mello, Sultry Lady, Doo Wop Momma, David Max Baldwin, Jimbo Killingsworth, Dennis Trimmer and "Magic Mark"

There will be a 50/50 cash drawing, multi prize raffles and over 30 instant door prize winners. Food will be available but is extra. This is also a "BYOB" event.

The gala will benefit Have A Heart For Companion Animals, Inc., the Silver Springs Shores Resident's Association, Feisty Acres Cat Rescue and Zen Doggie Rescue.

Spring sale at Ocala West

A spring sale will be held Friday, March 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, March 3, from 8 a.m. to noon, at Ocala West United Methodist Church, Stanfield Hall inside and out, 9330 S.W. 105th St.

There will be treasures galore, including household items, electronics, furniture, clothing, garden and outdoor items, and a bake sale.

Tee Time for Tots

Community Bank and Trust of Florida is having the 10th annual Tee Time for Tots Golf Tournament on March 3 at Del Webb Spruce Creek.

Funds are being raised to benefit the Marion County Homeless Children & Youth program and they need our assistance more than ever. Right here in our own back yard there are over 1,500 school aged homeless children. These statistics are just shocking.

All tournament information can be found on the www.teetimefortots.com website, including registration and sponsorship forms.

Advance tickets can be obtained from Have A Heart for Companion Animals, Inc (\$10 each or two tickets for \$15). Ticket holders are asked to bring a bag of dry dog or cat food as a donation for local rescue groups.

For further information, tickets or directions, call John Marinelli at 352-687-1776 or visit www.haveaheart.us.

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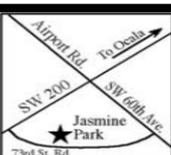
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Friday, Feb. 3

Sheriff's Office sells ribs for United Way

Marion County Sheriff's Office is holding its annual United Way Super Bowl Rib Sale on Friday, Feb. 3, from noon to 6 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$15 per slab and can be picked up at the Sheriff's complex at 692 N.W. 30th Ave. in Ocala.

Delivery is also available.

For tickets and more information call Judge Cochran at 352-368-3594 or Jennifer Lowe at 352-368-3598.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Chess Club 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 873-2276

Church hosts yard sale

The Crossroad Church, 8070 S.W. 60th Ave., will host a yard sale on Saturday, Feb. 4, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Families and vendors can rent a space for \$10. Call Marie, 352-817-4006 to save a place.

Lions Club holds yard sale

The Ocala Lions Club will hold a yard sale on Saturday, Feb. 4 to raise funds to sponsor a service dog.

The sale is set for the old Porter's Nursery located in the Friendship Shopping Plaza, from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Gently used household items as well as furniture will be offered.

Anyone wanting to donate items, other than clothing, for the yard sale may contact Bill Thomas, 352-291-2600.

Gentle Chair Yoga continues

Gentle Chair Yoga will continue Feb. 4 and 11 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. at the Freedom Public Library.

It is excellent for anyone with limited mobility. Call Ingrid Crane for further info at 352-854-7950.

An afternoon at Capone's

Join members from First Congregation United Church of Christ on Saturday, Feb. 4 for lunch and show at Capone's of Kissimmee. Price includes bus transportation, buffet lunch, gratuities, and a Broadway style song, dance and comedy revue, set in 1930's Chicago. Cost is \$60 per person, \$45 for children under 12. For more information and tickets, 352-873-3377.

Willie Nelson at Circle Square

Music icon and winner of 25 Grammy, CMA and American Music Awards Willie Nelson comes to the Circle Square Cultural Center! Willie's popular hits such as "Mama Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys", "On The Road Again", "Always On My Mind" and many more classics are ageless songs that span generations. With his brilliant 6 decade career that speaks volumes of his music's relevance and performance power, the 75 year old Willie Nelson continues to sell out venues all over the world!

Don't miss the legendary Willie Nelson live in concert on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Circle Square Cultural Center, located at 8395 S.W. 80th St. For more information on the 2012 entertainment line-up including times, dates and tickets, visit the website at www.CSCulturalCenter.com or call 352-854-3670.

Sunday, Feb. 5

Quartet in concert

The Gulf Ridge Quartet will perform during worship at 10:30 a.m. at Living Water Wesleyan Church.

A fellowship meal will follow the performance of the quartet. Living Water is at 11120 S.W. County Road 484, just one mile west of State Road 200.

Call 352-489-2636 for more info.

Super Bowl Pig Roast at the Moose

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Monday, Feb. 6

Democrats to hear Sizemore

Mike Sizemore, former chairman of the Marion County Democratic Party, will be guest speaker when the Democratic Executive Committee (DEC) of Marion County holds its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m.

The retired railroad executive and community activist will highlight the manner in which the DEC can best help local candidates with their campaigns when he describes the important role the DEC can play in helping them achieve public office.

State Committeewoman Joyce Blake and others will also discuss planning for a series of get-out-the-vote and fundraising events.

All registered Democrats are always welcome at the monthly meetings which now take place on the first Monday of each month at the DEC headquarters, 3391 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

For more information, please e-mail info@mariondems.org or telephone 352-402-9494.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Moose Bingo open to the public

Each week in February beginning at 12:45 p.m. bingo is played with opportunities to win big.

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Thursday, Feb. 9

Palm Cay GOP to meet

On Feb. 9, the Palm Cay Republican Club will conduct its monthly meeting at the Oasis Club in Palm Cay.

The speakers for February are Carol Ely, who is running for School Board; George Tomy, who is a candidate for Superintendent of Schools for Marion County; Dana Couchen, who is running for County Commissioner from Dist. 5; and George Albright, who is running for County Tax Collector.

The meeting will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and last until 8.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting with lots of time to ask questions of the guests. For more information please contact James Pettus, 3523-438-9662.

Federal retirees to gather

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 2279 of Ocala, and their spouses, will meet at the Olive Garden Restaurant, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m. A meeting will follow the lunch.

Friday, Feb. 10,

Casino trip offered as fundraiser

The Ocala 200 Lions Club will be sponsoring a fundraiser to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino in Tampa on Friday, Feb. 10. Cost is \$30 per person.

Trip includes round-trip transportation and \$30 return for free play and lunch vouchers. Gaming tables are available.

The bus will leave the Winn-Dixie (Porter's) parking lot at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m. All proceeds, as always, will be used by the Lions for community projects.

There will be no refunds issued unless club is able to resell on waiting list. Deadline: Feb. 1. For more information and to register, call Diane Melnick, 352-861-2730 or E-mail at Melnick8350@aol.com.

Saturday, Feb. 11

Methodist men serve breakfast

The Methodist Men will serve their famous and delicious all-can-you-eat breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 S.W. 105th St. - look for the signs.

A complete menu with a wide variety of breakfast fare is offered for \$5.

Make plans now to bring your friends and attend. All proceeds help fund a variety of local charities.

Mega book sale

A mega book sale to benefit Sheltering Hands Rescue, featuring used books, CDs, videos and crafts, will be Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Winn Dixie, 8445 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala. For information, call 352-291-1962.

Yard sale at Countryside

A yard sale will take place in Founder's Hall at Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala, on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

White elephant, clothing, jewelry, homemade bake sale, tools, toys, small furniture, crafts, books, videos, CDs and much more will be available.

For further information, call the church at 352-237-4633.

Sunday, Feb. 12

Couples invited to renew vows

The Church of Advent is hosting a special marriage vow renewal service on Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

A Valentine Potluck Supper will follow. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

For more information call Lesley Mack, 352-465-8871. The Church of the Advent is located at 11251 S.W. County Road 484, Dunnellon.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

'World Has Talent' auditions set

Auditions for the Circle Square Cultural Center's third annual "The World Has Talent" 55+ talent show will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Active adults age 55+ are invited on stage where the top chosen acts will perform at "The World Has Talent" 55+ Talent Show at the Circle Square Cultural Center on Saturday, May 5. The chosen contestants will compete for a chance to win the \$500 first place, \$250 second place and \$150 third place prizes!

Auditions will be held on Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Circle Square Cultural Center, 8395 S.W. 80th St., Ocala.

For more information visit: www.CSCulturalCenter.com, call 352-854-3670 or e-mail ticketsales@csculturalcenter.com.

Bereavement program set

The Widowed Persons Service of Marion County will be giving a six-week support group program beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the First Congregational Church, 7171 S.W. State Road 200. The hours are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The group is open to all those who have recently lost a spouse. For questions, please call Marianne at 352-854-2872.

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Jason Teaman, from U. S. Congressman Cliff Stearns staff, will be presenting a program on how high school students apply to the U.S. Military Academies.

Everyone is welcome. For information call Mike Emig 352-854-8328.

Friday, Feb. 17

VFW Ladies plan fashion show

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 4781 will have their annual Fashion Show on Feb. 17 at noon. The theme is "Let Freedom Spring." The luncheon will be prepared by Margie with the help of dedicated members. Lots of gifts have been collected. Marilyn French is the chairperson.

For tickets and more information, call Regina at 352-873-3631.

Tickets are available for tables of eight or more. This is a sellout event.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Beth Israel hosts games

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala warmly invites the community to a social evening of games and fun on Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Collins Center, 9401 State Road 200 in Ocala.

The program will feature a short Havdalah service followed by a light dinner of bagels and cream cheese and other delicious fare. Bring your own board games such as dominoes, ma jong, Monopoly, etc. or just come for the fun!

The cost is \$6 per person and reservations must be made by calling Shirley at 352-873-6186 or by email: thegotfrieds@aol.com.

Congregation Beth Israel is a progressive, liberal, inclusive Jewish community under the guidance of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation.

Chili supper and bake sale

Sister Concepta, who founded and oversees Brother Keeper's Soup Kitchen in Ocala is sponsoring the 5th annual Chili Supper and bake sale on Feb. 18 at Blessed Trinity Church.

The event will have both red and white chili and will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. at the parish hall, 5 S.E. 17th St. Adults are \$6 and children \$3.

For information call 352-867-9860.

Arts, crafts at Queen of Peace

The Council of Catholic Women of Queen of Peace Church will sponsor an Art and Craft Show in the Parish Hall, 6455 S.W. State Road 200, on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendars, you won't want to miss the work of these local talented Artists and Crafters. Hot dog lunch will be available to purchase.

Scandinavian Club of Marion County:

The Scandinavian Club of Marion County invites people of Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish decent to join us at our next meeting on Feb. 18. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Ocala Hilton, 3600 S.W. 36th Ave. in Ocala. The menu will be Roast Beef Au Jus, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, coffee and dessert. The entertainment will be Bob Maas and his accordion.

The cost is \$16 per person. Reservations and payment must be made in advance.

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Saturday, Feb. 18

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For more information contact Charles Hensley at 352-732-3795 or e-mail KC4Q@arrl.net.

Hospice trail ride

Hospice of Marion County, Inc. will hold its 12th annual "Horses for Hospice" Trail Ride on Sat., Feb. 18, on the Central Florida Greenway at the Florida Horse Park in Ocala. This year's ride is in memory of Wayne Vaught, former Cross Florida Greenway enthusiast and Trail Ride chairman.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the first ride leaves at 9:15 a.m. Riders travel from as far as Jacksonville and Tampa to spend 2-3 hours on the trail. Following the ride, participants can enjoy lunch by Tommy's BBQ, live entertainment by Bordertown, and door prizes.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Patient Care Programs. The minimum donation to ride is \$30. Wagons are welcome; \$30 for driver and \$10 per passenger. Horse lovers who are unable to ride may purchase a \$10 ticket to enjoy lunch and entertainment. For more information or to register, call 352-854-5218.

Sunday, Feb. 19

German American Club event

The German American Club of Marion County will host a Fasching Party on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Marion Oaks Community Center. Wear a costume, bring beads and join in the fun for \$10 per member or \$15 per non-member. Music provided by Alpine Express. Bring your own snacks and beverages. Attire is either a costume or dressy casual. For tickets, call Liz or Joe at 352-732-6368.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper

Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Blue Cove, Dunnellon will host a delicious, complete pancake supper on Feb. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. \$6 donation. Call the church office at 352-489-2685 for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 23

Gospel group to appear

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Christ's Church of Marion County is at 6768 S.W. 80th St., off State Road 200, Ocala, 352-861-6182, www.ccomc.org

Saturday, Feb. 25

Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band

The Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band will present "A Musical Potpourri" concert series on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. at the Marion Technical Institute (formerly Forest High School), 1614 S.E. Fort King St., Ocala.

Musical selections include Highlights from CATS, Jericho, More Than You Know, Slippery Gentlemen (featuring the trombone section) and others. All performances are free and open to the public. For more information, call 352-624-9291 or check out www.kingdomofthesunband.org.

International Foods Festival

Join us for the 18th annual International Foods Festival on Saturday, Feb. 25 at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7171 S.W. State Road 200, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Enrichment Center. Enjoy food specialties from Italy, Germany, Spain, England, Ireland, Sweden, Poland, Jamaica, Greece, Mexico and many more. Generous food samples are priced at \$1 and \$2.

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OUR VIEW

Cracking down on pill mills

In recent months Florida has begun to crack down on "pill mills" — "medical facilities" that obligingly distribute potent prescriptions to "patients" whether they need them for legitimate purposes or not.

Additionally, legislative efforts to convince the governor that a database of those prescribed powerful drugs were ultimately successful. With pharmacists able to identify individuals who are receiving similar prescriptions at more than one pharmacy, a serious bite can be taken out of those who doctor-shop for purposes of abuse or profit.

In recent years Florida's reputation as the place for people to come to get prescriptions for heavy-duty narcotics like Oxycontin has been unsurpassed. Be it by air, land or sea, those desiring to make money by legally (barely) obtaining, then selling, the pills have found Florida to be the land of opportunity.

Conveniently, purchasers have been able to get their prescriptions, as well as the drugs from the pill-mill outlets. Now, with few exceptions, doctors must allow pharmacies to distribute the drugs vs. the one-stop-shopping operations.

Grasping the reality of the situation, authorities have stepped up efforts to crack down on the facilities that wantonly provide these drugs, as well as making it harder on those obtaining them for illicit purposes. Local law enforcement officials are confident the efforts will have an impact.

Bolstering the initiative is the establishment of the database that identifies when individuals seek to obtain prescription medications from more than one outlet.

Unfortunately, abuse of prescription medications has not carried the stigma of certain traditionally illegal drugs like cocaine and heroin. The reality is that the damage to individuals and society as a whole is no different. There are drug dealers, abusers and addicts. Lives become destroyed and families and friends suffer the consequences.

There are many, many people who have legitimate uses for these prescribed drugs and — with the consent of caring, conscientious physicians — they should not be deprived because of the abuses of others.

With the crack down on pill mills and the establishment of a database, the deserving should be provided what's medically appropriate while the dealers and recreational users should be out of luck.

Citrus County Chronicle

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Paterno's whole story

In your "Our View" column about Joe Paterno, it said a lot but not the whole story.

Yes! the icon was an enabler in his mid seventies and those young victims should never be forgotten.

That said, he was also a man who gave a lot to the University over 61 years, on and off the field.

He and his wife Sue contributed millions to the school and it might be noted making a sizeable contribution after he

was fired. He also cared about the education of his players and student body as well, which isn't the case at a lot of other football powerhouses. Former Penn State star and NFL player Jimmy Cefalo pointed that out quite well speaking at his memorial. When his playing time was over in his senior year he decided to take some cupcake courses to finish up. Joe Pa called him into his office and questioned his decision.

The old coach wasn't a saint (who is?) but I think like with Harry Truman history will treat him kindly.

**Bob Cronin
Oak Run**

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COMMENTARY

Questions about fatal I-75 accident

Many years ago when I was younger, I used to love driving at night when taking long trips. I always felt that you could see what was coming from a greater distance, and usually most of the people on the road were commercial drivers, in those days people who knew how to drive better than most.

But I, and everyone else, have to be grateful that I wasn't on the Interstate early Sunday morning in southern Alachua County.

I can't imagine driving down the highway, encountering a virtual blackout of smoke, and realizing too late that there was traffic stopped in front of you.

By now everyone realizes there were 20 vehicles involved in that wreck and that, at this writing, nine or 10 people died.

There were two disturbing news items to come from that crash.

First, there is talk that the brush fire in Paynes Prairie that caused all the problems was set by man. There had been no lightning in the area, and, contrary to early reports, there were no controlled burns. It was still to be decided whether it started accidentally or was arson, but either way, the failure to immediately control the blaze resulted in all these fatalities.

It is important that investigators use every resource possible

Jim Clark
Editor



to find out who is responsible for that fire. Those people should face appropriate charges.

Second, it appears that the road was closed because of the smoke, but reopened later when it appeared to clear. Obviously, that was the wrong decision.

The Alachua County sheriff was interviewed on television, and she pointed out how quickly things can change.

Unfortunately, the old cliché "Discretion is the better part of valor" would have been appropriate in this case. Whoever made the decision to reopen the highway will have to live with that decision forever.

Along with the Interstate, other roads had to be closed. U.S. Highway 441 in southern Alachua County was closed, off and on, because of the smoke.

This meant diverting traffic, and that had an effect in northern Marion County all weekend. Southbound Interstate traffic was detoured off the highway at Williston Road, then directed on State Road 121 all the way to U.S.

Highway 27 in Williston, then back toward Ocala. This put a lot of traffic on the road on U.S. 27 west of I-75.

This ripple effect was still being felt Monday morning.

In addition, the message being put out by various websites was confusing. One site was saying the highway was open, another was saying one side was open, another was saying it was closed, all at the same time.

The best thing to do, and it will be in the future when things like this happen, is to avoid the area altogether.

Think of the families of those involved. Possibly the most touching story was that five people from one church decided to come back with a pastor so they could be in Georgia for the next morning's service. However, another pastor didn't want to drive at night, so he and his group stayed behind in Florida to travel on Sunday. He and his group survived. Nearly all those in the other group didn't.

Hopefully, the smoke has cleared and the roads can be back to normal. But for the families of those victims, nothing will be normal again.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What have we become?

We have become a mass of snarling, angry, uncivil people with little tolerance for or inclination to listen to opposing political views. Far too many of us feign disinterest or the hopelessness of expecting a meaningful response from our government. Name calling (used by those of empty minds) and mud slinging have become normal as the presidential campaign muddles along.

Our vast media, far too large with too much capacity, keep fanning the fires of discontent with a constant output of rhetoric. The necessity of filling air time has led to too much garbage being thrown out on the airways all in quest of profit.

Consider the vast sums of money "that we at least hear about" to sway our thinking and harvest our votes.

What do these donors expect as a return on their "investments?" Bribes for favorable legislative actions, tips that can produce great returns that may or all too often harm our citizens more than help? It has been asked, if one can help a "friend" get rich, doesn't the donor have a right to expect a piece of the action?

Flagrant use of insider information of laws about to be passed or stricken to get rich is

commonplace. The recent book "Throw Them All Out" by Peter Schweizer details how many of our congressmen entered Congress with modest means and acquired very sizable fortunes during their terms in office and after retirement.

Efforts of the Congress' ethical committee to police their membership has not been productive. Occasionally a slap on the wrist of the miscreant is deemed sufficient as an embarrassment to a bad boy.

I wasn't even aware you could embarrass a congressman!

**Don Pixley
Ocala**

Both parties lose support

Reducing taxes does not automatically increase revenue for government at any level. This should not be a political issue between the two major parties but rather an economic issue that crosses party lines. Both major parties are losing the support of the people by attacking each other with lies and innuendoes

that are harmful to America.

We should go back a few years to a time when we were successful as a country with people from both parties working together to pay down the national debt. We only have to go back a dozen years to see the possibility of what could have been a reality with a debt free country able to take care of its own.

We could solve our present national problem without raising or lowering anyone's taxes to pay down our increasing responsibilities to ourselves and to the rest of the world. Why can't politicians see that when we were most successful as a country and just restore the complete tax structure and rates to the days of the late 1990s to bring our country back to greatness and once again a leader of the free world.

It is not too late to save America if we start right now and take politics out of the national picture and just have our leaders use some good common sense.

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Giving some credit where credit is due



Rev. James L. Snyder

OUT TO PASTOR

I am rather old-fashioned in some areas of my life, which I do not intend to upgrade to current standards. I do not believe in changing something unless it really needs to be changed. A crazy phobia is going around these days suggesting that if something is old, it must not be any good and if it is new, it must be good. I think old Solomon was right when he said, "there is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9 KJV). So, I am never intimidated by some new gizmo or gadget that comes down the line. One of the things I have no intention of upgrading is in the area of giving credit. I believe in giving credit where credit is due. After all, I need all the credit I can get these days.

If somebody does something that blesses me, I am beholden to give them their due credit. I am under the opinion that if I give enough people enough credit that one day I just may be able to cash in.

This all came to me this past week when I had my visit to the dentist. I make it a rule that once a decade to visit my dentist whether I need to or not. The thing that spurred my visit to the dentist this time was one of my fillings had fallen out. Actually, I am assuming it fell out because where it used to be was a hole in my tooth. Upon pondering the situation to its logical conclusion, I must have eaten my filling.

This dental hygienic situation brought me to my latest visit with my dental hygienist. While I was there, I thought I would save time, if not money, and have my teeth cleaned. Every decade I like to have my teeth cleaned. According to my dentist's records, the last time I had my teeth cleaned was 13 years ago. So, it is time.

Because it was so long since my last visit with the dentist, he insisted on taking pictures of all my teeth. I hope to get copies so I can post it on my Facebook. After all, what would my Facebook be without pictures of teeth?

I had forgotten the whole procedure of dental photography. It took an entire hour to photograph all my teeth one at a time. During the sixty minutes of my photography shoot, I had to keep my mouth open. I have never had my mouth open for so long in all my life.

After this, I have a new appreciation for women. How they keep their mouth open for so long is one of those mysteries husbands will never be able to unravel.

The upshot of my visit with the dentist was I had a clean bill of health regarding my teeth and gums. I must have been doing something right to have such healthy teeth and gums for a person my age.

When the dentist said "a person my age," I was not sure if he was insulting me or congratulating me for good health. Being the gentleman that I am, I took the latter.

"I don't know what you're doing," the dentist said cheerfully as I left his office, "just keep it up." With that, I left the dentist office.

I thought a lot about what he said and I have come to a major conclusion. I like giving credit where credit is due, so I had to think long and hard about whom to credit for my good dental health.

Certainly, I could congratulate the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage on her superb dietary work in the kitchen. Without doubt, it pays to eat the right food if you are going to have good health. But I think it goes much further than this.

What am I doing to credit such a good dental health report?

Then it came to me. Have you ever given serious thought about something for so long, you seem to be getting nowhere, and then all of a sudden, it hits you?

I know what I can credit my excellent dental health. Apple Fritters. That is right. The reason I have good teeth and good gums is because of a consistent diet of Apple Fritters. After

all, everybody knows the main ingredient of an Apple Fritter is an Apple. There is nothing better for a person than an Apple.

Where the Fritter comes in is very simple. The Fritter part of an Apple Fritter is the means by which my body can assimilate the nutritional aspects of the Apple. The Fritter facilitates the good parts of the Apple to every part of my body.

Therefore, with a deep sense of humility and gratefulness, I credit my dental health to the regular consumption of Apple Fritters. A friend of mine recently suggested that I might be addicted to Apple Fritters, but I kindly re-monstrated him by explaining I am addicted to good dental health.

My spiritual health is a different matter.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen" (Jude 1:24-25 KJV).

God gets all the credit in my life for my spiritual health now and forever.

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The story of love in the Hebrew Bible



Judi Siegal

JUDI'S JOURNAL

February is definitely heart month. The stores are filled with the little puffed, stuffed beauties in shades of pink and red, not to mention the luscious confections all dressed up to look like roses, kissing lips or hearts of love. And yep, there are those cuddly stuffed toys too, all in an attempt to win your lover's affection. Love is definitely in the air and while in modern times we tend to commercialize it, the Bible certainly has

much to say on the topic. I guess you can say it all started with Eve. Actually, poor Adam didn't have any choice in the matter since he was asleep while his partner was being created. It really wasn't until the first couple ate from the Tree of Knowledge that they realized their sexuality. And I just love the way the Bible says how Adam "knew" his wife and conceived Cain and later Abel. Maybe if we would spend more time learning to "know" our spouses, we would have fewer divorces.

Later on in Genesis, we meet Abraham and Sarah, the first Jewish couple. Lots of love there. Abraham as the first patriarch is the epitome of hospitality, while Sarah protects her son Isaac's interests for future leadership of the nascent Jewish nation by expelling Hagar and Ishmael out into the wilderness. Sarah is faithful and loving to her husband and is often cited as a Jewish woman's role model.

Abraham sends his stew-

ard, Eliezer to find a wife for Isaac. He meets Rebecca at the local well. In a later story in Exodus, Moses meets his Zipporah, also at a well. It may be deduced here that today as in ancient days, men meet eligible women at local watering holes!

Sometimes winning the woman of your dreams takes a lot of work. Jacob works seven years for his uncle Laban before he can marry Rachel. Imagine his surprise when he discovers he has been tricked and has married the myopic older sister, Leah. To win Rachel, he must labor another seven years. To this day, Jewish brides are veiled as they walk down the aisle, just like they were in Jacob's day. Unlike Jacob whose bride had her face covered, today's Jewish bridegroom is fully aware of whom he is marrying!

The next famous lovers in the Bible are the stuff that Hollywood loves. In fact movies have been made of their amorous ad-

ventures albeit grossly inaccurate and corny by today's standards. However, the original stories are juicy tales. Take Samson and Delilah, for example. Here we have Israel's strong man brought to his knees over a haircut! I just love that one! Oh, he resists several times when Delilah pleads with him to share the secret of his great strength, but men will be men and eventually even Samson cannot resist the feminine wiles of Delilah. Of course when he admits that he is a Nazirite, forbidden to shave his hair, his doom is sealed as Delilah shears his locks, betraying him to his enemies, the Philistines. I liked it better when he slew his enemies with the jawbone of an ass.

Enter David and Bathsheba. Now, here is a love story ripped from today's headlines: "Leader of great nation has an extramarital affair." Does that sound familiar? Only in the Biblical version, David, the beloved king of

Israel is chastised for his behavior by the prophet Nathan. In a story worthy of the Lifetime Movie Network, David gets Bathsheba pregnant and connives to have her husband, Uriah, sent to the front line of battle so he will be killed and David can marry Bathsheba. In the true moral style of the Hebrew Bible, David's sin is punished when their child dies. Not even the Israelite kings were above the law. Maybe today's leaders should look closely at this story.

While I have taken a rather humorous view of some of the Bible's famous couples, I would like mention that the concept of love is a recurring theme in the Jewish Bible. The very watchword of the Hebrew faith commands us to love God with all our heart and soul and breath. As we are to love God, God also loves the people that are God's creations. Jewish tradition teaches us that God is a loving parent who guides us and protects us

and when the Jewish nation accepted the Torah at the foot of Mt. Sinai, they took on all the responsibilities of leading a moral and ethical life by following the laws in the Torah. Every time a Jew prays the Shema prayer, he/she acknowledges God's love. This act of devotion done upon rising and before going to bed, is a beautiful expression of love.

May we carry God's message of love to all people so that we may bring about peace. That is my heartfelt wish.

Judi is a former teacher and Jewish educator. She lives in Sun Valley with her husband, Phil.

Lenten Series on "Civil Discourse"

Civil Discourse is the topic for this year's Lenten Series at First Congregational United Church of Christ of Ocala, Florida. Beginning on Feb. 29, at noon and running for the following four Wednesdays, the church's pastor, Dr. Harold W. McSwain, Jr. will lead and facilitate the series regarding how to engage in and enhance civil discourse.

In addition to identifying specific methods, protocols, and procedures for engaging in civil discourse, each session will include an opportunity to address a topic of current public interest, such as political debate, interfaith dialogue, religious pluralism, sexual orientation, abortion, etc.

Dr. McSwain states, "When the Diaconate of our church met to discuss possible topics for this year's Lenten Series, all in attendance agreed that this topic is of paramount importance not only to the spiritual welfare of our community of faith but also to the orderly and civil conduct of the community and society of which our church is a part. We contend that derogative criticism of uncivil discourse does little to foster regard for the integrity of all people, so we are determined to provide for public discourse a more hospitable environment."

Dr. McSwain serves on the board of The Interfaith Alliance of Marion County, which is proud to endorse this important community outreach.

All are welcome to attend. A light soup lunch will be served following the program.

First Congregational United Church of Christ is at 7171 S.W. State Road 200, approximately four miles southwest of Interstate 75, and about two miles toward Ocala from On Top of the World.

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Beginning Sunday, March 25, through April 1, Maranatha Baptist Church will hold its Missions Conference which will be followed with special guest, Evangelist Kenny Evans. The schedule and more news for these events next month.

Maranatha Baptist Church is at 525 Marion Oaks Trail in Marion Oaks. Call 352-347-5683 for further information and directions to the church.

St. Jude Catholic

The Bereavement Group for those grieving the loss of a loved one will meet on Tuesdays, Feb. 14 and Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. Meetings are open to anyone in the com-

munity with a need to share their feelings of grief. Please call the church office at 352-347-0154 prior to each meeting you plan to attend.

Creole Masses for the Haitians in our community are celebrated every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. The next dates are Feb. 12 and Feb. 26. Every second Sunday, following the Mass, Dr. Myriame Vastey, a family practice physician, presents a program on various medical issues. These meetings are open to everyone.

Classes for Spanish as a second language continue to be offered every Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. Distribution of ashes will take place during Masses to be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. as well as at the Prayer

Service to be held at noon. Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 8:30 a.m. in English and at 7 p.m. in Spanish beginning Feb. 24.

Christ's Church of Marion County

Saturday, Feb. 4: Men's Prayer Group, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 5: Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 8: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 10: Forever Young Group All Church Valentine Dinner, 6 p.m. Catered dinner; \$7 per person. Activities and Bunko.

Christ's Church of Marion County is at 6768 S.W. 80th St., off State Road 200, Ocala. Phone is 352-861-6182, website is www.ccomc.org.

Joy Lutheran Church

The Lenten Season is

soon approaching. On Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church will celebrate Shrove Tuesday (the English name for the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday) with a pancake supper in Swenson Hall. Plan to drop in anytime between these hours to enjoy pancakes and sausage. A freewill offering will be taken.

February 22 is Ash Wednesday and worship service will be at 6:45 p.m. The Wednesday night Lenten Services theme will be "Dark Nights of the Soul." Senior Pastor Edward Holloway Jr. will provide the messages on such topics as Alone in Sin, Lonely, Cold, Breathless, Lost, In Pain, and Alone-Again. A Soup Supper will precede the Wednesday night Lenten services at 5:30 p.m.

The theme for the Sun-

day services in Lent (8:15 and 11 a.m.) will be "A Journey from Fear to Love." Pastor Holloway's messages will be on Fear of the World, Fear of My Own Way, Fear of God, Fear of the Holy Spirit and Fear of Light.

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church is on Southwest State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala. For more information call the church office at 352- 854-4509 ext 221.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

Ash Wednesday service at First Congregational United Church of Christ is at 6 p.m. on Feb. 22.

The church is at 7171 S.W. State Road 200. Call 352-237-3035 for more information.

Congregation Beth Israel

Congregation Beth Israel

of Ocala will hold Shabbat evening services on Friday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Collins Center, 9401 Highway 200, building 300 in Ocala. In keeping with the Jewish Reconstructionist's Movement of joyous song and worship, Congregation Beth Israel has appointed Sally Smith-Adams as accompanist for the liberal congregation.

Ms. Smith-Adams is an accomplished keyboard and piano player and has accompanied such greats as the Zim brothers and other performers and cantors at Jewish resorts in the New York Catskills. Her lively style and appreciation of Jewish liturgical music make for a meaningful worship experience.

Sonia Peterson and Judi Siegal will be leading the service and all are welcome to experience the warmth and joy of Reconstructionist worship.

HOW THEY VOTED

Debt limit disapproval

Vote Rejected (44-52, 4 Not Voting)

The Senate rejected this House resolution to block a \$1.2 trillion increase in the \$15.2 trillion debt ceiling. The increase automatically took effect on January 27, 2012.

Democrat Sen. Bill Nelson voted NO

Republican Sen. Marco Rubio voted YES

Ultralight Aircraft Smuggling Prevention Act

Vote Passed (408-0, 25 Not Voting)

The House passed this bill to change the definition of "ultralight" aircraft in the anti-smuggling statute in order to increase penalties for using them to smuggle drugs. The Senate cleared the measure for the president the next day by unanimous consent. It was the last bill sponsored by Rep. Gabrielle Giffords before her resignation from Congress.

Republican Rep. Cliff Stearns voted YES

Republican Rep. Rich Nugent voted YES

Republican Rep. Daniel Webster voted YES

*From MegaVote
Compiled by Alan Gold.*

Moose Lodge Activities

Friday, Feb. 3: Shrimp/Fish, baked or fried beginning at 5 p.m., Ken Edgar performs karaoke afterward.

Saturday, Feb. 4: Show me the Money at 2 p.m., Queen of Hearts at 5 p.m., Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner followed by a "Old Bag" (handbags) auction.

Sunday, Feb. 5: Super bowl Pig Roast Party starting at 1 p.m. (no breakfast).

Monday, Feb. 6: Shuffleboard at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 7: Meat loaf Dinner followed by karaoke and dance music.

Wednesday, Feb. 8: Public Bingo starts at 12:30 p.m., lunch available.

Thursday, Feb. 9: Cards at 1 p.m., Spaghetti 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. (all you can eat) shuffleboard at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 10: Shrimp/Fish, baked or fried beginning at 5 p.m. David Baldwin performs.

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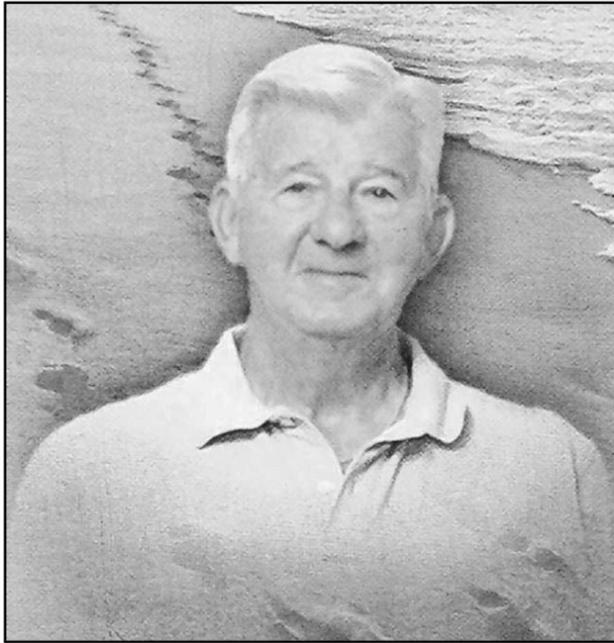
Jan Liberio

ples or individuals I will be featuring a man who passed away over eight years ago. His name is Armando "T" Testa. The reason for this article is because his wife Betty Testa went to Williamsport, Pennsylvania to accept an award in his behalf. Armando was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on Nov. 13, Armando, known as "T" to his friends and fellow athletes, was a champion wrestler and lettered in football and wrestling in 1949-1950 plus being captain of the wrestling team at Williamsport High School.

erful football teams that dominated the West Branch league in the 1960s. He continued to coach until 1970. He and Betty had three children who now reside in New Jersey, Virginia and Louisiana. They and many other family members attended this wonderful banquet award. Betty received a beautiful plaque honoring her husband which she proudly displays on her wall.

"T" retired from teaching in 1990 and he and Betty soon moved to Spruce Creek North where they remained until he passed away in 2003.

Many residents remember "T" as he was the first one to set up Bocci teams, plus recruited resident nurses to have blood pressure screenings once a month. He served on the Board of Directors and worked many pancake breakfasts. You could always see him flipping hamburgers and hot dogs at special picnics. Betty re-



Armando Testa

tending the festivities. Old songs, new songs, something for everyone. The D.J. was Gail.

Special Board Meeting

A special Board of Directors meeting was held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 18 at SCN. There were many questions asked, mostly by new residents. Over 40 people attended. Refreshments were served.

Heating and Air Seminar

Thermo Cool will be putting on a seminar on Feb. 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on a Wednesday. Hot Dogs, hamburgers, etc will be offered. If you haven't been to one of their seminars, please try to attend.

Pancake Breakfast

Reminder: The pancake people will be serving up a wonderful breakfast the 25th of this month. French toast, pancakes, sausages, juice, coffee or tea ... price is \$3 per person. Come and bring your friends or family or both!

Get Well Wishes

Lots of get well wishes are going out to Betty Testa, Fern Eberly and Larry Lee. They all thank everyone for the get well wishes.

Phone Books

All the new 2012 Spruce Creek North phone books have been delivered. Hope they please most of the residents.

Another Birthday

It's that time of the year again! Another birthday! I want to thank all the people that took the time to send me a birthday greeting! Thanks so much!

Jan Liberio resides in Spruce Creek North with her hubby Jim. You can contact her via e-mail at JnLiber@aol.com or drop a message in the mailslot at the SCN clubhouse.

SPRUCE CREEK NORTH

Happy Valentines Day to all the readers out there! Whether it be a box of candy, a bouquet of flowers or even a beautiful card, let your loved one know you care about them.

A brand new Corvette would be nice too!

Feature for this month

After over 75 features for this column, either clubs/organizations, cou-

After graduating and spending four years in the U.S. Air Force "T" received his undergraduate degree from Lycoming College in 1954 and was hired by the South Williamsport area school district to teach math and coach wrestling, track and football. He was part of the coaching staff of South Williamsport's pow-

cently donated two beautiful gas grills to Spruce Creek North in his honor.

He was president of the bowling league and eventually learned to play golf and even had a "hole in one."

"T" and Betty volunteered at Ocala Regional Hospital for many years. Betty still volunteers at the Human Society Thrift shop where she has been for 20 years.

I thought this was a very heart-warming story about a lady who was so proud of her husband and all his accomplishments! How proud he would be of her today!

Valentine Dance

The SCN Valentine dance will be Feb. 18. Tickets will be sold at the door at \$5 per person. Entertainment will be a three-piece band. Check the SCN bulletin board for additional information.

There is an event planned for St. Pat's day. That will be March 10. More information at a later date but mark down these dates.

Cindy Hutchins sends me all this news. What would I do without her? She reported that the New Year's Eve party was a wonderful success with many new residents at-

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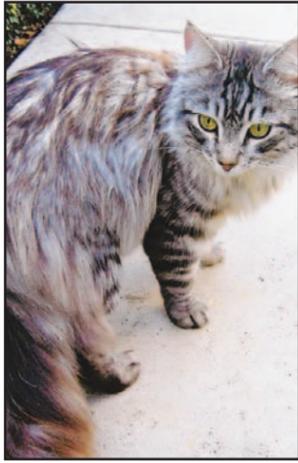
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White Elephant Sale to be conducted by Ambassadors



Carol Ann Wheeler



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In a scene from Little Theatre's play "Sex Please We're Sixty" are Lou Winkelman as "Bud the Stud" and Bonnie Kreider as Victoria Ambrose. Victoria is trying to manipulate Bud out of a back cramp, has twisted around and fallen under him on the couch. It looks compromising but in reality she is just trying to push him off of her.



President of the New York Club John McHale and his wife, Linda, are seen behind the themes "Let it Snow" dance. Displays were created by Phil Shane.

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The Ambassadors will be putting on the first white elephant sale of the year tomorrow, Saturday, Feb. 4, with doors opening to purchasers at 10 a.m. at Palm Grove. Paul Pike is the event coordinator and food manager for the sale and is being assisted by Ed Feltman and their committee. A luncheon will be available of hot dogs with sauerkraut, chicken or seafood salad croissant, assorted Danish, pies and soda, all at a reasonable price. Join with fellow Oak Run treasure seekers in a search for that special something.

Do You Remember? - ORHA Meeting

Tune in channel 12 for Len Teitler's presentation of the Jan. 25 ORHA meeting with installation of new directors and neighbor-

hood representatives, narrated by Anna Boodee. It will air following "FYI" daily from Feb. 3 to Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Genealogy Club

The Genealogy Club of Oak Run will meet on Friday, Feb. 17, in the Orchid Club card room at 9:30 a.m. The program will focus on free websites for genealogy research. In addition, Muriel Koehler will discuss her experience in hiring a professional researcher. There will be time for open discussion. The holiday luncheon was a huge success, thanks to all that contributed the delicious casseroles. We encourage all Oak Run residents who have an in-

terest in discovering their roots to join us at the February meeting.

Oak Run Veterans

The Oak Run Veterans' Association does not have a formal meeting in the month of February. As an update of this year's Ocala Honor Flight for World War II veterans, we want you to know that at this time it is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25. There were over 80 vets on the standby list from the last flight and new applications are coming in every day. The cost for sponsoring a vet has increased to \$500

and the same for an escort, plus, the Ocala Honor Flight is trying to take more veterans on each flight. They are in need of donations which should be by check made out to "VFW" and mailed to Ocala Honor Flight Five, P.O. Box 247, Ocala, Florida 34478. Applications can be mailed to the same address. The Honor Flight Committee is working with three major restaurant chains here in Ocala to secure contributions based on the use of coupons to benefit the Honor Flight. More details will follow. The Oak Run Veterans' As-

sociation wants to be sure that any WW II veteran that has not gone on a flight and wishes to do so be given the opportunity. Please contact Frazer Crane 352-861-4730 for more information or if assistance is needed.

Little Theatre - "Sex Please We're Sixty"

Many people consider Little Theatre's dinner theatre presentation the premier event of the year in our community. You are pampered the minute you arrive, are greeted and escorted to your table. We bring in round tables for the event as it allows you to better communicate with your fellow diners. You are treated to a gourmet meal catered by Royal Oaks consisting of prime rib of beef, chicken Marsala, garlic roasted potatoes, California medley of vegetables, tossed salad, rolls, butter, strawberry cheesecake and assorted

beverages. If you chose, as many do, you can make it a dress up affair, which a nice change from the casual apparel most Floridians become accustomed to. After a leisurely dinner you sit back and enjoy the very funny and interesting goings on at the Rose Cottage Bed and Breakfast which is the setting for "Sex Please We're Sixty." For information on ticket sales please call Diana Schmidt at 352-873-7243 for the dinner theatre show and Linda Noel for the remaining 3 shows at 352-873-9908.

New York Club

Hi New Yorkers (and friends of). Did it snow in your neighborhood? Well, at our first dinner dance of the year some people dressed like it was and there may even have been snowballs. Fun time! Our next outing will be to

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some. Call Linda McHale for details at 352-291-2602. Our next dinner dance will be International Night on March 28. Where are your "roots" from? There will be more information about

this event to come. If you want to join this great fun group Nancy Lillard at 352-873-6110 is the gal to call.

Oak Run Travel

On Wednesday, March

14, there will be a bus trip to the Hard Rock Casino. This trip will leave at 8 a.m. and return around 3 p.m. You will get \$25 in free play and a \$5 food voucher. Call Bob and Cindy Kocher to

get on this trip.

The show "Jackpot" will be at the Show Palace Theatre on Sunday, March 11. There are two buses going and there are several seats available on the second

bus. The show is an affectionate look at the great performers and personalities that make Vegas sizzle. You won't want to miss the classic standards, handsome crooners, beautiful showgirls and exciting dancing. Call Janet Madsen or Jackie Marcotte to reserve your seat.

Spring is coming and it's time for new spring and summer clothes! Join Rudy and Delores Frey as they travel on a shopping trip to Winter Garden Village. We went to this new mall last year and everyone raved about it. The trip will go on Friday, March 23, in time to enjoy the sales just before the Easter holidays.

Debbie Reynolds is known for her starring roles in "Singing in the Rain" and "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," as well as her wit, dancing and singing ability, versatility as an actress, and her successful nightclub and casino acts. She has won the respect of her colleagues and the affection of audiences around the world. Call Emma and Ed Barry to see Debbie on Tuesday, March 27, for a 1 p.m. show.

On Saturday, March 31, at 2 p.m., the fantastic show "Stomp" will be at the Phillips Center in Gainesville. This outstanding eight member group uses everything but percussion instruments, matchboxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters, hubcaps, etc., to fill the stage with music. Call Joanne and John Misener to reserve your seat.

Upper Midwest Club - Trip to Savannah

The club is travelling by bus to Savannah, Brunswick and St. Simons Island, Georgia, for 3 days and 2 nights from April 23 to 25. Upon arrival in Savannah on the first day there will be a tour of the historic district, a shopping trip to City Market and a buffet dinner at Paula Dean's Lady and Sons Restaurant. On the second day there will be tours of the historic home of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts, and the Mercer Williams House, famous movie scene, then depart for Brunswick. There the evening will be spent at the Emerald Princess Casino Boat with dinner on board. On the third day travel to St. Simons Island and visit the Maritime Center Museum and the St. Simons Lighthouse and Museum, then depart for Oak Run arriving about 7 p.m.

Cost for a double room is \$290 per person and for a single is \$420. At sign up you will reserve a seat on the bus and a deposit of \$100 per person will be required. The rest of the money will be due by March 25. Make checks payable to Upper Midwest Club. For further information call Karen at 765-288-6430.

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day of the month, Feb. 29. Please watch the bulletin board for the sign up sheet. Sixteen players make it a lot of fun, and you get to play with players at different levels. What great tennis weather we have had in January. Unfortunately in the early mornings courts one and two may be damp, so please be careful if you do play. We do not want anyone hurt. If you have not yet paid your dues of \$5 per year, or 42 cents per month, please pay directly to Jim Newsheller. Do not forget tally tennis Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30 p.m. The turn out has been great. Please save the date of April 4 for the tennis social.

Royal Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf

On Tuesday, Jan. 24, we played a team game called "1,2,3" (the team used one net score on the par 5's, 2 nets on the par 4's, and 3 nets on the par 3's). The winners were: First Place - Pat Blackburn, Chris Orndorff, Bette Johnson, and Joanne Morris; Second Place - JT Lemasters, Maureen Edwards, Sheila Adams, and Ilene Sim-

nowitz; Third Place - Jan Tennant, Lynn Houghton, Barb Scozzafava, and MaryKay Frandsen. "Closest to the Pin" was Bette Johnson. Even if you have a less than perfect golf score, who can complain about it while enjoying this beautiful Florida weather!

Royal Oaks Lady Niners

On Jan. 26 the weather was beautiful and we had a lot of good scores. In flight A: Charlotte Green first, Elsa Berbig second and BJ Lassiter third. In Flight B: Joan Scholl first, Diana Schmidt second and Pat Salberg third. Closest to the pin was Sally Crass. We welcome new member Pat Salberg to our group.

Royal Oaks Men's Golf

Jan. 27 started out as a wet, windy day, but turned out to be rather pleasant by mid morning. As a result,

the 44 players who participated had a good day for scoring.

The game was the usual three best net. First place was a tie with a score of 195 between the teams of Hal Loomis, Wayne Feeman, John Terry, and Mike Madil, and the team of Charlie Elder, Bill Ellin, Ed Simnowitz, and Steve Szabo. In third with a score of 199 were Ralph Lavacca, Sam Sample, and Tom Ducz. Closest to the pin were Bill Ellin, John Terry, Paul Colatruglio, and Ed Simnowitz. Congratulations to all the hardy souls who started out in the rain. Have a good week; see you next time.

Carol Ann's Corner

Mr. Cody here again. When this article came in I asked mom if I could write it up as it concerns a subject close to my kitty cat

heart. A nice lady in Oak Run named Bonnie Manfred found a silver long haired tabby in her yard. He is about one year old, male and litter box trained. She says he is sweet and loves being around her. Bonnie bought a coupon from Sheltering Hands for reduced cost shots and neutering.

He has been checked out as healthy by Companion Animal Hospital, and now has had his shots and been neutered.

Bonnie has asked around and it doesn't seem that anyone has lost him. She cannot take him and needs help placing him in a home.

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you use some more joy in your house? We cats are clean, don't have to be walked and when our humans pet us, we both feel really, really calm and peaceful.

Please call Bonnie Manfred at 352-861-8295.

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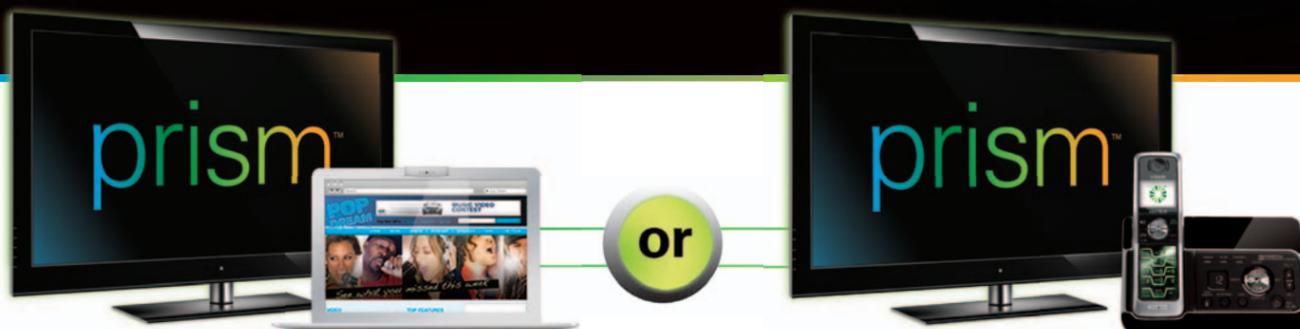
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OTOW Lions Club hosts Italian dinner

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A fantastic fundraiser, music, and learning opportunities constitute this week's OTOW Happenings!

OTOW Lions Club

The OTOW Lions Club hosted an Italian Dinner, catered by Sammy's Fine Italian Restaurant, on Sun-

day, Jan. 29 at the H&R ballroom. The event was supported by a sell-out group of people, and over \$3,000 dollars was raised for the beneficiaries of this

charity event. All proceeds from this fundraising event were donated to enhance the Children's Backpack Program and the Interfaith Food Bank.

To the delight of the audience, Sigrid Schwartz and Justin Fern performed a lovely dance onstage and later entertained the crowd with a nice two-step on the community dance floor. "George and Judy" served as Karaoke disc jockeys and while there were numerous well-deserved clapping of karaoke performances, Lions Club members were especially enthralled by the performance of fellow club member Lion Sandy Fellers, who gave a stirring rendition of Patsy Cline's "Crazy."

The event ended with the raffle drawing for a 41" flat screen television, and

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the winning ticket was held by Craig Ehle!

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CHERRYWOOD ESTATES

When first I went to the Cherrywood Clubhouse to cover the Accordion Club, I expected a few people to be gathered playing their accordions and not much more. How wrong was I? Very!

Going in, I noticed that there were two men playing the accordions and accompanied by a string bass player; two were singing the old standard, Bill Bailey. A lot of people sat around the tables eating munchies, drinking their favorite beverages and singing along. They continued with more tunes and after each, the crowd applauded their approval.

Soon the band was joined by a drummer and a trumpet player. Believe me when I say they sounded like a full orchestra. The music ranged from Blue Moon to My Wild Irish Rose and everything in between. Couples took to the dance floor or sang along with the musicians as they belted out the songs.

Individual soloists took over and played with various levels of accomplishment.

Everyone from students to more advanced musicians played a wide range of music.

To the delight of every-

one, a guest soloist all the way from Orlando took part. Donald Schwartzburg is with the Central Florida Accordion Club and his guest appearance was a highlight of the evening.

Club President Dick Richards organizes and runs the Accordion Club. Every third Wednesday at 5:30 his musicians and those who love to listen and dance gather at the Cherrywood Clubhouse to spend an evening of great entertainment.

Dick of course is the band leader. The Wednesday I was there, he was joined by Gene Bradley on bass; Richard Sturtevant on trumpet; Bill Cahill on drums; and Bob Mace, also on accordion. Where else can you get such class entertainment for nothing? No where!

Accordion music and more, that's what the Accordion Club brings to Cherrywood. For an inexpensive evening of fun and entertainment, you would have to go a long way to top the musicians that come out for the Accordion Club.

The Cherrywood Accordion Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month. Next meetings, recitals, entertainment and fun are scheduled for Feb. 22, March 28 and April 25. Give yourself a treat and stop by.

Cherrywood rides high

On Jan. 25, a group from Cherrywood went horseback riding at Cactus Jack's Trail Rides. This was the idea of Judy Durst who approached the Social Committee with the idea. With their support she organized the outing and over a dozen residents joined her for the adventure.

Winding through Florida's Greenbelt, the trails were shaded by trees and lush foliage that filled the senses with our state's natural beauty and a calm peaceful vista. Along the way the riders encountered an endangered species; a gopher turtle. Apparently this individual tortoise did not feel endangered as he's made his home along the trail and never even moved when the horses walked by.

Cactus Jack's guides, Cathy and Nicole, gave a running account about the Greenbelt, the foliage and even the 'Prickly Pear' that Gopher Turtles thrive on. Wild hogs and deer are not present along the trail which didn't seem to bother the riders.

The docile mounts are an assortment of thoroughbreds, retired polo ponies and draft horses. All are very docile and well trained, making their way along the riding path in single file order. Then there was "Dollar," Fran Hall's horse. Dollar walks to the beat of a different drummer it seems. Occasionally, the group would have to wait a minute or two for Dollar to decide to

get moving again. There's always one in every crowd they say.

Most of the riders had Australian stock saddles which differ from the American Saddle in that they don't have a "horn" on the front. Which begs the question, how do you honk at the other horses? Instead Australian saddles have two "Mickey Mouse" ears in front to help people stay in their seats. It's an

added safety feature for those who might not be accustomed to equestrian activities.

A special "Thank You" to Gen Downs for supplying the information and photos that made this article possible. On behalf of the riders, special appreciation is expressed to Judy for her idea and Cactus Jack's for their consideration.

If you have an idea for a special outing or event, contact the Social Committee for their approval and help make Cherrywood an even more special place, just like Judy did.

You did it!

Thanks to the residents of Cherrywood, the Veterans Club had its most successful food drive ever. Nearly five pickup trucks full of groceries were delivered to Ritz House for Veterans in crises.

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James Nelson of Oak Run. Mr. Nelson donated a truck load of groceries in memory of Paul Fehr, a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Army. Big Sun Realty donated eight cases of canned goods. When asked, a spokesman for Big Sun stated that most of the employees of the firm are veterans and wanted to take part. To Bill Mahar and the Veterans Club of Cherrywood, a heartfelt "Well done!" for all your work, time and effort. Our volunteers were, Skip Smith, Rick Hurley, Bill Brotherhood, Bill Mahar, Ida Mahar, Phil Tatro, Marty Duesel, Peggy Konar, and Trude Smith. All of you, the residents; the veterans; the good Samaritans; and those with a generous soul, made a difference an-changed lives for the bet-ter. Thank you.

Travel Club updates

March 9 — Who Dun It Murder Mystery at the Palace Grand
 March 12 to 15 — Biloxi
 March 23 — Let's Hang On at the Palace grand - A Tribute to Frankie Valli
 April 5 — Las Vegas Jackpot at the Show Palace
 May 10 — Baby - Winter Park Playhouse
 May 17 — Separate Beds at the Early Bird Dinner Theatre
 May 21 to 25 — Myrtle Beach 4 nights 5 days

May 31 — Swing at the Show Palace

June 2 — The Buddy Holly Story at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre

June 23 — New York Nights at the Show Palace

Nov 11 to 18 — Allure of the Seas - Marion County Hospice Fundraiser Cruise in Memory of Frank Archer.

Ladies luncheon

Cherrywood is having a Valentine's Day Party, "Flowers, Food and Fun." Please join us on Feb. 8 at noon in the clubhouse. Our speaker will be Jennifer from "A Flower Hayven" flower shop and she will share floral arranging tips with us. Please bring a favorite dish to share, a place setting and a beverage; we will supply hot coffee.

Sandra Fialkovic celebration of life

For those of you who knew and will miss Sandra there will be a memorial service for her on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Crossroads Community Church, 8070 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala. A reception to celebrate her life will be held following the service at the Cherrywood Clubhouse. Coffee and cake will be provided from noon until 2 p.m.

Men's social pool and team

Most mornings between 9 and 11 a.m., you will find a cadre of pool players gathered at the Clubhouse.

Their skill levels are varied but they share a common love for the game and enjoy the camaraderie that goes with friendly competition.

No matter if you're a novice or play like Paul Newman, you'll find a warm welcome among the guys who enjoy sharing their knowledge of the game and a little friendly kibitzing.

Three newly felted tables are available so if you don't feel like waiting, there are always options and a game to be had. If you've never been to one of these sessions, you are encouraged to stop in, say "Hello" and join in the fun.

The Travel Team goes to various other communities on Tuesday's or entertains the visiting team at our Clubhouse. Come out and play or cheer on our guys.

Crochet Club name

Cherrywood Crochet Club has changed its name to the Cherrywood Crochet and Knitting Club. The name change reflects better on what these talented and artistic ladies and gentlemen do on Friday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m.

Gathered in the reading room of the Clubhouse, everyone is working on a project of their choice and sharing the friendly atmosphere. Some are working on projects that are complex and unique, while others are students just learning the ropes, or should we say "Yarns?"

The Crochet and Knitting Club is legend for its work with various charities including Devereaux Kids; Hospice; Veterans; Kimberly's Cottage, and shawls and toys for the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

The members are warm and willing to share their time, knowledge and skills. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, or enjoy being with a group of peo-

ple who love the craft, make it a point to attend.

You can also help this worthwhile group by donating any materials you think they might be able to use. Yarn, needles, material of all types and colors; anything at all would be greatly appreciated. If you have a connection with a Thrift Store or Fabric Outlet that would be willing to donate, please contact Geri at the Clubhouse; 352-237-1675.

Valentine's Dance

Friends and lovers are in for a special evening on Saturday, Feb. 11. Cherrywood will hold its annual Valentine's Day Dance to celebrate love, with a romantic evening of dancing and fun.

Our own resident DJ, Richard Becotte will supply the tunes that we all know and love while the Activities Committee supplies snacks, lemonade and iced tea. You can of course, bring your own beverages of choice.

All this for just \$3 per ticket and that includes eligibility for the door price. The ever present 50/50 drawing will be held also, so you've got several chances to win.

Spend the evening with the love of your life and your friends; dance and socialize; laugh and enjoy all that life offers the residents of Cherrywood. See Geri for your tickets and we'll see you at the dance.

In pursuit of trivia

For a wild and fun evening, Trivia Night at Cherrywood is the place to be. At 6:30 on the third Wednesday of the month, players come to the Clubhouse to test their knowledge and luck.

Divided into teams of three or four, each group receives an answer sheet. While Fred O'Hern puts up questions on the big

screen, everyone tries to answer the interesting, humorous, and trick questions he displays.

Every night is a different topic. Horses, Dogs, and the Statue of Liberty were the subjects for the last event. Unlike most trivia games where a wealth of useless information is all that is needed to succeed, the questions at Cherrywood Trivia Night are enlightening and interesting. You will leave knowing more than when you arrived and have a great time playing.

When you walk in, each player pays \$1. The winning team collects \$10 while the rest of the money goes to the Cherrywood Veterans Club to be donated to a worthwhile charity. The current charity that the Vets are supporting is the Wounded Warrior Fund.

Where can you go to have an interesting evening, gain some knowledge, laugh and joke with friends and neighbors and come away feeling good? Trivia Night at Cherrywood, that's where. Give it a try and see if you don't have a good time.

Super Bowl - super time

Sunday is America's unofficial holiday called "Super Bowl" and Cherrywood has plans for the best tailgate party and best game coverage.

Starting at 4:30, a Chili Cook Off contest begins. Bring your favorite chili or soup and for a \$5 fee, enter the contest. In a winner takes all challenge, test your culinary skills against the discerning taste of our judges. Play bingo, (five games), take part in the quizzes, get into the raffles, and enjoy the fellowship of your friends and neighbors. Bring your favorite beverage and for a small donation, enjoy hot dogs, bratwurst and hamburgers

cooked on the grill outside. Lemonade, tea, coffee, popcorn and snacks are provided!

Game time will be indoors on the big screen TV where you can enjoy every play and instant replay as the Patriots battle the Giants for the coveted Super Bowl ring and the title of World Champions!

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Remember, Sunday, Feb. 5 at 4:30 p.m., Clubhouse, Super Bowl, Super - Party. At only \$2, tickets are going fast, so be sure to stop by the Clubhouse and see Geri to pick yours up. There's no better way to enjoy the Super Bowl and no better place to watch it from than the Cherrywood Clubhouse.

Caribbean raffle trip

The Cherrywood Veterans Club is raffling off a three-day Caribbean Cruise for two to the Bahamas on the famous Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. Included in the trip, are all port fees; taxes; gratuities and \$100 in spending money. Tickets are just \$10 for one or three tickets for \$20.

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Leisure



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of mixed signals can create an unreliable situation in which to make decisions. Best advice: Hold off on making any commitments until you're sure you know what's going on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An apparently friendly offer comes with some strings attached. Be careful not to get tied into something you don't really want. Thoroughly examine all your options before making a choice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you're not careful, distractions can interrupt your best efforts. Continue to focus on what you need to do. You'll soon have lots of time to enjoy the rewards of your dedication.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Knowledge replaces suspicion as you begin to learn more about that "act of betrayal." On a lighter note, someone close to you might be planning a pleasant surprise.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Control your sometimes-overactive jealousy gene before you find yourself saying or doing something that you could later regret. Best advice: Stop obsessing and move on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) It's a good time to loosen up and do something wonderful and exciting before your more reserved nature resurfaces. A message brings news of imminent change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Cheer up. Things begin to improve significantly by mid-February. However, you might still need help to get through the rest of this sometimes-difficult period.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Something you learned last week takes on new meaning as you begin to relate it to another situation in your life. It's best to keep this matter to yourself for now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your energy level is climbing, and so is your self-confidence. Good for you, because you'll need a good dollop of both to tackle an exciting challenge on the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A family issue might interrupt a career-linked project. Try to give the matter the attention it needs, but be careful not to jeopardize your workplace situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Some self-doubt shows up this week, causing you to question your ability to handle a new challenge. But you know you can do it, and this is your chance to prove it.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A personal matter requires you to be as clear and forthcoming as possible in order to avoid misunderstandings. A career move is eased with the emergence of new facts.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of reaching people that makes them feel good about themselves. You would be an excellent motivational speaker.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword CD COLLECTION

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Here are some super bowling (not football) stories



Dick Frank

PUN

ALLEY

Last week I wrote how I got shanghaied and wound up in Tampa at the Gasparilla Pirate Fest. They didn't release me until it was too late to write this week's column; but they did allow me one telephone call. I called an acquaintance, recently arrived from England, who I asked to write about Sunday's Super Bowl.

The opening words of his submission were, "I don't know much about sports in the U.S., but I guess the Super Bowl must be about bowlers all trying to score 300." The rest of his writing follows.

No strikes

Bob and Tony were bagging their balls after a night at the alley. Bob said, "I'd love to be a professional bowler in the worst way!"

Tony replied, "Quit now. You're almost there."

Later, Bob went back alone to practice his game. While he was there, a man ambled over with a soda and watched him play. Unnerved, Bob threw several gutter balls. Finally, he walked over to the man and said, "Listen, only bowlers are allowed on the lane proper."

The man replied, "I won't tell if you don't."

The wife scores

"Damn," Scott complained to a friend, "one of the guys on my league team just ran off with my wife."

"Don't worry," said the friend. "You'll find someone else."

"With a 255 average?"

Bar none

Once a year, New York's championship bowling team went to Chicago for a national playoff. On the night before the game, Harry, the team leader went to a bar where he struck up a conversation with a man on the stool beside him.

The men had a great time and agreed to meet in the same place the night before the next tournament.

The year passed, and though Harry didn't expect the man to be at the bar, he went anyway. Much to his delight, the man was sitting

there, waiting.

"I can't believe it," Harry cried, pumping the man's hand. "You remembered! You came back!"

"Back?" the man said. "Who left?"

Left for an alley

The young wife weeping told her friend that her husband had walked out on her after a quarrel.

"Oh, don't let it upset you. Men often do that sort of thing. He'll be back," assured her friend.

"No, he won't," wailed the wife. "I can tell. He took his bowling ball with him."

Spares

The man had a splitting headache and went to the bowling alley. His doctor had told him to go and rest someplace where he could hear a pin drop.

Two women were returning from their first attempt at bowling. The husband of one, an inveterate golfer, asked with a raised eyebrow: "How'd you make out?"

"Well," she said, "at least we didn't lose any balls."

When bowling, you don't have to join the union to strike.

At the annual tournament played in Jacksonville they don't use pins. They use alligators. You've heard, surely, of the Gator Bowl.

Stephen walked in the door, so elated he could barely speak.

"Honey, guess what? I came the closest I've ever come to bowling a perfect 300 game!"

"Really?" she said. "What'd you get?"

He replied, "A seventy-three."

Getting strikes is like lining up a great date; you need a smooth approach and terrific follow through.

If you don't knock all the pins down on the first ball, please spare me the details.

Murray walked into the house, dejected. "The orthopedist says I can't

bowl," he told his wife.

"Oh," she replied, "he's seen you play?"

Young bowler

Biff and his son walked up to the counter in the bowling shop.

"I'd like a ball for my boy," he said.

The clerk looked at the youth. "Sorry," he said. "We don't do trade-ins."

Rushin' away

Keith called his bowling partner to withdraw from their Tuesday night bowling league.

His partner inquired why after many years

would he resign.

"My wife and I are taking Russian lessons. The only available evening for both of us is Tuesday," Keith told him.

"Does this have anything to do with the little Russian baby you have just adopted?" his partner asked.

"Yes it most certainly does," Keith replied, "We want to do everything right for this child so we're learning to speak Russian so when the child starts to talk we will understand what he says."

Dick and his wife Jane live in Oak Run.

Alzheimer's caregivers can join support group

If you are a caregiver of a loved one with Dementia or Alzheimer's disease, or have been recently diagnosed with the disease, Emeritus Ocala West would like to invite you to our monthly support groups.

In addition to peer support, the groups will also invite specialists in the field who can answer questions about Dementia and Alzheimer's disease, its causes, how a diagnosis is made and current research, as well as coping mechanisms for caregivers.

Emeritus Ocala West staff will be avail-

able to discuss our unique Join Their Journey Program. There is no cost to attend this group and everyone who is living with a friend or family member with Dementia or Alzheimer's is encouraged to attend.

Support groups are the second Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. or the last Thursday of every month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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and the first game is scheduled for Saturday, March 3. All events will occur at Hope Field at Joy Lutheran Church. So get your child registered to learn the skills of the game and an opportunity to experience good sportsmanship.

Volunteers are needed to help with coaching, registering the participants and organizing the players.

For more information, contact Pastor Ed Holloway at 352-854-4509 ext. 223, Fran Johnson at 352-854-4509 ext. 221 or Stephanie Hagins, 352-861-4811.

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church is at 7045 S.W. 83rd Place at State Rod 200, Ocala.

Charity Pro-Am golf scheduled

A Charity Pro-Am event kicks off the Ocala Open on Tues., March 13, 2012 at Candler Hills Golf Club. Proceeds from the event benefit Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services.

Start the day with breakfast then select a tee gift at the Nike tent.

Participants will warm-up next to pros who will be vying for Ocala Open honors; play golf with the

pro and get a few pointers on your own game. The day concludes with the Champion's Roundup Barbeque and Awards Luncheon.

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Senior Games packets are available; sign up for April events



Diane Bress

MARION LANDING

The February Communicator is out and you should have received your Marion Landing Senior Games packet. From bunko to bowling, tennis to bridge, there's a variety of events that will take place from April 9 through 21, culminating in the Breakfast of Champions on Saturday, April 28, at 8 a.m.

The Senior Games are open to all residents, and there are 40 events that you can participate in. Of the 40 events, 26 are eligible for the coveted Ed Morgan Fitness Award. This year, two new games have been added to the roster: Quoits and Ladder Golf. Quoits is a game in which flat rings of iron are pitched at a stake, with points awarded for encircling it. In Ladder Golf, you toss a "bola" (two weights on the ends of a piece of rope) toward a short ladder. Each rung of the ladder has a point value, and each bola left hanging on a rung at the end of a round scores that many points.

To register for the Senior Games, please fill out the entry form enclosed in your packet and return it, with your entry fee of \$10 per participant, at one of the February Tuesday Socials or to the Activities Office during regular office hours. You may sign up for as many or as few events as you wish. Organizing the event are committee members Howard Shay (chair), Ed DeMauex, Gordon Herrick, Charlie and Stephanie Leagra, Sandy Olmstead, Lorraine Rusch, Bob and Donna Smith, Fran Szutar, Pat Verbanatz, and Ken and Mary Jane Walsh. Good luck, be careful and let the games begin!

Quilters hold benefit drive

The Marion Landing Quilters have often donated hand-made quilts to the local Sheriff's office to help comfort children who are found in stressful domestic situations. "This year we are sponsoring a community-wide project to collect soft and cuddly toys and children's quilts to benefit Marion County Children's Alliance," announced Eddie Mock. "The toys can be purchased or hand made, and we would appreciate any donations be brought to the Tuesday Social on April 3, the first Social of the month, or dropped off in the Activities Office." The Marion County Children's Alliance is a non-profit organization and was formed in 2000 to insure that all of the children of Marion County received appropriate care

and attention. A stuffed animal or quilt can offer comfort to a child while a serious family situation is resolved. Dot Abril, Mary Jo Eggers, Carol Mock, Eddie Mock and Fran Szutar are the Marion Landing Quilters. Please join them in this fine effort to help the children of Marion County.

Valentine's dance

There are still tickets available for the Valentine's Dance. This year's dance, organized by Sheldon Blumenthal and Dorothy Ott, is being held on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 7 to 10 p.m. Sheldon promises wonderful live music by "Tomaura," a terrific husband and wife team, Tom and Maura Healy, who will play a diverse selection of music ranging from swing, foxtrot and waltz, to country line dance, disco and rock for your dancing and listening enjoyment. Tickets are only \$5 each and will be sold at this Tuesday's Social, in the Activities Office during normal ticket sale hours and at the door. So please plan to attend next Saturday — you're in store for a very

enjoyable evening spent with your loved one, friends and neighbors.

Iris card making class
A second class in card making using the Iris paper folding method will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 10:30 a.m. in the Craft Room. Visiting instructor Irene Harris will be back to teach two new designs. Learn how to turn geometric shapes and lines into artwork creating a collage of several colors that almost resemble a twisting tunnel. After you create the collage, a sheet of paper is placed over the colorful artwork with a shape cut out and you are left with the basis for your beautiful greeting card. New students as well as those who participated in the January class are welcome. "The class was a lot of fun," said Gloria Wilberg. "I'm looking forward to taking the class in February." The cost is \$10 and includes all supplies. Please sign up on the sheet behind the flyer hanging on the Activity Wall.

AARP Driver Safety Class

Tune up your driving skills, learn defensive driv-

ing techniques and update your knowledge of the rules of the road at the next AARP driver refresher course led by Marion Landing resident Warren Smith, certified AARP driver safety instructor. The next class will be held on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 23 and 24, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Lifestyle Center. The class is offered in two, 3-hour sessions, and you must attend both sessions to receive a certificate, which may qualify you for an automobile insurance discount. The cost for the class is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-AARP members. Class size is limited, so please check the sign-up sheet in the lobby of the Lifestyle Center and find out if there are still seats available.

Travel news

If you are interested in any of the trips listed below, details are available on the flyers posted on the Travel Board in the Lifestyle Center, or you may call 352-237-7152 for more information. Trips are open to the general public if space allows.



PHOTO BY DIANE BRESS

Abby Litchert, second from left, explains the fundamentals of Quoits to Joan Buzzek, Lorraine DeMauex and Ed DeMauex.

Check with Pat Verbanatz to find out if there are any seats left for the eastern Caribbean cruise from Mar. 16-25 aboard the Navigator of the Seas. For cruise details, please refer to the flyer posted on the Travel Board or call the Activities Office.

Only two seats are left on the bus to Bright House Field to see the Phillies vs. the Red Sox on March 26. Transportation, premium

seats and bus driver tip are included for \$59.

Travel to Clearwater on Saturday, April 21, to Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater to see "Separate Beds," a heartfelt comedy in which two couples navigate through their relationships while on a Caribbean cruise. Tickets are \$66 and include round-trip motor coach, hot buf-

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Diane Bress is Marion Landing's Activities Director and an employee of Land Management, Inc.

Wildland Task Force to hold Monday meeting

Members of the Marion County Multi-Agency Wildland Task Force will meet for the second time this year to continue planning for the 2012 wildfire season. The meeting will be Monday, Feb. 6, at 9 a.m. at Marion County Fire Rescue Headquarters, 2631 S.E. Third St., Ocala.

The Task Force is composed of representatives from Marion County Fire Rescue, Florida Forest Service, United States Forest Service, Dunnellon Fire Rescue, Ocala Fire Rescue, Marion County Emergency Management, Marion County Parks

and Recreation, Florida State Parks, St. Johns Water Land Management and private land management groups.

At the first meeting on Jan. 10, Marion County's extremely dry conditions were of concern. As such, task force members have encouraged local residents to postpone backyard burning, if possible, and exercise caution with outdoor activities that could lead to wildfires. The group will continue to meet on a regular basis to discuss operational and response levels, as well as educational opportunities.

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The missing unit is valued at \$4,500.

Two residents of Stone Creek were arrested recently after an incident in their neighborhood.

Howard Gluck, 79, faces charges of battery on a law enforcement officer, grand theft and resisting arrest. Brenda R. Gluck, 68, was accused of battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting without violence and disorderly conduct.

According to the report from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, a

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deputy responded in response to a theft. The victim said some plants were stolen from a house under construction, and he suspected the Glucks, because he had a problem in the past with stolen sod.

When the deputy went to the Gluck residence, he said they were upset and denied any wrongdoing. They advised they had bought the plants at a local store.

The deputy went back to the site of the incident and Brenda Gluck followed, demanding that the deputy remove his car from her driveway.

Branda Gluck came to the incident location and refused to leave the lo-

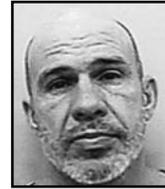
cation. After a couple of warnings, the deputy arrested her and attempted to handcuff her. She resisted, and hit the deputy on the arm and chest, according to the report.

As the deputy attempted to place Brenda Gluck in his car, Howard Gluck came and started yelling at the deputy. He refused to back away and according to the report hit the deputy on the chest.

The deputy got Brenda Gluck into his car, but Howard Gluck attempted to let her out by opening the door. He was then placed under arrest, and a backup deputy arrived and handcuffed him.

A man listed as being a transient was accused of lewd and lascivious conduct. According to the report, James Raymond Hallin, 58, improperly touched an 8-year-old girl.

Marion's Most Wanted



Monnie Adams, 51, Felony violation of probation uttering forged bills and grand theft.



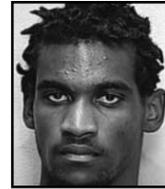
Ashley Hardin, 28, Felony violation of probation grand theft.



Michael Ligin, 56, Felony warrant count 1 burglary of a dwelling; count 2 petit theft; Felony warrant count 1 burglary of dwelling; count 2 grand theft.



Michael Roberts, 21, Felony violation of probation count 1 burglary of dwelling while armed; count 2 dealing in stolen property; dealing in stolen property carrying a concealed firearm.



Zaquel Salmon, 18, Felony bench warrant failure to appear pre-trial conference count 1 burglary of dwelling; count 2 grand theft; Felony bench warrant failure to appear pre-trial conference count 1 grand theft.



Lauryn Young, 22, Felony violation of probation count 1 burglary of conveyance.

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Cruising with the conservatives

BY PAT WELLINGTON
Special to the Citizen

On Dec. 4, my sister Kay Smith and I boarded Holland America's Nieuw Amsterdam in Fort Lauderdale to sail with the Weekly Standard editorial staff including Editor Bill Kristol, Executive Editor Fred Barnes, senior writer Stephen Hayes and token Democrat Juan Williams, along with pollster Scott Rasmussen.

I'm a registered Independent and my interest in the cruise was to gauge the mood of conservatives eleven months before the election. The number of those who signed up was impressive and spoke volumes about Republican interest and enthusiasm — a staggering 550. Last year's Weekly Standard cruise barely rose above 200.

I was initially struck by the demographics. Although a majority was clearly retirement age, there was a sizable contingent of younger conservatives still in the work force.

Most impressive were the number of very old, very infirm Republicans, many on oxygen and many in wheelchairs, political diehards for whom elections had always been a significant part of their lives. You had to wonder how many of these fragile oldsters would survive until November 2012.

The initial session was in a word — rousing. Bill Kristol opened with a seamless outline of conservatism from the end of the Cold War to the present.

Juan Williams appeared briefly that first night to tumultuous applause.

The tearful Democrat thanked the audience in a scene reminiscent of his firing from NPR when Fox offered him a job and friendship.

News seemed to spread to non-enrolled passengers about daily excitement on Deck 2 but they were thwarted in attempts to crash the events. We all wore IDs around our necks and vigilant Weekly Standard volunteers manned the doors.

The sessions covered a wide range of topics — Handicapping the GOP Primaries, Religion and the 2012 Election, The Truth about the News Media, Republicans; Strengths and Weaknesses, and so forth. Each day's session ended with the cheer-leading grand promise: "Republicans! This is our time! This is our election! We will win!"



At left, Pat Wellington with some of those on the cruise. Above, her ID badge which was used to keep out curious fellow passengers.

Camellias on display



The Pioneer Garden Club had its Camellia Show on Saturday, displaying the bright flowers to dozens of visitors. At left, the best in show was from Tallahassee, while above, this table display greeted visitors.

Photos by Jim Clark



Ingrid Crane

Breath is link between body, mind

feel calmer and less scattered. As we find balance and composure, the mind becomes clearer, bringing us into the present moment, which is miraculous!

It takes practice to be present. We seem to be either lost in the past or worrying about the future. The breath brings us into the present and helps us handle life in a more appropriate manner, especially since we are thrown curveballs along the way. We're rarely prepared for the unexpected. There are accidents. We get disappointed: we lose loved ones; pets die, and we're immobilized by grief, pain and shock. The stress and tension is overwhelming and our immune systems are greatly compromised.

It is at these times we must pause.... and breathe and make time to be quiet and reflect without stuffing the void. We have to allow ourselves to feel, to feel deeply, so that the feelings can flow through

us and be released. We don't have to suffer. We can choose not to be victims of circumstance and remember that each moment presents a new opportunity for us to respond and act with clarity, dignity and grace.

We suffer because of our attachment. We're attached to pleasure, happiness and gain and we shun the opposite side of the coins, which are pain, unhappiness and loss. These worldly concerns are referred to as the "terrible twins." Each arrives with its opposite and you can't have one without the other.

And so we pause. We take an intentional breath and we smile and feel a sense of inner lightness. We might even laugh, which happens to be a dynamic form of breathing and profoundly boosts the immune system and our mood!

We're here on Earth for a relatively short time, so the best we can do is to bring nourishment, healing and

joy to ourselves and those we meet along the path. Everything and everyone that touches our life is for our growth and learning but not for our grasping!

Freedom comes from letting go, moving lightly through life, seeing the good, savouring the happy times and accepting what is, rather than wanting or expecting it to be anything else. We adapt, adjust and accommodate. We resolve to stay present and mindful with the help of the breath because God is the Breath inside the breath! To paraphrase St. Paul: "whatsoever is true, noble, just, pure and lovely, if anything is excellent, think on these things... and the God of Peace shall be with you."

Ingrid Crane is a practitioner of Reiki, Thai massage and Yoga. She will be at the Freedom Library on Feb. 4 and 11 at 10:15 a.m. for Gentle Chair Yoga, especially beneficial for people with limited mobility. She can be reached at 352-854-7950.



Some of the Big Sun Chorus singers.

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BY PETER MUSELLA
Big Sun Chorus

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