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## BRIEFS

### Ocala Health System names new CEO

Ocala Health System, an affiliate of HCA, announces the appointment of Randall R. McVay to the position of Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. McVay has more than 26 years of health care experience at both the corporate and hospital levels. He joined Ocala in August, 2010 as Chief Financial Officer and added the interim Chief Executive Officer responsibilities in August, 2011 with the retirement of Rex Etheredge.

Allen Golson had been named to the position, but died in a plane crash in January near Ocala International Airport.

McVay's prior experience includes serving in various corporate multi-facility financial leadership roles with LifePoint Hospitals, Inc. and Triad Hospitals, Inc. and from 1986 to 2005 was a hospital financial leader at various HCA operations.

"I have enjoyed working with Ocala Health for the past year and a half," said McVay. "We have set in motion several key initiatives that will position us well for success in the future."

Ocala Health System (OHS) encompasses Ocala Regional Medical Center, a 200-bed facility located in the heart of Ocala, and West Marion Community Hospital, a 70-bed hospital located in West Marion County. OHS has the only Commission on Cancer approved cancer center in Marion County and is directly affiliated with the Moffitt Cancer Center.

### No puzzles

Because of a production problem, the weekly puzzles are not included in this edition. They will return next week.

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# Superintendent candidates square off

BY JIM CLARK  
Editor

The 2012 local political debate season got under way Monday night at the Tea Party Solutions meeting, as the two Republican candidates for superintendent of schools squared off.

George Tomyn, executive director for school development and evaluation with the school system, and Wally Wagoner, deputy superintendent of operations, are both trying to succeed their boss, Jim Yancey, who has chosen not to run.

Democrat Diana Greene, deputy superintendent of curriculum and instruction, is also in the race, but is still unopposed for the primary and, as of now, will not be on the ballot until November.

The candidates actually agreed on many issues facing the school system.

In their opening statements, Wagoner said, "This is a very big business, albeit an educational business. Our only job is to teach and learn. The future of everyone in this room is tied to how we do our job."

It is a huge bureaucracy that is very hard to change.

Referring to his opponent, he stated, "George feels entitled to



George Tomyn



Wally Wagoner

his position," a comment that Tomyn waited until closing statements to challenge.

In his opening, Tomyn emphasized his 35 years in Marion County as a teacher, assistant principal and principal before moving into the district office. "I'm deeply committed to our schools. I understand our business from top to bottom."

"I bring strong and proven lead-

ership. People are the key ingredient to our success."

After that the questioning started, at first from the moderator and then from the audience.

**Q – What are your three primary goals?**

Wagoner – Make sure students receive a great education, understand we have 6,000 employees, less than 3,000 in the classroom. We need to look every day at how

to be more efficient. We should customize schools to fit the needs of students.

Tomyn – Safe and clean schools, transparent management of resources, and every child should have a great opportunity to learn to meet our future.

**Q – Concerning the budget, where would you cut?**

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# Audience gets vocal at Stearns' meeting

BY JIM CLARK  
Editor

A small but vocal crowd provided some heated exchanges at a town meeting hosted by U.S. Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-Ocala) on Saturday morning at the County Commission auditorium.

It was the first of several scheduled town meetings by the congressman that day, and it wasn't the usual pro-Stearns meeting that has marked his term in office.

The biggest dispute of the day involved the Obama administration's decision to force religious-based health institutions to provide birth control coverage with their health plans for employees.

Stearns is against the mandate, and he cited House plans to overturn it. "What's wrong with buying it (birth control) yourself?" he asked.

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PHOTO BY JIM CLARK

U.S. Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-Ocala) gestures as he speaks with the audience after Saturday's town meeting.



## 101 years old

The birthday of Ann Davis was celebrated by the staff of Shear Joy on Saturday, Feb. 24. Ann was 101 years old on Monday, Feb. 27. She has a hair appointment every Saturday and has been a customer for 11 years, coming over from her home in On Top of the World. She is shown here with Colleen Peluso and Brenda Leigh Massey.

## Farmer's Market in operation

The Circle Square Commons Farmer's Market on The Town Square reopened Thursday, March 1 and will be open every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Find fresh seasonal produce, flowers, plants, fresh baked goods, candles, delicious pies and much more. Meet and shop the local crafters and artists displaying creative and unique pieces from charming tote bags and beautiful jewelry to wood working creations and framed photography.

Come and watch as one of the many On Top of the World Communities' talented chefs prepare delicious flavors of the season during the cooking demonstrations on the first Thursday of every month.

The market is open to the public and located adjacent to On Top of the World at 8405 S.W. 80th St. For information, call 352-854-3670 or visit [www.CircleSquareCommonsFarmersMarket.com](http://www.CircleSquareCommonsFarmersMarket.com).

### VFW Post 4781 happenings

Fish fry on second and fourth Fridays of every month, served from 4 to 6 p.m.  
 Wings and shrimp boats on the first, third and fourth Friday of every month, served from 4 to 6 p.m.  
 Bingo is played every Monday and Thursday with early bird games starting at 11:30. Lunch is available to bingo players and is also served in the Canteen. Lunches are available until 1:30 p.m.  
 V-burgers with beer specials is on the last Tuesday of every month, served from 4 to 6 p.m.  
 Surf and turf is held the last Saturday of every month, served from 4 to 6 p.m.  
 Bar bingo is held in the Canteen every Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. Food is available.  
 March 13 - Ladies Auxiliary Dinner is served from 4:30 to 6:30. Please call or drop by to reserve your tickets.  
 March 17 - St. Patrick's dinner, will be served from 4:30 to 6:30. Please stop by the Canteen to pick up your tickets. Get your tickets early as they sell out fast.  
 Karaoke in the Canteen every Friday and Saturday starting at 7 p.m. Call 352-873-4781 who is scheduled for the month.  
 To participate in Canteen activities you must be a member or a signed in guest.

### STEARNS

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That set off some of the people in the audience. One woman said she has taken birth control pills since she was 12 and they were used to treat hormonal imbalance. She said the plan to negate the rule "makes me upset."  
 One woman from the back argued that the religious institutions shouldn't be required to provide something their religion is against, and another near the front turned and yelled, "Why, so women can have babies for you to take care of?"  
 Another remark from the audience drew a reaction when one man said that President Obama "should be impeached."  
 He indicated belief that the president wasn't born in America, among other things. "Those documents have all been released," said one woman.  
 Stearns was also criticized by someone who attacked his vote against a trail out West to honor the "Buffalo soldiers." He defended his vote because he said the trail, about 200 miles long, was not practical. "Would you walk the 200 miles?" Stearns asked.  
 There was also what could have been a controversial remark by Stearns, although it was not meant in the way that some people might believe. He was talking about the budget, and was discussing how common folks had to live within their means, using generalized names to refer to family members.  
 However, in making a point as he made up names, he used the name "Uncle Tom." That brought a small reaction from some in the audience, but Stearns went right on and appeared not to notice.

In fact, Stearns spent a lot of time criticizing the lack of action of moving toward a balanced budget. "There doesn't seem to be any attempt to balance the budget."  
 He said he had voted against establishing the "super committee" to come up with solutions, and defended his vote based on the outcome. "They couldn't agree on anything. It was a farce."  
 He spent a lot of time on the Solyndra investigation, a company that received millions in subsidies "even though it never made a profit." The company filed for bankruptcy in September.  
 He has issued a subpoena to the administration to investigate Solyndra. "It's the first Congressional subpoena since Watergate," he said.  
 Stearns also criticized the decision to subsidize the Chevy Volt, an energy-alternative vehicle. He asked for a show of hands on how many people drove a Chevy Volt, and no one responded. "It's not selling. It's a disaster," Stearns commented.  
 He asked why American taxpayers were subsidizing things that they won't buy.  
 Stearns criticized the Department of Energy. "Before Jimmy Carter, we didn't even have one. Every one of you would like to have their jobs."  
 He was asked about what could be done to help the housing market. "We should allow short sales." He said that banks must be forced to accept short sales.  
 At the end, Stearns praised the audience for coming out early on a cold Saturday morning. "A passionate town meeting is a plus."

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# DEBATE

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**Tomyn** – We have discussed the need to have privatization of custodial services to privatization of transportation. We have to look at what we're offering. We're teaching our students for jobs that do not exist yet.

**Wagoner** – Under my leadership we have privatization custodial and privatization of transportation. Anything tied to our core business, we need to see if someone can do it better.

**Q – What about the proposal to go to a four-day week?**

**Tomyn** – Let's hope we don't go to it. It was deemed by the state that we could not save money (state paying only four days of transportation). It's certainly not worth the disruption.

**Wagoner** – It's not a very good idea.

**Q – How do you stand on vouchers?**

**Wagoner** – I don't mind competition. We should design our schools so parents are clawing to get back in. Having a choice is OK.

**Tomyn** – Our school systems have evolved a great deal. Schools of choice are already here. Charter schools have to have the same accountability. For vouchers, I want to be very cautious. Students and teachers must be held to the same standards.

**Q – Do you favor elected or appointed superintendent?**

**Tomyn** – I believe in the power of democracy. An elected superintendent is the only thing I am familiar with. Twice the voters have declined to make it appointed. If the school board puts it on the ballot, I can argue for that if that's the direction the board wants to go.

**Wagoner** – It's a decision you all should make at the polls.

**Q – How do you face the challenge of unfunded mandates?**

**Wagoner** – The problem is Talla-

hassee is full of lobbyists who are still very powerful. We have to find ways to be successful under present conditions.

**T** – I agree. We're obligated to follow the rules and regulations the state gives us.

**Q – Schools now provide various meals. How do you feel about that?**

**Tomyn** – We do have a very sophisticated approval process. We want to help those who are needy. We can do a good job of verifying.

**Wagoner** – I really can't punish a child for the behavior of the parents. It's an interesting issue. Food service operates like a business, with profit and loss statements.

**Q – What about studying the founding fathers and the Constitution?**

**Wagoner** – I think we do a good job in that area, we bring a veteran into the classroom. All too often we're just tested in reading, math, science.

**Tomyn** – We do teach American history, founding fathers and the Constitution. Geography, civics and history in the middle schools, in the high schools American history, world history and American Government.

**Q – I filled in at a classroom last December, and the 11th graders didn't know about Pearl Harbor.**

**Tomyn** – "I know it is part of the curriculum."

**Wagoner** – "I'm shocked."

**Q – Teachers can't teach when you have lack of discipline.**

**Tomyn** – We have no place in our schools (for those students), they need to be moved or even expelled.

**Wagoner** – I can't make parents be parents. We have a strong code of student conduct. It's more of an issue on the bus then in the classroom. If you fight on the bus, you shouldn't ride the rest of the year.

**Q – About public comments at board meetings not being shown on TV.**

**Wagoner** – That's a decision the

board makes. I'm open to have public comment on TV.

**Tomyn** – The public should have an opportunity to speak at the appropriate time.

**Q – Why a black history month? Why not just teach about blacks as part of all American history.**

**Tomyn** – We do teach all history. All of our schools have done something (for black history month).

**Wagoner** – We teach American history.

**Q – We spend beyond six figures on public information. What do you think of having a spokesman?**

**Wagoner** – As far as PR is concerned, we need to look at how we're doing that.

**Tomyn** – The public information officer is important. He's also now managing the TV operation.

**Q – What about complying with the class size amendment?**

**Tomyn** – We'll keep our class sizes to the required number. We can't afford the penalty.

**Wagoner** – Smaller is not necessarily better when you have a great teacher.

**Q – What about coaches' and administrative supplements?**

**Tomyn** – These are some of the greatest dropout programs.

**Wagoner** – They're really as important as curriculum. We can still offer those programs with resources if we allocate correctly.

(Both candidates said they didn't care about the superintendent supplement, although the superintendent's salary is set by the state).

### FINAL REMARKS

**Tomyn** – I enjoy listening. It helps me formulate ideas. I do not feel entitled, but qualified.

**Wagoner** – I understand it is a serious business. Nothing is more important than a great education. The system is broken and we need to change that.

# Marion's Most Wanted



**Tanisha Dennard, 29**, felony bench warrant for failure to appear arraignment count 1 driving while license revoked as habitual offender.



**Allen Dones, 35**, felony violation of probation grand theft 300 L/5,000.



**Robert Murillo, 45**, felony bench warrant for failure to appear drug court count 1 dealing in stolen property; felony bench warrant for failure to appear drug court count 1 possession of cocaine



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**Charles Washington, 28**, felony bench warrant for failure to appear status conference count 1 drive while license revoked as habitual offender; count 2 dui impairment or dubal 15 or above; count 3 leave scene of crash property damage only.



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## MARION LANDING

Marion Landing will be holding a Craft Fair on Saturday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Lifestyle Center will be set up with wall-to-wall crafters selling a variety of handcrafted items including jewelry, handbags, shell art, macramé plant hangers, mosaic wall hangings, floral arrangements, quilts, paintings, beautiful lighted wine bottles and glass blocks, photography, assorted Christmas items, and much more. Refreshments will be available and will include coffee, tea and donuts in the morning and hot dogs, chips and beverages for lunch, proceeds of which benefit the community's Sunshine fund. "We hope everyone can come down on Saturday, March 31, and join us. It's fun to see all the different projects, and we appreciate the community's support of our local crafters," said Merry Anne Krell, Craft Fair chairperson. This event is free and open to the public.

## Registration for Senior Games due today

Registration for the Marion Landing Senior Games is due today. There are 40 events that will take place from April 9 through 21, culminating in the Breakfast of Champions on Saturday, April 28, at 8 a.m. If you are interested in participating in the Senior Games, please fill out the entry form enclosed in your Senior Games packet and return it with your entry fee of \$10 per participant to the Activities Office by 2 p.m. today. You may sign up for as many or as few events as you wish. Join your neighbors in some friendly competition and fellowship, and per-



Marion Landing resident and Landing Lites accompanist Joann Shaw donated four military flags to the Westport Army JROTC Flag and Spin Team in memory of her recently-deceased husband, Cpl. John W. Shaw, U.S. Army 1951-1953 (pictured above). The Flag and Spin Team is part of the Landing Lites Pops Concert which will be held on Saturday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the Lifestyle Center.

haps you will even bring home an Ed Morgan Fitness award.

## Sunshine fundraiser tickets

Tickets are going fast for Sunshine's St. Patrick's Games Party on Wednesday, March 14, at the Lifestyle Center. Tickets are \$6 each, and the last

day to purchase them is Tuesday, March 6, at the Social. Play will include any kind of cards or games, such as Bridge, Hand and Foot, Pinochle, Rummikub, Chess and Checkers, and Scrabble, to name a few. A group chooses what they will play when they sign up. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. for the 12:00 lunch of Reubens, chips and pickles, lemonade, coffee and cake; and the games will begin at 1 p.m. "Tickets are limited to 6 per household," said

Shirley Pohlers, Sunshine representative; "and although full-table registration is recommended, we will do our best to place individual registrants with others." In addition to cards and games, there will be a Chinese auction of items contributed by various Marion Landing artists. They will be on display at the Tuesday Social. Tickets for the Chinese auction are \$1 each or 5 for \$3 and can be purchased either at the Social or the day of the Games Party. Get ready for an afternoon of fun, but get your tickets soon as seating is limited.

## Landing Lites pops concert

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 10, at 7 p.m. That's the date for the spring Landing Lites Pops Concert, and you won't want to miss this program. "It's full of show stoppers," said Concert Director Floyd Hickman. "Let Me Entertain You," "You Raise Me Up," "What a Wonderful World," "Moon River" and "Singin' in the Rain" are some of the hits that will be performed by the 38-member chorus with featured piano soloist Dominic Muzzi, as well as medleys from "My Fair Lady" and "Oliver." Muzzi accompanies a number of

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choral groups at West Port High School and has accompanied the Central Florida Master Choir. The program also includes two patriotic numbers and features the Westport Army Junior ROTC Flag and Spin Team under the direction of Col. (ret.) Harry Good. The Flag and Spin Team recently accepted a donation from our own Joann Shaw of four military flags: Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and Air Force, which will complete the Team's set of military flags. She did this in memory of her recently-deceased husband, John Shaw, an Army veteran. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and are on sale at Tuesday Socials and in the Activities Office during ticket sale hours.

### Free luncheon seminar

Dr. Doug Routledge of Roberts Funeral Homes will host a free informational luncheon seminar

on Thursday, March 8, at 11 a.m. in the Lifestyle Center. The topic of this seminar is "The Erratic Cycle of Grief" and is the second in a series of four topics relating to the funeral process and what you need to know to make you an informed consumer. At this seminar, you will learn the source of grief, its value, how to handle grief, how different people experience grief, and how long it lasts. Dr. Routledge is a gifted speaker who presents this serious information with a sensitive humor that makes this difficult topic more easily handled, and will address all your questions. Please reserve your seat by purchasing a refundable \$1 ticket at the Tuesday Socials or in the Activities Office during regular ticket sale hours.

### Super Bingo

The next Super Bingo game will be held on Sunday, March 11, in the Lifestyle Center for Marion Landing residents only. Doors will open at 1 p.m. and the game will begin

promptly at 2 p.m. Coffee will be available. So join us, and bring a friend (other residents and guests per our rules and regulations).

### Karaoke

Are you interested in Karaoke? Join the Jersey Cowboy, John Winn, on Wednesday, March 7, in the Lifestyle Center. He will bring the Karaoke equipment and music, you supply your voice and desire to have fun. Hope to see you there. Any questions, call the Activities Office.

### 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 237-7152 for more information. Trips are open to the general public if space allows.

Please note the date change for the trip to Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater to see "Separate Beds." The trip is now

Saturday, April 28. This is 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 buffet, all tax and gratuities. Check the flyer posted on the Travel Board for more information.

Mark your calendar for May 9 as we travel to Orlando for the Sleuths Mystery Theater where you become the detective and help solve the crime. You might even be chosen for a cameo role. The cost is \$69 and includes bus, all tax and gratuities, plated lunch of honey glazed Cornish hen, four cheese lasagna with or without meatballs, or prime rib (for an additional \$3.20). Join the group to see how good of a detective you make in solving this mystery. For more information, please see the flyer posted on the Travel Board.

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



Marion Landing residents Chuck and Sue Kiger display their crystal collection in the community display case. The Kigers mined the Arkansas Quartz crystals themselves in 2010 and 2011 in the Quachita mountains of Central Arkansas.

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Marion Landing resident and certified AARP driver safety program instructor Warren Smith fields questions from a group of residents during the recent refresher course held in the Lifestyle Center. Keep your eye on The Communicator for future classes.

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# Mush! Alaskan dog sled race starts Saturday



Dick Frank

The rewards are incredible. The winning musher gets thousands of dollars in endorsements. The winning huskies each get a biscuit.

After Lance Mackey won his third straight Iditarod race he said, "There's no place like Nome." I assume one of his sled dogs is named Toto.

### A real dog

Gary decided to breed a superior sled dog for the Iditarod sled dog race, but he couldn't stay in Alaska so he hired an immigrant from Siberia even though the Russian was very thin and malnourished. Gary put him in charge of the breeding program with financial resources to match. But the Russian used the money to live a life of luxury. In fact he gained a lot of weight while Gary was away. The breeding program went nowhere. When Gary checked back, he found that, while he hadn't created the perfect sled dog, he had created a Siberian husky.

### Travel ordeals

Traveling in Alaska in the middle of winter can be dangerous. A government warning states that anyone traveling should take a shovel, blankets, sleeping bag, extra clothing including a scarf, hat, and gloves, 24 hour supply of food & drink, deicer, rock salt, flashlight with spare batteries, safety triangle, tow rope, full gas can, first aid kit, and jumper leads. Joe looked a little stupid on the bus in the morning.

### Mush

Eskimo Lover: "What would you say if I told you I had come a hundred miles through ice and snow with my dog team, just to tell you I love you?"

Eskimo Sweetie: "I'd say that was a lot of mush."

The sled dog never barks. He is a male mute.

A dog is longer in the morning than in the evening because he's let out in the morning and taken in at

night.

A dog that sniffs out new flowers on the tundra is known as a bud hound.

A man entered a bank with a rather large dog on a leash. He asked if it was OK to bring his pet into the building. The teller answered, "Yes, providing he doesn't make a deposit."

Life is like a dogsled team. If you aren't the lead dog, the scenery never changes.

My dog is dumb. I bought a dog whistle but he won't use it.

When the hunter saw the polar bear eat his sled dog he said, "Well, doggone."

The fireman who owned a dog kept putting him out.

A cowboy was walking down the street with his new pet dachshund. A passerby asked him why a cowboy would own that kind of dog. The cowboy answered, "Well, somebody told me to get a long little doggie."

### More mush

When the Alaskan owners of sled dog teams got to argu-

ing endlessly about whether or not their huskies would run faster if given periodic snacks during their runs, instead of just one big meal a day, it was just a case of mush ado about noshing.

### Eyeful

Ruth had worked late and her Labrador was so overjoyed to see her arrive home that he jumped up just as she leaned down. Their heads collided and Ruth developed an impressive shiner that evening.

The next day at work a co-worker looked at her black eye and exclaimed, "Wow, what happened to you?"

"The dog did it," Ruth wearily replied.

The co-worker said, "You must own a boxer."

### Retriever

A wife said to her husband one morning, "We've got such a clever dog. He brings in the daily newspapers every morning."

Her husband replied, "Well, lots of dogs can do

that." The wife responded, "But we've never subscribed to any."

### Timely

A girl was visiting her friend who had acquired two new dogs and asked the dogs' names. The friend said that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. The girl said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?" "Hellooooo," she answered, "They're watch dogs."

Dick and his wife Jane live in Oak Run.

## PUN ALLEY

The Iditarod Sled Dog Race starts tomorrow. It takes mushers from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. Nearly 1,000 whining, drooling dogs are a part of the opening ceremony; somewhat like the Miss Universe Pageant. For the first time in its history mushers were tested for alcohol and drugs. Officials say no one has been disqualified for performance enhancers, although three mushers have tested positive for Alpo.

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## OUR VIEW

### Can't we all just get along?

The great divide in the nation was apparent in a small crowd at the County Commission auditorium last Saturday morning during a town meeting conducted by one of our local members of Congress, U.S. Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-Ocala).

The small crowd was largely pro-Stearns and anti-Obama, but those who were in favor of the administration weren't bashful about making their feelings known.

That resulted in a couple of shouting incidents which were ugly at times.

It's doubtful that anyone's mind was changed during this meeting. There were those who defended the administration mandate forcing religious institutions to provide birth control in their health care plans for employees. There were those who were equally passionate against that decision.

There were also a couple of people who brought up the possible impeachment of the president, calling on Stearns to back such a move. Evidently they were unaware that any impeachment would go to trial in the Democrat-controlled Senate, and that such a move by the Republican-controlled House would be a waste of time and money.

To his credit, Stearns stayed calm throughout, trying to keep the discussions on point.

Since this was a town meeting and not a political event, Stearns did not refer to his candidacy until he was asked near the end of the meeting and he explained that he was running in District 3, which would include many of the people to the north of Marion County who are already Stearns' constituents in the current District 6.

The crowd was a microcosm of what is going on in the country today. People can't agree on politics, won't compromise (one person said, "compromise is not a dirty word"), and try to out-shout their opponents instead of having a rational dialogue.

These same people complain loud and long about Congress not being able to come to an agreement, but they show why in their behavior at town meetings such as this. How can we expect our leaders to compromise when those of us at the local level can't do the same?

Being civil starts at the local level. Some of the people who attended the town meeting Saturday seem to know that. Others, however, didn't.

We can only hope that someday they'll learn.

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### Panhandlers

I don't know about the rest of you but I am sick and tired of driving home from work day after day and seeing the same panhandlers camped out on the median at State Road 200 and Southwest 60th Avenue (Airport Road).

In a town this large there have to be plenty of places you can go to if your need help getting back on your feet. Of course they probably expect you to make a genuine effort to find a job and take responsibility for yourself and your family.

Why would you do that when you can stand on the median day after day and pocket the cash tax free?

My husband and I both work hard every day and pay our taxes like every good citizen should.

I can't tell you how discouraging it is to see the same people out there day after day mooching off the taxpayers. Not only are they a nuisance, they are also a hazard. I wish the driving public would wise up and stop supporting this kind of behavior!

If you can stand on the median for hours on end you can stand behind the counter at McDonald's or one of the other fast food restaurants or at a cash register at one of the Dollar stores and earn your money and pay your taxes!

**Kathy Hall**  
Oak Creek Village

## COMMENTARY

### Happy birthday to leap year cousin

Wednesday was my cousin's birthday. If you look at the calendar, you'll know why that is such a big deal.

Her birthday only comes once every four years. She was born on Feb. 29, I won't say what year.

I can remember it being awfully hard to explain to a 5-year-old why her birthday is a date that isn't on the calendar and has to be celebrated either the day before or the day after. That's a tough thing to deal with at an early age.

Her birthday started me thinking about how many famous people were born on that date. I investigated, and this is what I found.

Band leader Jimmy Dorsey.  
Baseball player Al Rosen of the Cleveland Indians.  
Burlesque star Tempest Storm.  
Astronaut Jack Lousma.  
Hockey player Henri ("Pocket Rocket") Richard.  
Law and Order actor Dennis Farina.

But the one that really intrigued me was this guy born in Germany in 1904: Adolph Blaine Charles David Earl Frederick Gerald Hubert Irvin John Kenneth Lloyd Martin Nero Oliver Paul Quincy Randolph Sherman Thomas Uncas Victor William Xerxes Yancy Zeus Wolfe-

**Jim Clark**  
Editor



schlegelsteinhausenberdorft Sr., Germany; had a Christian name for every letter in the alphabet, shortened it to Mr Wolfe Plus 585 Sr. The world's longest name officially used by a person.

Next question: Why do we have a Feb. 29 anyway? Why do we have a leap year every four years? Why do we have a leap year in 2000, but not 1900 (there is no Feb. 29 in the turn of the century year unless it is divisible by 400).

I guess most people know that some genius figured out that we need an extra day every four years to keep our calendar in sync with the climate. So I tried to do the math.

If you take away one day every four years, that means we would lose 24 (or in some cases 25) days a century. That means that by the time we get to the year 9012, it would be hot in January and cold in July.

Personally, I'm not going to worry about that, but if some people want to make sure that

future generations have their weather in the proper months, that's OK with me.

But why give us an extra day in the winter. Why not a June 31, so we have an extra day of summer?

It all goes back to the Gregorian Calendar, then the Julian Calendar under Julius Caesar. The explanation, which was based on religious reasons, is far too long to go into here, but go to Wikipedia online and you can read all about it.

One more question: Why do we have our presidential elections in leap years? Wouldn't it be nice not to give them an extra day to campaign, to call us at home, to bombard us with junk mail?

I can't wait for 2100, which won't have a Feb. 29 because it's not divisible by 400.

By then, I'll be about 157 years old.

At that point, I doubt if I will care that the candidates have one less day to call me.

Anyhow, back to the original premise of this column: A belated happy birthday to Jeanie, and to all the other "leapers." Wednesday was your day. I hope you enjoyed it.

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

### Birth and growth of national lunchbox authority

Our recent column about the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 was about further intrusion of our do-goody government into schools and homes. The Act created additional funding and policy for administration of the Department of Agriculture's many food services programs - National School Lunch, National School Breakfast, Special Supplemental Nutrition, Child and Adult Care, and Summer Food Services.

The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act was a pet project of first lady Michelle Obama, whose White House vegetable garden and war on obesity are part of her "Let's Move Campaign" to reverse childhood obesity. A picture we saw of a campaign's promotional presentation showed mostly kids of average weight on stage, and audiences of extra-large adults, who we assume are parents and relatives.

The umbrella plan, called the Federal Task Force on Domestic Obesity, includes recommendations and discussions of prenatal care, breastfeeding, chemical exposures, empowering parents, making nutrition information useful, health care services, access to healthy and affordable food, and increasing physical activity - soup to nuts and no fats.

How will all that care and concern play out in schools across the nation? A recent example from a state school lunch pro-

**Jim Flynn**  
Columnist



gram in North Carolina may be an instructive example.

A four-year old pre-kindergarten student returned from school with her uneaten lunch in hand. Mom had packed her daughter's lunch box with a turkey and cheese sandwich, a banana, potato chips, and apple juice.

Mom was insulted that her daughter had been told her lunch from home was not nutritious. Mom said her daughter is a picky eater and would eat vegetables only under supervision, so she packed the daily lunch box with items she knew her daughter would eat when unsupervised at school.

The on-duty government inspector had determined the girl's homemade lunch didn't meet U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) nutrition guidelines.

According to the Division of Child Development and Early Education of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services school lunches, including any brought from home, must include one serving of meat, one serving of milk, one

serving of grain, and two servings of fruit and vegetables.

When the lunchbox police determine that food from home does not meet USDA guidelines, the school must provide other or additional foods. In this case the school provided a tray which included a serving of each of the required foods. The girl told her mom she ate three chicken nuggets and dumped the rest.

Adding insult to insult, the school billed the mother \$1.25 for the healthy lunch, as allowed by North Carolina law. A spokesperson for the North Carolina authority over lunchbox nutritional requirements suggested the incident might have been just a mistake and the school may need "technical assistance."

And that's how bureaucracies grow and multiply. Administration of the Hunger-Free Kids Act and the Task Force on Domestic Obesity may blossom into federal and state bureaucracies large enough to make parenting obsolete. When it comes to nutrition nanny do-good knows best.

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# Just because it's free doesn't mean it's free



Rev. James L. Snyder

## OUT TO PASTOR

Whenever somebody mentions the word "free" in my presence my right eye turns a vivid jaundice. It is not that I have anything against the word free; just the person who is trying to use it to gain some kind of an advantage over me. I know anybody employing this mono-verbiage, is hiding some very long strings. My father taught me a long time ago that there are no free lunches. Occasionally somebody will advertise a free lunch and I go and find out the lunch is free but they are going to charge you to get out of that restaurant. In the end, it would have been cheaper to buy my own lunch. My philosophy is simply this; if I cannot afford it, I do not want it. In my vast experience down through the years, I have discov-

ered that I cannot afford free. And I think I know why. My understanding of the word "free" and the person employing that word is not the same.

When I use the word "free," I am insinuating that there is absolutely no cost associated with this product whatsoever.

When others use the word "free," they often are insinuating that I am just a free market for them to take advantage of in the neighborhood of my money. Unfortunately, I do not live in that neighborhood anymore.

I especially do not accept any "free offers" via the telephone. If someone has something to give me for nothing, let him come to my door, hand it to me, shake my hand and get out of Dodge. To me, that's what free is all about.

Just the other day I received one of those telephone calls. I must confess that I was in a rather curmudgeon attitude and was just looking around for someone on which to spit my scorn.

Then the telephone rang.

When I answered the phone, it turned out to be someone offering me, absolutely free, with no cost to me absolutely, a free crime prevention program for my blessed domicile.

"No thank you, sir," I said as politely as I could.

"I'm not really interested."

I assure you I have no PhD or DD attached to my name whatsoever and yet as simple as I am, I understood what the phrase "I'm not really interested" was all about. Not so my affable telephone caller.

"But I assure you, sir, that this program is absolutely free to you. It's our way to say thank you to some of our customers." He rattled on as though we were having only a one-way conversation. If this is going to be a one-way conversation, who will take up the offering? I think I know.

After five long minutes of him telling me how important it was for me to have security in my home and how his product was absolutely free to me, I finally got a word in edgewise.

"But I have my own security system, thank you."

There is a slight pause and then he said, "What is your home security system, if I may ask?"

All right. I will confess right now that I had a wee bit of naughtiness on my mind, but in my own defense the telephone caller opened the door. I always believe where there is an open door somebody ought to step in.

"My home security system is called, Napoleon-two-Claws, and furthermore I'm quite satisfied with it."

There was another pause on the other end of the phone and I heard someone clear their throat and then ask, "I've never heard of that program. What is 'Napoleon-two-Claws'?"

You know what it is like when you are trying not to laugh and it is about all you can do not to laugh? For a brief moment, I felt a little bit guilty but then I remembered who was on the other end of the phone. Somebody that was trying to con me with some kind of free thingamajig.

"The 'Napoleon-two-Claws' home security program that I have in my house is my cat. I call him Napoleon because he walks around with his right paw stuck in his coat between two buttons."

There was an extended pause on the other end of the phone and finally he

said, "What would you do, sir, if someone broke into your house?"

"I'd send flowers to the funeral."

"The funeral? Whose funeral?"

"Why, the funeral of the guy who tried to break into my house while 'Napoleon-two-Claws' was on duty. The first moment an intruder would enter into my home, good old Napoleon would claw that sorry person to death."

Then feeling good about my momentum at this point I continued, "I live there and I have a hard time getting in my house without being clawed to death by Napoleon. And I feed the cat. My cat is the meanest, grumpiest, cantankerous animal on God's green earth. If anybody, and I mean anybody, can get past Napoleon they can have anything in my house.

Absolutely free."

At that moment, I heard a distinctive "click" and I realized our conversation was over. I guess whatever he had that was free did not measure up to good old 'Napoleon-two-Claws'.

The only one I trust to give me something is God. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

What Jesus gives is absolutely free.

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# Feminism in the Purim story



Judi Siegal

timeless teachings. And a woman is the heroine of the day.

The story of Esther is told in the megillah or scroll of Esther in the Hebrew Bible. As the story unfolds, Vashti, Queen of Persia is commanded by King Ashasuerus to appear before the court so that he can show off her beauty. Modern midrash (interpretation) explains that the "showing off" meant she was to dance nude before the court. In a bold move for feminism, she refuses the royal command. The king's advisers counsel him to banish this spirited woman who would dare to defy the king! After all, they reasoned, soon all the husbands in Persia would be taking orders from their wives! (Esther 1:17) Unfortunately, Vashti is banished from the court and the hunt is on for a new queen.

Of all the lovelies in Persia, it is Esther the Jewess that is chosen. Carefully hiding her true identity, she rises to the position of Queen and goes about the daily life at court until an event pushes her into the forefront of confronting her Jewish identity and spirituality. It is this event that is the crux of the story, the very essence of the Purim message and its link with feminism.

As history would have it, a virulent anti-Semite, Haman, is appointed the king's vizier. He draws lots, purim, to determine the date he will execute the Jews of Persia. Queen Esther learns of this diabolical plot from her uncle Mordecai who is a frequent at court. Mordecai pleads with Esther to save her people. He reminds her that she, too, would not be saved if Haman were al-

lowed to fulfill his evil plans. In this statement, we have a Jewish principle echoed by Rabbi Hillel: "Do not separate yourself from the community." Esther is certainly keeping her Jewishness in mind knowing it could be her downfall. Mordecai's argument also includes the fact that perhaps she was put in this position of Queen by God so that she would be able to act as God's instrument to save her people. For such patriarchal times, we have a situation that will involve a woman to be the savior of the day! Now that is a Biblical switch of plans.

What happens next is extraordinary. Like the strong Jewish women through out the ages, Esther hatches a plan to snare Haman and win the favor of the king. Even though law forbids her to do so, she goes before the king to invite him and Haman to a banquet (playing on the King's excess of

parties and drink). She takes a big risk to be ushered into the royal presence because without an official summons, he could order her killed and then there would be no one to plead on the Jews' behalf. For three days she fasts and prays (Jews today commemorate this by fasting on the day before Purim) and fearful for her life, she requests a summons before Ahasuerus. Legend has it that her beauty softened his heart and he offers her half his kingdom; she offers him a banquet. After three days of feasting, she reveals Haman's evil intentions and her Jewish identity. The king orders Haman to be hanged on the gallows and that the Jews should be allowed to defend themselves against any who would seek their destruction on the auspicious day of Adar 14 as determined by Haman. The Jews are saved and Mordecai issues an edit to all Jews to cele-

brate the day with light and gladness and sending gifts to each other and to those in need.

What is so wonderful about this story is that Esther shows such valor. It is no accident that she is a rightful role model for Jewish women. Throughout history, Jewish women had to step forth into roles typically held by men. We have Jewish female scholars during the Middle Ages

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It is a story that dates back 2500 years. Although part of the Hebrew Bible, the story does not mention the name of God even once. There are speculations that the story did not exist; still the story of Queen Esther holds a fascination for Jews and feminists because of its

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### High energy cost is his goal

It now appears we woke up to the reality of high gas prices. Huge increases in all energy bills were planned for and spoken of by President Obama. It seems his supporters have forgotten his energy goals that included having our cost "skyrocket" and that is the precise term he publicly used. I can't believe this doesn't upset you regardless of political party. Obama wants these high prices and this is an undeniable fact! Nothing destroys our standard of living more or quicker than the cost of energy, especially those of us in the middle.

He is so committed to being our "green" president that he detests our dependence on oil, gas and coal, preferring more expensive alternatives. He makes fun of the slogan, Drill Baby Drill, and this in itself shows the utter disrespect and disdain he holds for our American standard of living and his desire to bring us to the European level, including their fuel prices. The new slogan may someday be, "A Windmill in Every Back Yard."

If we had real news reporters, they would bring up the above whenever they have access to questioning him on this subject. If we would go after the above natural resources our prices would begin dropping in the very near future as would our dependence on Middle East oil. Open up the pipe lines and never be dependent on our enemy. We need to send the EPA packing, getting them get out of our way, quit worrying about man made global warming and use our God-given resources right here in America.

Some readers will disagree with the above, but you can't argue with facts! If you still support this president, look closely at his views of who we are and what we should be, including his understanding of our heritage, and never complain about gas prices. Remember he has told the world that we are not a Christian nation. You really believe he is Proud To Be An American?

Despite all of our problems, this is still the greatest country in the world and we need to stand up and insist we stay that way. May God always come first in our lives and we remember how he has blessed us.

Wayne Rackley  
Ocala



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who defied convention and studied sacred texts. We have women during the Inquisition teaching Judaism in secret to their children under pain of death or the fires of the auto da fe. There were the women in the Holocaust who died trying to save their children from the fires of hell.

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And there were the women soldiers in the Israeli army who fought side by side with the men for the freedom of the Jewish state. Esther's model of valor has certainly stood as a beacon and inspiration for feminist involvement and as Esther acted in the Purim story, so have other Jewish women as they faced the same threats of annihilation.

When Jews celebrate that joyous festival of Purim (March 8, 2012) they

will be singing, dancing, telling stories, masquerading and eating lots of hamantashen. (Cookies shaped like Haman's hat) Even as modern Persia (Iran) threatens Israel with weapons even Haman could not have dreamed of, somewhere, I believe, is an Esther waiting to come forth once again to rescue her people.

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**Ocala West Methodist**

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m. - a Service of Confession and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Good Friday - April 6, 7 p.m. - a Reflection Service.

Easter Celebration - Sunday April 8, four services with special music and message;

6:30 a.m. Sunrise, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The church is at 9330 S.W. 105th St., Ocala. Phone is 352-854-9550. Pastor is the Rev. Alan Jefferson.

**Maranatha Baptist Church**

Maranatha Baptist church annual missions conference will be March 25 through April 1.

Brother Bernie Rodgers will start the conference by speaking on Faith Promise during Sunday School on March 25 at 9:30 a.m. and

during the morning Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Mark and Sharon Hazen will speak during the 6 p.m. evening services on Benevolent Support Program.

Aaron Brindle, Missionary to India will bring the message during the Wednesday, March 28 evening service at 6:45 p.m.

On Sunday, April 1, Jesse Parnell and Kenny Evans will speak at the morning Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

**Revival scheduled**

Kenny Evans will begin a Revival on Sunday, April 1, at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Kenny is a Christian evangelical missionary and ordained pastor who brings his messages in song and sermon. He is also a recording artist.

On Monday, April 2, Tuesday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 4 evenings beginning at 6:45 p.m., Kenny Evans will speak and sing. One of those evenings will include an "Oldies Concert" centered on the Gospel message.

All are invited to attend and be blessed by these powerful messages.

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proved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) program is ongoing and always open to all children from the ages 4 to 18. AWANA is an exciting program of Christian learning and games of competition with awards. It is held each Sunday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Church. Pastor C. Michael "Mike" Swingle is the new youth pastor and has planned many activities for young people.

2. The children's choir, J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) invites all children from 1st through 12th grade to participate. Ms. Pat Haas is the director and welcomes the children to choir practice from 5 to 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings at the Church. Ms. Pat teaches the children that it is easy and enjoyable to be part of the J.A.M. choir.

Maranatha Baptist Church is at 525 Marion Oaks Trail in Marion Oaks. Please call 352-347-5683 for further information and directions to the Church. The church website is www.maranathabaptist.org.

**Temple B'nai Daron**

Passover will be celebrated by Temple B'nai Daron with a seder conducted by Rabbi Harold

Jaye on Friday, April 6 at 6 p.m. The seder will be held at The Elks Club, 702 N.E. 25th Ave., Ocala. All reservations must be received by March 23. For reservations and further information please contact Micki Hirsch at 352-624-9563.

**Christ's Church of Marion County**

Saturday, March 3: Men's Prayer Group, 8 a.m.

Sunday, March 4: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 6: Women's Ministry, 'Work Night', 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 10: Women's Spring Break, Guest Speaker: Gaye Martin, 9 a.m.

Sunday, March 11: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Friendship Fellowship Sunday; join the congregation for lunch - "Irish Flair" - after the worship service.

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 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 Sunday 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.

**St. Jude Catholic**

The Bereavement Group for those grieving the loss of a loved one will meet on Tuesdays,

March 13 and March 27, at 1 p.m. Meetings are open to anyone in the community 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.

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

Stations of the Cross continue every Friday during Lent at 8:30 a.m. in English and at 7 p.m. in Spanish.

Fr. Fernando Gil will present our Lenten Mission this year. It will be given on Saturday, March 3 in English and Saturday, March 10 in Spanish. Time is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

On Saturday, March 17, there will be a Healing Mass, followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall, for those suffering in both mind and body.

A Penance Service is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. Several priests will be in attendance for those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The parishioners of St. Jude Catholic Community mourn the passing of their former pastor, Fr. Anthony Palmese, on Feb. 2.

**Purim in the Wild West with Chabad**

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Purim celebrates the salvation of the Jewish people, in the year 3405 from Creation (356 bce), from Haman's plot "to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, young and old, infants and women, in a single day." (Purim literally means "lots" for Haman determined the day of annihilation by throwing a lottery.) It is observed by public readings of the megillah - "Scroll of Esther," sending food portions to friends, giving gifts of money to the poor, and enjoying a festive meal accompanied with joyous drink. To RSVP or for more information on Chabad's Purim festivities or on the holiday of Purim and its observances, contact Chabad of Marion County at 352-291-2218 info@jewishmarion.org or log on to www.JewishMairon.org

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Remaining ticket sales in the Orchid Club are on March 6 from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., March 10 from 8 to 10 a.m. and March 14 from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. In the

Palm Grove Club ticket sales will be on March 5 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. There are a few remaining tickets for the dinner show as well as reserved seats for the other shows. If you cannot make one of the above selling dates, call Diana Schmidt for dinner show tickets at 352-873-7243 and for all others call Linda Noel at 352-873-9908. This play is receiving great reviews where playing around the country!!

### Do You Remember? Super Bowl Party

Tune in channel 12 for Len Teitler's presentation of the 2012 Super Bowl Party, narrated by Anna Boodee. It will air following "FYI" daily from March 2 to March 9 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### Baby Boomers - Bowling and Gambling

The 2nd Annual Oak Run Baby Boomers' Bowling and Pizza Party will take place on Saturday, March 10, at 2 p.m. at AMF West Lanes. Cost is \$12 per bowler which includes 3 games, shoe rental, 2 slices of pizza and pop. Cost for non-bowlers is \$5. Tickets will be on sale tomorrow, Saturday, March 3, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Orchid Club lobby. For more information call Marianne at 352-237-9928.

It's Hard Rock time again. Oak Run Baby

Boomers and their guests are invited to join us for another fun-filled trip to Tampa on Tuesday, April 10. We will leave the Palm Grove lot promptly at 12:30 p.m. and depart Hard Rock at 7:30 p.m. Get your tickets March 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. inside the Orchid Club auditorium where Donut Drop-In will be taking place until 10 a.m. For your \$20 you will receive \$30 in free play, plus a \$5 food voucher. Transportation and gratuity are included. For Information call Adele at 352-854-7963.

### Upper Midwest Club

When is a chili cook-off not a chili cook-off? When it's a "Let's Get Crock'd" cook-off, that's when. What is a "Let's Get Crock'd" cook-off you ask? It's when the members supply the crock pots of chili, but the club supplies other crock pot type items like clam chowder, beef stew, kielbasa and sauerkraut, and pasta dishes. So on March 14 it will be a "Let's get Crock'd" cook-off expanded to include many items made in a crock pot. This cook-off will be a new twist to crock pot cooking and yes chili in a pot can still be made. If you do not want to cook chili, just bring finger foods or a dessert. Everyone should bring the beverage of their choice. The entertainment for the event will be Homer Noodleman, a one-man

comedy-variety show. Come prepared to laugh a lot. The annual Chinese auction will be on for the night as well, so bring an item to the party and we will auction it off for the club. There will also be a 75:25 raffle and door prizes. Ticket sales for all this will be Monday, March 5, and Tuesday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Orchid Club lobby. Please note the change in the cost: members only \$5 and guests, \$7.

### Laurel Oaks directories, planning, men's breakfast, St. Patrick's Day

Laurel Oaks is a very active neighborhood. In order to better communicate with all our neighbors an e-mail listing is maintained. The March Laurel Oaks Newsletter contains a form for corrections, deletions and new e-mail addresses. A form for updates to the address and phone directory is also included. Please complete the form and return it as directed. E-mail addresses are never shared and only appropriate Laurel Oaks items are distributed. Thank you for your cooperation.

The neighborhood planning committee will meet on Monday, March 5, at 7 p.m. to plan upcoming events. Won't you join in and share your ideas? RSVP to Deb at 352-566-6293.



PHOTO BY RON RATNER

Margarethe and Milton Nachbar of Oak Run show their pastel art work at The 20th annual Fine Arts Show.

On Thursday, March 15, the Laurel Oaks Men's Breakfast will host two guest speakers from the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Captain James Burton, District Commander of the South West District, and Duane Johnson, South West COPS Coordinator, will discuss their responsibilities in the South West District. This will be a very informative discussion with an opportunity to ask questions. The breakfast will be held at the Royal Oaks Golf Club at 8 a.m. RSVP to Bill at 352-237-4550 or e-mail empireago@embarqmail.com.

(There are no hyphens in this address.) Give the men's breakfast a try!!

The famous Laurel Oaks St. Patrick's Day party will be held on Saturday, March 17, at the Orchid Club. Yes, that is St. Patrick's Day!! Green and white carnations will grace each table with balloons floating over head. A choice of four different styles of hats will be available for each person. A beautiful green bead necklace with three shamrocks will be presented to each of the ladies. Yes, there will be beads for the gents as well and everyone will receive a green shamrock wrist bracelet! Top it off with a delicious corned

beef and cabbage dinner. Bring the beverage of your choice. There will be musical entertainment with professional singer Fred Campbell. Join in the Irish trivia contest, sing along, buy 50/50 tickets and there will be other surprises! The best St. Patrick's party in Ocala is only \$13.50 per person! (A limited number of seats are available for residents of other neighborhoods). Check your cubby for the flyer. For more information call Paula at 352-237-4550. Let's fill the Orchid Club and have a great time!

### New England Club

The New England Club will hold the March meeting on Thursday, the 15th, at the Orchid Club. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m., consisting of ham or breast of chicken and boiled vegetables, including cabbage. Sign ups will be on Monday, March 5, and Friday, March 9, in the Orchid Club lobby from 10 a.m. until noon. Cost of tickets is \$15.

The entertainment will be a team trivia contest, so put on your thinking caps and bring your memory with you. A 50/50 will be

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# Cherrywood to homeless vets: Welcome home



John Everlove

## CHERRYWOOD ESTATES

According to the latest statistics, there are more than 9,000 homeless veterans in Florida with the availability of only 750 transitional beds. Ritz House in Ocala

will soon be open its doors, offering 50 more beds to that total.

Cherrywood opened its heart recently and along with the community, donated food for this facility to the point that extra shelving was necessary in the pantry. Not content with this, volunteers and the Cherrywood Veterans Club rolled up their sleeves and again opened their hearts by adopting a room in the Ritz. This is an on going commitment to the veterans of Marion County by the Veterans Club of Cherrywood.

Taking on this worthwhile task were the men and women of the Veterans Club who volunteered their time and talents to redecorate; clean and fur-

nish a room. Some of these rooms had not been occupied for many years and the task was daunting.

Newly refurbished, every room has a small kitchen area with a microwave oven; hot plate; sink; small refrigerator and full set of dishes and flatware. Two rooms share a bath and that too was cleaned and brightened up by the volunteer crew.

Residents are referred to Ritz House by the Veterans Administration and given time to gain employment, save a few dollars and move on into the community. During their stay, other services will also be provided to help each individual transition back into society.

A bright and cheery

room that offers privacy and comfort is a vital part of the recovery process for most of these men and women. Cherrywood Veterans Club through its volunteers has provided that pleasant and homey atmosphere.

Every room has used furniture and the volunteers went so far as to resurface and repair bed; dresser; armoire; chest of drawers; floors and even hang pictures and curtains. More than 180 hours of work went into preparing this room for its new resident.

After the Vietnam war, there were no welcome home parades or marching bands playing for the returning veterans. In recognition of this, Vietnam vets began greeting each other



These are the volunteers who worked on the veterans' room at the Ritz.

with the words, "Welcome home!" A majority of homeless veterans are of the Vietnam era so Cherrywood has said with pride and open arms to those men and women, "Welcome Home."

Our volunteers who gave

so much of their time and abilities are Sandra and Bill Brotherhood; Peggy Konar; Ruth Hurley; Ida and Bill Mahar. On behalf of the veterans of Cherrywood; the non-veterans of

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this community and veterans everywhere, we send you each, a heartfelt 'Salute' and a very sincere 'Thank you' for your contribution of time, talent and care.

"We don't know what they've been through; but we know what we can do." That "Can Do" spirit is alive and well at Cherrywood.

### Still time

There's still time to enter the 5K walk/run to benefit Marion County Kidney Foundation. Just be at the Cherrywood Clubhouse at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, to meet up with all your neighbors and friends who are taking part. All you need is your comfortable walking or running shoes, \$20 and a willingness to enjoy helping a very worthy cause. With all the scheduled events and vendors, it promises to be a great time. Contact me, your humble reporter via email for more details. We'll see you there.

### Cherrywood bowlers

According to the Cherrywood Bowling League President Sandee Spencer, the Cherrywood bowlers are "crazy." Now she did say that some of them are just a little "crazy" while others well...One thing for sure, they sure know how to have fun.

On my visit I saw a lot of laughter; heard many compliments when spares were picked up or a strike was thrown, and observed some extraordinary "body English" as bowlers tried to steer their ball with their gyrations. Yup, to the outside observer, I had to agree with Sandee but few groups have more genuine fun times than the bowlers.

Every Monday morning, more than 40 residents of Cherrywood assemble at AMF Galaxy West Lanes in Ocala. They sign in, pay their dues and begin to warm up. Fran Hall is the Treasurer/Secretary for the league and even she was having a good time in the usually stressful task of collecting money and assigning lanes.

Cherrywood is not a sanctioned league so the competition is light hearted and for bragging rights only. Most of the people come to enjoy the company and companionship of socializing with friends.

Eleven thirty until two is when the league gets together which might seem like an unusual time. When asked Fran explained, "...a lot of people don't like to get up early and enjoy going to lunch after the games are over." In addition, Galaxy Lanes has an excellent snack bar for food and a lounge if you should desire an adult beverage.

Always looking for more people from Cherrywood to join them, the league has two ways to play. The first of course, is to join and be assigned to a team or bring in a team of your own. The second, for those who don't want to make a full time commitment is to sign up

as a "substitute." Substitute bowlers fill in for those that are already assigned to a regular team but for whatever reason, have to miss a Monday.

The cost to participate in the league is only \$10.50 for regular bowlers and \$9.10 for substitutes per week. Most agree that's pretty inexpensive for so much entertainment and fun. If you think you might be interested, contact Fran Hall at Hall550@CFL.r.com for more information. The league runs from September through April and is culminated by a great bowling banquet.

### Ping Pong

Did you know that Cherrywood has table tennis? Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 until 10, about half a dozen people come to the clubhouse to play and share in this exciting game.

The table is in great shape and so are the players. It takes energy and coordination to keep the ball in play and for those who are in moderate or better health; this game offers a pretty good work out.

Always looking for new players, you can come in as

an individual or with a friend and play doubles. By playing two people per team, everyone gets a chance to enjoy the game with a little rest in between matches.

Players interviewed on Thursday were Herb Barnum; Ben Madella; Richard Miles; Lenny Becker and Dave Sutphin. All were eager to get the word out to both men and women about this fun sport. Each one agreed that if you don't know anything about the game, they will be glad to show you how it's played and if you're an accomplished player, they will give you friendly competition.

Try out table tennis for your pleasure and your health; it's a fast paced, fascinating and fun game.

### Veterans ride the 'range'

The Cherrywood Veterans Club members will be headed to the Hernando County Sportsman's Club on March 22 for a morning of shooting. At 9 a.m., interested vets will meet at the Clubhouse and head out for a two-hour shoot.

The cost is only \$17 plus a donation for drivers who take more than three people in the car pool. Shooters must supply their own ammunition; eye and ear protection. After the range,

everyone will gather at the Boathouse Restaurant in Crystal River for a luncheon.

Veterans are welcome to bring along their 'significant other' to enjoy the day. Sign up early with Geri or contact Bill Mahar to make reservations. There are only 23 shooting stations and these slots fill up quickly so don't delay. The range is equipped for pistol caliber weapons only.

### Tennis, anyone?

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, come out to the tennis court on the south side of the clubhouse at Cherrywood and you'll see active adults engaged in the sport of Kings.

At 9 a.m. weather permitting, and it usually does, you will find men and women taking part in this exhilarating sport. Every age is represented from 55 to 85 and even older. Players volley the ball back and forth on the concrete court (called a Royal Court) and all kinds of shots can be seen. Lobs, slams, and the occasional "netter" that just barely creeps over the net after hitting the top of it; they're all part of the game.

You can take part in this great sport. Just put on your shorts and tennis shoes, grab a racket and



Two tennis players swap stories.

join the crew. If you don't have a racket or need one restrung, you can contact Rudy Heilman, he does that kind of work. If you think you are too old for tennis, just ask Harold Hinchey; he's only 86 and one of the better players.

Put your inhibitions aside and join Inge Heilman, Dave Beauschamp, Bill Thompson, Fran Mullen, 'Guggy' Guglielmi and others for a warm welcome, a fun time and a good game of tennis. You'll enjoy yourself and maybe even leave the court feeling like a King.

### Health Fair free to public

Cherrywood Estates will host a free Senior Health Fair on April 14. The lec-

tures and programs begin at 10:00 AM with the topic, "How to Eat Healthier." This will be followed by "Healthy Aging of your Muscles & Joints" at 11 a.m.; "Cancer Prevention, Nutrition & Exercise" at noon and ending with "Oh My Achy Back!" at 1 p.m. Other services offered at the seminar will be weight analysis; BMI (Body Mass Index) fat percentage evaluation; advanced planning for your final arrangements; free spinal Screenings; and information on Hospice of Marion County to name just a few.

Seating is limited so if you don't want to miss out on these informative and

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held and door prizes awarded. Please bring a friend and remember new members are always welcome. If you need any information or have any questions please call Mary at 352-854-7941.

### Married for 73 Years!

Can you imagine being married for 73 years? Frank and Esther Jensen, who reside in neighborhood 2, have been married that long! They wed in New York, had two boys and three girls and were snow birds. Falling in love with Oak Run they decided to

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### New York Club

Greetings to our club members and all Oak Runners. Even with empty pockets from our trip to the Tampa racetrack, most will be joining in for a fun time at our International Dinner Dance on March 28. It will be interesting to see those who wear or show their background or heritage. Tickets will be on sale on March 12. If you are an Oak Runner, come join this fun-for-all club. Dues are \$6 per person. For more information contact

Nancy Lillard at 352-873-6110. Contact our Sunshine Gal Ginny at 352-854-5120 to cheer a member.

### Golfview Spring Fling

Golfview is having a Spring Fling, Friday, March 16, at 6 p.m. at Palm Grove. Cost will be \$5 per person. Please bring a "heavy" hors d'oeuvre to serve 10 people and bring the beverage of your choice. Entertainment will be "An Affair to Remember" by Ron Ratisher DJ and MC. There will be a 50/50 raffle. For more information please contact Sandy Mantel.

### Genealogy Club

The Oak Run Genealogy

Club will meet on Friday, March 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the card room of the Orchid Club. Jim Waddell will present the program "Google for the Genealogist" which will give everyone enough information to be successful in doing basic searches using Google. Unless otherwise noted club meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month; please refer to the club's blog, orgenealogy.blogspot.com, for any last minute changes. (There are no hyphens in this address.)

### Can't Help Singing

"Can't Help Singing" will return to Palm Grove on Friday, April 20, Saturdays

July 14, and Sept. 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars. Our little show is still a "gift of love" to our friends and neighbors in Oak Run. The talented Nick LaPetina will delight us with his piano. Vinny Mure, without a doubt one of the finest performers of our time, continues to deliver his songs with class. Ralph Dragotto's renditions of "Mamma," "Too Ra Loo Ra" and "Yiddisha Mamma" have a magic to delight. We are hoping Rosemarie Imbriale can join us. Come let us caress your heart with our songs. Keep well and God bless.

### Oak Run Travel

Those of you who went to the Stetson Mansion with us last year know what a fantastic, interesting guide we had with Kent. Well, we

have him again for two trips this year.

The first trip that Kent will do for us is on Friday, Nov. 16, and is called "Rediscovering the Real Florida." Our first stop is one of the oldest ranches in Florida that is now the largest training facility for harness racing. We will see young ponies being put through their paces on the race track and learn how they are pampered. Next we will visit DeLeon Springs State Park where we will stop for a most unusual lunch of pancakes at a restored Sugar Mill in the park. Afterward, we will visit the Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts to see first hand how the early pioneers persevered. A village has been created with over 17 buildings in-

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helpful seminars, call Geri at the clubhouse, 352-237-1675 and make your reservations.

The Activities Team will be providing coffee and Danish in the morning and a light lunch for a small fee.

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The Veterans Club of Cherrywood is sponsoring this raffle that will be held at the Memorial Day observance. Tickets are only \$10 for one or three for \$20 and are available from Geri at the office, or Bill Mahar or Rich Hurley. You don't have to be present to win and you don't even have to be a Cherrywood resident to win. Good luck.

## Spotlight on Excellence

There are many people in Cherrywood who have a unique talent; an interesting past or a promising future or are significant to the Cherrywood Community. This week's featured individual is an energetic, vivacious young lady who head's up our Activities Committee, Eve Houghtaling.

Eve and her husband of 47 years, Jim, are originally from Michigan. They have a son who lives in North Carolina and a daughter in Indiana and two grandchildren. In 1999, they moved to Cherrywood and immediately became active in their new community.

As Social Director for the 2000 member parish of Saint John's Church, Eve was responsible for putting

on dinners and parties and programs that enhanced the mission of the church. This was no small order for a congregation as large as Saint John's especially when it came to things like Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners.

Specializing in the education of youngsters, Eve was a pre-school teacher and taught pre-school courses at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan. From her teaching and work at the parish she learned her expert administrative skills. These became evident in her other work in the community.

During her service in Michigan she ran and assisted in such projects as a shelter for abused women; foster care for the young; and was a Religious Services Director. This fit in

with her life long desire to do 'random acts of kindness' and to make the world a better place.

When Eve and Jim retired and came to Florida, Eve's philosophy did not change nor did her desire to help people. Since coming to Cherrywood in 1999, Eve has served the Vet Club; Entertainment Committee; Activities Committee and been a part of many other programs.

Diagnosed with Parkinson's disease a little over a year and a half ago, Eve has never slowed down. She is treating her affliction with holistic medical procedures and a dogged determination that will no doubt help her triumph over this medical problem.

You've seen Eve if you've ever been to an event sponsored by the Activities

Committee; bowling; painting or pool aerobics classes. She also enjoys gardening and long walks with her friends. As if that weren't enough, one day a week she volunteers at the VFW in the kitchen.

When asked why she did so much for the Cherrywood Community, Eve smiled warmly and answered, "I love the people. We support each other and there's no 'class system' here. Everything is open to everyone."

If you've been in the Clubhouse lately you will notice that the tables are decorated for St. Patty's Day with beautiful flowers. Eve who feel's that "flowers make the place feel homey" is responsible for that.

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# Community calendar

## Friday, March 2

### 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.

## Saturday, March 3

### 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.

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

### 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.

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### Concert at First Congregational

The Southern Express 18-piece Big Band will be performing at First Congregational United Church of Christ on Saturday, March 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the program. Donation: \$10 per person.

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### Elks gear up for 'Army of Hope'

Final plans are being made for the second annual Army of Hope, an afternoon of fun for the whole family on Saturday, March 3. Starting at noon, the day's events planned for outside the front of the Elks lodge on Northeast 25th Avenue include clowns, face-painting, child ID program, bounce house, static military and law enforcement displays, plus two special highlights: a war bird fly-over and a huge display of vintage Corvettes.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10 and that includes a big lunch and drink courtesy of US Food. In addition, there are lots of door prizes and raffles, plus music, throughout the afternoon. Proceeds from the event go to needy military families in our area.

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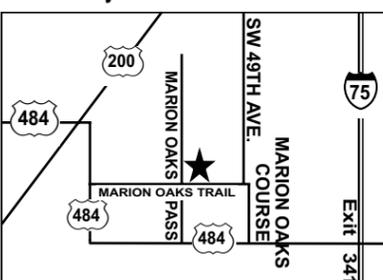
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cluding an old school house, church, log cabin, railroad depot and much more. See the new spring brochure for sign up date.

The second trip that Kent will do for us is on Friday, Nov. 30, a trip to Winter Park.

Our first signup date from the new spring brochure will be on Tuesday, March 13, at the Orchid Club for the show "In the Mood." It is a wonderful musical revue featuring the "In the Mood" singers and dancers along with the sensational "String of Pearls" Big Band Orchestra. The show will be on Wednesday, April 18, at the Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach.

## The Ultimate Spring 2013 Cruise with the Lammons

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Celebrity Equinox, March 25 through April 5, 2013. Celebrity is offering, for a limited time only on this cruise, a military discount for selected categories. For more information, please call Bob at 352-237-8720.

## Tennis Club

What great weather we had for playing tennis in February. We wish we could have this weather all year long, but we live in Florida. The turn out for Tally Tennis has been great. If you have visitors have them come down to the courts on Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30 p.m. and come along with them.

The March tennis mixer will be held on Wednesday, March 28. A slight charge will be requested to cover the cost of the refreshments and food made available. Watch the bulletin board for the sign up sheet. This is always lots of fun and an opportunity to play with all level of players.

## Royal Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, we

played "Odds and Evens." Before play we had to decide which two players' scores would count on the odd holes and the remaining two players would be responsible for the even holes. The better score of the pair was used on the appropriate odd or even holes. The winners were: first place - Diana Galla, Salita Timmermeyer, Judy Klein, and Joanne Morris; tied for second place - the team of Carol Clark, Maureen Edwards, Sheila Adams and Barb Davis, the team of Roseann Lavacca, Sylvia Zappia, Carolyn Collins and Cindy Kocher and the team of Carol Allison, Janet Tully, Ginger Drake and Leslie Rizzo. Patty Dougherty was closest to the pin.

## Royal Oaks Lady Niners

We all started out in the morning to have a great day of golf. It did look like rain but we thought it was all over so we proceeded to the first hole. The first group teed off and proceeded, and then the rain come down in buckets. So we all headed back to the

club house. Some of the ladies played hand and foot and the rest of us enjoyed a great breakfast. Hope next week we will be able to get our golf game in. Until then, happy golfing.

## ORWGA

The winners of the low net tournament held at Spruce Creek Preserve on Thursday, Feb.16 are as follows:

Flight A 1st- Sue Mar-entette 2nd- Jennie Buccella 3rd- Gail Barclay

Flight B 1st- JoAnn Cohen 2nd- Karen Schuelke 3rd- Norma Rombach

Flight C 1st- Linda Noel 2nd- Jean Travers 3rd- Anita Caruso

Flight D 1st- Ginny Simons 2nd- Betty Scott

Due to the rainy weather, play was canceled for Thursday, Feb. 23.

## Royal Oaks Men's Golf

The game on Friday, Feb. 24, was three best net. The course played in good condition helped by the recent rains. Thirty-nine players participated, with the number impacted by the

ongoing match play competition.

The winners with a score of 192 were Bob Gray, Gene Topp, Tom Ducz, and Steve Szabo. Second with a score of 197 were Ron Catapano, Jim Kennedy, and George Gariepy. In third with a 198 were Dale Wurzburger, Ken Frandsen, Ray Hagerman, and Larry Soine.

Closest to the pin on the par three's were Frank Kelley, Bob Gray, and Dick Rizzo (2).

The Match Play Championship which was to be finished today was moved back to March 2 in order to allow enough time for all the matches to be completed.

## Carol Ann's Corner

This week's Corner consists of bits and pieces. First of all I want to remind everyone that if you see any internet address (web site, e-mail address, etc.) that contains a hyphen, be careful. Last week's column contained a couple but the addresses do not work with the hyphens. As I have pointed out in connection with my e-mail ad-

dress at the end of this column, the program that sets up the Citizen will put hyphens where it pleases and cannot be persuaded to do otherwise. So if you see an internet address with a hyphen in the Citizen, or elsewhere, be suspicious. If you want to use the hyphenated address as shown, consider also duplicating your action using the address without the hyphen.

It may be a bit early for the hurricane season but here's a suggestion that will work in any power outage at night. Go out in your yard and bring in those solar powered garden lights. Place them where needed. In the morning, take them back into the yard and let the sun recharge them. If the lights are still out the next night you will have light again. Much safer than candles and no worry about batteries.

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

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**Showtime for Sweet Adelines**

Music lovers need to mark your calendars for the Summer Springs Sweet Adelines Chorus annual show, Saturday, March 3, at 3 p.m. in the First Christian Church, 1908 S.E. Fort King Street, Ocala. The popular river songs will be featured in "Lazy River Dayze," with a guest performance by the Ocala Civic Theater Singers.

Tickets at \$10 may be reserved now. Group rates are available from \$6-\$8. Call Jackie at 352-888-8841. Tickets are also available at the door for \$12. Door prizes available.

**Noted author to speak**

Noted author Judith Rock will speak on "Conjuring up the Past" at the March 3 meeting of the Florida Chapter of the Historical Novel Society. Her first two novels, "The Rhetoric of Death" and "The Eloquence of Blood" are set in 17th century Paris and delighted historical mystery novel readers by bringing together ballet-producing Jesuits, Paris police, outlaw Huguenots, seditious beggars, and fire-fighting Franciscans. Based on her doctoral research done in Paris, the books garnered starred reviews from many important literary organizations. Rock's third book in the series, "A Plague of Lies" will come out in the

fall.

The Florida Chapter of the Historical Novel Society meets at 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Marian Fox 352-726-0162.

**Concert at First Congregational**

The Southern Express 18-piece Big Band will be performing at First Congregational United Church of Christ on Saturday, March 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the program. Donation: \$10 per person.

Call the church office at 352-237-3035 for tickets Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (7171 SW State Road 200).

**Sunday, March 4**

**Buddy Liles in concert**

Buddy Liles will be in concert on March 4 at 6 p.m. at the Ocala Church of the Nazarene, 5884 S.E. 60th Ave., Ocala. Liles has sung with the Florida Boys Quartet over 25 years, with Landmark Quartet of Cincinnati, Ohio and on Bill Gaither Videos. He was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

**Monday, March 5**

**Commission candidates to debate**

A debate of candidates for County Commission for District 3 will be held at the Tea Party Solutions of Ocala meeting at the Berean Baptist Church on Southwest 20th Street, Ocala, at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 5. Republican incumbent Stan McClain and Democratic challenger Pa-

tricia Reed are expected to attend.

**Tuesday, March 6**

**Fair Tax meeting set**

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**Thursday, March 8**

**Palm Cay GOP to meet**

On March 8, the Palm Cay Republican Club will be holding its monthly meeting at the Oasis Club in Palm Cay. The speakers for March are Pat Gabriel who is a candidate for County Commissioner from District 5, Mike Amsted who is a candidate for County Commissioner from District 1, and Barbara Ruse who is a candidate for Marion County Supervisor of Elections. 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, 352-438-9662.

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### International Woman's Day

Barbara Surian, a motivational speaker and resident of Ocala, will be inspiring young women at the International Woman's Day Celebration on March 8. This date was proclaimed a U.N. day for women's rights and International Peace in 1975 and will be celebrated at 4 p.m. at the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Citrus Springs.

Music and a keynote speech by Mindy Simmons, Florida's chanteuse, will be followed by the talk by Barbara Surian, of Ocala, and more music by a Trio from Patchwork. All men, women, boys and girls are invited to this nonreligious community event; there is no charge and refreshments will be served.

The event is at 7633 N. Florida Ave. (U.S. Highway 41) just northwest of the Holder traffic light.

For information, call 352-465-4225 or go to naturecoastuu.org.

### 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, March 8, at 1 p.m. A meeting will follow the lunch.

Any members in the area are welcomed.

### Saturday, March 10

#### Health, Wellness Expo set

The 2012 Health and Wellness Expo sponsored by the Ocala Marion County Chamber of Commerce will be Saturday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Paddock Mall. For more information on the registration process, booth pricing, and sponsorship opportunities for the

Expo call 352-629-8051, ext. 106.

### 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 March 10 at Blessed Trinity Church. This is a change of date, which was originally Feb. 18. 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.

### Women's Spring Break

Take a break with the Women's Ministries of Christ's Church of Marion County on Saturday, March 10 at 9 a.m. and enjoy guest speaker Gaye Martin. Gaye's topics will include "Some Have It - Some Don't," "Significant Signatures" and "Running the Race." The day will include a continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. A love offering will be taken.

For additional information contact Sharon Lombardo, 352-307-5101 or info@ccomc.org. Christ's Church of Marion County is at 6768 S.W. 80th St., off State Road 200,

Ocala. Phone 352-861-6182, website is www.ccomc.org.

### Methodist Men serve breakfast

The Methodist Men will serve their famous and delicious all-can-you-eat breakfast on Saturday, March 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. A complete menu with a wide variety of breakfast fare is offered for \$5.

The Methodist Women will conduct a bake sale and the Stitch Sister's Craft Sale during the breakfast hours.

Ocala West United Methodist Church - 9330 S.W. 105th St., Ocala - Look for the signs.

### Sunday, March 11

#### Mezzo-soprano and pianist to perform

The next Sunday Afternoon Arts at Countryside will take place on Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 S.W. Highway 200, Ocala.

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# Social Committee is 'heart' of community



Jan Liberio

**S**pruce Creek North's Social Committee is the "heart" of the community. Cindy Hutchins has been president of this committee for more than seven years and a member for more than 15 years. She is responsible for organizing all the events that go on all year long. (Not an easy job!) Her helpers include Fern Eberly, secretary, plus member for 23 years. Treasurer is Joan Laliberty, a 17-year member. Vice president is Cindy Congdon, more than 10-

year member. Her other valued members are Dot Whiting, a 23-year member; Jack Lepper, also a 23-year member; Audrey Martin has served 15 years, Doris Scheitlin 10 years, Joan McCarthy 10 years, Jean Opferkuch more than 20 years, Joyce Svilkos more than 10 years. Ann Brennan is a new member. Lori Littleton has helped for many years making the posters for the different events plus has helped out in different areas when she is able. The committee meets

the first Tuesday of each month (except for election month) at 1 p.m. This is a very hard-working dedicated group as you can see by the years they have served.

## Valentine dance and party

The SCN Valentine Dance was held on Feb. 18 with more than 40 people attending. A three-piece band performed for the residents' dancing pleasures. Desserts and coffee were served.

Coming up on March 10 will be a St. Patrick's celebration with dancing plus

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Standing, from left, Jack Lepper, Audrey Martin, Ann Brennan, Joan Mc Carthy, Doris Scheitlin and Dot Whiting; seated, Cindy Hutchins, and Joan Laliberty. Unavailable for photo were Jean Opferkuch, Joyce Svilkos, Fern Eberly, Lori Littleton and Cindy Congdon.

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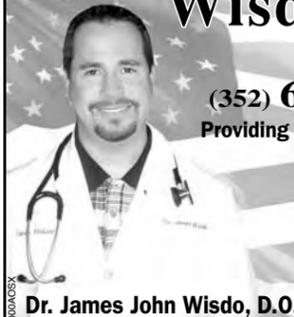
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## Saint Patty's Day at Cherrywood

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corned beef and ham sandwiches plus some side fixings, and, as always, dessert and a beverage. Tickets were sold Feb. 29 and March 1. Cost is \$8 per person. Time is 6 p.m. and music by George.

Looking on to April there will be a dance on the 21st, \$5 at the door.

Then on April 29 (Sunday afternoon), there will be an Ice Cream Social, \$3 per person. Entertainment by the Songbirds will be provided. Time is 2:30 p.m.

If you like meeting new friends and neighbors please try to attend these

functions that the social committee works so hard to put on.

**Pancake time again!**

The March pancake breakfast is Saturday the 31st. Mark your calendar so you can enjoy seeing your friends and meeting some new ones, \$3 each for pancakes, French toast sausages, juice, coffee or tea. See you there and like most of the activities in Spruce Creek North, the pancake breakfast is open to all communities that would like to attend.

**Community Garage sales**

Barb Turner reports that the SCN community garage

sales are scheduled for the end of May or first part of June. Residents it is time to gather all those "goodies" that you no longer need or want. Watch for exact days and times.

**Walking or riding at night**

Make sure when you are walking or riding early in the morning or at night that you carry a flashlight or reflectors, plus lights on your bike as the drivers cannot see you, You do not want to be a fatality.

**Hearing Seminar**

Don't forget to sign up at the SCN clubhouse for March 21. DB Hearing will hold their seminar at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be

served. Newest technology in hearing aids will be discussed. Hope you plan to attend.

**Thank You Betty**

My many thanks go to Betty Testa for her thoughtfulness. One classy lady!

**Oak Run Elephant Sale**

On Feb. 4, Oak Run hosted another great White Elephant sale. It started at 10 a.m. and the place was packed with people looking for bargains and there were plenty of them. Hubby Jim and I always make sure to attend these sales (usually twice a year). Good clean items and very friendly people. The food

was excellent as usual. If you ever get a chance to go to these sales please go, you won't be disappointed.

**Get well, get well!**

Many get well wishes go to Jan Holloway and to Sadie Horton who will be 100 years old in May. We wish them a quick recovery.

**Good-bye to Wilma**

All her neighbors and friends had to say good-bye to Wilma Barchey as she moved back to Pennsylvania. Wilma was born and married in Pennsylvania She and her hubby Blair retired to SCN over 24 years ago. They were active in many things in SCN

for many years. Sadly Blair passed away 2004. Life was not easy for Wilma but she kept herself occupied in many activities like Mah Jongg, Bingo, Euchre and many others. Many neighbors took her out to dinners, lunches etc. to say their good-byes. We all wish her happiness back in the state she was born.

**Happy 60th anniversary**

The 23rd of this month my husband Jim and I will celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. Thank you Jim for 60 wonderful years! Hope to have a few (thousand) more!

*Jan Liberio resides in Spruce Creek North with her hubby Jim.*



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# Art, travel sports and lectures

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Master the Possibilities is hosting an exhibition of the OTOW Art Group's work in the lobby area near Classrooms #5 and #6 and in Sid's Café and Deli during the month of March. The Group is excited and proud to be doing this. Members invite you to drop by to view this exhibit when you come to class or have breakfast or lunch at Sid's or are just in the area.

The artists work in the following mediums: watercolor; pastel; oil; acrylic; tempera; pen and ink; and mixed media. Many paintings will be for sale if you contact the artist privately.

The Group is hosting an Open House on Saturday, March 3 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Art Room in the Craft Building at 9125 S.W. 98th St., so that you may have the opportunity to see the artists at work and ask questions of them. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be supplied. For further information,

contact Anne at 352-732-0706.

## Travel Toppers

Travel Toppers members wish to point out that their trips are for residents of the On Top of the World Communities and their guests only.

A few seats remain available for the following trips: Tampa Bay Downs, Saturday, April 7 (contact Pat Hood at 237-8533) and In the Mood, Wednesday, April 18 (contact Kathy Person at 873-2929).

Reservations are being taken for a 13-day Alaska Tour and Cruise Aug. 31-Sept. 12. The cruise is on the Island Princess, with land lodging at Princess Lodges. The five-day land tour is to Fairbanks, Denali Part, Mount McKinley, and Anchorage. There is also a seven-day cruise from Whittaker to Vancouver, B.C., and includes these visits: Hubbard Glacier; Glacier Bay National Park; Skagway; Juneau; and Ketchikan.

Cruise/land rates include transfer to the

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### HAPPENINGS

Orlando Airport and airfare; there is an additional cost for insurance. A deposit of 20 percent of the cruise/land fare is due at the time reservations made. For full information and rates for all cabin classes, call Inge Gaitch at 352-237-7428 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. only, Monday-Friday.

### OTOW Softball

The Great Clips team is beginning to make its move to stay on top and have now pulled away from the Dr. Dunn team by four games, which is beginning to falter as the team lost the last two games. The Dr. Dunn team is in jeopardy of going further down as Florida Eye has crept within one game of the second place team and have shown some power hitting as of late. Amazingly enough, the Cebert Wealth team, despite all of its injuries, has managed to win some games and are now in fourth place. How long that will last is

anyone's guess, as they are only one game ahead of the Tee Pee Tire team and its young players from Stone Creek

Still struggling is the Wise Way team, which at times shows signs of improving with wins over the stronger teams. The team has improved with an addition to their infield at third base, but the injuries have burdened them throughout the year.

Perhaps the warmer weather will help to jump start some of the teams.

TEAM	WON	LOST
Great Clips-Angelo	22	8
Dr. Dunn-Marty	18	12
Florida Eye-Roger	17	13
Cebert Wealth-Bill	12	18
Tee Pee Tire-Ke	11	19
Wiseway-Jimmy	9	21

### Master the Possibilities

Master the Possibilities will continue its ninth year of the Visiting Scholars" program next week. On Thursday, March 8, you can "meet" our Pulitzer Prize-winning neighbor Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

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brought to life by veteran presenter Karen de Vos. Karen developed a historically accurate "one woman show" that allows Marjorie to live on. You'll learn about his of "The Yearling" and find out what made her so important as an American and as a Floridian author. This event is open to the public and is free. It will be held in the Circle Square Cultural Center and begins at 1 p.m.

On Friday, March 9, Visiting Scholar Dr. Vince Boudreau returns for his fifth presentation at Master the Possibilities. Vince is a professor of political science at City College in New York. He also directs the Colin Powell Center for Leadership and Service. This year his topic is "An Unexpected Spring: Democracy in Myanmar (Burma)." He will also discuss recent activity at the Powell Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet someone on the cutting edge of foreign policy. This, too, is free and open to all.

For additional information, as well as registration, for these two events, go online to [www.masterthepossibilities.com](http://www.masterthepossibilities.com) or call the registration line at 352-854-3699.

**Not my kind of medical mystery**



Pat Wellington

**BOOK MARK**

**OATH OF OFFICE**  
By Michael Palmer

Michael Palmer has made a name for himself with medical mystery novels. In this his 17th, the action ends up not in the OR or even in a hospital but rather in a popular diner where something on the menu is driving some people berserk. The book opens with a bang. Dr. John Meacham is muttering to himself about the possible consequences of yelling at an obese patient, Roberta Jennings, for not following her diet. He says, "I can't believe this has happened again. I just blew up at one of my patients."

The last time, when I screamed at Calvin Summers for continuing to smoke despite a massive heart attack, my medical license was suspended for six months and I had to go away for treatment." Realizing that he's been overheard by many in the waiting room he starts repeating "No witnesses" as he embarks on a shooting rampage that kills patients and staff before turning the gun on himself.

Meacham had previously lost his license to practice because of drug and alcohol addiction but his good friend and colleague, Dr. Lou Welcome, counseled him over a period of time and declared him fit to resume his medical career. Now Welcome's future is looking grim. He's about to lose his job but determined to find answers to the baffling case. Something strange is responsible for

not only Meacham's manic outburst but also for the behavior of others he's witnessed. His investigation takes him down the path of an unspeakable conspiracy involving genetically modified corn and the White House.

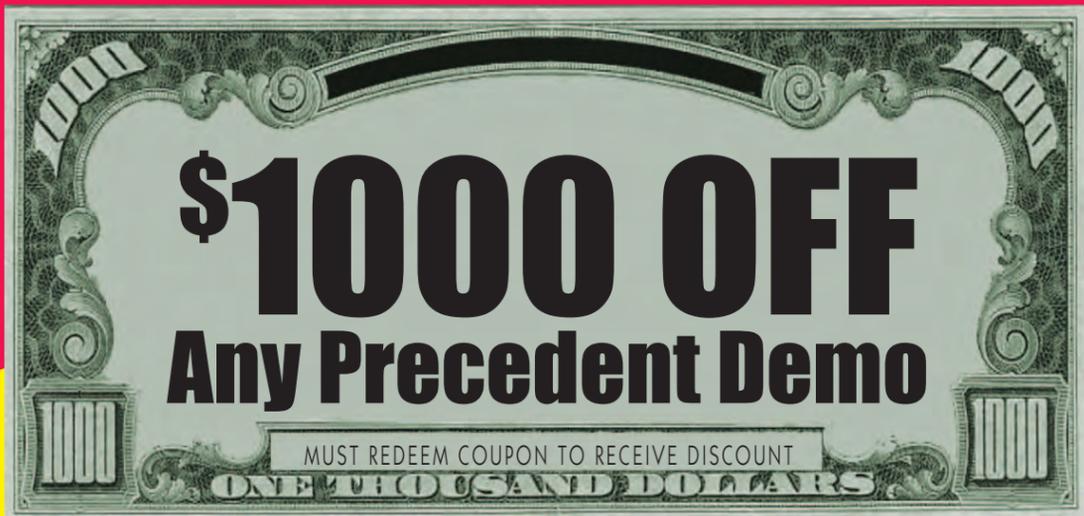
En route Welcome interacts with his daughter, his ex-wife, and his ex's husband, all putting the dedicated doctor in a positive light.

Then the story takes a bizarre turn or two. The president and his wife Darlene are not on good terms, particularly since their old friend, the secretary of agriculture, was fired for what Darlene believes was a set up that involved him with an underage prostitute. She enlists her closest friend to find out who's behind the set up and soon a Deep Throat sort enters the picture. All this makes sense of a kind but then Palmer throws a gruesome termite scene at us and I begin to throw up my hands.

In short, without the hospital background, this just isn't my kind of medical mystery. And the plot is just way undercooked.

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