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BRIEFS

Rotary holds rib sale

Rotary Club of Ocala Southwest is selling delectable racks of barbecued baby back ribs on Saturday May 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bank of the Ozarks on State Road 200. Tickets are $18 and can be purchased from Rotarians as well as Bank of the Ozarks, Alarion Bank, M&S Bank, TD Bank, Law Office of W.E. Bishop and Coldwell Bank/Ellison Realty.

Please pick up your order by 12:30 because the price of any remaining racks goes up to $20 at that time.

For 42 West Port Seniors, CF graduation comes first

When the College of Central Florida holds its graduation tonight, it will be a unique experience for 42 of the students.

The West Port seniors will be graduating from CF before they graduate from high school.

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Graduation will be tonight, May 4, at 7 p.m., on the lawn of the Charles R. Dassance Fine Arts Center, Ocala Campus on College Road (State Road 200).

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Disposing of unwanted medication

Bill Brennan of Oak Run disposes of some unneeded medicine at the "pill take back" day at the Southwest District Marion County Sheriff's Office Saturday, April 28. MCSO Deputy Alan Jones was there to assist those who brought their medication.

AARP announces schedule of driving classes

Here are the upcoming AARP Driver Safety classes:

Dunnellon, May 22-23 at Rainbow Lakes, 8621 200th Circle, Dunnellon, 1 to 4 p.m. both days. Call to register 352-489-1574. Cost $12 members and $14 non members.

Ocala, May 10 and 11 at Sheriff's Office, 9048 State Road 200, Ocala, 8 to 11 a.m. both days. Call to register 352-237-2971. Cost $12 members and $14 non members

Ocala, May 14 and 15 at Master the Possibilities, 8415 S.W. 80th St., On Top of the World, 8 to 11 a.m. both days. Call to register 352-854-3699.

Ocala, May 23 and 24 at Senior Wellness Center, 9850 S.W. 84th Court, Ocala, 1 to 4 p.m. both days. Call to register 352-237-2971. Cost $12 members and $14 non members.

For other classes in the area call 888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/driving27

Talent show qualifiers to perform on Saturday

55-plus show at Cultural Center

Auditions for the third annual The World Has Talent 55+ Talent Show took place in February where 10 contestants from Ocala and surrounding areas have been chosen to perform at The World Has Talent 55+ Talent Show on Saturday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at the Circle Square Cultural Center.

The 10 contestants are Deborah Inzerillo, Liz Lennon, David Osborn, Floyd Gibson, Carolyn Eaton, Angie Terrigino, Ralph Dragotto, Charlie and Kathy Petrosky, Clay Kirk, and Rudy Dagnello.

The talented individuals will perform in front of a live audience and judged for a chance to win the $500 first place, $250 second place and $150 third place prizes!

The show will be hosted by local radio personality Chip Morris and judged by 92Q FM radio personality Bill Barr; Publisher/Editor of Ocala's Good Life magazine Dean Blinkhorn; Ocala Civic Theatre Executive Director Mary Britt; Marion Cultural Alliance Chairman Bill Lodzinski; Workforce Connection Career Specialist Rosey Moreno-Jones; Ocala Star Banner Features Editor Dave Schlenker and Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition Assistant Director for Community Relations Ann Spang.

Tickets for this popular and entertaining show are $10 and can be purchased online at www.csculturalcenter.com or at the ticket office at 8395 S.W. 80th St., Ocala.

For more information, call 352-854-3670.

How much do you know about Alzheimer's?

It may hit you and your siblings when you visit Mom this Mother's Day. She's not as sharp as she used to be — very forgetful and confused. Is it just old age or Alzheimer's? You don't have a clue and you're not alone.

Half of all Americans know someone with Alzheimer's, the deadly disease that affects five million of us — more women than men. Yet just in time for Mother's Day, in a recent Senior Helpers Alzheimer's Quiz taken by more than one thousand people, 67 percent or 2/3 failed (they got fewer than 60 percent of the questions correct)!

That's why Senior Helpers, one of our nation's largest providers of in-home senior care, with an office in our area, has launched Senior Gems, a free and revolutionary Alzheimer's education program. It assigns each stage of the disease to a gem, like a diamond or ruby, and gives step-by-step instruction so people can navigate every mood and movement of a loved one who is coping with the disease.

"We have a crisis in America because Alzheimer's is a deadly epidemic yet this quiz shows many people still don't know enough about the disease or how to best communicate with a loved one who has it. As our population grows older and lives longer, families will need survival skills to cope through the various stages of the disease and manage the stressful toll it takes on everyone," says Peter Ross, CEO and founder of Senior Helpers, one of our nation's largest in-home senior care companies and co-creator of the Senior Gems program. "We launched Senior Gems to give caregivers and family members a hands-on guide for education and survival."

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Living Waters car show

A multi-charity car show took place Saturday after having been postponed for a week because of weather. Here is a line of some of the vehicles on display.

This Buick Super was on display. Additional photo, Page 2.

PHOTO BY JIM CLARK

Living Waters car show

These cars were part of the multi-charity car show at Living Waters on Saturday. The red Corvette Sting Ray 1974 is owned by Frank Butler, and the blue 57 Bel Air is owned by Norm Preman.

West Port troupe to perform

Chad Taylor's original script Home Schooled, will be performed by West Port High School's Thespian troupe at the Insomniac Theatre, May 11 and 12 at 8 p.m.

Following the one-act play, students in West Port's acting and musical theatre programs will perform a showcase of scenes, monologues, and musical numbers. The Insomniac Theatre is in downtown Ocala at 1 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Tickets are $10. For reservations call 352-897-0477 or go to www.insomniactheatre.com.

Home Schooled was written especially for the troupe by Taylor, based on ideas from students in the West Port High School theatre program. The play premiered at West Port High School in November and earned a superior rating at the District XII Thespian Festival held in Gainesville in December. Taylor, a former Thespian at Forest High School, has written numerous one act plays for Thespian troupes to perform, but this is the first time he has partnered with West Port High School. Janet Shelley, West Port's theatre director, has high praise for Taylor's dramaturgical skills. "Chad participated in a brain-storming session with my advanced acting students, took home a list of seemingly disjointed ideas and came back a few days later with a brilliant, thought-provoking script." The plot concerns a teenage girl named Sarah, who is home schooled by an often-times ludicrous teacher. The play leads the audience through a series of bizarre events, culminating in a final scene that leaves them trying to piece together what happened.

Taylor says of the production, "I had hoped to create something that would have the same level of quality that West Port has sustained over the years so I had decided to go the route of creating the most challenging piece imaginable. I was able to watch their competition performance and was amazed at the level of talent and professionalism the students brought to the stage. It's a piece that would be tough for a professional company to perform and the students made it look easy. I'm proud to be a part of bringing the only original competition piece at this year's festival to the stage and I look forward to seeing if this upcoming performance's audience reacts to the ending as enthusiastically as the festival's crowd did."

Explore Rainbow Springs

The UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service, UF/IFAS Citrus County Extension Service and Rainbow Springs State Park will hold a "Get Out and Explore Rainbow Springs" event and optional canoe/kayak paddle on May 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with an optional canoe/kayak paddle from 3 to 5 p.m.

The event will be at Rainbow Springs State Park, 19158 S.W. 81st Place Road, Dunnellon.

On May 16, you have the chance to do more than skim the surface of this unspoiled Florida gem – dive into the details at the "Get out and Explore" event hosted by UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Participants will hike the nature trails along the river and learn about the plants and wildlife that surround it. University of Florida research scientists will give water quality demonstrations and other experts will explain how groundwater is connected to springs and rivers. Program attendees will also learn about what lives in the springs.

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Marion's Most Wanted

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Tionna Council, 18, felony warrant retail grand theft.

Josue Deras, 23, felony violation of probation for simple battery.

James Greulich, 36, felony warrant count 1 burglary of a dwelling- standard dwelling; count 2 grand theft- $300 more but less than $20,000.

Isaiah Hall, 22, felony bench warrant for failure to appear arraignment for felony worthless check.

Ellis Hicks, 47, felony capias count felony petit theft.

Two arrests listed

According to the Marion County Sheriff's Office, **Edward Walters Jr.**, 54, of Southwest 102nd Place, Ocala, was accused of DUI and driving while license suspended or revoked after being stopped in the 6900 block of State Road 200 for having an expired tag.

At the jail, his breath sample registered at .156 and .157. The legal limit is .08.

Glenn Gerard Kuntz, 50, of Southwest 96th Street, was accused of fraudulent use of a credit card, criminal use of personal identification and theft of a credit card after he allegedly took cards from two relatives.

He was accused of using them both.

Firefighters apply water to the tractor, with the burned trailer visible behind.

OCALA FIRE RESCUE PHOTO

Truck fire ties up traffic on Interstate Sunday

On Sunday, April 29, Ocala firefighters responded to a tractor trailer fire at 1:09 p.m., and on arrival quickly extinguished the blaze. The driver of the 2007 Kenworth tractor owned by Burress L.L.C. told fire officials that he noticed smoke from the trailer and pulled over to the side of the interstate. He attempted to use his fire extinguisher; however the flames were too large and he called 911.

The tractor, valued at $70,000, was separated from the trailer in an attempt to control the fire, although both were damaged. The trailer contained corn meal which was being transported from Indiana to Miami. The fire is believed to have started in the tractor and extended into the trailer. The vehicle fire also ignited a small grass fire. The incident was placed under control at 1:34 p.m., although firefighters remained on scene almost two hours. There were no injuries.

The fire happened at mile marker 348, approximately two miles south of State Road 200 in the southbound lanes. For a time the Florida Highway Patrol had all three lanes blocked southbound, with one line of traffic being allowed to pass on the inside shoulder.

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Pictured (left to right) are Holly Miley, Melissa Laudermilt, and Brad Dinkins of Helping Hands, and Nancy Grabowski (1st Vice-President) and Marsha View (President) of "Women of the World" (from On Top of the World). Over 150 "Women of the World" honored Helping Hands at their April meeting with financial gifts and a truckload of toiletries, personal hygiene items, and bathroom/laundry supplies. Helping Hands provides housing, food, clothing, medical, dental, jobs, transportation, counseling, and education grants to homeless and disadvantaged men, women and children in Marion County. Helping Hands has a consignment store called the Treasure Shoppe, next to the Divine Providence Thrift Store on State Road 200. Their website is www.helpinghandsocala.org.

Take this Senior Helper's quiz about Alzheimer's

See bottom of quiz for answer key.

1. Alzheimer's only affects memory skills (Pick one)
a) True, other parts of the brain are not damaged by Alzheimer's
b) False, it affects memory and language skills
c) True, it spreads through the memory center, eventually keeping it from working at all
d) False, it affects memory, language, vision, sensation & motor skills, and decision making ability

2. Can you get Alzheimer's if no one in your family has/had it? (Pick one)
a) Yes – Anyone can develop the disease.
b) No – Alzheimer's is purely genetic.
c) No – a family member on your mother's side must have had Alzheimer's to put you at risk of developing it.

3. What's the most common 'early' sign of Alzheimer's disease? (Pick one)
a) Can't remember NEW information
b) Can't remember OLD information
c) Can't remember ANY information

4. At what age is your working memory the sharpest and fastest it will ever be? (Pick one)
a) 10-14 years old
b) 2-10 years old
c) 30-35 years old
d) 14-18 years old
e) 35-45 years old
f) 26-30 years old
g) Late teens to early 20s
h) 45-50 years old

5. What is the difference between Alzheimer's disease and dementia? (Pick one)
a) Alzheimer's is progressive (gets worse with time) but dementia is not
b) Dementia is not as serious as Alzheimer's, it just affects memory
c) They are actually the same thing, just different names
d) Dementia is a general category and Alzheimer's is a specific type of brain failure
e) Alzheimer's is treatable, but dementia is not

6. Can you prevent Alzheimer's? (Pick one)
a) Yes –You can prevent Alzheimer's with a healthy diet.
b) Yes - You can prevent Alzheimer's with brain exercises.
c) No – you cannot prevent Alzheimer's.

7. Do people die from Alzheimer's? (Pick one)
a) No – those with Alzheimer's usually die from other causes.
b) Yes – Alzheimer's is ultimately a fatal disease.
c) No – Alzheimer's is memory-impairment disease, not life-threatening in almost all cases

8. These are all risk factors for Late Onset Alzheimer's – which is the greatest known risk? (Pick one)
a) Brain injury
b) Increasing age
c) Genetics
d) Heart attack or stroke
e) Stress
f) Diet
g) Diabetes
h) Obesity

9. Alzheimer's is a natural stage of aging (Pick one)
a) True – All seniors eventually get Alzheimer's
b) False – If you lead a healthy and active lifestyle, you won't get Alzheimer's.
c) False – Alzheimer's is not a natural stage of aging.

10. At age 85, your risk of developing Alzheimer's disease is closest to:
a) 5%
b) 25%
c) 50%
d) 75%
e) 100%

11. Which of the following is NOT true about dementia? (Pick one)
a) It is terminal
b) It is progressive (gets worse with time)
c) There is no known cure
d) There are more than 80 causes, types, and forms
e) It always results in the person becoming angry and dangerous in the later stages

Answer Key:
1. d
2. a
3. a
4. g
5. d
6. c
7. b
8. b
9. c
10. c
11. e

READER SERVICES

South Marion Citizen

The South Marion Citizen is a free community newspaper covering news of communities in southwest Marion County including Oak Run, Pine Run, Palm Cay, On Top of the World, Kingsland Country Estates, Countryside Farms, Marion Landing, Majestic Oaks, Hidden Lake, Woods and Meadows Estates, Paddock Farms, Saddle Oak Club, Deer Creek, Cherrywood Estates, Hardwood Trails, Candler Hills, Country Oaks, and Harvest Meadows, among others.

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Crossroads Church yard sale will be Saturday

Crossroads Church, 8070 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala, will have a church yard sale Saturday, May 5, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Spaces are $10. For information, call Marie at 352-817-4006.

Read the classifieds

Community calendar

Saturday, May 5

Chess Club to meet

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

Grab your board and chess pieces and come on down.

Interested persons are invited to attend for a rousing game of chess.

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

Marion Landing community yard sale

Marion Landing will be holding its annual community yard sale on Saturday, May 5, from 8 a.m. to noon in the Lifestyle Center parking lot located on Southwest 65th Avenue Road just off State Road 200 across from Queen of Peace. Rain date: May 19. This event is free and open to the public.

Book sale for Sheltering Hands

A mega book sale to benefit Sheltering Hands Rescue, featuring used books, CDs, videos and crafts, will take place Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

Winn Dixie, 8445 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala.

Buy five books, get one free. Also, you can donate your aluminum beverage cans.

For information, call 352-291-1962.

Book sale for SPCA

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) of Marion County is holding a used book sale on Saturday, May 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Publix in Canopy Oak Center (in front of On Top of the World Communities).

There will be a large assortment of paperbacks and hard covers ranging in price from 25 cents to $1, so please stop by and stock up on all your favorites. All proceeds go to help the animals of Marion County.

UCC Annual Yard Sale

Clothing, jewelry, tools, linens, home decor, antiques, books, games, puzzles, crafts, and much more at the First Congregational United Church of Christ annual yard sale, Saturday, May 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 7171 SW State Road 200 (in the Enrichment Center). For more information, call 352-237-3035.

Two-day violet show and plant sale

A show and plant sale open to the public by the African Violet Club of Ocala will take place on Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and again on Sunday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

There will be lots of unusual varieties of African vio¬lets on display and for sale from minia¬tures to trail¬ers to plants mea¬suring over a foot in diam¬eter. Most of these plants are hybrids not available for sale locally: Pinks, whites and lavenders to darker violets and reds — plus the rarer greens, solid blossoms, spotted, or "fantasy" blossoms, striped blossoms. There will be blossoms as small as a quarter-inch wide to ones over two inches wide. There are quilted leaves, variegated leaves, ruffled leaves — a feast for the eyes! Other gesneriad varieties (the African violet's cousins) will also be displayed and available for sale.

Fresh-cut leaves for propagation will also be for sale. And, don't miss the "How To" educational section focusing on repotting and grooming your violets, spotting prob¬lems, propagating leaves.

Who are we? The African Violet Club of Ocala is an enthusiastic, non-profit group of people living in the greater Ocala area. We meet monthly beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month (with the exception of the third Saturday in November and no official meeting in December) at the Marion County Sheriff's Office, 9048 S.W. Highway 200.

For further information: Carolee Carter (H) 352-237-3308 or (C) 352-342-0363.

Main library plans book sale

The Friends of the Ocala Library will hold their quarterly book dale at the main library on Silver Springs Boulevard on Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Rooms B and C. Tenderly-treated hardcover books will be on sale for 50 cents, and thousands of paperbacks for 25 cents. Come and support your library by buying books in order that the Friends can continue to sponsor popular library programs. Go to friendsoftheocalalibrary.org to find out more about the Friends and join us.

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Saturday, May 5

Yoga at Sholom Park

Free classes on the first Saturday of the month, May - November – 9 a.m. Come early to prepare! The park is on Southwest 80th Avenue, 2 ½ miles north of State Road 200.

Join us in the Peace Park to commune with nature.

Sunday, May 6

Ocala Youth Symphony concert

The Ocala Youth Symphony will present its spring concert on Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7171 S.W. State Road 200 (352-237-3035). The orchestra is made up of some 60 talented young musicians ranging in age from 8 to 18. They will perform selections ranging from the classics to contemporary - something for everyone's musical taste, a freewill offering will be received.

ESL recognition planned

On Sunday May 6, at 11 a.m., College Road Baptist Church will recognize the ESL (English as Second Language) ministry which is celebrating the close of its eighth year of teaching English and assisting with Citizenship applications. Nearly 100 adults have benefitted from this program, as well as the tutoring ministry for children which existed until 2004. All who have been involved during those years, whether as students or teachers, are invited to be present at this service on Sunday morning.

Beginning May 16, the regular ESL classes on Wednesday evenings at 6 will be replaced until August with Conversation Cafe, for anyone wishing to practice speaking English. For more information, please call 352-854-6981 or 352-237-5741.

Concert scheduled

On Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m., the Marion Civic Chorale, conducted by Matthew Bumbach, will perform a program titled I Have Had Singing at First United Methodist Church, 1126 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

Celebrating their 25th anniversary, the program will include such favorites as Deep River, Cantique de Jean Racine, Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit, and The Last Words of David. Past conductors Grat Rosazza and Wayne Earnest and the Howard Middle School Chorus will also participate.

Admission is free but a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the church's Tuesday Morning Outreach Ministry to help the homeless, jobless, and others in need.

For further information, call 352-537-0207 or go to www.fumcocala.org or wayne@fumcocala.org.

Saturday, May 12

High Tea at Church of Advent

The Church of the Advent at 11251 S.W. Highway 484 (across from the fire department) is having a High Tea on Saturday, May 12, the day before Mother's Day. It will begin at 2 p.m. and the ticket cost is $10 per person. Hats and gloves are optional but bring your own tea cup. There will be entertainment and an array of prizes. Join us for a fun-filled day.

For more information, call 352-465 7272.Leave your name and number, we will return your call.

Methodist Men plan breakfast

The Methodist Men will serve their famous and delicious all-can-you-eat breakfast on Saturday, May 12 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. A complete menu with a wide variety of breakfast fare is offered for $5.

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

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

Thursday, May 17

Air Force Association meets

The Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association (AFA) will hold its May meeting on Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m., at the Ocala Regional Airport Administration Building, 750 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala.

Representatives from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management, will brief us on what to do if a hurricane hits our part of Florida.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Mike Emig 352-854-8328.

Saturday, May 19

Two-day show for Dunnellon High

The Hallelujah Girls will be presented by the Dunnellon High School Drama Club at the historic Dunnellon Train Depot on May 19, 7 p.m. and May 20, 3:30 p.m. This play is a joyful comedy that will make you laugh out loud and shout "Hallelujah!"

The train depot is in historic downtown Dunnellon at 12061 S. Williams St. Tickets are $5 each and sold at the door. Call Dianne Sellner at Dunnellon High School at 352-465-6745 for more information.

Scandinavian Club to meet

The Scandinavian Club of Marion County invites people of Danish, Finish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish decent to join us at our next meeting on May 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Ocala Hilton, 3600 S.W. 36th Ave. in Ocala.

The menu will be Chicken Cordon Bleu or Bourbon Salmon with rice, vegetables, salad, coffee and dessert. The entertainment will be Silver and Ivory. The cost is $16 per person. Reservations, food preference and payment must be made in advance. Payment must be received by Wednesday the 16th of May. Checks to be made out to Don Clauson and mailed to Don Clauson, 5901 S.W. 86th Place, Ocala, FL 34476.

For further details call Jim Neate 352 687-1580, Don Clauson 352 861-1235 or Terry Rasmussen 352 347-8362.

Sunday, May 20

West Port student concert at UCC

Dominic Muzzi will perform a piano concert on Sunday, May 20 at 3 p.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7171 S.W. State Road 200 (352-237-3035).

Dominic is a senior at West Port High School and serves as accompanist for the Central Florida Master Choir. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted and presented to Dominic to help with upcoming college expenses as he pursues a career in music.

Tuesday, May 29

Breast cancer group to meet

The Breast Cancer SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) support group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 S.W. 105th St., room 104.

The May 29 meeting will be a presentation by Knan Lee, who will speak and demonstrate Hatha Yoga, which relaxes the body and mind, improves musculoskeletal fitness and flexibility, and elevates health and well being.

For further information, call Gail Tirpak at 352-291-6904.

Sunday, June 3

Vendors sought for Blueberry Festival

Craft vendors are being sought for the first Blueberry Festival in Ocala to benefit Sheltering Hands Rescue.

The event will be Sunday, June 3, at Ramada Inn, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Ocala. Vendor fee is $20 inside space, $15/outside. The deadline for applications is April 16.

There will be prizes, a baking contest, fresh blueberries, 50/50 raffle, and food.

Please call 352-291-1962 for applications and/or more information.

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Bluegrass show

The Broken Home Children played bluegrass music Saturday, April 28, entertaining folks at the Razor Repair on State Road 200. From the left are Dandy Dan, Cheese Andrew, Jammin Jill, Machine Gun Joey and W.Va. Ray.

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Travel news from Marion Landing

Diane Bress

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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.

It's never too early to book a great adventure. Reservations are now being accepted for our seven night Eastern Caribbean cruise in January 2013. Sail aboard the brand new ship Celebrity Reflection departing from Miami on Jan. 5 with stops in San Juan, St. Maarten and St. Kitts. Rates include all port charges, taxes, round-trip bus from Ocala, gratuities, and one-hour open bar cocktail party. A $250 deposit will hold your space. For more information, please see the flyer posted on the travel board.

There are still seats available for the May 9 trip to Orlando for the Sleuths Mystery Theater where you become the detective and help solve the crime. 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.

Join us for a trip to Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater to see "Nobody's Perfect" on July 12. This hilarious comedy revolves around a male novelist who submits his work to a feminist publishing house under the guise of a woman to avoid gender bias. The charade continues when he wins first prize and must deal with his wayward daughter and rascally old father. Tickets are $70 each and include round-trip motor coach, hot buffet, all tax and gratuities. Check the flyer posted on the Travel Board for details.

Dinner and entertainment are planned aboard the Starlight Majesty on Wednesday, Aug. 22. The trip includes round-trip motor coach departing Ocala at 4 p.m. and returning approximately midnight, 3-hour dinner cruise with various meal choices, entertainment, all taxes and gratuities for $89 per person. This is a wonderful way to spend an August evening, so reserve your seat soon.

Get your passport ready — Marion Landing is going to Montego Bay. Join in on the all-inclusive six day/five night stay at the 4-star Sunset Beach Resort and Spa in Jamaica from Sept. 16 to 21. Rates include all meals and drinks, nightly shows, five restaurants with loads of daily activities and nightly entertainment. Don't miss this great adventure — limited space is available.

Oktoberfest in Helen, Georgia, from Oct. 22 to 25 is a trip you won't want to miss. You'll think you've stepped into an alpine village complete with cobblestone alleys and old-world towers. The trip includes three nights at the Hampton Inn in downtown Helen, breakfast daily, lunch at Unicoi State Park, two dinners, admission to Festhalle with dinner and entertainment, tour of the winery, grainery and a stop at a local pottery. You will also visit the new Babyland General Hospital, home of the Cabbage Patch Doll. A deposit will hold your space for this trip.

It's never too early to start planning your winter holiday season. This year, we travel to Asheville, North Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia, from Nov. 11 to 16, to visit the Biltmore Estate and see all their wonderful holiday decorations. The trip includes three nights in Asheville, where we will be given an Asheville city tour, visit St. Lawrence Basilica, a Folk Art Center, and enjoy the Blue Ridge Parkway. We will spend one night in both Savannah and Americus, Georgia, and visit the Andersonville prison and other military sites. The total cost includes admissions, eight great meals and transportation.

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

Mom's Nite Out to be May 10 at Paddock Mall

Mothers across the country and in Ocala will celebrate national Mom's Nite Out on Thursday, May 10, according to information from Simon Property Group.

At Paddock Mall, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in an evening filled with pampering refreshments, entertainment, fashion and beauty services, all focused on rewarding Moms. A recent survey of 1,312 respondents conducted by BSM Media indicated the majority of mothers (58 percent) would like to spend a night out with a group of friends.

Simon has teamed up with several prestigious brands and organizations including Diet Coke, Dove Body Wash, Little Black Dress Vodka, and VISIT FLORIDA to celebrate Moms and their many contributions to the world. The fun starts at 5 p.m. and goes until 8 p.m. All event activities are free and open to moms of all ages.

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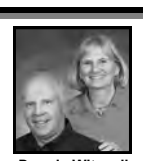

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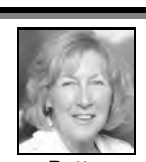

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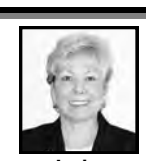

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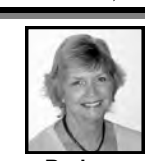

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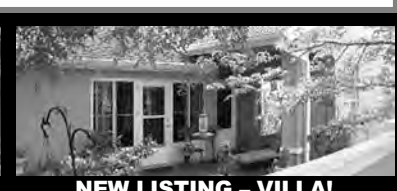

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OUR VIEW

Governor, legislators hurt higher education

At a time when the state university system is struggling with massive cuts, Florida Gov. Rick Scott's decision to sign a bill creating a 12th university is flawed.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been sapped from the Florida university system and now legislators and the governor are creating a new university by splitting USF Polytechnic off from the University of South Florida despite the lack of a demonstrated need or public request to do so.

Departing Senate budget chairman JD Alexander has led the charge making the formation of Florida Polytechnic his primary focus. Despite broad opposition, but that hasn't stopped Alexander from wielding his enormous influence to make it happen.

Members of both sides of the legislative aisle have blasted the move, calling it a "wasteful power play" and saying the governor has broken his promise to voters to be fiscally responsible.

Initially the university will lack accreditation, which will affect enrollment as the first class of students could well graduate without an accredited degree.

This decision weakens the other established state universities and specifically hurts USF as more than $70 million will be transferred to Florida Polytechnic for the construction of a new campus.

This is a classic case of a powerful state politician using his influence to drive home a pet project. The creation of a new university is not in Florida's best interest and not something driven by public interest — it is driven by the personal interest of one man.

Gov. Scott, who campaigned as an outsider, has allowed himself to be drawn in to the insider politics of Tallahassee and, in doing so, is damaging the future of higher education in Florida.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Away from White House?

Recently we hear a lot of negative remarks regarding President Obama's frequent trips so

let us look at the facts:

During President Obama's first year in office, he spent 26 days away from the White House.

President Regan spent 42 days away.

G. H. W. bush spent 69 days away.

G. Bush 2 spent a total of 147 days away from the White House in his first year.

During his two terms in office he spent 477 days at Camp David plus 77 days at his Crawford Ranch In those eight years he had a total including vacation and retreats of 967 days away, which equals 32 percent of his total time in office.

So to all President Obama critics, look at the facts and cut him some slack, he is working hard to drag our country out of a recession.

John Toner
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POW ceremony

On April 28, the Ocala Police Department held a POW flag raising ceremony. I rolled out of bed early, donned my MCL uniform, and went to the event. I was extremely pleased there was an opening prayer. The Junior ROTC performed with snap and pop, and veterans attending were recognized.

I wish to congratulate the Ocala Police Department for a distinguished and tasteful ceremony.

Barbara R. Priest
Ocala

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COMMENTARY

The not-so-secret service's activities

Jim Clark
Editor

If you've ever watched the Washington correspondents' dinner on C-SPAN, you know it's a time for levity, laughter and a bit of "roasting" to ease the tensions of covering the news in the nation's capital.

There are usually major speakers, and that was true this year as President Obama spoke and joked his way through a monologue in front of the room full of journalists.

The most telling moment, however, came at the end of Obama's talk. To paraphrase the president's final joke, he said he had plenty more material, but had to cut it short to get the Secret Service home before its new curfew.

That drew a big laugh from the crowd, but the camera panned to two men standing at the side, most assuredly members of the Secret Service.

They weren't laughing. In fact, their glare at the president could only be described as a scowl.

By now, everyone should know what happened with the Secret Service. An advance team in Colombia was reportedly partying with prostitutes, and there was a dispute over payment that made the whole event public.

The president wasn't there yet, and was obviously not in danger.

Since then, a half dozen or so agents have been fired and rules have been tightened …rules that shouldn't be needed for anyone, much less the people charged with protecting the president of the United States.

If anyone thinks this was an isolated incident, well, dream on. Something like this didn't just come out of the blue, with a bunch of agents saying, "Hey, let's do something we've never done before. Let's party with some girls."

Another analysis over the weekend said the incident emphasizes how few women there are in the Secret Service.

We haven't heard the end of this tale. More accusations have already been made, tougher guidelines have already been imposed on the agents, and it is expected that more heads will roll.

Whether you are Republican or Democrat, you must realize how important it is in world affairs for the president, every president, to have top-notch protection when he is out in public.

If agents are dreaming about their exploits the week before, that may be hard to do.

The president may joke about it, but you have to assume that underneath, he's a little apprehensive. I hope there will be better supervision of the agents in the future, and especially of the advance teams, those who aren't directly involved with protection, but who are setting up safety measures.

Their job should be the focus of all their concentration. Anything less produces danger to our country.

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GUEST COLUMN

Election brings an echo, not a choice

BY SHELDON RICHMAN
Special to the Citizen

With Mitt Romney's sweep of recent primaries, he will almost certainly be President Barack Obama's Republican opponent in November. Romney has vowed to make the economy the chief issue against Obama, and he is sure to portray the president as an enemy of free enterprise in order to draw a contrast with himself. How fit is Romney's claim to be a champion of economic freedom?

The former Massachusetts governor and private-equity capitalist speaks often about free enterprise and the need for government to let entrepreneurship pull the economy out of its current doldrums. This sort of rhetoric is common for Republicans, who then proceed to violate economic freedom.

President George W. Bush, in a weird Orwellian manner, took this contradiction to its final stage of absurdity when he said during the 2008 financial debacle, "I've abandoned free market principles to save the free market system." For Bush, the free-market system apparently is not constituted by free-market principles. But if that's the case, what is the system constituted by?

Republicans may not typically speak so bluntly, but to most of them "the free-market system" isn't a set of principles; rather it is an emotional slogan to be spoken, especially as an election approaches. It's a way of saying, "Vote for us because the other guys aren't good Americans like we are."

Romney likes to say, "We are only inches away from ceasing to be a free market economy." But that must mean we now have — and have had — a free-market economy. Does he really mean that? If so, does he agree with Bush that free-market principles were "abandoned" with the bank bailouts like TARP (which Romney favored) and the GM and Chrysler rescues?

Another implication of his position is that the free market was responsible for the housing and financial debacle. We're not likely to hear Romney say this — it would concede too much to Obama — but it's logically implied by Romney's remarks.

This position diverges from what free-market advocates think happened. The essential story is this: Low-interest-rate money from the Federal Reserve, aggressive government policies to increase homeownership — even among people with bad credit histories or low incomes (or both) — and additional government intervention combined to create an unsustainable bubble in the housing industry, which in turn helped increase the fragility of the financial sector. Dubious mortgages became the foundation of widely held securities and derivatives, facilitated by government-sponsored enterprises — Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — and a government-licensed rating cartel. Then the bubble burst.

Does Romney give even a hint that he understands this? If so, he wouldn't be talking as though the free market currently exists and as though we still have it to lose.

Beyond that, Romney expresses his orientation toward political economy when he says, "Washington has to become an ally of business, not the opposition of business." A free-market advocate would know this doesn't exhaust the alternatives. Government should be neither an ally nor an opponent of business, because both imply interference with private property and free exchange.

This may be harder to see in the case of a business-government alliance. One need only remember that we live in a world of scarcity. If government helps one industry or firm, it must do so by channeling scarce resources away from other uses. This disables the process by which entrepreneurs attempt to devote resources to purposes most favored by consumers. It's a form of government privilege, which many businessmen are all too happy to receive — at the expense of others. There is a world of difference between being pro-market and being pro-business — a distinction that apparently escapes Romney.

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Knowing what you want — just a plain cup of coffee, please!

Rev. James L. Snyder

Out to pastor

Through the years, I have discovered two important facets of husbandship that has stood me in good stead for many years: a vigorous nod of the head and a rhapsodic "Yes, dear." Flowers don't hurt either.

When our recent visit in Ohio concluded, we headed for the airport. I do not mind traveling, but my least favorite mode is the airplane. The reason being, of course, is the airport itself.

In my opinion, someone devised the modern airport to intimidate the average traveler. Arriving at the airport, we immediately headed for the ticket counter where we received our boarding passes. Then we surrendered our luggage to the personnel behind the counter, not knowing if we would ever see that same luggage again in our lifetime.

Someday I hope to visit all the places my luggage has seen.

Next, we made our way through the security booth.

As you know, they do not permit metal through this gate. If a passenger passes through and a buzzer goes off, he is summoned back for guards to examine his personal effects to detect the offensive object. I went through about 17 times. Not until I got down to my underwear did the security personnel determine there must be a defect in the radar detection equipment. (I plan to file my briefs in a Florida court this week.)

Finally, we left the security area and I started feeling a little more confident until we came to a big sign over the entryway. My wife and I found little comfort in the words written: Terminal Entrance. Contrary to their "friendly" little sign, I did, in fact have plans of returning.

Our flight plan called for a two hour stopover before arriving at our final destination. Nothing quite compares to spending a free hour or two at an airport. Did I say "free?" Allow me to recount that opinion.

There is absolutely nothing free at an airport. I cannot prove it, but I am sure they have figured out a way to charge for the air we breathe.

For instance, a 15 cent cup of coffee can cost in the neighborhood of $17.95. I don't even like visiting that neighborhood. If I lived there, I would move.

However, being the good natured, charming individual that I am, it does not take much to make me happy. All I need to allay any stress is a simple cup of coffee. Have you ever noticed how things seem to go a lot easier with a steaming jolt of java?

With a full hour to spare at the airport, my wife and I looked for something to occupy our time. Then I espied the perfect diversion. With a mischievous twinkle in my left eye, I looked at my wife and said, "Let's get a cup of coffee and relax a while."

One thing I can always count on my wife, she knows a good thing when she hears it. Unfortunately, she does not hear it too often from my lips. Walking over to the coffee shop and, being the man, I approached the counter to place our order. "I would like two regular coffees," I said with anticipation to the young woman behind the counter. The thing that makes a man a man is that he always knows what he wants. It is that confidence that separates the men from the boys.

The young woman looked at me, snapped her chewing gum several times and said in a monotone, "Marvelous, you want espresso or cappuccino?"

"No, Miss," I replied as cool and sophisticated as any gentleman you will ever meet. "No, Miss. We just want two plain coffees."

She looked at me as only a waitress behind a counter can and rattled off names I have never heard before. As best I could understand, they were flavors or kinds of espresso coffee.

Finally, when she took a breath I jumped in and said with all the confidence I could muster without compromising my good nature, "No, Miss. I don't want any espresso, just a regular cup of coffee."

"Exactly," she said with a falsetto smile. "Most people enjoy our cappuccinos. What kind of cappuccino would you like."

Then she rattled off an endless list of cappuccino flavors, most I had never heard of before.

About this time, the caffeine deficiency began seeping into my attitude. I think that somewhere in our constitution is the right to order regular coffee at a price that does not compromise the mortgage on my home.

"Young lady," I said as calmly as possible under the circumstances, "listen to me very carefully. I want coffee. Not espresso. Not cappuccino. Just two cups of plain, regular, good old American coffee."

"Oh," she said in a burst of enlightenment. "You want coffee. Why didn't you say so in the first place?"

There is no satisfaction more fulfilling than finally getting through and arriving at a common understanding.

"Now," she said in a confidential tone, "what flavor coffee do you want? Columbian, French Vanilla, Cinnamon, Chocolate Mint, Swiss Mocha . . ."

There is only one place I know where I can get exactly what I need. Jesus put it this way; "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13 14 KJV).

If you need anything from the Lord, just ask.

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RICHMAN

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Of course, Obama could honestly say he agrees with Romney's statement about business and government. He too believes government should be business's ally. Just ask Jeffrey Immelt of General Electric, who chairs his Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, and Jim McNerney of Boeing (and formerly of GE), who chairs the President's Export Council. Romney and Obama's differences over the precise mix of government and business decision-making power should not fool anyone into thinking they have a fundamental disagreement.

Once again, the presidential election will present an echo, not a choice.

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RELIGION

Christ's Church of Marion County

Saturday, May 5: Men's Prayer Group, 8 a.m.

Sunday, May 6: Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 8: Men's Ministry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 12: Men's Prayer Group, 9 a.m.

Sunday, May 13: Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Friendship Fellowship Potluck, noon.

Tuesday, May 15: Women's Ministry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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.

St. Jude Catholic Community

The Bereavement Group for those grieving the loss of a loved one will meet on Tuesdays, May 8 and May 22, 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.

Creole Masses for the Haitians in our community are celebrated every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. The next dates are May 13 and May 27.

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

Chabad-Lubavitch Jewish Center

Chabad-Lubavitch Jewish Center of Marion County is hosting a community-wide celebration, featuring clowns, a moon bounce and a Kosher Barbeque on Thursday, May 10 at 6 p.m. at The Chabad Jewish Center, 3500 S.W. 34th Ave. Circle.

The event will mark the observance of the Jewish holiday of Lag B'Omer, which is traditionally commemorated by large outdoor celebrations and bonfires, which harbor spiritual significance.

Chabad-Lubavitch, the largest Jewish outreach organization in the world, is hosting thousands of similar Lag B'Omer celebrations in cities across the globe. The celebrations all share a common theme: Jewish Unity.

For more information on Chabad-Lubavitch Jewish Center of Marion County's Lag B'Omer festivities or on the holiday of Lag B'Omer and its observances, contact Rabbi Yossi or Chanie Hecht at 352-291-2218 or email info@jewishmarion.org or visit our website at www.JewishMarion.org. RSVP appreciated.

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A column dedicated to honoring our firefighters

Dick Frank

PUN ALLEY

Today is International Firefighters' Day, a time for everyone to recognize and honor the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure their communities and environment are as safe as possible.

It's also a day in which current and past firefighters can be thanked for their services.

Today's column is dedicated to all of them. Hopefully, they will not be put out by it, but will have some laughs.

Doggone!

In the old days before motor vehicles, a fire wagon was pulled by a team of horses, followed by men running as fast as possible.

The sole occupant of the fire wagon was a dog, always a tan mutt with a shape resembling an Irish setter with a buzz cut.

The dog was there to steer the wagon, for the horses wouldn't listen to calls from the brigade men, but the dog would hear the call and tug he reins this way and that. It worked so well that fire wagons everywhere had a tan shorthaired setter steering them.

One day the mayor of a town wanted to know why such a plain looking dog was driving their fire wagon. "What do you mean plain looking?" asked the Fire Chief.

"I mean," replied the mayor, "that I've had reports from all over the country regarding fire wagons. And the reports everywhere state that a dog's been spotted driving the wagon."

And that's how Dalmatians become the dog for all fire trucks.

Holy Smoke!

The convert always put the oldest nuns on the highest floor, figuring that they were closer to heaven that way.

Six of these nuns were in their third-floor sleeping quarters when a fire broke out one night.

The nuns quickly took off their outfits, tied them together to make a rope, and climbed out of the window

After they were safely on the ground and out of the building, a fireman came over to one of the nuns and asked her, "Weren't you afraid that the habits might have ripped or broke since, they are so old?

The nun smiled and replied, "Oh, no, dear, we weren't worried at all. Don't you know old habits are hard to break?"

Small fires

When a 2-seat private plane crashed into a cemetery in Kentucky the firemen reported recovering over 150 bodies and were still digging.

Firefighters use hot line phones.

The best way to calm a fire-breathing dragon is to throw water on it. This is sure to cause it to let off some steam.

A kaleidoscope is a device for watching automobile accidents.

In firefighting terms, CHAOS means the Chiefs Have Arrived On Scene.

Old firefighters never die; they just go to blazes.

In Dallas a warehouse full of energy drinks caught fire. Firefighters say the fire raged for five hours and then totally crashed.

"Yesterday I went to a fire sale."

"What did you get?"

"A smoking jacket and a blazer."

The golfer

After a poor golf game, the golfer was walking to the parking lot to get his car when a policeman stopped him and asked, "Did you tee off on the sixteenth hole about twenty minutes ago?"

"Yes," the golfer responded.

"Did you happen to hook your ball so that it went over the trees and off the course?"

"Yes, I did. How did you know?" he asked.

"Well," said the policeman, "Your ball flew out onto the highway and crashed through a driver's windshield.

"The car went out of control, crashing into five other cars and a fire truck. The fire truck couldn't make it to the fire, and the building burned down. So, what are you going to do about it?"

The golfer thought it over carefully and responded, "I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb."

Pin Puller

When the restaurant employees attended a fire safety seminar, they watched a fire official demonstrate the proper way to operate an extinguisher. "Pull the pin like a hand grenade," he explained, "then depress the trigger to release the foam."

Later an employee was selected to extinguish a controlled fire in the parking lot. In her nervousness, she forgot to pull the pin.

The instructor hinted, "Like a hand grenade, remember?"

In a burst of confidence she pulled the pin and hurled the extinguisher at the blaze.

Dick and his wife Jane live in Oak Run.

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New learning opportunities and softball at OTOW

BY ELOISE HOLLYFIELD
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New learning opportunities and softball mark this week's OTOW Happenings.

Master the Possibilities

Master the Possibilities Center for Lifelong Learning will be releasing its Summer Catalog on May 16. You can pick one up at the Center (8415 S.W. 80th St.) or at Freedom Library. It is also available online at masterthepossibilities.com . Registration will open on May 16 for over 250 classes, lectures, presentations, films, and discussion groups. All of these are open to the public. The Center will offer over 1000 opportunities throughout this year.

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VFW activities

All dinners are open to the public in the hall.

The Men's Auxiliary serves shrimp and wing baskets on the first and third Friday from 4 to 6 p.m.

A fish fry is held on the second and fourth Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

V-Burgers (two for $2 along with chips and special beer prices) are available on the last Tuesday of the month from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

On the second Tuesday of the month the Ladies Dinner is served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The May 8 menu is pepper steak over rice, tossed salad, rolls, and dessert for $7.

A Mother's Day Ham Dinner with all the trimmings will be held on Sunday, May 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Donation is $7.

Bingo is open to the public each Monday and Thursday with early bird specials starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is available until 1:30 p.m.

Members and Guests

(Non-members must be signed in by a Post 4781 member)

Monday Night Bar Bingo is played in the Canteen from 6 to 8 p.m. Food is available.

Enjoy the free jukebox music in the Canteen on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5.

Please note

The Ladies Auxiliary will be having their annual flea market in October. Donations will not be accepted until May 15.

The VFW is at State Road 200/Southwest 110th Street.

Read the classifieds

OTOW HAPPENINGS

Master the Possibilities is a very "cool" alternative during a hot summer!

Softball League

It's been an exciting season with unexpected results. Over a month ago, the Great Clips Team seemed to have it all wrapped up with a five-game lead over their closest rival. Things began happening and losses started piling up and their lead dropped to one game. They still had a chance to hold on, but they just couldn't seem to get that big push from the players. The lead dwindled so much that they found themselves in second place with six games to go. Luck seemed to turn around for them, as the Florida Eye team who had jumped into first place by two games, started to have difficulty winning games. Last week, with two games to go, The Great Clips Team began their fight to the top. Thanks to other teams, Florida Eye began losing its lead.

Now with one game to go, the Florida Eye and Great Clips teams are tied for first place. This Monday will be the deciding game, and the winner will be the OTOW Softball League Champs. Not far behind was the Dr. Dunn team which hit some rough spots and couldn't get closer than two games from the top .In fourth place, we had the Cebert Wealth team which had a terrible start at the beginning of the league season and were in last place for quite a while until they started putting some wins together and ended up only four games out of first place. The surprising team was the Tee Pee Tire Team, which with their young players, were expected to end up on the top of the league. Somehow, they just couldn't get it together and ended up tied for the basement with the Wise Way Team, which also just couldn't muster up the wins.

Florida Eye-Roger	27	20
Great Clips-Angelo	27	20
Dr. Dunn-Marty	25	22
Cebert Wealth-Bill	23	24
Wiseway-Jimmy	19	28
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Local woman buys painted horse, gives it to city for display

BY MICHEL NORTHSEA
Staff Writer

Ten years ago, the late Ed McCracken wanted his wife, Irene, to buy one of the beautifully painted horses, but the prices went too high.

This year when the horses from the Horse Fever II went on the auction block at Live Oak Plantation, Irene McCracken was once again among the attendees.

"My goal was to have a painted horse because it is out of the ordinary. And no other place has something of this nature," she said.

A friend of hers, Leo Kriziza, knowing of her dream, encouraged her to purchase a horse.

"He told me to be sure to pick out a pretty one," she recalled.

So Irene McCracken chose to bid on "World Champ" painted by Sharon Crute.

Sponsored by the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association, Crute said the goal illustrated the importance of thoroughbred industry in Florida.

One side of the horse shows beautiful farms in Marion County to depict the breeding aspect of the industry.

The other side shows the three horses, all bred in Florida, that were the Eclipse Award winner; Awesome Feather, Big Drama and Dubai Majesty. Above the horses are flags representing the United States, Florida, South Korea and Ocala's sister cities in Ireland and Italy. The South Korea flag represents the business relationship involving the sale of Florida-bred horses to the South Korean racing program, Crute said in her artist statement.

McCracken paid $12,600 for "World Champ."

"World Champ" brought in the second highest dollar figure for the Marion County Cultural Alliance of any horse on the auction block. Clockwork Fury, by artist Mark Hershberger, earned the top figure of $13,000 for the evening.

Thirty horses were sold to raise $208,500 for $7,000 each, the average cost of a horse. Proceeds from the evening went to the Marion Cultural Alliance, $92,000, with the rest of the money contributed to the buyer's favorite charity.

Once she realized that she indeed owned the horse, McCracken was left to ponder on what to do with the horse.

"I thought about bringing it out here but not enough people would see out here in On Top of the World. I wanted lots of people to see it," she said.

So she ended up gifting the horse to the City of Ocala and now World Champ graces the downtown square looking across the street to Harry's outdoor dining area.

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Irene McCracken stands with her horse on the Ocala Downtown Square.

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Drowning in characters

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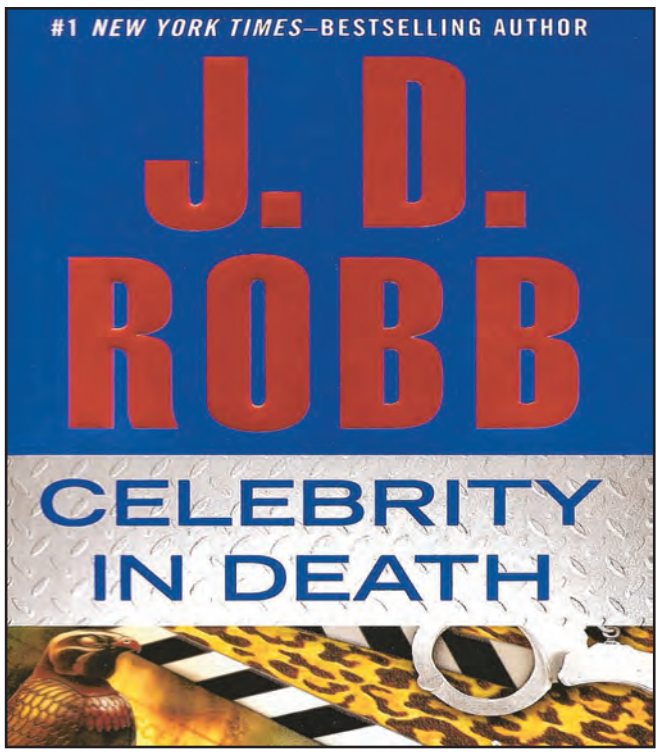
CELEBRITY IN DEATH
By J. D. Robb

The best that can be said about this whodunit from J.D. Robb (aka Nora Roberts) is its promising start. Lt. Eve Dallas and Det. Delia Peabody are invited to spend quality time at a Hollywood party with actresses playing them in a new movie based on journalist Nadine Furst's book about a famous case Eve solved. Although Peabody is nearly giddy over the prospect, sensible Eve is more likely to roll her eyes: "But she has to admit it's a little spooky seeing the actress playing her, who looks almost like her long-lost twin. Not as unsettling, though, as seeing K. T. Harris, the actress who plays Peabody – drowned in the lap pool on the roof of the director's luxury building. Talented but rude, and widely disliked, K. T. had made an embarrassing scene during diner. She clearly liked being the center of attention. Now she's at the center of a crime scene – and Eve is more than ready to get out of her high heels and strap on her holster, to step into the role she was born to play: cop."

But doubling cops and actresses plus an entire production staff and media personnel has its drawbacks. Within 50 pages or so I was drowning in characters. Soon, however, I was sympathizing with Dallas and the slow torment of finding the killer of a woman who had only enemies, a platoon of people she's threatened, blackmailed, insulted or wronged in a dozen different ways.

Interviewing all the party people from guests to servants to caterers takes up a significant part of the novel and not a particularly interesting one. In fact, the story line is stalled until lucky hunches and slips of the tongue start producing results. Digging deeply into a suspect's background turns up surprising clues. From then on Eve leans on accomplices and induces one to wear a wire.

Set in the early 2020s the futuristic touch adds little that I can see. I was scarcely aware of it except for references to household droids. Still, through 30 books involving Dallas and Peabody Robb has amassed plenty of fans. If you are one of them, you'll probably like "Celebrity in Death."



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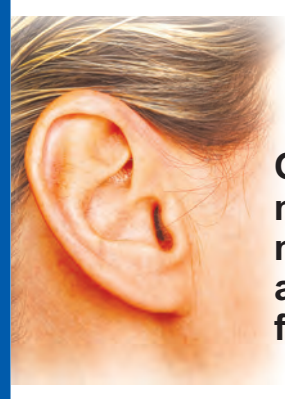

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Following the race, Rich Becotte will crank up the tunes and everyone will enjoy dancing the night away. Rich has a large assortment of great tunes to keep everyone entertained.

No tickets are necessary as this evening is free of charge thanks to the sponsorship of Chris of Cherrywood Property Management. All you need to bring is yourself, your friends and family. Of course, additional snacks, pot luck desserts and your beverage of choice would be a good idea to bring also.

There's nothing like the Derby to provide excitement and there's nothing like a dance at Cherrywood to provide a good time for all who attend. Combine the two and you've got all the makings for one super night.

Comedy Night - Free – No Kidding!

One great comedian, two great shows coming to Cherrywood on Friday May 18. Join your friends and neighbors for the humor and magic of noted funny man Mark Alan as he performs at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. and the price – free. That's right, Cherrywood Property Management is sponsoring these shows for our residents but you will need a ticket to get in. Seating is going fast so see Geri to make your reservations and get your tickets for the show of your choice plus, you will eligible to win a dinner for two at Outback Steak House.

The Cherrywood Shutterbugs became an official club.

Doors open at 5:30 for the 6 p.m. show and at 7:45 for the 8 o'clock performance. Mark has been seen in many venues throughout Florida and is especially popular in the Orlando Comedy Club circuit. This promises to be an unforgettable evening of entertainment and it's right here in our own backyard; well, at least our own clubhouse.

Be sure to contact Geri and get your tickets as soon as possible. You don't want to miss Mark Alan's show.

Cherrywood Shutterbugs

We are proud to announce that Cherrywood now has its own camera club called the Cherrywood Shutterbugs. Chairperson Genevieve Downs conducts the informal meetings in which everyone takes part. There are no dues to pay but everyone contributes their

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knowledge and ideas in the informal atmosphere of a shared mutual interest.

On Wednesday, April 25, the group formally became a club, setting their meeting dates as the first and third Fridays of every month.

Members plan to meet both days at 10 a.m. in the card room of the Clubhouse. On the first Friday, they will take a field trip and on the third Friday, review the photos, have guest speakers or share technical information that will help members not only take pictures but 'make pictures'.

The members would like to thank Nancy Frost who came to Cherrywood on Friday, April 13, to give helpful hints on how to organize and go forward with our club.

Nancy is a part of the Oak Run Camera Club and her assistance was greatly appreciated.

If you would like more information concerning this new club, email Gen at gdowns99@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun and educational opportunities of the club.

Ladies Luncheon at Logan's

Logan's Steak House is the place to be on Wednesday May 9 as the Ladies Luncheon closes out its season with a 'farewell' to the snowbirds and the sharing of some special memories of luncheons past.

The ladies will be at Logan's Steak House from noon until about 1:30 where the food is delicious and the conversation stimulating. All of our lovely ladies of Cherrywood are invited to attend this great outing so contact Geri at the office to get information on reservations; transportation and any other questions you might have.

Having been a guest at a couple of these luncheons, I can vouch for the fact that it's a good time; with good people and of course, good food. Don't miss out.

Memorial Day

On Wednesday, May 30 beginning at noon, the Veterans Club will hold its Memorial Day Observance to honor the memory of America's fallen heroes. The National Anthem will be followed by the presentation of the Armed Forces flags by our own Honor Guard.

A short speech will follow given by Major Morrey Dean, USA (Ret.)

A good old American picnic will follow the service with hot dogs; hamburgers; homemade beans; potato salad and potluck desserts. Lemonade and coffee will be available of course, but everyone is welcome to bring their own beverages.

Tickets are only $7 each and include the food and dancing to the music of Rich Becotte all afternoon. You can get your tickets from Geri or from any officer of the Veterans Club.

At 2 p.m., the drawing takes place for the Bahamas Cruise. Tickets for the Cruise are only $10 each or three for $20. The winner will get a three day cruise for two on the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line including all port taxes; gratuities; and $100 spending money. Raffle Tickets will be available right up until the drawing so take advantage of this chance to win. You need not be present to be a winner and you don't have to be a resident of Cherrywood either. Proceeds go to support the Veterans Club Charities.

Please note that non-Cherrywood residents are invited to share this service and the picnic that follows. Tickets are available at the clubhouse office between 9 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

Everyone is urged to come out and pay their respects to those who gave their all for this great country.

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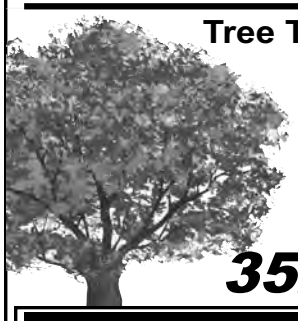

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The often skeptical Aries might find that an answer to a question is hard to believe. But check it out before you chuck it out. You might well be surprised at what you could learn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your resolute determination to stick by a position might make some people uncomfortable. But if you're proved right (as I expect you to be), a lot of changes will tilt in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel conflicted between what you want to do and what you should do. Best advice: Honor your obligations first. Then go ahead and enjoy your well-earned rewards.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That financial matter still needs to be sorted out before you can consider any major monetary moves. Pressures ease midweek, with news about a potential career change.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A workplace problem threatens to derail your well-planned project. But your quick mind should lead you to a solution and get you back on track without too much delay.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) An opportunity opens up but could quickly close down if you allow pessimism to override enthusiasm. A trusted friend can offer the encouragement you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You've come through a difficult period of helping others deal with their problems. Now you can concentrate on putting your energy to work on your own projects.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Forget about who's to blame and, instead, make the first move toward patching up a misunderstanding before it creates a rift that you'll never be able to cross.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Good news for the travel-loving Sagittarian who enjoys galloping off to new places: That trip you put off will soon be back on your schedule.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A mood change could make the gregarious Goat seek the company of just a few friends. But you charge back into the crowd for weekend fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A decision you made in good faith could come under fire. Best advice: Open your mind to other possibilities by listening to your challenger's point of view.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You can avoid being swamped by all those tasks dangling from your line this week by tackling them one by one, according to priority. The weekend brings good news.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a fine business sense and a love of the arts. You enjoy living life to its fullest.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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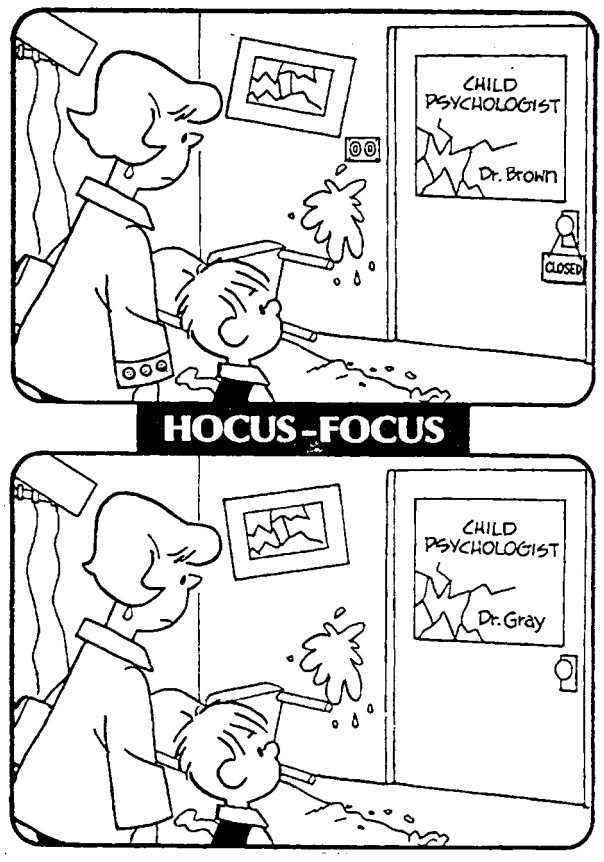

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Super Crossword

NO WHEY!

ACROSS
1 TV host John
5 Full of oneself
9 Amontillado container
13 Beseeched
17 Nile feature
18 In good health
19 "— Without Love" ('68 hit)
20 Sanctuary
22 Hood's handle
23 Admiral Zumwalt
24 Tiny part of a second
25 Wagner work
26 Annealing oven
27 Flagon filler
28 Newspaper
30 Take-home
31 Start of a remark
35 Ring stat
36 Thwack
37 Compact cotton
38 "Great Expectations" character
40 Cad
42 Mythical being
44 Hateful
50 Give a little
51 Green
52 Yesterday's thresher
53 Lillian or Dorothy
54 Ivy Leaguer
55 Fancy dessert
56 First dog in space
57 Where cats congregate
58 Pie — mode
59 Lofty peak
60 Distribute the donuts
61 Keats composition
62 Middle of remark
70 Born
71 '87 Peace Prize winner
72 Solidify
73 "— Shook Up" ('57 smash)
74 Corny goddess?
77 Colossal commotion
78 Malicious to the max
80 Where rams romp
81 Bus starter?
82 Thirteen, to a baker
83 Soprano Fleming
84 — impasse
85 Dachshund or donkey
87 Pianist Jorge
88 "— Old Cow Hand" ('36 song)
89 Objective
90 Counter change
91 Botanist Gray
92 Age
95 End of remark
104 Road to enlightenment
105 Generally
106 — choy
107 Rocker Billy
108 Tracking tool
110 Manuscript enc.
111 "Surely you —"
113 Lowliest cadet
114 Caustic
115 Yemeni port
116 "New Jack City" actor
117 Beast of Borden
118 Long lunch?
119 For fear that
120 Non-stereo
121 Little ones

DOWN
1 Word form for "end"
2 Nobelist Root
3 Stiffened a shirt
4 Contains
5 Expand
6 Free-for-all
7 City on the Danube
8 Day- —
9 Finger food
10 Stun
11 Less loopy
12 TV's "— Landing"
13 Symbol of immortality
14 Drink like a Doberman
15 Happening
16 Writer Walcott
17 Tyne of "Cagney & Lacey"
21 West. alliance
27 Coldest cont.
28 Audacity
29 Tevye's portrayer
32 Sneeze and wheeze
33 Superior to
34 Chip's chum
39 Infant oinker
40 "Greetings!"
41 Early computer
42 Buccaneers' headquarters
43 Spare part?
44 With 47 Down, Italian export
45 Produces pies
46 Actress Long
47 See 44 Down
48 Manipulate
49 Diffident
50 Drum din
51 Nick of "Q&A"
52 Gets on
55 Perkins role
56 "Frederica" composer
57 Mature
60 Descendant
61 Ready to reduce
63 Silverware city
64 Infirmary item
65 Went wrong
66 Snowy bird
67 "Big Three" site
68 New York city
69 — Bator
74 — au vin
75 Aussie walker
76 Cell stuff
77 Dandy
78 Hailing from Aberystwyth
79 In accord
82 Swashbuckling novelist
83 '48 Hitchcock film
84 Texas town
86 "I Love Lucy" surname
87 Tour-de-France vehicle
88 Adjectival suffix
90 Aptitude
91 Say please
92 Pound of poetry
93 Extend
94 Wrestling giant
96 Twangy
97 Commerce
98 Classical nonet
99 "Hedda Gabler" playwright
100 Club creed
101 What i.e. stands for
102 "Ora pro —"
103 Painter Paul
109 Word on a pump
111 Bowie or Bakker
112 Author Umberto
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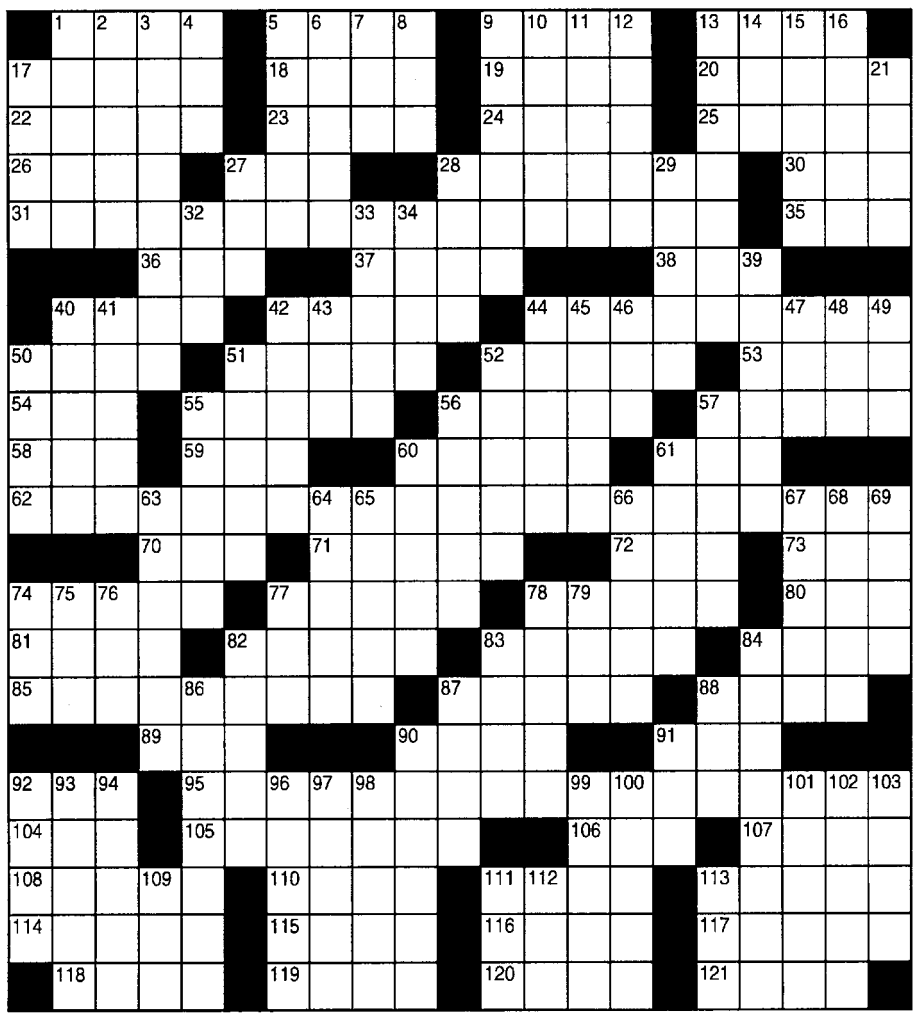

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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bodies of water and these storms can come at us from any direction with life threatening fury.

Our Emergency Response Team is a vital part of our protection and preparedness. Among other duties, these volunteers stand ready to risk life and limb providing the Sheriff's Office with damage assessments on the ground; alerting emergency personnel of injuries; providing the power company with real time outages and in many cases, providing badly needed first aid and CPR medical attention. In addition, when communications are knocked out, the licensed 'ham' radio operators are the necessary link to the outside world.

Our CERT Team needs volunteers and more. On May 16th at 8:30 in the morning, CERT will meet in the clubhouse card room. Everyone who would like to be a part of this life saving team is urged to attend. In addition, anyone with a 'special need' is especially urged to attend or have a representative attend for you.

Special needs include persons with limited mobility that need help evacuating or maneuvering in an emergency; those who are on oxygen; those who have medications that need to be kept refrigerated and any other problem that keeps an individual from securing themselves in an emergency. CERT has forms to be filled out so that their personnel can care for those persons with needs first and foremost in any given situation.

The training for our CERT team is excellent; the planning complete; and the concern for their fellow residents above and beyond the call. Support your CERT team. To be an active part of it; if you require more information on preparing for a storm; or if you have any special needs; be sure to contact Dewella Markland, the team leader or David Siegel, the Assistant Team Leader.

There is no substitute for readiness; education and training.

Garden Club

At 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16, the Garden Club will meet for the last time this season. The members will be touring at least three gardens in Cherrywood Estates but they will look at more if invited. If you've got a garden that you think would be of interest, contact Jay at cherrywoodgardenrs@gamail.com or call him at 352-897-0160. These gardens of interest tours give members of the club new ideas and a new appreciation for the hard work our residents put into their yards.

At their last meeting the Garden Club made some changes to their organization. Each month starting in October a different person will act as chairperson and provide the agenda and program for that month. For example, Sandra Brotherhood will host the October Meeting with a trip to Sugar Tree Farms. This promises to be a great outing for all.

If you have an interest in the beautiful flowers and shrubs of Florida; if you want ideas on how to make your garden more productive and beautiful or if you just want to share your love of flowers with some new 'Buds', (groan) the Garden Club is for you.

As a footnote, there is a Master Gardner's Plant Sale on May 12 at the Agricultural Center on Northeast Jacksonville Road from 8 a.m. until noon. For more information, contact Jay.

Cherrywood Democratic Club

Open meeting, Friday, May 18. All registered voters are welcome at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse card room. Refreshments will be served.

This month Dr. Diana Stafford Greene, a candidate for the position of superintendent of schools, will be the guest.

The current superintendent is Jim Yancey, who is not seeking re-election after nearly a decade at the "helm".

Dr. Greene believes that the school system is a vital part of our community. As the largest employer in the area it is major part of Marion County's economic lifeline.

An educated workforce is essential for our future and provides students with an opportunity for a strong foundation for their dreams. It is her pledge and commitment to our community to advance and prepare our young people of this great community of Marion County for the future. To accomplish these goals in these uncertain times our school district needs a common sense approach; experienced leadership and one who is able to deliver results of success. Dr. Greene we believe is the person to do the job. She invites us all to join her on this journey.

Dr. Greene will be pleased to answer any questions you may have; so please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

We ask that you remember our young people serving our country and if you are able to make a donation towards their needs you may do so through our secretary to active service personnel in Afghanistan your donation will be gratefully appreciated.

Voter registration cards are available, so if you know of anyone that is not registered or wishes to change party affiliation, we are able to make the changes.

The Cherrywood Democratic Club meets on the third Friday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse card room. Harriet Scarpino is president; Ken Beech vice president, 352-861-8315.

(Article by Ken Beech)

Spotlight on Excellence:

Each week we seek out exceptional individuals who help make Cherrywood an excellent community in which to live and play. This week the spotlight shines on Rich Hurley.

Rich Hurley is the man you will see at almost every function that takes place at Cherrywood. There are several reasons for the trust that others have in him. His quiet organizational skills and tireless work ethic make Rich an

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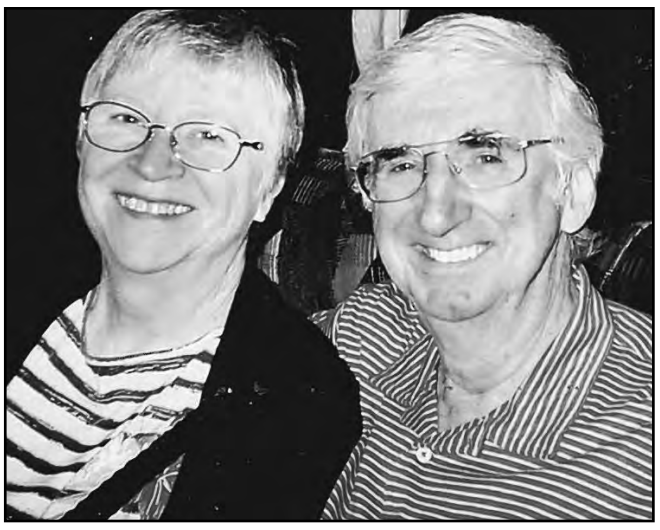

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asset to any and all of the many organizations and activities in the community.

His friends have commented on Rich's leadership skills. A keen sense of humor and ready smile; are qualities that endear him to others and his confident manner inspires and motivates those around him.

Richard is from East Windsor, New Jersey but moved many times between New York City and New Jersey during his career with a private company. He moved to Cherrywood in May of 2001 and has been a vital part of the community ever since.

As a young man, Rich worked after graduating from High School at Singer Manufacturing Corporation and Mennen Company as a computer operator. In 1961 Uncle Sam called and Richard was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served for two years.

Among his assignments was a tour at 1st Army Headquarters, Governors Island, New York. He worked in computers and made extra money 'moonlighting' on Wall Street a couple of days per week issuing stock certificates. That came to an end when the Cuban Missile Crisis occurred.

Following his discharge he went back to work for the Mennen Corporation. In 1969 he wandered into a lounge named Molly Browns and there he met his future bride, Ruth. In 1971 they married and 41 years later, they are still together; still happy and still in love. Ruth serves as secretary to the Veterans Club. They have a daughter, Susan, who lives in Mesa, Arizona.

For over 17 years, Rich worked as a facilitator for a private company. He and his partner would acquire small companies that had innovative ideas or a large customer base. Over a period of time, they would consolidate these smaller companies into larger ones making them more efficient and reducing overhead.

When the companies were merged, they became more attractive to investors and they would be sold or refinanced to turn a larger profit. Much of the work in this area was facilitated by Rich who enjoyed the friendship and confidence of not only his partners but his coworkers as well. He has carried these qualities over in his personal life.

After working his way up in the business world, Rich took a job with Mercer County, New Jersey, as a computer coordinator. He managed and supervised several departments and people as the county converted to high tech equipment for a more efficient operation. His experience in business and his way with people made him the ideal person to perform those duties.

Admittedly, Rich found working for the government a little bit more frustrating than working in the private sector. Inefficiency seems to be the hallmark of government operations and turning that around is not easy. After 10 years with the county, Rich retired.

Richard serves as treasurer of the Veterans Club and is active in all of their endeavors. Ritz House is just one of the projects that Richard became active in. Putting in long hours and hard work, he helped gather food for the residents and then worked with a few others on remodeling a room to house a worthy veteran.

Besides his many duties with the Veterans Club, Rich runs the men's and co-ed pool teams; hosts Trivia night along with Fred O'Hern; the Kentucky Derby night; and is very prominent in the Fun in the Sun Games. Just about every other function that we have in Cherrywood, Rich will either be there doing something to help out others or leading the way himself.

In his spare time, which is very limited, Rich enjoys golfing, bowling and reading. He finds the people of Cherrywood fun to be around and enjoys socializing with them. If he had one wish, it would be greater participation by our residents in the vast number of opportunities that are available to everyone.

When you see Rich around the Clubhouse; at Bocce Ball; on Trivia Night or any of the many other functions we have, make sure you stop by and thank him for his service to our country and to our community.

From Your Reporter:

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May 6, Sunday — Bar Bingo 4 to 6 p.m.

May 7, Monday — Shuffleboard 12:30 p.m.

May 8, Tuesday Moose Legion — Almost Famous Meatloaf Dinner 5 to 7 p.m. with

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May 9, Wednesday, Loom Officers Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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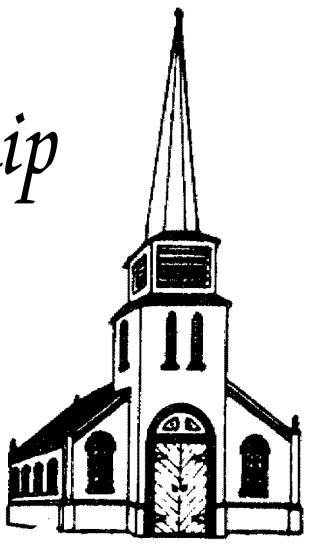

Veterans Association to hear blood center representative

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On Wednesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Orchid Club, the guest speaker will be will be Larry Fish from Florida's Blood Centers. The Oak Run Veterans Association will sponsor the blood drive on July 5. We are hoping that many veterans will turn out to give blood for their fellow veterans in need. On Monday, May 28, we will have our fabulous Memorial Day Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Orchid Club. This year we will pay a special tribute to our most recent veterans returning from the present conflict in the Mid-East. Watch Channel 12 for the time of the ticket sales.

Upstate New York Club

The ticket sales dates for the Upstate New York Club Memorial day pig roast are tomorrow, May 5, and May 12, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Orchid Club.

Cost for members is $18, guests, $20.

For more information contact Donna Anderson or Sandy Mantel.

Oak Run Library book sale and volunteer opportunities

A mini book sale will be held May 12 from 8 to 10 a.m. during the Donut Drop In.

The library currently has several openings for volunteer librarians and substitute librarians. If you are interested, stop by the library or call Agnes Pavelko at 352-854-1376 or Helen Routte at 352-237-0502.

The Friends of Library board is in need of another board member. If you are interested, please call Helen Routte at 352-237-0502 or Bonnie Stebner at 352-732-2227.

Way Off Broadway

Way Off Broadway has chosen for its fall 2012 play "Squad Room Blues," a musical take off on the long running television sitcom "Barney Miller," starring Hal Linden. Directing the play will be Diane Porterfield and auditions are scheduled in the Island Club on Monday, May 14, from 12 to 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, May 19 from 10:30 to 2:30 p.m. The play calls for a large cast, some non-speaking and chorus singing only, so if you are interested in becoming part of the cast call Diane at 352-237-9410 to obtain a perusal script and CD of the music.

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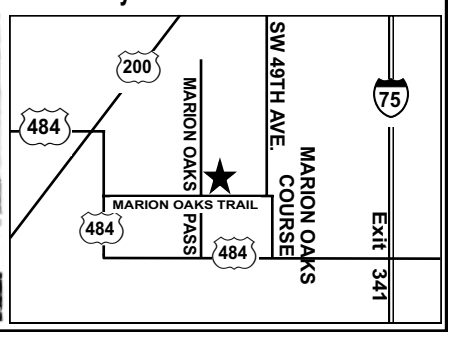

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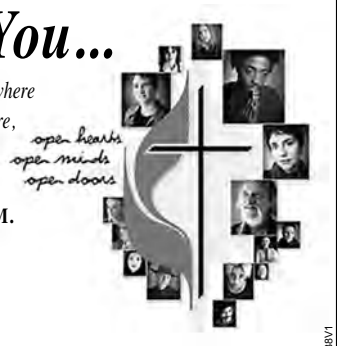

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full scale rehearsals starting in early August. Our next scheduled meeting is on Monday, May 14, in the Palm Grove Club at 7 p.m. Please plan to join us; guests, as always, are welcome.

New England Club

The New England Club of Oak Run is holding the next meeting on May 17 with a pizza party. The sign-up dates are May 7 and 11 at the Orchid Club from 10 a.m. until noon. The cost is $7.50 and will include a salad and ice cream dessert, catered by your committee. Bring your own beverage. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the general meeting to start at 5:45 p.m. The entertainment will the members and their "Show and Tell." Everyone should have a story or event to tell about (just a joke or a song will do). Please wear your name tags, and bring a friend. A survey of questions will be available. For more information call Cecilia at 352- 854-5836 or Mary at 352- 854-7941. New members are always welcome and appreciated. Please come and check us out.

Oak Run Travel

Oak Run Travel has received some really nice comments from residents on two of our recent trips.

On April 19 two buses filled with excited Oak Runners left for Washington, D.C., looking forward to the Smithsonian, the various memorials and beautiful buildings on the Mall. Everyone raved about the excellent hotels and their great breakfasts and even though the weather did not cooperate the tour guides were able to make some changes to accommodate the rain. The Marine Memorial was of special interest and did not disappoint. Comments ranged from beautiful to awe inspiring. It may be that we will have to schedule another trip to DC in the future.

The day trip on April 18 to the Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach was sold out. Both the Peabody and the show, 'In The Mood,' received very high accolades. This 1940's era musical review included a number of Glen Miller's greatest hits like 'String of Pearls' and of course 'In The Mood.' The big band music was as popular with our travelers as it was for all of America during this time in our country's history.

We had 79 travelers depart on April 26 for the much anticipated Northern European Passage Cruise on the Emerald Princess, hosted by our highly experienced hosts, Bob and Cindy Kocher. Everyone was really looking forward to the spring flowers in bloom, especially the azaleas in the Azores and the tulips in Holland. We expect to hear some more great reviews when these travelers return from their 18-day odyssey that also includes Ireland, England, France, Norway and Denmark.

Oak Run Author Published

Curtis D. Ruud of Golf View has just had his third novel published by Infinity Publishing, Inc. "A Certain Slant of Light" follows "Zero at the Bone" and "That Dreaded First Robin." His latest novel continues the further adventures of a small-town boy during the gritty thirties and the onset of WW II.

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Horseshoes

Oak Run Horseshoe League invites all Oak Run residents to join us this summer on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. for non-league pitching of the game "21." We began on May 2 but if you have never tried pitching shoes before, here is your chance to give it a try. There will be some horseshoes available if you do not own a pair. We are co-ed so bring your significant other (or leave them at home) and join us for an hour or two of fun. The courts are situated at the Orchid Club beyond the swimming pool and before the volley ball courts. There are lights for the courts as it darkens. Wear your bug spray just in case. Enjoy an informal evening of light exercise.

Bocce

The final bocce tournament was held on April 27. Winners were: 1st place Art Kreideweis; 2nd place John Kish, 3rd place Andy Alloro, 4th place Joan Sollitto. Scorekeepers at the tournament were Cookie Mazzurelli and Pat Kreideweis. Prizes will be awarded to them and to the winners of the mid-season tournament at the bocce dinner to be held on Saturday, May 5, at the Orchid Club. Music will be provided by DJ Damian Romano.

Tennis Club

The Oak Run Tennis Club finds itself dodging the love bugs, now that for the most part the snow birds have flown north to play tennis in a cooler climate. Tally Tennis will continue on different times and days. Tally Tennis will be played on Wednesday and Sunday starting at 5 p.m. and lasting until 7 p.m. The hours should be the cooler part of the day. These new days and hours started Wednesday, May 2. We are hoping that we will have many players of all levels and invite your summer guests to come down for some fun hit-

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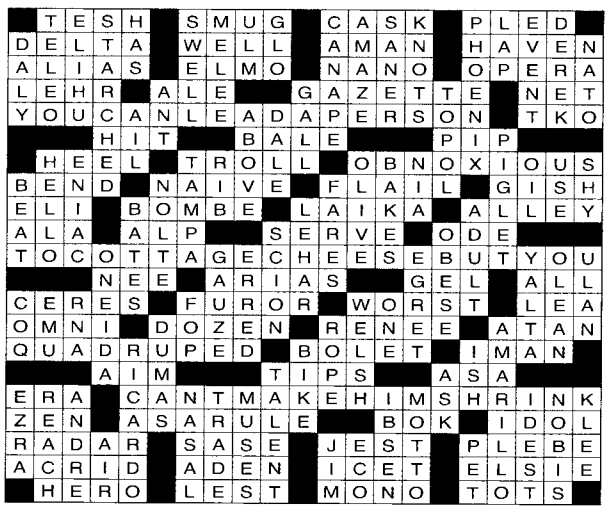

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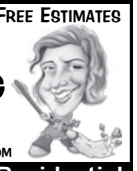

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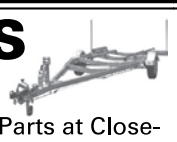

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WMBA holds mixer at Beef O'Brady's Restaurant

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Cory Russell, middle back, welcomes members of the West Marion Business Association to Beef O'Brady's for their recent after-hours mixer. Also pictured on the left are Heather Cabrera, Mathew Baillargeon, Blaze Bonaventure and Craig Clark.

The recent West Marion Business Association after hour mixer at Beef O'Brady's gave members a chance to network. Heather Cabrera, left, of The Shipping Post Plus exchanges cards with Donna Padgett representing Legalshield.

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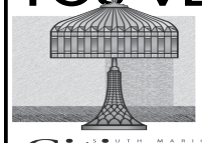

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Royal Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf

On Tuesday, April 24 we played "Odds and Evens," a two person team event. Before play each twosome decided which player would be responsible for the odd numbered holes and which player then had the eve holes.

The total of the net scores on each hole was the final team score.

The winners were: First Place - Carol Clark and Inge Szabo, Second Place tie - Bea Terry and Ginger Drake and Noreen Salo and Kathy Kollar, Fourth Place- Sylvia Zappia and Joanne Morris, Fifth Place - Elsa Berbig and Beverly Lassiter. Carol Clark was closest to the pin.

The weather was much cooler than it had been but we all dressed warmly and enjoyed the day.

Royal Oaks Men's Golf

Friday the 27th dawned cool and sunny, and stayed that way for most of the morning. Another fine day of golf in Florida, and the 39 players thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

The game for the day was the usual three best net The winners with a score of 193 were Bob Albright, Bill Start, Ray Hagerman, and A.B. Crass. Second saw a tie between three teams with a score of 196. The teams were Dick Rizzo, Jim Kennedy, and Dick Berbig; Ron Catapano, Old Tom Morris, Ed Simnowitz, and Paul Valois; John DeSalvo, Tom Ducz, Steve Casner, and Paul Colatruglio. Closest to the pin on the par three's were John DeSalvo (2), Paul Valois, and Mike Madill. Welcome back to action, Steve Casner! We missed you.

Don't forget to sign up for the Low Net Championship scheduled for May 16 and 18.

The tournament will be flighted, so all will have a chance to win. On the last day we will once again have lunch in the pavilion, served by the Royal Oaks Dining Room.

Royal Oaks Lady Niners

On Monday, April 23, we had our Nifty Fifties Invitational. There were 22 teams, 88 players and we hosted 15 clubs.

We started out with a continental breakfast then played a 9 hole scramble. Winner of the front nine was the team of Brenda Raide, second, the team of Ginger Drake and Vange Bell, third, Eleanor Cerlenko's team.

On the back nine first was Kerry Tims' team, second, Phyllis Oldfield's team and third, Judy Okonek's team. Afterwards we all came in and had a great lunch served by Royal Oaks.

All the Lady Niners worked very hard. Sally Crass and Jeannie Konicki headed up all the teams.

The theme of the decorations was of course, "The Nifty Fifties." The weather was superb. The men of Royal Oaks were a tremendous help as they unloaded and loaded bags and cleaned up after our breakfast.

Thursday, April 26, we played eenie-meenie and ½ handicap. Winners were: Flight A - first, Phyllis Oldfield, second, Elsa Berbig, third, BJ Lassiter and in Flight - first, Eleanor Cerlenko, second, Diana Schmidt, third, Diane Dufresne. Closest to the pin was Pat Salberg.

Royal Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf ORWGA

Due to the brief but heavy showers on April 19 only 20 players were able to complete their rounds.

The winners of the day were: Flight A – 1st, June Dickbernd, 2nd, Marge Richardson, 3rd, Gail Barclay; Flight B – 1st, - Janet Sutphen, 2nd, Norma Rombach, 3rd, Olive Adler; Flight C – 1st, Debbie Palmer, 2nd, Ruby Shepard, 3rd, Jean Travers; Flight D – 1st, Pat Tarman, 2nd, Edith Voss, 3rd, Pat Anderson. Chips ins were made by Jennie Buccella, June Dickbernd, and Edith Voss. No one was closest to the pin.

The winners for the low net tournament on April 26 were: Flight A – 1st, Marge Richardson, 2nd, JoAnn Cohen, 3rd, Gail Barclay; Flight B - 1st,- June Dickbernd, 2nd, Norma Rombach, 3rd, Sue Marentette; Flight C – 1st, Evelyn Exell, 2nd, Anita Caruso, 3rd, Mary Hart; Flight D – 1st, Edith Voss, 2nd, Ann Hurr, 3rd, Delma Miller.

There were no chip ins and Marge Richardson was closest to the pin.

Send all items for this column to Carol Ann Wheeler at democratcarol@deccacable.com no later than the afternoon of the Friday before publication. Note there are no hyphens in the address. If you wish to call her, the number is in the Oak Run directory.

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Remember the upcoming holidays in May

Jan Liberio

Spruce Creek NORTH

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13. Whether you buy or make your mother a card, get her a bouquet of flowers, box of candy or maybe a nice visit, it will be appreciated by her. Also Armed Forces day is May 19 and Memorial Day is observed on May 28.

Feature for this month

Since this will be my last feature I have chosen a unique pair. They are Mandy and Nancy Dennis. Nancy Dennis was born in Nanticoke, Pa. She came to Spruce Creek North with her parents in 1989. Her dad passed away in 1996 and her mom in 2004. She remained in that home ever since. She has a daughter, Debby, in North Carolina and a son, David, in Pennsylvania.

Nancy is a registered nurse and works at Ocala West United Methodist Church.

After her mom passed away Nancy decided to get a puppy. She chose a Maltese who was born almost 8 years ago and was named Mandy. When she got this puppy she never realized what a treasure she had found. Mandy became a registered therapy and service dog. She travels with Nancy to Munroe Hospital, TimberRidge rehab, assisted living, Hospice, plus many private homes. So they are always together. One remarkable incident happened when they visited a man who had never spoken a word. Before the visit was over, the man spoke a few words to Mandy.

Nancy has been writing some very interesting health articles for the SCN newsletter. They are very informative and the residents are enjoying them. She is one talented lady.

Mandy has brought so much happiness to so many people. I am not sure who is the lucky "lady," Mandy or Nancy? I think it is a little bit of both.

Social Updates

The April Showers dance was held April 21 with entertainment by Gail.

The crowd seemed to have a good time. This is the last dance until the fall.

The SCN ice cream social was April 29 and looks like there was tons of ice cream. The next and last event will be the Memorial Day Picnic May 28. At this annual picnic there will be hamburgers, hot dogs, and side dishes plus beverages. Time is 12:30 and entertainment of course. Tickets are required for this picnic. They will be sold May 22 and 23 at the Clubhouse from 1 to 2 p.m. More information is on the SCN bulletin board. Thanks to Cindy Hutchins for all this news.

Good-bye to SCN ladies

A memorial was held for Rose Seale who passed away last month.

Also Sadie Horton passed away Easter Sunday. Sadie would have been 100 years old on May 19. Our condolences go to all their families and friends.

SCN clubs

Since this is my last column I would like to mention all the clubs and activities we have here in Spruce Creek North. Alphabetically so there are no hurt feelings:

Billiards — Monday through Friday, 2 p.m.

Bingo — Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Bowlers — Friday, 9 a.m.

Bridge — Monday, 12:30 p.m.

Bunco — last Friday of the month, 7 p.m.

Craft Club — Wednesday, 9 a.m. Last one May 23 until the fall.

Crazy Quilters — Friday, noon.

Exercise (indoors) — Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, 9 a.m.

Euchre — Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Horseshoes — (call Ed Durham)

Human Touch

Line Dancing — Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.

Mah Jongg — Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Pancake Breakfasts — (last Saturday from September to April)

Ping Pong — 10 a.m., Sundays

Poker Ladies and Men — Monday, 12:30 p.m.

Skip Bo — Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Social Committee — first Tuesday

Water exercises — 9 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday (when weather allows)

Lots of activities for a small community!

A friend from On Top of the World sent me this article that was in their paper;

Animals

This time of the year the weather is beautiful and many residents are taking advantage of it and also letting their canine companions enjoy it too. Please keep in mind though that if you are in a backyard that is not fenced or out walking your dog, it must be on a leash according to the Marion County Leash Ordinance. We ask that you keep your pet away from neighboring houses and lawns.

We would hope that all pet owners are courteous enough to do this.

A special thank you to John Delaney of Oak Run who sent me a very much appreciated letter. Thank you John!

Also thanks go to Betty Testa for letting me know about Mandy and Nancy!

Well folks as they say, that's all she wrote. Sorry to end writing this column and am sure I will miss it.

Take care, Jan.

Nancy Dennis is shown holding Mandy.