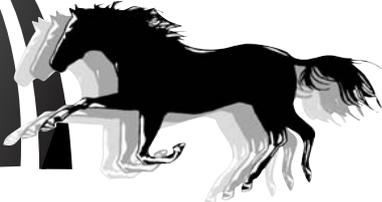


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It's called "Buckin." The people who do it are sometimes called "creepers."

That's a technique thieves use when trolling for unlocked vehicles. "The thief moves about a neighborhood, checking vehicle doors to see if any are unlocked," said Judge Cochran, Marion County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer. "That's the buckin' element."

During a recent vehicle burglary investigation, detectives arrested a 16-year-old who admitted to buckin' and doing it because he was bored.

The teenager told detectives he would walk up to vehicles to check doors and if the doors were locked, he moved on.

But, in one incident, the teenager found an unlocked vehicle and stole two winning lottery tickets.

Detectives say the teen gave one lottery ticket to his mother, who cashed it.

Detectives working with both the store that sold the tickets and state lottery security officials were able to get video of the person cashing that ticket.

Additional information led to the identity of the woman. She told detectives her son gave her that ticket and detectives had permission to speak to the son.

He admitted to the crime.

The juvenile was arrested and transported to the Marion County Juvenile Detention.

He will face charges of burglary and petit theft. A second teen may have the other ticket.

In Marion County, 93% of car burglaries are of unlocked vehicles. Detectives say when students are out of school, vehicle burglaries go up

Expanded 'move-over' law takes effect

Protection added for utility vehicles, garbage trucks

BY JIM CLARK
Editor

The Florida Highway Patrol joined other law enforcement agencies in several states along Interstate 75 in starting strict enforcement of the "move-over" law.

At a press conference at the Marion County northbound rest area along the highway, newly named Maj. Eileen Powell of Troop B, which serves Marion and several other counties, announced that the major push was taking place June 27-29. But she said the law that is in effect all the time.

According to a release from the city of Ocala, as of July 1, Florida motorists are required to move over or slow down when passing utility services vehicles and sanitation vehicles, as well as law enforcement vehicles or tow trucks.

The amended "Move Over Law" was recently passed by the Florida Legislature as part of a larger transportation bill.

Under the new law, motorists are required to:

Approach law enforcement patrol cars, emergency vehicles, utility service vehicles, sanitation vehicles, and tow trucks/wreckers with caution when they are performing a service-related task on the roadside.

Change lanes away from these vehicles if traveling on a multi-



PHOTO BY JIM CLARK

At a press conference Friday morning, The Florida Highway Patrol announced it was joining several other states from Florida to Michigan for special enforcement of the Move-over law. From the left, holding signs that read #moveover, are Ocala Police officers R.D. Grady and Billy Woods; Troopers Jamie Mulverhill and Sgt. Mark Boatright, holding sign that reads "Staying alive on 75; Troop B Major Eileen Powell and Sgt. Tracy Hisler-Pace, public information officer for Troop B.

lane roadway and able to move over safely; or

Slow down while maintaining a safe speed of 20 mph below posted speed limit, being careful not to impede or block the flow of traffic unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer.

If the law is violated, motorists

can be fined and points can be added to their license.

While the enforcement is multi-state, Powell did say that the FHP changed its focus this week from motorcycle safety to the move-over law, partly because of the recent accident on Interstate 75, near the rest area, where Trooper Chelsea

Richard and two others were killed while working a previous accident.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles offers more information on the law online at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/safetytips/moveovertips.htm>.



Rotary board members

The Rotary Club of Ocala Southwest installed its 2014/2015 Board of Directors at the Stone Creek Grille on June 28. Pictured in the front row: Director Nicholas Mora, President-Elect Lucy Hutchinson, Secretary Daniel Lack, Treasurer Michelle Scaglione. Back row: Director Pete Van Hee, President John Klopfer, Director Alan Snow, Past President Bonnie Clark. Absent is Director Sherry Teague.

School Board forum set

Voters will have an opportunity to join retired educator Dr. Joyce Blake and public education advocate Rev. Bruce Seaman in questioning school board candidates when the Friday Forum of Marion County next meets at 11:30 a.m. on July 11 at Buffet City, State Road 200 and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

All 10 candidates appearing on the August 26 primary ballot are invited to participate in this nonpartisan gathering which has been meeting monthly to develop a stronger, more informed community since April 2013. Note that absentee voting begins July 22 with early voting taking place Aug. 16 – Aug. 23.

The candidates are:

District 3: Bobby James (incumbent), Jan Moerlie, Jim Touchton and Ed Wilson.

District 4: Chase Basinger, Jamie Bevan, Angie Boynton (incumbent) and Diane Schrier.

District 5: Ron Crawford (incumbent) and Kelly King.

An educator for 35 years Dr. Blake retired as principal of a 2,000 student high school in Prince Georges County, Maryland. She also served on the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools which accredits secondary schools in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. Before moving to Ocala 10 years ago, Dr. Blake spent five years on the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board to which she was appointed by the County Executive in order to assist in the redevelopment of downtown Silver Spring Maryland.

Rev. Seaman, a graduate of Adelphi University and the Harvard Divinity School, is pastor at the Fairfield Presbyterian Church, a member of GOMA (the Greater Ocala Ministerial Association) and volunteer coordinator of Awake Marion. He is originally from Glen Cove, New York.

The Friday Forum, which meets on the second Friday of each month, is open to the public. Please note that there is a \$10 charge payable directly to the restaurant for the buffet, a drink, tax and tip. For more information and to RSVP please email FridayForumofMarionCounty@gmail.com or telephone Delphine Herbert (352-873-9970) or Jan Lentz (352-425-6219).

Symphony highlights OTOW celebration

The Ocala Symphony Orchestra will be performing the Red, White and OSO Blue: A Salute to our Troops concert on Friday, July 4 at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Circle Square Cultural Center at On Top of the World, 8395 SW 80th St., Ocala.

The Symphony will perform patriotic favorites such as the American Salute and Stars and Stripes as well as music from Porgy and Bess, selections from Apollo 13 and John Williams' Midway March. There will also be a special

salute to our veterans during the performance. The Ocala Symphony is working with Veterans Helping Veterans to give 100 complimentary tickets to veterans.

Tickets are \$19 and can be purchased at www.ocalasympphony.com, by calling the office at 352-351-1606, or at the door.

Beginning at 4 p.m., On Top of the World will be filled with food, drinks, dancing, patriotic displays, and fireworks occurring after the OSO performance.

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Line dancing at OTOW

The air was cooling off as these dancers did their line dancing on the regular Friday evening at the OTOW Commons. This night they danced to recorded favorites but have live bands on different occasions. The 4th of July will see the Commons filled with people celebrating the holiday. Line dancing is also held on Saturday evenings.

Season tickets go on sale for Ocala Civic Theatre performances

Season tickets are on sale now for Ocala Civic Theatre's 2014-2015 season.

Eight shows are scheduled:

Crazy for You (Sept. 4 - Sept. 28)

Breaking Legs (Oct. 9 - Oct. 19)

The Dixie Swim Club (Nov. 6 - Nov. 30)

Sleuth (Jan. 8 - Jan. 18)

Something's Afoot (Feb. 5 - March 1)

Tom, Dick, and Harry (March 19 - April 12)

The Amorous Ambassador (March 29 - April 10)

My Fair Lady (May 14 - June 7)

You can save 20 percent off regular ticket prices by purchasing a season ticket.

There are three season ticket packages available: Subscribe for five shows with the Signature Series (Crazy For You; The Dixie Swim Club; Something's Afoot; Tom, Dick, and Harry; and My Fair

Lady), three shows with the Ovation Series (Breaking Legs, Sleuth, and The Amorous Ambassador), or all eight shows, which gives you an additional discount. Subscribers may

choose either a Standing Reservation (same day/same seat for each show) or a Flex Pass (day and seat may vary for each show). As an additional benefit, all subscribers may make Flex

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For more information or to become a subscriber, call 352-236-2274

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Community calendar

Saturday, July 5

Yoga at Sholom Park

Yoga will take place at Sholom Park at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 5.
For more information, call Ingrid at 352-854-7950.

Chess Club to meet

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

Grab your board and chess pieces and come on down.

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

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

Tuesday, July 8

Mac users to meet

The Ocala Macintosh User Group will meet Tuesday, July 8, from 7 to 9 p.m.

This month's featured presentation, Apps for Managing Your Finances, will be given by Angie Yoder. Tech Tips, Q & A's, and the monthly raffle will follow. Meetings are held in the St. George Anglican Cathedral Parish Hall, 5646 SE 28th St., Ocala. Visitors are always welcome.

Check out our website at <http://ocalamug.org> to learn more about the group.

Wednesday, July 9

CERT training to start

A new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will begin Wednesday, July 9, and continue through Aug. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Marion County Sheriff's Office, 692 NW 30th Ave., Ocala. The next training session will begin Oct. 9.

The CERT program helps to prepare participants how to take care of themselves during a disaster. This six-week course will offer training on disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations and more.

Once trained, participants have the opportunity to join their local neighborhood team that will assist first responders during a disaster. CERT Teams assist by assessing their community and providing basic medical treatment to those in need and report all the information to Emergency Management.

The CERT Program is offered by the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Emergency Management and is a free training to all who are interested. Early applications are important as the class fills up quickly.

For more information and for an application, contact Emergency Management at 352-369-8100 or e-mail MarionCERT@marionso.com.

Thursday, July 10

AARP Driver program offered

Each month motorists are offered the opportunity to take the AARP Driver Safety course at the Marion County Sheriff's Substation office.

The program is a six-hour long - two sessions of three-hours each - refresher course designed especially for ages 50 and older. Younger people are invited to take the course too. The course is offered the second Thursday and Friday for every month.

The course offer practical tips in compensating for the normal changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Safe driving practices and continued personal mobility is emphasized during the session. Most participants benefit from a discount on their insurance after completing the course.

Call Joe Briggs, area instructor and representative for further information, 352-237-2971.

The substation is at 9048 SW State Road 200, Ocala.

Saturday, July 12

Book sale at Winn Dixie

A book sale to benefit the Animal Charity Food Bank will take place on Saturday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at Winn-Dixie, 8445 SW State Road 200, Ocala.

They are not accepting books until fall. Bring your aluminum cans for recycling.

For information, call 352-291-1962.

Thursday, July 17

Medication seminar scheduled

On July 17 at 1 p.m., College Road Baptist Church will host an educational program that covers common medication issues and how they impact older adults. Bring your list of medications and questions. Brookdale Senior Living Solutions at Chambrel will provide the desserts for this seminar. All are welcome. The church is at 5010 SW College Road (State Road 200). Phone: 352-237-5741.

Sunday, July 20

Jazz Society to perform

The Ocala Jazz Society will be performing on Sunday, July 20 from 2-5 p.m. at VFW Post 4781 across from Oak Run. The band performs on the third Sunday of each month, playing a variety of music including Jazz, Big Band, Dixieland and songs from the past. There is a \$3 donation for Hospice. For information, call 352-237-0234.

Sweet Adelines to perform

Music lovers, mark your calendar for a relaxing summer concert, "Summer Sounds" given by Summer Springs Sweet Adelines Chorus on Sunday, July 20 at 3 p.m. in Ascension Lutheran Church, 5730 SE 28th St. at Baseline Road, Ocala. Not only will you enjoy four-part harmony, original songs written by a chorus member will be played on guitar. Ocala's favorite, Marcia Muncaster, will sing Gershwin's "Summertime", and close the performance with "God Bless America".

Tickets are &10 at the door or may be purchased by calling 352-598-4392. Summer fun door prizes are available.

Monday, July 21

Ivy House hosts gala for Hospice

The Ivy House Restaurant invites you to the first Vintage Gala in honor of Hospice of Marion County on Monday, July 21.

The event features live entertainment, a silent auction, a best-hat contest and caricature artist. Attire is vintage, linen, lace and hats. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour and cash bar; assorted heavy hors d'oeuvres will be available buffet-style at 7 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$80; tickets at the door are \$90. Tickets may be purchased at www.hospiceofmarion.com or at the Hospice Administration office (3231 SW 34th Ave. Ocala).

All proceeds support Hospice of Marion County children's bereavement programs. For additional information call 352-854-5218.

Legion Post to meet

The Ralph J Green American Legion Post 354 will hold its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on July 21 in the community room of the Sheriff's Brian Litz Building, 9048 SW State Road 200. Try to arrive early to enjoy light refreshments and comradeship with fellow veterans. For more information, telephone Commander Jerry Cassatt 352-322-5966.

Tuesday, July 29

Breast cancer support group to meet

The SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) Breast Cancer Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th St., in the Chapel, Room 235. The meeting on Tuesday, July 29, will be an informal information exchange including sharing some of our experiences.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Lola and the Saints in benefit concert

The TLC Time Capsule is set to transport you and your friends back in time to the golden era of the 50s and 60s. Lola and the Saints will perform a concert at the West Port High School Performing Arts Center, 3733 Southwest 80th Avenue, Ocala, from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10. Tickets are \$15 each and are available at www.tlcocala.org under the Donate button.

Proceeds from this concert will support the programs and dream of Transitions Life Center to benefit adults with special needs who have aged out of the ESE programs within the public school system. Please contact Ginger Broslat at 352-861-0252 or ginger@tlcocala.org.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Candidates invited to forum

The GFWC Woman's Club of Ocala will conduct a Candidates Forum for candidates in the November elections on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Marion County Public Library Headquarters, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., in Meeting Room C from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Evelyn B. Kelly will serve as moderator.

Candidates for the Marion County Commission, the Marion County School Board, and the Florida House of Representatives are invited to participate. For further information contact Frances at 352-629-7397 or email: ocaladowns@yahoo.com.

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Ocala Civic Theater names scholarship recipients

Ocala Civic Theatre is pleased to be able to provide several college scholarships each year to students planning to pursue a degree in the performing arts. Many local students get their start in the performing arts through our Education Department youth programs, and we are delighted to watch them develop their talents and remain active in theatre as they grow up.

Since the Ocala Civic Theatre scholarship program was established in 1981, more than \$119,500 has been awarded to Marion County students majoring in the performing arts.

This year, Ocala Civic Theatre and ACT 4 are honored to provide a total of \$9,400 in scholarship funds to 12 talented students.

We are proud to support their pursuit of higher education as well as the future of the performing arts. This year's winners are:

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SPCA meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 17

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Maria Devine

Currently OWLS houses 33 owls of different types, as well as other birds, including eagles. Because OWLS keeps more than two birds per species, they are not entitled to receive state or federal grants, relying instead on private donations to stay funded. They are a non profit 501 (c) (3) organization. OWLS cares for over 100 animals at a cost of just under \$100.00 a day. There are many additional costs, for example a new eagle enclosure costs \$40,000.00. Keith and Ken are starting a handicap accessible garden to help feed the animals and defray costs. The sanctuary itself is 80 percent handicap accessible because they want everyone to enjoy the grounds and be able to take a tour.

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You can arrange for a group tour of OWLS, or donate, by calling 352-895-0451, emailing them at Owls-Ocalainc@hotmail.com, or visiting their website www.Owls-Ocalainc.org. You can write to them at P.O Box 1924, Ocala FL 34478-1924. You can call their pager

for rescues at 352-402-3894.

Adoption News

The SPCA is happy to report that Beauty the cat from last month's column was adopted into a loving home.

Please help us foster or adopt Trixie, the Boston terrier, pictured here. She's cute as a button, house trained, and clear of heartworm. She's only three years old, is very affectionate, and likes to bond with her caretaker. Unfortunately, her foster mom can no longer care for her right now. So we are looking for someone to foster her or adopt her. If you are interested, please call the SPCA hotline number 352-362-0985.

If you're looking for a cat, please don't forget Arlene's cats Panda, Smokey and Ebony and Coco. They have grown into wonderful cats who need to find their



This is Trixie.

own homes. They have been so well cared for and socialized in foster care that you know you will be getting a great pet. Please call Arlene at 352-875-9761 to meet them.

Until next month remember: "Pets are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole."

Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary (OWLS)

The SPCA was honored to have Hobie the great horned owl visit us at our last meeting with caretakers Keith Belisle (president) and Ken Lane (vice president) of OWLS. Hobie is OWLS's goodwill and education ambassador extraordinaire. Eighteen years ago, Keith and Ken were called in on an abuse case where an owl was caught in a trap with a wing chopped off by a machete. They nursed her back to health at the sanctuary, but as she could no longer fly, she became a permanent resident there. Soon thereafter, with Keith's gentle and respectful handling, Hobie and Keith developed a strong emotional bond. Keith can remove Hobie from her cage and hold her without a tether. This is remarkable for a bird of prey, but Keith believes that only through love and respect can we truly communicate with wildlife - they are not meant to be controlled.

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COMMENTARY

In Washington, they never say what they mean

BY BOB FRANKEN
Special to the Citizen

Growing up in the South, I always marveled at how adept everyone was at well-mannered hatefulness. If someone made a stupid comment, the response would never be "What an idiot you are!" Instead it was "Well, ain't that nice?" or "Why, bless your heart." When it came to social-grace duplicity, we were the champions. Or so I thought.

That was before I came to Washington.

It takes a little getting used to, but for the most part, you must accept that people mean the opposite of what they say. If most say "Nice to see you," they are actually looking over your shoulder at someone more important. The really good ones somehow manage to make eye contact with you while looking past you at the same instant. It's pretty amazing, really.

And anyone who has watched the Senate is well-aware that the members refer to their most despised enemies as

"My Friend."

That extends far beyond the Capitol. If anyone calls you his or her "friend," watch your back.

There's nothing new about this, and it's not unique to D.C.

We all have our moments of not meaning what we say. The normal greeting is "How are you doing?"

The automatic answer is "Fine, thank you."

But let's face it: We usually couldn't care less, and we certainly don't want to hear when someone is not fine. The last thing we want is "Actually terrible. My wife has left me for a younger man, my business is bankrupt, and the bank just foreclosed on my house."

What do you say? If you grew up in the South, perhaps you'd respond with "bless your heart," in which case you'd mean, "I'm sorry, did you say something?" Or you'd escape as fast as you could.

"Thank you for asking" is another one, a deflecting response to the insincere "How you doing?" greeting.

"Thank you for asking" translates to

"None of your business."

And then there's flattery. The more someone sings your praises to your face, the more he changes his tune behind your back.

Perhaps Michael Kinsley is correct, though, with his observation that insincere flattery is really sincere, because the person lavishing compliments thinks you're worthwhile enough to insincerely flatter.

Again, it's Washington.

Here it's barely noticed that the same Republicans who were demanding that the administration bring back Taliban hostage Bowe Bergdahl at any cost now are raising Cain about the very fact that a deal was made for his return.

It's galling how shamelessly these guys flip-flop, and what's really infuriating is how President Barack Obama

even lets them bother him.

He really should figure out that it's always "damned if you do, and damned if you don't" for him.

Deception is accepted as the norm here, and they never have to eat their words.

Hillary Clinton shows she's no slouch at this when she chooses her language. My fakery favorite is the expression "I wish him well," which is code for condemning someone to a miserable life. Bless her heart, in the first of the umpteen TV interviews she did to promote her new book, Hillary told ABC's Diane Sawyer she wished not only Rand Paul well, but also Monica Lewinsky.

Ain't that nice?

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OUR VIEW

Safety first on the Fourth

When the Declaration of Independence was approved in 1776, our founding fathers probably did not foresee the day when it would be a national celebration filled with fireworks, barbecues, parades and festivals.

What they did foresee was an upcoming rough time with the British military as the Europeans didn't want to lose control of this upstart group of colonies across the "pond."

But the dedication of those "fathers" and all our ancestors who fought the Revolutionary War made possible our freedom to celebrate as we do this week.

Around here, the celebration features such events as "Red, White and Blues" scheduled last evening in Citizens' Circle a couple of blocks south of the Downtown Square in Ocala. Today, God and Country Day will be observed off U.S. 27 Northwest as it has been for years.

There are also golf cart parades and celebrations in various communities around the area, as well as the shooting of firecrackers by many individuals throughout Marion County.

It's the firecrackers that scare us a little. Most people have the attitude that "it can't happen to me" when they shoot off dangerous material just for fun. Yet, over the years, there have been many stories of fireworks going off prematurely and backyard celebrations turning into tragedy.

While many of these fireworks are illegal, this is one of those laws in which our law enforcement community looks the other way. Some may complain about the noise, but if law enforcement does any more than drive through a neighborhood, it's a surprise.

This year it might be a little more intensive, since the Fourth falls on a Friday.

So when it comes to shooting off fireworks, you're on your own when it comes to safety. Please be careful ... we don't want anyone losing an eye, a finger ... or worse.

Stay safe for the holiday.

Travel agencies say the roads will be just as busy as usual, even though gas prices are the highest since 2008.

But if you're driving somewhere, make sure you don't drink and drive ... and no matter what, watch out for the other guy. You may think you're safe, but that car coming in the opposite direction may not be as law-abiding as you are.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mississippi primary

With regard to the recent Republican senatorial primary in Mississippi on June 24, I have a few comments.

With the blessing of the Republican National Committee, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and a few of the "establishment" Republicans such as Senator John McCain and other very long Washington residents of the U.S. Senate, in a campaign that reminded me of how Democrats conduct their campaigns, race-baiting, personal attacks and other Democratic long time practices were used to defeat the challenger and Washington outsider, Chris McDaniels, without regard to

the issues of the day.

But, then again, why would the Republican establishment talk of the differences? The House Republican majority, along with many of the seven Republican senators voted to increase more spending with money we don't have and to refund Obamacare. These are Democratic issues, that the Republicans voted to go along with, as did Senator Thad Cochran. They are leaving these problems to the next generation of Americans and don't seem upset about it.

Two last points. First, the Republican Party, using Democratic tactics, attack the Tea Party, but never attack Democrats like this. You have to won-

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COMMENTARY

There she is ... wait ... there she isn't

For years now, I have not watched beauty pageants such as Miss Florida, Miss America or Miss Universe.

I know, they call them scholarship pageants, but get online and find pictures of all the contestants in any pageant, and tell me if any of them aren't good looking.

So I wasn't watching Miss Florida recently when Elizabeth Fectel, 20, a University of Florida student and a resident of Leesburg, won. I can just hear the announcer saying something like this: "The new Miss Florida, Elizabeth Fectel!" After that she probably took the walk down the runway with some sort of flowers and tears flowing.

But several days later we found out the awful truth: Through no fault of her own, Elizabeth didn't win. She came in second.

Pageant officials found, through an audit, that the scores were not tabulated correctly and the real winner was the young lady named runner-up, Victoria Cowen of Panama City. She now assumes the title of Miss Florida and goes to compete in the Miss America



Jim Clark

Editor

pageant.

So here is my question: Can't we get people who know how to add to correctly tabulate the scores?

There was something written that a judge had changed his mind and crossed out an old score and written in a new one, but the old one was counted. If we can get all of our Congressmen to push a button to vote correctly (and that seems to be a stretch), can we not get a system where the judges in beauty pageants can push a button to vote?

Knechtel proved herself to be a deserving non-winner. She has a blog, and posted that she was "devastated" but the "God has a plan." She added, "A title does not define me. It opens doors, but it does not dictate who I am and

where I am going."

She also said that Cowen will be a good Miss Florida.

One of the problems we read was that pageant officials require the winner to be available for appearances and therefore they have to drop out of college if they are attending. Knechtel did so, and I only hope that UF lets her be readmitted without penalty.

In Delaware last week, Miss Delaware was also stripped of her title because she was three months too old to compete. She said she submitted a birth certificate and driver's license, but no pageant official caught the mistake.

So the next time you watch one of these pageants, you should be wondering, what is going to be messed up behind the scenes. When stories such as this are not the contestants' fault, you have to consider that in the past, maybe some things have been covered up. Will we ever know for sure? I doubt it.

Jim Clark is the editor of the West Marion Messenger and South Marion Citizen.

High Court slows Obamacare abortion agenda

BY DR. JOHN SPARKS
Special to the Citizen

The Supreme Court waited until the last day of its term to issue its anticipated opinion in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores and Conestoga Wood Specialties*.

The narrow 5-4 decision negates the "contraceptive mandate" of the Health and Human Services (HHS) regulations issued to implement the Affordable Care Act (i.e., Obamacare). Heretofore, these regulations required the owners of so-called "closely held" business enterprises to include insurance coverage for abortion-inducing drugs and devices even when that kind of coverage violated their religious convictions. The holding is an important victory for religious liberty and a blow to pro-choice advocates who painted opposition to the mandate as a women's rights issue.

Justice Samuel Alito delivered the opinion of the high court with his usual clarity. The court's majority relied upon the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) which Congress passed in 1993 and which President Clinton signed into law. The RFRA requires the Supreme Court to use a particular three-point approach to religious liberty cases involving the federal government. If federal governmental action: 1) substantially burdens the free exercise of religions; 2) and its purpose is not compelling or; 3) if it fails to use the least restrictive means to its end, then the RFRA brands it illegal. Justice Alito's opinion worked its way through the requirements of the RFRA.

The court first found that the federal contraceptive mandate imposed a "substantial burden" on the religious exercise of the

two families, the Hahns and the Greens, owners of the companies in question. If they refused to comply with the HHS contraceptive fiat, they faced fines for "as much as \$1.3 million per day, or about \$475 million per year." It was either pay up or forfeit one's religious beliefs. Alito said: "If these consequences do not amount to a substantial burden, it is hard to see what would."

Next, the court assumed without deciding that the government may have had a "compelling interest" in issuing the regulations. It stresses that it was "unnecessary to adjudicate this issue."

Thirdly, since the federal government had "already devised and implemented a system that seeks to respect the religious liberty of religious non-profit corporations while insuring employee access to contraceptives," President Obama and his HHS had a "less restrictive means" of achieving their end but they failed to make it available to for-profit enterprises owned and operated by persons with religious convictions. Therefore, said the majority, "The contraceptive mandate, as applied to closely held corporations, violates the RFRA."

Justice Alito cogently refutes one of the central claims of the government's opposition to *Hobby Lobby* and *Conestoga*. That assertion was that corporations do not have free exercise of religion rights. First, Alito explained that the language of the RFRA refers to the religious liberty of "persons" being protected from federal proscription. Federal law unambiguously includes "corporations" in the definition of "persons." Secondly, "protecting the free exercise rights of corporations like *Hobby Lobby*, [and

Conestoga ... protects the religious liberty of the humans who own and control these companies."

Alito recognizes what the legal brief for the Hahns so strikingly set out:

"Whatever the legal status of their organizations, owners and operators, do not check their beliefs at the door each Monday morning. They live their faith throughout the work week. Hence it is the Hahns' religious beliefs that prevent *Conestoga* from providing drugs and services that end a newly formed human life. There is no separating the two."

Are there limits to this decision? Yes.

First, the court states that "we have no occasion in these cases to consider the RFRA's applicability to" publicly traded companies. However, limiting the decision to the facts of the case—that is, one involving closely held corporations—is not unusual. It is part of normal judicial restraint.

Secondly, this decision has to do with federal governmental action. Unfortunately, religious liberty is also being restricted by state governmental action. There, litigants must depend on their own state constitutions or state RFRA's for protection.

The high court waited until the final day of its term to issue this extremely important decision. *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores and Conestoga Wood Specialties* will not be forgotten anytime soon.

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LETTERS

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der why, don't you?

Finally, I am sad to say that the party of Lincoln-T.Roosevelt-Reagan, has become more like the party of Clinton-Obama. How sad!

Walter A. Lamp
Ocala

Redskins nickname debacle

On maybe a lighter side, and a departure for me, but no less important, I've been reading a great deal about the controversy regarding the Washington Redskins nickname. Actually it seems only "white man stirs up bad trouble!"

Now, it's not Washington white skins, black skins, brown skins, or yellow skins, it's Washington Redskins. Leave it be! To me, that's a compliment to our Native Americans. Although the Washington Redskins aren't too good a football team. Of course we have the Florida State Seminoles, YEAH, and the Cleveland Indians!

We as Americans should be proud to have any group named after Native Americans. We hunted them down and murdered them to get their land and Oh Yes, gold, and silver. Plus, we looked upon ourselves as the good guys. If you studied American history at all, you'd know it was a white man who performed the first scalping and it was of an Indian. Maybe that's why they call sports hackers, scalpers.

ow, whose face does the Washington Redskins helmets appear to resemble. It could be either the Chiricahua Apache Chief, Geronimo, the Lakota Sioux Chief, Sitting Bull, or the Oglala Sioux, Lacota Chief Red Cloud. Just three of the greatest Indian Chiefs of all Native America nation in our history.

Two other great chiefs would be Lakota Chief, Spotted Elk(Big Foot) or Oglala Sioux Chief, Crazy Horse, who actually was half white. We could go into the number of Indian tribes, as

there were hundreds, with many sub-tribes particularly in the Apache and Sioux Nations. If you want to know them all let me know.

Now, there are those who feel Custer was wronged, but I'm not one of them. Self centered, stupid and egotistical yes, smart no. When he was wiped out by the Hunkpapa Sioux and the Southern Cheyenne, on June 25, 1876, the Indians were led principally by Chiefs Crazy Horse, Bull Bear, White Antelope and White calf.

You should know about the Sand Creek Massacre of the peaceful Cheyenne and Arapaho, on Nov. 29, 1864, by the U.S. Army. As if that weren't enough, the last great massacre by the army took place at Wounded Knee on Dec. 29 1890, killing 335 unarmed, and out numbered, Lakota Sioux men, women and children. They were literally slaughtered. Actually a village grew up on that massacre sight and was named Brennan, after the Bureau of Indian Affairs Official. WOW! I guess we've always been a unfair to the Native American people.

It's been suggested the name the Redskins be the Washington Reagans. Really dumb. There were hundreds of other Indian tribes and sub-tribes within major tribes like the Sioux and Apache. Just a few were the Crow, Pawnee, Iroquois, Kiowa, Shawnee, Cherokee, Seminole, Arapaho, and Cheyenne, to name a few.

What if we were to use these examples to rename the Washington. The Washington Crows, Washington Sioux, Washington Apaches, Washington Kiowas, Washington Seminoles, Washington Shawnees, or Washington Iroquois. All great honors for Native American, but for a Washington, D.C. team, how about the Washington Crows? No disrespect to the honor of the Crow Indian Nation. That's right, all

Native American tribes were actually nations, with many chiefs.

Maybe the president or owner of the Washington Redskins should sit down and "smoke the peace pipe" with chiefs of various Native American nations, except, he's no chief. Actually one of my favorite tribes were the Cheyenne Dog men (Soldiers), of the Cheyenne nation. I could go into finite detail of the Cheyenne nation but that would be a book in itself.

Oh well, "white man will takeum the Native Americans to the cleaners again." White man probably scalpaum tickets to Redskins football games as well."

I hope this abbreviated lesson in Native American History might help you respect the Indian Nations of our county. After all, they were here first. They didn't immigrate, and all immigrants should know that.

Bill Ford
Oak Run

What are we to do?

What are American citizens to do?

They try the best they can to vet candidates, and vote for those who swear they are true blue patriots.

Then at the first opportunity, those true blue patriots vote for laws that are detrimental to American citizens. The minute they hit the Capitol, those loyalties, suddenly favor goodies for illegal aliens. College tuition is paid for undocumented aliens, while Florida children must pay, and pay, and pay to cover their own tuition, and the tuition of illegals. That seems fair, don't you think?

HB851 does precisely just that, and Rep. Charlie Stone, and Rep. Dennis Baxley voted for this cute little bill. Doesn't it make you proud, and happy, thrilled that you will be saddled with more taxes for illegals? Bleeding hearts will not stop there. What is next? Do you deserve to live a decent standard of life, if you work for it? Is that unreasonable? They steal more of it every day.

When and where do we say enough? How do we get through to our elected officials? They are Americans, and they are supposed to represent Americans — no one else.

Common Core by any other name is still unacceptable. Florida citizens are not being fooled by giving Common Core some phony Florida Standards name. How dumb do they think we are?? Rep. Stone actually sent a mailer proclaiming just such a stunt. Whew!! Can you swallow that one? Cough, cough, I am choking on that one.

Where are America's patriotic legislators? We are still Americans, not One World Citizens, yet.

Marshall Richards
On Top Of The World

Fault of Congress

It is distressing that readers are blaming our president for the VA patient disaster. Congress has been aware of the quota issue for nine years and did nothing about it.

I suggest all readers research our elected representatives and vote accordingly.

Lynn Miller
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In honor of the true patriots of the United States

Once again, we come to the time of year when we celebrate the Fourth of July in remembrance of all the wonderful things this country means to us. The celebration will include fireworks, parades and picnics when the hot dog will be king for a day. It is a wonderful time of the year.

Yet, in the midst of all of the celebrations, there are a few black clouds blocking the sunlight.

Just the other day the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were watching a news program where they featured somebody offended by the American flag displayed in a meeting they were attending. We both looked at each other and sadly shook our heads. What kind of nonsense is going on in this country? People's lives are so shallow that they have to try to think of something to be offended?

I am not sure why the American flag offended them so, but I have the perfect solution. I am not sure why people do not think of solutions like this, but if the American flag offends you then go to a country that has a flag it does not offend you. Simple. Problem solved. No more offense.

It would not offend me in the least if people would do this.

The American flag reminds us of all the wonderful things we enjoy in this country. The Fourth of July is an opportunity to express our thanks for

living in a country such as this. If this was such a terrible country, why are so many people trying to get in at all cost? We still have some freedoms here that the rest of the world is envious of. The flag represents the foundation of our country and the ongoing sacrifice that

has kept it free for so long. How can that be offensive to anybody?

At the same time another story on the news caught our attention concerning the 9/11 museum in New York City. From some of the things I am seeing on TV most of the people in America have forgotten what happened on 9/11. Somebody walked in, saw the symbol of the cross and became physically ill by it. They claim the cross made them sick in the stomach.

This was a little confusing to me. These are people who say they do not believe in God, personally, I do not believe a word they say. Here is this person, who does not believe in God, who does not believe in religion, sees a religious symbol and becomes offended and physically ill by it. They surely need help and I recommend a group of industrial-strength psychiatrists and therapists along with a team of military medical doctors to pump out their stomach.

Now, what I want to know is, if they do not believe in religion, what does this religious symbol mean to them? If they really did not believe in religion, as they claim, the symbol would not mean anything to them, and furthermore, it would not affect them in any way or fashion. The fact that it offended them reveals to those who have at least two brain cells wandering around upstairs that here is a religious person. Only a religious person would react to a religious symbol. If I am not a religious person, none of this religious symbolism means anything to me and I look at it, then walk on.

While I am on the topic, another matter really annoys me.

Why is prayer so offensive to these people who say they do not believe in religion? The fact that it makes them angry and offends them tells me something about what they say they believe.

Why is it that prayer offends them and why are they so afraid of prayer and of God?

Their fear of God suggests that deep down somewhere, pass their stomach, they believed God just might exist.

This brings to me Pascal's wager. "If God exists (and Christianity is true) and you choose not to believe, then you lose everything. But, if God exists (and Christianity is true) and you choose to believe, then you gain everything." I do not believe it could be stated any clearer than that.

To date nobody has ever proven the Bible to be anything but true. For 2000 years, people have desperately attempted to destroy the Bible or at least discredit it and yet it is the number one seller in the world today. What if this Bible, that nobody can prove to be untrue, is absolutely and positively true?

Are these people who say they do not believe willing to wager everything?

Why is it I must accept what they do and say, but they do not have to accept



Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder

what I do and say? Why do I have to respect them, but they do not have to respect me? Is that being a true red, white and blue American patriot?

Jesus put it in the right perspective when he said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

Our problem today is that we have confused Caesar with God and no longer understand the difference. The problem is, Caesar does not have all the answers, but God does. The reign of Caesar has collapsed, but God is still on the throne, Almighty God is He.

If you do not respect the flag, at least respect those who do.

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RELIGION

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Sunday, July 6: Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults meet at 9:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. with staffed nursery and children's classes available during worship. Choir practice at 4:30 p.m. Evening service begins at 6 p.m. with study in the book of Hebrews taught by Alvin Gloer. Visitors are always welcome to worship with us and to attend all other scheduled services.

Wednesday, July 9: Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. studying prayer taught by Senior Minister, Conard Chambers; Youth activities begin at 7 p.m.

Friday, July 4: Independence Day. On this day in 1776, the original 13 U.S. colonies declared their independence from Great Britain. Each year on this day, we pause to remember the freedoms we enjoy from not being ruled over politically by others. However, as Christians we must not lose sight of the fact that even though we are independent of someone ruling over us politically, we are surely spiritually dependent upon God, our Father and Jesus Christ, our Lord, the One who died to set us free from sin. This day

and every day is our "Dependence Day" upon them.

Southwest Christian Church is a traditional worshipping church. Our worship service includes the beloved old-time Gospel Hymns together with some of today's contemporary choruses. We preach and teach strictly from God's Word. We believe the entire Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired word of God given to us by God through His chosen writers, to enable us to know Him and to understand how to live our lives in the way He requires, so that we might be pleasing and acceptable to Him. We seek to teach those desiring to follow Him, who God is and who He expects us to be. If you are seeking a church home where you are loved by God and His people in a truly Christian way, we invite you to come and visit with us to see if we are the church you are seeking.

Southwest Christian Church is at 9045 SW 60th Ave. (south off SR 200), Ocala, phone 352-861-9080.

Friendship Baptist Church

Sunday services at Friendship Baptist Church on July 6 begin with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. The Ladies Class,

taught by Linda Brown and the Auditorium Class, taught by Pastor Brown, are teaching "Practical Christian Living - How To Live for Christ Today - Praying Devotedly - James 5," and our "Young Adults" class, taught by our Associate Pastor, Dan Rushing, is studying, "The Revolutionary Life, Teachings and Ministry of Jesus." In the 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service the Brown Girl's will be singing several songs. The FBC choir will also be singing a, "Patriotic Medley." A challenging message from the Word of God from our Pastor will follow.

Sunday evening Worship and Bible study will begin at 6. Wednesday Evening Bible Study begins at 7. All are invited to attend.

Friendship Baptist Church is at 9510 SW 105th St., off State Road 200. The church phone is 352-237-2640 or you can find us on the web: www.friendship-baptistocala.org.

Crossroads Church

Sunday: Morning services 9 and 11 a.m.; Kids Church 9 and 11 a.m.; Servicio en Español 1 p.m.; Bible Alive Bible study 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer 9 a.m.

Wednesday: Family Training Hour 7 p.m.; Crossroads Student Ministries 7 p.m.; Boys and Girls Clubs 7 p.m.

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Bike Parade and Fireworks Display, July 4, 7 p.m. Come celebrate our nation's freedom on Friday, July 4 at Crossroad's third annual Bike Parade and Fireworks Display. Children up to age 11 will be entering their decorated bikes in a parade, with awards given for creativity, patriotism and attractiveness. Bounce houses will be open for the children. At dark we will host our

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Barsimson, a trader from the Netherlands, is credited with meeting the boat carrying 23 of his co-religionists from Recife, Brazil who came to the American shores seeking freedom from oppression in Brazil where the Inquisition had followed them from the Iberian Peninsula. The Inquisition's policies against Jews and the political climate of the day were the catalytic forces that led the small band to seek asylum in a



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country where they could practice their religion in safety and could participate as full citizens in the political affairs of the colony of New Amsterdam.

Unfortunately these 23 were not greeted warmly by the governor of New Amsterdam, Peter Stuyvesant. History

has not painted "Old Peg Leg" (an allusion to his artificial wooden leg) as a very pleasant man. His cantankerous nature was well known and his dislike of the Jews was no secret. Escaping Catholicism led into becoming a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, a stipulation for citizenship in the New Amsterdam colony. It would seem that the refugees had gone out of the frying pan into the fire.

Jacob Barsimson petitioned Stuyvesant for a plot of land for a burial ground. Jewish communities even before they build synagogues, purchase land for a cemetery as well as for building a mikveh, ritual bath. These acts are essential for setting up a Jewish com-

munity. The request was denied since the land was not needed immediately but after much prevail, notably from the Jews of Amsterdam, the request was granted.

Still, the Jews were treated as separate citizens, unable to vote, hold public office, engage in retail, practice handicrafts, serve in the militia or hold public worship meetings and practice Judaism freely. Stuyvesant also made each male over 16 and under 60 pay a tax of 65 stivers a month for exemption of guard duty.

Jacob Barsimson, then advocated that the Jews be allowed to serve in the mili-

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Any tenors out there? Oak Run Barbershoppers need a fourth

Dear Readers, July has arrived and for all you early shoppers, there are only six months to Christmas, or if you are one who celebrates it in July you better get going! I am not one of those early shoppers. A few of my friends have left for places up north and will be missed. We stay here and love doing so. We might take a big trip to Pensacola for two days in July and visit our daughter, Wow! There are lots of things to do here in Oak Run and around the area. Do you find yourself going about town and running into other Oak Runners, which makes you feel as though you have always lived here in Florida. No matter where we go there is somebody we recognize. It is really fun when you meet someone who knew a friend of yours in the town you came from. This issue (Friday) will be part way through our July 4th activities.



Oak Run
Laura Smith

in very beginning instruction. Her comment after auditions on Thursday was that, "Improvement has already occurred. It's important to lend a hand to auditioners. For many this is the first time performing outside of their own living room, kitchen and shower and the pressure can be overwhelming. We're really just looking for raw talent at this point and the directors understand that practice and instruction will take the whole cast very far. That's what makes it so fun. If you can grimace and humble yourself for audition, the rest is all upside."

Bonnie Kreider and Joanne Veale will undertake choreography very early in practice sessions. With the choreography under way, the blocking "stage location and movement" becomes immediately important. Both have had experience in lead roles both musical and dramatic, and will help all put their best feet forward.

There is still time to be involved for any Oak Run residents that have not yet made an introduction. Please contact Dick Caza at 352-274-9574.

Oak Run Travel

Hockey fans! We need some feedback. We are considering taking a bus to a game in Tampa in February 2015. The games start at 2 or 5 p.m. We are trying to get tickets for a 2 p.m. game. We don't have a final price yet because it depends on the date and team but it looks like it could be around \$60 per person including the bus if we get enough of you fans to sign up. Please call Jim Waddell and let him know if you might be interested. To get the best price we must let the ticket office for the Tampa Bay Lightning know as soon as possible.

We are close to the last chance for you to sign up for Forever Plaid at the Show Palace Dinner Theatre on Aug. 10. Call Jim and Patty Waddell to get your seat on the bus.

The following is a little tickler to get you thinking about our trips in Spring,



Musical Director Marci Hutto takes Thursday auditioners for "Hello Dolly!" through a musical number.

2015. Some are finalized, others are not (such as the hockey game mentioned above) and a couple we are not sure of at this time.

January - I Do I Do - Ice House Theatre

- Crazy for You - Show Palace

February - 107 Yrs. of Broadway - Straz Theatre

March- The King and I - Show Palace

- Hank Williams-Lost Highway - Ice House Theatre

April - Pippin - The Straz Center-Tampa

May - (Mother's Day) - A Chorus Line - Show Palace

Others are: Kennedy Space Center, Victory Casino, Shopping trip, Florida Folk Festival and a special Horse Country Tour plus 3 Horse Racing trips.

We have plans for two overnight trips to places like Lion Country Safari and The Morikami Gardens and to Coral Castle and Vizcaya Museum and Gardens plus Nashville, Tennessee.

So be thinking about these great trips and start looking for the new Travel Brochure later in September/October with all the details and sale dates. Do not call about these trips until the brochure is in your hands since we do not yet have all the details.

Of course we are already selling three cruises for 2015. The date is July 14 at the Orchid Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. See the detail reminder in next week's Citizen.

Len keeps us remembering

Tune in to Len Teitler's "Do you remember" narrated by Anna Boodee featuring July 4, 2013

4th of July parade following F Y I daily from July 3 to July 11.

Showcase of Stars

There are songs for everyone at the Palm Grove on Saturday, July 12 at 7 p.m. There will be door Prizes and 50/50. Admission is free.

Royal Oaks Lady Niners Golf

On June 26, the game was "Even Holes". Flight A First Place: Elsa Berbig;

Second Place: Sharon Hall.

Flight B First Place: Ann Leonard; Second Place: Diana Schmidt.

Patty Waddell was closest to the pin on 11. Diana Schmidt had a birdie on 16.

Italian Club

The Italian Club is hosting a 10-day Southern Caribbean cruise on Dec. 4 from Port Canaveral. Ports to include: Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao and Labadee Hispanol. For information, contact Roseann at 352-873-7646.

For your calendar, save the date Wednesday, Oct. 8 for our annual Columbus Day party! Ticket sales are on Sept. 29.

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Barbershop Quartet

I was asked by a resident, Donald McIntosh if I would let the residents know he is looking for a fourth to start a barbershop group. I am delighted to do so as I am always encouraging everyone to get involved. The need is for a tenor. Please give Don a call (he is in our directory) if interested and a resident. Laura Smith

Performing Arts Company (PACOR)

There was a big turnout for Performing Arts Company of Oak Run Auditions for "Hello Dolly!"

Three sessions of tryouts were held for casting of "Hello Dolly!" this past week and participation was strong. "We were very pleased with the enthusiasm all had for this production. We saw new people and people that had not been active on-stage for many years," commented Dick Caza, director.

The chorus as well as those for lead parts went through the drill of song and dialogue to showcase their talent. Marci Hutto, the Musical Director for the production, assisted many trying out with octave-adjustments and led the group

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Speaker to describe benefits for veterans

As we celebrate this important Fourth of July holiday with parades, picnics and fireworks displays, let us not forget that this was a defining moment in American history, commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 as we then became the United States. It is a day of patriotism and pride for all Americans, and a day to be thankful for our freedom. Enjoy the festivities, and if you're attending the Marion Landing July 4 celebration, don't forget to thank Paula, Leta and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make ours a wonderful Marion Landing celebration.

Veterans benefits speaker

Veterans of the United States armed forces may be eligible for a broad range of benefits and services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Compensation/pension, death pension/dependency indemnity compensation, health care, home loans, education and vocational rehabilitation are just some of the benefits our guest speaker, Steve Jacobs from the Marion County Veterans Services office, will explain after the Social on Tuesday, July 15. He will review the many recent



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changes in benefits as well as the financial assistance veterans may now qualify for, and he will also be happy to address any questions you may have. If you are a veteran or dependent of a veteran of any branch of the United States Armed Forces, please plan on attending this meeting to understand the important information about your benefits.

Blood drive

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16. The blood mobile will be in the Lifestyle Center parking lot from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. to take your donation. Residents may sign up on the Blood Drive sheet posted on the Activity Wall, or donors can see Pat Wurst, blood drive coordinator, and her volunteers in the lobby the day the bus is here. According to the American Red



PHOTO BY DIANE BRESS

Leon Mears, left, and Larry Keables practice their shuffleboard technique on a recent Wednesday morning in Marion Landing.

Cross, every two seconds, someone living in the United States needs blood. Accident victims and hospital patients need blood transfusions, and a single donation can help save the lives of at least three people. Pat reminds us that all donations collected at our blood drives stay within Marion County. Donations have been slow, but steady, in recent months, but some of our de-

pendable donors, for various reasons, just can give blood any longer. It's painless, doesn't take very long, and you'll be supporting Florida's Blood Centers, the only blood bank that serves Marion County hospitals. So please roll up your sleeves and do your part to help.

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Comedy Night coming in August to Cherrywood

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Because of the high demand, there will be two shows. The first will be at 5:30 p.m. and the second will commence at 7:30. Doors open at 5 and 7 respectively and you must have tickets to enter. Cherrywood residents can get their free tickets by seeing Geri in the office.

In addition to Larry's performance, you will enjoy snacks; ice tea and lemonade. There will be door prizes and 50/50 drawings as well so don't miss out on this terrific evening of wild entertainment and socializing.

The cut off for these tickets is July 31 but take note; the tickets may well be gone before that date. The sooner you see Geri, the better. Come out and enjoy Comedy Night at Cherrywood; compliments of Chris and Mario Zacco of Cherrywood Property Management.

Bingo returns with a bang

After taking one night off, Bingo returned on Thursday, June 26 with a nearly full house of players and volunteers. Lois Crowley was the caller and she kept the pace steady and easy for the players to keep up.

There were too many winners for the 18 games to name but the initials of one of the winners is everyone's favorite, Pia Dean.

Bingo is fun; fast and easy. There is always someone who will show you how to play the game and the games move quickly. In addition, the fees are nominal to play so it's a great way to get an inexpensive night out.

Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade along with the game or bring your own snacks and drinks. All of this is made possible by our lovely and hard working volunteers. You'll have fun and maybe even win some money at Cherrywood Bingo.

Every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the club-

house you'll find a chair waiting for you so come on out and share in the fun.

Trivia

Join the Trivia players at 7 p.m. on July 16 for another thrilling game of trivial knowledge. This month Richard Hurley will be your quizmaster and he's known for digging up obscure facts; figures and data. His sense of humor also brightens the game so bring your sense of humor.

Trivia is a great way to either improve your mind or lose it with a great group of people. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks; pay a dollar and have a truly happy hour or more.

All proceeds from the Trivia Night go to support the Patriot Dog program. This year we have contributed over \$400 to that worthy cause. Trivia Night is run by Fred and Jay O'Hern who do a fantastic job of setting things up and making sure everyone is comfortable. Join us for a good time.

Veterans Club

There are no meetings scheduled for July and August for your Veterans Club however they are still very active in the community. President Bill Mahar is working with other Board Members doing the follow up on our first annual golf outing. In addition, the vets are making plans for Veterans Day Nov. 11; supporting Ritz House July 4 celebration; and making initial plans for the golf tournament next year. These are just a few of the many programs they are working on.

Sarah Blair has graciously agreed to take the position of Secretary on the Board. Sarah is a veteran of the U.S. Army and has more than 10 years experience



Cherrywood bingo volunteers.

in the private sector as a personal secretary.

Replacing yours truly, Sarah, will make a great addition to the team of Bill Mahar, President; Bill Spangenberg, Vice President; Rich Hurley, Treasurer; and Marty Duesel, Sgt. At Arms.. We congratulate Sarah and wish her all the best.

The next meeting of the Veterans Club will be on Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. in the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome as our meetings are open to all Cherrywood residents. We are proud of the work we do and enjoy sharing it with all.

Singles dinners

If you are single and live in Cherrywood you are cordially invited to join our singles group for dinner on Sundays. Everyone meets at the clubhouse at 3:45 in the afternoon and then they car pool to favorite restaurants in the area.

On July 6 they will be going to the Red Lobster; the Cracker Barrel on July 13; Cody's Roadhouse on the 20 of July and Ruby Tuesdays on the 27th. This is a relaxed and friendly group who enjoy sharing common interests; conversation and social interaction.

Don't be shy or hesitant about coming

out to join in the fun. You'll not only enjoy a delicious meal, but you'll share it with some pretty cool people as well.

Flu Shots

In September Cherrywood will offer flu shots in the clubhouse. The date is Sept. 5 between 1 and 3 p.m. As we get older, Flu can be a devastating illness that may cause serious medical problems or even death.

Since we want all of our residents to be around a long time, you are encouraged to contact Geri and make your appointment. It isn't too early to start planning to get the jump on Flu season.

Back to School

Next month is August and the young people of Marion County will be headed back to the classrooms. Some of these students need your help as they prepare for another year of education.

This year we are again helping out the children of Marion Oaks; just as we have in years past.

Inside our clubhouse is a large container for your donations of school supplies. Back packs; paper; notebooks; essay books; colored pencils and mark-

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Newcomers to be welcomed

Are you a newcomer to Cherrywood? Have you moved in within the past year or less? Well, here is a great opportunity for you to learn about not only your Cherrywood community but your community at large.

We are planning a coffee hour on Aug. 9 at 9:30 in the morning. Come out and meet some of the leaders of the various committees and organizations here at Cherrywood; receive maps and hints

about the services and facilities here in Marion County and get a delicious donut or two and a cup of coffee all for free.

It has been awhile since our last coffee but all of those who have attended the ones in the past have found the information they received very helpful and enlightening. If you are new to our area contact Geri and let us know you'll be coming to this very informal and informational meet and greet.

Line Dancing

Cher Mason has a large group of men and women who are learning a wide variety of steps and moves in her Line Dancing class. Cher is patient and knowledgeable as she takes time with her students to explain; demonstrate and practice the new steps of each dance.

You can be a part of this fun class every Tuesday evening from 7 until about 8:30. Cher goes over the steps of the previous lessons before starting students out on a new adventure. Because of this style, she is able to bring newcomers up to speed in a relatively short period of time.

For those of you who have attended our dances and other events you know how much fun our line dancers have. It's amazing to see all those people doing the same movements in unison.

It's almost like watching the Rockettes without the high kicks. Well maybe not but they are good.

Everyone is welcome to take part and thanks to Chris and Mario Zacco; these classes are totally free. Just bring your desire to learn and your smile and come join this fun group.

Making a difference

Many of my readers and friends here in Cherrywood and in the community; like me, are senior citizens. Sometimes that's depressing. We often feel like we no longer have anything to give that anyone wants except maybe our money. Well, take heart because there is a program called Reading Pals that needs volunteers for just an hour a week to read stories to kindergarten students in a school near you.

This terrific program pairs up a volunteer reader with a student for about 20 weeks a year. Each week the volunteer reader goes to the school library with the little one and reads to them as well as letting the student read to the volunteer. This increases the child's vocabulary and opens a whole new world for them.

Jan Hathaway is in charge of this program and it has worked wonders for hundreds of young people. You can call Jan at 352-732-9696 extension 212 during normal business hours. There is a

short training program and then you will be paired off with your student Reading Pal.

We seniors have much to give to our society including our experiences; our knowledge; our love and our time. You can be a teacher and a mentor to a deserving youngster. Your age is not a factor; your dedication and willingness to give of yourself are the only assets required. You can make a difference.

Cherrywood Travel

Time is running out for you to make your reservation for the great Biloxi getaway. This four-day, three-night excursion leaves on Sept. 14 from the clubhouse where you will travel by Deluxe Motor Coach to the doors of the Imperial Palace Casino. Once you enter you can check into your posh room and let the adventure begin..

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own fireworks display. Concessions will be available, with proceeds going to the Children's Department. Bring a lawn chair and plan to join us for this exciting community event.

Water Baptism on the River: Sunday, July 27 at 4 p.m. Come join us at Rainbow River State Park on Sunday, July 27 at 4 p.m. as we acknowledge those who are following in Jesus' footsteps in baptism. See lives changed.

Seven Year Combined Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, Aug. 3 at 10:30 a.m. at West Port High School.

We are celebrating seven years of God's faithfulness to Crossroads Church.

We will have a combined anniversary service at West Port High School, 3733 SW 80th Ave., Ocala.

Nursery will be available. Spanish translation will be provided, as needed.

Countryside Presbyterian

Adult Vacation Bible School at Countryside Presbyterian Church will run from Monday, July 14 to Thursday, July 17, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Pastor Gary Marshall will lead a study about the worship service, the reason behind our customs, the plan-

ning and how the topics are chosen for each service and what is the Lectionary. Donna Topp and Cindy Marshall will lead the music part with singing and a chance to try the handbells or choir chimes.

We will end with a light supper prepared by our Fellowship committee. This will take place at Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW Highway 200, Ocala. All are welcome.

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

Joy Lutheran Church

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold its vacation Bible school from July 14 - 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. All children from 5 years of age through fifth grade are encouraged to attend and join the fun.

This year the theme for vacation Bible school is "Jungle Safari." Kids will learn what so great about God, explore the nature of God and learn how to serve Him in a practical way.

Through bible stories the children will explore the nature of God.

With the rhythm of the jungle beat they will learn praise songs. Through the activities and projects they will put

their faith in action and see how to impact the lives of others.

Registration for vacation Bible school begins the first week of July, Monday through Friday from 8:30 - 4 p.m. at the church office.

Vacation Bible School will be completed on Sunday, July 20 at 10 a.m. when the children will present a singing performance during the worship service.

For further information contact the VBS Coordinator, Joan Greve at 352-304-8711 or the church office at 352-854-4509 ext. 221.

Joy Lutheran Church is at 7045 SW 83rd Place at SR 200, Ocala.

Our Redeemer Lutheran

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church welcomes and will install its new youth minister and Associate Pastor, Joshua Pettit, on July 6 at 3 p.m. at the church. A dinner will follow the ceremony.

Joshua is from Carpinteri, California and is married and has one child. Joshua will focus on the youth ministry at Our Redeemer. For directions and dinner reservations, call the church office at (352) 237-2233. 5200 SW State Road 200, 1-1/2 miles west of I-75. www.OurRedeemerOcala.org

St. Jude Catholic

The St. Jude Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon to serve the needy in Marion Oaks.

Our venue for used items, Anthony's Attic, is open for your shopping convenience every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Bereavement Group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Meetings are open to anyone in the community with a need to share their feelings of grief.

If you plan to attend, please call the church office at 352-347-0154 prior to the meetings.

Parents wishing to enroll their children in the LifeLong Religious Education for the 2014-2015 term may still take advantage of reduced tuition rates by enrolling their children during the month of July. Classes resume in August.

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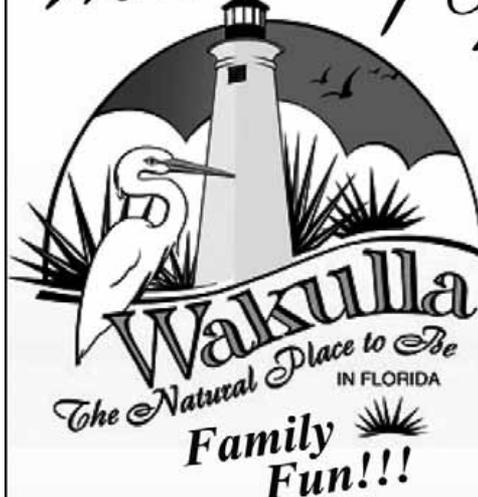
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Later the driver sends a letter in which he brags about his deed to Detective Bill Hodges, who was once on the unsolved Mercedes case but is now retired. The letter rouses the despondent Hodges to life, having wearied of high calorie snacks, long naps, and mindless daytime TV. Ironically, the killer saves a life—Hodges'.

What makes Brady Hartsfield so chilling is that he appears very ordinary, someone who'd go unnoticed on the street. But beneath that placid exterior is a hate-filled racist whose violence has been nurtured by serial killer stories, violent video games and movies like his favorite—"The Wild Bunch."

Out of his Lazy-Boy, infused with new energy,



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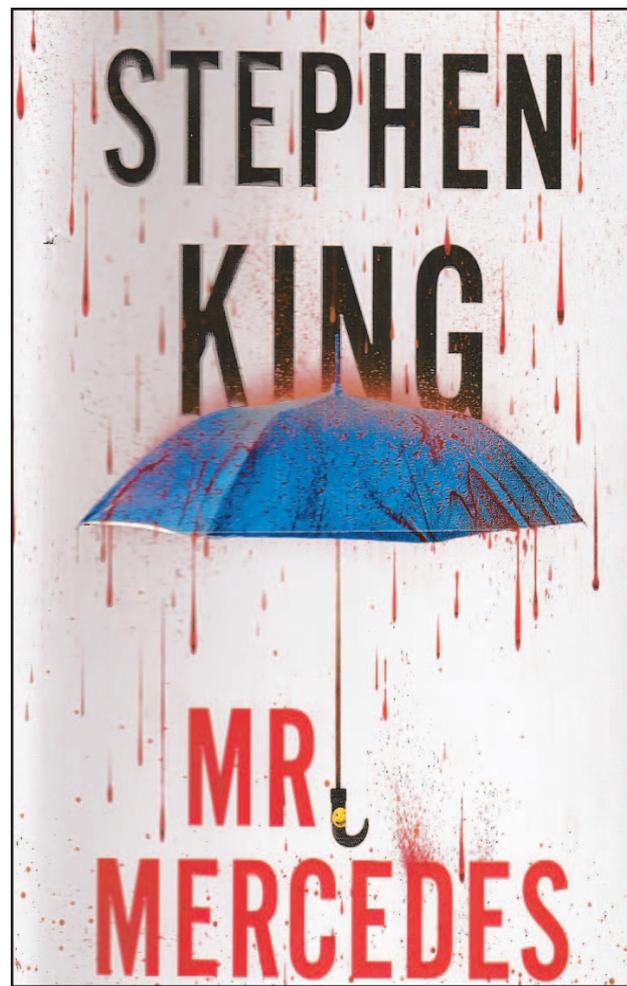
Hodges is ecstatic that the killer has sought him out, a secret he keeps even from his closest cop buddies. The perk needs to talk.

Now Hodges must find which of his buttons to push. He chances it by telling the killer there's proof he's a fake who was never even near the City Center. Bingo—the ploy works.

Brady explodes: "But I did it! I risked my freedom, I risked my life and I did it! You can't take away the credit! It's not fair!"

With the help of a computer savvy African-American teen named Jerome Robinson, Hodges moves closer and closer to identifying the murderer.

Consummate storyteller King reels us in from the first page. "Mr. Mercedes" is a wonderful addition to his growing list of mystery- thrillers. Recommended.



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5651 SW 56th Place - Lot # 343

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\$16,500



5587 SW 59th Street - Lot # 152

This is a 1988 Nobility home with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,056sq ft. This home has new laminate floors, open kitchen and built in storage. The guest bedroom has double doors and walk in closet. Master bedroom has a vanity with a private master bath and also has a large walk-in closet. A/C & duct work replaced in 2013. This home has lots of storage and bonus two storage sheds, carport, and screen room.

\$17,500



5505 SW 61st Lane - Lot # 020

This is a 1987 Homes of Merit home with 2 beds / 2baths with over 1,560 sq ft. This is the largest home we have in stock. This home has both a Living Room and Family Room. Bonus Wet Bar. Open Kitchen with Island. Indoor Laundry. Laminate Floors through out home except bedrooms. This home has a carport, shed and screen room. Located at the end of a cul-de-sac.

\$25,500



5682 SW 59th Street - Lot # 137

This is a 1986 Nobility home with 2 beds / 1.5baths with 768sq ft. This home is fully furnished. It has a newer A/C, and double pane windows. This home has been freshly painted inside. Kitchen has white cabinets with a deep porcelain sink. It has a large shed with work bench and a nice sized backyard. This home has a carport, and screen room with tile floors and on ground level.

\$14,000



5510 SW 61st Place - Lot # 012

This home is a 1986 Palm Harbor with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,144sq ft. This home has custom wood working throughout the home. The kitchen has all new cabinets with pot and pan drawers and swivels for easy access. This home has been modified for partial handicap access. Open floor plan with indoor laundry and large screen room with vinyl windows and a large workshop with cabinets. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac

\$17,900



5628 SW 58th Place - Lot # 177

This is a 1989 Palm Harbor with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,344sq ft. This home has everything you need, it is fully furnished, with dishes and linens. This home has a newer A/C (03/2014). This home has tall ceilings and large bedrooms with walk-in closets. Large living room with lots of windows. The kitchen has a breakfast nook and a built in desk and lots of storage. Bring your toothbrush!

\$29,900



5627 SW 59th Street - Lot # 147

This home is a 1986 Fleetwood with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,144sq ft. This home has been updated. Fresh new color. Open kitchen and large living room. Extra storage in hall with updated cabinets. Large bedrooms with walk-in closets. This home has a Florida Room with air off the living room looking at the backyard. Bonus carport has been transformed into 'All season room'. Shed and double parking.

\$25,000



6020 SW 57th Avenue - L # 044

This home is a 1985 Nobility with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,056sq ft. This home has a living room and family room. Kitchen has a pass through area with a wet bar. Large bedrooms with walk-in closets. Large "All Season Room" with a shed with work bench. This home has a large backyard that is private with white vinyl privacy fence. Located on a quiet street.

\$23,500



5564 SW 58th Place - Lot#169

This is a 1989 Homes of Merit with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,344sq ft. This home has laminate floors and carpet in bedrooms. Features a large living room, open kitchen, dining room with built in hutch. Large master suite with walk in closet. Inside laundry. One car garage and carport. Metal Lifetime Roof. A/C less than 2yrs new. Double pane windows. Screen porch and backyard patio. Lots of upgrades, must see.

\$37,900



6080 SW 57th Avenue - L # 038

This is a 1987 Nobility with 3 beds / 2 baths with 1,248sq ft. This home has lots of upgrades, all newer awnings, and double pane windows. The kitchen has been updated and has an open floor plan to the living room and dining room. Master bedroom has a large walk in closet and the master bath has a tub and shower. Screen room with vinyl windows. Utility room is on the same level as screen room. Private yard.

\$39,500



5548 SW 58th Place - Lot # 167

This is a 1988 Nobility with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,352sq ft. This home is fully furnished with high end furniture and 55" flat screen TV's. Features a large living room with open kitchen plan with dining room. Bonus kitchen nook and office area. Large Bedrooms with walk-in closets. Large screen room with windows and lots of patio furniture. Bonus one car garage plus carport. Located on a large corner lot.

\$40,000



5503 SW 59th Street - Lot # 161

This is a 1987 Palm Harbor with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,248sq ft. This home has laminate floors except bedrooms. Large living room with wood burning fireplace. Open Kitchen with dining room that has a built in hutch. Lots of storage space. Large bedrooms with walk-in closets. Newer appliances. Bathrooms have been updated. Large indoor laundry with storage. Large screen room with vinyl windows. Shed. On cul-de-sac

\$27,500

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Only in America, as we celebrate the Fourth of July

Today is the Fourth of July. Americans celebrate their independence by enjoying beer imported from Mexico and bratwurst shipped from Germany, and drive their cars made in Korea using gas from Iran to see fireworks made in China.

America is a great country where we just do things differently.

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Only in America do we leave our cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Only in America do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we don't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

Only in America do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns for them in



Pun Alley

Dick Frank

packages of eight.

Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a diet Coke.

All wet

The animal trainer was working with a young seal for a new show at Ocean World. The seal was taught to listen to and obey commands like, "In low end and jump!" or "On rock and stay!" The seal's favorite command was however, "In deep end and stay!"

Duncan doodles

After her retirement from TV comedy, Sandy Duncan turned to drawing and painting in the small town she retired to. The townsfolk supported her bud-

ding talent and often asked the former comedienne to quickly sketch something for them on the spot. Sandy would smile broadly and grant their requests.

Soon her artistic talents were put to use on T-shirts, towels, and handkerchiefs - any cloth surface that would retain her eye-catching drawings.

On one steamy, hot Fourth of July, a little boy asked Ms. Duncan to create a drawing on a new, clean handkerchief. Full of artistic pride and the patriotic spirit of the day, she did so, softly singing to herself, "Oh, I'm a hanky-doodling Sandy."

The boy took his new treasure in his hand and proudly marched along loudly singing at the top of his lungs, "I am a hanky-doodle boy!"

Precious

A friend of mine recently returned from a trip to Bombay and Calcutta where he purchased two diamond necklaces. On his return flight to the United States, he had to go through customs where he was asked to list everything he had purchased on his trip. So he made the declaration of Indian pendants.

the people. So, they got together and formed a new nation to be run by lobbyists.

The craziest battle of the Revolutionary War was the Battle of Bonkers Hill.

In 1774 Betsy Ross asked a group of colonists for their opinion of the flag she had made. It was the first flag poll.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid; the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.

William Penn's tribute

The national pen collector's society holds its annual meeting and festivities around July 4. Besides lectures on pen collecting and other similar topics, there's an expo where folks can buy and sell rare pens.

The group ends its conclave with a formal ball that begins at 12:01 a.m. on the morning of July 4 and ends late in the day. Those attending this final event could be viewed as celebrating in the Pen Dance Day.

Celebrate!

If you can, go to a parade today. The sight of all that patriotism will make you feel good about the shape the country's in. Then if you go to the beach, the sight of all those bodies may make you feel bad about the shape the country's in. Enjoy the holiday weekend. May the fourth be with you!

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DARE TO COMPARE

Ocala attorney honored by Florida Bar with President's Award

Ocala attorney Renée Thompson was presented with The Florida Bar President's Award of Merit at The Florida Bar's 64th Annual Convention last week at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee.

Outgoing Florida Bar President Eugene K. Pettis thanked Thompson for her extraordinary service and dedication as chair of the Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Leadership Academy Committee from 2013-14.

"Your dedicated efforts to shape my vision of the Leadership Academy program into an outstanding opportunity for Florida Bar members are deserving of the legal profession's highest respect and appreciation," Pettis said.

Thompson is a partner at Mateer & Harbert, P.A., where she practices commercial litigation and handles equine law matters.



Renee Thompson receives her award.

Ranch Fitness Center sets open house

The wait is over! The expansion is completed and we're excited to invite you for a week of fun at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa Open House beginning on July 28 thru Aug. 2.

The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa has completed a significant expansion project which yielded additional fitness rooms, expanded locker rooms and much more to the facility. With the additional space you can take advantage of an extended group fitness menu or work out on our spacious fitness floor with upgraded equipment. Plus, the re-designed salon space and treatment areas will provide you with the ultimate lavish spa experience that you deserve.

The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa open house is free and open to the public.

Join us at The Ranch beginning on July 28 thru August 2, 2014! Come and see the facility's additional fitness rooms, expanded locker rooms and more service stations in the spa and salon. The Ranch is open daily and is a full service fitness facility, salon and spa located at 8385 SW 80th Street, Ocala. For more information on activities and fitness membership, visit our web site at www.TheRanchFitnessSpa.com or call (352) 861-8180.

LANDING

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American Legends show

Do you like the music of yesteryear? The Platters and the Drifters? How about songs like Johnny Cash's "The Man in Black" and Frank Sinatra's "New York New York?" If you do, then mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, Aug. 10, at 2:30 p.m. That's when American Legends will be in the Lifestyle Center performing a nostalgic show, "Songs We Grew Up With." Entertaining us will be Bill Lavertue and Winnie Basile who will be singing the songs we know and love. Tickets are \$5 each and will be going on sale at the July 15 Tuesday Social and in the Activities Office. So be sure to get a ticket and plan on spending an enjoyable afternoon listening to and remembering the "music of your life."

Shuffleboard

One of the more popular activities at Marion Landing is shuffleboard, and our monthly Shuffleboard challenges have been going great. The men vs. women matches always bring out the friendly but competitive nature of the players. The next challenge will be on Saturday, July 19, at 7 p.m., so please sign up on the sheet posted on the activity wall in the Lifestyle Center if you'd like to play. There is also a regular shuffleboard group which practices each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m., and new players are always welcome to practice or learn the game. No sign up is required—just come down to the courts to play.

Travel

Below is a listing of the currently scheduled trips presented by the Marion Landing Travel Committee. If you are interested in any of these trips, details are available on the flyers posted on the Travel Board in the Lifestyle Center and in your Communicator, or you may call 237-7152 for more information. Trips are open to the general public if space allows.

Aug. 22: Sweet Daze of Chocolate – guided tour of the World of Chocolate Museum, lunch at the Wood Grill Buffet, and tour through the Cacao Tree Rainforest, the Mystical River of Chocolate, and a Micro Batch-Bean-to-Bar Factory at The Chocolate Kingdom (Orlando/Kissimmee) – \$68 includes motor coach with gratuity for the driver, mu-

seum tours, buffet lunch, and time to shop

Sept. 15-19: 4-night Bahamas cruise aboard Enchantment of the Seas.

Sept. 29-Oct. 4: Montego Bay, Jamaica – all inclusive vacation.

Oct. 17: Sleuth's Mystery Dinner Theater – comedy mystery show with audience participation – \$89

Nov. 8: Early Bird Dinner Theater – Miracle on So. Division Street (Christmas themed): \$76

Nov. 29-Dec. 6: Cruise on the Carnival Sunshine to Nassau, San Juan, St. Thomas and Grand Turk.

Dec. 17: A Christmas Carol: Hudson Show Palace - \$82

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Call Natalie today at 352-854-4561 to sign up for this fun trip and if you do strike it rich, don't forget to write your reporter a thank you note; preferably on the back of a hundred dollar bill.

Mah jongg players wanted

Mah jongg is an ancient Chinese game played with pictured tiles. It is a combination of skill; luck and nuance that is both challenging and interesting. We have a group here at Cherrywood that meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the clubhouse and they are looking for more players.

If you'd like to try something different, Mahjongg is the place to be. You can learn the game from friendly and patient instructors and join in the fun. This activity is free to all who have an interest in learning an exciting game.

Canadian passport photos

Canada has a different format and size for photographs. For those of you who are Canadian and need to get your photos in the correct size and specifications of the Canadian government, please contact Jim at 352-732-7927. He will be happy to help you and make sure your passport doesn't cause you any delays or hardships when you travel.

CERT team meeting

Hurricanes; tornados; heavy thunder storms and other natural disasters are always a threat to residents here in Florida. Fortunately we have a Community Emergency Response Team here at Cherrywood to help prepare and train our residents on how to deal with such emergencies.

David Siegel and Don Messenger head up our CERT team and they are more than willing to assist anyone in preparing for the hardships that occur when disaster strikes. Both men have extensive knowledge and training in these matters and work closely with the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Every third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. CERT meets in our clubhouse. All are welcome to attend these informative and possibly life saving meetings. You can learn what supplies are necessary to have on hand in your home; you can fill out an emergency response information sheet; get tips on how to care for medications during a power outage and learn much more. They will help you survive and cope with emergencies.

If you would like more details about CERT and what they can do for you, contact Dave at 352-390-3325 or Don at 352-237-3531.

From your reporter

Have you noticed a tremendous influx of birds and other pests over the past couple of weeks? No, neither have I but they must be out there because tents have popped up all over town selling fireworks to scare them away.

While buying fireworks in Florida is illegal, if you are willing to sign an affidavit saying the mortars; skyrockets; cherry bombs etc. are to scare off critters from your farm or fisheries, then its okay to purchase them. Oh, you can also use fireworks to illuminate sections of railroad tracks.

We are not sure if the fire crackers work at frightening away birds and other animals but they sure scare the Shih out of my two Shih-Tzu puppies. Fortunately or unfortunately America always celebrates its birthday with a bang. Through out the days and nights of the July 4 week; loud explosions echo through out our neighborhoods.

Ironically, most of the fireworks are made in China. Why would America celebrate its birthday with Chinese fire-

works? The simple answer is tradition. Since our very first birthday on July 4, 1776 Americans have been partying with parades; speeches; illuminations and family picnics.

Originally a custom carried over from England to observe special holidays; after our revolution the loud bangs were supposed to remind us of the cannon barrages and musketry fire that liberated us from tyranny.

The sky rockets were of course reminiscent of "...the rockets red glare.." seen by Francis Scott Key as he wrote our National Anthem during the War of 1812. Somehow I think the vast majority of those shooting off firecrackers these days are not aware of why they are doing it. It's just fun to make loud noises and set off the gadgets.

For many Americans, if the tradition of pyrotechnics died out that would be just fine. This is especially true in a senior community like Cherrywood. Peace and quiet are coveted commodities in these parts and fireworks offer neither.

Add to the inconvenience of these explosive devices the deaths and injuries they cause and you might build a good case for outlawing them. For example, the Consumer Product Safety Commission reported that there were 8 deaths

and 11,400 injuries related to fireworks last year.

The National Fire Protection Association reported that 17, 800 fires were caused by firecrackers including 400 vehicle fires. That particular stat caught my eye. How crazy do you have to be to think it's a good idea to light off fireworks while driving along in your car? I can just picture somebody yelling, "Hey Johnny, watch this!" as he lights off a skyrocket in the back seat.

In spite of our personal feelings about fireworks; they are as American as Apple Pie. They can remind us of our flag; the struggle it took to set us free and the "...bombs bursting in air..."

With that thought in mind, let us have a safe holiday this year as we celebrate our Nations birthday. No carelessness with pyrotechnics; no drinking and driving; no family violence; just a peaceful; quiet; joyous celebration of the birth of this wonderful Country which has given us so much. Have a safe and happy 4 of July.

If you have any comments or suggestions for this column in your Citizen Newspaper please contact me at urpersec@yahoo.com. It is always a pleasure to hear from you, the reader.

West Marion Moose Lodge activities

Friday, July 4: Summer hours open at noon; Fourth of July specials \$1 Coney dogs with chips noon to 4 p.m., \$1 Draft Beer noon to 5p.m., Fish or shrimp dinner \$7 or steak dinner \$10 served 5 to 7 p.m., Entertainment Kenny Jackson Karaoke 6 to 10 p.m., (will be set up in the Hall).

Saturday, July 5: Summer hours open at noon, \$5 hot meal served 1 to 6 p.m., open mic 3 p.m.

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Indigo East Ladies Luncheon: Things Remembered

BY JEAN DIPIERO
Special to the Citizen

On Saturday, June 21, the Indigo East Ladies held their luncheon with the theme of "Things Remembered." The ladies were to wear something from the past and were to bring a special treasure or story, from the past, to share.

A good crowd turned out. Each table was decorated from past themes with coordinated dinnerware. They were treated to hot dogs with all the fixings including sauerkraut, chili, onions along with potato salad, coleslaw and bean salad. There was coffee, teas and Crystal Light to wash down desserts consisting of banana nut bread, blueberry bread with strawberries and whip cream, chocolate chip cookies and heath bar cookies.

A 50/50 raffle was held and the win-

ners were Beth Coburn and Colleen Rocafort. Plenty of door prizes were given away too. Attendees bid on items that others brought. One woman's trash is another one's treasure. Everyone enjoyed this tremendously.

Once again, special thanks to Barbara Martyn and Shirley Hamilton, co-chairpersons, who do a wonderful and outstanding job. It's people like them that make our community great along with the volunteers: Carol Seidman, Charlotte Sodetani, Helen Solan, Jean DiPiero, Jeanne Collins, Jenny Stockli, Lee Ann Oliver, Marie Deshommes, Mary Kay Fitzgerald, Mary Walters, Sarah Logue, Sue Copeland and Mary Lou Masone.

The next ladies luncheon will be held Saturday, Sept. 13 and theme will be "Let's Make A Deal."

See you then.



Ladies at the Indigo luncheon.

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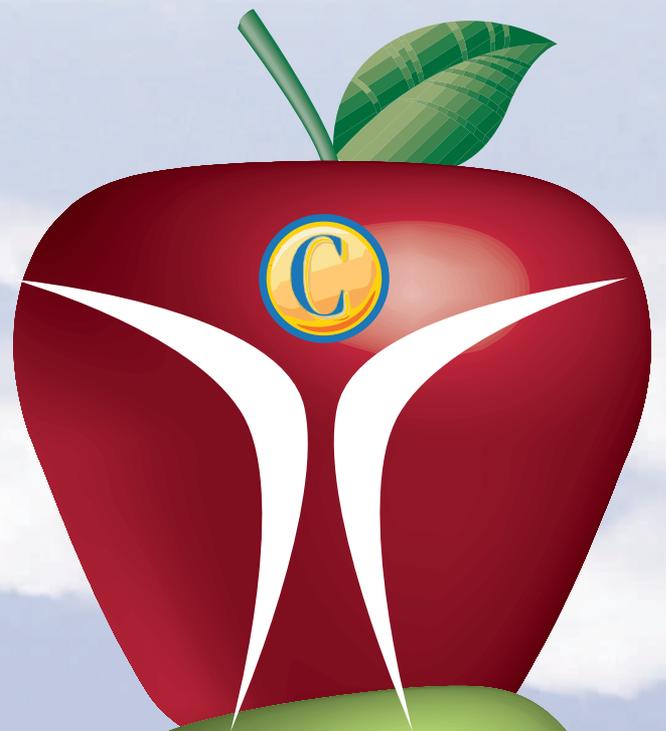
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SWEET TIPS FOR A Fabulous 4th of JULY

Host a patriotic bash with dazzling desserts

FAMILY FEATURES

It's easy to throw a 4th of July party that looks like you worked on it for weeks, even if you just started the planning process. Celebrate the holiday in style by serving classic entrees everyone loves and focusing your attention on delicious, easy-to-make desserts. With the right recipes, your sweets will be as captivating as the colorful spectacle of fireworks above.

- **Hot Cinnamon Fireworks Cake:** Crushed cinnamon drops add color and a slight hot cinnamon flavor to the inside of the cake, while simple melted candy details make the cake look like a firework bursting.
- **Quick Pickled Strawberry Hand Pies:** Pies you can hold in your hand are perfect for a picnic, and this one has a special flavor. With the current love affair with all things pickled, we filled the pies with a pickled strawberry filling. The filling balances sweet and sour for an uncommonly delicious mini pie your party guests will love.
- **No-Bake Cheesecake Star Pops:** Fun star-shaped pops of no-bake cheesecake will be a hit with adults and kids alike. Drizzled or dipped in melted Candy Melts candy, these festive star pops are easy to shape in star-shaped silicone treat molds.
- **Mixed Berry and Lemon Mini Icebox Cakes:** Sweet, light and airy, these mini icebox cakes pack a refreshing burst of creamy flavor, perfect for the summer. Vanilla wafer cookies are stacked in a flavor-filled mixture of fruit and whipped cream and refrigerated until ready to serve.

Your party planning confidence will skyrocket with these delicious dessert ideas from the Wilton test kitchen. For more fun and festive party ideas, visit wilton.com.

Hot Cinnamon Fireworks Cake

Yield: 12 servings

- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups (4 sticks) butter, softened
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 6 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 bottle (6 ounces) Cinnamon Drops, crushed
- 1 box (1.5 ounces) Blue Colorburst Batter Bits
- 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
- 3 to 4 tablespoons milk
- Red, white and Royal Blue Candy Melts candy, melted
- Red, white and blue colored sugars

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray Dimensions Cascade Pan with vegetable pan spray.

In large bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. In second large bowl, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, scraping bottom and sides of bowl often. Add vanilla; beat until well combined. Add flour mixture and beat at low speed until just combined. Fold in Cinnamon Drops and blue Batter Bits. Pour into prepared pan; smooth out top. Bake 60 to 65 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes on cooling grid. Remove from pan and cool completely. In large bowl, whisk together confectioners' sugar and milk. Drizzle melted candy onto cake to look like fireworks. Sprinkle sugars onto melted candy.

Quick Pickled Strawberry Hand Pies

Yield: 8 hand pies

- 1 cup red wine vinegar
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 cup sugar, plus additional for sprinkling
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 10 black peppercorns
- 5 sprigs fresh thyme, plus 1/2 teaspoon roughly chopped fresh thyme leaves, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 pound fresh strawberries, hulled and cut into quarters (or eighths if berries very large)
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 egg
- 1 package (14 ounces) refrigerated pie crusts

In small saucepan, stir together vinegar, water, 1 cup sugar, salt and peppercorns. Add thyme sprigs. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until boiling; let boil 3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour over cut strawberries, until fully submerged in liquid. Cover and let sit at room temperature 4 to 8 hours. Preheat oven to 400°F. Line cookie pan with parchment paper. Strain strawberries from pickling liquid and discard peppercorns and thyme. Toss berries with cornstarch until evenly coated. In small bowl, whisk egg with 1 tablespoon water until smooth. Unroll pie crusts and cut with 3 1/2-inch round cutter. Each crust yields 8 rounds. To assemble pies, top half of rounds with about 3 tablespoons of berry mixture each. Brush edges of rounds with egg wash. Cut out a hole or pierce remaining rounds with fork. Place on top of berries. Using a fork, press edges of crusts together tightly to seal. Transfer to prepared cookie pan. Brush tops of pies with egg wash and sprinkle with granulated sugar. Bake 18 to 22 minutes, or until pies are lightly golden and filling is bubbling. Cool slightly before serving.



No-Bake Cheesecake Star Pops

Yield: 6 servings

- 1 envelope (2 1/4 teaspoons) unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup boiling water
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 bag (12 ounces) royal blue Candy Melts candy
- Lollipop Sticks

Prepare 6-cavity Mini Star Silicone Mold with vegetable pan spray. In small bowl, combine gelatin, sugar and water; whisk until completely dissolved. In large bowl, beat cream cheese, vanilla and salt with electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add gelatin mixture, beating well. Scrape bottom and sides of bowl. Continue beating until fully combined. Pour into prepared pan. Refrigerate 2 hours or until completely set. Carefully unroll cheesecakes onto cookie pan. Melt small amount of Candy Melts candy. Dip lollipop stick in melted candy and insert 3/4 way into cheesecake stars. Freeze 30 minutes or until firm. In large bowl, melt remaining Candy Melts according to package directions. Drizzle or pipe candy over cheesecake stars as desired. Refrigerate 10 minutes or until set. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve.

Note: Some cream cheeses are firmer than others. Firm is best for this recipe. Choose a brand name, full fat cream cheese for best results.



Mixed Berry and Lemon Mini Icebox Cakes

Yield: 12 mini cakes

- 2 cups fresh or frozen mixed berries
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest (about 1 lemon)
- 1 package (4.9 ounces) vanilla wafer cookies for garnish
- Blueberries, raspberries or blackberries, for garnish

Line muffin pan with plastic wrap, pressing plastic into each cavity and letting plastic hang over edge of pan. In large skillet, combine mixed berries, sugar and lemon juice. Bring to a gentle boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to medium-low and continue simmering until berries soften and liquid reduces to 1 cup, about 20 to 25 minutes. Gently mash berries with wooden spoon. Transfer to medium bowl and cool completely. In large bowl, whip cream on medium-high speed until cream holds stiff peaks, about 4 to 5 minutes. Gently fold in berry mixture and zest until completely combined. Place whipped cream in decorating bag and cut off pointed end. To assemble, pipe small amount of whipped cream mixture into each muffin cavity. Lightly press a cookie into whipped cream. Continue layering whipped cream and cookies until cavities are full, finishing with whipped cream layer. You should have 3 layers of cookies. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. Remove pan from refrigerator. Remove plastic wrap from top and carefully flip out onto serving platter. Remove wrap from mini cakes. Garnish with additional berries, if desired. Serve immediately.



JUDI

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tia to protect the walls of the colony from raiders. This was an important step in trying to become equal with their Christian neighbors. The Jewish settlers wished to become an active and contributing entity of the colony, not second-class citizens.

Stuyvesant wanted to rid the Brazilian Jewish refugees from New Amsterdam, however, many Portuguese Jews who had arrived Holland in 1593 were escapees of the Inquisition and were also investors of the Dutch India Company who paid Stuyvesant's salary, therefore under much pressure from these investors, the Jews were allowed to remain in the colony.

In time, the Jews were allowed to stand guard duty beside their Christian neighbors and eventually became full citizens of New Amsterdam. Through the efforts of Barsimson and others, Jewish life in New Amsterdam flourished and the beginnings of American Jewry took root.

When the British conquered New Am-

sterdam, the name was changed to New York and the Jews were granted British citizenship. In the years that have followed since the first Jews arrived in the New World, their contributions to every aspect of American society have been truly remarkable and in this land of freedom they have grown and prospered.

As we celebrate our independence this July 4, let us pause and remember those who have made this country great, the sweat and toil of the African Americans, the travail of the Chinese who built the railroads, the Poles, the Slavs, the Irish, and others who worked in the coal mines and in manufacturing, the Hispanics who have and continue to work our fields and crops and have contributed to the culture and economic worth of this country. We salute all those nations who have sent their people to us.

May we continue to welcome all those who come to our shores for a better life. Let freedom ring!

OAK RUN

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Royal Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf

Last week only the front nine score was important but this week, on June 24, only the back nine score was used to determine the winners. And the winners are: 1st Flight: 3 tied for 1st place - J. T. LeMasters, Elsa Berbig and Sylvia Zappia; 2nd Flight: 1-Lisa Juhasz, 2-Bea Terry; 3rd Flight: 1- Sharon Scrivens, 2-B. J. Lassiter. Closest to the pin award was earned by Jan Tennant.

Oak Run Library

In our "Oldies but Goodies Book" section on the black bookcase, we have added some light reading for your summer enjoyment. If you have never read Jeannie Ray's books, they are easy to read, funny, and very enjoyable. Even if you have read them before, they are good summer rereading.

Also, in our regular fiction section

are the books by Jan Karon about the Mitford series. In September, Jan Karon will release a new book about Mitford so you may want to refresh your knowledge on this series. The Oak Run Library Board of Directors has made several changes in the location of some items. The 10 cent paperbacks will now be located underneath the tape audio books on the wall behind the checkout desk. On the black bookcase in the center of the room will be our featured books - either "Oldies But Goodies Books" or favorite books of our librarians.

Underneath the regular New Books section will be books that are featured in this column. Ask the librarians on duty if you have a problem locating any of these items.

From your reporter

Hope you have a great week. Be the driver who is being careful and courteous on the roads in Oak Run and around the area. Smile, be kind. Laura Smith csjtpq@deccable.com

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