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Marion County Government Day

First-ever family fun day highlighting Marion County governmental services will take place Saturday, March 24, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the McPherson Governmental Complex Field, 601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala. The field is south of the Board of County Commissioners auditorium.

The day will help if you want to learn more about your community; the services your county government offers; see firetrucks, construction equipment and a helicopter up close; and enjoy the springtime outdoors.

You'll find nearly all county departments and constitutional offices gathered at the field, including Marion County Fire Rescue, Marion County Sheriff's Office, the Public Library System, and about 20 other departments/agencies.

The fun includes activities such as archery and field sports, games such as trivia and bingo, educational exhibits, equipment displays, local food trucks and entertainment by 98.5 WKTK. For more information, call Marion County Administration at 352-438-2300.

Free flu shots

The Florida Department of Health in Marion County will hold a drive-through flu shot clinic on Friday, March 23, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the department's Ocala location (1801 SE 32nd Ave.) Anyone from the public can come to the drive-through clinic and get a free flu shot during that time.

The department is holding the drive-through clinic as a preparedness exercise to help the department test its emergency dispensing processes. The department is responsible for dispensing needed medicine or vaccinations if

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PHOTO BY RON RATNER

Activities during great weather

Last week's beautiful weather showed that spring, which began Tuesday, was just around the corner. Here, some Oak Run shuffleboard players took advantage of the sun and warmth.

Winn Dixie to close

Two Ocala stores are among the Winn Dixie stores slated to be closed, according to a list provided by the parent company.

The local stores include one near Quail Meadow at 4417 NW Blitchton Road, Ocala, and another near On Top of the World at 8445 SW Highway 200 #131, Ocala.

No date for the closings was announced.

Previous store closings announced include Toys-R-U's on SW College Road, just west of 27th Avenue, and Kmart on East Silver Springs Blvd. just east of NE 36th Avenue.

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Friday Forum discusses weapons

BY DELPHINE HERBERT
Special to the Citizen

Stating that "we see the future and it is now" West Port student activists Maurice Gilbert and Afreka Ebanks are among the many Ocalans joining Parkland survivors and young people everywhere in militating for increased safety in all our public institutions through more stringent restrictions on the purchase and control of widely available weapons of war and more mental health counseling and treatment.

Panelists before the overflow crowd at the March 9 Friday Forum came up with concrete proposals for gun con-

trols and school safety as Beth McCall, chair of the Marion County School Board, Dr. Hal McSwain, pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, and Henry DeGeneste, former Superintendent of Police for the NY/NJ Port Authority also participated in the ongoing debate predicated on individual rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment versus the State's duty to ensure public safety.

No one disputed a responsible citizen's right to own and bear arms for personal safety. However, Bruce Seaman, moderator, in his opening comments, pointed out that while other

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Wearin' of the Green

Evelyn and Ron Kerr are shown with Annie Hubbard at an Irish American Club gathering in Oak Run.



Eagle Scout

On Saturday, March 10, Justin Atwood was awarded his Eagle. During his path to Eagle, he spent time as part of Troops 707 and 439. Justin's Eagle project was construction of a fire pit with a bench and tables at Southwest Christian Church. His project has already been used as part of an evening fellowship. In the first image, Justin's mother, Usha, pins his Eagle badge on while his father, George, looks on. In the second photo, Justin receives a proclamation from County Commission chair Kathy Bryant.



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amendments in the Bill of Rights have been subject to change, absolutists will not accept any restraints on their perceived individual rights, choosing to find inviolable only the second portion of the Founding Fathers' words: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

"We go with that knowledge in this discussion about guns everywhere, most particularly in the schools knowing that we have gone from Columbine to Sandy Hook and nothing changed . . . until Marjory Stoneman Douglas which has sparked a storm of controversy here in Florida and throughout the nation."

McCall began by reviewing current safety and budgetary concerns and sharing what is being done in the schools right now. She said the school board is working closely with the Sheriff, the Police Chief and other school officials in "shade" meetings not open to the public.

Because the school board has not made any decisions about their options, McCall said that she can't speak as a school board member but "as a grandmother and a private citizen I can tell you I am not for arming our teachers. I will never be for arming our teachers." McCall says she gets nightmares thinking about different scenarios in which a teacher or a child might be mistaken for the shooter when split second decisions must be made.

The school board will make the final decision on how Marion County schools will be protected. However, McCall pointed out that she is only one among five. In order to voice your views about arming teachers, she asks that the public email school board members, write letters to the editor and appear at the next school board meeting which takes place at 5:30 p.m. March 27 at 512 SE 3rd St., Ocala. If you want to address the board during the 30 minute televised portion you must fill out a form in advance. Check www.marionschools.net or telephone 352/671-7703.

McSwain, a member of the Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Board, and DeGeneste, past chair of the group, both presented two simple first steps that can easily be achieved without violating the Second Amendment. McSwain argued for limiting clip size while DeGeneste seeks to ban armor piercing rounds. McSwain also asked the audience to consider the incredible cost for liability insurance and the question of who would pay.

Holding up pictures of four firearms. McSwain asked the audience to choose the assault rifle among them. To the uninitiated three looked like simple rifles with which to shoot squirrels or deer, with the

AR-15 appearing strikingly more fearsome. McSwain said all four use the same bullets, have the same muzzle velocity and can fire the same number of rounds.

So what is the definition of an assault rifle? He argued that "on a national or state level legislators can move very quickly to limit clip size . . . not the most important issue but a step that can easily be taken. There are limits on the type of firearms that people can own. It is illegal to own a fully automatic weapon and yet a fully automatic weapon can look like any of these rifles right here. When you use the term assault rifle or weapon be aware that it doesn't have to do with the style. Semi automatic weapons are just as deadly across the board no matter what shape they come in."

McSwain and DeGeneste maintained that a simple handgun is virtually useless against weapons of war, leading police to be among the very strongest voices against assault rifles for self-protection.

All panelists are against arming teachers because even trained, full-time SWAT teams cannot prevail against a weapon capable of firing 100 rounds a minute and penetrating armor, cars or even concrete walls

DeGeneste, repeatedly describing himself as an ex-cop for 25 years, said arming teachers is the worst thing he can think of and his daughter, a retired deputy school superintendent in Fairfax County, Virginia, has told him he would no longer be her father if he ever recommended that position. Pointing out that that most mass shootings have occurred in suburban or rural communities not in inner cities where schools have one way in and one way out, he used West Port as an example of how easily someone with an assault rifle could wreak disaster. An individual could drive up at 3 p.m. in a van with tinted windows and start shooting from 200 yards away. Someone with a Glock at the school entrance wouldn't have a chance.

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, revered by conservative Second Amendment absolutists, wrote that the Constitution allows us to take into consideration types of weapons according to deGeneste who says that no one needs a weapon of war in his home.

Ebanks said students are scared. Focus groups are addressing their issues, using videos and meetings with administrators to form a platform on which students can voice their opinions and propose action. Local students, members of what Gilbert calls Generation eXcellence, are motivated in part because they lost friends at Parkland, Gilbert said. He wants to get them involved in the political process because numbers count and if they are loud enough their voices will be heard. Smart politicians will listen to the 70% of the American public who want gun controls rather than to the NRA in the person of Marion Hammer, the "real governor of Florida." Gilbert was shocked to hear Deputy Superintendent of

Schools Craig Ham advocate for arming teachers on MSNBC, saying such action would only cause confusion and likely lead to the detriment of everyone..

When Seaman pointed out that amazingly Tallahassee finally sent legislation to the Governor eliminating bump stocks and raising the minimum age for gun ownership to 21, discussion turned largely to the need for mental health with Gilbert suggesting that the \$67 million awarded to arm counselors, librarians and coaches might better be invested in mental health.

Quoting his wife Annette Alber who feels that violence always begins with disenfranchisement, McSwain said "our community is wounded. Our civic, moral and ethical fiber has been stretched and torn. We need to provide safety for our youth and for each other but we are all responsible for doing so whether we are in favor of fire arms or not." McSwain asked when the NRA is going to show concern for students not just for the "me" culture. "They need to know that they too have responsibilities as well as rights and we need to repeatedly remind them of that fact.

DeGeneste said that although we incarcerate more people than any other country in the world, we are not more mentally deranged than other people. We just have more guns. We need national laws so that people living in places like Chicago with strict gun control laws can't simply drive a few miles out of town to buy them. We also need to stop warehousing mental patients in our prison system in order to enrich the private prisons which proliferated after mental health facilities were largely abolished in the 1980s.

When asked about promotion of values, Gilbert said that schools can only do so much and, with cyberactivity rampant, cultural changes can be addressed only when people feel open discussion is more welcome.

In conclusion, Seaman pointed out that once again Marion County must ask voters to approve a referendum in August to fund basic services for our school system because Tallahassee is not spending as much on education as it did in 2008 Gilbert suggested that perhaps it's because of legislators like State Rep. Elizabeth Porter who recently scoffed at Parkland's democratic participation, saying: "The adults make the law because we have the age, we have the wisdom, and we have the experience." To which Gilbert's response is "We don't have the years but we have the knowledge."

Students are rallying at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Ocala downtown square to promote a new way of thinking that will guarantee the safety of our public institutions. This is not just an event. It is the beginning of a movement and everyone is welcome. Let's all get together for the nationwide March for Our Lives - All our lives. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our officials, clergy and other leaders joined us?

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When I'm beside myself, I'm in bad company

In the beginning of the week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "On Thursday the girls and I will be going to St. Augustine for the day to visit thrift shops." It was spring break and so the girls did not have school. It was the perfect opportunity for an outing for them.

"Do you think," she asked, "you'll be able to handle the day without me?"

I laughed, but not too hard, and said, "I think so. Just go and have a wonderful time in St. Augustine."

That was Monday and when Thursday came, I was drinking my morning coffee and my wife came in and said, "Well, it's time for us to go. Are you sure you'll be able to take care of yourself today?"

I looked at her and said, "Where are you going?"

"Don't you remember what I told you Monday?"

Actually, I really did not remember what she told me Monday. She tells me so much that it is very hard to remember everything.

"Don't you remember I said the girls and I will be spending the day in St. Augustine?"

I had been working so hard all week trying to catch up, I forgot about this Thursday trip.

I walked her to the door and kissed her goodbye. She turned and looked at me and said, "You're not smiling are you?"

Then she said, "I have your lunch prepared with instructions. Follow those instructions to the letter."

It is not often I have a free day all to myself. I do not need too many of them but occasionally it is good to have a free day where all you have to deal with is yourself. Of course, that can get a little tiring when I am dealing with myself.

I went to my office, sat down and started to catch up on some work I had gotten behind on. It's terrible when you get behind on your work and it takes twice as long to try to catch up. I often wonder if you ever really do catch up?

I was working so hard that I as I glanced at my watch I noticed it was noon. I love lunchtime. My wife makes such wonderful meals for lunch.

I arrived at the house, got out of my truck and walked through the front door and as I did I said,

"Honey, I'm home. What's for lunch?"

As I walked through the door, I got a strange sense. Usually there is a wonderful aroma of lunch. This time, there was no aroma whatsoever.

It then dawned on me. The wife is away for the day and I am in charge of lunch.

That can be a good thing or it can be a very bad thing. One good thing was, my wife had prepared my lunch, all I had to do was put it in the little micro oven and it would be finished. It was pizza for the day.

She had written instructions. She said, "Use the third button and set it for 15 minutes." Usually, she is quite precise in what she says. This time I was confused.

On the micro oven, there were four buttons. Now, when she said use the third button, was it the third button from the top or the third button from the bottom?

At the time I was tempted to text her and get a clarification on this instruction. However, I knew if I did that I would never hear the end of it for the rest of my life. She put the instructions there and I was supposed to interpret those instructions.

That is what it means to be a husband these days. Your wife tells you something and you have to interpret it and most of the time we husbands get it wrong. I know I do.

I did what any sane husband would do under the circumstances. I got a quarter out and did the "heads or tails" movement. Heads it was from the top down, tails it was from the bottom up. It turned out to be heads, which was the right way to go unbeknownst to me.



Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder

I did not quite know how to read that little button and so I turned it all the way and then put my pizza in to warm it up.

Only a few moments later I began to smell an aroma. It was not the aroma of pizza being warmed up, but rather the aroma of something on fire.

I ran to the kitchen and to the oven and there my pizza was sizzling and burning. I opened the door, pulled the pizza out and looked at it for a few moments. As much as I can remember, this is not the kind of pizza the wife does. What do I do with this burnt pizza?

When the wife came home later that afternoon, she asked me how the pizza was. I assured her that it was rather delicious.

"Why then," she said rather sternly, "is there burnt pizza in the garbage?"

My little slip reminded me of what Solomon said. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

Sometimes, what my hand "findeth to do" is not the right thing to do and gets me into trouble.

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Religion

Christ's Church of Marion County

If you are looking for a church home where Christ is first, you won't want to miss the services at Christ's Church of Marion County this week. On Palm Sunday, March 25, our Worship Choir will lead us in a multi-media presentation of the Easter story through the presentation of "The Sacrifice".

On Monday evening men from the community come together at 6:30 p.m. for a Bible Study in the book of Acts. Women who are interested in crafts meet on Tuesday morning at 9:30 to work on group and individual projects.

Pastor Ray Westman leads a Small Group on Wednesday afternoon at 4. The group meets in the Chapel of our main building and will take an in-depth look at the Easter story with a video message from Pastor David Bellows.

Christ's Church of Marion County is at 6768 SW 80th St. - just off State Road 200. For more information on all our events or for directions visit our website at www.ccomc.org or contact the church office at (352) 861-6182.

Ocala West Church of the Nazarene

On Maundy Thursday, March 29, we will have services at 6 p.m., which is a movable feast in the Christian calendar. It falls during Holy week, three days before Easter and commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles as described in the

gospels.

Our services will be at 6 p.m. with communion to follow. All are invited. Please feel free to come and rejoice in the last Supper of Jesus Christ and prepare for Easter.

Our services for Easter Sunday will be at 10:30 a.m.

We also have Bible Study at 9 a.m. on every Sunday and Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. we have a Video Bible Group. Also, every Wednesdays we have Prayer and Praise at 5 p.m.

All are invited and welcome to our attend any and all of our services. We are located at 5884 SW 60th Avenue (Airport Road) here in Ocala.

We can be reached at 352-861-0755 for any details and/or directions if needed.

Countryside Presbyterian Church

March 25, Palm Sunday

Services will begin with the "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. by Ryan Pagels, our Director of Music who will conduct the choir and handbells.

The Rev. Gary Marshall will lead this Palm Sunday service on March 25 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. The church is at 7768 S.W. Highway 200, Ocala.

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there were a public health emergency, such as pandemic flu. Through staff participation in the exercise, the department will evaluate its current dispensing plan and prepared site layout and identify the staffing needed to manage its operation.

People who aren't able to come to the drive-through clinic still have the opportunity to get a free flu shot at a close-by location. The department will continue to offer the flu shot for free during normal business hours at the department's Ocala office and aboard the Mobile Health Unit bus. The bus will be at the following locations:

April 6: Marion Oaks Community Center (280 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April 14: Florida Highlands Baptist Church (10891 SW 155th St.) from 7 a.m. to noon.

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For further information, please call 352-237-4633.

March 29, Maundy Thursday

The church will hold a Tenebrae Service "service of shadows" with communion at 7 p.m. led by Rev. Gary Marshall. The church is at 7768 S.W. Highway 200, Ocala.

March 30, Good Friday at noon

The church will hold a noon service on Good Friday, March 25 recalling Jesus' crucifixion with the Rev. Gary Marshall officiating. The church is at 7768 S.W. Highway 200, Ocala.

April 1, Easter Sunday

No 8:30 a.m. service, just one celebratory Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday at Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW Hwy 200, Ocala with Pastor Gary Marshall officiating. The choir will sing a Cantata by Mark Hayes "Behold God's Holy Lamb" accompanied by various instruments.

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

Southwest Christian

Come on in and see what God has to offer you through Southwest Christian Church.

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday school classes for children and adults. 10:30 a.m. morning worship service. 6 p.m. evening worship service.

We have a staffed nursery available during the worship service.

We offer the following studies throughout the week:

Monday-Women's Bible study at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday-Girl Scouts 6 p.m.

Tuesday AA from 5 to 7 p.m. Every-3rd Tuesday of the month (Sept.-June) Christian Women's Fellowship at 10 a.m.

Wednesday-7 p.m. we offer 3 different adult Bible studies. You do not need to be a member to attend any of our Bible studies or services.

Visitors are always welcome here at Southwest.

Southwest Christian Church exists to equip Christians with a mind that knows the word of God, a heart that seeks the character of God, hands that do the work of God and feet that share the grace of God.

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

Crossroads Church

Small Groups ministry have started up already. Please see our website calendar or Facebook for more details.

Our annual Youth Carnival will be held from Thursday, March 22 through Sunday, March 25 from noon until 10

p.m. Bring your appetites and enjoy the fun.

Our Common Ground fellowship will be meeting at the church for Pizza and a Movie. Come join us.

Mondays - Monday Night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Topic - "Ephesians."

Tuesdays - Intercessory Prayer Meeting at 9 a.m.

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays - we have Nursing Home ministry at multiple agencies.

Wednesdays - Family Training Hour at 7pm. This includes Crossroads Kids, Crossroads Nursery & Crossroads Youth Ministries.

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Thursdays - Our Spanish "Estudio Biblico" at 7 p.m.

Sunday Services - Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.; Worship Services at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and our Spanish Service at 1 p.m. Nursery Ministry provided for all services.

Crossroads Church, 8070 SW 60th Ave. (south off of SR 200) 352-291-2080.

See our new website at www.ourcrossroads.church for up to date calendar events.

Maranatha Baptist Church

Easter Sunday

Easter is Sunday, April 1, 2018. The Maranatha Baptist Church Choir will present their Easter Cantata, "Lead Me To The Cross, The Road to Easter" at our regular Sunday morning service at 10:45 a.m. Come and enjoy this dramatic Easter musical and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior with our family and feel like you belong.

Sunrise service

A Sunrise Service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. at the church. All are invited to come and join in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

Regular services

Maranatha Baptist Church extends a special invitation to everyone who would like to experience a church family. Come and visit and find a home. We are a multi-cultural church, where all are welcome. We are a family and want everyone to experience that love. Maranatha Baptist Church doctrine is totally Bible-based. All ages are welcome.

Sunday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages.

10:45 a.m. Adult morning worship service and Junior Church for our children.

6 p.m. Evening services.

Wednesday 6:45 p.m. prayer time and Bible study.

A nursery is provided for infants to 3 years old at all services.

Maranatha Baptist Church is at 525 Marion Oaks Trail. Please call: 352-347-5683 for further information and/or directions to the church.

Joy Lutheran Church

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 25, with our regular service times of 8:15 a.m. and 11 p.m.

On March 29, Maundy Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. this worship service begins the three days of Christ's Passion.

Holy Communion will be offered in memory of the Last Supper. The altar will be stripped in honor of Christ's death and at the end of service; the sanctuary will be left in the dark.

On Good Friday, March 30 at 6:45 p.m. there will be a Tenebrae Service. The word "Tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles. The flames of these candles are extinguished one by one as Scripture read-

ings are shared to tell the story of Holy Week. This gradual descent into gloom is a representation of Jesus' increasing sorrow as the events of Passion Week unfolded. After the last verse is read, the last candle is put out, and the room is plunged into darkness. The service ends, and the participants are traditionally expected to leave in contemplative silence.

On Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m. there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in Hope Field, at the church, for the local children.

The joy of Easter Sunday, April 1, begins with a 6:30 a.m. service outside in the Memorial Gardens (weather permitting). The following services this Easter day will be held in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The church will be decorated with lilies and the Bell and Vocal Choirs will offer praises at these services.

All are welcome to attend these services.

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church is located on SW State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala. For further information contact the church office at 352-854-4509 ext.2.

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Community calendar

Friday, March 23

Two-day Oak Trace sale

Oak Trace Villas will be having its semi-annual community yard sale on Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oak Trace is on 103rd Street Road just south of 200.

Saturday, March 24

The Landing Lites Pops Concert

The Landing Lites, resident chorus at Marion Landing, SW 65th Ave. Rd. (across from Queen of Peace R.C. Church), will present their annual Pops Concert on Saturday, March 24, at 7 p.m. The program includes 11 popular numbers from Broadway, Movies, and the Great American Songbook—including favorites such as “Razzle Dazzle,” “Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In,” “It Had to Be You,” and three outstanding medleys: (1) Phantom of the Opera. Ed Lojeski’s 10 minute arrangement captures the essence of this award winning musical. (2) A Tribute to the Armed Services, this selection highlights all of the official U.S. Military songs/hymns. (3) An American Celebration which features six of our country’s most celebrated patriotic songs. Topping all of these hits are 2 outstanding soloists: (1) Multi-talented, pianist and arranger, Bob Cabbage will play a selection of jazz numbers; (2) Soprano Mary Mahoney, will perform four numbers: “If I Loved You,” “I’m Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair,” “I Have Dreamed,” and “I Enjoy Being a Girl.” Tickets for this program are \$5 and may be purchased at the door.

Saddle Oak Club annual yard sale

Saddle Oak Club annual yard sale will be Satur-

day, March 24, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saddle Oak is on SR 200 across from Heathbrook/Publix.

Yard sale in Clubhouse and on Clubhouse grounds by the community residents. Breakfast and Lunch will be served. There will also be a great bake sale. The event will be held, rain or shine.

Worship service at TimberRidge

Countryside Presbyterian Church provides Christian Ministry to residents of TimberRidge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9848 SW 110th St., Ocala and holds bimonthly worship services.

If you have a loved one, or friend at the TimberRidge Center you are invited to attend our next service on Saturday, March 24 at 10:15 a.m.

For further information, please call the church of fice at (352) 237-4633.

Countryside Open House

Countryside Presbyterian Church (USA), 7768 S.W. Hwy 200 is having an Open House on Saturday, March 24 from 9 to 11 a.m.

You are invited to learn more about us, have a tour of our beautiful church and join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

For further information, please call the church of fice at (352) 237-4633 or view our website at countrysideocala.org.

Sunday, March 25

Chamber Music Society

The Marion Chamber Music Society presents Duo-B, featuring Ocala native Dr. Philip Borter and his wife Hirono, playing cello and violin.

The program is at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 6455 West 200 on Sunday March 25 at 3 p.m. Philip, earned his Doctorate in performance from Eastman School of Music, and is currently assistant professor of Music at Luther College, Iowa.

Hirono is a member of the Dorian Summer Camp for strings faculty. Both have won numerous awards, and are touring performers, jointly as Duo-B, and in other chamber instrument groupings as well. As Duo-B, they have performed across America, Europe and Asia.

Their program in Ocala will include Baroque, Romantic and Contemporary selections. Marion Chamber music concerts are “Always Exceptional Always FREE.”

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Temple B'nai Darom

Sunday, March 25 is going to be a very busy day for Temple B'nai Darom, the second oldest Jewish congregation in Florida.

At 10 a.m., we will have a ground breaking ceremony for our new building which is located on SW 38th Street behind West Port High School. In attendance will be Mayor Kent Guinn as well as other officials. Rabbi Harold Jaye, Temple B'nai Darom’s spiritual leader for over 30 years will be officiating. Rabbi Jaye has been an ordained Rabbi since 1970, receiving his ordination from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. Rabbi Jaye also holds a Ph.D in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University and is currently a Professor of Philosophy and Humanities at College of Central Florida. All are welcome to attend. For additional information con-

tact Bob Levenson at 217-5123.

At 3 p.m., Dr. Gary Helfin, “the Rockin Doc” will be performing in concert at our present location, Temple B'nai Darom, 49 Banyan Course, Ocala. Dr. Helfin is the lead soloist for the band Second Opinion. He will be performing “Medicare Friendly Melodies”. Tickets are \$12 each and include a champagne punch reception immediately following the concert. For tickets or additional information contact Linda at 352-347-5744

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OUR VIEW

Think twice before raising tax bar

On the surface, the Florida Legislature's approval for a constitutional amendment to be placed on the November ballot requiring a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to raise taxes rather than the usual majority sounds appealing.

However, with Florida having one of the lowest tax burdens in the country, it has a growing list of unmet public education, transportation infrastructure, mental health, social services, and environmental preservation needs. This should cause voters to question whether constraining the Legislature's taxing flexibility would do more harm than good.

When peeling back the super-majority tax increase requirement, unintended consequences are revealed that could handcuff the state's capacity to fiscally manage the changing circumstances and increasing needs of a growing state population.

Research shows that investors are reluctant to buy bonds from a state with reduced flexibility to raise revenue. This generally results in lower bond ratings and higher interest payments making the cost of bond-financed projects, such as new transportation infrastructure and public buildings, more expensive.

With a super-majority making it more difficult to raise taxes, state lawmakers would be inclined to shift the cost of government to other taxpayers or local governments. Florida state lawmakers have already shifted significant costs to local governments that are fiscally underwritten by property owners.

Reduced flexibility to meet budget needs would place state trust funds at further risk, given the Legislature's track record. Since 1992, the state's Affordable Housing trust fund has been raided 17 times totaling over \$2 billion. Tens of millions of dollars have been shifted from the Florida Forever trust fund for other purposes, contrary to a constitutional amendment overwhelmingly approved by Floridians in 2014.

By making it harder to raise taxes, budget cuts would almost certainly target those services whose recipients have little clout at the polls or few advocates in the Legislature, such as the elderly, the poor and the developmentally disabled.

A supermajority can be used by a small minority of lawmakers and special interest lobbyists to thwart the will of the majority by demanding narrow concessions or the inclusion of pet projects. This potential for a legislative minority to hold the majority hostage carries the undesirable prospect of government impasse or shutdown.

Studies affirm that states with super-majority requirements, on average, levy taxes at a nearly identical level as other states because most state lawmakers, fearing the wrath of voters, avoid tax increases most of the time. Case in point is that Florida has not had a major tax increase since 2009.

Given this tax reality and the unintended consequences of a super-majority tax increase requirement, Florida voters should think twice about fiscally handcuffing future legislatures by enshrining it in the Florida Constitution.

Citrus County Chronicle

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arming teachers

I think that arming teachers is the most ridiculous idea. Yes, there is a very grave problem in schools nationwide. Not really sure what the answer is.

Seems as if the government and politicians can't do the job, so they are just passing it on to the teachers, and making them the SWAT team.

I agree, there are a few good points on arming teachers. But it seems as if they all have drawbacks.

For instance, if a teacher runs out in the hallway, and sees a shooter, how does that teacher know if that is the real shooter, or someone else trying to find and shoot the real shooter?

If the armed teacher is out

in the hallway, and first responders come to that hallway, how do they know that that armed teacher is not the gunman? They will probably shoot first.

What if the armed teacher misplaces his/her gun, and a student finds it? Or if a student overpowers an armed teacher, gets the gun, and decides to have some "fun" with it?

What if an armed teacher takes a shot at the real shooter, and misses? I think that would really irk that shooter, and the shooter would personally come after that teacher and his/her students. The shooter would probably make it a mission to get the teacher that

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COMMENTARY

March: Pi, Patrick, brackets and baseball

March is always one of my favorite months because there is so much going on.

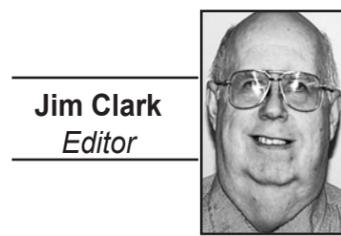
Last week, in four consecutive days, we had Pi day (remember your math, pi is 3.14); the Ides of March (not Julius Caesar's favorite), a key biblical day (remember John 3:16) and St. Patrick's Day.

Then there are my favorites, brackets and baseball.

After the first day of the NCAA games, I was convinced that it was a waste of time to even bother to check. But then the results came in on Friday and I was in the 92nd percentile, with 300,000 people-plus a few ahead of me.

I was shocked on Saturday night after all the results were in to find myself in the top 25,000, meaning I had passed about 300,000 people. I was in the 99th percentile. Heck, I rarely got that high on my standardized tests in school.

The picks that really helped were the two victories by Loyola of Chicago. I had seen them earlier in the year when



Jim Clark
Editor

they beat the Gators, and how can you pick against a school that has a 98-year-old nun as a mascot.

But on Sunday it all went south, starting with Michigan State's loss. I had picked them to win the whole thing. Then Xavier, Cincinnati and North Carolina lost. Now I'm in the 89th percentile. Oh well, wait 'til next year.

Then there's baseball.

The regular season starts next Thursday, March 29. With it comes the fantasy leagues.

I have tried playing these leagues in the past, but I usually don't have the time to do it right. I hope to better adjust my schedules so that this summer I'll have better chances of winning.

When picking my players, I will be going all in. During past years, I've made the mistake of picking some borderline Mets. No more. This time I'll be as ruthless as any general manager.

By the way, I am not a gambler. I only enter leagues that are free. I don't care about prizes, I just want to put my baseball knowledge to the test.

Oh yes, you want a fantasy explanation. Well, you have a certain amount of dollars to spend on your roster. The league assigns a value to each player, and you have to stay under budget. Then you set your lineup for each game.

Players earn points based on their performance in each game. Standings are based on points.

That's why in some cases I'll be rooting for some players other than those on the Mets. And that's going to be tough to do.

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

Biting the Bullet: LBJ's talk 50 years later

BY BENJAMIN V. ALLISON
Special to the Citizen

On the night of Sunday, March 31, 1968, Lyndon Baines Johnson began one of the most famous addresses of his long career.

"Good evening, my fellow Americans: Tonight I want to speak to you of peace in Vietnam and Southeast Asia." LBJ announced that a small contingent of reinforcements were being sent to Vietnam, and that American bombers would no longer target the area north of the 20th parallel in Vietnam, which contained 90% of the North Vietnamese population.

But then came this shocker: Johnson declared his unequivocal withdrawal from the 1968 presidential race: "I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your president."

Johnson's "Withdrawal Speech" came in the wake of one of the great crisis periods in American history: the Tet Offensive. During the Vietnamese celebration of the lunar new year, or Tet (January 30), the Vietcong and the People's Army of (North) Vietnam launched a massive surprise offensive throughout most of the South. Though technically a tactical victory for the anti-communist forces, there was a sense both domestically and internationally that the United States had lost.

As historian Robert Dallek writes, "[t]he principal casualty of the Tet offensive was U.S. public opinion," and indeed, public opinion polls revealed that LBJ suffered a massive drop in popularity. Unfortunately for Johnson, the situation only worsened when, during a national broadcast on February 27, CBS's Walter Cronkite, the "most trusted man in America," gave his views on the war, concluding that "we are mired in stalemate." LBJ also faced pressure from within the government, as doves in both Congress and the Pentagon urged disengagement.

Given the intelligence failures that resulted in the strategic surprise of the Tet Offensive, and the continued flow of optimistic reports from the military, the pressure on the adminis-

tration to solve the Vietnam problem kept mounting. Concerns regarding the military situation were heightened by General Westmoreland's sudden request for additional troops, which soon exceeded the congressionally approved ceiling by 180,000. In his first significant questioning of extant policy, incoming Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford expressed his frustration with the situation: "there is a very strange contradiction in what we are saying and doing. ... We should give some very serious thought to how we explain saying on one hand the enemy did not take a victory and yet we are in need of many more troops and possibly an emergency call up." Per Walt Rostow's suggestion, the president assigned Clifford to lead a group in studying the question. Johnson also allowed former Secretary of State Dean Acheson to conduct his own investigation.

Johnson continued vacillating as he received pessimistic reports from both Clifford and Acheson. While LBJ considered different options for beginning the peace process, he encountered a series of domestic political challenges which pushed him closer to disengagement in Vietnam. On March 13, Senator Eugene McCarthy won 41.9% of the vote in the New Hampshire primary, which put the president on notice: the American people were displeased with him. McCarthy's success prompted longtime LBJ rival, Robert F. Kennedy, to enter the race on March 16, despite his previous statements to the contrary.

On March 23, Johnson responded positively to speechwriter Harry McPherson's recommendation of unilaterally halting bombing north of the 20th parallel and demanding the cessation of North Vietnamese supply lines along the Ho Chi Minh Trail as a condition for beginning negotiations. Additionally, at Clifford's suggestion, Johnson invited the "Wise Men"—ex- and non-administration advisors—to give him their views on the war. The last time that the Wise Men had met (November 1967), they overwhelmingly supported Johnson's Vietnam policy, encouraging him to keep

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Monday, March 26

40 and 8 veterans to meet

The 40/8 veterans group will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 26 at 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Bank of The Ozarks building at the entrance of On Top of The World on State Road 200. Come early to enjoy light refreshments with fellow veterans. Please remember to bring household supplies for the Fisher House in Gainesville.

For further information telephone Jerry 352-322-5966.

Tuesday, March 27

Christian Women's luncheon

Ocala Christian Women's Connection invites you to the our "Spring Fling Quarter Auction" luncheon Tuesday, March 27 at the Hilton of Ocala from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The doors open at 11 a.m. The special feature is our Spring quarter auction. Ladies, bring your quarters to get in on the fun with some wonderful offerings.

Our speaker is Ann Combs from Clermont sharing "Decisions, decisions, decisions!"

Admission is \$20.

Please RSVP for lunch and free childcare to Claudia at 228-2126 or Eve at 732-7053 by Wednesday March 21.

Friday March 30

Beth Israel Passover Seder

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala will hold a Passover Seder on Friday, March 30, at 6 p.m. at the Enrichment center of the First Congregational Church, 7171 SW Highway 200 in Ocala. The seder will be led by Rabbi Karen Allen who will interpret the Passover story with song, story and teaching. The seder is appropriate for all ages and families are encouraged to attend.

The Passover meal will include traditional favorites such as homemade chicken soup with matzaballs, gefilte fish, rotisserie chicken with vegetables and potatoes, desserts and beverages. The cost is \$30

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LETTERS

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tried to shoot and missed.

If arming teachers does not stop these massacres, what is the next step then? Does the NRA start pushing for the students to be armed?

I do not believe that more guns will solve the problem. More guns leads to just one thing. And that is more guns.

More guns = more guns = more guns, etc.

Where does it all end?

"If guns are outlawed, only outlaws would have guns." Ridiculous. If that's the case, then we need to come to a way to stop outlaws from getting guns.

I wish I or someone had the answer to solve this.

Let teachers teach.

Meanwhile, let us pray.

Put God back in the schools!

**Nick Wineriter, OFS
Secular Franciscan Order
Pine Run**

Our country

What has happened to our Country? Some idiot rents a truck and drives it into a group of innocent people. Another one starts making bombs and killing and injuring many people. Mentally ill people go into schools and kill children.

The liberals blame it on the NRA and guns? I owned a .22 rifle when I was 15 years old and most of my friends also owned .22s. We would tar-

get shoot three days a week. No one was shot and we would not have dreamed of shooting anyone. Maybe we should outlaw cardboard boxes and rental trucks.

History books will tell you what is wrong. It has happened all through history. One of the best history books is the Bible. We have removed God from our schools and every place else; we have hid him from our children. What could be wrong? When I was growing up we went to Sunday School on Sun-

day, the Bible was read in school, we also saluted the flag before school started every day by saying the Lord's prayer. This was a public school. When I was in high school, my shop teacher asked me to bring in my new 30.06 to compare it with his older model. No one was arrested and no one was shot.

Let's take a few steps back and make things like they used to be. Bring God back! I'm sure life would be better.

Jack Koehler, Dunnellon

LBJ

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pressuring the North Vietnamese. Having been briefed the night before, the Wise Men met with Johnson on March 26, and expressed their (generally) now-pessimistic views. Johnson seemingly remained undecided until the last few days before the speech. On March 28, his advisors met to discuss the speech, which they decided needed to be "about peace." They wrote a "peace" draft, which Johnson accepted. On March 31, Johnson delivered his address. Four days later, the North Vietnamese government agreed to preliminary talks; for a variety of reasons, full talks would not begin until November.

Johnson's decision to make the March 31 "Withdrawal Speech" came from two key factors.

First, Johnson acted in what he deemed to be the best interest of the country. He reluctantly realized—perhaps too late—that Vietnam was a losing fight, and sought to rectify the

situation. Second, Johnson acted carefully, so as to polish his historical reputation. Johnson's care in this regard is clearly demonstrated by the facts that he (1) allowed a great deal of debate over Vietnam policy in February and March 1968, and (2) took so long to come to a decision; he did not wish to make a snap judgment and endanger the lives of his soldiers, nor did he wish to leave South Vietnam at the North's mercy. Unfortunately, he was unable to end the war.

LBJ's twin announcements, now 50 years old, riveted a divided nation.

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Cars on display

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OTOW news

'Bunco for Babies' Fundraiser

A "Bunco for Babies" Luncheon and Bunco game fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 14, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E thru H. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Luncheon will be served at 11 a.m. with the games to

begin immediately following.

Hosted by Micki Malsch, all proceeds benefit the March of Dimes, March for Babies.

The cost of a ticket is \$25 and includes lunch, beverage, dessert, and a Bunco game for cash prizes. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a raffle for various door prizes.

There will be 30 tables of four play-

ers at each table. Four sets of six games will be played. A brief intermission will be held following the second set. Only a limited number of tickets are still available. Call now to get your tickets before they are gone!

For further information and tickets, please call Micki Malsch at 352-615-

2790. This is a lot of fun and a great way to support a worthy cause!

Theatre Group News

By Steve McDonald

To our On Top of the World resi-

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dents, if you have been unable to purchase your tickets for our program "Remembering Through the Decades" on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday thru March 16 at Recreation center, we will sell you a ticket at the door before 7 p.m. March 24 or before 3 p.m. March 25, for \$5 each. Correct change will be appreciated to avoid congestion at the entrance.

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Landing Lites Pops concert tomorrow

If you would like to see a wonderful show, you'll want to attend the Landing Lites annual Pops concert tomorrow at 7 p.m. Directed by Floyd Hickman, the Landing Lites' concerts never disappoint. The program features 11 favorite songs from Broadway, movies, and the Great American Songbook, including "The Phantom of the Opera," "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In" from the musical Hair, "Razzle Dazzle" from Chicago, a combination of "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and "On the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe," "A Tribute to the Armed Services," which includes a medley of all the official U.S. Military songs/hymns, and "An American Celebration" which features six of our country's most celebrated patriotic songs: "This is a Great Country," "This is My Country," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "America," "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America." Also to be performed will be an assortment of songs called "Manhattan Melodies" by Harry Warren, concluding with John Kander and Fred Ebb's "New York, New York." Topping all of these hits will be performances by three outstanding soloists. Multi-talented pianist and arranger Bob Cabbage will play a medley of jazz selections, assisted by Dean Millward on string bass. Mary Mahoney will perform in her own sensational style four numbers: "If I Loved You" from Carousel, "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out Of My Hair" from South Pacific, "I Have Dreamed" from The King and I and "I Enjoy Being a Girl" from Flower Drum Song. If you've never been to a Landing Lites concert before, you're in for a treat. Tickets for this fa-



Marion Landing
Diane Bress

vorite community event are \$5 and are available in the Activities Office today until 2 p.m. and at the door. Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

Volunteer award

At the March 6 Tuesday morning Social, Marion Landing Board of Director's 2nd Vice President Bill Wurst presented the Volunteer Recognition Award to Chuck Vroman. Bill prefaced the award by saying that once he started telling everyone about this resident, folks would know right away who it was. Here's how Bill introduced the Volunteer Recognition Award recipient:

"This person has been a resident for about four years, worked very hard in re-starting the Marion Landing Veterans Club and actively gets new residents involved in the club. This person continually finds information beneficial to veterans and puts together resources for them. This person is also the chair of the set-up crew (you probably know who he is by now), which means he is involved in every event that takes place in the community where ta-



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Marion Landing Board 2nd Vice President Bill Wurst (left) with Volunteer Recognition Award recipient Chuck Vroman.

bles and chairs are set up. He has also been a Tuesday morning Social MC. The Volunteer Recognition Award goes to Chuck Vroman."

Chuck's engraved nameplate will join those of the more than 194 other volunteers recognized by the community since 2001, all of which are displayed in the Lifestyle Center. Do you know someone who you think deserves to be recognized for their volunteerism? If you would like to nominate someone to receive the Volunteer Recognition Award, please submit their name and the reason why you think they should be recognized to the Activities Office or

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Oak Run Car Club to hold first car show

Dear readers, can you believe Sunday is Palm Sunday. I don't like that April Fool's Day falls on the first, as it is also Easter Sunday. I do like March 26, it is designated as Make up your own Holiday Day. I just got home on Friday from a cruise, so I had my holiday. I am writing this column looking out over the water. You will notice a repeat from last week of several events, but they are April parties and the clubs want to be sure you get the information on your calendar. Be sure to note sale dates for tickets. Tomorrow is Pancake Saturday and many clubs are in the lobby selling tickets. Please see article regarding quilt club and Valor Quilt honor. There are also articles from the Car Club and the Shooting Club, so you don't want these coming events. I think you will love some of these classic cars. This week's message; "Don't let people pull you into their storm, pull them into your peace." I believe as Mother Teresa quoted, "Peace begins with a smile." Peace and a wonderful week. Laura

Please note: The Library will be closed on Friday, March 30, in observance of Good Friday.

Oak Run Car Club

The first Oak Run Car Show will be held on Saturday, April 7 from 1 to 3 in the overflow parking lot. It is being held by Oak Run's own car club. However, it is open to anyone who lives in Oak Run and has that special car or truck they enjoy driving. If you are a car enthusiast, you know what we mean. So, come see Corvettes, Classics, Muscle, Sports and even a

Stanley Steamer. The rain date is Sunday, April 8, same time. For more information call 260-602-1222.

Italian-American Club

We will be hosting a "Spring Barbecue and Dance" on Wednesday April 18 at the Orchid Club from 5:30-9:30 p.m. The evening will feature Damian Romano as our DJ, door prizes and 50/50, plus a fun free game with chances to win a few \$\$\$\$! (Hint: a bingo dobber or highlighter will be helpful!) Menu to include: an 8" hotdog /choice of chili, cheese and sauerkraut and some mini cold-cut sub sandwich/toppings, all with coleslaw, baked beans, chips, cookies and coffee. BYOB! Turnpike Mike will be our caterer. \$14/mem and \$17/ overnight guests

New members welcome! \$6 p/p. 2018 dues are still being collected if you are not paid up yet!

FMI or to purchase tickets Rose Anne 873-7646 or Damian 854-4840.

New Resident Orientation

By Invitation Only. March 26, at the Orchid Club 1 to 3 p.m. Questions? Contact Linda Schaub at 352-873-6616.

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Oak Run
Laura Smith

If you have a Mah Jongg set, bring it. FMI: Call Susan 237-3686

Giving back

The Oak Run Give Back to The Community Club (GBC) takes a lot of pride and satisfaction in helping the less fortunate of our community. Among those are: The Homeless Shelters, Women's Shelter, The Sheriff's Ranch for teenage boys and girls, and The Arnette House For Forester Children. We provide items to the Ocala School Board for homeless families living in the Ocala Forest. Among the many items the ORGBC makes and donates are: lap robes, walker and wheelchair bags to local nursing homes and Hospice; baby hats, blankets and booties to the local hospitals.

We gladly take donations of sewing material, yarn, clothing and toiletries. Our club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Island Club, not only make these items, but have a lot of laughs and make some new friends.

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Bocce at Oak Run.

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Bocce

Our "Have A Fun Day" Bocce Tournament will be held on Friday, March 23 starting at 9 a.m. Come on out, have a cup of coffee and a doughnut and watch the "pros" play. If you enjoy the game, you might want to consider signing up for the Fall Session of Bocce. Rain Date will be Saturday, March 24.

Our annual dinner dance will be held on Sunday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m. If you haven't already purchased tickets, either see your Captain or call Art or Pat Kreideweis at 291-1456. We welcome your attendance.

PACOR...Last Round-Up of the Guacamole Queens

It's finally showtime!!! If you haven't purchased a ticket It is still not too late. Tickets are on sale at the door for the last three performances. The entire cast and crew would like to thank the community for everything you have done to support PACOR. We are truly blessed!!!

Baby Boomers

(Please note date changes for purchase of tickets.) Baby Boomers' Presents - Bootlegger Bash on Saturday April 28 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Palm Grove Club. BYO drinks and snacks.

Ticket Sales for membership in good standing will be held on Saturdays April 7, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and April 14, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. at the Orchid Club Lobby. Ticket prices are \$5 per member and \$7 per guest.

Due to our enormous membership and high demand on events, guests will be limited to two (2) per household.

Volunteers are always needed and are essential to our dance success. Ticket holders and waitlisted volunteers can sign-up during ticket sales to set-up and clean-up.

OMI Pizza Pool Party

If you like pizza - Hungry Howe's pizza, then BYOB and join your fellow members and friends at the Island Club for the OMI Fun Club Pizza Pool Party, Thursday, April 5 at 5:30. A variety of pizza toppings will be offered along with a Greek salad for a cost of \$10 for members and \$12 for guest. The usual 50/50 will be available for the gambler at heart. Tickets will be sold in the lobby of the Orchid Club on Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 24, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

It is never too late to become a member of OMI - The Fun Club of Oak Run.

Upper Midwest Club

The golf/indoor picnic has now taken shape. Picnic will be at the Orchid Club starting at 2 p.m. (eat at 2:30) on April 11. Ticket sales 4/2/ from 9-11 a.m. at the OC Lobby. Price is \$8. Meal will be LEEs Chicken with the fixings. The usual games will take place.

Golf will be at Spruce Creek Preserve with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Arrive by 8 to pay and get organized. Cost is \$24 each payable at the pro shop. Event is open to guys and gals. Put together your 4-some or simply register and be assigned to a

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Veterans Club election scheduled for Cherrywood

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him. I understand that Bill attended the Electoral College, so he could do this job. You can also give the names of nominees to any current board member also. The meeting is open to all Cherry-

wood residents however only carded members will be allowed to vote for officers. The positions up for election are President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms. Personally, I always liked the position of Vice President because I could be in charge of all the vices.

The meeting is called to order at 2 p.m. and following the business, everyone goes out on the patio and enjoys free liquid refreshments. The meetings are informative, interesting and fun, so come see who your new officers are and wish them well.

March Madness Party

On Monday, March 26 come to the Clubhouse for a fun time as we celebrate March Madness here at Cherrywood. Cherrywood Property Management is the sponsor of this fun fest that runs from 6 until 9 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious meal of pulled pork with fixings, ice cream for dessert and the efficient cheerful service of our Social Committee volunteers. You'll love the entertainment with all the Classic's starring Wayne and Joey as they play hits from the 50's, 60's, Rock, Country and more.

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Cherrywood
John Everlove

this evening of fun, food and entertainment is free.

AARP Safe Driving Class

Sign up today for the AARP Safe Driving Class. This class has been given for many years and is proven to be a help to seniors, helping them to be aware of their surroundings and alert to traffic hazards.

The dates for this class is April 2 and 4, that's a Monday and Wednesday from 1 until 4 p.m. both days. The cost for members is just \$15 and for non-members, \$20. See Jennifer to register for this class.

Just a note, many insurance companies recognize the value of this class and give those who graduate a reduced rate of premiums. Check with our agent and see how much you might save.

Cherrywood Shooting Day

Each year, our Veterans Club under the direction of Fred O'Hern, sets up a **See CHERRYWOOD on Page A17**

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a member of the Activities Support Committee.

Water exercise to begin

Even though the temperatures have been freezing and there's frost on the roof, plans are in place to begin Pat's popular water exercise class. The class will begin on Monday, April 2, at 1 p.m., weather permitting. There's no sign up and no fee, just the desire to get fit. "Anyone who is tired of sitting and looking out the window and saying 'I really should do something,' now is the time," said Pat Wurst, who has been leading this class for more than 10 years. Class will move to the morning sometime in May. We'll keep you posted.

Senior Games start April 2

The 2017 Marion Landing Senior Games begin next Monday, and you'll likely see many Senior Games T-shirts all over the community. There are 138 residents signed up to participate in Senior Games this year, and they will compete in 40 indoor and outdoor events over a two-week span. The Games end in a Breakfast of Champions which will be held on Saturday, Apr. 21, at which time first, second and third place medals as well as Ed Morgan Fitness Awards are presented. Thanks to Ann and Steve D'Angelo, who are our Senior Games chairs this year, and to all the directors and facilitators who make sure the games run smoothly. Good luck to all; be care-

ful out there and enjoy the Games.

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CHERRYWOOD

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shooting day for Cherrywood residents. The range is in Homosassa and is reserved exclusively for our residents. This year, the date for going to the range is April 19.

Normally, we all meet at the Clubhouse and everyone car pools to the range. This is a good thing because it is easy to get lost getting there. Once on site, we break up into groups and take our positions for shooting. All of this is under the direction of safety and range officers, so it is very safe.

When our shooting is completed, everyone gets back in the cars and we end up at a nice restaurant for a tasty lunch and some friendly conversation. This is a great time for everyone and first-time shooters are especially encouraged to attend.

With all the controversy over guns and gun control in the news, wouldn't it be a good idea to actually have some experience with firing and operating a firearm? You will be helped and guided in every aspect of safety and accuracy.

The cost is \$16 for each shooter (\$2 for those who just car pool). Each person is responsible for their own ammunition; eye and ear protection and lunch expenses. If you need a firearm

for this event, contact Fred at 237-5391.

Movie Night

Come to Movie Night on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. Our feature film is Good Bye Christopher Robin; a British biography of A A Milne, creator of Winnie the Pooh.

Come a little early to get a comfortable seat in the pool chairs that are brought inside for your convenience. Grab a free glass of lemonade or iced tea and then sit back and watch this super movie on the big screen. It's for free so you can't go wrong. Don't Pooh this film.

Shredding

On April 16 from 9 until 11 a.m., you can bring your papers that need shredding to the Clubhouse. Enviro Shred will be on hand to help you protect your identity and safeguard your privacy. It is only \$5 per box and you can rest assured that no one will have your account numbers or personal identification. This is especially true following tax time when so many papers contain our personal information.

No Frills Dance

On Friday the 13th of April, come join your friends and neighbors for the annual no frills dance. When we say no frills, we mean no frills. You don't even

need a ticket for this event. Here's how it works; you bring your own refreshments, liquid and snacks. Most people bring enough to pass around but that's totally optional.

Bill LaVertue will be the DJ that night playing all your favorite songs to dance or just listen too. The party starts at 7 p.m. and goes until 10. Relax, enjoy, socialize; just have fun.

Yard Sale

Spring cleaning just got easier and here's a chance to clean out your garage and make a few bucks in the process. On Saturday, April 21 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., Cherrywood will open its community for the semi-annual yard sale.

All those things you haven't used in the past year or two could bring you some money as you display them on your driveway. The community always turns out nicely for this event so take advantage of this opportunity.

Blood Drive

The Big Red Bus will be at our Clubhouse on April 17 from 1 until 3 p.m. Come out and give blood; you can be a hero. Just come out and let the professional staff take care of you in an efficient and timely manner. The main thing is that you come and donate that all important gift of life.

Victory Casino Cruise

Our resident energizer bunny, Holly Bragdon, is setting up another Casino Cruise for all our gamers here in Cherrywood. The date for this event is April 24 and it includes all the terrific perk's that you are used to including free buffet, free drinks while gaming, \$20 in qualified slot play and much more.

The cost is only \$45 per person and the bus leaves the Clubhouse at 7:30 a.m. Call Holly at 873-8223 and reserve your spot on this always enjoyable excursion.

Climate Control Invitation

You are invited to a free seminar/luncheon on April 9 at noon in the Clubhouse. While you enjoy a delicious meal, you'll be given information on what to look for when your AC/Heating system isn't working; you'll learn about new products; air filtration methods and energy saving tips.

These seminars are always informative and end of saving our residents money, time and inconvenience. Call Jennifer to make your reservation.

From the Reporter

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dents, if you have been unable to purchase your tickets for our program "Remembering Through the Decades" on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday thru March 16 at Recreation center, we will sell you a ticket at the door before 7 p.m. March 24 or before 3 p.m. March 25, for \$5 each. Correct change will be appreciated to avoid congestion at the entrance.

We promise a very exciting and entertaining trip down memory lane. Please know that your attendance at our programs allows us to continue to contribute, after expenses, to our long-standing scholarship fund, awarded annually to a deserving Arts student attending College of Central Florida. It would thrill us to no end to be able to honor two students this year.

Reminder: Show times are Saturday March 24 at 7 p.m. and Sunday March 25 at 3 p.m. at the OTOW Recreation Center Ballroom and Stage. Please join us as it is our desire to please you with our performances.

We sincerely appreciate those residents who have already purchased tickets to date and look forward to seeing you there.

CALENDAR

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for members; \$35 for non-members. Please make checks out to Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala. Contact Sonia Peterson, 352-307-3662 for reservations and further information. Please R.S.V.P. by March 27.

Saturday, March 31

Brick City Beer and Wine Festival

The fifth annual Brick City Beer and Wine Festival will be held Saturday, March 31 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Citizens' Circle, 151 SE Osceola Ave.

The beer and wine tasting portion of the event will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. and will feature unlimited sampling from more than 20 local and regional craft beer and wine vendors, four food trucks, and crafts and sales vendors. New to this year's event, "Kid's Suds Saloon," a soda tasting booth, will be available for guests ages 12 and under from 2 to 6 p.m.

From 2 to 6 p.m., live enter-

tainment will be provided by local band, R-Style. From 6 to 8 p.m., event headliner, Nuthin' Fancy, a Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band, will perform. Beer will be available for purchase during this time.

Tickets for this event are \$35 per person and can be purchased at www.brickcitybeerfest.com.

A \$15 general admission ticket is available for those wishing to attend the event and concert, but not sample alcoholic beverages from 2 to 6 p.m. Admission is free for children ages 12 and under. This event is rain or shine and coolers will not be permitted. Tickets are non-refundable.

This annual event is hosted by the Ocala-Silver Springs Rotary Club and the Ocala-Sunset Rotary. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Interfaith Emergency Services.

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Customer: "I'd like the \$1.89 special hamburger." He gave the server a \$2 bill who looked at it kind of funny.
 Server: "Uh, hang on a sec, I'll be right back." He went to the manager and asked, "Hey, you ever see a \$2 bill?"
 Manager: "No. A what?"
 Server: "A \$2 bill. This guy just gave it to me."
 Manager: "Ask for something else. There's no such thing as a \$2 bill."
 Server: "Yeah, thought so." He went back to the customer and said, "We don't take these. Do you have anything else?"
 Customer: "Just this fifty. You don't take \$2 bills? Why?"
 Server: "I don't know."
 Customer: "See here where it says legal tender?"
 Server: "Yeah."
 Customer: "So, why won't you take it?"
 Server: "Well, hang on a sec." He went back to his manager, who was watching the customer like he was a shoplifter, and said, "He says I have to take it."
 Manager: "Doesn't he have anything else?"
 Server: "Yeah, a fifty. I'll get it and you can open the safe and get change."
 Manager: "I'm not opening the safe with him in here."
 Server: "What should I do?"
 Manager: "Tell him to come back later when he has real money."
 Server: "I can't tell him that! You tell him."
 Manager: "Just tell him."
 Server: "No way! This is weird. I'm going in back." The manager approached the customer and said,

"I'm sorry, but we don't take big bills this time of day."
 Customer: "It's only one o'clock! Well then, here's a two dollar bill."
 Manager: "We don't take those, either."
 Customer: "Why not?"
 Manager: "I think you know why."
 Customer: "No really; tell me why."
 Manager: "Please leave before I call mall security."
 Customer: "Excuse me?"
 Manager: "Please leave before I call mall security."
 Customer: "What on earth for?"
 Manager: "Please, sir."
 Customer: "Uh, go ahead, call them."
 Manager: "Would you please just leave?"
 Customer: "No."
 Manager: "Fine, have it your way then."
 Customer: "Hey, that's Burger King, isn't it?" At this point, the manager backed away and called mall security. A few minutes later the guard, an elderly guy, came in.
 Guard: "Yeah, Mike, what's up?"
 Manager (whispering): "This guy is trying to give me some funny money."
 Guard: "No kidding! What?"
 Manager: "Get this, a two dollar bill."
 Guard: "Why would a guy fake a two dollar bill?"
 Manager: "I don't know. He's kind of weird. He says the only other thing he has is a fifty."
 Guard: "Oh, so the fifty's fake!"
 Manager: "No, the two dollar bill is."
 Guard: "Why would he fake a two dollar bill?"
 Manager: "I don't know! Can you talk to him, and get him out of here?"
 The security guard walked over to the customer and said, "Mike here tells me you have some fake bills you're trying to use."



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Customer: "Uh, no."
 Guard: "Let me see them."
 Customer: "Why?"
 Guard: "Do you want me to get the cops in here?"
 Customer: "I'm just trying to buy a hamburger and pay for it with this two dollar bill. Here, look at it."
 The guard took the bill, turned it over a few times in his hands, and said, "Hey, Mike, what's wrong with this bill?"
 Manager: "It's fake."
 Guard: "It doesn't look fake to me."
 Manager: "But it's a two dollar bill."
 Guard: "Yeah ... ?"
 Manager: "Well, there's no such thing; is there?"
 The security guard, the customer and I both looked at him like he's an idiot, and it dawned on us that the manager had no clue. So, after the security guard and manager privately talked for a while, it turned out that this customer's hamburger was free, along with some French fries and a small drink.
 After we got our lunch I was thinking that I should get a whole stack of two-dollar bills just to see what happens when I try to buy stuff. If I got the right group of people, I could probably get free food, too!

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4-some. This is a scramble with no handicap. Each person in a 4-some must use 3 drives in the 18 holes of play. Senior tees and lady's tees. Contact Ray Miller to register 854-4809. Please do this no later than April 6.

If you are thinking about a day trip, try this. St. Johns River Cruise May 9. Leaves from Sanford on the Barbara Lee paddle boat. A 3-hour cruise with meal included. \$71pp includes cruise, meal, bus, taxes, and tips. Sound good? Call Jessica 873-4551 or Karen 804-6435

Oak Run Computer Club

The computer club will meet Wednesday, March 28 at 9 a.m. in the Orchid Club. Our speaker will be a rep from Best Buy explaining various mobile phones and plan providers. This meeting date is a change from our usual third Wednesday of every month. Any changes to dates or speakers can always be seen on our website orcomputerclub.blogspot.com. You will also find many topics of interest dealing with technology. Guests are always welcome to attend a meeting. Dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per household. Door prizes for members and 50/50 available at every meeting. For further information on the club please contact our President Alan Marcus 861-6977.

Royal Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf League

Low net winners on March 13 were: Group I - 1st Elaine Bush, 2nd JT Lemasters, 3rd Judy Klein Group II - 1st Debbie Bloss, 2nd Barb Scozzafava, 3rd (tie) Sylvia Zappia and Judie Lavdas; Group III - 1st Mary Stimson, 2nd Maureen Edwards, 3rd Jan Tennant. Closest to Pin was Debbie Bloss.

Renaissance Women

Monthly Luncheon: Monday March 26, 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral on SR 200. Call Gloria, 570-606-7107.

Meeting: Sunday, March 25, 2 p.m., Island Club; Bring \$11 Cash for April 29 Indoor Picnic; Call Jessica 873-4551 for details of Picnic.

Dinner at ROGC: Wednesday, April 4, 5 p.m. Call Pat G. 854-7549 or Gerry 873-6868.

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Ethnic Dinner: Thursday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. (Mariachi Band!) at El Tereo Mexican; Cal. Martha 237-9333 or 239-321-4077.

Movies: Call Peg 274-9640 for details.

Membership: Call Patricia 445-7428.

Never any dues! We are open to all ladies of Oak Run!

Oak Run Pistol Shooting Day

The annual Oak Run Pistol Shooting day is scheduled for Wednesday April 11, at the range in Brooksville. We will start at the Island Club at 9 a.m. and carpool to the range. We will shoot on the range for an hour to an hour and a half then enjoy a great lunch in Homosassa.

The cost is just \$16 cash per person when signing up. Targets are supplied by the range, but everyone is responsible for their own eye protection, ear protection, ammunition, and your pistol of choice and the cost of lunch. The range will either sell or rent any of the items you need to shoot. Even if you have never fired a weapon before, you are encouraged to come take part in this fun day. Range Officers will be on hand to insure your safety and excellent instruction for newcomers. This event will be a lot of fun and offers the opportunity to improve shooting skills and share fellowship with Oak Runners that enjoy the sport.

For more information and to sign up call Barry McConnell at 630.217.2002. There is a maximum of 24 participants and open to Oak Run residents only.

Oak Run Quilters Support "Quilts of Valor"

The OR Quilters Club has become a certified member of the National "Quilts of Valor" organization that makes and presents handmade patriotic quilts to veterans who have served during war time or are currently in combat. These quilts are awarded to any service member or veteran touched by war. The Quilts convey the thought of "Thank you for your service and sacrifice" and "Welcome home!" You may nominate someone for this single, lifetime award by mail or on line at <https://stqovf.wordpress.com/nominate-a-service-member/> For additional information search "Quilts of Valor" on line.

Recently OR Quilter's presented a beautiful red, white and blue quilt to Charles E. Brown, a veteran of the Korean conflict who lives in On Top of the World. He and his family were most appreciative of this award that was a very special "Thank You" for his service to our country.

Members may create and donate a quilt at their own expense. The OR Quilters also do a "group quilt" at the Club's expense. Traditional patterns with fabrics of red, white, blue and gold colors are used in the designs and all Patriotic fabric donations go to making these quilts. Cash donations may be sent to Quilts of Valor directly or used to buy what is needed while making additional quilts. For further information contact Pat Cicogna (listed in the OR Directory).

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Oak Run Stars

"Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back."

Join our team "Oak Run Stars" for the Relay for Life of Ocala Friday, April 13 at Brick City Park from 6 p.m. to midnight. Consider walking as a Survivor, Caregiver or Friend. Come walk or relax and enjoy the celebration.

A Cancer Charity Quilt has been created and generously given to us from the Oak Run Quilters Club to help us collect donations to raise funds to support the mission of the ACS. The Quilt features dark blue cancer ribbons for Prostate Cancer surrounded by light blue for Colon Cancer. Donations will be accepted, and we will have the Chance Drawing at the Walk. We can also keep the flame of hope lit by dedicating a Luminaria in Memory, in Honor or in Support of someone who has been touched by cancer for a \$5 donation. All proceeds stay local.

Registration forms for Survivors/Participants, Luminaria Bags and tickets are available from Captains (3 OR Sisters) Louise Mazuchowski (518-569-2525) or Evelyn Kerr (910-238-9637) or Linda Swanson (910-442-7961). All donations are made to: American Cancer Society. With your help we can save lives.

International Folk Dance

International Folk-Dance Group meets 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the Palm Grove Auditorium. For more information, email Sheila at sheilakrst@gmail.com or call Sheila Krstevski, (914) 548-6066 (leave a message if no answer and Sheila will return your call). Please note: There will be no folk dancing classes on the following dates: 3/29, 4/5 and 4/12. Classes will resume on Thursday, April 19 in the Palm Grove Auditorium from 7-9 p.m.

Well, folks, another good week for all I hope. Peace, Laura Smith csjtpq2@gmail.com

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Spiced Ham and Herb Pepper-Crusted Bone
Yield: 12 servings
Prep time: 15 min
Cook time: 3 1/2 hours
 1. Preheat oven to 325°F.
 2. Rub ham with salt and pepper.
 3. Mix herbs and spices for crust.
 4. Rub crust onto ham.
 5. Roast ham for 3 1/2 hours.

Spiced Ham and Herb Pepper-Crusted Bone
 This recipe is for a delicious ham. The ham is roasted in the oven and then sliced. It is served with a pepper-crust and herbs. The ham is a great centerpiece for a meal. It is easy to make and tastes great.

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Spiced Maple Cheesecake
Yield: 12 servings
Prep time: 15 min
Cook time: 1 1/2 hours
 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
 2. Mix cream cheese and sugar.
 3. Add maple syrup and spices.
 4. Bake for 1 1/2 hours.

Spiced Maple Cheesecake
 This recipe is for a delicious cheesecake. The cheesecake is baked in the oven and then topped with a maple syrup and spices. It is a great dessert for a meal. It is easy to make and tastes great.



Apple, Pear and Almond Crostada
Yield: 12 servings
Prep time: 15 min
Cook time: 1 1/2 hours
 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
 2. Mix apples and pears.
 3. Add almonds and spices.
 4. Bake for 1 1/2 hours.

Apple, Pear and Almond Crostada
 This recipe is for a delicious crostada. The crostada is baked in the oven and then topped with a almond and spices. It is a great dessert for a meal. It is easy to make and tastes great.

Sensational Cinnamon
 With its rich, warm aroma, cinnamon can bring spicy sweetness to all kinds of baked goods. However, all cinnamon is not the same. There are two main varieties of cinnamon, Indonesian and Vietnamese.
 Vietnamese, which is used in the Spice Islands, has a stronger, more pungent flavor. Indonesian cinnamon, which is used in the Spice Islands, has a milder, sweeter flavor. Both are great for baking, but the Vietnamese cinnamon has a deeper, more complex flavor.

CALENDAR

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Friday, April 6

Medical myths, lies and half-truths

True or false: Eight glasses of water a day are mandatory for staying hydrated. Vitamin C protects you from catching a cold. Frequent snacking is the quickest way to sabotage a diet. Natural foods are always better for you. What all these nuggets of medical wisdom have in common are myths, half-truths, and misconceptions. In this information age when supposedly accurate medical advice is as close as the click of a computer mouse, myths still surround us.

This lecture by Pat Wellington is intended to increase your ability to recognize medical misinformation and make use of what is reliable and evidence-based. I'll end with news you can use—tips for health and nutrition.

One hour April 6, On Top of the World at Live Oak Hall 1-2 p.m. To register call 861-9751.

Olympians to be honored

On Friday, April 6, at 6 p.m., in Ocala's historic downtown square, Mayor Kent Guinn will host a welcome home celebration for three athletes who recently competed in the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympic Winter Games.

The event will honor speed skaters Joey Mantia, Erin Jackson, and Bronze Medalist Brittany Bowe. In recognition of their accomplishments, Mayor Guinn will present each with a key to the City. This event will be held during the First Friday Art Walk.

Saturday, April 7

Queen of Peace golf tourney

The Queen of Peace Catholic Church is having its Annual Charity Golf Tournament hosted by Knights of Columbus, Council 9649 at Stone Creek Golf Club on Saturday, April 7, (Rain delay date is Saturday, April 14). Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$65 per person and includes complimentary morning coffee and donuts, golfers buffet lunch, and golf with cart. Par 3 Hole-in-One prizes include a top prize of \$10,000 or 2 round trip airline tickets to any city in the continental U.S or an iPad. During the event, there will be a putting contest, a longest drive challenge and a closest to the pin

challenge. Proceeds will permit the Knights to continue their support of local Marion County charities. For tournament details and registration form, contact Fred Roberts on or before March 30, by email at froberts7@cfl.rr.com.

Yoga at Freedom Library

Saturday, April 7, Yoga at the Freedom Public Library at 10:30 a.m. This is the final session for the year.

For more information, call Ingrid at 854-7950.

Seminar on advance directives

The Compassion and Choices, Ocala Chapter at Master the Possibilities, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in Live Oak Hall, is hosting a seminar on Advance Directives and how they are followed in a hospital setting. Two Physicians will be giving their input.

Register at www.masterthepossibilities.com for this free seminar.

Sunday, April 8

Master Choir spring concert

The Central Florida Master Choir will present its 2018 spring concert,

“Ein deutsches Requiem” by Johannes Brahms, on Sunday, April 8, at 3 p.m. at the Countryside Presbyterian Church on SR 200. It will be under the direction of Dr. Harold W. McSwain and accompanied by GayLyn Capitano and tympanist Craig Lilly. The second half will include secular music, such as “The Entertainer” and “Mister Sandman”.

Also on Sunday, April 15, at 3 p.m. at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church.

Friday, April 20, at 7 p.m. at the Reilly Arts Center.

Friday, April 13

Sheriff's Foundation dinner

Marion County Sheriff's Office Foundation spaghetti dinner includes salad, spaghetti with meat sauce, bread sticks and dessert and drink.

It will be Friday April 13, from 4-7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office complex, main entrance, first building on the right after the gate in the multi purpose room, 700 NW 30th Ave., Ocala.

Tickets are available for an \$8 donation.

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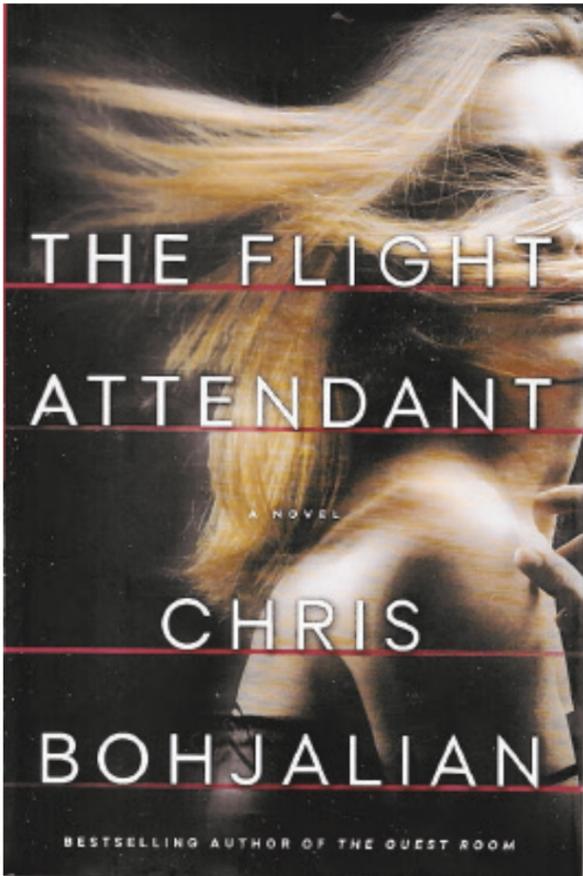
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Book review: THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT By Chris Bohjalian

Cassie Bowdon is a hard-partying international flight attendant who denies she's an alcoholic as her father was. Floating beyond sobriety makes Cassie think her eyes look a little more wanton and her lips a little more inviting. She also thinks people are nicer, the music is better, and everything's prettier after a few drinks. But there's nothing pretty to wake up to after a one-night hook up with a passenger from 2C named Alex Sokolov, an American hedge fund manager. That morning the man lying beside her was cold and very dead, his throat slashed.

She dresses quickly and leaves Alex's suite for her own crew hotel before anyone sees her.

Struggling to remember the previous night before her blackout, she can only recall snapshots: Alex washing her hair in the shower; Stolki vodka shared with a woman named Miranda who apparently worked with Alex.

At JFK the FBI questions the departing crew. Cassie plays dumb and feels safe for the time being—but only for a short time.

At the posh Royal Phoenician Hotel Cassie is caught on the lobby security camera as well as coming into the crew hotel wearing the same clothes she wore the night before.

Dodging and evading questions from friends and law enforcement, she finally caves and confesses all



Bookmark
Pat Wellington

to her sympathetic lawyer. To avoid flights to Dubai she signs on for the JFK to Rome trips with a different crew who only know about her problems through the newspapers.

The point of view shifts often to Miranda—aka Elena, a Russian assassin hired to kill Alex who tells us why she spared Cassie that night.

This is a speedy narrative with twists and turns and even some humor as Cassie tells her lovers about in-flight mishaps—the result of Bohjalian's exhaustive research of flight attendants and their jobs.

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