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BRIEFS

Maier describes her vision and role as superintendent

Gas prices going up

Florida motorists should expect higher gas prices this week. The Florida average has risen 10 of the past 12 days, climbing a total of 6 cents. Motorists should expect prices to climb at least another 10 cents in the coming weeks.

- The most expensive gas price averages in Florida are in West Palm Beach-Boca Raton (\$2.67), Crestview-Fort Walton Beach (\$2.63), and Miami (\$2.61)

- The least expensive gas price averages in Florida are in Punta Gorda (\$2.47), Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater and The Villages (\$2.48)

“Gasoline demand has been very strong the past few weeks, as Americans travel for spring break,” said Mark Jenkins, spokesman, AAA - The Auto Club Group. “This robust gasoline demand, coupled with lower supply levels, are setting the stage for rising prices in the coming weeks.”

- Crude oil prices rose \$3.82 per barrel last week. Friday’s settlement of \$65.88 is the highest daily settlement since Jan. 26.

- Gasoline futures prices rose 11 cents last week, exceeding \$2 for the first time since Hurricane Harvey.

BY PATRICIA A. WOODBURY
Special to the Citizen

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), Ocala branch, were honored to have Dr. Heidi Maier, EdD, Superintendent of the Marion Public Schools come and speak to them on March 17 at the Marion County Public Library, Conference Room.

Dr. Maier was elected superintendent in August 2016 and is the first woman to have this position for many years. She received her Doctorate of

Education in Child and Youth Studies from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale. She previously served as an Assistant Professor at Barry University, Miami, and was a program specialist in the Office of Learning with the Florida Department of Education. Prior to becoming superintendent, Maier was the program manager of Teacher Education, associate professor of Early Childhood Education, and the University Center director at the College of Central Florida in Ocala.

In her capacity as superintendent, she directly oversees the daily operations of a school district with more than 43,000 students, over 7,000 employees, and 52 schools including 4 charter schools and two online programs. Dr. Maier’s mission is very student focused. She believes that there needs to be less district resources and more resources in the schools. In Middle School she would like more female teachers to encourage girls to pursue STEM (Science, Technology, Engineer-



See MAIER on Page A3 Heidi Maier



Easter in Oak Run

Here are some of the Easter decorations at the entrance to the various neighborhoods in Oak Run.

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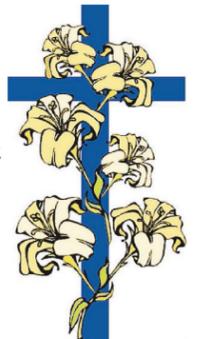


Holy Week

Christ’s Church of Marion County

On Easter Sunday, April 1, our worship service will open with special music by our Worship Choir and a message of inspiration by 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

Our services for Easter Sunday will be at 10:30 a.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
March 30, Good Friday at noon
The church will hold a noon service on Good Friday, March

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EASTER

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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.

Maranatha Baptist Church

Easter Sunday

Easter is Sunday, April 1. 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, at 7 a.m. at the church. All are invited to come and join in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

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

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 readings 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.

First Congregational Church of Christ

Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7171 SW State Road 200, Ocala. Phone (352)237-3035.

Crossroads Church

Good Friday services will be pro-

vided on March 30 at 7 p.m.

Our annual Easter Eggstravaganza (egg hunt) will be scheduled for Saturday, March 31 on the church grounds from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Games and giveaways for all ages. All ages are invited to attend.

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

OTOW news

Compassion and Choices

Compassion and Choices Series on Saturday, April 7, at Live Oak Hall from 1- 2:30 p.m. This class is free to all.

All of us are told to think about and complete advance directives, but we have also heard stories of when these directives are not followed. What systems are available to assure these documents are available and followed, and how do local hospitals assure your choices are met? There will be two physicians. One is Marie-Car-

mella Eli M.D. an Emergency Room and Palliative Care Physician from Shands who will give a short presentation via "Go-to Meeting" and Vansudevan Kidambi M.D. a family Physician

associated with Munroe Regional who will talk about the Ethics Committee at Munroe. Register online at www.masterthepossibilities.org or phone 861-9751 Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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ing and Math) courses. In addition, she not only sees the importance of STEM but also STEAM, which includes the Arts. That is to say involvement in the arts is directly linked to cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skills which lead to the development of self-confidence and self-esteem in the student. Her comment was "You can't be what you can't see!"

As most have heard, Dr. Maier eliminated the traditional homework. She feels that worksheets, etc. do not have the academic outcomes that spending the time reading with the child do especially at the elementary level. She plans to have a new teacher mentoring program whereby the more experienced teachers work with them.

In regards to school safety, their motto is ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Combat, and Evacuate). Dr. Maier believes that each teacher and class have to decide what is best for them to do in an emergency situation. Whatever they decide it is most important that they are not "sitting

ducks" in a classroom. When there are threats on social media, the plan is to call every parent and alert them to that fact.

In regards to curriculum, Dr. Maier is pleased that the teachers can now recommend their choice of texts for the classroom beyond what the state recommends. She sees that the Reading curriculum is the weakest and needs to find more appropriated reading for young children. She also would like to see the History curriculum improved.

The Alternative Program for problem students plans to have a psychologist available before or after school to deal with self-esteem issues and see if they can contain the many expulsions of students. The Young Parent Program has improved the incidence of student graduation by providing a new building with better classroom arrangements and room for the babies.

Patricia A. Woodbury is a member of the American Association of University Women.

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Community calendar

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 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 entertainment 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. Last year, at the fourth annual Brick City Beer and Wine Festival, partnering rotary clubs raised approximately \$30,000 for Kimberly's Center for Child Protection. The presenting sponsors for this event are CBC National Bank and Hotel Development and Management Group (HDG).

For more information, visit www.brickcitybeerfest.com.

com or email brickcitybeerfest@gmail.com.

Friday, April 6

Free dental care event

Dr. Stephen Dunn will host Dentistry From The Heart event providing adults with free dental care on Friday, April 6. Registration starts at 6 a.m. at 7555 SW Hwy 200, Ocala.

They will try to see first 300 patients on first come first basis starting at 7 a.m.

In 2001, Dentistry From The Heart started with Dr. Vincent Monticciolo as a way to giving back to the community and provide aid to the growing number of Americans without dental insurance. Dentistry From The Heart has grown to include over 200 annual events nationwide and around the world. More than 80,000 people have now been served - Free Extractions, Fillings and Cleanings are offered.

Car show and barbecue

Car Show and chicken barbecue dinner will be held at Ocala West United Methodist Church, Friday, April 6, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The car show will be held in the parking lot next to the pavilion. The Men's Fellowship will be offering chicken barbecue to eat in or take out prices: \$ 8 for 1/2 chicken dinner with baked beans, coleslaw, and roll, \$6 for 1/2 chicken only or 1/4 chicken dinners. Boy Scout Troop 707 sponsored by OWUMC will be selling hot dogs with chips and a drink for \$ 4.

Ocala West UMC, 9330 SW 105th St., OCALA (352)854-9550.

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.

Chess Club to meet

The Freedom Library Chess Club will meet from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 7. The Library is at 5870 SW 95th St. All players are welcome! Call 873-2276 for information.

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

Masyter 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".

As so many people do year after year, make this concert a part of your spring tradition. Come, enjoy, and give generously via a "free-will offering" in order to help maintain excellence in the musical arts in Central Florida.

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 spaghetti dinner

Marion County Sheriff's Office Foundation spaghetti dinner includes salad, spaghetti with meat

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SOUTH MARION

Citizen



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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.

Contact Caitlin Rath at 352-369-6849.

Civic Theatre golf tournament

The 27th annual golf tournament to benefit Ocala Civic Theatre returns on Friday, April 13.

The tournament will be held at the beautiful Candler Hills Golf Club at 8137 SW 90th Terrace Road. Registration begins at 11 a.m. The tournament begins with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$85 per player, which includes a deli box lunch, on-course water and sodas, free range balls, greens fees, a cart, goodie bags, and more than 50 on-course and door prizes, with awards immediately following the tournament. (A discount is available for Candler Hills Golf Club members.)

Men and women are both welcome to play. No professionals will be allowed. Players may create their own foursome, or the Theatre will be happy to assist.

There are opportunities to contribute as a corporate, scorecard, hole, raffle, or door prize sponsor. Sponsors will be recognized at the tournament, and a sponsor listing also will be displayed in the Theatre lobby during the run of Mamma Mia! from May 17 through June 17. Ford/Lincoln of Ocala will sponsor the Hole-In-One prizes. Sponsors who donate \$100 or more will receive a certificate for future play at Candler Hills Golf Club.

For more information or to become a sponsor, please contact Ocala Civic Theatre Executive Director Mary Britt at (352) 236-2851, ext. 104.

Recycle Trashy Fashion Show

The Ocala On Top of the World Lions will be presenting its 5th Recycle Trashy Fashion Show on Friday April 13, at the Circle Square Cultural Center. Door will open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 and the show starts at 7.

Dinner will be catered again this year by Southern Pig and Cattle Co.11, with entertainment provided by Ron Hackling. Lots of beautiful baskets for the silent auction as well as 50/50. Come and enjoy a fun filled night and help

the Lions help our local entities, such as Interfaith, the Children's Backpack program, Arnette House, and Florida Center for the Blind just to name a few. Residents can purchase tickets at the Recreation Building Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8 to 10 a.m. Non

residents can contact Lions Charlene Czopek at 352-857-8765 or Estelle Michelson at 352-861-7358, Tickets are \$25.

103rd Street car cruise anniversary

On Friday, April 13 from 6 to 8 p.m., the 103rd Street car cruise will celebrate its 10th year. We will also be celebrating us reaching twenty thousand pounds of food donated to the Salvation Army Pantry. It will be a special evening for our generous cruisers, sponsors and all who attend the event at the Big Lots parking lot. For more info call Sid at 489-7379.

Saturday, April 14

Palm Cay yard sale

On April 14, Palm Cay will hold a community yard sale starting at 8 a.m. Hot dog and asusage lunch available at 10.

100 years of Leonard Bernstein

The Ocala Symphony Orchestra closes the 2017-2018 season with Subscription Concert 5: 100 Years of Leonard Bernstein on Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m.

Lobby doors and the Reilly's full bar open one hour and a half before each performance, and guests are invited to join us for a Chat with Matt one hour prior to each show. Tickets start at \$15. Student tickets are available for \$10. The Reilly Arts Center is at 500 NE 9th St., Ocala. Tickets can be purchased at www.ReillyArtsCenter.com, or by calling the box office at (352) 351-1606 during box office hours. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Reilly Arts Center box office. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Group rates are available for this show.

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Breakfast at Ocala West

Ocala West UMC's community wide breakfast prepared by the men's fellowship will be held from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 14 and is still only \$6 for all you care to eat.

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Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th St., Ocala (352) 854-9550.

Sunday, April 15

Jazz Society to play

The Ocala Jazz Society invites you to join them on Sunday, April 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. for their monthly performance of Swing, Big Band, Dixieland, 50's and all your favorites.

We look forward to seeing you at the smoke free VFW Post 4781, 9401 SW 110th Street, across from Oak Run. The band performs on the third Sunday of each month. \$3 donation for Hospice is appreciated. info: 352-237-0234, ocalajazzsociety@yahoo.com

Thursday, April 19

Genealogical Society meeting

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet Thursday April 19, at 2 p.m. at the Marion County Public Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala. A brief business meeting will be followed by the March program "German Genealogy" by Kathy Stickney.

For further information, contact Joel Swanson at (352)897-0840 or president@mcgsocala.org.

Tuesday, April 24

Christian women to meet

Ocala Christina Women's Connection invites you to the our "Girl Power" luncheon April 24 at the Hilton of Ocala from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The doors open at 11 a.m. The special

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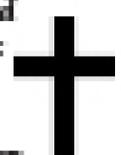


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"In a free society a community newspaper must be a forum for community opinion."

OUR VIEW

Whittling down the Sunshine Law

Every Floridian should be table-pounding angry at state legislators for continuing to chip away at our famous open public records law. They've been at it annually since the Sunshine Law was written into state statute in 1967 and enshrined in the state Constitution in 1992. This year was no different.

Unfortunately, most people are oblivious to this continual erosion. If you did man-in-the-street interviews, most folks would say citizens have the right to know everything about how government does our business and spends our money. But they'd be wrong.

The Sunshine Law allows legislators to create exceptions if they can identify a "public necessity" and further allows them to reenact exemptions that are set to expire. There are already more than 1,100 exceptions to the Sunshine Law on the books. In 2018, the Legislature sent 22 more to Gov. Rick Scott for signature, some for new exemptions and some for reenactments of existing exemptions. Legislators from both houses had proposed more than 100.

Taken individually, some of the exemptions to Florida's open records law make sense — like concealing personal information that might, if publicly known, promote identity theft. However, there are plenty of examples that don't make sense.

The point is that nearly every year, legislators that Floridians elect try to slip through bills chipping away at the public's right to know about what government is doing and how. It's a dangerous trend, and one that must be reversed.

"Men fight for freedom, then they begin to accumulate laws to take it away from themselves" is a quote attributed to Thomas Jefferson, among others. It aptly describes Florida's situation with our public records laws. Tell your legislators to support open government, not try to constrain it.

Citrus County Chronicle

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Assault weapons

What more is there to say about assault weapons? I wrote a letter to the daily newspaper in February 2013, in response to the shootings at Sandy Hook — five years ago. If anything has changed, it has gotten much worse. The attacks have increased more rapidly over time. We have done nothing to curb this violence, to stem the deaths of both children and adults. How many more have to be killed before the problem is adequately addressed?

Changing the age at which people can buy guns from 18 to 21 is a ruse to distract those of use who have been vocal about the carnage. That ruling is worse than a band-aid. A person who is disposed to killing at 18 is not going to miraculously reform by age 21. And as for arming the teachers — their duty and calling is to teach. Let's not blur the lines by making them gun-toters, as well.

I have spoken to proponents of assault weapons. His response was that it was "fun" to shoot these weapons at shooting ranges. So for the sake of some people's "fun" we are willing to sacrifice our beautiful children.

Tell me what other use these weapons might have? Assault

weapons do not belong in civilian hands. This is a military weapon to be used in time of war.

Now what is the NRA's stance in all of this? Is it to defend the second amendment? (Which can be interpreted in different ways.) Or to line their pockets ever more abundantly and to preserve and increase their income. Their only interest in this is a monetary one. What a travesty that our elected officials accept money from their lobbyist. They sell their souls to the highest bidder.

We need sane, applicable gun laws. Only then will we feel safe again in our homes and schools.

We might also take a look at the movies and videos out there today — full of bloodshed and violence. These are shaping the minds of our children. A person's brain is not fully developed until age 25 — plenty of time of influences it. And, especially if there are some mental problems there already. We might examine the direction our society is heading toward. (And perhaps, our own)

The lives of you and your children may be in the balance.

Lee Wiggins
Ocala

COMMENTARY

Opioid epidemic needs to stop at its source

Several years ago, I had relatively minor outpatient surgery. When I went home that afternoon, the doctor said I might be in some pain, so he gave me a prescription.

It was for Vicodin, a pain killer which is one of the drugs mentioned in today's opioid epidemic.

It was non-refillable for 12 pills, and I was to take them in limited capacity when needed.

That night, I was in some pain, so I decided to take one. Within a few minutes, the reaction started.

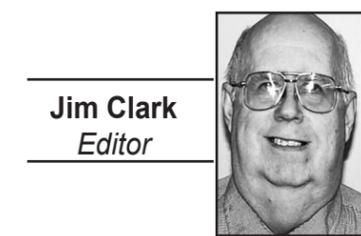
Wow!

I felt as if I were in some outer space location. It was a euphoric state that I had never felt before. To say I was feeling no pain would have been an understatement.

I eventually got to sleep, and when I awoke the next morning, I still had a little pain and no after effects of the drug.

However, I had done enough stories about addiction over the years that I was smart enough to let Tylenol do the rest of the job.

Those other 11 pills eventu-



Jim Clark
Editor

ally found their way into the Sheriff's Office drug take-back program.

I had done what Nancy Reagan had naively suggested in the 1980s: "Just say no."

As I hear about the epidemic, I have to wonder what would happen if the addictions of many start the way I could have ... with a legal prescription for an immediate need.

I wonder how many people who go down the addiction road really needed all those pills in the first place. As it turned out, just one helped me through the first night, and then I was able to cope. I wonder how many others could cope if they really try.

I wonder if the first prescription could be for just a couple of pills, and if any more are needed, they would be

given in a controlled environment, such as a clinic or doctor's office.

I wonder if there could be lesser doses, enough to ease pain without sending you into what must be like a drunken stupor.

I'm sure that for some, this addiction is caused by some who purchase these types of drugs on the streets and take them for the cheap highs and thrills. It may be impossible to stop the spread of the drugs in this manner, until it's too late.

But for the people who may have a choice as to whether to continue with these drugs, well, we should make sure that these folks, young or old, have other options to help them cope.

They must be given help to break away from the possible chains of addiction that will tie them up when they go too far.

Meanwhile, bring on the Tylenol. I have some extras in my medicine cabinet ... but no Vicodin.

Jim Clark is the editor of the South Marion Citizen.

CIA nominee headed for a good Borking

BY RICH LOWRY

Special to the Citizen

President Donald Trump's pick for CIA director is about to experience a good Borking.

No one doubts her professionalism, and she's been endorsed by Obama intelligence officials. Yet Gina Haspel's long career at the agency, including extensive work undercover in the field, is getting blotted out by her reported involvement in the CIA's black-site interrogation program, which has become a warrant to say anything about her.

Her critics assert she should be in jail, and The New York Times editorial page wrote about her nomination under the headline "Having a Torturer Lead the C.I.A."

Not to be outdone in demagogic attacks on anyone associated with our national security apparatus, Sen. Rand Paul calls Haspel "the head cheerleader for waterboarding," and claims she mocked a detainee for his drooling. The only problem is that this anecdote comes from a book by a contractor who worked with the CIA, James Mitchell, and it describes a man, not a woman, making the comment.

Factual accuracy aside, the attacks on Haspel are ahistorical in that they ignore the context of the CIA program, and unfair insofar as they portray her as a remorselessly cruel prime mover behind it.

The interrogation program began when al-Qaida operative Abu Zubaydah was cap-

tured in March 2002. At the time, we believed another 9/11-style attack was imminent, and preventing it had an urgency fueled by raw memories of an event that was literally yesterday's news.

The interrogation program wasn't a rogue operation. The CIA repeatedly briefed select congressional leaders, especially the top Republicans and Democrats on the intelligence committees. It was approved at the highest level of the U.S. government, and the CIA sought, and got, explicit legal approval from the Department of Justice.

Haspel is connected in the press to the interrogations of Abu Zubaydah, although the CIA hasn't confirmed her participation and insists much of the reporting about her work in this period is erroneous.

But let's consider Zubaydah's case. He was not a detainee who had nothing to tell us, as he is often portrayed by critics of the CIA. Shortly after his capture, he identified Khalid Sheikh Mohammed as the mastermind of 9/11.

The enhanced interrogations were brutal. Zubaydah

was struck, placed in stress positions, confined in small boxes and repeatedly waterboarded. During one session, he became unresponsive. By any standard, this was extreme and right up to the legal line.

The CIA didn't learn of any planned attack in the U.S.; it did become confident that Zubaydah wasn't holding back anything. From his capture to his transfer to the Department of Defense on Sept. 5, 2006, information from him produced 766 intelligence reports.

In the cold light of day, we would have handled all of this differently. But this was a national failing, and at a time when we understandably believed we were in a race to prevent another atrocity on our shores. To punish Gina Haspel more than 15 years later for doing what her country asked her to do, and in response to what she was told were lawful orders, would be a travesty and a disgrace.

But so were the confirmation hearings of Robert Bork.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Poll question

Retired Supreme Court Justice Stevens says the 2nd Amendment should be repealed. How do you feel?

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Spring has sprung a leak this year



Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder

It was in the middle of February during a very shivering cold time that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said most dramatically, "I can't wait for Spring. When in the world is Spring going to get here?"

As a veteran husband, I knew this was not a question for me to ponder or even to answer. Rather, it was something I needed to ignore completely. I learned these things down the years, which is why I have survived so many years. If silence is golden then I have reached those golden years of life.

I wouldn't say this to her, but I was thinking the same thing myself. When is Spring ever going to get here?

I was counting the days when it would be Spring and we could enjoy some graciously warm weather for a change. This weather has been stinking chilly for a long time and I was getting tired of it. I could tell my wife was getting tired of it too, but I didn't want to go in that direction with any kind of conversation. Sometimes the best thing to do is not do or say anything.

It was unusually cold here in Florida and I was tired of it. Personally, I was looking forward to Spring when things would automatically change and I could put away my sweater.

That magical day arrived. The day before my wife said, "Well, tomorrow is Spring and all this nasty, rainy, chilly weather will be over."

If only my wife was in charge of the weather. That would be a wonderful thing because the weather would be perfect every day. At least according to

her calculation.

I remember when I tried to explain to her that we needed change in the weather and we needed rain in order for crops to grow, trees to grow and so forth. After my explanation she put both hands on her hips and stared at me one of those stares that I'm so familiar with. She didn't say anything, she didn't have to.

My wife has relatives up in the state of New York. Not New York City, thankfully. One of the things she enjoys doing during the winter time is to text them and tell them how wonderfully warm and sunny it is down here. This year, however, she wasn't able to do that.

When Spring did arrive, there was no magical change in the weather. In fact, it was the worst rainy weather we had all year. It was rainy and thundering and even in some places there were tornadoes. It didn't look or feel like Spring.

I didn't say anything all morning. I knew no matter what I would say it would get me in trouble. She wasn't in the mood for any joking or jesting on my part.

She didn't say much, but she sighed very deeply all morning long. Fortunately for me, I had work to do and so occupied myself with that work.

Isn't it strange that man, being who he thinks he is has no control of the weather? It rains when it rains and it snows when it snows and there's not a thing man can do about it.

The weatherman is a very strange

individual. It doesn't matter if he gets the whether right or wrong, he still has a job. Nobody thinks badly of him because he miscalculated the weather.

Then my wife made a very interesting comment, "Why can't Mother Nature keep to the schedule at hand. Spring is supposed to be nice weather."

It was a good point. We have a date for Spring and Mother Nature should keep that date. We have all year long for rain and tornadoes and lightning and thundering why can't she organize her schedule a little better.

I might recommend that my wife take over the duties of Mother Nature. If anybody can organize anything, it's her. Well, she hasn't quite organized me, but that's a different story. But she can organize everything right down to the second.

If there was an opening for a new Mother Nature, I think I would recommend my wife. I'm not sure she would have much competition there, and she would win hands down. Then we would have weather organized on a very strict schedule.

Under her supervision, we would have rain when it's scheduled and snow when it's scheduled. The sun would shine, without clouds, at least

90% of the time. I wanted to say 100%, but I'll give her a little leeway in this.

Thinking about this I have come to the conclusion that there are a lot of things in this world and also in my life that I cannot control. The frustration of life is when I try to control things that I can't control. Even though I know I can't control everything, at least I try. And I try to my own failure.

One of my favorite passages of Scripture is, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

One of the hardest things in my life to do is to simply trust God for everything in my life. When I try to control things in my life, I always make a mess. Just ask the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

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Judge to speak at Forum

Michelle Morley, Florida 5th Circuit Court Judge in Sumter County who co-chairs the Eldercaring Coordination Project sponsored by the Florida chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, will discuss a ground-breaking new dispute resolution option when she addresses the April 13 Friday Forum to be held at the Golden Corral, 2111 SW SR 200, Ocala.

Moderator will be LeeAnn Mackey-Barnes, Chief Assistant Public Defender in the 5th Circuit, and candidate for judge in group 3.

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Morley's numerous affiliations include membership on the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission and the Florida Supreme Court Guardianship Work Group. She has spoken at many state-wide and national conferences and is scheduled in August to present at the International Federation on Ageing Global Conference in Toronto.

The monthly luncheon/discussions take place on the second Friday of each month and run from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. They are always open to the general public. For more information email FridayForumofMarionCounty@gmail.com or telephone Delphine Herbert at 352/873-9970.

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Pun Alley
Dick Frank

quartet," he said, "behind a few bars and always looking for the key."

Out on a limb

Two mountaineers were climbing when their rope broke, leaving them dangling by some tree roots above a 2,000 foot fall. One said, "Oh if only I had a little bunny here to blow in my face."

The other climber replied, "How would that help?"
"You never heard of someone saved by a hare's breath?"

Bunny Tales

The out-of-work comic complained, "To make a couple extra bucks I took the job at the department store. On Thanksgiving I dressed like a pilgrim, on Christmas I dressed like Santa Claus, but I'm finished with holidays. Easter is coming and I ain't gonna lay an egg for nobody!"

You can send a letter to the Easter Bunny by hare mail.

You ought to taste her Lucifer cake. It was supposed to be angel food cake,

but it fell.

Last Easter I suggested an egg fight. I got shelled.

When the bunny turned 18 years old he joined the Hare Force.

She wears her Easter bonnet with all the bills upon it.

When Easter Bunny helpers make baskets they get two points, just like anyone else.

Her acquaintances call her "Easter Egg" because she's hand-painted on the outside and hardboiled on the inside.

When Andy was young, his duties in the church included helping to shorten or lengthen the holy robes. He was an alter boy.

The only things some people give up for Lent are their New Year's resolutions.

Think!

On Easter Sunday Jason's baby brother was christened in church, but Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys."

Bunny Hop

A man was driving along the highway, when he saw the Easter bunny

hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved, but unfortunately his car hit the rabbit and the bunny's basket of eggs went flying all over the place.

The driver pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the bunny carrying the basket. Much to his dismay, the colorful bunny was dead.

A woman saw the accident and pulled over. She saw the dead bunny and went to her car to get a spray can. She walked over to the limp dead bunny and sprayed the entire contents of the can onto the little furry animal.

Miraculously the Easter bunny came to back life, jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs, waved its paw at the two people, and hopped on down the road. Fifty yards away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around, waved and hopped on down the road another 50 yards, turned, waved, hopped another 50 yards and waved again.

The man was astonished. He said to the woman, "What was it that you sprayed on the Easter bunny?"

The woman, reading the can's label said, "Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave."

Which holiday?

There are actually two holidays Sunday, one for believers and one for atheists. Don't be a fool; celebrate the right one!

Missing

Every Easter a local church stages an elaborate pageant. The man who played Pontius Pilate had to work and couldn't be there for the dress rehearsal, and a chorus member substituted for him. As they began rehearsing Pilate's solo, the conductor stopped the orchestra. "Pilate, I don't hear you," he called out, "You're not loud enough."

"Pilate is at work," a voice on the stage shouted back. "We've got our co-Pilate tonight."

Sing Sing?

The pastor announced that a prison quartet would be singing for the special Easter Sunday evening service. Nobody thought there was a prison in the vicinity and many looked forward to hearing such a group.

It was puzzling that evening when four members of the church approached to the front. Then the pastor introduced them. "This is our prison

Letting go and forgiving is good for physical and emotional health

Most people have experienced what holding a grudge can do to a relationship and how emotionally taxing it can be to maintain that grudge. Whether it is siblings who no longer speak, or divorced spouses whose hatred is palpable when they are in the same room, the resulting anger is toxic to body and soul. Forgiveness, however, can dissolve it and the pain.

According to Diana Winston, Director of Mindfulness Education at UCLA, forgiveness is an act of the heart and the freedom it brings to our own hearts. Forgiveness can lead to better physical and psychological well-being. It is not necessarily going to be easy or happen immediately. When someone has been injured, whether intentionally or unintentionally, physically or emotionally, there is suffering.

That resulting stress from that suffering can manifest into high blood pressure, heart disorders, anxiety, and depression. It can also lead to over-eating, over-drinking and other habits used in an attempt to escape the pain.



Health Corner

Patricia A. Woodbury RN MSN

At some point the idea of letting go, or healing, becomes a part of the internal conversation. According to Winston, the process of forgiveness starts with understanding that resentment must be released for healing to begin. It means letting go of those negative thoughts, feelings, or ideas about revenge toward the person who injured you.

Forgiveness does not, however, excuse or justify the actions of the injurer. It may or may not include reconciliation because there may be concerns about trust and safety. Rather as author and psychologist

Robert D. Enright, PhD, has written, "Forgiveness contains merciful restraint, generosity and moral love."

According to Pastor Charles R. Swindoll, forgiveness has a curative power greater than any medicine. It eases the ache of remorse and soothes the wounds of bitterness. When we say "I forgive you," to those we have offended or have wounded us, forgiveness releases the poison of bitterness, and frees us from the bondage of resentment. Whether we hear or say the words, forgiveness does heal.

The process of forgiveness involves the willingness to do what is usually emotionally difficult work. Support can be found through meditation, or with counselors who specialize in forgiveness therapy. The process can occur in mere moments, but typically takes a long time. It can require months or even years but the outcomes can be quite beneficial. Winston has found that people can become more flexible, after going through the process, no matter what their age or circumstance.

Remember healing through forgiveness is an act of the heart to heal your own heart!

Source: UCLA Health, Healthy Years, November 2017.

Contact pwoodbury@cfl.rr.com with questions or comments.

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feature is DIY For Girls by Ace Hardware. Our speaker is Nancy Self sharing "Hanging On!". Admission is \$20. Please RSVP for lunch and free childcare to Claudia at 228-2126 or Eve at 732-7053 by Wednesday, April 18.

Saturday, April 28

Walk for Parkinson

The Marion County Mind and Motion for Parkinson network is hosting a Walk for Parkinson event on Saturday, April 28 at Sholom Park.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m., and the Walk starts at 10:30.

It is more than just a walk. April is National Parkinson's Awareness month, and the Walk highlights movement as a symbol of hope and progress towards

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Kickoff Speakers are Annette Nieves, MD, Monroe Movement Disorder Clinic and Megan Willard, Regional Director, Parkinson's Foundation.

Tuesday-Friday, May 1-4

Bonsai Exhibit

The Marion Bonsai Society and OTOW Master the Possibilities are hosting the annual bonsai ex-

hibit at the Master the Possibilities lobby, 8415 SW 80th St., Ocala. The exhibit is free and runs from Tuesday afternoon, May 1 through noon Friday, May 4. Specific times are: 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday. Over 30 trees are on display by approximately 10 exhibitors. The age of trees vary from about 3 to over 30 years.

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Peter will present basic horticulture and artistic principals of bonsai.

The second is "The Living Art of Bonsai - Demonstration" by artist David VanBuskirk at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 3.

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Girls gone wild (tame version) at Cherrywood St. Patrick's Day

In a much tamer version of the popular video series, our Cherrywood women and the men too, got wild to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Nothing was planned, the invitations were by word of mouth and those who just happened to show up. Despite that, it was a super fun time had by all.

One of the nicest qualities that Cherrywood shares is its family atmosphere and our genuine affection for one another. We don't need an excuse to get together and party down, although Saint Patrick was kind enough to lend his name to this party. Friends getting together for a night of laughter, dance and shenanigans; it doesn't get any better than that. Congrats to our party goers.

Trivia

According to all reports, Donna James did a great job as quiz master for Wednesday evenings Trivia Night. Some sharp brain teasers and some quirky questions combined to make it a close competition.

The winning team squeaked by to win bragging rights for the remaining month of March and most of April. Our winners were Dean and Dorcie Worrell; Jim D'Amaro and Tom Shelnutt. Congratulations goes out to these Trivia wizards.

Our next Trivia Night will be



Cherrywood
John Everlove

Wednesday April 18 at 7 pm. The quiz master that night will be one of our favorite and long serving MC's, Fred O'Hern.

Veterans Club

On April 5 at 2 p.m. the Veterans Club will hold its monthly meeting and its election of officers. In addition, there will be a report on how well we did on the food drive for the Veterans Helping Veterans pantry.

Nominations for Officers can be made right up until the time of election so if you have someone in mind or you would like to run for an office, see Bill Mahar, who is in charge of elections or any other officer and submit the name of the nominee. For Bill's sake, please print.

All Cherrywood residents are welcome to attend the meetings of our Veterans Club and witness all the good works they perform. While non-members can't take part in the election process, they can join in the celebration after the meeting on the patio. This is



March trivia winners Dean & Dorcie Worrell, Jim D'Amaro and Tom Shelnutt.

when our members and guests gather to enjoy free liquid refreshments and socialize.

candy or refreshments but don't miss this relaxing evening of fun entertainment.

Movie Night

Come to the Clubhouse for Movie Night on April 3 at 7 p.m. This month's feature is Goodbye Christopher Robin. This is the British made film about the life and times of A Milne, the creator of Winnie the Pooh.

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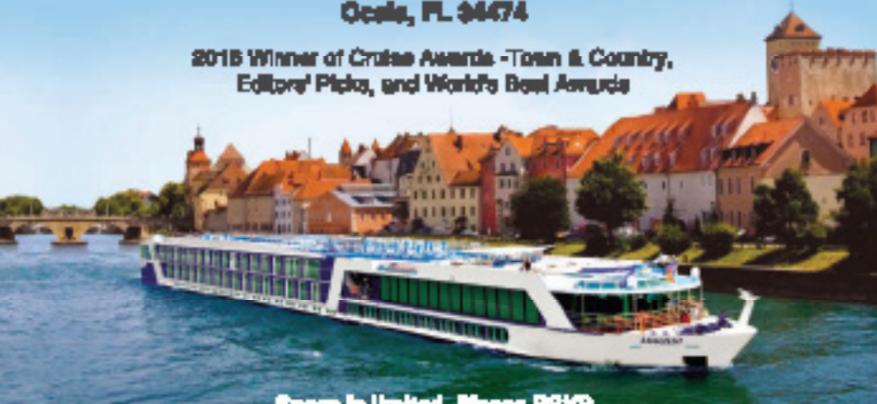

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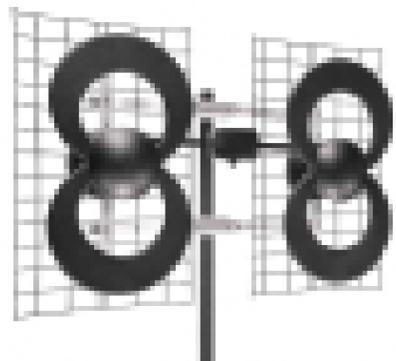
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COMMENTARY

What if Hillary had won the election?

BY BOB FRANKEN
Special to the Citizen

The death of astrophysicist Stephen Hawking brings to mind Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. How weird is that? But bear with me. Hawking credibly speculated about a parallel universe on the other side of a black hole. What if, in that alternative existence, Hillary Clinton had won the 2016 presidential election? How, in that black hole that is U.S. politics, would she be doing as president?

In a word, badly. She wouldn't be the disgrace that Donald Trump is -- there's no way anyone can match his bigotry, hateful appeals to our worst instincts or his simple-minded impetuosity. In fact, "Hillary" and "impetuous" would make up a classic oxymoron. While President Trump is moronically careless, Hillary is methodically calculating, or at least appears that way, which is even worse.

As a result, she squanders her advantages, like her formidable brainpower, because she's missing the lobe that processes empathy impulses -- the real ones, not the artificial contrivances concocted by her sycophantic consultants. By now, she would have frittered

away much of her hugely historic significance as the nation's first woman chief executive. It would have dissipated, overridden by the personal flaws that have come to define Hillary Clinton. Her careful dissembling would be easy prey for Republicans, always ready to pounce. Her perceived sense of superiority and that of the people who flit around her soon would antagonize just about all us unworthies.

Hillary Clinton provides an object lesson for those trying to grasp what a candidate should not be. Her recent appearance in India is a case in point.

She offered the analysis that she had beaten Trump in places populated by those who are "optimistic, diverse, dynamic, moving forward" -- as opposed to those who are "backward," riffraff in her mind, who were driven away by the elitist sense of entitlement that she exudes. Her arrogant, meritocratic view of the "deplorables" doesn't compare with Trump's vile demagogic manipulation of their fears and prejudices, but the condescension openly displayed by Hillary and so many of her supporters for all who don't share their phony values is almost as divisive.

Add to that Hillary's long cozi-

ness with the richest of the rich, and it would stoke the same resentments that Trump has been able to exploit to his advantage. He is a master at convincing the little people that he's on their side at the same time that he symbolizes the worst excesses of conspicuous consumption and an entirely selfish life.

Both are phonies, but also polar opposites. One huge difference: Trump is entertaining, grossly so. And his slapstick collection of supporting actors is a laugh a minute.

Clinton as president would bore us to death. Where The Donald mindlessly stomps through issues, Hillary takes carefully thought-out baby steps. It's preferable for policymaking but stifles any passion. We'd be desperate for excitement, even some misstep from that other President Clinton, whose time as POTUS was certainly, uh, interesting.

For now, we're stuck in our Trump black hole. Still, as Stephen Hawking argued, "Things can get out of a black hole, both to the outside, and possibly, to another universe." The problem is, that "other universe" is not all that appealing either. Or maybe this is the alternative universe.

The indispensable craft of the politician

BY LEE H. HAMILTON
Special to the Citizen

For the most part, we Americans value expertise. We want our physicians to possess knowledge and experience. We want our lawyers to know the law inside out. We want our clergymen, our engineers, our farmers to bring the kind of proficiency and skill to their work that comes only with familiarity and practice.

So here's a question. Why is it that the more expertise politicians' gain in their field, the more

we deride them?

I've been involved in politics, in one way or another, for most of my life. That makes me a politician. And I've had more than a few people refuse to shake my hand because they believed that might somehow taint them. Politicians, many Americans think, are looking out for themselves, beholden to special interests and party leaders, and incapable of working for the common good.

Politicians may disappoint us, frustrate us, or even

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Angela S. Santos VFW Post 4781, 9401 SW 110th St. Telephone 352-873-4781. You can also follow us on Facebook - Angela Santos VFW Post 4781.

First Friday Art Walk returns on April 6

The First Friday Art Walk returns to downtown Ocala Friday, April 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. and will include the following special performances and activities:

• 6 p.m. Our local Olympians will be honored.

• 7 to 9 p.m. -- Live music by Miranda Madison on the main event stage located at the downtown square near the gazebo. Enjoy classic jazz and blues renditions, as well as current songs, with a vintage twist.

• Free hands-on art activities for all ages will be provided throughout the event by the Appleton Museum of Art, Marion County Public Library, Karate America Ocala, Animis Foundation, the Discovery Center, Hospice of Marion County and the West Port High School Art Club.

Local artists will be working throughout this event creating artwork and portraits at Ocala Homes and Farms Realty located at 108 E Fort King St.

The First Friday Art Walk occurs from 6 to 9 p.m. on the first Friday of each month from September through May annually. Located within Ocala's historic downtown, event festivities include over 30 artist displays, live entertainment, free family art activities and extended shopping hours.

For more information, please contact the City of Ocala Cultural Arts Office at 352-629-8447 or artwalk@ocalafl.org or visit www.ocalafl.org/artwalk.

Boomtown returns with pageants

The Dunnellon Chamber and Business Association is proud to announce the return of the Boomtown Pageants to the annual Boomtown Days celebration featuring Little Mr. and Miss Dunnellon and the Queen of the Rainbow.

Boomtown Days will kick off in the historic Depot in Dunnellon with the Boomtown Breakfast on Friday, April 13. The festival will take place Saturday, April 14, in the Historic District.

Boomtown Days will again be partnering with Six Gun Territory from Kirby Farm in Williston. Six Gun Territory has a long history in Marion County of bringing back the days of cowboys, shootouts, train robberies and can-can girls.

"We are thrilled that Six Gun Territory has agreed to attend our event," said Executive Director Julie Mancini. "We have something for everyone, entertainment-wise: shootouts, pageants, music acts, craft and food vendors, a kids zone and more," she said.

Admission to the festival is free.

For information or if you would like to be a vendor, call the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce at 489-2320 or email dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com.

Spruce Creek North

Singles mark your calendar for April 4. The singles group will be visiting the horse farm, then it's off to lunch. If you would like to join us or have any questions please call Cindy 352-873-4549.

The singles group meets on the first Friday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

Come out and help plan future adventures.

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FAMILY FEATURES

This Easter holiday, hop into a new tradition and swap your classic ham for savory lamb.

Cooking lamb can be easier than many might think, especially when using a pressure cooker. You can combine aromatic herbs with white wine for a juicy leg of lamb in under an hour. Or try baking a rack of lamb crusted with a quinoa-hazelnut combination and topped with a mint pesto.

For a perfect, set-and-forget side, try slow cooker carrots, sprinkled with dill weed and lemon extract for a delightful spring dish. End the meal with festive cupcakes modeled after the Easter bunny, which can satisfy the sweet tooth of guests of all ages.

Find more Easter recipes at McCormick.com and find McCormick Spice on Facebook and Pinterest.

Bunny Butt Cupcakes

Recipe courtesy of Amanda Rettke of "I am baker"

Prep time: 45 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 24

- 1 2-layer size white cake mix
- 1 tablespoon, plus 2 teaspoons, McCormick Pure Lemon Extract, divided
- 1 tablespoon McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
- 3/4 cup white chocolate chips
- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 16 ounces confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 10 drops McCormick Green Food Color
- 1-2 drops McCormick Red Food Color
- 12 large marshmallows, halved crosswise
- 3 tablespoons white nonpareil sprinkles

Prepare cake mix as directed on package, adding 1 tablespoon lemon extract and vanilla. Spoon 3 tablespoons batter into 24 paper-lined muffin cups. Bake as directed on package for cupcakes. Cool cupcakes on wire rack.

To make bunny feet: In medium, microwave-safe bowl, microwave white chocolate chips on high 30 seconds. Stir until completely melted and smooth. Spoon into pastry bag or re-sealable plastic bag. Snip small corner from bag. Pipe 24 pairs of bunny feet onto parchment or wax paper-lined cookie sheet. Use toothpick to smooth out bumps or rough edges, and gently tap cookie sheet on counter to help settle. Allow to harden 2 minutes in freezer or 15 minutes in refrigerator.

To make frosting: In large bowl, beat butter and remaining lemon extract until light and fluffy. Gradually add confectioners' sugar, beating well after each addition and scraping sides and bottom of bowl frequently. Add milk; beat until light and fluffy. Remove half the frosting and place in medium bowl. Add green food color; mix until evenly blended. Spoon into pastry bag fitted with grass decorating tip. Set aside. Remove half the remaining frosting into small bowl. Add red food color; mix until light pink. Spoon into another pastry bag.

Using pink frosting, pipe three toes and padding on each bunny foot. Once frosting has set (about 1 hour) gently press down on pink frosting to create smoother look.

To assemble cupcakes: Pipe green frosting onto each cupcake in series of short motions to create individual grass spots. Cover top of each cupcake completely.

To make bunny butts: Place cut sides of marshmallow halves onto each frosted cupcake, leaving room for bunny feet. Shape remaining white frosting into dime-sized balls then roll with white sprinkles to cover. Pipe small drop of remaining pink or white frosting onto top of each marshmallow. Press bunny tail on top.

Place both bunny feet against base of marshmallow with toes facing down.



Bunny Butt Cupcakes

Easy Spring Lamb, Sides and Treats



Lemon Dill Slow Cooker Carrots

Lemon Dill Slow Cooker Carrots

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 3-4 hours

Servings: 6

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 pounds carrots, peeled and cut into 1/2-1-inch chunks
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Dill Weed
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Pure Lemon Extract
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar

Spray inside of 4-quart slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray. Add carrots, water and salt; toss to coat. Cover.

Cook on high 3-4 hours, or until tender.

In small bowl, mix olive oil, dill weed, lemon extract, Dijon mustard and vinegar. Stir into cooked carrots in slow cooker before serving.

Rack of Lamb with Quinoa-Hazelnut Crust and Mint Pesto

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 40 minutes

Servings: 6

- 2 tablespoons red quinoa
- 2 tablespoons white quinoa
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup, plus 1 tablespoon, finely chopped toasted hazelnuts, divided
- 2 racks of lamb, about 1 pound each
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 1/8 teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Organic Black Pepper
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons McCormick Gourmet Organic Mint
- 1/8 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Organic Garlic Powder

- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt

Rinse quinoa; drain well. In small saucepan over medium-high heat, bring quinoa and water to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 13 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed, stirring occasionally. Spread cooked quinoa on baking sheet to cool. Stir in 1/4 cup hazelnuts. Set aside.

Heat oven to 450 F. Brush racks of lamb lightly with 1 teaspoon oil. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon sea salt and pepper. Coat lamb with quinoa mixture, pressing firmly to adhere. Place lamb on roasting rack in foil-lined, shallow roasting pan. Drizzle with 2 teaspoons oil.

Roast 20-25 minutes, or until desired doneness.

To make Mint Pesto: In small bowl, mix remaining oil, remaining hazelnuts, lemon juice, mint, garlic powder and remaining sea salt until well blended. Stir 1 teaspoon pesto into yogurt.

To serve: Carve lamb into chops. Drizzle with remaining pesto. Serve with yogurt sauce.



Rack of Lamb with Quinoa-Hazelnut Crust and Mint Pesto

Electric Pressure Cooker Lamb

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 48 minutes

Servings: 12

- 1 tablespoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1 tablespoon McCormick crushed Rosemary Leaves
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Sea Salt
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Thyme Leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground McCormick Black Pepper
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 semi-boneless leg of lamb (about 4 pounds)
- 1 cup Kitchen Basics Original Chicken Stock
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and cut into 2-inch chunks
- 1 medium yellow onion, cut into wedges
- 1/4 cup water

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- In small bowl, mix garlic powder, rosemary, sea salt, thyme and black pepper. Set aside.

In electric pressure cooker, heat oil on saute setting until simmering. Sprinkle half the seasoning mixture evenly over lamb. Place lamb in pressure cooker. Cook 8-10 minutes, or until browned on all sides, turning occasionally. Add stock, wine and remaining seasoning mixture to pressure cooker. Arrange carrots and onion around lamb. Close lid.

Cook 25 minutes on high pressure. Once complete, allow pressure to release naturally with vent closed 15 minutes. Vent to release remaining pressure; remove lid. Remove lamb and vegetables from pressure cooker; set aside and keep warm.

Set pressure cooker to saute. Cook, uncovered, until liquid is reduced by about half, about 5-10 minutes. In small bowl, mix water and cornstarch. Stir into pressure cooker with wire whisk. Cook, stirring occasionally, 1-2 minutes, or until thickened. Serve lamb and vegetables with gravy.

Easter and Passover, a beautiful time in Oak Run

Dear readers, Easter Sunday is really a lovely time of the year. For me it is the most important day of the year spiritually. It is also spring time, new life of growing things. It used to be the parade of Easter bonnets, dress up for church and Easter baskets filled with chocolate rabbits, chicks etc. Do you remember the fun of looking for your basket or when you had children, hiding their baskets? I must admit I still surprise Joe with a little basket, but I don't hide it. Anyhow, I wish you all a wonderful Easter. For my Jewish friends, a wonderful celebration of Passover. It begins on the 30th and ends on April 7. If you are not familiar with the Passover, why not google it. Point of information: all activities in Oak Run are for residents and overnight guests only. My little bird tweeted to me that Hub and Ann Hubbard are celebrating their 50th Anniversary in April. They are so busy in activities in our community I don't see how they will find time to celebrate a 50th. Congratulations to a great couple.



Oak Run
Laura Smith

event! I believe folks, who volunteer and put so much effort into entertaining us, should have the support of the community. Don't forget the first car show on April 7, at Orchid Club (see article). I would be remiss if I did not mention the beautiful Easter/Spring decorations on the entry signs of various neighborhoods. I would not want to be a judge and select 1st, 2nd 3rd prize winners. Kudos to all the talented decorators! I leave you with these wonderful words John Lennon; "Peace is not something you wish for, it's something you make, something you do, something you are and something you give away." Peace, and the joy of Easter, Laura

ORHA General Meeting

Wednesday, April 11 at the Orchid Club 9 a.m. (for residents and their overnight guests)

Interested in what stores will be coming to our area soon? Curious about the plans on State Road 200 and

what it might mean to Oak Run? How about all the parcels of land that are for sale suddenly? Pat Gabriel, president of the State Road 200 Coalition, will fill us in on what's planned for Oak Run's end of SR 200 soon. You don't want to miss this!

Italian-American Club

We will be hosting a "Spring BBQ & 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 & 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 & sauerkraut and some mini cold-cut sub sandwich/toppings, all with coleslaw, baked beans, chips, cookies & 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 contact Rose Anne 873-7646 or Damian 854-4840.

The first 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 in 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 new comers. 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 Pistol Shooting Day

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LUMINARIA CEREMONY 9 PM | CLOSING CEREMONY 10 PM

OAK RUN

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Oak Run Car Club

The first annual 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 sometimes referred to as a garage Queen. 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.

Shuffleboard

Our annual Shuffleboard Luncheon, was held on St. Patty's Day. Thanks to our dedicated team of Mary Ann and Wally Bennett, Claudette and Ralph Piscopo, and Marge Barroussa, our annual luncheon was a big success! The chicken great, the side dishes and desserts our players brought to share were yummy! Fifteen members received their dues back as raffle prizes!

New Officers were elected as well. Outgoing President, Tracy Batchelder, welcomed new incoming President, Bob Strausser, Laura Roberts as Vice President, Penny Batchelder as Secretary, and Cathy Fogarty as Treasurer.

If you are a new Oak Run Resident, or you have been here for years, come on over to the Shuffleboard Courts on Friday, Saturday and Monday mornings at 9:45. We have folks who would love to show you how to play and become part of this great fun-lovin' group! Keep on a-Shuffling!

Royal Oaks Lady Niners

On March 8, the game was Low Net. In Flight A, Elsa Berbig came in first, and Patty Waddell was second. In Flight B, Mary Kay Frandsen came in first. Tied for second place were Cindy Kocher and Diana Schmidt. Cindy Kocher made a birdie on the 13th hole. Patty Waddell made a chip-in on the 10th hole.

Monday, March 12, we had Tee to Tea, hosted by Sally Crass. First, the ladies played a scramble tournament, then went to Nancy Lopez Legacy restaurant for lunch. A big thank you to Sally for a wonderful day and for the lovely gifts.

Play for Thursday, March 15, was canceled due to the cold and frost delay.

All Oak Run ladies are welcome to play with us on Mondays. There is a signup sheet in the Locker Room with tee time and contact information.

Ballroom Dance

The Ballroom Dance Spring Social" will be held at The Palm Grove on Sunday April 22.

Doors open at 5-30 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Catered by Royal Oaks. Poached Salmon with Dill, Napa Valley Chicken, Veg. Dessert and Coffee.

Music by Linda Byrd and Dennis Rose. Door Prizes and 50/50. BYOB.

\$20 p.p. Members, \$25 p.p. Guests. FMI call Larry Bridge, 352-854-1037.

B.J. Johnson, 352-262-2154.

Do you remember?

Tune in to Len Teitler's Do You Remember? narrated by Anna Boodee featuring "The Early Days at Oak Run" with the opening of the Island Club, parties, parades, theater shows, dances, and many other activities to remember. Following FYI daily from March 30 to April 6 on Channel 12.

Oak Run Garden Club News

Garden Club meets Wednesday April 4 at the Orchid Club 9 a.m. Our speaker will be Guda Taylor of Taylor Gardens and Nursery in Citra Fl. Guda will be talking to us about Florida

gardening and plants. Guda will be bringing plants to show and to sell. A field trip is planned in April to Harry P. Leu gardens in Orlando, members \$26 non-members \$36, if you have not

already paid for your trip please pay at the April meeting. FMI regarding trip contact Marianne (352) 861-0958. Come and join us for fun, friendship, helpful information and treats. All Oak Run residents are welcome to attend. FYI contact MC 352-209-6889 or check Oak Run Channel 12.

Oak Run Library

The Library will hold the second Friends of the Library meeting on Friday, April 6, at 1 p.m. at the Orchid Club. Karla Grimsley, CEO at Interfaith Emergency Services, will speak about emergency assistance provided to Marion County individuals and families in crisis.

Refreshments will be served. The monthly book sale will be held on Saturday, April 14, from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Orchid Club. Hardback books and DVD's are priced at 2 for \$1 and Paperbacks are 10 cents each. Stop by the donut drop-in while there and enjoy coffee and a donut.

Showcase of Stars

Songs for Everyone on Friday, April 6 at Palm Grove - 7 p.m.

Door Prizes & 50/50 You can't beat the cost as it is free admission.

Chinese Mah Jongg

Card Room: Saturday noon-4 p.m. and Thursday 2-5 p.m.

No \$ experience or Mah Jongg cards needed. Learn and play in a friendly atmosphere.

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

Renaissance Women

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

Lunch at ROGC: Call Annmarie 237-9838 or Geraldine 585-737-8711.

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

Monthly Luncheon: Call Gloria 570-606-7107.

Indoor Picnic: Sunday, April 29; Call Jessica 873-4551 for details.

Movies: Call Peg 274-9640 for details.

Membership: Call Patricia 445-7428.

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

Royal Oaks Men's Golf Association (ROMGA)

2018 Match Play Tournament

On March 12, 14, and 16, ROMGA conducted its

second golf tournament of the year. The format was match play in five flights

playing from white, yellow, and red tees. Individual prizes awarded daily for match winners and runner ups in each flight. After a shot gun start,

lunch in the Royal Oak Golf Club dining room, prizes were awarded to the winners. Thanks to John Terry for all his work to organize and manage the tournament.

Flight One: Winners: Steve Jones and Nick Shaffer

Runner Up: Don Guertin

Others: Bud Murray and Pete Parizek.

Flight Two: Winner: John Nimitz

Runner Up: John De Salvo

Others: Emmet Dowling

Flight Three: Winner: Ron Tennant

Runner Up: Finn Jakobsen

Others: John Bush and Ralph Jordan

Flight Four: Winner: Bruce Stover

Runner Up: George Gariepy

Others: John Wargo and Jan Flickinger

Flight Five: Winner: Mike Schoendorf

Runner Up: Steve Casner

The next ROMGA Tournament is the Senior Championship scheduled for April 11

and 13 - Friday Shotgun Start. Chairman is Dick Rizzo. Lee Chamberlain, Secretary ROMGA; Lchamberlain@centurylink.net

Travel

The last of our 3 ticket sales for trips in the latest brochure are complete and we are very pleased with the response from residents. You can call the listed host for a trip if you were unable to get to a sale date. Many trips have only a few seats available but even if a trip is full, remember that our wait list procedure works and a high percentage of those on a wait list get to go.

We have several tickets available for the 2 earliest trips. The shopping trip to the Florida Mall in Orlando on April 13 is going but we really want more of you to sign up. It is a grand time at the largest indoor mall in central Florida. Lots of name stores and outlets plus fun places to eat (and drink) with your friends. Call Della Blanchard to help fill out the bus.

Our trip on June 9 is to see The Sound Of Music being performed at the fabulous Straz Center in Tampa. Do you remember how wonderful it was for so many great songs to be in one show? In the movie version, Julie Andrews sang the title song from on top of a mountain full of flowers and a bright blue sky. What about Do Re Mi and My Favorite Things? Join us as we re-live those wonderful moments from the Tony Award winning Broadway play. As usual, following a matinee show, we will have dinner on our own before returning to Oak Run. Call Patricia Tomaszewski right away, we need a few more seats filled to make this trip a go.

International Folk Dance

International Folk-Dance Group meets 7p.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: 4/5 and 4/12. Classes will resume on Thursday, April 19 in the Palm Grove Auditorium from 7-9 p.m.

Bocce

The Tournament was extremely competitive. The winner was Darrell Riemer. Second Place was held by Jake Luchtenburg. In Third Place was Jim Allen and in Fourth Place was John Carey. The expectation level was high on who was going to win this tournament.

Starting on Tuesdays, "fun play" Bocce will be held at 9 a.m. Be there at 8:45 a.m. to sign in. This is a good time to learn the game of Bocce, so that you may be ready to play on a scheduled team in the

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favorite music from his vast repertoire of songs. While Bill plays 'this' or 'that', he prefers to play 'this' and not make too much out of 'that' so when you ask him, "Please play 'this'."

The fun goes from 7 until 10 pm on Friday, April 13. (That's scary.) No tickets required. All you need is to bring yourself, your refreshments, your sense of humor and your smile. Come out for a fun night with no frills.

Shredding

Document Shred is scheduled for April 16 at the Clubhouse between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. There is no more economical or effective way of protecting your identity than by shredding all the papers that contain your personal information.

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Community Yard Sale

The long cold winter months are over and it's time for everyone to do their spring cleaning. Don't laugh at that, ...long cold winter... it was long, gray, cold and even wet. But hooray, Spring has sprung and it's time to

clean out the house and garage in time for our semi-annual community wide garage sale.

This is a chance to turn those unwanted items in the garage that are just taking up space into cold hard cash. Everything that you don't use anymore, like, clothing, lawn equipment, exercise machines, bikes, sports memorabilia, books etc. all can be sold during this great sale.

The Marion County community comes out strong to our community of Cherrywood because they know they are going to be treated nice by friendly people and get some good deals on things they can't live without.

Our sale will be Saturday, April 21 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m, rain or shine but we'll hope for shine. Enrich your Spring with our community Yard Sale.

Victory Cruise

Come sign up for the next Victory Casino Cruise. This excursion leaves the Clubhouse at 7:30 a.m. on April 24 and sets sail for a day of gaming fun and excitement. I'm sure you all know the bargain that this cruise brings.

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like this; bet on it.

Our resident energizer bunny, Holly Bragdon is in charge so call her and sign up. You don't want to miss out and the bus fills quickly for these trips. Holly's number is 873-8223.

Range Day

Don't forget to sign up for Range Day coming up on April 19. We car pool from the Clubhouse in the morning and head to the range. There are shooting lanes set up specifically for us under the supervision of range officers so it's a safe place to be.

After the shooting, we all head for lunch and a great social time with a delicious meal. Each shooter is responsible for eye and ear protection; ammo and luncheon expenses. The cost per person for the range is just \$16.

First time shooters are encouraged, so just sign up with Jennifer in the office. If you have any questions, call Fred O'Hern 237 5391.

From the reporter

We read about the dark, lonely

hours in the garden; the humiliating unjust trial; We listen to the agony of crucifixion and the death of an innocent man. The heart weeps in turmoil, the mind spins and the soul shudders in fear. Then, on the morning of the first day of the week they discover the tomb is empty. Christ is Risen! Death has been overcome and the promise of life everlasting has been fulfilled. Alleluia!

This week-end those of us who are Christians will celebrate the joyous holiday of Easter. Many of us will spend the day in worship and with family and friends in fellowship and sharing good food.

As Suzi and I do that, we want you, the readers of this column to know that your prayers, cards, kind thoughts and many expressions of hope and faith have touched us more deeply than you will ever know. We thank God for each of you and pray that at this special season you will be richly blessed with joy, peace and love.

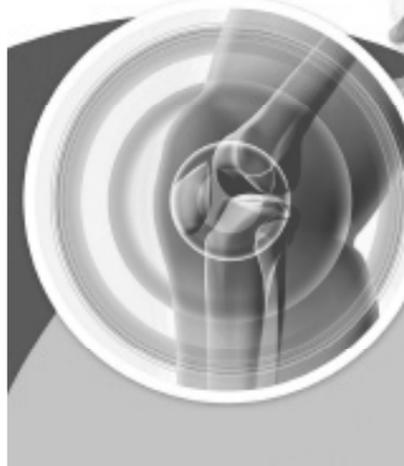
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Fall. This Tuesday schedule will continue throughout the spring and summer months. All newcomers and regular Bocce Team members are invited to play.

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 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. John's 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

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.

Well folks, keep well, take time to "smell the roses". Peace, Laura Smith csjtpq2@gmail.com

Ocala Open

The Ocala Open Golf Tournament had its best year yet, raising \$85,000. Funds were raised for two

charities, Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services who each received \$42,500. The winner of the tournament, Kevin Aylwin, received \$12,000. This annual tournament has raised over \$573,000 in 12 years.

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HAMILTON

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anger us. They certainly make mistakes. But here's the thing: we cannot solve our problems at any level — local, state or federal — without skilled politicians.

They're indispensable to the system. I've had a good vantage point to observe successful American politicians over the decades, and I've come to believe the craft of politics requires certain characteristics. Not every politician possesses them, but the good ones — and there are plenty of good politicians — strive for them.

First, they're attuned to the moods of the people and to shifts in public opinion. This is not a bad thing — their job, after all, is to represent us. At the same time, they adhere to certain beliefs: they have faith in this country and its future, and they often hold a vision for what its success will look like. They believe it can make progress.

They also know that progress will not come easily. They understand they'll face setbacks, failure, and hardship, but they persevere in the American way of governing because it can make a lot of things possible.

They search for a path forward, and for a remedy to a problem.

They tend to be articulate, adept at influencing others, and at times inspirational. But they are also pragmatic, and prepared to adjust, compromise,

and improvise in order to move policy in the direction they'd like to see it go. They may pursue the perfect, but most of them know they won't get there, and will have to be satisfied with incremental progress. Very rarely do we advance in leaps and bounds.

They're comfortable holding authority and responsibility, and because they recognize that they share these burdens with others, they respect their colleagues.

They try to be civil with them, since they understand the dynamic nature of politics — that you don't have permanent enemies or allies and that your foe one day may be a comrade the next.

And while they know the value of coming together in unity and may even strive for it, they understand that it's rarely achievable. Indeed, they expect criticism, appreciating that it comes with the territory and is one sign of the vitality of the democracy we live in.

Finally, good politicians understand that politics consists of a lot more than running for election.

It has to be practiced every day in a democracy. We don't live in a perfect world, and we can't attain one. But in the end, politics is about striving to get there — to make the world, or at least this country, better.

The best politicians understand that this requires

inclusivity, that all groups in every part of the nation have to be taken into account, that many interests have to be balanced, if the U.S. is going to succeed and be secure.

They retain a fundamental faith in the people of the country.

They do not give up on America.

I don't want to suggest either that I think all politicians possess these qualities, or that any politician enjoys them all.

Yet these characteristics are what mastery of the craft of politics demands, and they come only with time and experience.

In my book, any politician who displays them deserves the same respect we'd give any specialist who has acquired the knowledge, skill, and insight demanded by a complicated, demanding, and meaningful profession.

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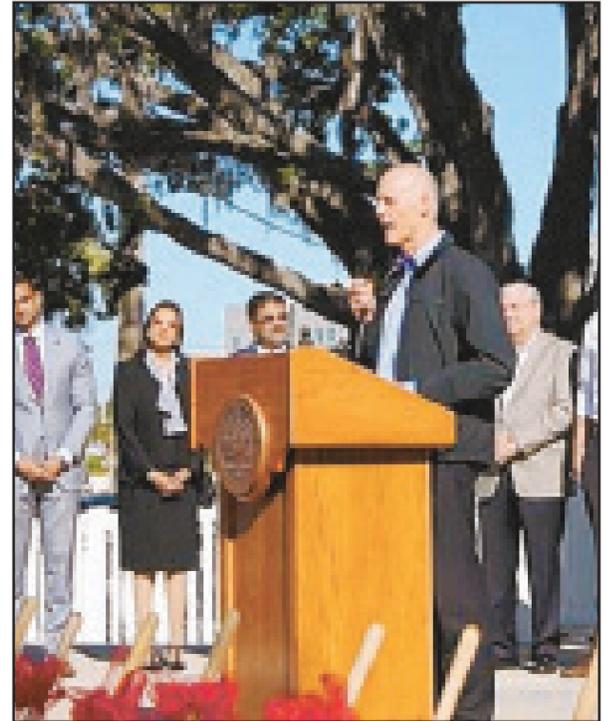
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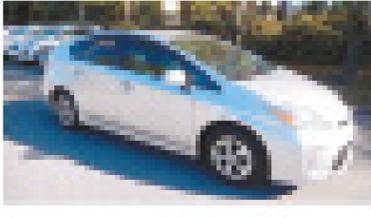
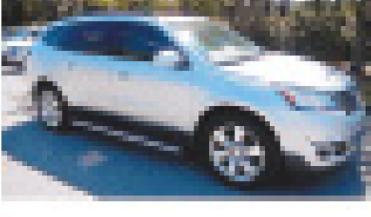
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