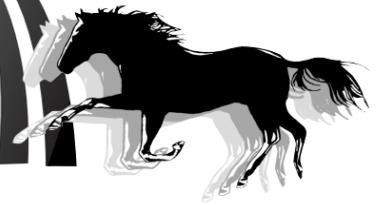


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April gas prices set four-year high

Monday was the conclusion to what was the most expensive April at the gas pump in four years.

- Nationally, April gas prices averaged \$2.72 per gallon - an increase of 33 cents from April 2017

- Throughout the month, the national average rose a total of 15 cents

- In Florida, April gas prices averaged \$2.67 per gallon - an increase of 25 cents from April 2017

- Throughout the month, the state average rose a total of 10 cents

Nationwide, Americans are paying 42 cents per gallon more than they did this time last year.

Florida gas prices averaged \$2.74 on Sunday.

Sunday's daily average is the same as last week, yet 10 cents more than a month ago, and 32 cents more than last year.

- The most expensive gas price averages in Florida are in West Palm Beach-Boca Raton (\$2.86), Crestview-Fort Walton Beach (\$2.84), and Pensacola (\$2.81)

- The least expensive gas price averages are in Tampa Bay (\$2.67), Orlando (\$2.67), and Melbourne-Titusville (\$2.68).



PHOTO BY MATTHEW BECK

Jessica Baker wipes tears from her eyes Monday afternoon in Circuit Court Judge Richard "Ric" Howard's courtroom.

50 years for driving car in murder, burglaries

BY BUSTER THOMPSON
Citrus County Chronicle

Circuit Judge Richard "Ric" Howard said Jessica Baker could have easily turned her cohort Darren Decker over to police as his murderous home-burglary spree ran rampant in Florida.

But Baker didn't and that's why Howard sentenced the 46-year-old Ocala woman to 50 years in prison for her role in the 2016 home invasion and murder of Citrus County resident Don "Terry" Plumeri and nine other home burglaries from Marion County.

"She was the driver... all she had to do was drive off, find a cop and say enough, but she didn't," Howard said at Baker's sentencing hearing Monday afternoon.

Baker's 50-year punishment will be served concurrently

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County launches text-to-911

Marion County Public Safety Communications introduces a new countywide feature, which allows residents to text 911 during emergencies, when calling is not practical or possible.

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, and/or speech impaired will have a significantly easier method of communicating with emergency operators. Additionally, people can text 911 in situations where remaining quiet is paramount to their safety and security.

Marion County emergency telecommunicators address texts and calls to 911 through the same user interface. However, individuals in emergency situations should call 911 if they can and text if they cannot.

Marion County is now the 26th county in Florida to fully implement text-to-911. Marion County's residents and visitors may text 911 via any major wireless provider.

For more information, contact Public Safety Communications

at 352-671-8460, or visit www.marioncountyfl.org.

Things to consider about text-to-911:

- Always provide your exact location and the nature of the emergency.
- Remember to silence your phone if you are in a dangerous situation.
- Avoid using abbreviations, jargon or slang.
- Do not send emojis, photos or videos.
- Do not send a group text.



PHOTO BY RON RATNER

Sinkholes at Fore Ranch

Several sinkholes have opened up at Fore Ranch, a development off State Road 200 in the area of West Marion Community Hospital. Some homes have been evacuated.

Proposed routes revealed for new toll road

BY MICHAEL D. BATES
Citrus County Chronicle

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has released the proposed routes for the proposed Coastal Connector highway. The routes were unveiled last Thursday in Crystal River and were to be presented again Tuesday evening at the Hilton in Ocala.

The Coastal Connector would extend the Suncoast Parkway through Citrus and Marion counties to hook up with either the Interstate 75 or U.S. 301 to ease traffic on the interstate

For a map of the proposed routes, go to www.smcitizen.com

and provide a more direct high-speed route between the Ocala region and Tampa Bay, in addition to providing another hurricane evacuation route on the state's west coast.

The routes were the result of a \$3 million study by Montgomery Consulting Group of Winter Park.

About 8,000 people recently got a letter from FDOT notifying

them that their home is within 300 feet of a proposed connector highway.

Kelda Senior, spokeswoman with Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, said nothing is etched in stone at this point and funding beyond this initial survey has not even been secured. Whatever is decided — if anything — is years away, she said.

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I enjoy a mess, especially mine

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were in a little bit of a tussle this past week. I was in the study area of our home doing some kind of work when my wife came in, looked around with both hands on her hips and said, "What is all of this mess about?"

The problem I was having at the time was her definition of "mess." I have found throughout my married life that we differ on definitions.

It is true, we use the same words, but those words have different meanings. My wife has the habit of finely defining her words to the letter. I, on the other hand, just generalize.

If you ask her how much money she had in her purse, she would say, "I have \$21.19."

If you asked me the same question (eliminate the purse) I would say, "I have around \$20."

Continuing her conversation, she said, "What are we going to do about this mess?"

When she said "we" I was confused. I knew I wasn't going to do anything about what she called the mess in my room and I didn't know if she had somebody going to help her do something about the

mess in my room.

For the life of me, I could not see any mess. I had no idea what she was talking about. If there were a legitimate mess in my room, I would've spotted it. I did not know what she was talking about.

Staring at her and she staring back, she finally said, "We need to clean up this room!"

I suppose everybody has a different way of ordering their life. I like to order my life by having everything spread out in front of me. And, for any reason, if I can't find something, it simply means I don't really need that something.

I have known my wife to search all day for one thing, then when she found it, it was too late to do anything about it.

Life is rather easy for me along this line. If I don't have it, I don't need it. I only need what is right in front of me and what I can access right away.

Looking down at the floor, I said rather softly, "I don't think we need to clean up this room at all."

"What did you say?"

At that point, I knew I was in some kind of trouble, although what, I wasn't sure. So I repeated what I



Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder

had to say.

"I don't think we need to clean up this room at all. In fact," I said as slowly as possible, "I like it the way it is."

I know my wife was trying to help me get my room organized so I could find whatever I needed when I needed it. That's just not the way my clock ticks. I'm grateful that my clock ticks at all for that matter.

Then a light bulb clicked on the top of my head. I looked at her and said, "Let's clean up this room and then I will help you clean up the mess in your room."

As she turned her back and left my room, I couldn't help but think of a verse of Scripture, "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31).

You may not like my mess but I certainly enjoy it.

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PRISON

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with the 30-year prison term a circuit judge out of Sumter County handed her in late January on five related felony cases.

In accordance with Baker's plea deal, Howard could not sentence Baker, who had already pleaded guilty to her charges, to more prison time than 50 years.

In a timid voice, Baker said Monday she accepts responsibility for her crimes and submitted a written statement to Howard, who didn't read it aloud.

Baker's sentencing ends a roughly two-year-old case that began with Baker and her boyfriend Decker, also of Ocala, burglarizing roughly 60 homes in several counties across central and north Florida.

Police dubbed them the "pillowcase bandits" because they left a trail of missing pillowcases, which they used to make off with goods they stole.

A verdict was never given to Decker, who was found in March 2017 in his jail cell hanging by his bed sheets. He later died at a local hospital of asphyxiation at age 42, leaving Baker to take on their charges.

"He didn't stick around to exonerate her, he took the coward's way out," Howard told Baker on Monday.

Baker's attorney, Charles Vaughn, asked for Howard to give her client a more lenient sentence because Decker forced her to be his accomplice, and that she was already serving prison time.

Prosecutor Pete Magrino recommended Baker get the maximum because he could not believe Baker's defense that she knew very little about Decker's criminal actions.

Howard seemed to agree that Baker's involvement was profound.

"You will have lifetime to watch your kids grow up from the letters they write to you," Howard told Baker before sentencing her.

Florida Department of

Law Enforcement (FDLE) Special Agent Octovio Aguero testified FDLE started spearheading statewide investigations into the bandits' burglaries in March 2016.

Using a number of rental cars, Baker would drive Decker to houses where he would pry his way inside, before stealing jewelry, cash, prescription drugs and firearms, Aguero said.

Decker and Baker brought their hauls back to their home off of Northeast 25th Avenue, to sort through them — sometimes smelting down metals — before selling them at flea markets or to private buyers.

Prosecutors also played video recording of Baker and Decker's teenage daughter testifying to witnessing her parents making deals to people out of their car.

After tracking down and getting in touch with someone who bought from Decker, authorities were able to set up a false buy between Decker and his buyer.

Police were then able to tail the couple back to

their home and surveillance them further before apprehending them on April 18.

Authorities searched the couple's home and a Marion County storage unit, seizing numerous stolen goods, including 46 firearms, Aguero said.

Investigators were able to tie Decker and Baker to the burglary of a Dunnellon-area home and its owner Plumeri, who was an accomplished musician and composer.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies found Plumeri's slain body was April 1, 2016, inside his home off of West Candier Court.

CCSO Sgt. John Bergen testified deputies arrived to find a busted front door and 71-year-old Plumeri dead, partly bound and facedown on the ground of his bedroom.

His body was found in April 2016 inside his Dunnellon-area home, where he was slain by Darren Decker during the course of an armed burglary.

Bergen said Decker had stabbed Plumeri al-

most 90 times, including 10 to his head, with a screwdriver, but his cause of death was by asphyxiation from the duct tape wrapped around his face.

Baker, who drove Decker to Plumeri's home and stayed in the car, told police Decker was in Plumeri's home for roughly 30 minutes, Bergen said.

Plumeri's relatives showed Howard a video of Plumeri conducting his own composition of class. In an interview with investigators, Baker said she and Decker committed the burglaries because they were short on money, and that Decker didn't coerce her to help him commit these crimes.

Dahlquist said that couldn't be true because Decker, in a letter he wrote just before his suicide, confessed to his actions and how he intimidated Baker into acting as his accomplice.

Prosecutors argued Dahlquist's reporting on Baker wasn't confirmed by sources other than Baker.

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 Sunday, May 6, our worship service will open with special music by our Worship Choir and a message of inspiration by Pastor David Bellows.

Pastor Ray Westman leads a Small Group on Wednesday afternoon at 4. The group meets in the Chapel of our main building and takes an in-depth look at the Sunday morning message 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.

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Community calendar

Friday, May 4

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At 3 p.m., students receiving certificates, Associate in Science and bachelor degrees will be recognized. The second ceremony, for students receiving an Associate in Arts, will begin at 6 p.m.

In addition to student speakers, the commencement address will be delivered by CF Associate Professor Tom Ziesemer, 2018 recipient of the American Association of Community Colleges Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award. Luther Drummond, chairman/CEO of Drummond Banking Company and 1963 graduate, will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award.

For those unable to attend, the ceremonies will be webcast live at CF.edu/graduation.

For more information, call the Ocala Campus at 352-854-2322, ext. 1391 or ext. 1739; Citrus Campus at 352-746-6721; or Levy Center at 352-493-9533.

First Friday Art Walk

The final First Friday Art Walk of the 2017-2018 season will take place Friday, May 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. throughout downtown Ocala and will include the fol-

lowing special performances and activities:

- 6 to 9 p.m. – Live music by Jeff Jarrett on the main event stage located at the downtown square near the gazebo. Jarrett was named “Best Local Musician” by Ocala Magazine in 2017.

- 7 p.m. – Hip-hop performance by Xtraordinary Rising Talent

- 8 p.m. – Belly dancing performance by the Cairo Dancers

- Free hands-on art activities for all ages will be provided throughout the event by Painting with a Twist, Appleton Museum of Art, Marion County Public Library, Karate America Ocala, Animis Foundation, the Discovery Center and Gulf Archaeology Research Institute.

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 40 artist displays, live entertainment, free family art activities and extended shopping hours.

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

Car show and chicken barbecue

Car Show and chicken barbecue dinner will be held at Ocala West United Methodist Church, Friday, May 4, 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 to eat in or take out prices: \$ 8 for 1/2 chicken dinner with baked beans, coleslaw, and roll, \$6 for 1/4 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.

Saturday, May 5

Sholom Park yoga

Sholom Park Yoga begins for the season.

Class begins at 9 a.m. under the pavilion. For more information, call Ingrid 854-7950.

Sunday, May 6

Ocala Youth Symphony

The Ocala Youth Symphony will be presenting its final concert of the season on Sunday May 6, 3 p.m. at The Reilly Arts Center 598 NE 9th St. Ocala. Musical selections include classical, pop, & Broadway hits. Admission is Free and open to the public.

The Ocala Youth Symphony was founded in 1999

by director Cindy Warringer, and is committed to the education and professional development of young musicians ranging in age from 8 to 18. We serve the education and professional development of young musicians from the Ocala/Marion County and surrounding areas. Our purpose is to provide solo and ensemble performance opportunities, and to encourage excellence in young musicians. Concerts are always free to the public and can be scheduled in advance at any church, school, or musical venue by calling Cindy Warringer at 352-208-8734.

Monday, May 7

Ocala Chapter of Hadassah

The monthly meeting of the Ocala Chapter of Hadassah will be held on Monday May 7 at 10 a.m. at the Bank of the Ozarks, 8375 SW Highway 200 in Ocala. The meeting will feature a representative from the Marion County Sheriff’s Office, who will address the group on the topic of personal safety. Judi Siegal, president of the chapter will preside. All are invited to attend and refreshments will be served. For information please contact Judi. (morrobay03@embarqmail.com)

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Monday, May 7 at 10 a.m. 7171 SW State Road 200, Ocala.

We’ll meet in the Choir Room of First Congregational United Church of Christ for a group led discussion on anything having to do with death and dying. No experts, no lectures, just mere mortals coming together to share their thoughts. Awareness of our mortality creates a deeper appreciation for life.

For information call 368-9927.

Tuesday, May 8

City of Ocala silent surplus auction

The City of Ocala will host a silent surplus auction Tuesday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the City of Ocala complex located at 2100 NE 30th Ave., near building 300.

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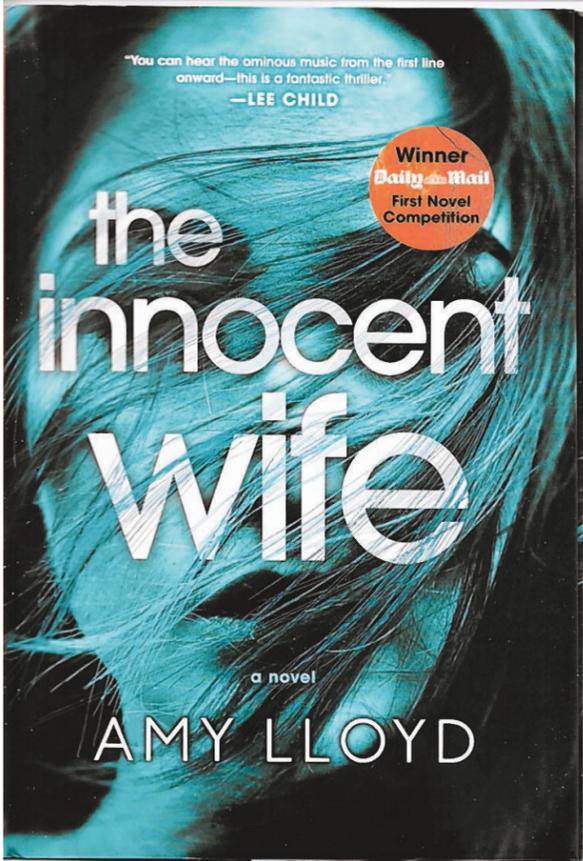
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Book review: AN INNOCENT WIFE By Amy Lloyd



A 31-year-old London schoolteacher, fearing her life is on hold, gets caught up in an online forum created by American people trying to free death-row inmate Dennis Danson because they believe he's innocent.

"Twenty years ago, Dennis Danson was arrested and imprisoned for the brutal murder of a young girl in Florida's Red River County. Now he's the subject of a true-crime documentary that's whipping up a frenzy online to uncover the truth and free a man who has been wrongly convicted."

So engrossed in his story that she binges on every detail,

Samantha finally writes to him. Soon they're pen pals exchanging letters every chance they get because something about the British woman strikes a chord with Dennis.

Then with money her grandmother left her, Sam flies to Florida and with her first meeting with the handsome inmate she's in love.

He returns her affection and the two marry in prison.

A short time later another man confesses to the murder of the young girl and Dennis is free.

What should have brought joy to Sam brings confusion instead.

Out of prison Dennis is another man altogether—secretive, controlling, and cold.

This debut novel is complex and it builds in intensity with every lie that Dennis tells. Samantha struggles against her frustration with her strange



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husband and in her desperation she tries to excuse his behavior.

The trip to Dennis's childhood home brings this intricately plotted book to a climax when she realizes that the townspeople are not happy to see her husband.

Although some of the twists may be predicted, Lloyd keeps us guessing about the final outcome until the very last page.

A writing-contest prize winner, Lloyd demonstrates in "An Innocent Woman" that she is truly a gifted story teller.

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Wednesday, May 9

Drama Team at Crossroads

The Heirborne Drama Team will be presenting the 2018 program "Last Chance" at Crossroads Church of God on Wednesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. This dynamic group of young people combine mime, interpretive sign language and

contemporary Christian music to bring a challenging message that appeals to young and old alike.

Over the past 18 years, this team has traveled to many states and the Ukraine.

One of the most exciting times was a dramatic patriotic performance on the stage at Mt. Rushmore.

The public is invited to come experience "Last Chance". Crossroads is at 8070 SW 60th Ave. in Ocala.

Friday, May 11

Tribute to John Denver

On Friday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m., Ted Vigil returns to the Reilly Arts Center for a special tribute to John Denver. Tickets start at \$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.

Ted performs all of John Denver's greatest hits including Take Me Home Country Roads, Leaving on a Jet Plane, and Rocky Mountain High.

Saturday, May 12

Letter carriers food drive

On Saturday, May 12 letter carriers throughout Marion County will participate in the 26th annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) National Food Drive to "Stamp Out Hunger."

This annual effort has become the largest one-day food drive in the nation's history, resulting in more than a half billion pounds of food to local food banks, pantries and shelters in all 50 states. Last year in Marion County, 113,243 pounds of nonperishable food was collected and donated to Interfaith Emergency Services for distribution to the Salvation Army, Brothers Keeper, St. Theresa's Catholic Church, the Help Agency of the Forest and other local food banks. The Ocala Post Office was ranked first in the nation in their union member category for the ninth year for the community's outstanding effort in supporting this program. In Marion County alone, more than 1.9 million pounds of food has been collected.

Postal customers are asked to hang a food donation on their mailbox before their letter carrier delivers the mail on Saturday, May 12, and the carrier will do the rest. Collection barrels will also

be set up at all Post Office branches to accommodate those with Post Office Boxes.

For individuals interested in volunteering for the collection and unloading/loading, please call Tina Reid at 629-8868 ext.210. Service hours for high school students are available.

United Way of Marion County, Interfaith Emergency Services, USPS, the National Rural Letter Carriers Association, United Food and Commercial Workers Union and AFL-CIO have partnered with the NALC to help stamp out hunger.

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, May 12 and is only \$6 for all you care to eat.

A varied selection awaits everyone ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, French toast, waffles, pancakes, corned beef hash, biscuits and gravy, fruit cup, juice and coffee. Breakfast proceeds benefit the many charities supported by the OWUMC men's fellowship.

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

OUR VIEW

'Entertainment' of D.C. writers

If you had any doubts about the quality of journalism in our nation's capital, you probably didn't see the White House Correspondents' Dinner on TV last weekend.

To put it politely, it was disgusting.

Journalists, especially the big-time ones covering the White House and Congress, are supposed to be thorough.

Whoever hired the speaker, loosely called a comedian, didn't check her credentials very thoroughly.

The speaker used various four-letter words and other gutter language and definitely made attendees uncomfortable.

Much of her vitriol was aimed at Press Secretary Sarah Sanders, Counselor Kellyanne Conway and television personality Megyn Kelly.

She showed that the people who scheduled her should have made a better effort at finding out what she was going to say, or else, like what we've heard of Washington correspondents, they didn't much care what was said.

The president of the group made a feeble attempt at a statement Sunday, but fell far short of an apology.

Here is her complete statement:

"Dear Members:

I want to tell you how much your kind words meant to me following my personal remarks at last night's White House Correspondents' Dinner about the roots of my belief in journalism's essential role.

I also have heard from members expressing dismay with the entertainer's monologue and concerns about how it reflects on our mission. Olivier Knox, who will take over this summer as our president, and I, recognize these concerns and are committed to hearing from members on your views on the format of the dinner going forward.

Last night's program was meant to offer a unifying message about our common commitment to a vigorous and free press while honoring civility, great reporting and scholarship winners, not to divide people.

Unfortunately, the entertainer's monologue was not in the spirit of that mission.

Every day we are working hard to advocate for our members and ensure coverage that benefits the public, and the dinner is an important opportunity to highlight and maintain our essential work. The White House Correspondents' Association remains dedicated to that mission.

Margaret Talev

The vulgar speech was broadcast over C-Span, and we have to wonder if it violated any FCC guidelines, while we're positive speech decency was bypassed.

As this group prepares for next year's dinner, we'd like to suggest a higher standard of speaker for 2019.

If that doesn't happen, this dinner should not be televised live into America's living rooms, unless a TV-MA rating is a constant reminder on the screen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poverty

Poverty is one of the largest and increasing problems facing American families everywhere in our great country. The present administration is claiming that the newest budget that was passed by our elected officials in Washington D.C. has made the financial situation much better for working families.

It appears that those making these decisions concerning our welfare are unaware of the actual financial impact their budget has created with these working families. These overworked and under paid families whose children use to get their main meal and sometimes their only meal of the day at school paid for with tax revenue. Tax cuts for the rich are impacting working families the most causing them to work two and three jobs while seeing these tax cuts reduce income to public schools cutting back on these programs for these families.

America must have equal trade policies with foreign countries to promote jobs for the workers throughout our country. We must realize that trade with European countries are more competitive financially rather than trying to compete with countries who pay their workers pennies per hour.

Working opportunities locally must be improved and updated to increase household to living wages. Most of our challenges facing us today can be improved at the ballot box at the next election.

Jerry Segovis
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COMMENTARY

Just what does -30- mean to a writer?

Back in the dark ages, as the younger members of my family call it, we used to type stories on manual typewriters.

We typed on 8 1/2- inch paper, usually with carbon paper in between, so you would have a copy of what you wrote when you handed it in.

At the bottom of each page you typed -more- so the typesetter on the Linotype machine knew there was another page.

At the end of the story, you typed -30- to indicate there was no more. Looking that up, I discovered no one knows where it came from, but that in civil war years it was used to indicate the end of a telegraph message.

It was about 60 years ago, in my sophomore year at Bergen Catholic High School, that I wrote my first story. I can't remember how it started, but I was providing Little League results to our weekly newspaper, the Times-Review of Bergenfield, New Jersey, under the guidance of a kindly editor named Russell Stewart.

Ten years later, I was married and moving to Florida. Except for a few cold years in Ohio and a few quick months in Alabama, I've been here ever since.

Jim Clark
Editor



Now it's time to write my final -30- on a regular column or story as I head into the world of retirement.

I bounced around the state, at one point spending 15 years in The New York Times Regional Newspaper Group in Lakeland, Palatka and Ocala. Those moves convinced me that I liked the smaller newspapers better, and thus I found my current employer, Citrus Publishing of Crystal River's weekly division, under Publisher Gerry Mulligan, who I might add, is a Mets fan like me.

Dale Bowen in Chiefland hired me, then eventually I transferred to Williston, then to Ocala, where, despite some job changes, we had lived since 1997.

One of the joys of working in a smaller newspaper is that you get to interact with the readers much more. You're more likely to run into a reader on the street or in the grocery store than, say, a re-

porter for The New York Times runs into his readers.

While in my job, I've had the privilege of meeting some famous people, but I've also had the honor of speaking in front of local groups and meeting some of our readers. To me, those people are famous in their own way.

Here, I've been blessed with correspondents, photographers, columnists and letter-writers, all volunteers, who have contributed in a big way to making my job easier. If you don't personally know these people, you should take the time to get acquainted. They're very good at what they do.

Friday is my last day ... after that, the computer goes to the new editor. I'll still be online on Facebook, Twitter (very little) and e-mail (semaj34470@gmail.com). My calendar will no longer be built around deadlines, but the Mets schedule.

Thank you to everyone who has helped, especially to my wife, with whom I celebrated 53 years together last week. May God bless all of you in your future endeavours.

Jim Clark is the editor of the South Marion Citizen.

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The Republican high-water mark

BY RICH LOWRY

Special to the Citizen

If Republicans aren't losing their congressional majority this coming fall, they are doing a good job of acting like it.

Dozens of Republicans are leaving the House, and last week Paul Ryan said he is resigning as House speaker at the end of this Congress, and will not even run for his congressional seat again.

If the high-water mark of Republican power came on the day last December that congressional Republicans and President Donald Trump celebrated the passage of the tax bill on the White House lawn, Ryan's announcement is a clear sign that Republican clout is receding.

"We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy" is Ta-Nehisi Coates' lament over what he considers the lost opportunity of the Barack Obama years. The story of unified GOP control of Washington might someday deserve to be written as "We Were Two Years in Power: A Tragicomedy."

In a gift for the ages, Republicans won all elected branches of the federal government in 2016.

But the initial ecstasy over Trump "signing their stuff" has given way to the reality that they don't have stuff to send him.

Republicans couldn't roll back Obamacare, in part because the party hadn't thought through what the Republican alternative was.

They passed a tax cut that included important reforms that even the Democratic repeal bills don't want to completely undo and that are boosting the economy.

That's all to the good. But tax cuts aren't a magic political elixir. First, Trump is right, as he said at an event a couple of weeks ago when

he tossed away his script, that they are boring. They don't have the emotive appeal of issues like trade and immigration.

Second, there are limits to how effectively you can run on the one thing you accomplished last year.

This is the truly extraordinary aspect of the current situation. Republicans are content not to do anything else of significance in Congress this year.

They passed an omnibus spending bill that was rightly denounced as a disgrace by Trump even as he signed it, and the Senate is working to confirm Trump nominees. That's pretty much it.

They aren't trying to wring every last ounce of what could be their waning months of unified control of Washington -- for years to come. They aren't determined to give their voters some other reasons to support them in November.

They aren't attempting to create action in Washington besides Trump's feuds with James Comey and Stormy Daniels.

Republicans are resting on their laurels, when they don't deserve any laurels.

They are suffering from political exhaustion, when they haven't truly exerted themselves. They are acting like they are lost in the wilderness, when they still occupy the commanding heights of American politics.

Maybe Republicans somehow hold on to the House this fall (the generic ballot is encouraging lately, if nothing else is).

At the very least, though, Republicans are going to lose their functional majority.

The question at this juncture is, How would anyone notice?

Rich Lowry is the editor of The National Review.

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Yard sale was a great success

Here's a special thank you to all of the residents and the hundreds of Marion County citizens who came out to make our yard sale a great success. We had a few less vendors this time but the ones we had were well stocked with goodies and the shoppers loved it. I'm sure the extra money in the pockets of our sellers was a nice perk and an encouragement to take part in the fall yard sale. Thanks again for taking part and making Cherrywood a great place to live.



Cherrywood
John Everlove

cough, well maybe not that warm. Seriously, this is one of the highlights of the evening so don't miss it.

In addition to the hat contest there is the excitement of getting a lucky pari-mutuel ticket with your two-dollar admission fee. This gives you a chance to win in the ticket lottery. There will be 50/50 drawings, mint juleps to sample and of course the race itself which will be shown on the big screen. Tickets are just \$2 each and can be purchased from Jennifer. For this event you are asked to bring your own libations and snacks and if you're a little generous, bring a few things extra to share.

See Jennifer today and get your tickets; this is one event you do not want to miss.

Casino Trip

Holly Bragdon reports that about 50 residents from Cherrywood spent the



Cherrywood ladies' pool players.

day having a terrific time aboard the Victory Casino Cruise ship. The bus ride both ways was a blast with 50/50 drawings and a movie on the way back home. Bill the driver was great, and Holly gets the drivers tip from the drawings.

The food was delicious on the buffet, the entertainment was a duet who sang all the right songs for our line dancers that were present; and the drinks were free to the players and quite lovely according to all accounts.

There were about 7 or 8 big winners in the group who will go unnamed for obvious reasons, but they are easily recognized by the large grins on their faces.

Everyone seemed to have a good time in the very friendly atmosphere of the ship and bus. What could be better than to be with friends and neighbors, surrounded by a courteous staff, playing fun games while being enter-

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RELIGION

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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.

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Crossroads Church

We are planning to have a special "Mother's Day Dinner" on Saturday,

May 12 at 6:30 p.m. to honor all of our women.

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 7 p.m. This includes Crossroads Kids, Crossroads Nursery & Crossroads Youth Ministries.

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.

Ocala West Church of the Nazarene

On Sunday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m. we will have a concert at our Church at the regular church time featuring "the New Floridians" they will perform in their distinctly Southern Gospel style. Everyone is invited to attend. Please feel free to come. Our address is 5884 SW 60th Ave. (Airport Road), Ocala.

Our other services are 5 p.m. on Wednesday for Prayer and Praise.

Every Sunday at 9 a.m. we have Bible Study and 10:30 a.m. our regular worship service.

All are invited to attend. Please feel free to attend any and/or services. If you have any questions or need directions, please feel free to call 352-861-0755 for any details.

Joy Lutheran Church

Our summer schedule begins this month, on May 27, with the one service on Sunday at 10 a.m. The first and third Sunday will be a traditional service with communion at the rail and the 2nd, 4th, and 5th will be a more semi-contemporary service with intinction. Sunday, May 27 will also be

(Lutheran Men in Mission) LMM Sunday, where the men provide the worship service. September 2 will be the last day of the summer schedule and this day will be Women's Evangelical Lutheran Church Association) WELCA Sunday, where the women provide the worship service. The Wednesday contemporary service at 6:45 p.m. will continue during the summer.

On Sunday, Sept. 9, we go back to the regular two Sunday services of 8:15 and 11.

Joy Lutheran Church is on SR 200 at 7045 SW 83rd Place, Ocala. For more information contact the church office at 352-854-4509 ext.2.

VFW events

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Bingo is played on Monday and the doors open at 9 a.m. Games begin at 11. Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday dinner prices and menu varies. See bartender for Wednesday pre-sale dinner tickets. Dinner is open to the public.

Second and fourth Friday's dinners are fried fish or chicken and served from 4 to 6 p.m. Open to the public.

Friday and Saturday enjoy entertainment in the canteen from 6 to 10 p.m.

Saturday breakfast is served from 8 to 10 a.m. Breakfast open to the public.

Saturday, May 25 is the Auxiliary's taco buffet from 7 to 9 p.m. for \$6 donation. Tickets are available in the canteen or at the door. Buffet is open to the public.

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CALENDAR

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Sunday, May 13

Concert at Countryside

Award-winning students from the Capitano Music Studio, Leigh Papagno and Johnny Couch, will present a concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 13, at the Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW Highway 200, Ocala. Classics will include piano and cello compositions from Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Faure, Chopin, Copland, as well as an original arrangement from "The Firebird" by Johnny Couch that will be performed by The Ocala SDA Church Wind and String Ensemble.

GayLyn Capitano will accompany on several sections. Free concert. 352-237-4633.

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala

Come celebrate Mother's Day with Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala as we honor that very important woman in our lives. Bring your mother, grandmother or friends on Sunday, May 13 at 12:30 p.m. to the Candler Community Center at OTOW.

We will be serving a delicious lunch buffet of bagels, cream cheese, whitefish, egg and tuna salad, veggies, beverages and desserts. In addition there will be musical entertainment provided by our talented trio of Judys as well as stories, comedy and a special Mother's Day bingo! The public is invited to attend.

The cost is \$18 per person and part of the proceeds will be donated to Kimberly Center. For reservations contact Briana @ 352.854-2747 or Lois @ 353.291-1308.

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Thursday, May 17

Honor Marion County's fallen officers

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The ceremony will include remarks from local law enforcement leaders, a flyover by air units representing multiple agencies, and a 21-gun salute. Representatives from all local law enforcement agencies will have various roles at the event. All residents are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Marion County Sheriff's Office Public Information Director Paul Bloom, at 352-368-3527.

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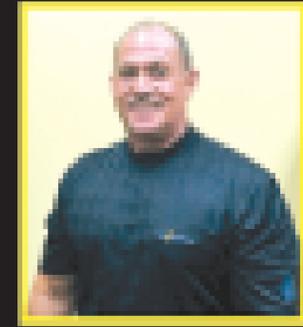
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Dear reader, tomorrow is the big day. Kentucky Derby. New residents probably wonder why we have several Derby parties around Oak Run! Well, that is because we are horse country and many times the Derby winner has at some point of their horse life been in Marion County. Then again who doesn't like a party (fun party that is, not political). DECCA has been busy painting neighborhood signs (look great) and the neighbors are busy decorating again. Baytree Greens called to check out their sign decorated for the Derby, so Ed hurried over to get a picture.

Wait until you read the article from Travel and the upcoming trips. When they go travelling, they travel to far ends. Two of their trips recalled this quote, "Travel is about the gorgeous feeling on teetering in the unknown." What is with these clubs having pajama parties? Is it memories of sleep overs? I get it, it is just breakfast parties! Bob, (OMI) can you bring your teddy bears? When I listened to the choir in my church, this past Sunday it reminded me of the Troubadours.

The beautiful music makes you feel good. I hope some folks will come forward and start the Troubadours singing again. Our country needs music, music and more music. I promised to find out the history of Cinco de Mayo, celebrated tomorrow. It is a holiday that celebrates the day, in 1862 when the Mexican Army defeated France at the Battle of Puebla. It is widely celebrated in our country and I believe because so many enjoy a Margarita. Happy Cinco De Mayo to all our neighbors of Mexican heritage. The



Oak Run
Laura Smith

following words from Abraham Lincoln, "My dream is of a place and time when American will once again be seen as the last best place of hope in all the earth." I agree! Peace, joy and hope. Laura

Reminders:

Wed. May 8 at 9 a.m. ORHA General Meeting at O.C.

Sat. 12 @ 8 a.m.-9:30 Donut Drop-In at O.C.

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Bay Tree Greens ready for the Derby.

significance for us as believers. Teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan illustrates how God guided his people to a specific place - the Promised Land - to impact the world both in ancient times and today.

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ery Guide" by Ray Vander Laan, is required for this series and may be purchased at Amazon for \$8.93. Call Lorrie @ 352-237- 2083 or Bob and Evelyn @ 352-854- 8015 for more information.

Royal Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf League

Crier's Tournament was our game on April 24. In Group I JT Lemasters came in first, Judy Klein second, Elaine Bush and Nancy Lefebvre tied for third. In Group II Joanne Welch and Donna Gwin tied for first, Sylvia Zappia was second, Sharon Scrivens and Debbie Bloss tied for third. Group III winner was Bea Terry, 2nd was Jan Tennant, tied for 3rd was Chris Lefabvre and Patty Dougherty. Closest to Pin was JT Lemasters.

New England Club

New England Club of OR members had another enjoyable evening March 15 with the Breakfast PJ party. Congratulations to the 5 winners of the gift baskets playing Pass the plate game and of course congratulations to the winning table playing TV trivia. I am sure that trivia brought back some good memories.

May 17 will be another exciting evening playing Bean Bag Baseball. So, make sure to mark your calendars: May 17, 5:30 in the Orchid Club.

Menu will be wedge sandwiches and sides. Bring your drink of choice for the evening. Coffee will be provided by the club and of course we will have our popular 50/50 raffle.

Tickets will be on sale Monday, May 7, 10 to 12 Orchid Club. Members \$10 and Guests \$12.

For more information contact: Steve 352-861-1223 or Andy 352-854-8069

Oak Run Library

The monthly book sale will be held on Saturday, May 12, from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Orchid Club. Hard-back books and DVD's are priced at 2/\$1. As usual, Paperbacks are 10 cents each. Stop by the donut drop-in while there and enjoy coffee and a donut.

he library is in receipt of several new books. Regular print as follows: "After Anna" by Lisa Scottoline, "The Sixth Day" by Catherine Coulter/J.T. Ellison, "I've Got My Eyes on You" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Shoot First" by Stuart Woods, "Duel to Death" by J.A. Janice, "The Punishment She Deserves" by Elizabeth George, "Miss Julia Raises the Roof" by Ann B. Ross, "To Die But Once" by Jacqueline Winspear, "Red Alert: An NYPD Red Mystery" by James Patterson/Marshall Karp, "The Disappearance" by C.J. Box, "Sweet Vengeance" by Fern Michaels, "If I Die Tonight" by Alison Gaylin, "The Wife

Between Us" by Greer Hendricks, "One Perfect Lie" by Lisa Scottoline, "Home Sweet Murder" by James Patterson, "Crimson Lake" by Candice Fox, "The Hush" by John Hart, "Night Moves" by Jonathan Kellerman, "Two Kinds of Truth" by Michal Connelly, "Keep me Safe" by Maya Banks, "The Running Girl" by Sara Blaedel, "The Perfect Stranger" by Megan Miranda, and "The Woman in the Window" by A.J. Finn. Large print books: "Accidental Heroes" by Danielle Steel, "Red Alert: An NYPD Red Mystery" by James Patterson/Marshall Karp, and "The Disappearance" by C.J. Box.

It's A Pajama Party at Omi

Let's roll back time, climb into those favorite pajamas of ours and join the OMI gang at the Orchid Club on Thursday, June 7, at 5:30 p.m. for a good old fashion PJ Party with music by DJ Fred Campbell, the usual 50/50 and BYOB. Our friends at Royal Oaks are fixing up some great beef tacos with all the condiments and ice cream sandwiches for dessert. Dollar prizes will be given for three categories - best coordinated PJ, craziest looking PJ, and most colorful.

Tickets will be sold in the Orchid Club lobby from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 12 (during Donut Drop-In) and again on Saturday, May 26, during pancake breakfast. Cost is \$20. for members and \$22. for guests.

Travel

We are very excited about the following two trips in the first half of 2019.

We have a "Transatlantic Cruise and Belgian Tour" that has a sale date of Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in the Island Club. Prices for this 20-day tour range from \$2,800. to \$3,600. The ship will sail on May 4, 2019. The Transatlantic cruise will be on Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas departing Tampa. Ports of call will be Ponta Delgada in the Azores, Waterford and Cork in Ireland, Zeebrugge in Belgium and then Amsterdam. Our tour bus will meet us at Amsterdam and drive us to Antwerp for a panoramic tour before depositing us at the Hotel Metropole, where we will stay for 4 nights. We will have a full-day coach tour of Luxembourg the following day followed by morning tours of Brussels and Ghent before flying home from Brussels. The tour includes all transfers, air fares, hotel room and ship cabin (double occupancy) and guided tours. Tips and some taxes are extra. Look for a posting on Channel 12 & the bulletin boards or call Bob or Cindy Kocher.

Let's go to Costa Rica. This trip will be hosted by Jan & JoAnn Flickinger, leaving on Feb 20 and returning on Feb 26, 2019. It is limited to 20 people. The itinerary is packed with interesting and fun places to experience. After arriving and having a de-

licious lunch you will be driven to the Arenal Volcano Area where you will spend the next 2 nights at the Los Lagos Resort and Hot Springs. The first morning there we will take a 2 mile walk at the Mystico Hanging Bridges Park where you can enjoy nature from both within and above the jungle canopy. Following lunch, we will visit the Don Juan Organic Farm to learn about sustainability where, on two acres of land, one man produces his own energy while feeding 25 families.

The next day we leave the resort and travel to Tortuguero on the remote North Caribbean Coast. There will be a boat ride into the Tortuguero canals to get to a beautiful lodge for 2 nights to experience the jungle close. The first morning, there will be a nature walk through the Tortuguero National Park and in the afternoon, you will take a boat ride to spot wildlife and visit a small remote town. The next morning, we will leave the Caribbean Coast by return boat and then board our transportation back into the Central Valley. On the way to San Jose we will make a stop at La Tirimbina Private Reserve. Here we will enjoy learning about chocolate making from cacao bean to the finished products.

On our last touring day, we will take a trip to the top of the Poas Volcano where you can look down into an active volcano. Next, we will stroll through the La Paz Waterfall Gardens, see a colorful aviary, butterfly gardens and wildlife exhibits. Last, we will get to see some of Costa Rica's most majestic waterfalls. You will have a restful night and the next day it's to the airport for the trip home. The total cost of this magical trip is estimated at \$2865. (+/-) per person, double occupancy. This includes airfare, ground transport, tours, all meals and lodging. Gratuities will be at your discretion for the tour guide and bus drivers in Costa Rica. Call JoAnn for answers to your questions and to sign up for this trip. This trip is also posted on the bulletin boards.

Royal Oaks Lady Niners

On April 5, a scramble was played since a club meeting was held afterwards. The winning team was Bette Johnson, Diana Schmidt, and Ginger Drake. The second-place team was Elsa Berbig, Darlene Lamo, Marsha Shannon and Joyce Madill. Elsa Berbig won the closest to the pin contest on the

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11th hole, and she also made a chip-in.

Low Net was the game played on April 12th. In Flight A the winner was Elsa Berbig with Lisa Juhasz second and Salita Timmermeyer third.

In Flight B, the winner was Marsha Shannon.

There was a tie for second place with Maureen Edwards, Diana Schmidt and Janet Tully. Elsa Berbig made a birdie on the 13th hole.

On April 19th, Even Holes was played.

Since we played the back 9, holes 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18 were the holes that counted.

In Flight A the winner was Kim Hessel with Patty Waddell second and Debbie Bloss third. In Flight B the winner was Maureen Edwards with Marsha Shannon second and Darlene Lamo third. Lisa Juhasz won the closest to the pin contest on the 11th hole. Darlene Lamo made a chip-in on the 17th hole.

Criers Tournament was the game played on April 26. For this game, you get to change the score on your worst hole to par.

In Flight A the winner was Salita Timmermeyer. Tied for second were Sue Conner and Elsa Berbig. In Flight B the winner was Cindy Kocher. Tied for second were Janet Tully and Diana Schmidt.

Sue Olmos won the closest to the pin contest on the 16th hole. Patty Waddell made a chip-in on the 14th hole and Cindy Kocher made a chip-in on the 18th hole.

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.

Renaissance Women

Lunch at ROGC: Thursday, May 24, 11:30 a.m. Call Ann Marie 237-9838

Ethnic Luncheon: Thursday, May 10 at 12:30 p.m. at Grace Buffet, 7859 SW Hwy 200, Suite 105, Ocala (next to Canopy Oaks Publix). Call Martha 237-9333 or 239-321-4077 to RSVP.

Monthly Brunch: Sunday May 20 at 10:30 a.m. at Stone Creek Grille, 9676 SW 62nd Loop, Ocala 34481. Call Gloria, 570-606-7107.

Movies: Call Peg 274-9640 for details.

Membership: Call Patricia 445-7428.

Meeting: Sunday, May 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Island Club. Revised Renaissance Women Membership Lists for 2018 will be available at the May Meeting for Purchase.

Please bring along 50 cents to cover the cost for a hard copy. A printable PDF file has been sent to those members who provided an email address. If anyone needs a printed copy before the May Meeting, please contact Patricia (445-7428) or Carol (547-5241).

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

"Say Eng Look" The Chinese Mah Jongg Club

We meet in the Orchid Club Card Room Saturdays noon to 4 p.m. & Thursdays 2 to 5 p.m.

Newcomers welcome. No experience necessary - free lessons available.

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A new version of the game is now being taught for those that are interested, bringing to 3 the number of versions of this fun game you can choose from!

Open to all Oak Run residents and their overnight guests. FMI call Susan at 237-3686.

Performing Arts Company of Oak Run (PACOR)

The workshop for the Gilded Lily Inn was a huge success! This show was written and produced entirely by PACOR members. What an amazing and talented group of people! A huge thank you to everyone who has helped put this show together! And speaking of show, we're still waiting patiently for the big reveal of the fall musical and my guess is we'll find out the name of the royal baby first. Tickets for the PACOR picnic will be on sale Saturday May 5 from 10-12 at the Orchid Club. Even though admission is free, you must purchase a ticket for the boxed lunch. One of the events at the picnic is going to be a silent auction... so if you get a little bit of spring fever and start cleaning out the attic or garage, we're looking for treasures!

International Folk Dance

International Folk Dance will not meet on Thursday evenings in Oak Run but will go to Gainesville International Folk Dancers dance on Thursdays from 7-10. Sheila has room in her car for 4 passengers on May 10. Anyone who is interested in going in May, please call Sheila Krstevski at 914 548-6066.

Well folks, it is May, weather is great and I hope it stays. Laura Smith cs-jtpq2@gmail.com

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Some of the major points that the CERT experts will be covering is how to prepare your home for a major storm; if forced to evacuate, what should you take with you and how to take advantage of the many services available to you. If you have special needs or are the care giver for a special needs individual this seminar will be of special interest to you. If you have limited mobility, again, this class will be very helpful.

Our CERT team is professional, knowledgeable and dedicated to the residents of Cherrywood. Come get your questions answered, learn how to protect yourself from natural disasters and learn how to survive life threatening storms. Please be aware that our CERT team, in an effort to get you out to this event, has resorted to bribery. They will be serving coffee and donuts. What you learn could very well

save your life or the life of a loved one and as we learned last year, we're not exempt from the wrath of Mom Nature. Be prepared.

Aquacize Classes

On Thursday, May 3 Stacy started our Aquacize Classes for the summer season. This is where you get that summer body you've been wanting with low impact exercise that's easy on the knees, back and other parts of the human body. These classes are always well received as Stacy is an excellent teacher. Classes will run on Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 9:45 with Stacy's other classes beginning at 10:15. This will give everyone time to change and be ready for the next round of physical fitness.

Registration is not required, this is just a "info only" notice. Get out your bathing suit and come get healthy with friends and neighbors in our beautiful pool.

Veterans Club

In many quarters of our society, you hear the words, "I support our troops." Sometimes in my life, I've wondered how true that is. For example, only 1 in 100 people are serving in uniform today which means 99 aren't. I wonder if the draft was reinstated how many people would be headed north on I-75 toward Canada. Even back in the day during my military service I would see soldiers running to get indoors before the bugle sounded Retreat. For those of you not familiar with the rituals of the military,



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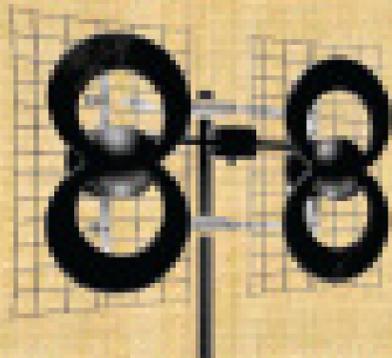
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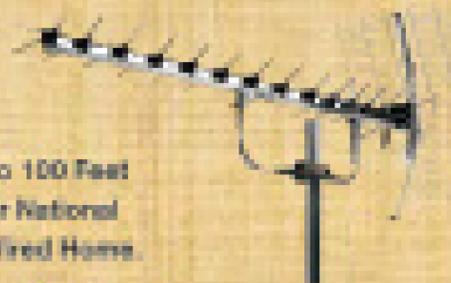
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Tuba success

A 10-year-old returned from his first music lesson on the tuba. "How did it go?" asked his father. "Great," said the boy. "I learned how to play a 'C'." The next week the boy took another lesson and his father asked about the lesson. "Terrific," said the boy. "I learned how to play a 'G'." The following week the boy didn't come home until 2 a.m. "Where have you been?" shouted the father. "I had a gig!" answered the son.

Take it from the top

Two musicians were discussing a mutual friend. "It was terrible, just terrible about Maurice," said the first. "What happened?" "He was playing in a concert and his toupee fell into his tuba." "Yes, I can understand that he would be embarrassed, but is it really terrible?" "The accident, no. It was the review all the papers carried that was so awful." "What review?"

"The one that said that Maurice spent the whole evening blowing his top."

Not a tenor

The unemployed musician went into the pawnshop. "How much will you give me for this tuba?" he asked. "Ten dollars," said the broker, after careful deliberation. "What?" He was indignant. "Why the neighbors offered me more than that."

Finished

John's hobby is writing songs. Yesterday he ran over to his neighbor and said, "I did it! I did it! I just finished writing a sympathy!" The neighbor said, "You mean symphony. Sympathy is when you feel sorry for something." John said, "Wait'll you hear it!"

Random notes

The sweetest music to a woman's ear is another woman playing second fiddle. You don't have to be much of a musician to toot your own horn. Some classical radio stations are banning works by Igor Stravinski. Too much sax and violins. You fix a broken tuba with a tuba glue. Some musicians who play by ear should remember that people listen the same way. Rock music is frequently played by those who are



Pun Alley
Dick Frank

stoned.

A Student said to his teacher, "I can't reach the brakes on this piano." The man complained that every time he put on his hat he heard music. The doctor fixed him up. He removed his hatband. An unsung hero is a person who knows he can't sing.

A folk singer is someone who sings constantly about the joys of the simple life - using a five thousand dollar sound system.

She was continually breaking into song much to the dismay of others who wished she would find the key.

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Music teacher: "In the basic choir, there are two male vocal parts. One is the tenor. What is the other?"

Student: Er--niner?"

Mistaken identity

Two musicians were walking down the street when one said to the other, "Who was that piccolo I saw you out with last night?"

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far flung fields of battle. Whether they're enduring combat in Iraq, or Afghanistan; risking their lives in training exercises or standing a post on the hills of Korea or watching prisoners in Cuba; these heroes are serving and protecting us.

Our Veterans Club honors our Military and veterans on two days each year. Memorial Day, when those who gave their lives for this country are remembered; and Veterans Day, when those who served this country are honored. Not a whole lot to ask of veterans or those who support them one would think. Looking around, most of us are blessed with two legs that work, and we can walk; most of us have two arms that can hold hot dogs and burgers; and most of us have children and grandchildren who look up to us for an example.

Currently we are in need of a secretary for the Veterans Club and flag bearers. The secretary job requires about two or three hours a month and an ability to read and write. As for flag bearers, that requires about five or six hours per year. You don't have to be a veteran to carry the American flag al-

though it would be nice if you were a citizen. There are five flags for our branches of military; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. All you have to know is how to walk tall and proud and learn a few basic moves.

If you're able to walk and hold a flag, see one of the officers of the Veterans Club and volunteer to carry a flag this year in our Memorial Day ceremony. If you are able to read and write, volunteer to be Secretary and if you've got a few hours a year, help out with the kitchen duties and the like.

Ladies Pool

All Cherrywood ladies are invited to join the pool players on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and on Sunday's from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. The skill levels of these ladies ranges from novice to professional grade and everything in between. If you have any interest at all in the game, come on out and take advantage of the warm welcome you'll receive and the excellent instruction that will be yours.

You'll find the atmosphere relaxed and fun. The pool tables are in good shape as well as the house cue's and chalk. Come on out on either or both days and see how much fun billiards can be.

From the Reporter

Mothers are the foundation and concrete that bind families together. They are the saints that love us, care for us, tend to us, yell at us, cry over us, pray over us and throw a little guilt at us. Because they are the basis for all families, I would ask you to consider the following.

Families are forever and for the most part, a lot of fun. I found out about one of our residents who turned 85 this past month. I won't mention her name, but her initials are Pia Dean. Her family rented a mansion and every member of the clan, or familia, showed up to spend a week celebrating this wonderful lady's birthday. They took time off work, school, whatever and spent a week telling this woman just how terrific she is as a Mom, a Grandma, a great grandma. The only problem she faced? Her arms were tired from picking up grand and great grandchildren for hugs. Now that's family at its best. Someone in this community is going to have to go a long way to top a birthday celebration like that.

As for me, this week I had a visit from my cousin who came all the way from California to spend a few days with me. Her name is Dorothy and she is named after my Mother. We had a

great time reminiscing about the old days when we were kids; the trials we faced as adults and the adventures we had raising our kids. There were lots of laughs, good food and a few tears when we said good-bye. In short, Dorothy gave me her love and support and we even agreed to do a limited family tree based on our memories.

Another family get together we have to share are things like Ladies Pool; Cribbage; Dancing; Exercise; Veterans Club; Crochet Club; SOS; Garden Club and many, many more. Of course, I'm speaking of the family we share here at Cherrywood. For those of us who have shared laughter and good times together and those of us who have shared loss and tears; we have been a family of choice not blood; a family as close as any kin; a family of relationships, not just relations.

Most of us no longer have Mom's that are with us. So, as we come up on this Mother's Day holiday, let us rejoice in our sisters and brothers from other Mothers; let us expand our family with open arms. Let us continue to grow our family ties to each other and make our lives richer and fuller because of our 'extended' family. Happy Mother's Day to all the Mom's in our extended family.

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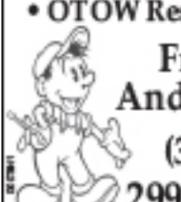
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PUN

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The other replied, "That was no piccolo, that was my fife."

Not a player

Bob's dad bought his mom a piano for her birthday. A few weeks later, Bob asked how she was doing with it.

"Oh," said the dad, "I persuaded her to switch to a clarinet."

"How come?" Bob asked.

"Well," he answered, "because with a clarinet, she can't sing"

Unending

Kyle had been practicing all week when he heard a knock at the door. He opened the door and saw a man standing on his front porch.

"Hello!" said the man, "I'm the piano tuner!"

"I didn't send for a piano tuner," said Kyle.

"I know," said the man, "Your next door neighbors did."

Musical Solution

Little Johnny came into the house with a new harmonica.

"Grandpa, do you mind if I play this in here?"

"Of course not, Johnny. I love music. In fact, when your grandma and I were young, music saved my life."

"What happened?"

"Well, it was during the famous Johnstown flood. The dam broke and when the water hit our house it knocked it right off the foundation. Grandma got on the dining room table and floated out safely."

"But how did music save you?"

"Me? I accompanied her on the piano."

OTOW news

Softball

Here we are with no more than 6 more games to play and the once dominant Pavarotti team is facing some strong competition. The Pavarotti team has always had a good lead and expected to be the overall champions, and they may well be, but the other teams are making a little hard for them. All of a sudden the rest of the league woke up and started playing like there is no tomorrow.

Three teams now share first place and the last place team is only three games behind. This is the first year we have had all the teams in contention so it has made it interesting for all. The hitting has become better and the fielding has improved all around. The Dr Dunn team which had been in the basement for quite a while has just steam rolled themselves into a tie for first place. Not to be left behind, the Hilton Auto team, despite some injuries to some of their key players, have also crept up for a tie with the Pavarotti and Dr Dunn team. Not far behind is the Cebert Wealth team just one game behind the top three teams, but they

will be losing their strong hitting pitcher before closing out the season, so unless they can make up for the loss, expect them to start sliding.

The Swinson Chiropractic team is also quite close just two games behind and if they can get out of their doldrums, they might just break into the top. Recently our last place team, Pearson Nissan has shown that they can put a winning streak together winning their last three games against some strong contenders. So here we are with just those last 6 games to be played and no team has an easy schedule, so it is now a wait and see time. What better way can you have it when every team is in contention. One of the highlights this month was Ron Hamell's first ever over the fence Home Run. Kudos to Ron.

Bill Leon

3-Pavarotti's-Paul	22	20
1-Dr Dunn-Mark	22	20
2-Hilton Auto-Jimmy	22	20
4-Cebert Wealth-Bill	21	21
6-Swinson Chiro-Jeff	20	22
5-Pearson Nissan-Steve	19	23

Party is on May 16. Please sign up via e-mail response.

Spruce Creek North

SCN's singles are out a about having a great time. On April 4 we visited the horse farm, explored the property, the beautiful home, and went on a horse driven carriage ride.

Afterward we had lunch at the "Horse and Hound," which proved to be very delicious.

Coming up on Monday, May 7, we will be taking an adventure on the water with a "singing boat cruise" down the Rainbow and Withlacoochee rivers for one and a half hours, after which we will be partaking of yet another fine eatery for lunch.

If you are single and wish to be part of this exciting group, please join us every first Friday of the month at the Clubhouse and help us plan our future explorations.

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Marion Landing
Diane Bress

Popular Mother's Day breakfast is May 12

Celebrate Mother's Day at Marion Landing's ever-popular Mother's Day breakfast. It will be held next Saturday, May 12, and breakfast will be served from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the Lifestyle Center. Heading up the committee again this year are Paula and Al Boucher with the help of the breakfast crew. Enjoy eggs, sausage, bacon, pastries, fruit, orange juice and coffee for a ticket price of only \$3. Tickets are on sale now at the Tuesday morning Socials and in the Activities Office. Come down and celebrate Mom on this very important and festive day.

Senior Games Ed Morgan Awards

Congratulations to all our physical and mental athletes who participated in the 2018 Senior Games. There were 140 Marion Landing residents enrolled this year, 80 who received first, second and/or third place medals, and 36 Ed Morgan Fitness Awards were presented to those who participated in 12 or more of a select 26 events. Those Ed Morgan award winners are: Audrey Barvinchak, Paula Boucher, Linda Brandon, Nancy Burns, Marg Carlquist, Bruce Carroll, Ann D'Angelo, Steve D'Angelo, Ted Dietz,



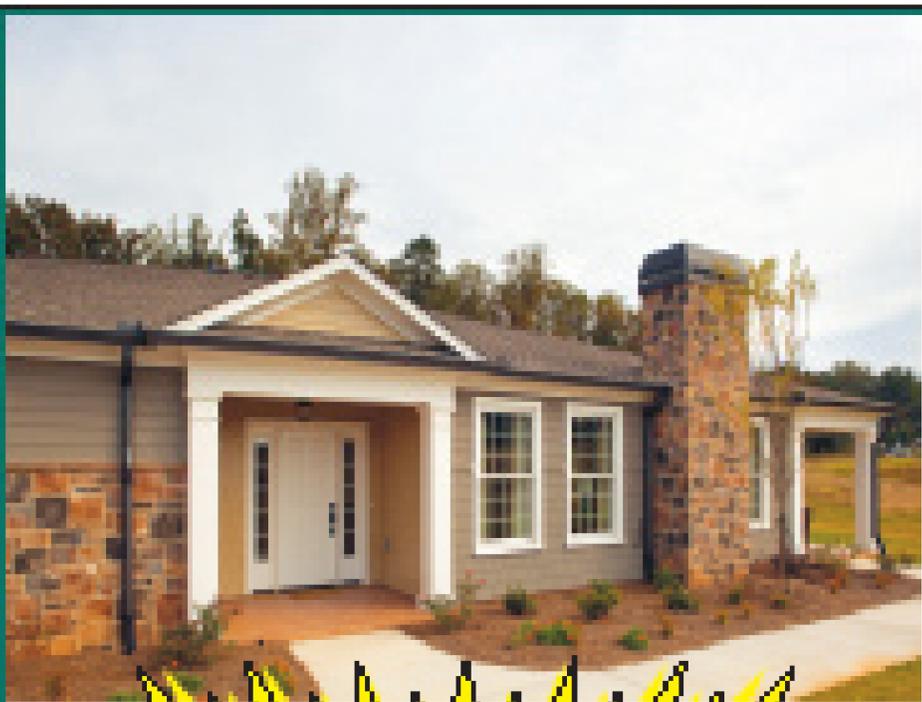
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Recipients of the 2018 Ed Morgan Fitness Award at the Senior Games Breakfast of Champions on April 21.

Rachel Glenn, Richard Grube, Jesse James, Darwyn King, Troy Knight, Sandy Lawson, Vivian Ledford, Celeneida Martinez, Marian Mazure, Francis Mazure, Bill McLaughlin, Charlie Mock, Evelyn Olsen, Frank Ostovic, Martha Pellarin, Carol Pfeil, Kathie Ritchie, Bill Ritchie, Dave Rusch, Lorraine Russo, Carolyn Salzlein, Kathy Simmes, Nancy Snook, Mike Soter, Dot Toneske, Mary Jane Welsh and Ken Welsh. Planning and executing the Senior Games is a huge undertaking and was done under the direction of chairs Steve and Ann D'Angelo, with the help of Howard Shay, the Senior Games committee, Neil and Betty Williams who kept track of all the registra-

tions, and Lorraine Rusch, the treasurer. The 50 event directors and facilitators made sure the rules were followed, the play was fair and the winners noted. The breakfast crew served a terrific breakfast which was organized, shopped for and cooked by Paula and Al Boucher. Martha Pellarin provided hundreds of photos for the slide show at the breakfast, facilitated by Ron Goss. Many thanks go to all those who did their part to make this year's Senior Games such a big success. Senior Games is one of the most popular events in Marion Landing, and one of the most enjoyed. Let's do it again next year!

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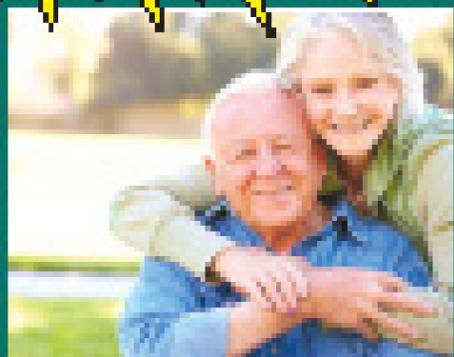


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CALENDAR

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Saturday, May 19

Use of drones discussion

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First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7171 SW State Road 200, Ocala. For more information call (352)368-9927.

Monday, May 21

Legion post to meet

American Legion, Post 354, Ocala, monthly meeting, Monday May 21, 12:45 - 2 p.m. at the Southwest Marion Sheriff's Office, Auxiliary Room, 9048 S.R. #200, in the Auxiliary Room, directly across from Martin's Cars.

Join us for coffee, cake and doughnuts. All branches of military newspapers will be available for attendees.

Our guest speaker, Amy Richerson, will bring important information about 'Free Caption Phones for People with Hearing losses.

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Thursday, May 24

Rainbow Springs Garden Club

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet the fourth Thursday, May 24, at 1 p.m. at the Dunnellon Masonic Lodge 136, 20751 Powell Road. Guest Speaker Laura Perdomo's topic will be "African Violets -

Everything you need to know to grow them." With over a decade of experience and as inventor of a patented self-watering wicking pot for African violets (and other house plants), Laura has much to share with us, including other unique and specialty plants that thrive indoors. She teaches classes at The Peacock Cottage, her plant shop in Ocala, and offers trouble-shooting service for her customers. We're sure you will find much to interest you at the May meeting.

Rainbow Springs Garden Club is open to everyone in the surrounding areas. Visitor fee is \$5. Door prizes awarded; sign in to be included in the drawings.

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Memorial Day, Vietnam wall

Marion County Veterans Services will host a four-day event, May 25 to 28, honoring fallen, missing, and imprisoned U.S. service members at Ocala/Marion County Veterans Memorial Park, 2601 SE Fort King St., Ocala, in observation of Memorial Day.

On May 24, a mobile Vietnam memorial wall will be transported through downtown Ocala, along with

a motorcycle escort, as it makes its way to the park for the 10 a.m. opening ceremony on May 25.

Each day, the public will have the opportunity to appreciate different military traditions and ceremonies. Veterans Memorial Park will feature a variety of static displays, which include military vehicles and aircraft.

Veterans Services has also coordinated a flyover on Memorial Day, May 28.

Live music, food vendors, and limited seating will be available during select portions of the event.

The memorial and other displays will be accessible to the public 24-hours a day from May 25 to 28. For further details and a complete event schedule, please contact Marion County Veterans Services at 352-671-8422 or visit www.marioncountyFL.org/VeteransServices.

Tuesday, May 29

Christian women to meet

Ocala Christian Women's Connection invites you to our "King of the Jungle" luncheon May 29 at the Hilton of Ocala from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The doors open at 11 a.m.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Taking advice isn't always easy for self-assured Rams and Ewes who think they know what's best. But it wouldn't hurt to listen to what close colleagues have to say.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You know how to balance life's practical aspects with the poetic. This gives you a special edge this week in both your professional endeavors and your personal life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Focus on keeping a balance between your home-related activities and your workplace responsibilities. Be mindful of both without obsessing over one or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans is likely as you discover more facts about a possible commitment. Continue to ask questions and, if you're not sure about the answers, demand proof.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Be careful not to let that Leonine pride keep you from seeking wise, experienced counsel before making an important decision. A family member once again seeks your help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) That surge of Virgo energy drives you to take on more work assignments. Be careful you don't overdo it, or you might find yourself overdone: i.e., burned out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your decision to be upfront with colleagues on a touchy matter causes some consternation at first. But in the end, your honesty wins their trust and admiration.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) As in the past, someone again wants to share a secret with you, knowing it will be safe. But do you really want to be this person's confidante? Think about it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) As one of nature's straight shooters, you seek to correct misconceptions about a project. Do so, of course, but without giving away too much too soon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Creative pursuits continue to be strong in the gifted Goat's aspect. New friendships can come from sharing these experiences with like-minded art aficionados.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Resolve lingering grumbings over your way of doing things by keeping your mind open to suggestions while continuing to show how your plans will work.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) The perceptive Piscean might find that changing course in midstream isn't as workable as it would seem. Explore this option carefully before making a decision.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

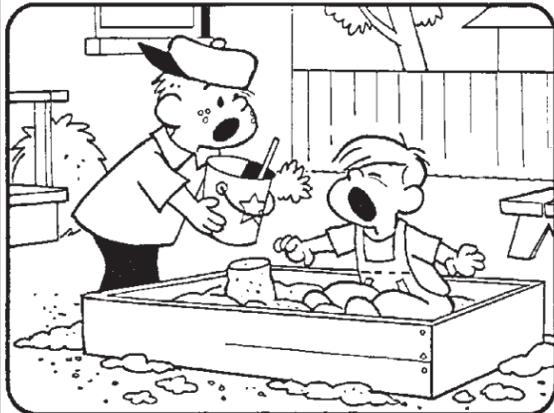
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Super Crossword

FIRST OF THE FIFTH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Reprimand sharply
 - 7 Linguine, e.g.
 - 12 Fed. accident investigator
 - 16 Obstinate beast
 - 19 Get creative
 - 20 "I do" locale
 - 21 In — (as first found)
 - 22 A few Z's
 - 23 Big name in economics
 - 26 Cincinnati-Detroit dir.
 - 27 British pop singer Rita
 - 28 Hideous sort
 - 29 Suffix with prefer
 - 30 Smidgen
 - 31 "— My Heart" (Toni Braxton hit)
 - 35 Date system of ancient Yucatán natives
 - 39 Igloo dweller
 - 41 French "sea"
 - 42 Candy water brand
 - 43 "I'm appalled to report that ..."
 - 49 Drifted about
 - 52 Film director Nora
 - 53 Cariou of the stage
 - 54 Mill fodder
 - 56 Public radio host Glass
 - 57 Of Laos, e.g.
 - 58 Podded plant
 - 59 Inner beings (sleep state)
 - 61 Land —
 - 63 Gloater's syllable
 - 64 Aioli
 - 67 With 46-Down, genuine article
 - 69 Prefix with refundable
 - 70 Big brand of faucets
 - 71 Hot dog in a classic jingle
 - 78 Part of LSAT
 - 82 Ruckus
 - 83 Sleuths' jobs
 - 84 Abbr. for the Blue Jays
 - 85 Disorder
 - 86 Tourist's aid
 - 87 Asks for
 - 89 — -jogg
 - 90 Brandy's sitcom role
 - 91 Downhill trail
 - 93 Supreme Court appointee of 2009
 - 97 Continental coins
 - 99 French "here"
 - 100 "Look — did!"
 - 101 Best Actor of 2014
 - 106 Inaction
 - 110 12:00 p.m.
 - 111 Injure badly
 - 112 Sprint, e.g.
 - 114 B&B, e.g.
 - 115 Certain 4x4
 - 116 Mansion House resident
 - 122 Apply
 - 123 "That hurt!"
 - 124 Author Dahl
 - 125 Skin and hair care brand
 - 126 At all times, poetically
 - 127 Tennis star Arthur
 - 128 Full of foam
 - 129 5/1 festival that's apt for this puzzle's eight longest answers
 - 9 Enter like the sun's rays
 - 10 Tiny little bit
 - 11 Genesis boat
 - 12 "Bye Bye Bye" band
 - 13 Soup holder
 - 14 Winner of six Super Bowls
 - 15 Double-decker, e.g.
 - 16 What "A.D." stands for
 - 17 Gifted world traveler?
 - 18 Javelin
 - 24 Lil' Abner's surname
 - 25 Nighttime, poetically
 - 30 Old Peru native
 - 32 Three cheers?
 - 33 NBAer Brand
 - 34 Long time period
 - 36 "Certainly"
 - 37 Elbow site
 - 38 Zone between biomes
 - 40 Actress Liv
 - 43 Cruel
 - 44 "— daisy!"
 - 45 — Pet (novelty gift)
 - 46 See 67-Across
 - 47 Spanish "water"
 - 48 Once every 12 mos.
 - 50 Greek Cupid
 - 51 Miami-County
 - 55 Chemical relative
 - 58 King's home
 - 59 Garbage boats
 - 60 1980s Dodge
 - 62 Strike at something but not hit it
 - 64 Shapely leg, informally
 - 65 Regarding
 - 66 Neither here — there
 - 68 Effacement
 - 71 Resistor units
 - 72 Drench
 - 73 Saved with the same filename, say
 - 74 Tibetan oxen
 - 75 Canadian gas name
 - 76 Guesses at LAX
 - 77 Not at all, in dialect
 - 79 Effortless
 - 80 Artsy NYC area
 - 81 Old Russian bigwig
 - 85 Title for a French nobleman
 - 88 Immense
 - 89 Major artery
 - 90 Grumble
 - 92 Botch up
 - 94 Vardalos of Hollywood
 - 95 Frigid
 - 96 Larcenist
 - 98 Look (for)
 - 101 Happen next
 - 102 Immerse
 - 103 "Which way — go?"
 - 104 "Delicious!"
 - 105 Noble Brits
 - 107 Supported temporarily, with "over"
 - 108 Get — good thing
 - 109 Peeve
 - 113 Surname of Buffalo Bill
 - 116 Mauna —
 - 117 Ovid's "— Amatoria"
 - 118 "Says —!"
 - 119 Flee hastily
 - 120 In vitro cells
 - 121 Waterloo marshal Michel

DOWN

- 1 Jewel
- 2 Bejewel, e.g.
- 3 Post-injury program
- 4 Mo. neighbor
- 5 24-hr. cash cache
- 6 Chai, e.g.
- 7 Hunger sign
- 8 Make panic

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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CPR/AED Speaker

Elizabeth Walker, Orange Regional Medical Center Trauma Center coordinator, will be our speaker this month and she will explain to us the new guidelines for administering CPR as well as how our AED machine works. Elizabeth is a wonderful speaker and uses plain, easy-to-understand language as to what to expect during a heart episode and how to respond, either directly or indirectly. This presentation is well-worth your time and attention, so please mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 15, at 9:30 a.m., right after the Tuesday morning Social.

Saturday Night Social

The Dance Club's next Saturday Night Social is tomorrow night, May 5,

from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. This is a free dance open to Marion Landing residents – no sign up, no tickets, and no admission, just come down and have some fun. If you'd like to learn to line dance or brush up on your steps, the Dance Club meets every Wednesday at 2 o'clock in the Great Room. Stop by and give it a try.

Next Blood Drive

The Bloodmobile will be in the Marion Landing parking lot on Wednesday, May 16, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby of the Lifestyle Center, but walk-ins are also welcome. Please bring your photo I.D. and drink plenty of fluids before and after donating. You have probably heard that each whole blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives, and that's great. But there are many benefits to the blood donor, too. Each time you give blood,

you will get a mini check-up including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. Donating regularly may help your blood flow and result in fewer arterial blockages, as well as keeping your iron level down which may help reduce hardening of the arteries. And the new blood that your body makes is cholesterol free. So you can benefit yourself while helping others by giving blood on May 16. Hope to see you there.

Aquasize begins Monday

Aquasize is back and you're invited to attend Lina's Aquasize class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. Pat's Water Aerobics class is meeting at its regular time, weekdays at 8:45 a.m. except for Tuesday, when it meets at 9:30 a.m. after the Tuesday morning Social. Water exercise is a good cardiovascular workout, and that's good for your blood pressure and

cholesterol levels, but is easy on your bones and joints. These classes are free, no sign up is required and all are invited. Classes meet weather permitting. Water volleyball is also scheduled every afternoon at 2 as well as Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. Come down to the pool for a little fun, a little competition and friendly camaraderie.

Next Shuffleboard challenge

The April 20 men vs. women shuffleboard challenge was very well attended, and even though the men came out ahead, everyone had fun. The women will be practicing for the next challenge which is scheduled for May 18 at 6 p.m. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Lifestyle Center, and you are encouraged to participate, or just come down and have fun.

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

Super Crossword

Answers

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Go Figure!

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