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Veterans Day



Former servicemembers, top photo, lead a contingent of JROTC cadets from all Marion County Public Schools Friday during Veterans Day ceremonies at Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park. In the photo to the left, a vocalist from the Lake Weir High School Jazz Band sings "Blue Skies" during a pre-ceremony performance.



Students honor veterans

Upward to 2,500 students from every public school in Marion County participated Friday in Veterans Day ceremonies at Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park.

Marion County Public Schools public relations director Kevin Christian said 60 buses transported students to and from the event. The music this year was performed by the Lake Weir High School Jazz Band and chorus groups from other schools. The ROTC units from all county high school paraded into the park and stood in formation during the ceremony.

Also, Hammett Bowen Jr. Elementary, the namesake of the county's Medal of Honor recipient, the only elemen-

tary school with an honor guard/color guard, is sponsored by various veterans' organizations, participated in the program.

"This is the 14th year we have done this. It provides a great opportunity for us to show why veterans are so important to our community," he said. "The veterans come into our classroom. They are living history, so they share their perspective with our students who have only read about it in books and online so that history comes to life."

It is also a way for us as a community to show our appreciation to those who made sacrifices for others.

Retired Air Force Major George Clarke is the senior aerospace instructor at Forest High School. He and two

others teach military customs, leadership development, and discipline to about 200, of which 30 high school juniors and seniors participated Friday. Forest High is the largest Air Force ROTC program in the county and second in size only to West Port Army ROTC.

Cadet Master Sgt. Breanna Jolley, a junior Forest High School, said she is in JROTC because her family was in the military and she intends to enter the Navy as an Aviation Rescue Swimmer.

She said a movie sparked her interest and made the decision after talking to a recruiter who visited Forest High.

"I love swimming and helping people," she said. Of

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Not everything in life is automatic

Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder



Two days in the year I don't like. Somebody is thinking it is my wife's birthday and our wedding anniversary.

I worked that out a long time ago. My birthday is two days before the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and our anniversary is three weeks after our birthday. No way can I forget that.

When my wife gives me a birthday card with some gift it reminds me that I have two days to reciprocate. And reciprocate, I do very well. I love it when a plan comes together.

I remember my wife's birthday and I remember our wedding anniversary, but more often than not, I cannot remember the years. I do not know how old my wife is. At least, that's my story. And, I am not sure how long we've been married.

I know we have been married long enough to work out many things.

The two days I'm not very happy with are the days when we turn the clock forward an hour and then turn the clock backward an hour. I still do not know why in the world we do that. We

gain an hour in the spring, but then we lose an hour in the fall. What's the sense in all that?

I finally figured out what the sense of all that is. It is to confuse me, in particular. It is not that I am easily confused, but rather, I confuse easily. If that makes sense, I have a bridge I want to sell you.

Why would you want to gain something and then give it back a couple months later?

I grew up in the non-technical age. I had to wind my watch every day to make sure it had the right time. It was not like it is today worth the time is set automatically.

I look at my cell phone and the time is updated automatically. I look at our TV set and see that the time is updated automatically. I like that.

My problem is that I like it too much. I have become accustomed to things being adjusted automatically.

Now they have cars that part automatically and you can be sure I'm not going to buy one. I am satisfied with the automatic setting of my clock and TV.

When I was in high school, I worked part-time for a woman. I mowed the grass and cleaned inside the house. One big thing she had in the house was about 25 clocks. I'm serious. Twenty-five clocks that all had to be set manually.

The first time I did it, I did not realize that each clock was set differently. You go upstairs and the clocks were 15 minutes faster than the clocks on the first floor so she would not be late for an appointment.

Being my employer, it would have been nice for her to explain that to me. But, as most employers do, they do not explain everything to their employees.

I was the kind of employee that liked to impress my employer with how good I was.

It was in the fall and we were to set the clocks back one hour. I thought she would appreciate the fact that I went around and reset all 25 of her clocks. After all, I was doing something on my own that needed done.

The thing I did not know of course, the clocks were all set differently on different levels of

the house. I went around and set all 25 clocks to the same time. I was so happy.

I did not tell her because I wanted her to be surprised.

I was anxious to hear her commend me for a "job well done." I was not prepared for what she was going to do.

When I arrived on her property, she comes out yelling and screaming at me at the top of her lungs. Trust me, she had lungs. At first, I could not understand what she was so upset about.

"Did you," she said hysterically, "reset all the clocks in my house?"

I smiled back at her and said quite cheerfully, "Yes, ma'am, I did."

Courtesy keeps me from quoting her right here. It was more than French she was yelling back at me.

I have never been

yelled at so much in my life and I did not really understand why.

I stayed away from her for a couple of days and then I was working for her husband at his store. When I walked in, he looked at me and laughed hysterically.

I was not sure what he was laughing at that he motioned me to come over. So, I did.

"My wife," he said between laughs, "told me what you did the other day." Then he broke into some more hysterical laughter.

Why he was so cheerful about the incident was beyond me at the time.

Then he sat me down and explained the whole situation to me. I must confess when he finished

telling me the whole story, I joined him in some hysterical laughter. We kept this to ourselves for as long as I worked there.

I thought of what Paul said, "Let's not get tired of doing what is good, for at the right time we will reap a harvest—if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

Not everything is automatic, some things you have to work for.

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Pun Alley
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It's Thanksgiving on Pun Alley; pass the drum rolls please

Thanksgiving is next Thursday, a day when we all should be thankful for our life, blessings, and liberty in the USA.

Many celebrate by having a big turkey dinner with family members they haven't seen for a while. It's a day when the turkey gets stuffed in the morning and the family in the afternoon.

Last Thanksgiving I decided to help by cooking the turkey; but got some unexpected results. The turkey shot out of the oven and rocketed into the air.

It knocked every plate off the table and partly demolished a chair.

It ricocheted into a

corner and burst with a deafening boom,

Then splattered all over the kitchen, completely obscuring the room.

It stuck to the walls and the windows; it totally coated the floor.

There was turkey attached to the ceiling, where there'd never been turkey before.

It blanketed every appliance; it smeared every saucer and bowl.

There wasn't a way I could stop it; that turkey was out of control.

I scraped and I scrubbed with displeasure, and thought with chagrin as I mopped,

That I'd never again stuff a turkey with popcorn that hadn't been popped!

Smart Grandson?

This week a family received a Thanksgiving card with a painting of a Pilgrim family on their way to church. Grandma showed the card to her small grandchildren, observing, "The Pilgrim children like to go to church with their mothers and fathers."

"Oh yeah?" her young grandson replied, "So why is their dad carrying that rifle?"

A Real Turkey

A blonde was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy answered, "No ma'am, they're dead."

Once she got the turkey home she called the newspaper's food editor for help. She asked, "I bought a nine-pound turkey. Could you tell me how long to cook it in my new microwave?"

"Just a minute," the food editor said, as he turned to check his reference book.

"Oh, thank you," she said, "You've been a big help. Good-bye!"

This blonde also wanted to make sweet potatoes, which were one of her husband's favorites. She confided in a neighbor and asked, "I've finally been able to make them sweet," she said, "but how do you make them orange?"

had?

"We are always saving somebody away off, when the fellow next to us ain't eating." Will Rogers said this years ago; still applies today, doesn't it?

Did you hear about the conservative turkey? It has two right wings.

When I realized I was addicted to Thanksgiving leftovers, I decided to quit cold turkey.

My wife gave me a haircut this morning. Now, she's going to make Thanksgiving Day dinner with all the trimmings.

For Thanksgiving, the Poultry Raisers of America are sending the biggest turkey in the country to the White House. The Democrats claim he's already there.

You know your family is dysfunctional, if Thanksgiving Dinner consists of Wild Turkey instead of roasted turkey.

Teacher: "Why do we have a Thanksgiving holiday?"

Student: "So we know when to start Christmas shopping."

The mother turkey said to her disobedient children, "If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy."

We had pizza for Thanksgiving. We didn't plan it that way, though. My wife bought a cage-free turkey and it wouldn't stay in the oven.

Thankful

On his way to his son's home for Thanksgiving, a farmer still dressed in his overalls, stopped at a restaurant for lunch. When his meal was served, he bowed his head and quietly gave thanks to God for the food. There was a group of rowdy teenagers at a nearby table, and one of them taunted him in a loud voice: "Hey, farmer, does everyone do that where you live?"

The old farmer looked at the young man and calmly said, "No, son, the pigs don't."

Thanksgiving Wishes

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious,
And your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off your thighs.

Filler Files

Noche de Nachos

The citizens of Las Cruces, Nevada know how to celebrate Noche de Nachos, a festival celebrating the Mexican dish that blends tortilla chips, cheese, salsa and ground beef spiced up with jalapeno peppers.

They gathered smack dab in the center of town recently to snack on the world's largest serving of the stuff.

It weighed in at 5,039 pounds, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens giving Las Cruces a good shot at getting into the Guinness Book of World Records.

The current record stands at a measly 4,689 pounds.

Sky cops

Traffic cops in Dubai are apparently preparing for the day flying cars come into vogue. The police there are learning how to fly so-called Hover Bikes, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. The drone-like vehicles will also be used to access hard to reach areas in an emergency.

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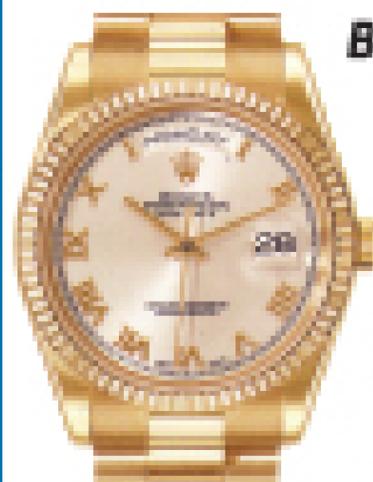
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Oak Run
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Wishing all people a Thanksgiving full of peace and love

Dear readers, I think most of you know my dear friend and photographer, Ed Garrepy is dealing with a serious medical issue. I am pleased to announce that Pamela Winter, chairwoman of the Photography Class has offered to help me and one of her students, John Juliane has offered to step in for Ed until he returns. I am extremely grateful, thank you! Ed, this is only until you are ready to get back to work.

The Hospice Fund Raiser was a lot of fun and Kudos to Audrey, Damian Romano and the Cranes, Ingrid and Andrew. I should have a report in next week's issue. The work these two couples put in to support a great organization is wonderful.

Sunday night was the Veteran's Organization and that was a wonderful celebration, of paying tribute to our veterans and especially with Quilts of Valor to eight deserved recipients.

November is designated Adoption Month and I am 100 percent for it, as our children are adopted. If you have family members contemplating adopted children, please encourage them to do so.

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Can you count on a bountiful investment “harvest”?

We're officially in autumn – the season when we bring in what we planted in the spring. But the concept of planting and gathering isn't confined to agriculture. In fact, it can be used in many walks of life, including investing. So what can you do to help work toward a successful investment “harvest”?

Here is (not quite) a bushel of ideas:

■ **Plant the right “seeds.”** When farmers plant specific crops, they know about what to expect – how long it will take for them to grow, how much yield they'll produce, and so on. When you invest, you too need to plant “seeds” by choosing investments that are designed to help meet your goals. For example, to accumulate enough money for a comfortable retirement, you will probably need to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks – you generally can't expect the type of growth you need by investing solely in fixed-income investments, such as bonds and certificates of deposit.

■ **Nurture your “crops.”** Agricultural workers are diligent about cultivating their crops through proper irrigation, fertilization and weed control. And if you want to keep your investment portfolio healthy, you also must find ways to nurture it. First of all, you will need to keep adding new dollars regularly, because the larger your overall investment base, the more you can expand its growth potential. But you might also need to do some “weeding” of your own, because over the years, you may have purchased some investments that, for one reason or another, are now no longer suitable for your needs. If that's the case, you might be better off by selling these investments and using the proceeds for new ones that could fill gaps in your portfolio.

■ **Diversify.** Farmers may plant a mix of crops: corn, soybeans, flax, legumes, fruits, and so on. Consequently, if one crop fails, it won't sink the farmer's entire business. As an investor, you, too, need to diversify, because if you only own one type of asset class, and a financial downturn hits that asset, your portfolio can take a big hit. But spreading your dollars among stocks, bonds, cash and other investments can help reduce the impact of market volatility on your holdings. (However, diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)

Thus far, we've looked at ideas on how you can create a healthy investment crop. But once it's time to actually

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Jeanne

My sister in law is also a good friend. She's a very active, involved, and productive person, and just happens to need a wheelchair for most of her activities to get around. Last year Jeanne visited a local “pirate festival” on the historic coast of Virginia. She came upon a happy crowd of fun, high spirited people aboard an old ship in the harbor. One of them noticed Jeanne in her wheelchair, where she patiently smiled and waited to get through the crowd to board that ship. In that festive holiday he shouted out, “Aargh; ahoy, mates! Make a hole!” Jeanne, and a bunch of the celebrators, quickly opened a welcoming friendly path. Jeanne enjoyed a good laugh with the fun crowd. It was awesome the way she was welcomed and appreciated, as she joined them and participated in the merry events.

That's Jeanne! I've known her for a lot of years, always find her sense of humor and game spirit a breath of fresh air. Jeanne has faced years of enduring MS, gradually declining physical abilities, and trips to emergency rooms. But as she lives her life she shows a strength and a positive outlook on life. For years, Jeanne continues being an active regionally recognized artist. She has a unique painting style; she uses lots of non-objective patterns, and wonderful bright colors. She paints on canvas, or wood, and on a wide range of articles, from little objects to large furniture like tables and chairs. She's always unique and very creative. She participates in art shows and local festivals, running her own booth. Her MS is causing a numbing and a lack of dexterity of her hands, a real chal-



Just Thinking

By **Bob Denny**

lenge for her painting. But that doesn't stop her. She has other activities in her life that she devotes time to. She is cause-oriented and politically active, and pursues social justice, equality, and good will for all. She has hosted political rallies and campaigns in her own home. What was she doing today when I called her? Serving on the Board of Elections for Louisa County, in Virginia. Today she is testing voting machines, and preparing for the upcoming midterm elections.

Jeanne seems to face her problems and challenges as opportunities to learn and grow from, to develop her character, and find ways to use what she has to make her own life meaningful and productive. More than anything, I believe she uses what she is, and what she has, to make a difference, and to make the world a little better because she's here. And she does it with humor, friendship, and hard work, not complaints.

In a major presidential election, when I have trouble deciding, I call Jeanne. And Jeanne's church is one of those rare ones where you can have open discussions about religious beliefs, without being judged, without facing a refusal to consider controversial issues. When I find myself struggling with ideas or problems like political choices, religious or

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN Urban America's vagrancy outrage

It's appropriate that the U.N. special rapporteur devoted to adequate housing has visited encampments in Mexico City, Buenos Aires, Mumbai -- and San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley.

The homeless situation in those cities and others around the country is positively Third World, a blight that shows the persistence of human folly and misery, despite what we take to be our steady progress to greater enlightenment and prosperity.

San Francisco is a crown jewel of the new economy, and a sink of vagrancy. One of the more compelling pieces of reportage that The New York Times has run recently was on the dirtiest block in San Francisco, the 300 block of Hyde Street, blighted by discarded heroin needles and other filth.

In the 21st century, in the richest country on the planet, you would think that we would have figured out how to live without having to step around human feces. The experience of San Francisco says that, against all expectations, we haven't -- or at least we forgot how.

In an article for the journal National Affairs, Stephen Eide of the Manhattan Institute recounted how we got here over the past 50 years.

Cities wiped out or drastically diminished their skid rows, once a last-ditch housing recourse for men who had hit bottom. As urban renewal and regulations to improve the quality of housing eliminated these down-on-their-luck areas, the people who once lived there decamped to public places.

We “deinstitutionalized” the mentally ill, too often a euphemism for dumping them onto the streets and into jails. About 20 to 30 percent of the homeless are mentally ill.

Meanwhile, the number of single-parent families drastically increased. Women only rarely lived on skid row, but poor families headed by single mothers are a large component of the homeless.

These large-scale trends have been met with a new, more permissive legal environment. The Supreme Court in 1972 made it more difficult for city police forces to hustle along vagrants, and subsequent free-speech jurisprudence has made outlawing panhandling tricky. Civil commitment of the mentally ill has become highly restricted. The American Civil Liberties Union is a great de facto friend of vagrancy.

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start harvesting your portfolio – that is, once

you begin liquidating parts of it to support yourself during your retirement years – you also need to act carefully. Specifically, you need to establish a withdrawal

rate that's appropriate for your situation, based on your age, lifestyle, income sources and other factors. You could be retired for two or three decades, so it's essential

you don't withdraw so much during your early years of retirement that you risk outliving your money. A financial professional can help you determine the rate that's

right for you. The agricultural harvest season only lasts a few weeks. But doing a good job of growing and managing your investment crop can help you

reap the rewards far into the future.

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philosophical questions, or occasional life problems or conflicts that I face, Jeanne is one of my best "go-to" people for a

little wisdom and good judgment. She's one person I call and have a really good discussion with, that won't turn into an argument or a rejection to a free debate. Jeanne will see both sides of an issue, and she can reserve judgment while

she listens to others' opinions. More and more, I'm convinced that Life continually throws obstacles in our path that we can see as challenges and opportunities to learn and grow from, and to use to become the best we can

be. During our lives, we can all develop wisdom, character, and a respect, empathy, and appreciation for others, as well as for their beliefs and ideas. Each and every one of us has something we can offer to make the world a little better be-

cause we're here. Find yours! Develop your talents, abilities, knowledge, and skills, and make the most of what you've got to work with. Make the world a little better because you're here—like Jeanne does!

By Bob Denny, Licensed Mental Health Counselor (retired) Please address your comments to bob.denny8@gmail.com or phone 386 454 4950.

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Not that anything is easy in this area. The hard core of the homeless population is cut off from human relationships and

finds the perverse freedom of the streets more appealing than the structure that would come with assistance. Many refuse help, either because they are too sick to make rational decisions or they don't want to deal with any rules. But the beginning wisdom is

to consider the status quo intolerable, and resist the advocates who want to normalize panhandling and camping, and the associated drug abuse, petty crime and disorder. Houston has had success with a tough-love policy of more services, coupled with a crack-

down on encampments and other public nuisances. One of the advantages of modern society is that people don't have to live in public, or in squalor. That it is widely accepted in some of our greatest cities is an outrage of our age. It is deeply harmful to our

civic life, and does not favor for the men and women living in parks and highway underpasses. *Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2018 by King Features Synd., Inc.*

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TIMBERWALK



PENDING

WOW! Come take a look at this beautiful 3/2 home in Timberwalk. Home features tile and laminate floors, kitchen has breakfast nook, snack bar, plus dining area. Master bath has marble vanity with double sinks and there is a shower plus garden tub to soak in. Raise in the enclosed lanai or have a BBQ on the large deck off the lanai. Close to Wal-Mart, Restaurants, and shopping. Come take a look. MLS#542273/ON/NAAR.....\$92,900

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OAK

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versus Boston Red Sox in March.

One of my favorite clubs is Give Back to the Community. This is really a special group of "busy bees." They had their annual holiday party. Yes, they took a break and believe you me, do they know how to celebrate. It was a full course ham dinner with many sides. I had no idea when invited to attend the presentation of the winners of the raffle of quilts that they were partying. My photographer had a bit of ice-cream and I had a ham sandwich. This group makes many hand-crafted items for various organizations around Marion County. Not only do they make quilts for homeless, they also make sleeping bags for homeless children. Diane Church and her ladies are very special servants. Thank you! Please see pictures of group and the two winners.

The Cabaret shows are back, and tickets are available for the Randy Riggle Show Dec. 1. Watch the schedule for times and information of all the parties. Joe and I have been to a couple and it's more fun than watching the news. Enjoy!

Thanksgiving is around the corner and don't forget if you have left over turkey, save me a sandwich, on white with butter and mayo. By the way did you know that the TV dinner was invented in 1953 when Swanson had 260 tons of leftover turkey from Thanksgiving and no idea what to do with it. When asked, one of the employees said that they should package it in trays with sides and freeze it. I love these words from something I read recently: "One of the best ways to change the atmosphere around you this Thanksgiving is to carry God's peace and exude patience toward the people around you. Trade places with the frantic woman behind you in line. Hold doors for people. Say please



Amy Burden, left, and Evelyn Kerr, right, are the winners of the raffle quilts from the Give Back to the Community Club.

PHOTO BY JOHN JIULIANTE

and thank you. It's basic, but you'll be surprised by how many people are taken aback by your kindness. Doing so and it might be your best Thanksgiving ever." Peace, love and joy. Laura

Important - Clubs Hanging Christmas/Holiday Wreaths Notice

Clubs that will be hanging Holiday/Christmas Wreaths in the Orchid Club, please bring your wreath to the club for placement after Thanksgiving Saturday, Nov. 24, between 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Some clubs are refreshing and beautifying their creations. We are looking forward to seeing these new versions. A grand first step to start our holiday decorating. Any questions: call Terri Messeroll at 352-877-3087.

The Club Fair will be held at Palm Grove Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019. This year's Fair will feature over 80 Oak Run clubs and organizations including the art club, travel, music, crafts, quilting, various games and sports to motorcycle, yoga and genealogy clubs.

Doors are open from 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. Come learn what opportunities await.

The Friends of the Library will be selling tickets for their "Theme Basket Raffle" at the pancake breakfast Saturday, Nov. 17. The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Computer Technology Club

The November meeting of the Computer Technology Club will be held Wed 11/21 @ 9 a.m. in the Orchid Club. Member Kathy Lee Johnson RN will give an updated "Access to Medical Records and related issues." The Club meets on the third Wednesday of every month with any changes always posted on our website or computerclub.blogspot.com along with technology news and updates. Guests are always welcome to attend a meeting. Dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per household. Door prizes and 50/50 at every meeting. For help with your computer and/or Android phone problems please

call Bob Kenlay 704-964-3608 and for further information on the club Alan Marcus 861-6977.

Italian-America

We will be hosting our annual holiday party Thursday, Dec. 13, at Palm Grove from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

The entertainment will be Al Sutphen, "Solid Gold" musician. The festive meal to be provided by Royal Oaks.

The menu includes crab-stuffed cod, chicken Romano and their fabulous prime rib station. Salad, rolls/butter, orange-glazed carrots, garlic roasted potato and coffee with strawberry shortcake for dessert are included. BYOB!

We will be subsidizing the member price in appreciation of your support for our club. Cost: Mem \$15/Guests \$28. Door prizes and 50/50 will also be available. Ticket sales will be held in the Orchid Club card room Monday, Nov. 26, from 9:30-11 a.m. The final day to purchase tickets will be Dec. 3. For more information, please call Rose-Ann, 873-7646. We look

forward to sharing this evening with you! Happy and healthy holidays to each of you from the board of officers!

Oak Run BOCCE

The Oak Run Bocce club will hold its annual midseason tournament Friday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. with a rain date Saturday, Dec. 8. Registration will begin at 8:15 and all league players are eligible to participate. There will be coffee and doughnuts available for players and spectators. Any questions can be directed to Rick Kamasa at 237-2354.

Art Club Holiday Lunch

Just a reminder to our members, our annual Holiday Luncheon and business meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 1, at Royal Oaks. Lunch at 1p.m. with the business meeting to follow. Last day for reservations (or cancellations) is Friday, Nov. 23. At our meeting you will hear about next year's class schedule plus plans for our Fine Arts Show in February, and yes, there will be door prizes for all members. Questions?

Contact Dori Sullivan (in the O.R. Directory).

Royal Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf League

Congratulations to ROWGO's 2018 Club Champion, Elaine Bush. In the three-day Championship Tournament Dianna Galla came in second and Elaine Rotker came in third. Closest to Pin on Day One was Nancy LeFebvre, on Day Two was Bette Johnson and on Day Three was Diana Galla.

Canine Club

Make sure you and your neighbors complete your Dog Park survey form inside the newsletter and turn it in. I'm getting tons of calls from people regarding the survey. Many were unaware of the survey in the newsletter. So please check with your neighbors and fellow dog lovers to ensure we have a good turnout of positive feedback, concerning the new park. In advance, thanks for your support.

Upstate New York Club

The evening (Dec. 3) will begin with a fantastic Charcuterie Board featuring cheeses, meats, fruits, crackers of all sorts, spreads, egg nog and Sangria. Dinner will consist of a wonderful buffet catered by Royal Oaks featuring both pot roast and honey crusted cod, au gratin potatoes, green beans amandine, salad, rolls, apple cobbler with whipped cream, coffee. Yep, bring an appetite!

Entertainment will consist of Holiday music led by the STARS of the Showcase of Stars! Come join in the fun. All this for only \$19 per member, \$22 for guests. The next ticket sales will be Saturday, Nov. 17, from 10 to noon, but don't wait. Early reservations

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Health Corner
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Pain in the hip can have many possible causes

Hip pain may be felt in the front of the hip, outside of the hip, the inner thigh or the back of the hip. Dr. Ronald Zipper, DO, orthopedic surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic says, that his job is to figure out if the problem is coming from the inside of the joint, outside the joint or somewhere else. He says, in some cases hip pain does not come from the hip area at all. Low back or knee conditions can cause pain that radiate to the hip.

The top three causes

of hip pain are bursitis, osteoarthritis and hip fractures. Looking at bursitis, bursae are small sacs located near joints that act as cushions during movement. They contain some fluid but when aggravated can fill with too much fluid and become inflamed. There are two bursae at the hip. The largest one is near the top and outside part of the femur and is called the trochanter bursa. Trochanteric bursitis causes pain on the outside of the upper thigh and

down the outer thigh. If the bursa is on the inner side of the hip and the pain is felt in the inner part of the upper thigh, it is called the iliopsoas bursitis.

Hip pain may also be caused by inflammation or irritation of a tendon (tendonitis). Pain on the side of the hip that goes down the outer thigh almost to the knee may indicate a condition called iliotibial band syndrome or IT band.

Middle-aged and older women are most susceptible to bursitis and ten-

donitis, usually from overuse or abnormal stress. Repetitive movements that involve moving the leg away from the body and turning it can overstress the hip area. Dr. Zipper says physical activity is important but recommends increasing any exercise program slowly. Golfers get bursitis and tendonitis from repeatedly standing and twisting. Joggers also get hip pain from the pressure the hip joint bears second to the knees. A difference in leg length, such as with scoliosis (curvature of the spine) can also lead to bursitis because more stress is put on one hip.

Hip fractures can occur after a fall or from bone thinning. If

you have groin pain that goes down the leg and it so intense you cannot walk more than three or four steps, it is time to go to the emergency room to be checked for a fracture.

Osteoarthritis is the second most common cause of hip pain after bursitis. This pain is inside the joint and affects the ball and socket. This occurs when the cushioning cartilage at a joint wears down, causing bone to rub against bone and become irregular. Pieces of cartilage can also break off and get caught between the ball and socket.

The bottom line, according to Dr. Zipper, is that hip pain can come from inside the joint or

outside the joint or somewhere else. The important thing is to find the source of the pain. With all these conditions it is important, even when you have pain, is not to become sedentary. Physical therapy and exercise are important to improve strength, maintain flexibility and support. Weight loss and good posture are also important. Exercising in a pool can strengthen muscles while being easier on the joints. After a good diagnosis of the source of the pain, physical therapy is a good place to learn what specific exercises you need.

Source: Cleveland Clinic, Arthritis Advisor, April and May 2017.

‘Bring the Harvest Home’ to the needy for the holidays

Marion County is once again encouraging citizens and businesses to help those in greater need by participating in the annual “Bring the Harvest Home” campaign.

“It’s the holiday season again and our community, as always, gets the chance to step up to make a difference,” said Kathy Bryant, chairman of the Marion County Commission. “This annual food drive shows our community at its best, stepping up to help our neighbors in need.”

The effort to collect canned food and toiletry donations will culminate Friday, Dec. 7, with a Holiday Food Drive from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Square in downtown Ocala. Donated goods will help fill area pantries.

“Many of the people lacking enough food each day are elderly, handi-

capped or single-parent families. It’s hard for most of us to imagine not having food in our homes, but this is the reality for many in our community,” said Karla Grimsley, Interfaith Emergency Services CEO. “Last year, more than 12,000 families fell into this category and needed assistance from Interfaith. Please share from your abundance to help us make sure no one goes hungry.”

Residents and businesses may assist the efforts by collecting and donating nonperishable items as follows:

- Dry foods and complementary goods (rice, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, crackers, peanut butter and jelly). Plastic containers preferred.

- Canned meats (corned beef, corned beef hash, ham and tuna).

- Canned vegetables and fruit.

- Baby items (baby cereal, diapers and lotion).

- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and toilet paper).

Donations may be brought to the Square Dec. 7, or to many other locations through Dec. 6.

Drop-off locations include public libraries, city and county fire stations, sheriff’s office district offices, tax collector offices and solid waste recycling centers.

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“Dr. Seuss’ The Grinch”



Bob Garver

compelled to give us a glimpse of The Grinch’s childhood, where he grew up alone in an or-

phanage, but even in this silly world, orphanages have some kind of adult supervision, don’t they?

“Grinch” lore specifies that he is accompanied only by his faithful dog Max (adorable and funny

in every version), but here he tries to rope in an out-of-shape reindeer whose presence is un-

necessary. Speaking of out-of-shape and unnecessary, there are a See **GARVER/Page A21**

I am of the boring opinion that the 1966 animated holiday classic “How the Grinch Stole Christmas!” is a work of genius and the 2000 live-action take on the same story is an ugly, mean-spirited abomination. Is it any surprise that the new animated film “Dr. Seuss’ The Grinch” falls somewhere in between? I suppose it might be a mild surprise that it’s not as bad as the 2000 version, given the painful, obnoxious ad campaign for the film (The Grinch threw a sarcastic compliment at “The Emoji Movie,” ha... ha?). But Illumination Animation films are rarely as bad as their Minion-filled ad campaigns, and this film itself doesn’t do much to tarnish The Grinch’s legacy. And the little tarnishing it does do, it makes up for with a few welcome additions.

The plot is well-known, but here it is real quick: The Grinch (Benedict Cumberbatch) is a hideous green creature who lives on a mountain high above the joyous town of Whoville. Every year he’s annoyed by the way the town celebrates Christmas, from the noisy gifts to the disgusting feast to the sing-a-long in the center of town. One year he decides that he simply can’t take another Christmas, so he hatches a plan to disguise himself as Santa and break into all the Whos’ houses and steal their gifts, decorations, and food. But eventually he learns that stealing all these things is not the same as stealing Christmas, as the Whos teach him that Christmas is about more than just things.

That’s enough plot for a half-hour TV special, but not enough for an 86-minute movie, so a few new elements are added. The Grinch makes a grocery run to Whoville, where he can be freaked out by pre-holiday celebrating up close and personal. He has a neighbor on the edge of town (Kenan Thompson) who wants to be friends even before the Christmas caper. And little Cindy-Lou Who (Cameron Seely) has a plan to trap Santa Claus so she can ask him in person to give her over-worked single mother (Rashida Jones) a break. Of the new stuff, the Thompson character is probably my favorite. True, he’s not developed much beyond insufferable positivity, but all is forgiven because Thompson has about the jolliest voice in the whole wide world.

Then again, some of the movie does feel padded. The movie feels

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Marion Landing
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Marion Landing elects new officers

The Association of Marion Landing Owners, Inc., held their Annual Members Meeting Friday, Nov. 9, at which time Board President Don Hake and the Directors presented the Board's Annual Report, and homeowners elected two of their five-member Board of Directors. Directors are elected for staggered two-year terms, with three directors elected in odd years and two directors elected in even years. Elected this year was Nancy Dell and re-elected for a third term was Don Hake. They will join current Board directors Audrey Barvinchak, Leon Mears and Norm Grenier in carrying out

the business of the community. Retiring from the Board is Bill Wurst, as well as Finance Committee chairman Joe Raffony and Finance Committee members Les Rowe and John Moran. Our sincere thanks for their many years of dedicated service. Also announced at the Annual Meeting was the 2018 Volunteer Group of the Year: Marion Landing Veterans Club. Congratulations to all the members of the Veterans Club on your dedication to the community.

Veterans' benefits speaker

Steve Jacobs from the See LANDING/Page A18



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Marion Landing 2019 Board of Directors are from left to right, Norm Grenier, 2nd vice president; Gordon Herrick, parliamentarian; Audrey Barvinchak, 1st Vice President; Leon Mears, treasurer; Nancy Dell, secretary; Don Hake, president.

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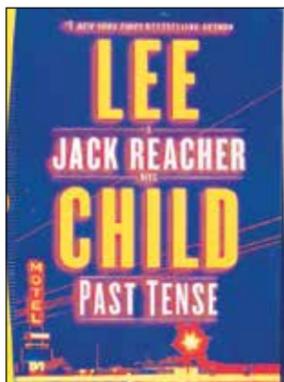
Title: Past Tense
Author: Lee Child

Once again Jack Reacher is on the move with a planned trip from Maine to the West Coast, but he doesn't get far. His first hitched ride has to turn back after an emergency call, leaving Reacher in the wilds of New Hampshire. Because his Marine father grew up in Laconia, his son decides to explore the area and see if any relatives still live there.

This is the slowest part of the book because finding traces of Reachers from 80 years earlier is not easy. But things heat up quickly when Reacher teaches a young thug assaulting a waitress a lesson with his powerful fists. The kid is part of a local mob family so paid muscle soon targets Reacher. Fans of Child's series know these kinds of goon are no match for him.

While all this is going on, a young Canadian

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couple are driving south to New York to sell goods secreted in a large suitcase. When their car breaks down, they're marooned in a creepy, remote Motel 6. In time both Patty and Shorty realize they're being held against their will.

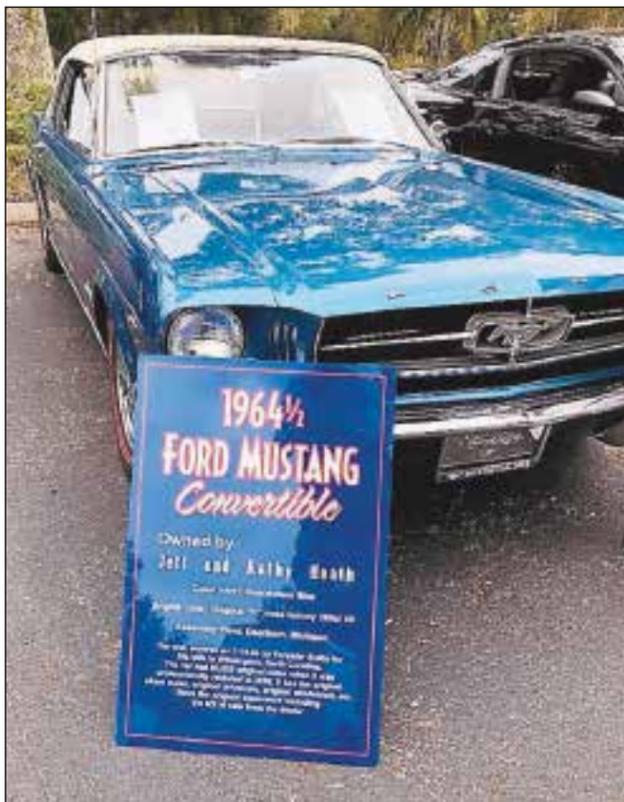
If these two tracks seem confusing, they

come into focus once the author expertly weaves both together, leading to an explosive finale at breakneck speed.

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"Past Tense" is the 23rd Reacher novel and it's more measured than the previous 22 which allows for building suspense to reach a boiling point. Like the others, though, he continues to dispatch those who don't treat people with respect.

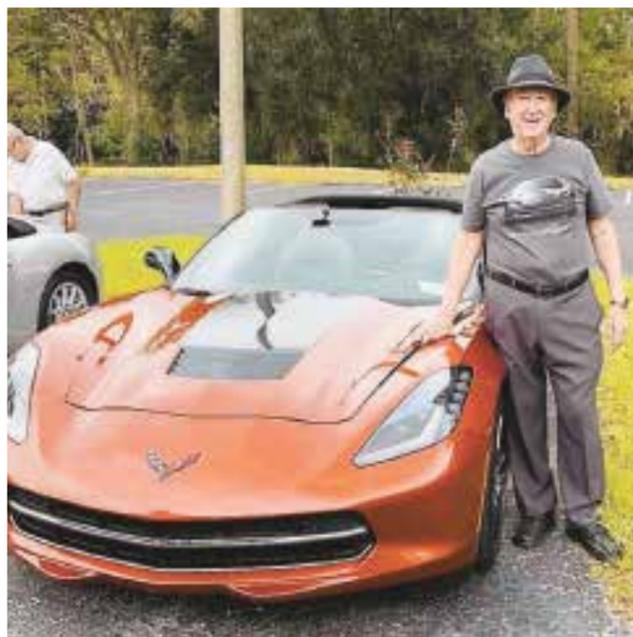
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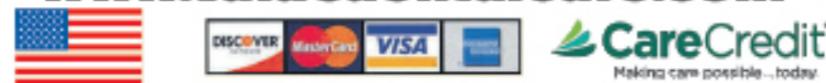


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Marion Landing holiday events

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Marion Landing 2018 Volunteer Group of the Year representatives are from left to right Norm Grenier, board secretary; Ann D'Angelo, club secretary; Chuck Vroman, club president; Bob Russo; and Mike Knutson, club vice president.

holiday dinner.

As we begin this "most wonderful time of the year," be sure to put aside some time to ap-

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Wishing you and yours a crop of blessings at Thanksgiving. May the holidays and the coming year be filled with all the health, success, happiness, friendship, peace, love and contentment you deserve.

We are so grateful for the abundance of good friends and support we've found here in this community. Your kindness means the world to us. Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving!



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Oak Run veterans David F. Biron, left, Damian Romano, Robert Lankes, Dr. Carl Denny, James Oker, Audrey Romano, Benjamin Cromwell (World War II) and Eugene Buerge were honored with Quilts of Valor for Veterans Day.

Oak Run celebrates veterans with Quilts of Valor

BY LAURA SMITH
Oak Run Correspondent

There are occasions in one's life when you are emotionally touched by a celebra-

tion, and for me it was Nov. 11. How can you not get teary eyed when you hear taps for instance? Or the story of taps? The service began with the color guard of North Marion

Young Marines, led by Cdr. Tweedy, presenting the flags. If you have a chance to meet this group of wonderful young teens, please do so. They will make you proud to be an

American. Veteran Bill Thomas sang the National Anthem and Dr. Allen Jones, Post 354 Commander, offered the Invocation.

When reporting we often

say, the meal was one of the highlights of a program, but this evening it was the recipients being presented with Quilts of Valor.

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8TH ANNUAL WREATHS OF Hope

Auction: December 3-6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Gala: Thursday, December 6, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Place your bid on uniquely decorated wreaths to support the Humane Society of Marion County. Proceeds will help the Humane Society purchase necessary equipment, food and supplies to continue to house and care for neglected animals. The Gala will feature an all-occasion wreaths display, live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, a chocolate fountain and more!

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North Central Florida Pickleball champions



The third annual North Central Florida Pickleball Doubles Tournament took place at On Top of the World Nov. 3.

The Rotary Club of Ocala Southwest administered the tournament that was hosted by the On Top of the World pickleball club.

This fundraiser for the Ocala Domestic Violence Center was attended by more than 130 players, referees, spectators, Rotarians and other volunteers.

The winners were Lori Pizzini and Bob Porterfield at the 3.0/3.5 level and Gordon Thom and Dave Bene at the 4.0 level.

Visit <http://www.pickleball-ocala.com> for more photos and videos.

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VALOR

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The idea of making quilts for returning veterans began with a Blue Star Mother whose son returned from deployment in Iraq. She wrapped him in a quilt she had lovingly made, comforted him, and with that, the healing began. The Quilts of Valor project was born, and the Oak Run Quilt Club answered the call.

The following retired veterans were honored with a beautiful hand-crafted quilt, right to left in picture: David F. Biron, Damian Romano, Robert Lankes, Dr. Carl Denny, James Oker, Audrey Romano, Benjamin Cromwell (World War II) and Eugene Buerge. All military services were represented in this group.

It made one proud to see the smiles and tears as they were wrapped in

a quilt. There was a reading of deceased veterans in 2018, followed by taps. There were several guest speakers, singing "God Bless America" and Benediction by Pastor Garrison.

It was a night to remember. Special thank you to Roberts Funeral Home for providing a delicious meal, the Veterans Association of Oak Run, and The Quilt Club for a very special evening of tears and of joy.

Winners of the third annual North Central Florida Pickleball Tournament are Lori Pizzini and Bob Porterfield, left photo, at the 3.0/3.5 level and Gordon Thom and Dave Bene at the 4.0 level.

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GARVER

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number of lowbrow jokes about The Grinch's physique (he looks bad in yoga pants!) that I could have done without.

Ultimately, though, the things the movie does right more than balance out the things it does wrong. The film's animation allows for a naturally Seussian look that

doesn't come off as a distorted version of what people and buildings are supposed to look like (looking at you, 2000 version). Even better is that all the Whos are on the same page as to what truly matters when it comes to Christmas. There's disappointment over the missing presents, sure, but as long as The Grinch isn't stealing their loved ones, he can never really steal Christmas. True, the 1966 version will always be the

definitive version of this story (unless you prefer the true original, by which I mean the book), but "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" comes respectfully close to matching its spirit, and for that I recommend it.

Grade: B-
"Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" is rated PG for brief rude humor. Its running time is 86 minutes.

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Happenings

Veterans Helping Veterans

Veterans Need You! Veterans Helping Veterans assists veterans and their families with food, clothing and other personal needs. We are looking for variously skilled volunteers to help in the resource center. Hours and days at your convenience. Call Anthony or Linda at 352-433-2320 ext. 100 and leave a message for a return call.

United Way VITA Program

United Way of Marion County is looking for volunteers who are interested in preparing income taxes for free through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. No experience necessary and free certification training is provided by IRS certified instructors.

Certified volunteers will provide free income tax assistance to Marion County residents at six VITA sites located in Ocala and surrounding areas in Marion County.

Informational sessions will be held at United Way of Marion County located at 1401 NE Second Street, Ocala, FL 34470 Thursday, Nov. 15, from 1 to 2 p.m. and repeated from 6 - 7 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Doug MacPhail at 352-355-1225 or dmacphail@uwmc.org.

Thursday, Nov. 15

Genealogical Society

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet Thursday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. at the Marion County Public Library at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala. A brief business meeting will be followed by the November program "The New Family History Center and Family Search Website" by David Hogg and Lorraine Sandeen. For further information, contact Joel Swanson at 352-897-0840 or president@mcsocala.org.

Florida Trail Association

Sandhill Chapter

Join the Florida Trail Association Sandhill Chapter's hike Thursday, Nov. 15, at 9 a.m. at the Marshall Swamp Trailhead on Highway 314, east of Baseline Road. Total distance is 6 miles.

International hiker Mike S. is joining us and will give a 15-minute talk at the beginning will be available for questions during the hike. Mike hiked the 500-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain last year and recently hiked the infamous Caminho da Fe in Brazil.

Mike's talk will center around the Brazil hike and he will bring along recommended equipment for long hikes. You won't want to miss this presentation! This presentation is free to the public.

Bring plenty of water, snacks, bug spray and sturdy walking shoes. No pets please.

Saturday, Nov. 17

Home & Garden Show

The free Citrus Home & Garden Show will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2017 from 9am to 2pm at the Crystal River National Guard Armory, 8551 W Venable St., Crystal River, FL 34429 and will also feature Do It Yourself classes for consumers, prizes to be won, and many other exciting offerings.

For additional information, please visit www.CitrusBuildingAlliance.com or call 352-746-9028.

Interfaith Thanksgiving

Saturday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ on 7171 SW S.R. 200 in Ocala, there will be an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with the Islamic Center, Temple Beth Shalom, Congregation Beth Israel and St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Followed by a multicultural dinner together. This

event is open to the public. An RSVP for the dinner is necessary at 352-368-9927, on Eventbrite or facebook.com/OcalaCongregationalChurch.

Daughters of the Confederacy

The Rainbow River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Saturday, Nov. 17, gathering 9 a.m., meeting 9:30 - 11 a.m. The meeting is held at the Country-side Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW State Road 200, Ocala, FL 34476. Our theme for the month will be National Defense and our members will be sharing their family military stories.

For more information contact Regent Pat Bevis at bevis.pat@gmail.com or 352-867-0764.

Sunday, Nov. 18

You are invited:

Come and Worship with Southwest Christian Church, Sunday at 10:30 a.m. You can find us at 9045 SW 60th Ave. in Ocala. Our worship style is full of love, joy and faith, as we worship God in a traditional way.

You can learn more about us and even view a sermon from our preaching minister David Campbell on our website at www.swchristianchurch.com.

Christ's Church

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.

Sunday, Nov. 18 - 9:30 a.m.: We begin each Lord's day with Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m. We offer five adult classes on a variety of topics. A synopsis of each class is available on our website.

Sunday, Nov. 18 - 10:30 a.m.: Our Worship Service opens with a special by our Worship Choir entitled "Healing Rain." Our praise time includes a blend of familiar hymns of the church as well as contemporary praise songs with a full praise band. Pastor David Bellows will present a message of inspiration.

Monday, Nov. 19: Monday evening the men come together at 6:30 p.m. for a Bible Study utilizing the Study Book "The Attributes of God" by Dr. Steven J. Lawson

Tuesday, Nov. 20: Women who are interested in crafts meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 to work on group and individual projects.

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

Thursday, Nov. 16

Circle of French Friends

The Circle of French Friends (Le Cercle Des Amis Français) meets on the third Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to noon at Marion County Sheriff's Office Community Conference Room at 9048 Highway 200, about one-quarter mile from Walmart.

The club promotes all things French: language, culture and fun. You do not have to be a fluent speaker to join the group.

Guests are welcome at any meeting. Call Marie McNeil at 352-502-4504 for more information.

Our next meeting is Friday, Nov. 16.

Monday, Nov. 19

American Legion

American Legion, Post No. 354 meets Monday, Nov. 19, from 12:45 - 2 p.m. in the Community Room, behind Southwest District Office of the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 9048 SW State Road 200 directly across the road from Martin's Cars. Please look for the American Legion sign next to the driveway.

Members are encouraged to arrive by 12:45 p.m., for coffee, beverages, doughnuts and cake, followed by our

monthly meeting that starts promptly at 1 p.m.

All branches of military newspapers will be available for attendees. A 50/50 drawing follows the meeting with free drawings for local merchant gifts.

For additional information, please contact Allen Jones by calling or texting 352-817-0224 or email DrJones9000@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 20

Maranatha Baptist Church

Mark your calendars for our Thanksgiving Concert Tuesday, Nov. 20, with the gospel group, River Jordan concert at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy this wonderful group as they worship our Lord in song.

Help for Dementia Caregivers

Learn how to make the caregivers life easier Nov. 20 while increasing the quality of life for the person diagnosed with dementia. Receive easy to understand printed materials and information about managing the various aspects of dementia. Learn medical, financial and legal steps you need to take now and for the future. Discover local resources available and get answers to your questions. The free workshop is led by Caregiver, Support Group Facilitator and Florida Certified Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Mark Croft. Nov. 20 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Freedom Library, 5870 SW 95th St., Ocala. "All goes better when we know better." To register call Mark Croft 352-861-8788.

Wednesday, Nov. 21

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Joy Lutheran Church will have a special Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 6:45 p.m. Pastor Art will deliver an inspiring message of gratitude. The Bell Choir and the Vocal Choir will sing the praises of thanksgiving.

All are welcome to participate so start the holiday weekend off by attending and bring a friend and be thankful for your blessings.

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

Thursday, Nov. 22

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Free Thanksgiving Day dinner, Nov. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. and open to the entire community served by St. John's United Methodist Church. This is totally free to anyone reading these words. We're located at 12390 W Highway 328, Ocala, FL 34482. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to join us for a Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings, fellowship and fun, we just need you. Come join our family.

Please call Deb Laliberte at 608-831-2532 for free reservations so we're sure to have plenty of food.

The Turkey awaits!

Sunday, Nov. 25

Countryside Presbyterian

"The Star of the Christmas Night" will be the lecture theme of Countryside Presbyterian Church's Fourth Sunday Lecture Series Nov. 25, at 3 p.m. Perhaps you remember going to a planetarium years ago and seeing such an astronomy planetarium show at the historic Hayden Planetarium in New York City or in cities around America.

The Sunday afternoon lecture will present this astronomy style program up on the big screens and fascinate you with how the ancients looked up at the stars in wonder, how three scholars came from the East to see a mystery star of wonder deciding that it meant the birth of a king.

Adults, young people of all ages will enjoy this fascinating subject. Be a part of this program welcoming in the Christmas season. There is no cost or tickets needed, a free will offering will

be received.

Crossroads Church

Our Senior's ministry will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a luncheon on Saturday, November 17th at 12 noon.

Our Youth department will be selling Thanksgiving pies this month. Pies will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 18th after services. Please place your order now.

We will be beginning our annual "Buy A Tree, Change A Life" ministry on Friday, November 23rd. All profits from the selling of our Christmas trees will be given to children's ministries, both here and around the world.

Mondays - Monday Night Bible Study at 6:30pm.

Tuesdays - Intercessory Prayer Meeting at 9am.

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

Thursdays - Our Spanish "Estudio Biblico" at 7pm.

Sunday Services - Sunday School, 8:30am; Worship Services at 9am, 11am and our Spanish Service at 1pm. 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.

Sunday Dec. 2

German American Club

The German American Club of Marion County will hold a Christmas dinner/dance Sunday, Dec. 2, at noon at Marion Oaks Community Center. A turkey dinner with all the fixings will be served at 1 p.m. Music will be provided by Europa Band. Formal attire is requested. Tickets are \$20 per member or \$25 per non-member and may be purchased by calling Mary Wisecup at 352-789-6499.

Friday, Dec. 7

Santa Over the Rainbow

Santa Over the Rainbow 2018, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 - 9. Dec. 14 - 16, join us for food, music and lights. Admission is \$2.

Santa arrives at 7 p.m. via his pontoon sleigh boat. A photo with Santa is \$2.

Join us for a light display only Dec. 26 - 27 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Ocala 200 Lions Club

The Ocala 200 Lions Club will be holding a Flea Market Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bank of the Ozarks at 8375 SW Hwy 200, Ocala. There will be a variety of vendors on hand as well as food/drink available for sale by the Dunnellon Lions Club. The Ocala 200 Lions Club will also be offering free diabetic (blood sugar) screening during the same hours. You are invited to join us for this fundraising event. As always, all proceeds generated by the Lions Clubs will be used for community projects throughout the year. For more information, please call 352-861-2730.

Ocala Lions Club

The 25th Memorial Ocala Lions Club Golf Tournament is Saturday, Dec. 8, at Ocala Golf Club. All proceeds go to various community charities including "Kidsight" which screens for eye problems in pre-K and kindergarten children. For information or to register, please call at Garry Adel 895-1084 or Barry Fies at 362-7713.

Thursday, Dec. 13

Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Dunnellon on the corner of Hwy. 40

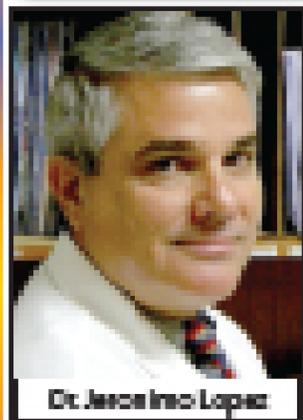
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Holmes earns rank of Eagle Scout



Nicholas Holmes, a senior in the Engineering and Manufacturing Institute of Technology program at Forest High School, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts. This accomplishment is the culmination of over six years of adventure, fun, work, and dedication to the Boy Scout program for Holmes, a member of Troop 200 in Ocala.

For his Eagle Project, Holmes worked in conjunction with other community volunteers to build "Charlie's Garden" at Interfaith Emergency Services' "Center for Life."

The concept for Charlie's Garden, a place for parents to honor the memory of their unborn children, came about because the father of a child who was aborted without his consent wanted a place to grieve the loss of the child he called "Charlie." When the old abor-

tion clinic in downtown Ocala came up for sale, he donated funds to purchase it and convert it into a "Center for Life."

Holmes led his group of over 25 volunteers in the building of three planter benches, a fountain and a free-standing circular waterfall wall. His project involved a total of 273 volunteer hours and over \$1,400 worth of materials and supplies.

Holmes and his volunteers didn't stop upon completion of his approved Eagle Project. They also pitched in to help ready Charlie's Garden for its dedication by planting new bushes and flowers to replace ones killed by frost, building the archway entrance to the garden, pressure washing the sidewalks and seating areas in the garden, and refinishing the donated

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Nicholas Holmes, right, with Thomas Allisoncture, one of Nicholas' mentors and his eighth grade physics teacher at Horizon Academy at Marion Oaks, whose hands-on classroom infused Nick with a love of science.

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SPCA Bunco Tournament is an overwhelming success

The second Bunco tournament at On Top of the World Saturday, Nov. 3, was an overwhelming success. We thank all the participants and offer a special "thank you" to our moderator Betty Thayer for a first-class presentation. We acknowledge the sponsors for their donations and Faith Kenney for the etched egg. Her artwork is seen at the farmers market on Thursday. Gift baskets were donated by ABC Liquors, Ranch Fitness, Your Hair Affair and Piesano's. We also received donations of gift cards or items to raffle from our members.

This month, there are two dogs available for adoption. Lucy is a 7-year-old Chihuahua/Dachshund mix. She is friendly, smart, docile and gets along with other dogs. She is a bit overweight, but that is being worked on by her foster.

Tina is a 10-year-old terrier mix. She is sweet and well behaved, and house trained. She will make a great companion.

For more information on either of these animals, please contact SCPA at 352-362-0985

American Legion meets Nov. 19

Greetings Veterans and Legionnaires. Our 'Snow Birds' are finally back, and everyone seems to be enjoying the cooler weather and Bright, Sunny days.

Veteran's Day was especially exciting this year, as we started to celebrate our 100th anniversary, honoring all Veterans that served in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. On Nov. 11, there was much to do at the Ocala-Marion County Veteran's Memorial Park, finishing off with an evening of music, fireworks and Light up the Stars.

Please keep in mind that we are still searching for a more permanent home; possibly a vacant church, bank or restaurant.

Please let me know if you know of such an opportunity.

We look forward to visiting with our Legion brothers and sisters, and Veterans from all branches of military service.



Commanders Corner

Allen Jones

If you have been considering joining the American Legion or transferring your membership from another post, please visit us on the third Monday of each month at the Community room located at the back of the Sheriff's Dept.,

Our social gathering begins at 12:45 p.m., followed by our monthly meeting from 1 - 2 p.m.

Meet fellow veterans and legionnaires; enjoy coffee and pastries.

For more information, please contact Post 354 Commander Allen Jones by calling or texting 352-817-0224 or email DrJones9000@gmail.com.

HOLMES

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cast iron tables and chairs.

Along his trail to the rank of Eagle Scout,

Holmes has performed countless hours of community service, while simultaneously providing service and leadership to his troop and his church.

He has earned 26 merit badges along the

way, from camping to wood carving.

Holmes was formally presented the Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor ceremony Nov. 9 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

CF ensemble presents 'An Afternoon of Chamber Music'

The College of Central Florida Visual and Performing Arts Department will present a chamber music concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida, 4333 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

The annual fall concert features CF's chamber groups including the Saxophone Ensemble, led by Gregory Snider, and the Trumpet Ensemble, led by Andrew Moore.

"The concert offers audiences a mix of CF ensembles and instruments in the intimacy of the auditorium at the Appleton Museum of Art. Come out to enjoy the music!" said Dr. Sarah Satterfield, a professor of music.

Admission to the concert is free with admission to the Appleton Museum. For information, contact the CF Box Office at 352-873-5810 or visit from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CF staff celebrates Thanksgiving with Evangeline Booth residents

College of Central Florida faculty, staff and students will serve an early Thanksgiving lunch to the residents of Evangeline Booth Garden Apartments, 2921 NE 14th St., Wednesday, Nov. 21, at noon.

This is the 16th year the college has prepared and shared a traditional meal of turkey and all the trimmings with the residents of the senior citizen complex run by the Salvation Army. Students will decorate and set tables.

In 2002, students in the college's culinary arts program began preparing and serving the meal as a service project. The CF chapter of the Association of Florida Colleges has carried on the tradition. AFC pays for the meal that is cooked by the college's Rosemary and Thyme Catering.

"Our partnership with Evangeline Booth Garden provides an atmosphere where students and faculty can give back to the community and ensure that we are a

part of the goal to enrich lives," said Mark Ross, AFC CF chapter president. "This Thanksgiving luncheon is just one of our many events we try to do over the course of the year."

Over the years, CF students have embraced Evangeline Booth as a site for service-learning activities. Practical Nursing students have conducted health screenings; art students have produced a mural for the community room, and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society helps with maintenance and other tasks on United Way Day of Caring.



Baldwin joins American Angus Association

Elizabeth Erin Baldwin, Ocala, Florida, is a new member of the American Angus Association, according to Allen Moczygemba, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world.

Its computerized records include detailed information on over 18 million registered Angus.

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mation and keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members.

The programs and services of the Association and its entities — Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Productions Inc., Certified Angus Beef LLC and the Angus Foundation — help members to advance the beef cattle business by selecting the best animals for their herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.

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are preferred, so arrangements can be completed.

Travel

We are approaching the cutoff date for the following trips. At that time, we must pay the venue for the travelers who have signed up. If you want to go on any of these three trips call the host shown below soon.

1. Spamalot, is an evening performance Friday, Jan. 18, at the Phillips Center in Gainesville. Call Patricia Tomaszewski for your ticket priced at \$78 per page.

2. See the horses run at Tampa Bay Downs Wednesday, Jan. 23. The cost is \$53 per person and includes a very nice buffet before the races start as well as transportation and bus driver tip. Call Connie Smith.

3. Cinderella is Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Show Palace Dinner Theater. It is priced at \$78 which includes the buffet lunch, transportation and driver tip. You know the story, come see it brought to life onstage. Call Jim & Patty Waddell.

Important announcement! We now have the ticket price for The New York Yankees versus Boston Red Sox game Friday, March 15, 2019. The total price of the trip is \$75 which includes the ticket into the stadium, bus transportation and bus driver tip. The hosts are already taking waitlist requests, so call John and Marion Mowen to get on the list. There may be cancellations so getting on the waitlist early gives you a better chance.

Our trip March 20, 2019, to enjoy "The Modern Gentlemen" has tickets available. Don't miss the opportunity to hear these wonderful singers harmonize classic hits. The cost is \$65 per person and includes your ticket, brunch, transportation and driver tip. Call Linda Skowronski, your host.

Royal Oaks Lady

Niners

Even Holes was the game Nov. 8. In Flight A, Roseann Lavacca won. Bette Johnson was second and Lisa Juhasz third. In Flight B, Diana Schmidt won. Ginger Drake and Mary Kay Frandsen tied for second. Marsha Shannon made a chip in on the fourth hole. Mary Kay Frandsen won the closest to the pin contest on the third 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

Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. in the Island Club; 50/50 to benefit Interfaith. Reminder: wear name tag and bring \$ for raffle if you wish to participate. Joyce Kane will be the speaker for the November meeting.

Lunch at ROGC: Friday, Nov. 30, 11:30 a.m. Call Geraldine 585-737-8711 or Annmarie 237-9838.

Dinner at ROGC: First Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. Call Pat G. 854-7549 or Gerry 873-6868.

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Membership: Call Patricia 445-7428.

Our Holiday Luncheon will be held noon Monday, Dec. 10, at the Hilton, Ocala. RSVP by Dec. 3 to Gloria at 570-606-7107.

We are open to all ladies of Oak Run. There are never any dues; new members are always welcome!

Oak Run Women's Golf Association

The low net tournament winners for play on 11/8 are:

Flight A

First, Kathy O'Connell; Second, LaVerne Brown and

Flight B

First Gail Barclay; Second, Karen Schuelke Flight C

Flight D

First Marlena Yaich; Second, Marlene Puglisi

First JoAnn Keane; Second, Linda Noel

The girls had a fun Bump Day at the Spruce Creek Preserve. There is no golf on Thanksgiving.

The deadline for signing up and the payment for our Christmas Holiday Luncheon at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club is Nov. 29.

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!!

Say Eng Look," Oak Run's Chinese Mah Jongg Club

Play Rummy Asian Style: Learn Chinese Mah Jongg

Oak Run men and women have been playing the Chinese version of one of America's most popular table games twice a week, in the Orchid Club Card Room: Thursdays 2-5 p.m. and Saturdays 12-4 p.m.

There are now three variations of this game you may choose to learn with more to come! Newcomers are always welcome, and lessons are available. Since up to five can play using one set, you need not own one. However, if you do have a Mah Jongg set, please bring it with you, but you don't need a card or money to play. While we all enjoy the game, the social dimension is just as important, so the atmosphere is always friendly and relaxed. Open to all Oak Run residents and their overnight guests. For more information, please contact Susan at 237-3686

Ambassador Citizen

If you are planning on attending the Fall Harvest Dance tomorrow night, please remember to bring nonperishable food items which will be donated to the Ocala Food Pantry. The dance is at the Palm Grove from 7-11 p.m.

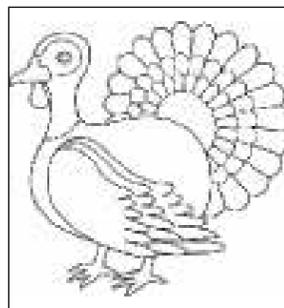
There was a lot of positive feedback to items on display at the Donut Drop-In last Saturday for our first "Take A Chance" drawing. Fantastic gift baskets, a beautiful wooden tray, books and art and gift certificates

are some of the items that have been donated for the drawing by Oak Run clubs and organizations. You can still buy chances for \$1 each at tomorrow's pancake breakfast and at the "Trim a Tree with the Troubadours" event Dec. 1 from 1-3 at the Palm Grove.

There is no charge for this event and all residents and their guests are invited to listen to these talented Oak Run residents entertain us with songs of the season and help decorate community Christmas Trees. Light refreshments will be served.

The drawing for the Take A Chance items will take place during intermission of the Randy Riggle Holiday Nostalgia show from 7-9 p.m. that evening. Tickets for Randy Riggle are \$15 and can be also purchased at the pancake breakfast. In November's Newsletter you received a "Save the Date" flier for the Ambassador New Year's Eve Party. Plans are for outstanding entertainment and food, and a Champagne fountain toast at midnight. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the December Donut-Drop In and Pancake Breakfast. The Ambassadors is an all-volunteer group that plans various events and dances that are open to all Oak Run Residents and their guests. Stop by one of the ticket sale tables to find out how you can help with some of the events.

Well folks, another week and so much going in, in and out of Oak Run. Smile anyhow! Laura Smith csjtpq2@gmail.com



EVENTS

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Committee chairperson Lorraine Rusch for all her hard work supplying what the ladies needed for their project.

Marion Landing's new Theater Club, the Marionutz, have put together a Christmas-themed show called "Senior Shenanigans" which they will perform Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Lifestyle Center. It's a variety show with special celebrity guest appearances, and they hope you will support their new club by purchasing a ticket. They promise an afternoon that will keep you laughing. Tickets are \$3 each and are available at Tuesday morning Socials and in the Activities Office.

An Old Fashioned Christmas Potluck Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 16, thanks to organizers Rhea Rouquie and Merry Anne Krell. The doors will open at 3:30 p.m., and dinner begins at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$4 each and are on sale at Tuesday morning So-

cial and in the Activities Office. Bring your favorite dish for the potluck, enjoy some surprise entertainment, singing carols and celebrating the season with your friends and neighbors.

And don't forget that the New Year is right around the corner, and it's time to think about getting your tickets for the New Year's Eve party. The party is Monday, Dec. 31, in the Lifestyle Center with music by Times of Your Life Entertainment playing music from the 50s, 60s and more. Tickets are \$12.50 each. Bring the beverage of your choice and snacks for your table; light refreshments will be served. Tickets will be going on sale Dec. 4 and can be purchased at the Tuesday morning Socials or in the Activities Office during December.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and start to your holiday season.

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

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her physical stamina, she said, "I'm a runner. I've run my entire life. I swim. I play soccer. I run and do track." She will be working on weight training her junior and senior years."

Christian, who served as master of ceremonies, said in his opening remarks that many students are connected to veterans who did or are serving. They include parents, grandparents, siblings and other relatives.

"We can never fully repay our debt to more than 1.3 million American service members who died in battle or the 1.5 million who were wounded. We can and do "recognize the 22 million veterans still living, including 1.6 million in Florida."

He said 1.3 million servicemen and service-women serve the United States around the world along with 801,000 serving in seven reserve components.

"The price of freedom is high, and we cannot and will not forget our veterans who paid it and today we celebrate America's veterans for keeping our country the land of the free and the home of the brave," he said before giving the microphone to MCPS Superintendent Dr. Heidi

Maier.

She said, "As each of you looks around and sees people dressed in military uniforms all over this park, I hope every one of you will say 'thank you' as you pass them. This is the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day at the eleventh hour, the 11th Day, of the 11th Month, the war to end all wars."

Dr. Maier, whose parents were military, told the students she hopes they appreciate the history surrounding them at the park.

"History comes in many forms, and it's alive today, thanks to the men and women who served our country, so you can enjoy a day like today," she said. "These people are true American heroes."

She said some heroes are famous while others are not, but they are heroes nonetheless, and that includes the nearly 300 veterans working for the school district.

Marion County Veterans Services director Jeffrey Askew asked the audience to stand in a moment of silence for those killed in such a senseless way in California, Hurricane Michael, wildfires in California, the synagogue in Pittsburgh.

"There is a lot of mayhem in the world, let us remember those lost lives and those who are there yet to save lives," he said.

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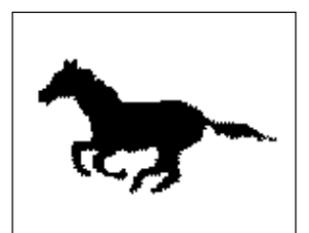
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WOOF program saves prison inmates, dogs

BY DELPHINE HERBERT
Friday Forum

Three women who work with donated Patriot Service Dogs and rescues through the WOOF program at the Lowell Correctional Institution shared their passion and dedication for transforming lives when they spoke at the Nov. 9, Friday Forum at the Golden Corral.

They were accompanied by "Radar," a 22-month-old golden retriever service dog in training who soon will be given to a disabled veteran.

Julie Ann Sanderson, co-founder with Susan Bolton of Patriot Service Dogs in 2009, approached authorities at Lowell in 2011 to establish the WOOF program. The program enables inmates to assume fulltime responsibility for the animal with which they are paired. The result is a well-

trained service dog, which after two years training, will help a disabled veteran gain a sense of independence and purpose.

"WOOF shines because education extends to the inmates. They are required to do book reports and presentations and, in working and living together for the benefit of the dogs, they become part of a community," Sanderson said. "The goal is building stability in their lives, so they can help rebuild society when they leave. Not all will succeed but the likelihood increases if they can learn to tell their stories with confidence."

Jerry Lea Garber, obedience instructor at the South Ocala Animal Clinic, oversees the healing and training of rescue dogs. She sees parallels between the girls and the animals.

"These dogs are survivors, often living unloved and unsupported on the

streets just like many of the inmates. They come afraid and distrustful, sometimes needing healing physically and psychologically. The rescue program is intended to last weeks but like puppies shipped from Korea, it often takes a lot longer to first remove the fear in their eyes before socialization can begin," Garber said.

Garber and Sanderson have only the very highest praise for Leigh Ann Marlow, who knows the dogs better than anyone else. Now released from the Lowell work group after seven years, Marlow continues to volunteer.

"Miss Jerry believed in me and my mother now says, 'I have my little girl back.'"

Moderator Bruce Seaman who volunteers at the men's prison observed that life in prison is totally dysfunctional, with Marlow confirming that every aspect of an inmate's life is dic-

tated. But the girls learn to improvise and to work together to solve issues concerning the dogs and thus with one another.

Sanderson said the WOOF program blossomed when she realized that she didn't have to make all the rules and Garber concluded that patience and prayer are needed for both the girls and the dogs.

"I love these girls. They are my friends. We have learned so much from them," she said.

For more about the program, please visit PatriotServiceDogs.org or email julie@patriot servicedogs.org or Jerrysbxrbums@aol.com.

The Friday Forum next meets Dec. 14. The topic will be "No room at the inn." Email FridayForumofMarionCounty@gmail.com or call Delphine Herbert at 352-873-9970 for more information.

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and 41 is sponsoring a "Clothe the Children" drive Thursday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the church hall. Clothing will be distributed to families in need free. For more info, call Judie at 489-5954.

Sunday, Dec. 16

David Cook book signing

For decades, David Cook brought Marion County's rich-and often entertaining-history to the present in his immensely popular newspaper column "The Way It Was." Some of these columns have been compiled into the form of a book, which is sure to be a treasured collection, exploring 175 years of Cook's beloved hometown. The cost of publication has been underwritten by Historic Ocala Preservation Society (H.O.P.S.), and the cover is by noted Ocala artist Margaret Watts.

H.O.P.S. will host a reception/book-signing at the Bryant House, 712 E. Fort King St., Sunday, Dec. 16, from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. where you can meet David and purchase this limited edition hardcover book for \$25. All proceeds will be used by H.O.P.S. to further preservation projects in our community.

For further information, please contact H.O.P.S. by calling 352-351-1861 or email Balsamf@yaho.com

Thursday, Dec. 20

Geneological Society

The Marion County Geneological Society will meet Thursday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. at the Marion County Public Library located at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala. A brief business meeting will be followed by the Holiday Party. For further information, contact Joel Swanson at 352-897-0840 or president@mcsocala.org.

Ongoing

Prostate Cancer Support

The Prostate Cancer Support Group meets each month at 5 p.m. in the West Marion West Marion Hospital on the fourth Tuesday. Every month a doctor or

other licensed medical professional speaks to members and anyone else who is interested.

The nonprofit group's goal is to bring education and awareness to men and spouses or caregivers the importance of early detection, treatment options and treatment concerns such as side effects and life after cancer. For more information, please call Steve Austin at 352-812-0406.

Kabbalat Shabbat

Holy Hour-Happy Hour Traditional Edition is the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat is followed by a delicious traditional themed buffet and cocktails including challah, gefilte fish, salads, chicken matzah ball soup and brisket. RSVP at www.ourchabad.org/happyhour.

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Torah & Tea: study the weekly Torah portion Wednesday from 7 - 8 p.m.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Yossi Hecht by calling 352-330-4466 on the internet at www.OurChabad.org.

ESL Program

The ESL program at College Road Baptist Church, 5010 SW College Road, meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. This is a weekly one-hour class. Students practice using their English speaking skills in an informal, friendly environment. Contact ESL Director Janet Smith at 352 854-6981.

Rainbow Springs Artists

Artists and fine craftsmen are sought by the Rainbow Springs Artist Cooperative located at 20804 W. Pennsylvania Ave. in the heart of Dunnellon's historic district. Once juried in to the cooperative, artists and fine craftsmen will be able to exhibit and sell their work in our display space. We also have a large area for teaching children and/or adult art classes. Additional information may be obtained by contacting June Johnson, Director, at 352-465-3717.

Sisterhood of Survivors

The Breast Cancer SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) support group meets at Ocala West Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th Street, Rm. 235 (chapel).

We meet the last Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. to offer a caring concern to those involved with the battle of breast cancer. We will share experiences, be informed and educated on treatments and medications available during our journey with breast cancer. We shall overcome! So, come one and all to our meetings and share interesting sessions each month. Any questions please call Elsa Flescher at 352-209-2661.



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IHOP cook Miguel Coronel finishes a breakfast plate for a customer.



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The IHOP restaurant at 11100 SW 93rd Court Rd celebrated Veterans Day by thanking retired and active duty military members for their service with a free stack of three Red, White & Blue pancakes. The in-restaurant promotion was part of a larger partnership between IHOP and Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation, an organization that provides college scholarships and educational counseling to military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty. During the entire month of November, participating IHOP restaurants will donate \$1 from every Red, White & Blue Pancake Combo sold to the charitable organization as well as encourage guests to contribute to the cause by making an on-check donation at participating IHOP restaurants nationwide.

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