



With temperatures in the 90's a dip in the pool at Foxwood Farms was plenty to smile about for residents, Greg and Lou Krueger

Shavuot party scheduled

Chabad of Marion County will be hosting a Shavuot ice cream and cheesecake party on Wednesday May 19, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Chabad Jewish Center, 3500 S.W. 34th Ave. Circle, Ocala.

The event will feature ice cream and cheesecake, lasagna, cheese blintzes, tea, coffee and refreshments.

Shavuot which celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai 3321 years ago is commemorated by the reading of the Ten Commandments in synagogues on the 1st day of the holiday.

"Not everyone can make it to the synagogue in the morning explains Rabbi Yosef Hecht, director of Chabad of Marion County whose organization is hosting the event "so we have organized an af-

Happenings

ternoon reading of the Ten Commandments and because it was the children who were the guarantors of the Torah we are encouraging them to attend, with an ice cream party".

There is no cost to attend however RSVP's are appreciated to 352-291-2218 or online at WWW.JewishMarion.org.

Fiction and fact topic of Genealogical Society

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 20 at the Marion County Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

The first session is a Special Interest Group discussion on genealogy problems and solutions. At 2 p.m. the guest speaker will be Paul Enchelmayr who will present "The Deceptive Ancestor: Separating Family Fiction

from Fact."

The public is cordially invited to both sessions and there is no cost involved. For further information, please contact Patti Hunt at (352) 207-0082, MarionGenealogy@gmail.com, or http://MarionGenealogy.tripod.com.

Air Force Association Extends invitation

The May meeting of the Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association (AFA) will be held on Thursday May 20, 7 p.m.

The location will be the LANDMARK Aviation Building of the Ocala Regional Airport 1200 SW 60th Ave., Ocala.

We will be planning our summer activities so attendance is very important. For more information call Mike Emig at 352-854-8328

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Groups encourages farmland preservation

Michel Northsea
 EDITOR

Residents near Southwest 80th Avenue and Southwest 90th Avenue, off U.S. 27, want to keep their land as farmland and not as urban reserve county staff was told last Thursday evening.

A crowd of about 25 people gathered last week for one of a half-dozen meetings around the county to discuss what the county might look like in 25 years. The meetings were required as part of the updating of the county's

comprehensive plan.

The last review of the complete plan was done in 1998, said Jimmy Massey, director of Marion County's Growth Management Department.

Several residents expressed concern that the county's land use map was showing the urban reserve area — a designation used to show where the next development could go — at Southwest 80th Avenue instead of Southwest 90th Avenue.

Those residents, with support from the Northwest Coalition for Balanced

Another visioning meeting on the comp plan is set for the Freedom Library, Thursday, May 20, at 6 p.m.

Growth, asked that the urban reserve area be moved back to the east side of 80th Avenue.

If the urban reserve area was developed, it would create the possibility of having as many as four to six homes per acre — a concern expressed by others in attendance.

A letter read into the record from Peter Bowers, president of the Northwest Coalition for Balanced Growth, suggested the housing density should be no greater than one home per acre in the area west of Northwest 60th Avenue, south of County Road 326 and north of State Road 40.

Another request from the group was the preservation of green space and greenways along the roads to "preserve its rural/agrarian character."

The group also requested, with others at the meeting expressing the same sentiments, the main priority should be using the 130,000 already permitted vacate building lots in the county before any new land is developed.

During the two-hour meeting, much of the discussion centered on the county's

transfer development rights (TDR) program.

With the TDR program, landowners of large tracts of land may sell their development rights in the "sending" area, much of which is the northwest section of the county, to a developer in the "receiving area."

The landowner must put a conservation designation on the acreage he gave up the right to develop with the sale of those rights.

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Many steps make a relative easy descend down the Lake Eaton Sinkhole Trail in the Ocala National Forest.

Air traffic tower is working

SPECIAL TO THE MESSENGER

The Ocala International Airport's air traffic control tower will begin operations on May 17.

The tower, 1700 S.W. 60th Ave., will be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. The tower will

be staffed by six Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controllers. Air Traffic Manager Burt Willis will head the local tower operations.

Controllers will rely on visual observation to ex-

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Team gears up May 21 relay
Survivors wanted for first lap

Seventeen teams are ready to walk in Friday's Relay for Life event at Liberty Middle School, the night of May 21.

The teams represent churches, schools, organizations and families all with the common goal of fighting cancer. Monies raised by the teams and during the event helps fund the many programs offered by the Ameri-

can Cancer Society. "All the money raised by these events stay right here in Marion County," said Danielle Clark, community representative for the American Cancer Society. The relay at Liberty Middle school is the fifth and final relay for 2010 in Marion County.

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Many to go to jail
Editor needs bail money

Many prominent community people will find themselves in "jail" next Wednesday, May 26.

They'll be in jail at the Country Club of Ocala in Silver Springs Shores and all for benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

out Friday afternoon for residents of the community.

Besides doing lots of the cooking, Howard also took some ribbing.

His wife started the ribbing when she made two collections jars. One jar was designated for keeping Howard in jail and the other one was for getting Howard out of jail.

It wasn't long before the jar for "keeping Howard in

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Visiting the sinkhole at Lake Eaton

Michel Northsea
 EDITOR

Through the woods and down a mile-long bumpy, dirt road in the Ocala National Forest, there's a trailhead for the Lake Eaton Sinkhole Trail.

Last week, as another outing offered through Marion County Parks and Recreation Department, a group of hikers were led

through the mile-plus long trail to the 80-foot-deep, 450-foot-wide sinkhole.

The hike was led by Michigan born, Florida raised Kevin Congdon. Much of his youth he spent running in the forest. As an adult, he contracts with the Florida Wildlife Commission to help with its summer camps to teach teens the joy of the outdoors and

Marion County Parks and Recreation to lead hikes as needed.

"I've learned through experience," he said pointing out a possible hiding place for an Eastern diamondback rattlesnake in among a fallen, rotting pine trees. Snakes try to camouflage themselves to avoid falling prey to a hawk.

Along the hike, Congdon

encouraged taking advantage of the recreational opportunities offered in the 385,000-acre forest. He suggested just driving some of the 1,500 miles of dirt roads in the forest and looking for wildlife, including deer and bears. Maps are available at the visitor's center. All dirt

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“jail” had more money than the other jar.

Howard Mathis isn't the only one helping to raise funds to provide services for the adults and children with one of 43 different neuro-muscular diseases.

So is Michel Northsea, editor of the West Marion Messenger. Donations of \$800 send a child with MDA to summer school, \$500 provides maintenance on a wheelchair or leg braces and \$89 provides one minute of research.

All donations help those living here in Central Florida.

More than 150 people are expected to do some jail-time including radio personalities, Dave Tyler, Beth Bright and Bo Hamilton, music director and The Morning

Show of WTRS Radio. Area business people including: Paul Vrotsos, Jeann Fink, and Grace Perez, CEO and operation exec., Peterson and Smith Equine Hospital; Jose Alonso, director, Jenkins Auto Group; and Alex DeFio, owner, DeFio Paint and Bodyshop.

Staff from both the city and the county including, Matthew Grow, manager, Ocala International Airport; Capt. Rob Altman, of Ocala Fire Rescue; Jeff Ball, code enforcement officer, Marion County Code Enforcement and Jimmy Massey, growth manager director, Marion County Building Dept.

Donations to Northsea may be made online at joinmda.org/ocala2010/editor or by mailing a check payable to the MDA, and mailing it to the West Marion Messenger, 8810 SW Hwy 200, Suite 104, Ocala, FL 34481.

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Howard Mathis serves up hot dogs he was offering to raise money for the MDA and to get him out of "jail."



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Stone Creek

Roses featured at Garden Club meeting



Patricia Gizzi

When you hear the word Rose what do you think of? Long stem, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, a symbol of love. According to some sources, the rose is the ancient symbol of love and beauty. The word 'rose' in some languages means pink or red. Recently, the Garden

Club of Stone Creek heard Pam Greenwald of Old Garden Roses of Angel Gardens speak on the topic of antique or Old Garden roses. According to Pam these roses have enjoyed a comeback in the last 10 years. "The heirloom rose is the ultimate flowering shrub, most blooming throughout the year. Each one is uniquely individual with 'his' or 'her' history carried through time with each new cutting. Every bush is a clone of the original bush which may have graced the gardens of historic icons such as Josephine Bonaparte and Louis Phillipe," said Pam. Pam told the audience about the Texas Rose Rustlers, a group that is

noted for saving many varieties of Heritage roses from extinction. This rose survived in cemeteries for more than one hundred years with little or no care. She told us that the scent of Old Roses brings back memories of times past when life was slower and we seemed to have the time to stop and smell the roses. After Pam gave her talk about antique roses and their care, she had a variety of roses for sale. She also handed out information about an upcoming event on Saturday, May 22 in Alachua. It is the Old Rose Lover's Gathering. It will be from 11 to 4 p.m. There will be a rose garden tour; rose seminars, propagation workshop and a big rose sale. For those who missed the presentation by Pam at Stone Creek, you can still learn about these beautiful roses. For more information you can call Pam at 352-359-1133 or e-mail her gardenangel22@gmail.com.

If you like gardening or would like to learn more about plants and flowers that grow well in central Florida, the Garden Club at Stone Creek has much to offer. The officers of this club are: president — Sandy Upor, vice president — Connie Drake, co-secretaries — Dolly Tokszaz and Gretchen La Sasso, treasurer — Bernie Messer and past president/portal administrator — Linda Fiorella. The club meets on the first Thursday of each month. They have guest speakers, take trips and recently the Community Development Committee chaired by Linda Fiorella met to plan events for the Stone Creek Community, the Ocala Community and continue with their holiday event of 'Be a Santa to a Senior Drive.'



Members of the Stone Creek Garden Club learned about antiques roses from Pam Greenwald, center, of Angel Gardens at their recent meeting. Pictured with her are, Connie Drake, left, vice-president and Linda Fiorella, right, past-president.

mation contact the SC portal under Garden Club. There is a wealth of information on flowers and plants. Like Pam said, always take the time and smell the roses!

Kindergarten registration begins

Children planning to attend kindergarten during the upcoming 2010-11 school year can register early at their local elementary school. Again this year, parents can complete and print an online form to bring with them when registering their child at school. Doing so will save lots of time in the waiting line. This form is available under the "Student Enrollment" option in the "Parent Information" tab at www.marion.k12.fl.us, the district's web site.

Children must be five years old by Sept. 1, 2010, to enter kindergarten when school starts this August. Currently, over 3,000 children attend kindergarten in Marion County Public Schools. To register, parents must present the following:
 ■ the child's certified birth certificate (or legal document stating the child's birth date),
 ■ proof of residency (the physical address where the child resides; no PO Boxes),
 ■ proof of the child's physical examination during the past 12 months,
 ■ court records (if applicable in custody cases),
 ■ a Florida Certificate of Immunization/shot record, and
 ■ the child's Social Security card.
 Parents wanting to register their child for kindergarten may do so in the Guidance Office of their local elementary school.
 For more information, parents their child plans to attend or the Elementary Education Office of Marion County Public Schools at 352-236-0577.

WPHS theatre department – Scotland bound

The West Port High School Theatre Department under the direction of Janet Shelley has been selected to perform at Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the largest and most prestigious arts festival in the world as part of the American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF). Each August, Edinburgh, Scotland becomes the most magical and exciting place on earth as performing artists from all over the world come to Scotland to take part in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The whole city becomes a stage and visitors can view performances in a variety of venues, including theatres, playgrounds, conference rooms, city parks, and churches. The Fringe Festival includes over 1800 different performances of music, theatre, dance, and comedy during its three week run. West Port High School's performance will be showcased at the AHSTF venue in Edinburgh.

West Port High School, long recognized for its entertaining and innovative productions, was selected by the AHSTF Board of Advisors to represent the United States as part of the 2011 AHSTF program. The school was nominated by Mary Britt of the Ocala Civic Theatre and Professor Earl Weaver of the University of Central Florida. The Board reviews all completed applications and identifies the top high schools based on their most recent bodies of work, awards, community involvement, philosophies and recommendations. Out of 1,500 high schools nominated across the United States and Canada, West



BRIAN STOOHOFF, ORF
 A fire in a vacant house was the cause of smoke in the northwest portion of the city last week. Ocala Fire Rescue responded to the fire at 3:15 p.m. and arrived five minutes later to find flames shooting above the roof of the concrete block structure. The firefighters searched the interior to ensure no one was inside. The fire occurred at 3049 Northwest Old Blitchton Road. The cause of the fire is being investigated. Ocala fire fighters operate two hose lines while other crew members force entry into the house.

WPHS photography display honors older Americans

May is Older Americans Month — a tradition that dates back to 1963 in honor of the legacies and ongoing contributions of older Americans. Every president since John F. Kennedy has issued a proclamation before or during the month of May each year, asking Americans to pay tribute to the older residents of our communities. This year's Older Americans Month theme — Age Strong! Live Long! — recognizes the diversity and vitality of today's older Americans who span three generations. Marion County Senior Services and West Marion Community Hospital are teaming up to recognize the older citizens of our community by hosting "The Art of Aging" — an Intergenerational Photo Journal of the clients served through MCSS and their Meals on Wheels and Congregate Dining Facilities. The photos, which were all taken by students in the Marion County Center for the Arts Photography program at West Port High School, will be on display at WMCH through May 28.

Florida; Children and Family Services, Florida Department of Transportation; Florida Commission for the Transportation Dis-

advantaged; United Way; the Marion County Commission and various community support and private contributions.

Marion County Senior Services Executive Director, Sarah Stroh says "We hope that Marion County residents will take time to visit this wonderful photo exhibit during Older American's Month. Our older residents have lived through wars and hard times as well as periods of unprecedented prosperity. They have worked hard to make our country better for all of us, and these photos pay homage to just a few of them in a very poignant way."

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HIKE

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roads in the forest are in gird fashion linking back to three different highways: State Road 40, County Road 314 or State Road 19.

During hunting season, Nov. 4 through Jan. 2, much of the national forest is closed to non-hunters. The exception is the Juniper Springs Recreation Area, open year-around to visitors.

An overlook platform, with benches for resting, gives visitors an opportunity to see the top edge of the sinkhole without walking down 10 flights of stairs. Those continuing the walk find temperatures 15 degrees cooler and a variety of trees, including a magnolia tree, as they descend the stairs.

For Carrie Thomas of Ocala, the hike was her first trip with the Marion County

Parks and Recreation and her first venture into the national forest. She signed up for the hike because she wanted exercise and something a little more adventurous than a walk in the neighborhood.

She and her mother, Carol Sieg, both said they were signed up for other hikes in the fall.

Walking along the foot-path among scrub oaks, pine trees and blue skies overhead, Steve and Pam Shinnick both agreed they enjoyed the hiking opportunities the county offers.

The Shinnicks have taken the kayak trips provided by the county too.

Although the county won't offer any more hiking trips until the fall, they offered five hikes since January and 10 kayaks this winter/spring, said Cathy Norris, recreational manager for Marion County Park and Recreation.

This summer the county offers a "summer series" of



Trip leader Kevin Congdon, right, talks about the need to check for ticks after a hike in the woods. Listening are, front to back, Fairy Esklidsen, Karen Sanders and Pat D'Auria.

kayak trips to Juniper Springs Creek, two different

TOWER

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change traffic pattern information as the tower does not have a radar display. The tower's radio frequency is 119.25.

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Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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Answers to Sudoku on page 10.

United Way focuses on finances

United Way of Marion County will hold the third annual "Day of Action" on Saturday, June 19. This year's event will focus on helping Marion County families improve their financial situation through budgeting and saving money.

"Family Financial Fitness" workshops will be featured from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ewers Center at the College of Central Florida located on State Road 200 in Ocala. The event is free and will include lunch. Sessions for

adults include topics such as creating a household budget, tips on saving money, learning about banking options and looking at your credit report. Sessions for children will also be provided by United Way and GreenPath. All sessions are provided by trained facilitators. Deadline for families to register is Wednesday, June 16. To register call United Way at 732-9696

For more information, contact Krista Martin at 732-9696 or kmartin@uwmc.org.

All invited to Sons of Italy bar-b-que

The Sons of Italy will have a free open house barbecue on Saturday, May 22, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 145, which is just east of Airport Road (60th Avenue) at 5675 W. State Road 40 in Ocala.

The group is trying to attract new members. Being of Italian descent is not a requirement; non-Italians can become social members. Hamburgers, hot dogs,

sodas, snacks and other items will be served at the free barbecue. For information, contact Vincent Cannatella at 352-236-3069.

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Carolyn Slocumb
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Quail Meadow was fabulous! It was a tremendous help with the contributions being collected at the clubhouse. Over 191 tons of food was collected in Marion County. We can all feel good about helping those less fortunate. Remember, we always have a collection box in the clubhouse. This is for donations for Interfaith. They can also use the styrofoam egg cartons — empty, of course. Mary and John Zdarsky take the contributions to Interfaith every week. We have cows in the pasture that backs up to N.W. 35th Street. This is the time of year when the new calves arrive. Those who live along this street, and other residents who walk along that street, observe the cows all the time. Last week Carol Sjogren and Hilde Tweet were taking their morning walk and witnessed a newborn calf that wasn't responding to its mother. Thelma Stevens, who lives on 35th, said she watched the mother nudge the calf and try to get it to stand up, but with no success. There were a few times when the little baby would stand on very wobbly legs, but couldn't stand long enough to nurse. The mother just stayed at a distance, as if she was giving up on her newborn. Bob Stevens couldn't stand watching as this newborn was not able to stand on his own. Bob went into the pasture and fed the baby calf milk. After many hours of Bob's nurturing this little calf, the little one was able to stand on his own, and the mother came back and claimed her baby. Everyone is pleased with the happy ending to this story. Do you know your neighbors?



Earle Talley and a truckload of tree trimmings from the trees around the clubhouse.

Have you noticed how all the trees at the clubhouse have been trimmed? This huge task wasn't done by a "tree" service, but rather by a volunteer resident. That person is Earle Talley. The trees look great. We all owe a big "thank you" to Earle for all the work he does around the clubhouse. He saves us hundreds of dollars for maintenance. Don't forget there are only two more nights of bingo — May 25 and the last one on June 8. Bingo will start again in September.



Fairfield Village

Mother's Day celebrated with breakfast



Priscilla Geissal

Though Mother's Day is past this year, there was a very nice celebration on that special day, Sunday, May 9, at the Fairfield Village Clubhouse. All those present agreed that it was a fine way to begin the traditional day to honor "Moms."

The traditional day was celebrated with another "mini-tradition" which has come to be anticipated by our community. This year the breakfast, though prepared by both men and women, was served by four of our most enthusiastic neighbors. Ray Sluss, Bob Kelsch, Bob Kulesa, and Chuck Belcher put on the aprons and the gloves and honored their wives as they would have honored their moms had they been present for the wonderful meal. The smiles were wide and the warm feelings were abundant as all present thoroughly enjoyed the meal. There were married couples, single ladies, and others who gathered for the delicious food.

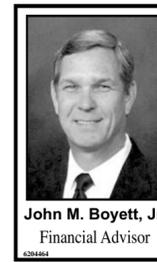
combat with other Americans but also with Americans involved in warfare anywhere. What a glorious celebration could take place if such needless loss and suffering could be stopped forever! For those who say that will never happen...well perhaps that is true. But if it ever were to happen, I believe it would be because mothers around the world rallied together to stop the bloodshed.

At Fairfield Village, we support our troops. That is evident as soon as one enters the clubhouse. However, there is no doubt that we would celebrate peacemakers with celebrations the likes of which we have not seen before. The joy would be expressed with exuberance by our friends and neighbors in Fairfield village — a lively place filled with lovely people.

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Marsha Mac Gregor, Diana Laude and Libby Stickle attending the Mother's Day breakfast at Fairfield Village.



Mother's Day breakfast cooks and servers were, left to right, Ray Sluss, Bob Kelsch, Ed Kulesa and Chuck Belcher.



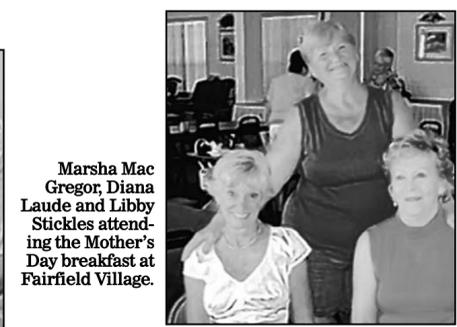
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Residents enjoying their breakfast are, from left to right, Irene Dale, her daughter, Charlene Jarvis and Barbara Graziano. All ladies are wearing Mother's Day corsages.



Marsha Mac Gregor, Diana Laude and Libby Stickle attending the Mother's Day breakfast at Fairfield Village.

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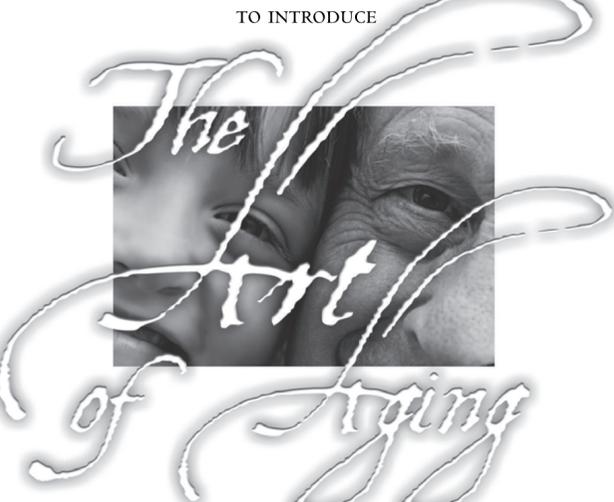
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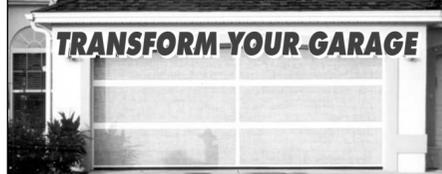
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Opinion

Our Message

Ending of a space shuttle era

Bright puffy clouds kept many of us from viewing the space shuttle Atlantis as it crossed the sky Friday afternoon.

Those of us trying to get a glimpse of Atlantis included some from our office, the bar two doors down and maybe even you. Several residents of Fairfield Village had traveled to the space coast to see the launch up close.

Those in the area estimate upwards to 3 million people see a launch — and what a show they see.

Friday's launch was the last of three. The last launch for Atlantis and its 32nd mission, although it is designed for 100 missions.

The space program is changing because President Obama is "retooling" the program. Here in Florida that "retooling" is expected to cost 9,000 jobs. Considering the residual effects of layoffs — no eating out, no buying cars, more homes on the market — those 9,000 jobs are just the tip of the iceberg.

Some U.S. government estimates suggest that NASA generated more than 40,000 jobs and \$4 billion into Florida's economy in 2008.

In retooling the space program, Obama has said he supports NASA 100 percent, but he wants to give private companies \$6 million dollars to build their spacecraft and fly them to the International Space Station. In doing so, he extends the life of the space station by five years, at least budgetary.

Previous president's had NASA planning to go back to the moon again and then beyond.

When the space program was formed in 1958, the mandate was that NASA would share what they learned.

As a result of the sharing of information, we have benefited from NASA successes and mistakes.

Every time you gas up your car at one of the pay at the pump places, you can thank NASA. Every time you stop by an ATM machine for some cash, you can thank NASA and campers may even want to thank NASA for freeze-dried foods.

NASA research has helped in the medical arena too.

Their research has helped developed CAT scans, portable x-ray equipment that can be used after a natural disaster and technology for artificial heart pumps and heart defibrillators.

Kidney dialysis machines, remote robotic surgery, MRIs, cardiac angiography and physical therapy machines help thousands of people everyday and we have NASA to thank for those marvels.

Did you tie on a pair of athletic shoes this morning for your daily exercise; NASA had a hand in some of the manufacturing techniques for that shoe too.

Yes, private companies could have discovered all those marvels too, but would they have and could we afford those costs? Sometimes, it's best not to mess with something that really isn't broken.

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Among Friends

But grandma, I need money



Michel Northsea

There was something frantic in the young voice on the other end of the phone.

"Grandma, grandma, grandma?" the young voice tentatively questioned.

There was a vague familiarity to the sound of the questioning voice, so the gray-haired grandmother searched her mind for a name. Was it her grandson who she had lost touch with when her son had lost his custody battle? Was it her grandson that was in college now doing well but had some scrapes with the law in the past?

She took a stab.

"Nathan, Nathan?," is that you she said thinking of her grandson in college.

"Yes, grandma, it's me Nathan," he answered, his voice firmer but still frantic-sounding.

"What's wrong? Is there something wrong with your parents?" questioned the now fully focused, but worried, grandmother.

"I'm in trouble grandma. We went to Canada and the girls I was with had some marijuana. I didn't know they had it. I don't smoke," he said admitting he had been arrested and was waiting trial in a few short hours.

"Shouldn't you have been in class?" grandma asked.

The young man explained that he was almost at the end of the term some of his

classes were over and some were not. As a result, he only had a few more classes to worry about.

His big worry right now was getting the \$2,700 he needed for court.

On the other end of the line, grandma looked at her watch and realized she needed to hurry to her doctor's appointment. She explained her dilemma to her grandson and then suggested he call his mother.

He hadn't wanted to disappoint his mother again, he told his grandmother.

"Call your uncle she suggested, he's a lawyer and got you out of trouble in the past," grandma said.

"Good idea," the voice said asking for his uncle number.

Grandma didn't have the phone number.

"I haven't seen your uncle since your father was promoted to chief," she told Nathan.

The phone went dead.

Worried, the grandmother paced the floor a few minutes — worried about her grandson.

She got out her address book and called Nathan's number.

There was no answer. She left a message in his voice mail.

She called her son, Nathan's dad. He answered and assured her he had seen Nathan just that morning but he would call Nathan's mom.

Nathan's mom said her son had been home for lunch about an hour earlier and was back in class.

Class was in Virginia not New York as "Nathan" had claimed while he had her on the phone.

Then it hit her. She had almost been a victim of a scam. Scammed out of her hard-earned money because of her concern for the well being of her grandson.

This is a true story that happened to one of our neighbors. The names were changed to protect them.

Don't let something similar happen to you. It pays to be leery of anyone asking for money — even the grandchildren.

Out to Pastor

Good intentions only as good as the intender



James Snyder

If awards were given to people who have the best of intentions, I would be working on my acceptance speech right now. However, I know that intentions are only as good as the one who crafts the intention.

Recently, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage needed to go visit her parents. This necessitated her being away for five days. In her absence, I was in charge. As they say, I was the chief cook and bottle washer. Unfortunately, I did not know the proper way of cooking a chief or if it was legal, and there were no bottles around for me to wash. In her absence, I would have to do a lot of improvising but I did not think I needed to bother her with such trivial information while she was packing.

Finally, she was off and I, as they say, was on.

The first thing I did was evaluate my situation and formulate a game plan. After all, I was in charge. I wanted to make sure I got the most out of every hour. I hate waste, and I hate wasting time. I fully intended to use the time at my disposal for my greatest pleasure.

After several moments of this, I was exhausted, got a soda from the refrigerator, went to the back porch and reclined on my lounge chair. I would unwind and think through the things I wanted to do in her absence.

I was finding out that this being in charge is rather hard work. Therefore, a nap was in order. I smiled as I leaned back and allowed my body to relax. It felt wonderful. A nap before lunchtime was something unheard of when You Know Who was in charge. Now that I am in charge, a nap is whenever I want to take it. This being in charge has real advantage.

I made it through the first day. Looking back, I am not quite sure how I did it.

Late in the afternoon, I had come up with an excellent plan for my evening arrangements. I plan to party the evening away until the wee hours of the morning. No curfew tonight. I would let down my hair, what hair I had, and throw caution to the wind. Look out wind. Tonight would be the beginning of my free-for-all. The refrigerator was well stocked with goodies, and I had a plan. I love it when a plan comes together.

My intentions were to stay up until the wee hours of the morning. Along about 11 o'clock my eyes became so heavy I could hardly keep them open. I grabbed a soda and another apple fritter and went to bed. I would do something not permitted under normal circumstances; I would have a snack in bed while watching television.

I do not know what happened. Maybe it was all the apple fritters I had, but the next thing I knew the sun was coming through the window and it was morning. Whatever happened to my all night party?

There on my nightstand was a half-empty can of soda and a partially eaten apple fritter. I then smelled something I have never smelled before. I sniffed, but I could not identify the strange odor. I

LAND

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Massey said the TDR program in Marion County has put 3,500 acres under the conservation designation.

Susan Woods, president of the Floridan Aquifer Legal Defense Organization, urged for the keeping of large tracts of rural land to help filter water that eventually leads into the Rainbow Springs and Rainbow River.

She also requested the county map and inventory of all the karst features of the

area so there would be a better understanding of the complexity of the land and water connections in the northwest area of the county.

But Lynn Recio may have summed up the concerns of most with the simple statement, "We love our land."

RELAY

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Cancer survivors are invited to start the relay by walking the first lap at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is encouraged through marion-

relay.com. Registration is also available at the event.

As darkness fall, candles are lit during the lunaria ceremony to honor those who lost their battle to cancer is held. Names are read aloud of each person honored with a lumina-

ria. Throughout the evening teams continue to raise funds for the cause. Already teams have raised more than \$7,000.

For more information about the event call the local office at 629-4727 or see the website at marion-relay.com.

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sniffed again, but no better luck. No matter how much I sniffed, it was always the same.

Every morning when I get up I smell freshly brewed coffee floating in from the kitchen area. Now, for some strange reason, I smelled no such smell. The morning air was bankrupt of any delicious aroma that I could identify.

I walked into the kitchen and there was the coffee pot where it was supposed to be, but to my chagrin, no coffee was brewing. I cannot understand that because every morning I wake up to the smell of fresh brewed coffee. There is no better way to get up in the morning than that. The best way to start every morning is with a nice hot cup of coffee.

For as long as I can remember, I have always enjoyed the morning fragrance of freshly brewed coffee. Why should today be any different?

It then dawned upon me. I did not fix the coffee pot the night before, like my wife always does. That was just the beginning. Where were my eggs over easy, bacon, fresh biscuits and gravy? I always have that for breakfast. I looked in the refrigerator and saw them in their natural habitat, which was raw.

I sighed deeply and said

to myself, "Where in the world is my breakfast?" And myself replied, "Silly, you have to make it yourself."

Well, I had a real good talking to myself. Then, I do not know how it happened, but I heard my wife talking. Out of my mouth came her words that I have heard a thousand times before, "Breakfast does not make itself." In that brief moment, I had become my wife, which was not my intention.

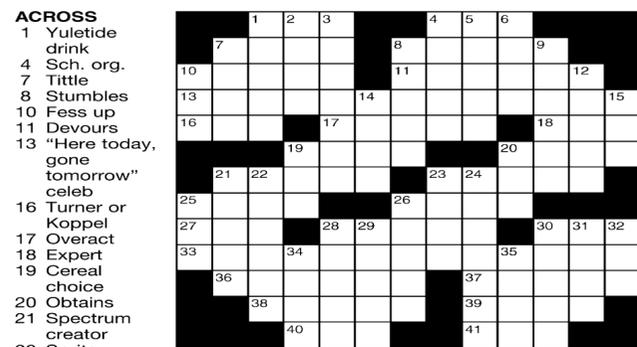
The only area where personal work does not count is in salvation. The apostle Paul writes, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV).

God does not intend for us to save ourselves. His full attention is our complete salvation, and God is always as good as His Word.

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Editorial

On Point



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Persons wishing to contact the editor should call 854-3986.

All letters must be signed and include a phone number and community name, including letters sent via e-mail. Names and communities will be printed; phone numbers will not be published or given out.

We reserve the right to edit letters for length, libel, fairness and good taste. Not all contributions are printed.

Letters longer than 350 words may be regarded as columns and printed on a space-available basis, and writers will be limited to one contribution per week. The deadline is one week prior to each Wednesday's issue.

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Alzheimer's Disease and Delirium Treatment Options
May 28 - 2:00pm
Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias are becoming more prevalent as our population ages, and is now a major component of end-of-life care. This presentation will focus on types, incidence, and current therapies for common dementias. We will also look at the often related condition of delirium; treatment and preventive options will be discussed. Presented by Michael S. Sever, RPh, Pharmacy Manager for Hospice of Marion County.

Fire Prevention
June 11 - 2:00pm
Learn general fire safety and tips for fire escape planning, preventing kitchen fires, candle safety, and fire extinguishers. You will also learn about house fire defense, smoke alarms, and how to maintain them. Friendship Station 21's engine will be there to tour. Join Marion County Fire Rescue for this informative presentation.

Axons, Synapses and Dendrites! What is Mental Illness All About?
June 4 - 2:00pm
Are you curious about mental illnesses and the brain disorders that cause them? You will see how the brain works and how it breaks, as well as learn about mental illnesses, their primary symptoms, diagnosis and the road to recovery. Presented by John Podkomorski and Bob Davis with the National Alliance for Mental Illness.

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Quail Meadow



Neighbor saves calf

Carolyn Slocumb
Thank you, thank you, thank you — the response to the postal workers "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive was outstanding. Robby (our mailman) said the response from

Quail Meadow was fabulous! It was a tremendous help with the contributions being collected at the clubhouse. Over 191 tons of food was collected in Marion County. We can all feel good about helping those less fortunate. Remember, we always have a collection box in the clubhouse. This is for donations for Interfaith. They can also use the styrofoam egg cartons — empty, of course. Mary and John Zdarsky take the contributions to Interfaith every week. We have cows in the pasture that backs up to N.W. 35th Street. This is the time of year when the new calves arrive. Those who live along this street, and other residents who walk along that street, observe the cows all the time. Last week Carol Sjogren and Hilde Tweet were taking their morning walk and witnessed a newborn calf that wasn't responding to its mother. Thelma Stevens, who lives on 35th, said she watched the mother nudge the calf and try to get it to stand up, but with no success. There were a few times when the little baby would stand on very wobbly legs, but couldn't stand long enough to nurse. The mother just stayed at a distance, as if she was giving up on her newborn. Bob Stevens couldn't stand watching as this newborn was not able to stand on his own. Bob went into the pasture and fed the baby calf milk. After many hours of Bob's nurturing this little calf, the little one was able to stand on his own, and the mother came back and claimed her baby. Everyone is pleased with the happy ending to this story. Do you know your neighbors?



Earle Talley and a truckload of tree trimmings from the trees around the clubhouse.

Have you noticed how all the trees at the clubhouse have been trimmed? This huge task wasn't done by a "tree" service, but rather by a volunteer resident. That person is Earle Talley. The trees look great. We all owe a big "thank you" to Earle for all the work he does around the clubhouse. He saves us hundreds of dollars for maintenance. Don't forget there are only two more nights of bingo — May 25 and the last one on June 8. Bingo will start again in September.



Fairfield Village

Mother's Day celebrated with breakfast



Priscilla Geissal

Though Mother's Day is past this year, there was a very nice celebration on that special day, Sunday, May 9, at the Fairfield Village Clubhouse. All those present agreed that it was a fine way to begin the traditional day to honor "Moms."

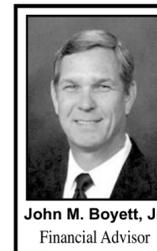
combat with other Americans but also with Americans involved in warfare anywhere. What a glorious celebration could take place if such needless loss and suffering could be stopped forever! For those who say that will never happen...well perhaps that is true. But if it ever were to happen, I believe it would be because mothers around the world rallied together to stop the bloodshed.

At Fairfield Village, we support our troops. That is evident as soon as one enters the clubhouse. However, there is no doubt that we would celebrate peacemakers with celebrations the likes of which we have not seen before. The joy would be expressed with exuberance by our friends and neighbors in Fairfield village — a lively place filled with lovely people.

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Marsha Mac Gregor, Diana Laude and Libby Stickles attending the Mother's Day breakfast at Fairfield Village.



Mother's Day breakfast cooks and servers were, left to right, Ray Sluss, Bob Kelsch, Ed Kulesa and Chuck Belcher.



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Residents enjoying their breakfast are, from left to right, Irene Dale, her daughter, Charlene Jarvis and Barbara Graziano. All ladies are wearing Mother's Day corsages.



Marsha Mac Gregor, Diana Laude and Libby Stickles attending the Mother's Day breakfast at Fairfield Village.

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HIKE

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roads in the forest are in gird fashion linking back to three different highways: State Road 40, County Road 314 or State Road 19.

During hunting season, Nov. 4 through Jan. 2, much of the national forest is closed to non-hunters. The exception is the Juniper Springs Recreation Area, open year-around to visitors.

An overlook platform, with benches for resting, gives visitors an opportunity to see the top edge of the sinkhole without walking down 10 flights of stairs. Those continuing the walk find temperatures 15 degrees cooler and a variety of trees, including a magnolia tree, as they descend the stairs.

For Carrie Thomas of Ocala, the hike was her first trip with the Marion County

Parks and Recreation and her first venture into the national forest. She signed up for the hike because she wanted exercise and something a little more adventurous than a walk in the neighborhood.

She and her mother, Carol Sieg, both said they were signed up for other hikes in the fall.

Walking along the foot-path among scrub oaks, pine trees and blue skies overhead, Steve and Pam Shinnick both agreed they enjoyed the hiking opportunities the county offers.

The Shinnicks have taken the kayak trips provided by the county too.

Although the county won't offer any more hiking trips until the fall, they offered five hikes since January and 10 kayaks this winter/spring, said Cathy Norris, recreational manager for Marion County Park and Recreation.

This summer the county offers a "summer series" of



Trip leader Kevin Congdon, right, talks about the need to check for ticks after a hike in the woods. Listening are, front to back, Fairy Esklidsen, Karen Sanders and Pat D'Auria.

kayak trips to Juniper Springs Creek, two different

TOWER

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change traffic pattern information as the tower does not have a radar display. The tower's radio frequency is 119.25.

"We look forward to working with the aviation community providing the high level of (air traffic control) service that everyone is accustomed to in the Ocala area," Willis wrote in a letter announcing the tower's operational opening.

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Weekly SUDOKU
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Answers to Sudoku on page 10.

United Way focuses on finances

United Way of Marion County will hold the third annual "Day of Action" on Saturday, June 19. This year's event will focus on helping Marion County families improve their financial situation through budgeting and saving money.

"Family Financial Fitness" workshops will be featured from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ewers Center at the College of Central Florida located on State Road 200 in Ocala. The event is free and will include lunch. Sessions for

adults include topics such as creating a household budget, tips on saving money, learning about banking options and looking at your credit report. Sessions for children will also be provided by United Way and GreenPath. All sessions are provided by trained facilitators. Deadline for families to register is Wednesday, June 16. To register call United Way at 732-9696

For more information, contact Krista Martin at 732-9696 or kmartin@uwmc.org.

All invited to Sons of Italy bar-b-que

The Sons of Italy will have a free open house barbecue on Saturday, May 22, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 145, which is just east of Airport Road (60th Avenue) at 5675 W. State Road 40 in Ocala.

The group is trying to attract new members. Being of Italian descent is not a requirement; non-Italians can become social members.

Hamburgers, hot dogs,

sodas, snacks and other items will be served at the free barbecue. For information, contact Vincent Cannatella at 352-236-3069.

Charity bike ride

A ride to benefit hospice will take place for the third year on May 22.

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Roses featured at Garden Club meeting



Patricia Gizzi

When you hear the word Rose what do you think of? Long stem, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, a symbol of love. According to some sources, the rose is the ancient symbol of love and beauty. The word 'rose' in some languages means pink or red. Recently, the Garden

Club of Stone Creek heard Pam Greenwald of Old Garden Roses of Angel Gardens speak on the topic of antique or Old Garden roses. According to Pam these roses have enjoyed a comeback in the last 10 years. "The heirloom rose is the ultimate flowering shrub, most blooming throughout the year. Each one is uniquely individual with 'his' or 'her' history carried through time with each new cutting. Every bush is a clone of the original bush which may have graced the gardens of historic icons such as Josephine Bonaparte and Louis Phillipe," said Pam. Pam told the audience about the Texas Rose Rustlers, a group that is

noted for saving many varieties of Heritage roses from extinction. This rose survived in cemeteries for more than one hundred years with little or no care. She told us that the scent of Old Roses brings back memories of times past when life was slower and we seemed to have the time to stop and smell the roses. After Pam gave her talk about antique roses and their care, she had a variety of roses for sale. She also handed out information about an upcoming event on Saturday, May 22 in Alachua. It is the Old Rose Lover's Gathering. It will be from 11 to 4 p.m. There will be a rose garden tour; rose seminars, propagation workshop and a big rose sale. For those who missed the presentation by Pam at Stone Creek, you can still learn about these beautiful roses. For more information you can call Pam at 352-359-1133 or e-mail her gardenangel22@gmail.com.

If you like gardening or would like to learn more about plants and flowers that grow well in central Florida, the Garden Club at Stone Creek has much to offer. The officers of this club are: president — Sandy Upor, vice president — Connie Drake, co-secretaries — Dolly Tokszaz and Gretchen La Sasso, treasurer — Bernie Messer and past president/portal administrator — Linda Fiorella. The club meets on the first Thursday of each month. They have guest speakers, take trips and recently the Community Development Committee chaired by Linda Fiorella met to plan events for the Stone Creek Community, the Ocala Community and continue with their holiday event of 'Be a Santa to a Senior Drive.'



Members of the Stone Creek Garden Club learned about antique roses from Pam Greenwald, center, of Angel Gardens at their recent meeting. Pictured with her are, Connie Drake, left, vice-president and Linda Fiorella, right, past-president.

mation contact the SC portal under Garden Club. There is a wealth of information on flowers and plants. Like Pam said, always take the time and smell the roses!

Kindergarten registration begins

Children planning to attend kindergarten during the upcoming 2010-11 school year can register early at their local elementary school. Again this year, parents can complete and print an online form to bring with them when registering their child at school. Doing so will save lots of time in the waiting line. This form is available under the "Student Enrollment" option in the "Parent Information" tab at www.marion.k12.fl.us, the district's web site.

Children must be five years old by Sept. 1, 2010, to enter kindergarten when school starts this August. Currently, over 3,000 children attend kindergarten in Marion County Public Schools. To register, parents must present the following:
 ■ the child's certified birth certificate (or legal document stating the child's birth date),
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 For more information, parents their child plans to attend or the Elementary Education Office of Marion County Public Schools at 352-236-0577.

WPHS theatre department – Scotland bound

The West Port High School Theatre Department under the direction of Janet Shelley has been selected to perform at Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the largest and most prestigious arts festival in the world as part of the American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF). Each August, Edinburgh, Scotland becomes the most magical and exciting place on earth as performing artists from all over the world come to Scotland to take part in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The whole city becomes a stage and visitors can view performances in a variety of venues, including theatres, playgrounds, conference rooms, city parks, and churches. The Fringe Festival includes over 1800 different performances of music, theatre, dance, and comedy during its three week run. West Port High School's performance will be showcased at the AHSTF venue in Edinburgh.

West Port High School, long recognized for its entertaining and innovative productions, was selected by the AHSTF Board of Advisors to represent the United States as part of the 2011 AHSTF program. The school was nominated by Mary Britt of the Ocala Civic Theatre and Professor Earl Weaver of the University of Central Florida. The Board reviews all completed applications and identifies the top high schools based on their most recent bodies of work, awards, community involvement, philosophies and recommendations. Out of 1,500 high schools nominated across the United States and Canada, West Port was one of 75 schools selected to perform. While in Scotland, AHSTF's professional technical team ensures that the company's lighting, sound, and property needs are addressed. WorldStrides of Charlottesville, Virginia, the nation's oldest and largest student travel company will be planning the travel arrangements for each high school group. West Port High School drama students, their parents, and teachers are heavily involved in fundraising activities to finance their two-week adventure to Scotland and England. Contributions and donations are welcome. For more information contact Janet Shelley, West Port High School Theatre Director at (352) 291-4000.



BRIAN STOOHOFF, ORF
 A fire in a vacant house was the cause of smoke in the northwest portion of the city last week. Ocala Fire Rescue responded to the fire at 3:15 p.m. and arrived five minutes later to find flames shooting above the roof of the concrete block structure. The firefighters searched the interior to ensure no one was inside. The fire occurred at 3049 Northwest Old Blitchton Road. The cause of the fire is being investigated. Ocala fire fighters operate two hose lines while other crew members force entry into the house.

WPHS photography display honors older Americans

May is Older Americans Month — a tradition that dates back to 1963 in honor of the legacies and ongoing contributions of older Americans. Every president since John F. Kennedy has issued a proclamation before or during the month of May each year, asking Americans to pay tribute to the older residents of our communities. This year's Older Americans Month theme — Age Strong! Live Long! — recognizes the diversity and vitality of today's older Americans who span three generations. Marion County Senior Services and West Marion Community Hospital are teaming up to recognize the older citizens of our community by hosting "The Art of Aging" — an Intergenerational Photo Journal of the clients served through MCSS and their Meals on Wheels and Congregate Dining Facilities. The photos, which were all taken by students in the Marion County Center for the Arts Photography program at West Port High School, will be on display at WMCH through May 28.

Florida; Children and Family Services, Florida Department of Transportation; Florida Commission for the Transportation Dis-

advantaged; United Way; the Marion County Commission and various community support and private contributions.

Marion County Senior Services Executive Director, Sarah Stroh says "We hope that Marion County residents will take time to visit this wonderful photo exhibit during Older American's Month. Our older residents have lived through wars and hard times as well as periods of unprecedented prosperity. They have worked hard to make our country better for all of us, and these photos pay homage to just a few of them in a very poignant way."

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Shavuot party scheduled

Chabad of Marion County will be hosting a Shavuot ice cream and cheesecake party on Wednesday May 19, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Chabad Jewish Center, 3500 S.W. 34th Ave. Circle, Ocala.

The event will feature ice cream and cheesecake, lasagna, cheese blintzes, tea, coffee and refreshments.

Shavuot which celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai 3321 years ago is commemorated by the reading of the Ten Commandments in synagogues on the 1st day of the holiday.

"Not everyone can make it to the synagogue in the morning explains Rabbi Yosef Hecht, director of Chabad of Marion County whose organization is hosting the event "so we have organized an af-

Happenings

ternoon reading of the Ten Commandments and because it was the children who were the guarantors of the Torah we are encouraging them to attend, with an ice cream party".

There is no cost to attend however RSVP's are appreciated to 352-291-2218 or online at WWW.JewishMarion.org.

Fiction and fact topic of Genealogical Society

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 20 at the Marion County Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

The first session is a Special Interest Group discussion on genealogy problems and solutions. At 2 p.m. the guest speaker will be Paul Enchelmayr who will present "The Deceptive Ancestor: Separating Family Fiction

from Fact."

The public is cordially invited to both sessions and there is no cost involved. For further information, please contact Patti Hunt at (352) 207-0082, MarionGenealogy@gmail.com, or http://MarionGenealogy.tripod.com.

Air Force Association Extends invitation

The May meeting of the Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association (AFA) will be held on Thursday May 20, 7 p.m.

The location will be the LANDMARK Aviation Building of the Ocala Regional Airport 1200 SW 60th Ave., Ocala.

We will be planning our summer activities so attendance is very important. For more information call Mike Emig at 352-854-8328

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Groups encourages farmland preservation

Michel Northsea
 EDITOR

Residents near Southwest 80th Avenue and Southwest 90th Avenue, off U.S. 27, want to keep their land as farmland and not as urban reserve county staff was told last Thursday evening.

A crowd of about 25 people gathered last week for one of a half-dozen meetings around the county to discuss what the county might look like in 25 years. The meetings were required as part of the updating of the county's

comprehensive plan.

The last review of the complete plan was done in 1998, said Jimmy Massey, director of Marion County's Growth Management Department.

Several residents expressed concern that the county's land use map was showing the urban reserve area — a designation used to show where the next development could go — at Southwest 80th Avenue instead of Southwest 90th Avenue.

Those residents, with support from the Northwest Coalition for Balanced

Another visioning meeting on the comp plan is set for the Freedom Library, Thursday, May 20, at 6 p.m.

Growth, asked that the urban reserve area be moved back to the east side of 80th Avenue.

If the urban reserve area was developed, it would create the possibility of having as many as four to six homes per acre — a concern expressed by others in attendance.

A letter read into the record from Peter Bowers, president of the Northwest Coalition for Balanced Growth, suggested the housing density should be no greater than one home per acre in the area west of Northwest 60th Avenue, south of County Road 326 and north of State Road 40.

Another request from the group was the preservation of green space and greenways along the roads to "preserve its rural/agrarian character."

The group also requested, with others at the meeting expressing the same sentiments, the main priority should be using the 130,000 already permitted vacate building lots in the county before any new land is developed.

During the two-hour meeting, much of the discussion centered on the county's

transfer development rights (TDR) program.

With the TDR program, landowners of large tracts of land may sell their development rights in the "sending" area, much of which is the northwest section of the county, to a developer in the "receiving area."

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Air traffic tower is working

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be staffed by six Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controllers. Air Traffic Manager Burt Willis will head the local tower operations.

Controllers will rely on visual observation to ex-

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Team gears up May 21 relay
Survivors wanted for first lap

Seventeen teams are ready to walk in Friday's Relay for Life event at Liberty Middle School, the night of May 21.

The teams represent churches, schools, organizations and families all with the common goal of fighting cancer. Monies raised by the teams and during the event helps fund the many programs offered by the Ameri-

can Cancer Society. "All the money raised by these events stay right here in Marion County," said Danielle Clark, community representative for the American Cancer Society. The relay at Liberty Middle school is the fifth and final relay for 2010 in Marion County.

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Many to go to jail
Editor needs bail money

Many prominent community people will find themselves in "jail" next Wednesday, May 26.

They'll be in jail at the Country Club of Ocala in Silver Springs Shores and all for benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

One of those going to jail for the cause is Howard Mathis, manager of the Foxwood Farm community on U.S. 27.

To help raise his bond money, he and his wife, Rita, hosted a hot dog cook-

out Friday afternoon for residents of the community.

Besides doing lots of the cooking, Howard also took some ribbing.

His wife started the ribbing when she made two collections jars. One jar was designated for keeping Howard in jail and the other one was for getting Howard out of jail.

It wasn't long before the jar for "keeping Howard in

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Visiting the sinkhole at Lake Eaton

Michel Northsea
 EDITOR

Through the woods and down a mile-long bumpy, dirt road in the Ocala National Forest, there's a trailhead for the Lake Eaton Sinkhole Trail.

Last week, as another outing offered through Marion County Parks and Recreation Department, a group of hikers were led

through the mile-plus long trail to the 80-foot-deep, 450-foot-wide sinkhole.

The hike was led by Michigan born, Florida raised Kevin Congdon. Much of his youth he spent running in the forest. As an adult, he contracts with the Florida Wildlife Commission to help with its summer camps to teach teens the joy of the outdoors and

Marion County Parks and Recreation to lead hikes as needed.

"I've learned through experience," he said pointing out a possible hiding place for an Eastern diamondback rattlesnake in among a fallen, rotting pine trees. Snakes try to camouflage themselves to avoid falling prey to a hawk.

Along the hike, Congdon

encouraged taking advantage of the recreational opportunities offered in the 385,000-acre forest. He suggested just driving some of the 1,500 miles of dirt roads in the forest and looking for wildlife, including deer and bears. Maps are available at the visitor's center. All dirt

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