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Plants and advice part of expo

By Michel Northsea
EDITOR

There was standing room only during seminars on growing your own vegetables last year.

But since then, a new and larger auditorium has been built.

Those seminars were offered during the Vegetable Garden Expo. This year, that expo is set for Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The second annual event is in cooperation with the University of Florida IFAS, the Marion County Extension Service and Marion County Master Gardeners at the extension service office, 2232 NE Jacksonville Rd.

Throughout the 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. event, four seminars are planned for the indoors and six others are outside in the garden area.

One indoor session, at 10:10 a.m. will feature students from Dunnellon Elementary School as they show how "Kids Can Garden" too. Advice on enhancing garden soil, the best management practices to use in the garden and what to grow will also

be offered during the day.

The sessions planned for the Saturday event will help first-time gardeners and those with more experience, said Norma Samuel, extension agent, urban horticultural.

Over the past several years, the agency has seen a significant increase in phone calls from people having questions about their vegetables gardens or seeking advice, said Samuel, adding that those calling had prompted the expo.

Those scheduled for the outside will have more of a

"hands-on" feel and give visitors the opportunity to learn about micro-irrigation, composting, growing a variety of vegetables and herbs and controlling the peskiness of pests.

For gardeners in need of a scarecrow to scare away larger garden pests, the opportunity to purchase one through silent auction is also available. The scarecrows will be displayed inside the auditorium. Proceeds from the sale of the scarecrows will benefit

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Expo Schedule

Indoor Seminar Schedule — North Side of Auditorium 9 to 10 a.m. — Enhancing Garden Soil David Holmes, Horticulture Agent

10:10 to 10:40 a.m. — Kids Can Garden Too! Marion County 4-H members

10:50 to 11:50 a.m. — Best Management Practices for the Vegetable Garden Jo Leyte-Vidal, Master Gardener 12 to 1 p.m. — Vegetable Varieties for Marion County Lesroy Samuel, Vegetable Expert

Outdoor Hands-on Sessions — Vegetable Garden

9 to 9:30 a.m. — Micro-irrigation Kathleen Patterson Florida Yards and Neighborhoods

9:40 to 10:10 a.m. — Composting Linda Krausnick, Master Gardener

10:20 to 10:50 a.m. — Growing Cool Season Crops Jim Nash, Master Gardener

11:00 to 11:30 a.m. — Growing Herbs Pat Greenfield, Master Gardener

11:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. — Growing Root Crops (Yucca, melanga, sweet potato) Luis Camacho, Master Gardener

12:20 to 12:50 p.m. — Pest Control Tactics Carol Ann Baldwin, Master Gardener



Jerry Morris waits for his signed poster from baseball legends from the Negro League Baseball league last week at the Paddock Mall. Pictured with Morris is Farrah Duhart. The baseball players included, left to right, Arthur Hamilton, Raydell Maddix and Clifford Brown.

NBL veterans message scores a home-run

John Sotomayor
SPECIAL TO THE
MESSENGER

In a league of their own. That's how Harold "Buster" Hair who played 3rd base, shortstop and outfielder for the Birmingham Black Barons and Kansas City Monarchs in the Negro Baseball League from 1953-1958 compared their experience when asked as regular, ordinary guys who

were part of an extraordinary situation, while they were playing in the league, did they ever think they were doing something extraordinary others would celebrate years later. Hair answered their situation was much like that of the woman's league in the movie by that name. They played not for money or fame but for the passion of the game. They wanted to show they could play just as good as the

major league players, they were just not allowed.

"It was tough in those days" says Arthur "Jr." Hamilton, catcher for the Indianapolis Clowns and Detroit Stars 1953-1959. "I had to go through the Negro Leagues...the only way I had to play ball."

"It was hard on us," adds Raydell "Bo" Maddix, pitcher and outfielder for the Indianapolis Clowns 1947-1953. "We had to sleep on the bus

then go out and play nine innings. Played every day." Hamilton adds "We had a good bus, but it broke down one time in Morgantown, West Virginia. We pull over and the bus driver yells 'everybody off the bus.' Then he says, 'ok, now everybody get behind it and push.' So that's what we did." A far cry from private jets and five-star accommodations lavished on today's major league players.

So went on the hardship stories told by each panelist including Clifford Brown, 2nd base, shortstop for Philadelphia Stars 1949-1951; Walter "Dirk" Gibbons, pitcher for the Philadelphia Stars, New York Black Yankees and Indianapolis Clowns, 1941-1949; Coach Billy Reed; and A.J. Jackson, pitcher for the Kansas

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Orientation set for students

With new schedules and revised school times for some students this year, parents may wish to visit their child's school during orientation sessions.

These events give parents and students the opportunity to become accustomed to their new or returning school outside normal class hours. They also offer advance notice of class schedules, bus routes and stop times, extra-curricular activities, and other school-related opportunities.

New students, especially kindergarten-aged children, may register for school now.

Orientations include:

Hammett Bowen
Kindergarten — Aug. 19 — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Grades 1 to 5 — Aug. 20 — 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Madison Street Academy
— Aug. 20 — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Marion Charter — Aug. 20 — 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Reddick-Collier — Aug. 20 — 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Saddlewood — Aug. 20 — 1 to 3 p.m.

Ward Highlands — Aug. 20 — 1 to 3 p.m.

Middle Schools:

Dunnellon — Aug. 19 — 5 to 7 p.m.

Howard — Magnet students

Grade 6 — Aug. 19 — 1 p.m.

Grades 7 and 8 — Aug. 19 — 2 p.m.

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Liberty — Aug. 20 — 1:30 p.m.

North Marion — Aug. 20 — 1 to 2:30 p.m.

High Schools:

Dunnellon — Dunnellon

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School board race: Two seats, seven candidates

Jim Clark
STAFF WRITER

Candidates for Marion County School Board recently faced the public at meetings of the State Road 200 Coalition in Ocala.

In District 4, a quartet of candidates is on the ballot running for the seat being vacated by Sue Mosley.

Nancy LeFevre Throwing said she got her dedication to service from her father, who spent 42 years in Rotary without missing a meeting.

"Education begins at the dinner table," she said. "When schools and parents work together, kids do better. She talked about pay for teachers, and saying no to state unfunded mandates. She said she will visit school often and wants to educate citizens to vote. Referring to her name, she said, "I'm a thrower and I'm ready to pitch in."

Angie Boynton said it was "time for us to make a difference." She said it was "incumbent upon us to recognize and address all the fatal flaws in the education system."

Acting as a tutor, she started a program to teach children how to do everyday things in the real world.

Thomas Patrick, a 35-year school employee, has



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Pictured above are the School Board candidates for District 4. At the right, are candidates for School Board District 5.

Dean Blinkhorn

Angie Boynton

Thomas Patrick

Nancy Thrower

Ron Crawford

Sharon Hagen

Mary Williams

worked in various capacities, especially with facilities and as a purchasing agent. "I'm very concerned about the School Board when the stimulus money runs out." He also said he was "not very happy about the FCAT."

As far as parent involvement, he said that elementary school help seems to be OK, but "mid-

dle school and high school, that is where we have a problem." He also spoke of making sure there was board unity.

Dean Blinkhorn, running in District 4, is a magazine editor who used to be a teacher. He said he realized that the tough budget situation was "not going away anytime soon." He pointed out that the

stimulus money which funded 500 teachers last year will go away.

He promised taxpayers that he would "make sure (their) tax dollars were well spent."

He also said it was important to be visible in the community and that he would "look forward to working with schools in my district."

In District 5, incumbent Ron Crawford spoke from experience, saying he had worked to hold down tax increases in the past by using the reserve. He talked about the building of new Forest High School, where he fought to bring down the coast to where at that time it was built at the lowest square foot cost in the state. He

said in the past he has tried to do things in the county without raising taxes.

Mary Williams is also running in District 5. She is a fourth generation Marion County resident, and commented, "the kids need to move to the next level." She spoke of her experience in going to Tallahassee with the American Cancer Society to speak with legislators, and said because of that she would have "no problem" dealing with lawmakers.

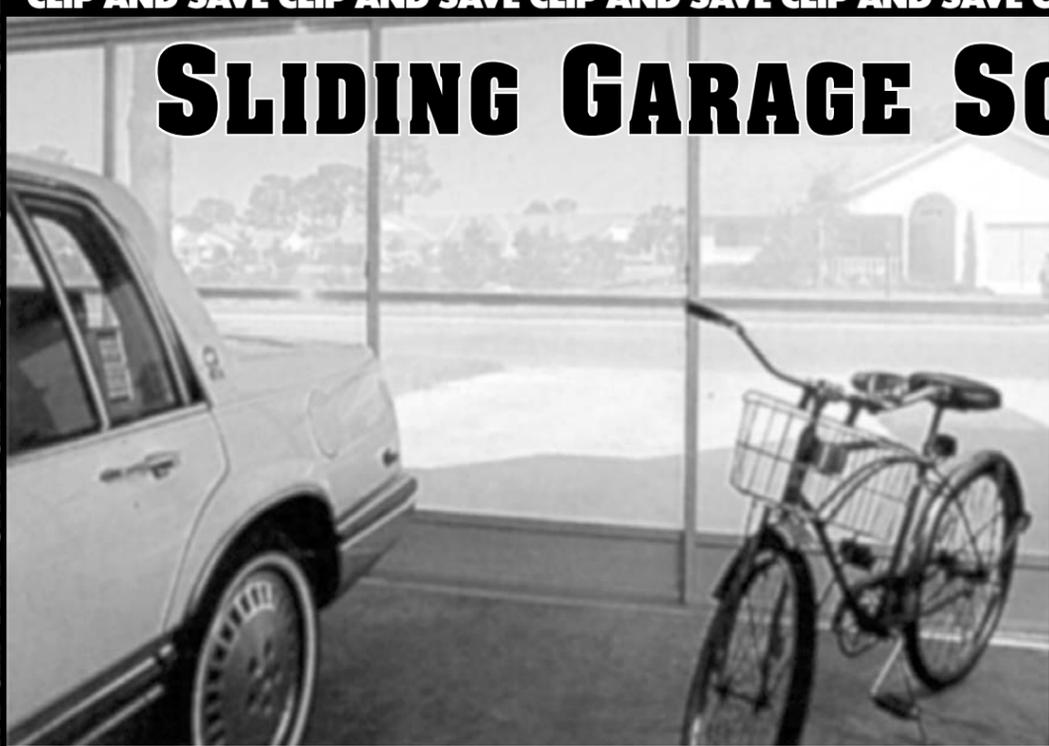
Sharon Hagen is running for District 5, and said her strength was knowing "how to make fiscal choices." She has been in the county 10 years and owns a small horse farm.

She said she looked at the schools' website and read minutes, "And I didn't like what I was seeing. Changes need to be made. I think I'm the person who can make them."

She also said that "education begins at home" and promised mentoring and tutor support. She said one thing that is lacking in the schools is teaching the children to communicate.

Incumbent District 3 member Bobby James is unopposed. The non-partisan election is next Tuesday, Aug. 24.

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GOP candidates talk issues

Jim Clark
STAFF WRITER

Republican candidates for the Marion County Commission District 2 seat being vacated by Jim Payton brought their campaigns to the State Road 200 Coalition Monday afternoon.

The five GOP candidates will be on the Aug. 24 ballot and include Kathy Bryant, Christine Dobkowski, Tony Mendola, Elicia Sanders and Les Smith. The winner of the Republican primary will face Democrat Kenneth Nadeau and Florida Whig Party member Douglas Shearer in the general election on Nov. 2.

Before a large crowd at TimberRidge, the five hopefuls told the audience why they should be the one chosen to advance to the finals.

Bryant was the first speaker in the alphabetical list, and started with one word: "Enough."

She said she was the "common sense conservative Republican, and a wife, mother and businesswoman, not a politician."

She is a licensed real estate agent but said she is not active in the field, having only two closings in the past couple of years, and those were with friends who sought her help. She said she was the "candidate with the business experience to solve the tough issues facing our community today."

Starting a theme that echoed with all the candidates, the lifelong county res-

ident pointed to the economy and the unemployment rate. She said she wanted to ease the restrictions on small businesses, and would have the backbone to make "tough, tough choices."

"It's time for prioritization and for us to live within our means."

She said she wanted a decision on the landfill. "We've been kicking the can on this for a long, long time. It's not fair to you to have this issue come up each election cycle."

She closed with a Ronald Reagan-type quote: "Government is not the solution, government is the problem."

Bryant is married with four children.

Christine Dobkowski is from Belleview and has experience with her husband in small business. She worked her way through the Belleview code committee and planning and zoning board, then ran for the city council, beating a 22-year incumbent. Later she says she "defeated a woman totally funded by developers" who didn't like the way she had voted against them.

She said she attends most county meetings and is an alternate member of the Transportation Planning Organization board.

She said that the current commission is "not living up to my expectations."

She cited her legislative experience: "this is not an entry level job." She also said she has a proven conserva-



Elicia Sanders **Kathy Bryant** **Les Smith** **Christine Dobkowski** **Tony Mendola**

tive voting record.

Tony Mendola says he has "never been a politically-oriented person. He moved to the area in 1978 with his parents and graduated from Forest High School.

"My life experience brought me to this point," he said.

He has experience working for the property appraiser's office, but said advancement wasn't based "on how hard one worked but on how long you had been there." The Air Force veteran went into the ministry, and is also a real estate broker.

He noted that the commission, a board of five people, is "a job that takes a person who can articulate a thought and build a consensus."

He also said he wants to strengthen law enforcement. "What good are parks if you're afraid to go out of your

house?"

Echoing the sentiment of other candidates, he said "The role of government is to get out of the way."

Elicia Sanders, whose husband is a custom home builder, said her platform had three basic planks. She said the most important issue is economic: "We must create jobs." She also pointed the need for safe neighborhoods and strong schools. She said jobs that are created need to be the type that provide careers for employees.

She said the government must control finances. "We must stop any form of runaway spending," and added that "Sweetheart deals" must be abolished. "We will balance the budget."

Third, she said that protecting the quality of life was vital. "We must never sacrifice the quality of health care," and, noting nearby SR

200, "we have to improve traffic."

Les Smith brought a copy of the budget and said that "kept him fired up." He wants the county out of the landfill business. "Let some private company come in and run it."

He echoed the importance of jobs, and

also added, "If you cut the spending you're going to have money in your pocket."

He said that the county "needs a county commissioner who has his own personal finances in order. He said he has had only one new truck over the years, and one credit card since 1968, "with no late payments."

He said he builds homes and apartments in Marion County, and "I borrow money

to make money." He said he didn't pay the qualifying fee, but went around to the public to get petitions signed. "I met a lot of interesting people."

He also said that "all money his campaign has spent has been in Marion County.

"This isn't a beauty or popularity contest."

After each candidate spoke, the floor was open for questions. One of the first concerned the possibility of a tax by Munroe Regional Medical Center, and all candidates said they would not support a property tax.

Candidates were asked about land that was grandfathered in as platted from

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Hodges: Record proves his capabilities as judge



Robert W. Hodges

By Shemir Wiles
CITRUS COUNTY
CHRONICLE

Beginning in 1990, Judge Robert W. Hodges worked 17 years as an assistant state attorney in the 5th Judicial Circuit.

Hodges told the Chronicle's editorial board recently that he worked in many counties in various capacities before he was appointed to his current position as a circuit court judge in 2007.

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As an assistant state attorney, Hodges said he handled major criminal and homicide cases. As a circuit court judge, Hodges' docket includes juvenile delinquency cases and domestic violence

hearings. He also handles detention decisions for juveniles entering the juvenile detention facility in Ocala, takes on dependency hearings and civil litigation if there is an overflow and manages one-eighth of the foreclosure cases in Marion County.

Hodges said he believes he has the right personality to handle his docket and that his record speaks volumes about his capabilities as a judge.

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"I think I've proven I'm able to do this job," he said.

In two and a half years, Hodges said that he has handled 4,000 juvenile cases and more than 1,000 domestic violence hearings.

He also said he had reduced the number of juvenile delinquency cases from 2,683 in 2007 when he was appointed to the bench to 1,694 in 2009. In

addition, he said there were 113 juvenile cases less than 12 months old and 34 juvenile cases more than 120 days old during the last quarter ending March 31, compared to the 232 juvenile cases less than 12 months old and 139 juvenile cases more than 120 days old during the same quarter in 2007.

"This is what I've done," Hodges said. "I don't have to make any promises."

Shemir Wiles is a staff writer for the Citrus County Chronicle, a sister paper of the West Marion Messenger.

Lyn: Range of legal experience key to judge



Denise A. Dymond Lyn

By Shemir Wiles
SPECIAL TO THE
MESSENGER

Denise A. Dymond Lyn first began her law career in 1997 when she held a position in Citrus County with the firm of Brannen, Stillwell and Perrin.

She then opened her own law firm in Inverness in March 2001, which primarily focused on governmental, real estate and community organizations. Now, for a second time, she

has decided to try for a judgeship.

"The timing, I believe, is right," she told the Chronicle's editorial board recently.

Lyn is challenging Judge Robert W. Hodges in the Group 1 race for the 5th Judicial Circuit, which covers Marion, Sumter, Hernando, Lake and Citrus counties. The position is based in Marion County.

Lyn may be best known for her representation of the Save the Homosassa River Alliance in two land-use cases, the first involving the Halls River Retreat condominium, and the second, Homosassa Riverside Resort. Prior to her law career, Lyn served in the U.S.

Air Force and was a Realtor in Navarre.

After she started practicing law, Lyn said she decided to handle a wide range of cases to help broaden her scope in preparation for eventually becoming a circuit court judge.

Lyn believes that practicing in every area of the law is important because a judge's docket could always change. She pointed out that Hodges' background is strictly criminal with very little experience in civil or family law, except for knowledge gained on the bench. And while she acknowledges handling more than 4,000 juvenile cases in two and a half

year is impressive, she said it is also indicative of the complexity of the cases.

If elected judge, Lyn said she would like to do more to make parents more involved in the juvenile delinquency process and encourage more mediation in foreclosure cases.

"I have the most diverse background," she said. "I have a great temperament and I have represented many clients. My opponent has only represented one client in his career and that's the state of Florida."

Shemir Wiles is staff writer for the Citrus County Chronicle, a sister paper of the West Marion Messenger.

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years ago, and agreed there was nothing they could do. Property rights were a favorite of all, but all agreed that the county had the right to go against any new developments.

Asked about the salary, all said they would give something back. Smith originally said he would only accept 1/3 of the amount, but it was noted that the state sets the salary and the commissioners could then donate some of it if they wished.

The next coalition meeting will be Sept. 13, and will feature candidates who will be on the ballot in November, including primary winners.



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Clubhouse gussied up

By **Michel Northsea**
EDITOR

There was some excitement in the community of Foxwood Farms last week.

It was even cause for a celebration in the early evening.

The reason was the newly decorated community center complete with a wide screen television, new loveseats, counter tops, a pool table, dart board and ping pong table.

Residents Roger and Karen Herrington are especially pleased with the new look of the facility.

"It looks really nice. We're going to enjoy it," said Karen Herrington.

She expects her Bible study class to take advantage of the new television set by watching some special movies as a class," she said.

Herrington admits that she found the old clubhouse "drab" and is pleased with the new paint colors, which includes a red accent wall.

During the open house, Park Manager Howard and Rita Mathis thanked the residents who helped with the project.

Jim Oliver was credited with making the dartboard, Norma Oliver helped with the decorative touches and Janet Black painted. Also helping Rita Mathis were Don Bullock, Benny Biner and Randy Woods.

"Everyone worked their fannies off to get this done as quick as we could," Rita Mathis said.

While the project was under way, the center

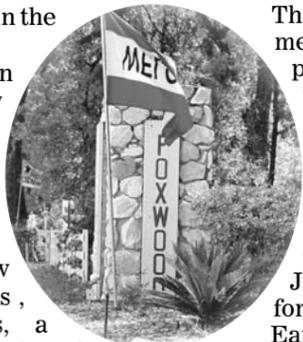
could not be used for its many regular uses, including bingo games.

Improvements to the center were funded by Hometown America, owners of the community.

The improvements were appreciated by those enjoying the open house.

"This is great," agreed Charles and June Crawford.

Earlier in the day, a group gathered to watch the Rays' game and next Saturday the monthly coffee klatch will meet in the refurbished community center.



Snacks were served during the open house at Foxwood Farms for the refurbished community center. Bud Sabin takes a handful of chips.



Rita Mathis, assistant park manager, thanked residents helping out in the decorating and painting of the spruced up clubhouse. From left to right, are, Mathis, Janet Black, Norma Bullock, Jim Oliver and Don Bullock.



Charles and June Crawford look at the television recently installed at Foxwood Farms.



Additional furniture, including this loveseat, were part of the refreshing of the community center at Foxwood Farms, Barbara Batchelder, left, and Joyce Anderson, right, enjoy its comfort.



Norma Bullock and Howard Mathis add some more liquids to the punch when supplies started to dwindle.



Norma Oliver and Marge Spiker aren't quite ready to climb aboard the new treadmill.



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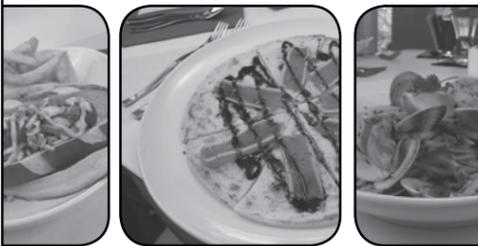
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Opinion

Our Message

What are you doing Tuesday?

Glenn A. Burkett, Maurice A. Ferre, Jeff Greene, Kendrick Meek, William Escoffery III, William Billy Kogut and Marco Rubio hope you come to the polls.

So does Don Browning, Cliff Stearns, Brian Moore, Alex Sink, Mike McCalister, Bill McCollum and Rick Scott.

So do those vying for County Commission District 2 — Kathy Bryant, Christine Dobkowski, Tony Mendola, Elicia Sanders and Les Smith.

Especially important is the race for school board and Dean E. Blinkhorn, Angie Boyton, Tom Patrick, Nancy Lefevre Thrower, Ron Crawford, Sharon Hagen and Mary Finley Williams are all hoping you cast your vote.

For the school board seats, the right percentage of votes could make your candidate the winner. Do we want to settle for a small turnout of voters making the decision on who the decision makers behind our children's education will be?

Many local residents have been on the campaign trail for months now. They've given up their free time to attend political events to meet and greet people and ask for their vote. They've studied the issues in an effort to become the best qualified candidate.

We can thank those running for office by showing up to vote. It doesn't take much time.

Perhaps you've already voted during the "early voting" phase. If that's the case, thank you for taking care of your civic duty.

For those who haven't taken advantage of the early voting option or mailed in their absentee ballot — Tuesday is the day.

Here in Marion County, 212,480 people are registered to vote. Many of those will vote for the first time. Just as many probably won't bother to vote — and that's a shame.

Voting is a duty for Americans. Voting honors our veterans, those still living and those that have fallen, that fought to preserve our voting rights.

In American, we have the right to complain about politics. Before we open our mouth or pick up a pen to complain, we need to look inward. If we didn't vote, we lost our right to complain.

So if someone comes along and asks you what are you doing on Tuesday — tell them you're going to vote. Invite a neighbor to come to the polls too.

It's a trip worth the effort.

Editorial

Among Friends

Home away from good old home



Michel Northsea

Yes, it is the ultimate goal of a parent that one day their child(ren) will grow up and move away.

We prepare for our children's departures in various ways. Early on, we change their diapers, we care for them when they are sick and we tell them to eat their vegetables so they can grow big and healthy.

Then, we try to teach them to share their toys, wash their hands often and say 'please and thank you.'

As caring parents grooming our children for departure, we encouraged their education, drove them back and forth from after-school activities, allowed for sleepovers and served up birthday cake once a year for each child.

We forced baths, bribed them to do their chores, reigned over them to complete their homework, woke them up for school and work as necessary and cooked up grilled cheese sandwiches at their request. We listen to their heartbreak over a break-up and rescued them when they got stuck in places they shouldn't have been in the first place.

Over the years little girl panties were tossed in favor of the bikini types, swishing pony tails were twisted-up and pinned and lace trimmed socks with patent leather shoes

were replaced with flip-flops or footwear from Nike.

Along the way, there were tears of pain and joy and our children grew and matured.

Then came the day when it was time to depart the family home.

The military, college, or a job somewhere else were the reasons to leave home. Each of those reasons was a testimony to our efforts in the parenthood mode.

So why is it that although we spent all that time plotting their move out the door — the house seems empty when they're gone?

Is it the quietness of the house, where music once almost vibrated off the walls? Is it because there is no drama in the air because of the need to start a manhunt for a cell phone?

Is it because the phone isn't ringing so a demanding voice can question what's for dinner?

This quietness around the house is pleasant in small doses.

We're not running out of milk. I no longer have to lug a load of clean clothes to her bed so I can put my clothes into the dryer. The grocery list doesn't include any of her wants.

On the downside, we can't blame her for anything anymore.

Coming into the house the other day, I had to kick a couple pairs of shoes out of the way. Looking at the offending pairs, I realized none were hers.

Hubby and I had a good laugh and vowed that we had to do better at putting our shoes away.

Days later, I came home again and had to kick some shoes out of the way. Looking down, I had to smile, they were my daughter's. She was home for a quick visit before she starts classes once again.

I walked to the pantry and started looking for a few of her favorite things for dinner.

For two days the nest isn't empty.

Out to Pastor

When all is said and done, I'm still confused

Some of my best friends, on occasion, have hinted the suggestion that it is highly possible that I might be paranoid. When this idea was first floated, I smiled because I had no idea what it meant. Now that I know what it means it has given me pause to consider ... finding a new set of friends.

Let it be known that I am not paranoid but the facts are quite clear that there are certain forces "out there" which have it in for Yours Truly. This is not being para-

noid, it is simply the facts, ma'am.

If I have any sanity left, it is no thanks to my computer. I firmly believe that one crazy man surrounded by 12 little dwarfs makes all computers in one place. Sure, they all carry names like HP,



James Snyder

Dell, Aspire and other such, however, let me assure you, this is all a ruse and is part of the conspiracy.

The crazy man has it in for me. Any sanity I might have had in those thrilling days of yesteryear has been systematically and permanently destroyed. And the crazy man, of whose name I have no idea, laughs hilariously at the sight of my diminishing sanity.

Just when I think I'm getting a handle on using my computer, something happens to that computer necessitating me purchasing a new computer. I would not mind buying a new computer occasionally except for the fact that there is a conspiratorial aspect to these computers. For one, they know too much.

When I say they know too much, I mean they know too much about me to suit my fancy. And, I would like you to know, my fancy is not easily suited.

Recently the cycle came full circle and I had to get a new computer. My old computer was just old enough and the new computer was just new enough so that they were incompatible. This crazy man I referred to sits in his cave somewhere trying to find a way to make improvements completely incompatible with old computers.

These new computers have more contraptions and thiggamagigs it would take 17 years of constant day and night study to try to figure how they work. Since my time schedule does not allow a 17-year study sabbatical, I have to try to do with what I have at hand. What I have at hand is a contrary, diabolical piece of technology that has one purpose and that is to deplete any sanity I may have.

The first thing upon getting a new computer is to set it up with the programs you have finally mastered, computer programs that have assisted you in lightening your workflow enabling you to carry on somewhat of a productive schedule. Programs you have come to love and are almost second nature to you as you use them.

The new computer knows this. And because he knows this, he has determined that no old program will work on any new computer. Of course, there is nothing in the instruction manual that even hints at this. The new computer wants you to spend as much time as possible trying to put the old programs that you love and ad-

On Point



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mire so much onto the new computer. There's just one problem. None of them fit and none of them can be loaded successfully onto the new computer.

Just so the new computer can squeeze the last drop of sanity out he was so arranged that one program will be able to be loaded onto the new computer. What a happy experience it is to have a program that you can now use on the new computer.

During this time, the computer is smiling because he knows that even though that program can

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the 4-H member making it and local 4-H clubs, Samuel said.

The event also offers the opportunity to purchase items for your garden.

Vendors will offer a variety of vegetable seeds and seedlings plants for sale, plant containers, melaleuca mulch, soil amendments, potting mix, compost bins, fruit trees, micro-irrigation kits, rain barrels and other related items.

Throughout the day Master Gardeners will also be available answer questions.

be loaded onto the computer it will never work on the computer. No matter what you do, no matter how many times you load and reload the program, it will not work on the new computer no matter how many new drivers you download. All of the programs for the new computer have to be new programs.

Finally, I had gotten my new computer to the point where I could use it. Sure, I miss some of those old programs I had come to love. But after the hassle of getting this new computer up and running, I'm just glad that I'm able to use my computer. But I was not at the end of the conspiratorial agenda of that crazy man.

One day, nonchalantly I opened up my computer and turned it on. I went to get a cup of coffee and then came back to sit down and work at the computer. When I looked at my screen, what I saw scared me nearly to death. It was such a frightening thing

that I've never come closer to having a heart attack. And it just stared at me.

After I stopped shaking, and my blood started flowing I discovered a little gadget on my computer called a Webcam. Looking back at me, to provide me with one last conspiratorial joke, was me.

Only one person I want looking at me. "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalms 139:23-24).

The only way to escape the conspiratorial mindset is to invite God to look into your soul.

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area students — Aug. 20 — 5 to 7 p.m.

Marion Oaks students — Aug. 20 — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Forest 9th graders and new students — Aug. 19 — 3 to 5 p.m.

Francis Marion Military Academy — Aug. 19 — 3 to 6 p.m.

Marion Technical Institute

(MTI) — Aug. 19 — 6 p.m.

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IB students — Aug. 19 — 9 a.m.

9th graders — Aug. 21 — 9 a.m.

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9th grade preview — Aug. 16 — 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

New students — Aug. 21 — 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Schools also hold open houses in the weeks following the first day of school.

Saul Oresky to lead services at Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala

Saul Oresky, from Silver Spring, Maryland will be the service leader for Congregation Beth Israel for the High Holiday services to be held at Collins Resource Center Building 300, 9401 S.R. 200 in Ocala. He will conduct Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah day as well as Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur day services.

Oresky is a rabbinical student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pa. and he brings a wealth of Jewish knowledge to the Ocala community. Over the course of 35 years, he has tutored more than 300 b'nai mitzvah students and taught in numerous

Jewish educational environments most notably the Shores Hebrew High School in Chevy Chase, Md. for the last decade. Saul has been involved in synagogue life all of his life and has been an active member of Congregation Mishkan Torah in Greenbelt, Md. since 1978. He has also worked for more than 32 years as a writer-editor; the last 21 of which have been at the Naval research laboratory in Washington, D.C.

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala is a liberal, progressive, inclusive community under the guidance of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation. For further information and service schedule, please contact Judi at 352-237-8277 or Estelle at 352-861-2542.



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Fairfield Village

Upgrades at the clubhouse means more hot coffee



Priscilla Geissal

The reports have it...we hear that introduction often, but sometimes we might be a little skeptical about the truth in those "reports." Happily, I can attest to the fact that there is both truth and good news in the latest reports about the co-operative efforts between the Fairfield Village HOA and SAC.

Several months ago, the SAC (formerly Residents' Club) voted to "go under the umbrella" of the HOA of Fairfield Village. This was done for several very good reasons—which need not be explained here. Suffice it to say that the co-operative efforts seem to be very successful and are producing real advantages for residents of Fairfield Village.

The SAC committee made up of Charlene Jarvis, Ann Bruno, and Dee McNeil working together with the HOA Social Activities Chair,

Al Pitts, are producing some marvelous results for the benefit of all the residents...whether these residents are part of the SAC and/or HOA or even if they are not part of either group. The recent purchases for the Clubhouse are there for all of the neighbors to enjoy.

There's a wonderful new Bunn coffee maker (with 4 extra carafes) that was so very much needed. Now the coffee will stay warm — or hot — and be so much more convenient for everyone to use.

The fabulous new stove for

the Clubhouse kitchen is a far cry from the "old one" that could not be counted upon to be correct...as far as the oven temperature was concerned. Obviously, that is a real help when there is food to be maintained at some special temperature.

Al Pitts and Phil Geissal went "shopping" and brought back the appliances much to the delight of Ann Bruno, Charlene Jarvis, and Dee McNeil, the SAC committee.

"Charlene Jarvis, Ann Bruno, and Dee McNeill want the HOA to know how much it means to the success

of the SAC to have a great support system. We also want the homeowners of Fairfield Village to see where their dues are going and the good things that the HOA is doing for us."

A special "thank you!" goes to Pam Bruno who provided the transportation for moving the stove into the Clubhouse (her very recognizable truck) and her assistance to Al Pitts as he installed the new stove. Wonderful things happen when folks work together as we say here in Fairfield village...a lively place filled with lovely people.



Left to right - Toni Belcher, Ann Bruno, and Phil Geissal inspect the new stove for the clubhouse provided by the HOA/SAC alliance.

'Truck pull' to benefit United Way

In Rockford Illinois, teams of 20 pull a plane to raise funds for the United Way.

In Ocala, Florida, teams of four will drag the UPS Nascar to raise funds for the Marion County Chapter of the United Way on Saturday, Aug. 21.

The event begins at 3:30 p.m.

Each team will pay \$20 to see who can pull the car for 70-feet in the fastest time, said Chris O'Brien, coordinator of the fund raiser.

O'Brien, formerly of

Rockford, promises the event will be loads of fun to watch.

"About 90 percent of the teams are competitive in nature and will want to win. The other 10 percent are out for fun," he said.

Food will be available for purchase and prizes will be awarded.

Other teams are invited to join the fun by e-mailing O'Brien at co-brien@ups.com

The pull will be held at the Ocala Customer Center, 300 S.W. 28th Ave.

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City Monarchs, 1957 in the Negro Leagues and 1958 in the Major leagues; some who have played against the greats like Willie Mays.

Created by Cox Communications, the Negro Baseball League Project consisted of two full days of events on Aug. 12 and 13 commencing with the community luncheon at Holiday Inn Suites and Conference Center, followed by an autograph session at the Paddock Mall and an appearance the following day at the Cal Ripkin 10 year-old World Series at the Ocala Rotary Sportsplex.

"Baseball is almost extinct in the black communities," said Hair, who due to his impressive talent, was invited to the 1953

East-West All Star game as a rookie and in 1958 led the league in hitting with a .355 average. "Kids nowadays are attracted to the show-boating of basketball and football." After retiring from the NBL Hair moved back to Jacksonville and coached baseball, basketball and football; having earned "Coach of the Year" in 1969, and won city, county, district and regional championships.

Sharon Tamater, counselor at PACE School for Girls asked "what encouragement would you give to young kids facing adversity?" Reed said "be a scholar-athlete" — not just an athlete. Need to think about your future. Prepare yourself for the finish line, don't worry so much about the starting line." Of the seven, Hair graduated from college, having earned a Bachelor's degree from A&T State University, North Carolina and a Master's from the University of Florida.

Thanks to Hair and his fellow NBL vets the message hit a home run.

They hope America's youth — especially its African American youth learn its value and rise above their challenges by adapting and overcoming; rather than being self-defeated and angry.

"Shouldn't be angry at all" said Gibbon. Just focus and "play the game we really love. Prove we could play as good as anyone in the majors."

These men are in a league of their own in terms of a bond that no one else could fully realize but them and they carry that distinction — that honor — with class. Jackson jokes he holds a record that will last forever. "I am the last person to hit a home run in the NBL All-Stars game and will live out my dream it will never be broken. Does anyone know why?" "Why" asks the audience. "No more Negro League" he jokes.

At each event, the six NBL veterans signed autographs for as long as two hours. In stark contrast to many retired major league stars who charge for autographs, the NBL veterans gladly signed baseballs, posters and trading cards provided by Cox for free for all who wanted them.

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Understanding Behaviors
August 27 - 2:00pm
An interactive program that gives insight into some reasons for certain behavioral issues, along with tips on dealing with them. You may be surprised about what you learn. Presented by Terrie Hardison, Executive Director, Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance.

Benefits for Veterans & Their Family
September 10 - 2:00pm
There have been many recent changes to VA Healthcare, presumptive service connected conditions for veterans, and state laws that affect veterans. Age, physical condition, or income level may now qualify him or her for financial help. Come learn the facts from Steve Jacobs, Marion County Veterans Services.

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September 17 - 2:00pm
A surprising number of physical symptoms and diseases may be caused by the foods you eat. People who consume more "acidic" type foods than "alkaline" type foods may see more weight gain, premature aging, osteoporosis, bladder and kidney conditions, heart disease, low energy and chronic fatigue. Come learn how what you eat can affect your health. Presented by Dinah Donaldson RD, LD.

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Lunch Bunch

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Angie Fischetti, Nancy Wittlake and Marlene Denice



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Carolyn Slocumb

Have you exercised your right to vote? We did the "early" voting today at Freedom Library. This is a very easy way to cast your vote with no long wait. I remember as a child going with my parents when they voted. They went to the county courthouse, along with everyone else in the county. I know now that they were instilling in me the importance of voting. Later, when in high school, the county placed voting machines in the school to teach us how to vote. These machines were set up with a dark curtain around them so that your voting was done in privacy. The machines had levers beside each candidate and you turned the lever beside your choice. How times have changed! Today, after having name and address verified, a computer printed a ballot and we took that to a small area when we marked are choices; after completion, the ballot was placed into another automated machine that accepted the ballot and showed how many ballots had been placed at that location (I was number 282).

Do you know what the 19th Amendment is? This Amendment is the one that gives women the "right to vote." It is also known as "The Susan B. Anthony Amendment." The Amendment was certified by Sec-

retary of State Bainbridge Colby on Aug. 26, 1920. That was 90 years ago this year! On Nov. 2, 1920, more than 8 million women across the United States voted for the first time. Not all states voted to accept this Amendment. In fact, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, South Carolina and Virginia were adamantly opposed to it. The Tennessee state legislators had a 48-48 tie vote on the ratification with one person left to vote. The decision came down to Representative Harry T. Burn, a Republican from McMinn County, to cast the deciding vote. Representative Burn was only 23 years old, so he apparently still listened to his mother. Although Mr. Burn was opposed to the amendment, his mother convinced him to approve it. With his vote, the 19th Amendment was ratified.

Mississippi was the last state to ratify the 19th Amendment; this was not done until March 22, 1984! That's right — 1984.

Wyoming was the first state to grant voting rights to women and was also the first state to elect a female governor. Nellie Ross was elected governor in 1924. She also served as the first female director of the U.S. Mint from 1933 to 1953.

Another historical event is V-J Day — the initial announcement of Japan's sur-

render was on the afternoon of Aug. 15, 1945 (in Japan); in the US, it was Aug. 14. This was the end of World War II.

Wedding bells rang out this week in Quail Meadow. Carolyn Cooley and Jim Carlson were married on Monday. Congratulations to you!

Attention crafters: Don't forget your meeting on Wednesday, the 18th, 7 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Have you made your "bucket" list? In the movie, "The Bucket List" Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson go on an adventure trying to accomplish everything on their "bucket" list before they "kick the bucket." This gives you something to think about. I'm sure all of us have things we hope to do before we leave this earth. If we write them down, it will make us more aware of what our goals are. "Don't put off until tomorrow what can be done today."

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YOUR DENTAL HEALTH

by M. E. Hampton, D.D.S.

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Dunnellon festival celebrates hot summer

Historic Village of Dunnellon merchants association is busy making plans for the first ever Dunnellon-style-Antique Road Show which will be part of Hot Summer Night on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 4 to 9 p.m. The village is located just west of Highway 41 on Pennsylvania Ave and the block north on Walnut and Cedar Streets. The streets will bustle with barbecue and fish dinners sold at Abigail's Café to benefit the Annie Johnson Center which will be celebrating the grand opening of the Annie Johnson Thrift Store at 20643 W. Pennsylvania. Abigail's Café will play host to Aunt Bobby's Antiques who will be bringing a wide variety of antiques. My New Old Chair will be "stuffing the bus" with school supplies to benefit area school children who will head back to school the following Monday. Village shops currently have backpacks on display where you can donate your

change and school supplies for that effort.

Creations by Clovis will be selling hot dogs, chips and drinks out in front of their store. Scattered around the Village professional appraisers will be glad to give an honest appraisal of your treasures for just \$3 per item or two items for \$5. Appraisers will be located at My Favorite Things, Two Sisters Antiques and the Grumbles House barracks.

James Martin O'Neil of Inverness will bring his collection of antique cameos to show and teach about and possibly his collection of antique sewing notions. He will appraise antique jewelry and specializes in mourning jewelry, enamel, onyx, cameos, Victorian and hair jewelry. He also knows 1825-1930 art deco, Bristol Glass pre 1950s transfer ware and printed earthenware.

Judith Schmutzerer of Circa 3 Enterprises, Inc. also from Citrus County will be appraising general

antique merchandise and costume jewelry from 4 to 6 p.m. Judy teaches a course on antiques for CFCC at the Lecanto campus and has been an appraiser for 30 years. Will Moore of Will Moore Coins of Ocala will be available to appraise and buy coins and gold from 4 to 9 p.m. Rick Osterholt of Taveres will display and teach about antique fishing lures. He specializes in Creek Chub manufacturers from 1916-1960s and Heddon baits and tackle and is happy to appraise your pieces. Also participating

in the evenings activities will be Bob Miller who will be appraising military items.

Dunnellon Police Department will also be on hand with their child identity and bike safety programs which are free to the public.

Individual collectors are also being invited to bring their collections to show off to browsers and teach about what they love and collect. If you have a collection you'd like to share, please contact Nancy at Grumbles House at 465-1460. They will be on dis-

play in and around local businesses. Antique dealers will also be set up throughout the village selling their wares to antique lovers. Dealers can sign up with Cheryl of Two Sisters Antiques by calling 465-6982.

The Community Thrift Store, located at 11871 Illinois will be celebrating as well and will be offering 50 percent off everything in the store between 4 and 8 p.m.

Live music will be on tap at the Stitch Niche, Abigail's Café and Coffee Shop, the Levee Music Bar and

Grill who will also be sponsoring their weekly Blues, Bikes and BBQ by Jimmy Sparks.

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Jarhead: The little bear that beat the odds

It took 10 days for Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) biologists to catch a black bear cub in Marion County that was days away from death. They were ultimately successful, but it took extraordinary efforts from both FWC employees and local residents working together.

The 6-month-old cub, its two siblings and mother were

regular visitors to unsecured trash containers in a small community near Weirsdale, in the Ocala National Forest. One day in late July, FWC dispatch got a call from one of the residents concerned about a cub running around with a clear, industrial-size plastic jar stuck on its head. The jar made it almost impossible for the cub to eat or drink.

The FWC's Mike Orlando,

Brian Scheick and Cathy Connolly, and Mike Connolly, a bear-response agent for the agency, knew that if they didn't catch the cub, affectionately dubbed "Jarhead," it would die, so they developed a plan to trap it.

"It was a lot easier said than done," Orlando said. "The residents were really great about calling us when they saw the bears, but it seemed like we were always about 20 minutes behind."

The team set traps in different areas, hoping to catch the mother and tranquilize her, which would then allow them to catch the cubs. Unfortunately, the good mother bear refused to be tricked by the baited trap.

After eight days of sightings, two days went by when nobody saw the bear family. The team feared the cub may have finally succumbed to its condition. Ironically, the day

the team resigned to pull the traps and head home, Orlando got a call from FWC dispatch. A resident had called to report the bear family was back. The team rushed back to the community.

Orlando found the mother and was able to shoot her with a tranquilizer dart. Then Orlando and Scheick literally caught the cubs by surprise and managed to grab Jarhead. But the tough little bear lived up to its U.S. Marine moniker and did not give up without a fight.

Eventually, they subdued the cub long enough to get the jar off its head, and then let it go to rejoin its siblings. The team, with the help of some concerned residents, placed the mother bear's sleeping body in a trap, and eventually the cubs joined her.

After observing the family overnight in the trap, and making sure it was able to nurse, biologists released the family in a nearby, less populated area.

Although the story appears to have a happy ending, it truly illustrates one of the worst things that can happen when wildlife gets into garbage.

To date, the FWC has not gotten any further reports of the bear family. And that's good news indeed.



Residents in the Weirsdale area reported to FWC – the bear with the jar on its head.



Biologist Mike Orlando shows the mother bear's missing leg after she was tranquilized. Mike was worn out after 10 days of trying to catch this family.

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Friday the 13th ...

and the noodle was passed between the legs of each person in the row. The team that completed first was the winner. What fun everyone had passing the noodle as quickly as possible.

should be no longer after all the fun and excitement that was had by all on Friday the 13!

One contest enjoyed during festivities was included passing a watermelon.

Paraskevidekatriaphobics is the name given to people afflicted with a morbid, irrational fear of Friday the 13th. It is said that the fear of the number 13 dates from ancient times. Having a Friday, the 13th can occur from one to three times a year and this year it happens once on Friday, Aug. 13.

Stone Creek Residents were treated to a totally fun event on Friday, the 13th. Fitness Director, Linda Mann, came up with the idea of a Margaritaville Pool Party on Friday, the 13. The event took place from 2 to 3:30 pm at the beautiful Elan Spa Outdoor Pool.

Aerobic water instructor, Barbara Day, held class for 50 minutes. She choreographed her exercises to the sounds of Jimmy Buffett. Residents danced to songs like Margaritaville, Cheese-burger in Paradise and Fins. It was a workout/play time and it was enjoyed by all. Fifty residents, many dressed in Parrothead gear, exercised to the great sounds of Jimmy Buffett. What a way to exercise!

After the exercise, Barbara had three games for residents. In game 1 residents were divided into four teams and they lined up in a row facing the back of the person in front of them. The first person in the front of each team was given a white noodle

Game 2 was similar but this time a watermelon was passed between the legs of the residents. Barbara didn't even grease the watermelon. Wasn't that nice?

Now we all know that limes are one of the essential ingredient of a good Margarita. Linda and her staff deposited some 300+ limes into the pool. At the go signal, the residents had to stuff as many limes as they could into their bathing suits. Did the men have a disadvantage?

Wow! Think of all the Margaritas that could be made....

There were prizes for the games. There were free class passes; watermelon to enjoy with the Pina Colada slushy and of course those limes.

If you are interested in taking more classes by Barb, she presently does water aerobics on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 am. Starting in September, she will be doing two classes - one at 9 and one at 10 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. She needed to move to two classes because her classes average 30+. Get a great workout and have fun!

Thanks goes to Linda Mann and her staff and of course, Barbara for coming up with such fun activities. The Margaritaville Pool Party was a free adult event. So, if you have a fear of Friday, the 13th, it

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Marion County Major Crimes and Cold Cases is the first class of its kind to be offered by the Marion County Sheriff's Office and will be taught by Maj. Chris Blair, a 35-year sheriff's office veteran. Also part of the discussion will be former Marion County prosecutor Jim Phillips, Capt. Tommy Bibb and retired New York City detective Joe Berger, who heads the county's Cold Case Unit.

According to Daniel F. Dowd, director of education for On Top of the World Communities, the class will cover the importance of forensic science, the chain of evidence and the vital role of DNA. Moreover, the panel will discuss and answer questions about several real-life cases and how they were solved.

This class is open to the public for a \$5 registration fee, while residents of On Top of the World Communities will be admitted at no charge. Registration is available online 24-hours-a-day at MasterthePossibilities.com or by calling (352) 854-3699.

On Top of the World Communities, is a 12,972-acre central Florida community that has made education a centerpiece

of its active-adult lifestyle with its Master the Possibilities educational program.

Located at the 12,000-square-foot Master the Possibilities Education Center in the new Circle Square Commons, the program boasts 700 classes, presentations, lectures and film series annually and will generate more than 17,000 class enrollments this year. Seating usually is limited, so early registration is recommended.

About 75 percent of Master the Possibilities' instructors have graduate degrees, and roughly half have taught on the college and university levels. Others bring to the classroom vast practical experience derived from careers that include the diplomatic corps, corporate boardrooms, research facilities, art galleries and more.

The program's curriculum covers a comprehensive range of subjects from civics and political science to economics. Also offered are courses in health and wellness, culture, culinary arts, fine arts, computer technology, medicine, law, ecology, archaeology, genealogy and a raft of other specialties. Classes are open to the public.

The Master the Possibilities Education Center was designed to accommodate small classes — such as computer labs for 10 students — and large lectures in the Circle Square Commons Cultural Center that seats 830.

For more details on the community, visit OnTopoftheWorld.com.

Free CPR classes offered

Marion County Fire Rescue in cooperation with Ocala Regional Medical Center will offer free CPR Classes in upcoming weeks.

Instructors from Marion County Fire Rescue and Ocala Regional Medical Center will teach adult, child and infant CPR skills that are critical in keeping oxygenated blood flowing to vital organs until professional help arrives. These classes are educational in nature and do not offer official CPR certification.

The next class is Thursday, Aug. 26, 6 p.m. at MCFR Operations, 3230 S.E. Maricamp Road, Ocala

Additional classes will be offered in the fall.

For more information and to register for a community CPR course, visit www.marioncountyfl.org/FireRescue.

Two monthly meetings for Alzheimer's support

If you are a caregiver of a loved one with Dementia or Alzheimer's disease, or have been recently diagnosed with the disease, Emeritus Ocala West would like to invite you to

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Support groups are the second Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. or the last Thursday of every month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Please contact Phyllis Mullins, Memory Care Director at (352) 861-4444 for more information. Emeritus Ocala West is located 9070 S.W. 80th Ave., Ocala, FL 34481.

United Way needs tax volunteers

United Way of Marion County is looking for volunteers who are interested in providing certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) to Marion County residents. VITA sites will be located in surrounding areas in Marion County and at the United Way office to offer free tax-preparation services for Marion County residents.

Orientation will be Thursday, Aug. 26 at 1 p.m. at the United Way located

at 1401 NE 2nd St, Ocala.

For more information or to register, contact Krista Martin at 732-9696 ext. 215 or kmartin@uwmc.org.

Organists guild sets meetings

The Ocala Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) cordially invites the public to attend their chapter meetings.

The national headquarters of the AGO is located in NYC and includes some 20,000 members. For further information, see their national website at www.agohq.org.

Upcoming events include, Sun., Sept. 12, at 4pm, gather; 5pm — Dinner with the Dean: Party time! Get acquainted! Share ideas!

On Sunday, Oct. 24, at 3 p.m. — Members Recital: Music for Piano and Organ St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 800 S.E. 41st Avenue, Ocala.

For more information call Dr. Wayne Earnest, 622-3244, extension 350.

Vendors wanted for history festival

The Fort King Festival, an annual event for the Marion County Museum of History, will be held Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to

4 p.m., featuring living history interpretations with various time periods represented, demonstrations of weaving, spinning, coopering, blacksmithing, and many other skills of early settlers.

Old fashioned children's activities will be included. Free admission to the festival but museum admission is \$2.

A chicken dinner will be available for \$8. Non-food vendors are welcome with a small fee to participate. Located in the McPherson Gov't Complex, between Ft. King St. and S.E. 25th Ave. Call (352) 629-2773 or (352) 694-2529

Different location for AFA meeting

The Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association (AFA) will hold our September meeting on Thursday 23 September at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is the 4th Thursday in September and our meeting place will be the Sheriff's Office Southwest 9048 S.R. 200. The change to the Sheriff's office is due to the remodeling of the LANDMARK Aviation Building. This is our annual AFA Awards meeting and several of our members will be receiving chapter and state AFA awards. Come and see who is the Red Tail Memorial Chapter Member of the Year?

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On Wednesday, August 12, at approximately 10 a.m., Sheriff's deputies responded to Ocala Gran Prix race track, 4121 NW 44th Avenue, Ocala, after an employee reported a trailer and racing equipment had been stolen.

Deputies observed the locks to seven trailers and two storage sheds had been cut. A surveillance video revealed a white male wearing a blue t-shirt, hat and gloves and a black

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Fairfield Village resident Priscilla Geissal, right, late father-in-law was a professional baseball player and spoke highly of the players in the Negro League so she went to meet them at the Paddock Mall. She visited with, back to front, Arthur Hamilton, Raydell Maddix, Clifford Brown, A. J. Jackson and Walter Lee "Dirk" Gibbons.

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Third case of EEE reported

The Marion County Health Department has confirmed a positive case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in Marion County and is issuing a mosquito-borne illness advisory alerting citizens of the increased risk of illness from mosquito bites.

"With the confirmation of the second case of EEE in Marion County this month, the Marion County Health Department is compelled to issue a mosquito-borne illness advisory alerting the community of the increased risk of transmission of illness by mosquitoes," said Dr. Nathan Grossman, director

of the Marion County Health Department. "Citizens should exercise precautions to protect themselves and their loved ones."

The positive case is the third of the year and all three cases have been present in horses. The latest case was found in a horse in the Red-

dick area.

While there is no vaccine to protect humans from EEE, the disease can be prevented in horses with the use of vaccinations. The health department advises the public to remain diligent in their personal mosquito protection efforts.

THEFT

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male wearing a dark t-shirt and striped hat with gloves entering the trailers using a pry bar.

Many of the trailers were privately owned and stored at the racetrack. The suspects also reportedly stole an enclosed trailer containing racing equipment. Among the items stolen were several go carts, racing suits, engines and spare parts. The total value of equipment stolen is nearly \$90,000.

The business owner of Ocala Gran Prix is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information leading to the recovery of the stolen equipment. Anyone with information should call the Sheriff's Office at (352)732-9111 or Crime Stoppers at (352)368-STOP to remain anonymous.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Answers to puzzles on page 14

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Tobacco type
- 5 Possesses
- 8 Benedict XVI, e.g.
- 12 Places
- 13 Group of scenes
- 14 Acknowledge
- 15 Unoriginal one
- 16 Geese-in-flight formation
- 17 Rose or Townshend
- 18 Shrew
- 20 Go sightseeing
- 22 Accepts the truth
- 26 Make one
- 29 Speck
- 30 Feedbag morsel
- 31 Logical
- 32 Wrestling victory
- 33 Carvey or Delany
- 34 Citric drink
- 35 Pendulum site?
- 36 Brave
- 37 Office equipment
- 40 Chess piece
- 41 Gunman's missile
- 45 Connections

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- 47 Egos' counterparts
- 49 Tiny bit
- 50 Drudgery
- 51 Poolroom stick
- 52 Wound cover
- 53 On the — (unfriendly)
- 54 Bart, to Homer
- 55 Throw
- his head high
- 5 Destruction
- 6 Blackjack component
- 7 Cowboy hat
- 8 — New Guinea
- 9 Cold-weather gear
- 10 Cauldron
- 11 Ram's mate
- 19 Festive
- 21 Frequently
- 23 Archie's wife
- 24 Catches some rays
- 25 Remain
- 26 Mil. branch
- 27 Zilch
- 28 Unskilled
- 32 Eaters outings
- 33 Swordplay specialist
- 35 Manhandle
- 36 Wildebeest
- 38 Mardi Gras "faces"
- 39 "Peer Gynt" playwright
- 42 Crazy
- 43 H H H, in Greece
- 44 Surveillance
- 45 Pair
- 46 Debtor's letters
- 48 Pair

DOWN

- 1 Balkan native
- 2 Arizona tribe
- 3 Big name in desktop PCs
- 4 He can hold

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