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63 cats rescued from home



Dr. David Jebens, DVM, examines one of the cats removed from the Wichman residence with the assistance of Senior Animal Care Technician Kasey Andruf.

Feces, dirt and dust covered the home

Staff Report

The “angel babies” of Merry Wichman are now living at the Marion County Animal Center, where staff is providing medical and nutritional care.

Last Wednesday, Marion County Animals Services took 63 Maine Coon-type cats from her home in Thoroughbred Acres, an unmarked subdivision near West Port High School.

Along with the cats, county staff took a golden retriever and an Amazon bird living in poor conditions.

The cats were housed inside her home, in a patio room and outside in the yard. Several 5-by-4-foot chain link cages housed nine to 17 cats each.

Feces, dirt and dust covered the home and patio, ac-

ording to a county press release.

Wichman, 54, bred and sold the cats through the Internet at mainecooncat.com. The home page to that website refers to the cats as Angel Babies Maine Coons. Wichman told officials that she not updated the site in years.

Although there is no prices mentioned in the website, other websites show some cats of that breed sell for \$1,000 each.

According to Dr. David Jebens, DVM, Animal Services’ staff veterinarian, assessments 23 cats were in poor or emaciated condition, 27 were in fair condition and 13 in good condition. Many of the cats had respiratory issues, most likely from living in filthy conditions with poor air quality. Some of the cats

are extremely thin and most have matted fur, flea infestation, skin problems and extremely foul odor due to living in their own waste.

Marion County Fire Rescue’s HazMat team tested the air quality inside the home and determined it unsafe to enter without a respirator.

The Marion County Sheriff’s Office removed Wichman from her property via the Baker Act and placed her in protective custody for a mental evaluation.

Animal Services received previous complaints of animals in poor health living in unsanitary conditions, and animal control officers visited the property several times. The first time on May 20.

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Turning pages for a better life

Making a difference

Michel Northsea
 EDITOR

When potential students walk into Karen Hill’s office they are ready to learn.

Often times, not only are they ready to learn, “they’re desperate to learn,” said Hill.

She’s the executive director of the Marion County Literacy Council (MCLC) with the aim of “changing lives one word at a time,” according to the message on her business card.

And they have made a difference.

Each month, the center serves an average of 175 students, Hill said. Four hundred students are enrolled in the various programs the council offers. During the five years Hill has been with MCLC, she has learned that some students will come in and work on their area of study for months and then drop



The Marion County Literacy Council, Inc., teaches adults to read one-on-one with the help of 87 volunteers. Nineteen percent of Marion County adults can’t read. Karen Hill, left, is executive director and Ruth Fraser, right, is one of the volunteers. Offices of the literacy council are at 2677 N.W. 10th Street, Suite 1A.

Work that’s rewarding

Michel Northsea
 EDITOR

Getting fired doesn’t normally lead to a warm and fuzzy feeling for most people.

Ruth Fraser has been fired several times and she’s not complaining.

Fact of the matter is, she welcomes getting fired because it means she has helped someone reach their goal.

Fraser is a volunteer with Marion County Literacy Council and has been since she moved to Sweetwater Oaks in the summer of 2005.

Over the years, she had helped four adults by teaching them to read. Prior to moving to Ocala, she served as the literacy coordinator for the Columbia County Public Library.

There is no requirement for volunteer tutors to be a school teacher but that was what Fraser was before re-



Fairfield Village

Efforts for resident ownership dies



Priscilla Geissal

For most of 2010, a group of Fairfield Village homeowners under the leadership of Don Ouellette, Chair of the HOA Acquisition Committee have worked diligently toward the goal of "resident ownership." Sadly, that effort came to an end on Saturday, Aug. 28, when official notice was received that seven properties owned

by CRF are being purchased by Green Courte Acquisition II, LLC.

One last effort was made asking CRF to consider unbundling Century Fairfield Village thus giving the homeowners a chance to activate the existing offer. Ray Moatz of CRF responded that negotiations are closed and that the sale to Green Courte will proceed possibly closing by the end of September.

At a meeting of interested residents held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the Fairfield Clubhouse, Ouellette made the announcement and encouraged residents to be optimistic and positive about the new ownership. He explained that the new owners have

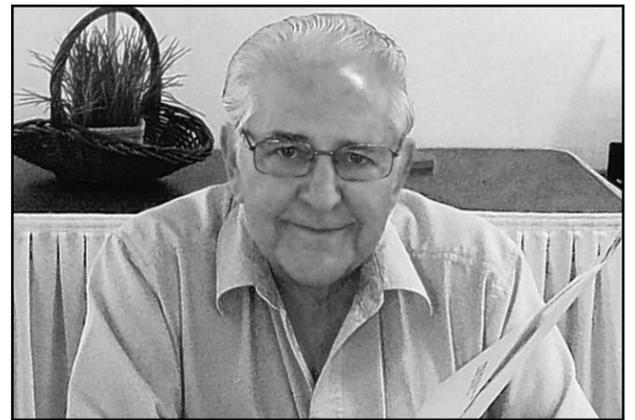
a strong financial reputation and could be expected to be interested in excellent maintenance of facilities.

Phil Geissal, HOA President, thanked Ouellette and all of the Acquisition Committee for the hundreds of hours of hard work and then led the group in applause for their efforts. Ouellette countered with a reminder that the Fairfield HOA is dedicated to representing the homeowners and will continue to do everything possible within the by-laws to enrich the daily lives of those who have chosen to make Fairfield Village their home thereby continuing the reputation of FFV as being "...a lively place filled with lovely people."



A large group of Fairfield Village residents listen to announcement that plans to become a ROC (Resident Owned Community) have come to an end. The group agreed to work positively with the new ownership to maintain the friendly and sociable atmosphere of FFV.

Don Ouellette Fairfield Village HOA acquisition chairman prepares to speak to residents about the purchase of the property by Green Courte Acquisition II, LLC.



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YOUR DENTAL HEALTH



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

GETTING TO THE ROOT

In the event of a tooth becoming abscessed (due to infection) or traumatized (due to injury), it is often necessary to perform root canal therapy to remove the dead or damaged root pulp. The goal of the procedure is to save the crown (white outer portion of the tooth). The pulp is the area inside the crown that extends down into the gums with nerves and blood vessels. The dentist can check to see if the tooth is alive by testing whether the patient can feel cold on the tooth or reacts to an electrical stimulation on the tooth. The procedure involves removing the pulp from the non-vital tooth and filling and sealing the area and securing the crown.

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Quail Meadow

All eyes on the calendar and Fiona

September 11, 2001 – do you remember where you were? This was a day that we will never forget. I will always remember the phone call I received at work telling me to turn on the TV. Our company closed immediately and we all went

home to stay glued to the TV. Immediately following 9/11 many of us made sure that our American flags were flown every day.

As the years have passed, many have become complacent about showing our patriotism and love of our country. I

am happy to say that here in Quail Meadow there are many flags flying every day. An e-mail has been circulating encouraging everyone to please fly an American flag on Saturday, Sept. 11. Let's show the world that we are proud of our flag and not afraid to display it. You don't have to have a large flag on a pole; even a small one from the dollar store will show your love of our country. Let's all join in and show our flags on Saturday.

Have you seen a picture of the USS New York? What a beautiful ship! This new addition to our Navy's fleet was made from 24 tons of the scrap steel from the World Trade Center Twin Towers. I have found conflicting amounts on the steel used; several references say 7.5 tons, while others say 24 tons. Whatever — it's the use of the steel that matters. The steel was melted down at the Amite Foundry and Machine Company in Amite, Louisiana. The shipyard

workers are said to have treated it with much reverence and would gently touch it as they walked by. One worker who had worked at the shipyard for 40 years delayed his retirement in order to be a part of this project. The ship has two towers to represent the Twin Towers. The motto of this beautiful ship is "Never Forget." The two sister ships of the New York will be named the USS Arlington (LPD-24) and the USS Somerset (LPD-25) in commemoration of the other places involved in attacks on our country that fateful day — Arlington County, Virginia, and Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

Don't forget this is "hurricane" season. It looks like Earl is going to avoid Florida, but as of this writing, Fiona is still checking out our coastline. It is wise to have your emergency box filled. Make sure you have your medical information in a convenient location. It's always a good idea to have a supply of bottled water, canned



Carolyn Slocumb

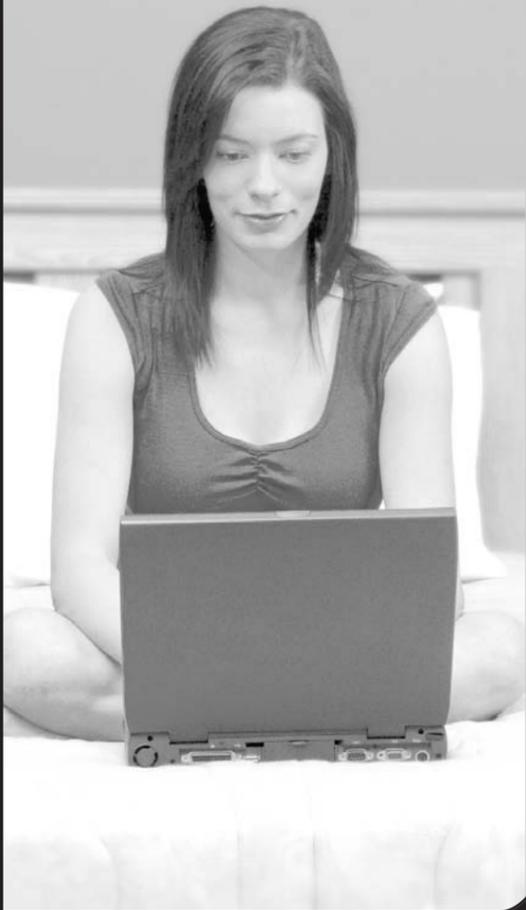
fruits and vegetables, a can opener, and batteries for the radios and flashlights. Hopefully we won't need to use these, but it's better to be safe than sorry. Also, if we are without power, be sure to check on your neighbors.

This Friday, the 10th, is our "potluck" dinner at the clubhouse. No reservations required. Just come with a favorite dish to share with your friends and neighbors. Also, bring your own place settings. Tea, coffee, and lemonade will be provided. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m.

It's time to sign up for your flu shots. Vaxcare will be at the clubhouse on Oct. 12. There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. If you have questions, call Carolyn Slocumb (629-5993).

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Renowned writer to speak at CF

World-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist and educator Nikki Giovanni will visit the College of Central Florida in September. Giovanni is

among the most widely read American poets and prides herself on being "a Black American, a daughter, a mother, a professor of English." She has been

called a National Treasure and recently was named one of Oprah Winfrey's 25 Living Legends.

The college will host a reading at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9, in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road. The event is free and open to the public.

"We are fortunate to bring such an accomplished artist to our campus," said Sandra Cooper, associate professor at CF.

Giovanni is the author of more than 30 books for adults and children. She has received NAACP Image Awards for "Love Poems," "Blues: For All the Changes," "Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea: Poems

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The Art Club of Belleview is planning an art festival for Nov. 13 around Lake Lillian Park in Belleview.

Artists' work will be judged and awards given.

For information, or an application, please call Daniela Banatova at 245-4728.

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and Not Quite Poems," "Acolytes," and "Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat." Her autobiography, "Gemini," was a finalist for the National Book Award. "Blues: for All the Changes" reached No. 4 on the Los Angeles Times Bestseller list. Her children's book "Rosa," about civil rights legend Rosa Parks, was named a Caldecott Honors Book and reached No. 3 on The New York Times Bestseller List.

She has received honors for her recordings, including the Best Spoken Word Album, given by the National Association of Radio and Television Announcers. Additional honors include being named Woman of the Year by Mademoiselle Magazine, The Ladies Home Journal and Ebony Magazine. She has been awarded the Langston Hughes Medal for poetry and was the first recipient of the Rosa L. Parks Woman of Courage Award.

The reading is a presentation of the Debra Vazquez Memorial Poetry Series, which commemorates the life English professor Debra Vazquez who taught English, literature, and creative writing at CF for many years.

For information about the program, contact Cooper at 352-854-2322, extension 1361.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Answers on page 3

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Method
- 4 Scent
- 9 Proof letters
- 12 Raw mineral
- 13 Apple pie maker's device
- 14 Guitar's cousin
- 15 Huge Asian snake
- 17 Still, in verse
- 18 — de plume
- 19 Avaricious
- 21 Renounce
- 24 Deserve
- 25 Meadow
- 26 Parched
- 28 Dining room need
- 31 Diplomacy
- 33 Pouch
- 35 Feeder filler
- 36 Egyptian crosses
- 38 "— favor, señor"
- 40 Compass dir.
- 41 Carina
- 43 Actor Liam
- 45 Cantankerous
- 47 Kans. neighbor
- 48 Evening hour
- 49 "The Sign" band (1994)
- 54 Sprite

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- 11 Contradict
- 16 Wildebeest
- 20 History chapters
- 21 Sask. neighbor
- 22 Legume
- 23 Type of dive
- 27 Mouth, slangily
- 29 O'Brien's predecessor
- 30 Paradise
- 32 You, old-
- 34 Mean
- 37 Angelic figure
- 39 Short coat
- 42 Wetsuit material
- 44 Recede
- 45 Microwave, e.g.
- 46 Anger
- 50 Chow down
- 51 Time of your life?
- 52 The Red or the Black
- 53 Ostrich's relative

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Observant friends of Judy Heiner realized that we didn't list her name when we listed the Ocala Palms Line Dancers last week, so we are trying again. Back row: Ronnie Smith, Judy Duby, Barbara Duncan, Trish Terrizzi and Marty Hurst Front row: Elsie Galvin, Pat Kettell, Carol Sellers (Instructor), Bob Sellers (DJ), Judy Heiner, Donna Rockrohr and Dottie Kuhl. The group recently danced at Hawthorne Village and they will return again later this month.

Happenings

Hummel collectors to meet monthly

The Ocala chapter of the M.I. Hummel Club meets the second Thursday of each month, September through May.

The first meeting for the season is Sept. 9.

Anyone interested in Hummels and related Goebel products and enjoy the fellowship of fellow Hummel collectors is welcome.

Call Mary Jo Hammond, 873-9423 or Marge Cherry, 873-1735 for more information and meeting location.

Preview showing

Berean Baptist Church will host a showing of the faith based movie "The Way Home."

The movie stars actor Dean Cain and is based on real story of a couple's six-year old son disappearing

and their search.

The movie will air Sept. 12 at 5 p.m.

Berean is located 4800 S.W. 20th Street, Ocala.

Fish fry planned at Sweetwater Oaks

Sweetwater Oaks residents are invited to another fish fry, on Thursday, Sept. 16, 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are available until Sept. 13. Choices include two pieces of fish or 1 piece of fish and five shrimp for \$6.50 or 10 shrimp for \$7. All dinners are served with French fries, coleslaw and ice tea.

'The Lucy Show' Bible study to begin

To teach a story Jesus often told a parable, an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. At Countryside Presbyterian Church something similar is happening with "The Lucy Show Bible School."

The four week study

starts Sept. 12. Each episode starts at 9 a.m. and is an hour show.

Countryside Presbyterian Church is at 7768 S.W. Highway, Ocala.

For further information, please call the church at (352) 237-4633.

Jo Trio to entertain Scandinavian Club

The Scandinavian Club of Marion County invites people of Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish descent to join us at our next luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18. The meeting is at the Hilton Hotel, 3600 S.W. 36th Ave., Ocala. Meal will be roast beef, mashed potatoes, veggie, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. Entertainment will be presented by The Jo Trio. Cost is \$15 per person and reservations and advance payment is required. Payment must be received by Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Send payment to Jim Neate, 643-A Midway Drive, Ocala, FL 34472. For further details call Jim Neate 687-1580, Vivian Hendricks 687-2644 or Peggy Jones 629-3443.

Big sale held by church group

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will be having a unique sale on Sept. 17 and 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The church is no longer having its annual fall craft and treasure sales, so it is doing this different type of sale. "This" is the remaining craft items, decorations, etc. from last year's sale.

"That" is the unsold treasures, jewelry, and gift items, plus some new items.

"The other" is the fabulous bake sale, individual tables of treasures offered by some of the church members, and unused crafting supplies.

A hot dog lunch and beverages will be available.

The church is at 5200 S.W. Hwy 200 in Ocala,

Red Tail AFA plans awards meeting

The Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association (AFA) will hold our September meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23 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?

Ministry goes off campus

On Saturday, Sept. 25 at 10:30 a.m. Countryside Presbyterian Church will offer Christian Ministry to residents of TimberRidge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The center is located at 9848 SW 110th Street, Ocala. For information, please call the church at (352) 237-4633.

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joyocala@embarqmail.com
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Sunday School: 9:45 am
Wednesday Evening Worship 6:45 pm
German Language Worship 1st. Sunday of each month 3:00 pm
Nursery Provided
Edward Holloway, Pastor
7045 SW 83rd Pl., Ocala
(352) 854-4509

Christ's Church
Marion County
An Independent Christian Church

SUNDAY SERVICES
Worship.....11:00 am
Sunday School.....10:00 am
All ages
Wednesday Bible Study..7:00 pm
Friday Youth Nights.....6:00 pm
SENIOR PASTOR DAVID BELLOWES

6768 SW 80th Street
Ocala 34476
352-861-6182
www.ccomc.org

Christ the King Anglican Church

The Rev. Donald J. Curran, Rector
Rev. Matthew Walter Asst. Rector

Services:
Rite I - 7:30 am
Rite II - 8:50 & 11:15 am
Children's Church - 8:50 am

3801 US N. Hwy 441 in Living Waters
Worship Center's South Sanctuary

Pet Spotlight



Chaina is a seven-year old Golden. Imagine this — she loves to pose for the camera. She was rescued from a shelter by Robert and Joanne Richard and now lives happily in Ocala Palms.

Barbara of Silver Springs please resend your photo and information, since it was accidentally deleted.



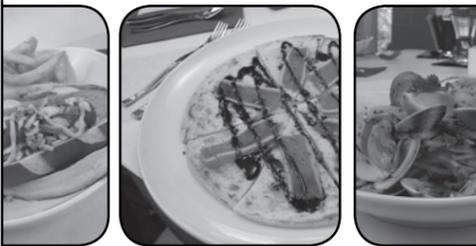
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Bistro Steak Mornay

Grilled tender steak served with potato wedges, havarti, horseradish sauce and choice of vegetable

Panko Crusted Chicken

Chicken breast lightly breaded with Japanese bread crumbs and served with rice pilaf, stir-fry vegetables and shoyu sauce

Plank Roasted Salmon Tzatziki

Plank roasted wild salmon served with tzatziki sauce, rice pilaf and choice of vegetable

Honey Garlic St. Louis Ribs

Slow braised pork spare ribs served with honey garlic sauce, potato wedges and baked beans

Fried Shrimp and Fish Platter

Panko crusted pangasius fish, popcorn shrimp, French fries, coleslaw and tartar sauce

*All prices are plus tax and gratuity

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