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## New sustainable growth manager joins county staff

During today's board meeting, Assistant County Administrator Bill Kauffman introduced Marion County's new Sustainable Growth Manager, Rick Michael, 56.

Michael will help Marion County leaders continue their quest to stimulate diversified and sustainable economic development and create jobs. Michael replaces Lucienne Gauffillet who resigned in July.

Since 1983, Michael has

worked in a variety of economic and business development capacities in Pennsylvania and Florida for communities ranging in size from 100,000 to 1 million citizens.

During the last eight years, he served Volusia County government, establishing Volusia's first Department of Economic Development.

During his tenure with Volusia County, Michael said his economic development program

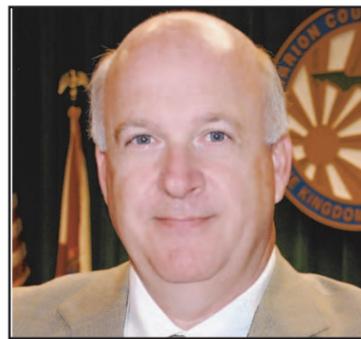
generated millions in new capital investments for manufacturing facilities, equipment and machinery, resulting in thousands of high wage jobs. He also planned, designed and constructed hundreds of acres of new shovel-ready industrial parks.

Michael said Marion County is known for its natural resources but recognized its central location as one of its best assets to entice potential employers. "Marion County is logistically po-

sitioned," he said. "We can either enhance existing opportunities and future reuse of current development or we can add to the existing infrastructure through the infusion of new opportunities.

"Either choice must meet the demands of our changing economy through use of new technologies and competition with other areas."

Michael's starting salary is \$70,012.80.



Rick Michael



Drama students at West Port High School feign excitement over the action on the big screen. Saturday the students are hosting a fund raising effort designed to attract video gamers of three different gaming systems. Those excited students include Reid Shelley with the controller. Front row, left to right, Osmar Toucer, Basia Delando and Traci Freeman. Second row, same order, are Emma McDonell, Anna Silberman, Julio Chavez and Dylan Sawyer. Back row includes, left to right, Ethan Pearson, Savannah Hirst and Alex Feliciano.

## Game Time

## Gamers wanted on Saturday Improv on stage in the evening

Michel Northsea  
EDITOR

A bright pink flyer hanging on various bulletin boards around West Port High School advertises "Gamer Overload."

Imagine watching the ac-

tion figures of your favorite game not only on a projection screen but a "giant" projection screen. The screen typically used for showing educational movies in the school's auditorium will be repurposed for the day on

Saturday, Sept. 18.

On that Saturday, the auditorium, at least for a portion of the day, will be the setting of a video game tournament.

"We were trying to come up with things that teenagers like to do," ex-

plained Julio Chavez, president of the school's drama club. "So we came up with playing video games, at least for the boys and...eating."

In keeping with that thought, the drama students are hosting "Gamer

Overload."

So for \$10 each, and a re-entry fee of \$5 per game, gamers can play Halo 3 on the XBOX gaming system, Marvel: Ultimate Alliance on the PS3 gaming system and Super Smash Brothers Brawl on the Wii gaming

system.

Players should bring their own game controllers for the tournament, Chavez said.

The tournament is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4

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## Schedule of Events Springs Festival

Sept. 16 and 17, 10 a.m. — Guided tube float, Rainbow River. This float will discuss the Rainbow River and surrounding ecosystems, proper watering and fertilizer use and how to recreate in the river without damaging the resource. Tubes and transport donated by Dragonfly WaterSports. Regular \$2 fee applies. No dispos-

able containers allowed on the river. Contact Rainbow Springs State Park - 352-465-8555 or Nicky Aiken, 352-465-8539 - nicky.aiken@dep.state.fl.us

Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m. — Kayak Outing, K.P. Hole, Rainbow River — Marion County will offer kayak outings on the Silver and Rainbow rivers. Launch time is at 9:30 a.m.

and participants are to report to the launch site an hour prior to the scheduled outing. Activity fee is \$25 plus the park user fee and it covers your kayak, paddle, life jacket and snacks. Pre-registration required. To register please contact the Marion County Parks and Recreation Department, 111 SE 25th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471 or call Cathy Norris - 352-671-8560 -

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## Events reminder of springs

Michel Northsea  
EDITOR

Cooler temperatures may or may not come with the month of September but one thing that is certain is the Marion County Springs Festival.

Typically a weekend event, this year, a month of activities is planned centering on Marion County's springs.

"The United States Forest Service, Marion County and the two

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p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each tournament.

For more information on the tournament call Shel-

ley at 291-4000.

Later that evening, the professional theatre group Second Thought Improv will be live on stage at 7 p.m. for a family friendly show. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens.

The drama club students heading to Scotland and

England in 2011 are hoping Saturday's events will help them raise money for that trip.

The magnet school for the arts' theatre department, under the direction of Janet Shelley, was selected to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival

in August 2011 as part of the American High School Theatre Festival. The board of advisors selected the school for the honor.

"Out of 1,500 high schools nominated from the United States and Canada, West Port was one of 75 schools selected to

perform," said Shelley.

The school was nominated by Mary Britt of the Ocala Civic Theatre and Professor Earl Weaver of the University of Central Florida for the honor.

On Sept. 24 students are planning a Howling at the Moon event for dog lovers, Chavez said.

The trip is expected to cost \$6,000 for each student going. Fund raising efforts are being planned to help offset much of the cost.

Both students and parents are "heavily involved" in the fund raising efforts, Shelley said.

West Port High School is at 3733 S.W. 80th Avenue.

# Firefighters boots help MDA

The cash has been counted and coins collected for Marion firefighters' "Fill the Boot" campaign benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association, or MDA, and the results add up to \$42,982.50.

Marion County Fire Rescue and the International Association of Firefighters (or IAFF) Local 3169 hit the streets for a three-day campaign last week, raising money and support for the MDA. While county firefighters from 24 stations participated in the drive, Friendship Station 21 collected the most cash, raising \$5,106.70.

For more than 50 years, fire rescue agencies across the country have participated in "Fill the Boot" campaigns. Last year, MCFR raised \$50,000, landing them a top 100 ranking (No.73) in MDA Boot Drive Fundraising efforts nationwide. MCFR has raised more than \$180,000 for the MDA during the seven years Marion has participated in the donation collection program.

All proceeds go to the MDA, a non-profit organi-



Motorists ante up cold hard cash to help fill the boots for the MDA. Firefighter/ Paramedic Tony Bredow collects from a truck driver.

zation dedicated to conquering neuromuscular diseases that affect more than a million Americans. The MDA combats these diseases through research and comprehensive medical and community services. While MCFR firefighters raise funds and support for the MDA, response to emergencies and safety remains the top priority. At no time during the "Fill the Boot" campaign was MCFR service affected.

MARION COUNTY FIRE RESCUE PHOTOS  
Firefighter/Paramedic Tony Bredow and Lt. Thomas Cunningham walk to the fire truck with cash they collected for M.D. A.



# SPRINGS

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**Sept. 18, 9 a.m.** — Guided Natural Walk — Indian Lake State Forest — led by Charlie Pederson, Division of Forestry, this is the newest State Forest in Florida. Formerly known as the Avatar Property and scheduled for development; the state and Marion County acquired the property for springs protection. Currently, the forest is not set up for day use, but you can hike this area as a special feature of the Marion County Springs Festival. Contact Charlie Pederson at pederse@doacs.state.fl.us for reservations.

**Sept. 18** — Rainbow Springs Day at Rainbow Springs State Park — Visit Rainbow Springs State Park for a day of environmental music and talks. Bring your lawn chair and cooler to settle in for a day of great local music dedicated to preserving our natural resources. Regular \$2 admission per person. Contact Nicky Aiken, 352-465-8555 or nicky.aiken@dep.state.fl.us

**Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to noon**, Juniper Springs Recreation Area — Ocala National Forest — Symposium: Considerations for incorporating ecotourism and recreation into a fragile aquatic ecosystem. Includes information on the history of Juniper Springs, flora and fauna, surface to groundwater, infrastructure development and carrying capacity. At noon is the grand re-opening of Juniper Springs Recreation Area; refreshments will be served. 1:30 p.m. Field Studies and Walking Tour — For all three events please RSVP to Rosie Burlock, Lake George District Ranger Station, 352-625-2520, ext. 2562 or email; rburlock@fs.fed.us

**Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m.** — full moon guided canoe, kayak tour, Silver River State Park — Meet at the park at 6:30 p.m. We will transport your boat to the water, drive your car to Ray Wayside Park (Ocala Boat Basin) and we will drive you back to SRSP. Everyone must wear PFD.

Cost is \$10 per person. Limit of 25 boats. Guided by Mickey Summers and Captain Vince Druding. Reservations are required; contact Capt. Vince at 352-671-7140.

**Sept. 25, 9 a.m.** — Florida Native Plant Society field trip — The September FNPS field trip will be on Indian Lake State Forest. The 4,400 acre forest was purchased in 2007 and 2008 to protect Silver Springs. Funding came from the Florida Forever program and Marion County, with assistance from The Nature Conservancy and the Silver Springs Working Group.

The historical natural community is mainly sandhill, with examples of sinkholes, basin marsh, depression marshes, and mesic flatwoods also on the property. Another unique feature is Indian Lake, a sinkhole lake located east of Baseline Road (County Road 35). Because of prescribed burning last spring, field trippers can expect to see a nice selection of fall flowering composites and sandhill grasses. If there is time, we can walk out to the confederate cemetery and see the Balduina uniflora blooming there.

Meet at the gate east of Baseline Road a half mile south of Anthony-Burbank road at 9 am. If you have any questions, contact Charlie Pedersen at derse@doacs.state.fl.us/352.955.2253.

**Sept. 25 and 26** — Free Admission to select Marion County Parks, Carney Island Recreation & Conservation Area, K.P Hole Park, Horseshoe Lake Park and Ray Wayside Park (Ocala Boat Basin) will offer free admission to one car (up to 8 people) with a coupon from the Web site. Contact Dan Burleigh, 352-671-8560 or daniel.burleigh@marioncountytfl.org

**Sept. 25** — Wrap Up Event for the Ninth Annual Marion County Springs Festival, Ocala's Downtown Square. Entertainment, Silent Auction, Art show, Winners of the Spring into Action, Marion County Student Art and SpringSong Contests. Exhibits on the Floridan Aquifer and more. Contact Nicky Aiken, 352-465-8555 or nicky.aiken@dep.state.fl.us

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# Info offered on careers, colleges in Expo

Marion County Public Schools and the College of Central Florida present Careers and Colleges Expo 2010 on Thursday, Sept. 23, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the Guidance Departments of all Marion County public high schools and CF, takes place in the Ewers

Century Center (in the Klein Conference Building) on CF's Ocala campus (3001 S.W. College Rd.).

Representatives from dozens of educational institutions, businesses, professional and government organizations, and the military will be on-hand, sharing valuable information

with all area high school students and their families.

College-bound students, as well as those interested in career exploration and job opportunities, will find valuable information at the Expo.

The public is invited to attend the free event.



Two Ocala firefighters were recognized for heroism during a recent Ocala City Council meeting. Earlier this year firefighters Anthony Ortiz and Eric Morton were part of a team that responded to a house fire where they removed an elderly occupant. They were presented a Firemark Award for Heroism by Christopher Kent of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Pictured from left to right are, Kent, Fire Chief Dan Gentry, Ortiz and Morton. Standing in the back is Mayor Randy Ewers.

# Variety Hour aimed at adults

Fridays are fun days for adults this fall at the Marion County Public Library, Headquarters-Ocala location.

These programs continue through Oct. 22, at 11 a.m.

Each Friday adults can take part in the brand new "Friday Variety Hour," with innovative programming that offers a blend of contemporary and nostalgic flair.

All programs take place at 11 a.m. on Fridays. Program schedule is as follows:

Sept. 17: "Retro Game Show" — Enjoy a blast from the past with this entertaining spoof on the old game show "I've Got a Se-

cret" as local contestants attempt to stump the panel of judges.

Sept. 24: "The Art of Bookmaking" — Impress your friends with exquisite but surprisingly simple to make books.

Oct. 1: "Retro Game Show" — Its Password play-offs.

Oct. 8: "Crafts for a Cause: Warm Up America" — Bring in your scrap yarn, and join others in knitting and crocheting an afghan for a local charity.

Oct. 15: "Ready, Set, Improv with Cate O'Brien" — Freshen up your act with some new improvisational techniques taught by a renowned acting teacher.

Oct. 22: "Creased Lighting: Origami, the Art of Paper Folding" — Learn the basics of origami and projects you can do for the holidays.

The headquarters library is at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

For more information on this or other programs and services provided by the Marion County Public Library System, call 352-671-8551 or visit the website at <http://library.marioncountyfl.org>.

# Classes focus on starting a business

The CF Institute at the College of Central Florida will offer an Entrepreneur Academy beginning Saturday, Sept. 18, to guide new business owners and operators in implementing a successful business venture.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays through Oct. 30 and will meet in the Enterprise Center at the Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road. The course fee is \$148.

In seven, three-hour sessions, participants will explore topics including:

Managing Your Personal Financial Condition, Determining the Barriers to Entering a Market, Refining the Business Idea, and more. The Personal Financial Management segment of the class is offered in cooperation with the University of Florida Marion County Extension of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Participants will have an opportunity to meet local entrepreneurs and representatives from other organizations associated with small businesses including SCORE, Small Business Development Center and Small Business Administration.

For information or to register, visit [CFItraining.cf.edu](http://CFItraining.cf.edu) or call 352-873-5804.

# Herman's Hermit coming to Circle Square

Peter Noone is a multi-talented entertainer, who has been delighting audiences nearly all his life. At the age of fifteen, Peter achieved international fame as "Herman," the lead singer of the legendary '60s pop band Herman's Hermits. Their classic hits included: "I'm Into Something Good," "Mrs. Brown, You've Got A Lovely Daughter" and "I'm Henry VIII, I Am" just to name a few. Ultimately, Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits have sold over sixty million recordings and are still delighting audiences of all ages to this day.

Tickets are \$35 for non-residents of the On Top of the World communities. OTOW residents pay slightly less.

This is sure to be a great night of music that you don't want to miss. See Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone live on Friday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Circle Square Cultural Center located at 8395 S.W. 80th St, Ocala. For more information visit: [www.CSCulturalCenter.com](http://www.CSCulturalCenter.com), or call 352-854-3670.

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Ocala Palms

# Dancing swimmingly at pool party

Ocala Palms residents enjoyed a summer evening by the pool the last Friday of August. Rain didn't dampen the spirits of those in attendance. The evening ended with many taking a splash in the pool.



Having a wonderful time are Harold and Janet McWilliams who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 3!



Dave and Donna Knouse enjoying their dance.



Dancing happily here are Celia and Neal Cunningham.



Entertainment was provided by the popular duo of Barry R. and Nancy J.

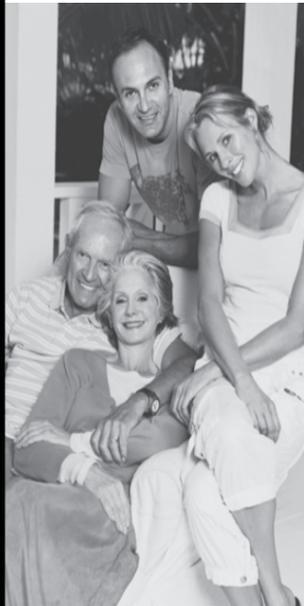


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Having fun are (left to right) Stan and Mary Ellen Miaszek and Jim and Cheryl Levandoski.

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Stone Creek

# Salad bar party brings togetherness



Patricia Gizzi

**L**ifestyle Director, Jennifer Giraldo launched the idea of a salad get together. This took place on Tuesday, Aug. 31 in the ballroom of the Reunion Center. She, along with some members of the Social Committee provided the lettuce, dressings and drinks. Each resident who came brought a topping for the salad. There were 35 different toppings as thirty-five residents took part.

The toppings ranged from the customary — carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes to the more exotic like sun dried tomatoes, marinated artichoke hearts and some interesting cheeses. It was a great afternoon to share a salad lunch and friendship with neighbors. This was a free event and Jennifer is looking into doing other such gatherings.

Thanks to Jennifer for the great idea and Debo-

rah Jones, Debbie Beitel, and Karen Snelson of the Social Committee for making this event such a success. Deborah and Karen are new to the Social Committee who are always looking for new members. These are the wonderful women and men who plan, work and clean-up at the many events we come and enjoy while they do all the work to make it possible.

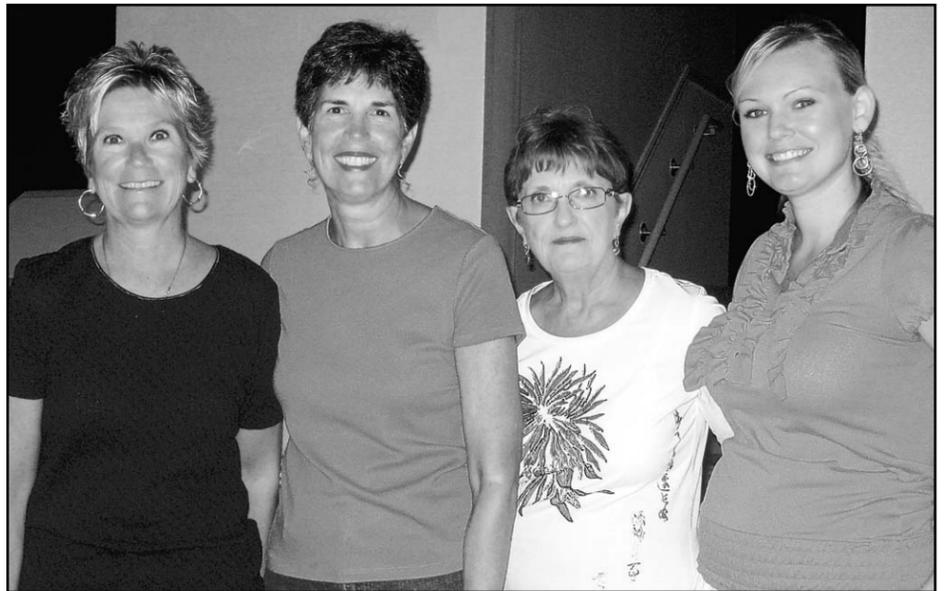
Then on Thursday, Sept. 2, the Garden Club had their first picnic and fund raiser for the Reflection Park that they will build outside the Reunion Center. The Community Development Committee chaired by Linda Fiorella, and members Connie Drake, Rita Levy, Patricia Gizzi and Terry Quinn have been working most of the summer on the details of the park. After receiving approval from Peggy Hawthorn, community manager, the committee decided to have a picnic fundraiser. This picnic was held at the outdoor Pavilion.

The cost was \$5 and 181 residents took part in the picnic. Residents got a bar-

gain for their \$5. There were appetizers of cheese, crackers, tomato and mozzarella balls with roasted peppers, along with the traditional hot dogs, baked beans, roasted vegetables, cole slaw, two different pasta salads, and two different potato salads. Of course, the day could not end without watermelon and desserts.

There were great door prizes — plants. There were contests and Tony Noto guessed the closest to the number of wine corks in the jar and was awarded two bottles of wine. His guess was 135 and the number was 137. Great estimating, Tony!

Linda would like to thank the following club members for their hard work in making the picnic a success: Bob Fiorella, Bee Bovin, Linda Cooper, Mary Cox, Connie Drake, Ken Eberly, Don and Karen Eirtle, Patricia Gizzi, Gretchen LaSasso, Rita Levy, Bernie Messer, Terry Quinn, Joyce and Bill Troxell, Rita and Larry



Working behind the scenes were, left to right, Deborah Jones, Debbie Beitel, Karen Snelson — Social Committee members and Jennifer Giraldo, Life Style director.

Singer. Arlene and Jerry Bindell, Nancy Ko, Dave and Carol Fitch, Gretchen and Bob LaSasso, Bernie and Dana Messer, Cliff and MaryEllen Pfeffer, Virginia Rodner, Ron Baron and Arlene Deichman. She also extends her thanks to the residents who came out

and supported the event. Linda would like to invite you to the Garden Club's next fund raiser. It will be a Garden Party Reception and Auction.

Save the Dates:  
Upcoming Events  
Wednesday, Sept. 15 — Home and Garden Show  
Wednesday, Sept. 22 — Kayak Lessons



Don Eirtle, pictured, along with Larry Singer, were the grill masters of 260+ hot dogs during the Garden Club picnic.



Karen Snelson setting up the table for the salad social.

## Arnette House to benefit from sale of Macy's passes

The Arnette House will participate in Macy's fifth annual "Shop For a Cause" charity shopping event, which has raised more than \$34 million for local charities across the country since 2006. This year's Shop For A Cause will take place at all Macy's stores and on macy's.com on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010 and also select stores on Friday, Oct. 15, 2010.

Customers who want to purchase a ticket to benefit the Arnette House can call Matt Matthews at 622-6135 or e-mail mmatthews@arnette-house.org for more information. Supporters who have purchased a Shop for a Cause pass can log on to www.macy's.com to find their nearest Macy's store.

The Arnette House was founded in 1981 and provides: 24-hour walk-in emergency shelter for youth; counseling to help families resolve crisis situations and remain together; group homes for youth ages 13-17; and transitional and independent living for youth ages 16-24. The facility also participates in "Project Safe Place," so children in trouble may gain access to Arnette House by entering any local business or public building displaying the special "Safe Place" symbol. The mission of the Arnette House is to protect the public by preventing juvenile delinquency and child abuse through the strengthening of youth and families in the community.

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# Opinion

## Our Message

### Many can't read these words

Reading a bedtime story to their children comes naturally for many parents.

It is one of the first steps to teaching children about the enjoyment of reading. Most of us take the skills we use to read a child's book for granted. We read the book without giving it a second thought.

To some, the act of reading is not simple. Reading a book isn't possible.

Nineteen percent of our residents can't read.

That's a number that should inspire each and every one of us to do something to bring that number down.

Already more than 80 volunteers are tutoring adults one-on-one with the Marion County Literacy Council Inc. Besides teaching reading, adults are also helped to pass their high school equivalency exam if necessary and to learn English.

People learning and improving their basic skill level have a better chance to get a better paying job.

In addition, having a good labor pool to pull workers from is something a company looks for before relocating. It doesn't make sense for someone to go to the expense of moving to an area and then not be able to fill the job offered.

It takes volunteers to get the job done of helping someone improve their basic skills.

As with any organization, including the literacy council, more volunteers are always welcome and now more than ever financial resources are also most welcome.

With everyone facing tighter budgets, money to give to worthy causes is not as plentiful as it once was. Couple that scenario with more people needing financial help and social type programs to keep the power turned on it is no wonder that such agencies are strapped for money too.

Marion County's United Way program helps fund many social programs here in Marion County. By supporting United Way - we are in turn supporting the many organizations it supports.

When the opportunity presents itself, like eating out at a certain restaurant on a specific night because a portion of the proceeds will benefit the United Way, or by writing a check - we need to help.

## Editorial

## Among Friends

### Play cards or watch government games



Michel Northsea

If you are somewhat a typical household there is probably at least one in your house, or maybe two or even three.

Perhaps it sits on a desk, or on your lap. Hewlett Packard makes some, so does Apple, and now lots more companies make them.

They even come in a variety of sizes now and this is one area where bigger is not necessarily better. Many think smaller, over larger, is the best.

Yes, we're talking the handy-dandy home computer.

Recently one of my cohorts, Jim Clark editor of the South Marion Citizen wrote a column about different websites and I thought the same would work for me.

Being older than me he admits that he now takes an interest in obituaries more than ever. So much so that he checks out a website - deadoraliveinfo.com - from time to time to feed that morbid interest.

Despite my attempts to poke a little fun his way - I can see where this could be a handy website to know about. Sometimes my husband and I get started on a

conversation about a writer we might both enjoy reading and one of us may question if he or she is still with us or not. Now we know where to turn to for the answer.

Recently I received a press release from the Sea Turtle Conservancy wanting us to let you know about the third annual Tour de Turtles, a sea turtle migration marathon online at [tourdeturtles.org](http://tourdeturtles.org)

They have these 10 little animated turtles telling you where they are in the marathon in their best turtle voices. The "marathon" will be online for three months in hopes to grab some money from you.

Some days you can see photos of real live turtles in their natural habitat at the National Geographic website. They have special link to their Photos of the Day. Then they break down the photos in different categories. Looking at the website the word "wow" may escape from your lips. You can find the photographs through [nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com) and follow the link to the right.

Seeing some of the photos of animals may make you think it's not safe to leave your home. Here in Ocala we probably need to beware of other motorists. To see where the accidents are check out the website <http://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/traffic/> and then click on the county you're interested in. The website lets you know where the accident is and if there is roadblock or injuries.

If you want to know where fire rescue is going try this site: [marioncountyfl.org/firecalls/Firescan.aspx](http://marioncountyfl.org/firecalls/Firescan.aspx)

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## Your Letters

### 'Sickle Cell Heroes' needed

September is Sickle Cell Awareness Month. There are about 70,000 Americans who have this condition, which occurs in one of every 500 African American births making it one of the most common genetic diseases in the U.S.

It affects the oxygen-carrying red blood cells and may trigger painful and life-threatening situations, including crisis. The most common treatment for patients, both during crisis and as a preventive step, is blood transfusion. For some patients, blood transfusions are needed every month.

This large number of transfusions brings it own problems, some of which can be lessened by receiving blood from closely matched donors. LifeSouth calls these donors Sickle Cell Heroes, and more are needed. Simply by donating blood, you can find out if you are one of these special lifesavers. So, this month remember those with sickle cell disease and help them by donating blood.

Sincerely,

J.B. Bowles  
LifeSouth South Florida  
District Director

### A way out

If I were president Obama I would read up on how F.D.R. got us out of the Great Depression. As I understand it, he did not succeed at first.

Then he had Congress pass two acts:

1) The CCC Reforestation act. All young boys graduating from high schools had a job awaiting them. This act served two purposes it put men to work and secondly it beautified some western states with forestation.

2) The W.P.A. Act: One of the projects of the W.P.A. was constructing the Blue Ridge Parkway on the ridge of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The result of this act was the Blue Ridge Parkway. All Summer long Americans travel this beautiful highway and most don't realize it came about as a result of F.D.R.'s plan to put guys to work. He got on the radio frequently with his famous fireside chats to assure Americans that "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."

In the U.S.A. there are oddles of jobs like F.D.R.'s three C.C.C. camps and Blue ridge Parkway that need doing. You can accuse me of being naive but I am going to suggest one of them. We have a water problem all over the country. My suggestion will save water. Put men to work and help the economy. Most golf courses use clean drinking water to water golf courses. Some golf courses already use a system of recycled water. The reason more don't do it is because of the expense. Have Congress pass a bill giving golf course owners a loan with a modest rate of interest to install what is needed for such a system.

Finally, appoint a good practical housewife as secretary of labor. Why? Sometime my wife hates to come home because when there she sees all that has to be done. My wife never lets me forget that a women's work is never done. Women see when work needs to be done. Congressmen can't see past their nose. That is why a good practical housewife makes a good secretary of labor.

Leo Benedetti  
Dunellon

## On Point



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# Loco pastor burns his hand in loud protest



**James Snyder**

Every now and then, a thought enters my mind. Once inside my mind, it endures a lonely existence and rattles around long enough to morph into something quite different when it comes out than what went in.

I am not quite sure when this thought entered my mind, but when it came out of my mind it induced me to surprise my wife with a barbecue supper. When this thought first raised its head, I was pleasantly surprised that I, on my very own, could come up with such a good idea.

The key to this surprise barbecue supper was not letting my wife know about it. I must admit that I am not very successful when it comes to covert operations. I do not think my wife is psychic, but she seems to know what I am going to do before I actually do it. This has helped

me out of many embarrassing situations.

The more I thought about this, the more the idea pleased me. My wife has been working hard lately and I thought she about needed a nice little surprise from Yours Truly. I was the man for the job.

I had to plan this operation down to the last second. I knew at the outset this would be difficult, but the payoff would be well worth it.

I knew my wife was going to be out of town for most of the day, which gave me plenty of time to put my plan into action.

The first thing on my agenda was to go to the grocery store and buy all the necessary ingredients for my barbecue. This was going to be a barbecue to end all barbecues. I love it when a plan comes together.

I bought some wonderful looking steaks, sweet potatoes for roasting (my wife loves sweet potatoes), and equal portions of potato salad and coleslaw.

"Having a barbecue?" the cashier said with a smile that almost touched behind her head.

"Yea, I am surprising my wife with a barbecue supper."

"You have any charcoal for your grill?"

Whoops, that was not on my list, but I am sure glad

## Out to Pastor

she mentioned it. I went back, got a bag of charcoal and brought it up to the cashier. As she was ringing it up she said, "Do you have enough lighter fluid to get all of the charcoal burning?"

Whoops, that was not on my list either. I ran back and got a can of lighter fluid for the charcoal.

Everything seemed to be in order, I paid the cashier and as I headed for the door, I was whistling a familiar tune.

It was a long time since I had done anything like this, and I was rather proud of myself for thinking it up all by myself. It only goes to show what a person can do when they think about something.

It took some doing, but I finally extracted the barbecue grill from the back corner of the garage and set it up on the back patio.

The steaks are really going to be good tonight, I thought to myself. Is my wife ever going to be surprised.

Another key to this whole surprise element was time. I wanted to time it so that when my wife came through the door she would smell the barbecue burning. The first thing I needed to do was get the barbecue grill working in fine order. I assembled what I consider the proper amount of charcoal on the grill, set the bag down and picked up the can of lighter fluid.

While I was working, I begin to muse within myself and thought that barbecue grilling comes natural to a man. Many things we may not be able to do, but when it comes to a barbecue grill, a man is a man. I splashed a little lighter fluid on the char-

coal and commenced to strike a match. Nothing.

I struck another match and had the same results. With a little bit of panic I looked at my watch and knew that my wife would be coming home soon. I struck another match and still the charcoal did not light. I sprinkled a little more lighter fluid on the charcoal and struck another match. Nothing.

I was beginning to run out of time. I took the lighter fluid and emptied the entire can on my charcoal and as I did it, I heard my wife's car come into the driveway. I knew I had to fly into action now.

I struck the match and touched it to the charcoal and the last thing I remember was a flash of light and a terrible exploding noise in my ears. Then I felt pain. Pain in my right hand.

I looked at my right hand and saw that it was

afire and burning rather nicely. Then my wife came through the back door onto the patio just in time to see me dance and yell like a banshee.

The charcoal in the grill was all ablaze and my right hand burning out-of-control my wife had the audacity to look at me and say, "Whatcha you doing?"

As we were eating our potato salad and coleslaw, I thought of a Bible verse.

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (1 Corinthians 10:12 KJV).

My problem is I think too much.

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Looking for something to do one weekend in another state? Check out festivalnet.com to find festivals in the areas you're traveling too. All it takes is the date and the zip code of where you want to party at.

On the subject of websites, I would be remiss not to mention our own, westmarionmessenger.com.

We post breaking news, extra photos we didn't have room for in the newspaper and slide shows. Stay in the know by signing up for our breaking news bulletins while viewing the on-line Messenger.

For those not into searching the World Wide Web for information — a good fall back plan for the computer is playing games of spider solitaire.



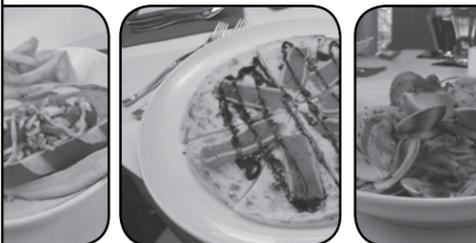
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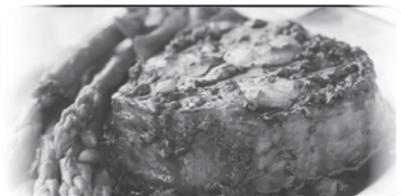
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## Fairfield Village

# As fall arrives so do the activities



Priscilla Geissal

Yes, the fall season will soon be with us and many of our neighbors are returning from extended travels and fun times away from Fairfield Village.

We welcome them back to their homes here in one of the best places to be in all of Florida.

Recent activities at the Fairfield Clubhouse have shown a renewed interest by some of our less frequently noticed neighbors. What a wonderful surprise this is for the Social Activities Committee made up of Charlene Jarvis, Ann Bruno, and Dee McNeill.

At our big Labor Day cele-

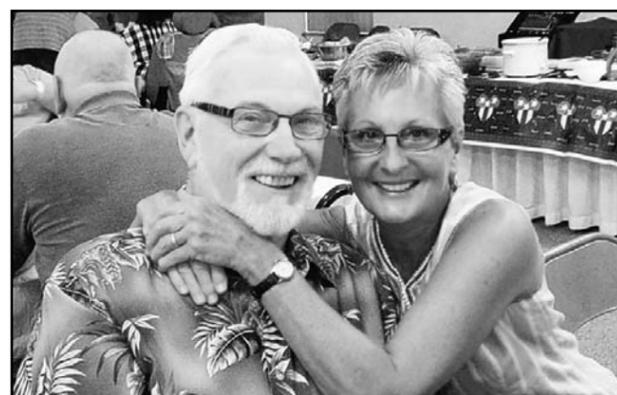
bration held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 5, Charlene Jarvis was almost overwhelmed by the number of people who joined in to make the afternoon a rousing success for everyone who attended. This was even more appreciated because of the fact that Ann Bruno had been called out of town by the death of a close family member and Dee McNeill had a serious injury to her leg and was unable to walk.

Charlene Jarvis (SAC chair) commented enthusiastically, "I want to thank all the people who came out Saturday to help set up for the Labor Day celebration and then returned to make everything run so smoothly on Sunday. I was overwhelmed and thrilled not only with the help, but also with the fact that many people who have maybe hesitated to get involved just jumped right in and made it such a success. I really appreciate all that everyone did. I know that Ann and Dee want to thank our neighbors as well. We hope that this enthusiasm continues because the activities are planned for everyone to enjoy. We want new ideas and welcome all suggestions."

With her beautiful smile and upbeat attitude, Charlene encourages all of us to want to participate. The three ladies of the Social Activities Committee share a common goal of providing new kinds of activities and fun trips for Fairfield Villagers to enjoy. They recognize the wealth of talent and variety of interests in our community and are ready to make this new season one of the best ever for FFV. They have made it clear repeatedly that they want all of our neighbors to know that ideas

and suggestions are always requested and happily received. This is truly a community effort and each person is individually appreciated. Trips are planned

and new events will begin to enliven Fairfield Village once again and make it live up to its reputation of being "...a lively place filled with lovely people."



Joan and Bill Stevenson really enjoyed the Labor Day Celebration at the Fairfield Village Clubhouse.



John Chris Klear, who was visiting his parents Joan and John Klear, brings in a delicious casserole for Eilene Yudonin to add to the sumptuous table. He and his wife Michelle joined in the preparations and the clean-up as did many other new faces.

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Quail Meadow

# Board members wanted for QMRPOA



Carolyn Slocumb

Wednesday Sept. 8, the Jewish holiday, Rosh Hashanah, began at sundown. This marked the beginning of the Jewish year 5771. Rosh Hashanah is known as the Jewish New Year.

It actually has a fourfold meaning: it is the Jewish New Year, the Day of Judgment, the Day of Remembrance, and the Day of Shofar Blowing. There is a significance to each of these: Day of Judgment is the time Jews examine their past deeds and ask forgiveness for their sins; Day of Shofar Blowing is when the

Shofar (rams horn) is blown in temple to mark the beginning of the ten day period known as the High Holy Days; Day of Remembrance is when the history of the Jewish people is reviewed and prayers are said for Israel; and finally, New Year's Day that is celebrated with greeting cards, special prayers, and sweet foods — to ensure sweetness in the New Year.

It is believed that on Rosh Hashanah the destiny of all mankind is recorded by God in the Book of Life. As members leave the synagogue, the usual words spoken to each other are, "May you be inscribed in the Book of Life." On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, after the synagogue services, members visit a body of water or pond, containing live fish, to symbolically "cast away" their sins. The fish's dependence on water symbolizes the Jews de-

pendence on God, as the eyes of fish never close, so God's watchful eyes never cease.

You will notice, in this article, God is spelled out; however, the Jewish people would never completely spell the word "God." It would be written as G\_d. This goes back to the commandment of not taking the Lord's name in vain. Jews feel that if it is written on a piece of paper and that gets destroyed, it would be considered a sin.

Rosh Hashanah is followed by Yom Kippur that begins at sunset on Friday, the 17th and ends as night falls on Saturday the 18th. Yom Kippur is also known as the Day of Atonement. This is the holiest day of the year for Jews.

To our Jewish friends and neighbors, we wish you a Happy New Year.

You never know what you might see on the streets in Quail Meadow. One day last

week a resident saw a gopher walking down 49th Avenue. She called Linda Davis, who is an animal lover, and told her about it. Linda got in her car, found the gopher, and after a fight, was able to get it into the trunk of her car. Linda said he was most un-

appreciative of her efforts to save him from the fate of being run over by someone. He constantly hissed at her (maybe that was his way of saying, "thank you"). Linda placed him in the open field at the corner of 35th and 50th. Anyone interested in serv-

ing on the QMRPOA Board of Directors is invited to meet with the nominating committee. This Friday, the 17th, committee members will be at the clubhouse between 10 and 11:30 a.m. to answer any of your questions.

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Niki is the seven-year old, eclectus parrot that lives with Wally and Libby Orbison in Ocala Palms.



Meet Pearl Mae. She is a 6 year old West Highland white terrier and lives in the community of SummerGlen.

Barbara of Silver Springs, please resend your photo.



Many residents attended a pool party at Ocala Palms recently. Enjoying the evening are (left to right) Karen and Rick Braun, Richard and Carol Mete.

**Happenings**

**Special activities set for new store**

Bullock's 14-K Gold and Diamond Center will celebrate its grand opening Sept. 16 and 17 at 11265 SW 93rd Rd, just off State Road 200, behind Chili's.

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The lodge is at 10411 S.W. 110th St., one mile north of the State Road 200, across from the main entrance of Oak Run, 854-2200.

**Special meeting for Handel singers**

An information meeting for all participants, and those interested in participating in the holiday production of Handel's Messiah by Ocala Symphony Orchestra will be held at Sunday, Sept. 19 4 p.m. at Queen of Peace

Catholic Church.

There is a special need for men for the production.

Handel's Messiah will be presented with a full choir and Ocala Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Matthew Wardell on Sunday, Nov. 21, at Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

The Queen of Peace Church is at 6455 SW State Road 200, Ocala.

For advance tickets, call the OSO office 352-351-1606 or go to ocalasymphony.com

**Legion Post 354 to meet Sept. 20**

The Ralph J. Green American Legion Post 354 will hold its monthly meeting on Monday Sept. 20 at 1 p.m. in the community room of the Sheriff's Brian Litz building, 9048 S.W. Hwy. 200. Try to arrive early to enjoy light refreshments and comradeship with fellow Veterans.

For further information call Commander Fred Pulis at 352-854-9976.

**German food and music at Oktoberfest**

Enjoy a cool fall evening and Oktoberfest festivities on The Town Square, Saturday, Oct. 2 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feast on authentic German food including bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad and beer along with domestic favorites.

Dance to traditional German music by the Alpine Express Trio and performances by the Alpine Festival Dancers. This will be fun for folks of all ages rain or shine!

The Oktoberfest festivities are at Circle Square Commons Town Square located at 8409 SW 80th Street, Ocala. For more information visit: www.CircleSquareCommons.com

**Answers to puzzles on page 11**

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer

3	4	8	5	9	1	2	7	6
5	2	9	7	6	8	4	3	1
6	7	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
7	3	2	4	8	6	1	9	5
1	8	6	9	5	3	7	2	4
9	5	4	1	2	7	8	6	3
2	9	7	6	4	5	3	1	8
8	1	5	3	7	9	6	4	2
4	6	3	8	1	2	9	5	7

**King Crossword**  
Answers  
Solution time: 25 mins.

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# EVENTS

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state parks, Rainbow Springs and Silver River, have each planned events for the month," said Christine Dorrier, assistant park manager at Silver River.

Some of the celebrations are: guided kayak trips at Rainbow Springs State Park, nature walks at Indian Lake State Forest, a symposium at Juniper Springs Recreation Area, pontoon boats rides on the Silver River and other special events with music and speakers.

Throughout the month, Marion County residents can visit the Silver Springs attraction for just \$12.99 per person by showing their Marion County identification. The park is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

A day of music is planned at Rainbow Springs State Park on Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Musicians for the day include: the James Brothers, Chuck Hardwicke, The Shade Tree Pickers, Patchwork, Boilin' Oil, Larry Hoover, Nathan Whitt and Friend and Tom Ellis. Bringing your own lawn chair is encouraged. Admission to the park is \$2 with children under six free.

In addition, a variety of educational booths and community groups will be present.

The last weekend of the month, Sept. 25 and 26, there is free admission to four different county parks — Carney Island Recreation and Conservation Area, K.P. Hole Park, Horseshoe Lake Park and Ray Wayside Park, Ocala

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		8	5		2			
	2			8		3		
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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 10

Boat Basin. Each of those parks are on a body of water, some offer swimming.

Those wishing to take advantage of the free admission for up to eight people must have a coupon. Coupons are available at springsfest.org

In the evening, those celebrating Marion County's springs will want to head to the square in downtown Ocala for the culmination of the month-long event.

From 4 to 9 p.m., visitors to the square on Sept. 25 will have the opportunity to hear

the winners in the song writing contest and four different musicians will perform during the evening.

Fourteen different exhibits will be situated around the square during the event.

"The exhibitors are involved with water and water quality issues facing our natural ecosystems, said Nicky Aiken, park specialist for Rainbow Springs State Park.

For a complete listings of activities during the month in honor of Marion County's springs, visit springfest.org.

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Kane's Rosebud, e.g.
- 5 Decline
- 8 Kelly or Krupa
- 12 Newsweek rival
- 13 Noon, in a sense
- 14 Yoked team
- 15 "Yeah, right!"
- 16 Army rank (Abbr.)
- 17 Raced
- 18 Fancy cake
- 20 "Star Wars" weapons
- 22 Pompous one
- 23 Up to
- 24 Help in wrongdoing
- 27 Model
- 32 Curse
- 33 Tex- — restaurant
- 34 Tokyo's old name
- 35 Champion of a cause
- 38 Vortex
- 39 Falsehood
- 40 River to the North Sea
- 42 Tristan's love
- 45 Bad news from the factory
- 49 MacDonald's

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49						50	51			52			
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- 6 Story of a lifetime?
- 7 Check
- 8 Tabloid topic
- 9 Made to leave
- 10 — -do-well
- 11 Remnants
- 19 Symbol for arsenic
- 21 \$ dispenser
- 24 Mimic
- 25 Carton
- 26 Lewis or Clark
- 28 Foreign (Prefix)
- 29 Outside
- 30 Tack on
- 31 Trigger's rider
- 36 Rockefeller et al.
- 37 Actor Beatty
- 38 Go with
- 41 North-eastern-most st.
- 42 Questionable
- 43 Poet
- 44 Teasdale
- 44 Verve
- 46 "Hey, sailor!"
- 47 Flaccid
- 48 Run easily
- 51 Id counterpart

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~ Happenings ~

**Arm yourself against flu**

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Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church is located on S.W. State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala. For more information call 854-4509 ext. 221.

**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,

**Patients' rights topic of class**

Dr. M. Keith Nadel, MD, PhD, MBA will present a lecture/discussion entitled "The Patients' Bill of Rights" on Monday, Sept. 20, 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Circle Square Cultural Center. This event is open to the public. (Free to OTOW residents and \$5 for all others)

The presentation will focus on the need for proper patient-physician interface, open discussion between patient and physician, affects of collaborative medicine versus single practitioner practice, the time line for the new health care omnibus bill to take affect starting 2011-2014 and its affect on your healthcare and pocketbook. He will discuss better communication/collaboration between patient and physician and the patient's responsibility in the forthcoming subsidized healthcare. Dr. Nadel served as interim Surgeon General, chief of medicine

at several key locations including a turn as NYC Health Commissioner and UN Physician-in-chief. Dr. Nadel had careers in research, medicine, business and government. He now teaches exclusively at the Master the Possibilities Education Center.

**Bloodmobile coming to Sweetwater Oaks**

The Florida Blood Centers will be on hand Oct. 2 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Sweetwater Oaks. Residents are encouraged to give blood during the visit.

**Annual chicken bar-b-que Oct 2**

The Rotary Club of Ocala Southwest will hold its annual smoke chicken barbecue on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pre-sale tickets pickup is from 10 a.m. to noon.

Donation is \$10. All proceeds are to be used for local and international charities.

Menu includes one-half barbecued chicken, baked beans, Cole slaw, dinner roll and cookie.

This barbecue will be at First Congregational Church, 7171 S.W. Highway 200, next to Joy Lutheran Church.

Advance tickets are available at the office of the South Marion Citizen/West Marion Messenger, and at Mercantile Bank, 11250 S.W. 93rd Court Road, Suite 700.



MICHEL NORTHEA

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