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Discovery Fest to be on Feb. 11

The six local Rotary clubs have joined forces to raise funds for the Ocala Discovery Center, while providing a good time for the children who are enjoying the Center and who will continue to benefit from its programs. Feb. 11 is the date for the Rotary Discovery Fest, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., outside of the building at Tuscawilla Park. There will be games, activities and great food for your entire family. Tickets will be available at the gate. Children get in for free if they are 5 years old or younger. Tickets are only \$5 for children between 6 and 12 years and \$10 if 13 years or older.

The Ocala Discovery Center moved into the old Armory building in 2009 after the ground floor was renovated. Now it's time to renovate the second floor (which was used as a basketball court and volleyball court when the building originally opened in 1941) and to install an elevator to allow access for the disabled. The new second floor will provide space for traveling exhibits and educational gatherings. Money raised during the Discovery Fest will be added to the \$20,000 already donated by Rotarians early last year. For more information go to www.mydiscoverycenter.org.

Rotary is the world's oldest service organization.

Two from Stone Creek arrested by deputies

Two residents of Stone Creek were arrested recently.

Howard Gluck, 79, faces charges of battery on a law enforcement officer, grand theft and resisting arrest. Brenda R. Gluck, 68, was accused of battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting without violence and disorderly conduct.

According to the report from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, a deputy responded in response to a theft. The victim said some plants were stolen from a house under construction, and he suspected the Glucks, because he had a problem in the past with stolen sod.

When the deputy went to the Gluck residence, he said they were upset and denied any wrongdoing. They advised they had bought the plants at a local store.

The deputy went back to the site of the incident and Brenda Gluck followed, demanding that the deputy remove his car from her driveway.

Branda Gluck came to the incident location and refused to leave the location. After a couple of warnings, the deputy arrested her and attempted to handcuff her. She resisted, and hit the deputy on the arm and chest, according to the report.

As the deputy attempted to place Brenda Gluck in his car, Howard Gluck came and started yelling at the deputy. He refused to back away and according to the report hit the deputy on the chest.

The deputy got Brenda Gluck into his car, but Howard Gluck attempted to let her out by opening the door. He was then placed under arrest, and a backup deputy arrived and handcuffed him.



PHOTOS BY JIM CLARK

During the ceremony honoring the Four Chaplains, who are shown on the table at the top right, candles were lit on the table, above, by Suzanne Hough and Jean Kirby, members of the DAR. Colors were presented by the North Marion Young Marines.

Four Chaplains ceremony honors heroes' sacrifice

By Jim Clark
EDITOR

It may have been Super Bowl Sunday, but for those gathered at Veterans Memorial Park on the afternoon of Feb. 5, something far more important to them was being remembered.

There was a Four Chaplains ceremony that attracted a small crowd to a corner of the park near the plaque honoring the four men of God who sacrificed so much during an attack on a ship in World War II.

The four men saved many sailors whose ship had been torpedoed by the Germans. The ship didn't have a chance, going down in a very short time.

The crowd heard Chaplain Capt. Gary R. Politt, U.S. Navy Retired, of Jacksonville, tell them about the men who "sacrificed their own safety and stayed to help others as the ship was going down."

There is also testimony that they gave up their life jackets to others who had none.

In addition to the speaker, who was

introduced by Chaplain Col. Lamar Hunt, U.S. Navy retired, the crowd heard the playing of "Assembly" and "Taps" by Lee Muncaster; the introductions by Chaplain Lt. Cmdr. Elden H. Luffman; the invocation by Chaplain Lt. Cmdr. Mike Harrison, USNR retired; saw the presentation of the colors by the North Marion Young Marines; the singing of the National Anthem and "Eternal Father Strong to Save" by Marcia Muncaster; the leading of the Pledge of Allegiance by Larry Duncan, American Merchant Marine veteran and a park volunteer; recognition of guests by Jeffrey Askew, Veterans Service director; saw the lighting of the memorial candle for each of the Four Chaplains by Suzanne Hough and Jean Kirby, Daughters of the American Revolution; the Memorial Prayer by Chaplain Col. Janet Horton, U.S. Army, retired; the benediction by Rabbi Ze'ev Harari, Temple Beth Shalom of Ocala, and "Amazing Grace" by John the Bagpiper.

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Speaker Chaplain Capt. Gary R. Politt

For the Love of Animals fundraiser set

Have A Heart for Companion Animals, Inc. has planned a "For The Love of Animals Gala." It's a fundraising event featuring The Johnny Mello Show and Adult Magic Demonstrations by "Magic Mark," Beasley, a high-energy interactive magician.

The show will be held Saturday night, Feb. 11, from 7 until 10 p.m. in the Silver Springs Shores Community Center, located at 590 Silver Road, Silver Springs Shores.

The gala will begin with 20 minutes of magical demonstrations and continue

with Doo Wop, Rock-n-Roll and Country Music selections from the best of by-gone eras. It's a fast paced round robin sing off of six local singers who will perform 1950s and 1960s style music.

Featured performers include: Johnny Mello, Sultry Lady, Doo Wop Momma, David Max Baldwin, Jimbo Killingsworth, Dennis Trimmer and "Magic Mark"

There will be a 50/50 cash drawing, multi prize raffles and over 30 instant door prize winners. Food will be available but is extra. This is also a "BYOB" event.

The gala will benefit Have A Heart For

Companion Animals, Inc., the Silver Springs Shores Resident's Association, Feisty Acres Cat Rescue and Zen Doggie Rescue.

Advance tickets can be obtained from Have A Heart for Companion Animals, Inc

(\$10 each or two tickets for \$15). Ticket holders are asked to bring a bag of dry dog or cat food as a donation for local rescue groups.

For further information, tickets or directions, call John Marinelli at 352-687-1776 or visit www.haveaheart.us.



Quail Meadow

Congratulations to couple celebrating 60th anniversary



Carolyn Slocumb

As this is being written, it is Groundhog Day! Now we have

two different predictions this year: (1) Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania predicts another 6 weeks of winter, (2) General Beauregard Lee in Georgia says that spring is on the way. Since we are closer to Georgia, I say we go with General Beau Lee!

Congratulations to Charles and Kathleen Reich who are celebrating 60 years of marriage on Feb. 2.

Time is running out to get your tickets for the

spaghetti dinner to be held at the Clubhouse on Monday, the 13th. Reservations must be made by the 8th. Call Kathy Voss or Charlotte Payne for tickets. Where else can you get a spaghetti dinner for a \$5 donation?

It's time for the Ladies Luncheon! This month's outing will be on Friday, the 10th, at Bianca's Café. Bianca's is located in Ocala Palms. Reservations are needed by the 8th. Contact Maryanne Ellner or Kathy

Voss for more information. All ladies of Quail Meadow and their guests are invited.

The Red Hot Fillies of the Meadow (Red Hats) will celebrate Valentine's Day with champagne and chocolates on Tuesday, the 14th. Please RSVP to Pat Talley or Carolyn Slocumb. As always, guests are welcome.

Would you like to learn to play some new games? If so, Bunco players meet the second Wednesday of each

month at the Clubhouse. New players are always welcome. The fun begins at 6 p.m. If you don't think Bunco would interest you, then how about Mah Jongg?

If you are interested, come to the Clubhouse every Thursday at 1 p.m. Contact Fil DiFiore for more information. The regular players are willing to teach you how to play the game.

The officers and board members of the Quail

Meadow Property Owner's Association are as follows: Judy Zobel, president; Kay Levine, vice president; Maxine Turley, secretary; Betty Levine, assistant secretary; Dot Avery, treasurer; Brooke Hamlin, assistant treasurer and Elaine Sherwin, director. They are looking for volunteers for the Welcome Committee and also the Architectural Review Committee. If you are interested, contact one of the board members.

Lend a hand

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Marion County sponsored by the College of Central Florida is seeking volunteers in new program opportunities as follows:

Reading Readiness Volunteers

Volunteers that can give 1-2 hours per week in a head-start early learning center are needed to help 4-year-olds become ready to read.

A dramatic reading voice is helpful however training in this area will be provided.

Volunteers will be reading simplistic "picture" books multiple times in a way that helps students develop emergent literacy skills and encouraging students to participate in the reading experience. Background screenings will be provided at no cost to the volunteer.

Living Green Volunteers

Volunteers who are committed to a sustainable green environment and who are willing to teach others the importance utilizing simple techniques for "living green" and sustaining natural resources are needed for a speaker's bureau or team to present educational materials in public

venues and small group discussions. Training by environmental professionals will be provided at no cost.

Life/Resource Coaches

Volunteers with hearts of compassion are needed to work with a local church program and local emergency services program serving to help homeless individuals and families achieve permanent housing and economic security. Empathetic, creative, problem solving individuals are needed to provide guidance is job search, budgeting, transportation, and securing housing.

Training and background screenings will be provided at no cost to the volunteer.

Vet-to-Vet Mentors

Veterans (men and women) are needed to assist with coordination of educational seminars and resource referrals for veterans.

Seminars topics include all phases of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, VA benefits, personal financial planning and mentoring veterans in job preparedness classes. Training will be provided.

For additional information on any of these volunteer positions, contact Joyce Wright, at 291-4444 or via email to wrightj@cf.edu

Boy honored for saving mom

Harbour View Elementary School Student Stephen Flanner, 8, was recognized by Marion County Fire Rescue on Jan. 24 for the bravery and composure he showed during an emergency on Sept. 17.

When his mother, Kristin Metcalf, began having a severe asthma attack she asked Stephen to run across the street to his grandmother's house for help. In the meantime Kristin lost consciousness, and when Stephen couldn't locate his grandmother he called 911. Stephen, who was 7 years old at the time, calmly provided dispatchers with the necessary information and then watched after his 2-year-old sister until rescuers arrived seven minutes later.

"He did outstanding. He did better than most adults do during an emergency situation," MCFR Firefighter/Paramedic Brent Murray said during Tuesday's recognition event.

To honor Stephen for a job well done, MCFR invited him, his mother and his sister to meet their rescuers and to take a tour of Spruce Creek Station 30, 7900 S.E. 135th St., Sumnerfield. During their visit,



PHOTO BY MARION COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

Stephen Flanner with his mom, Kristin Metcalf.

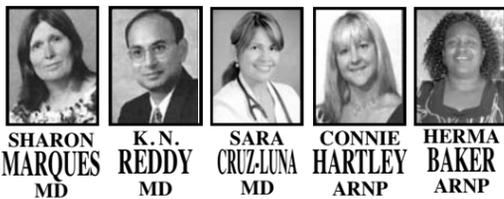
Stephen was presented with a goody bag, had the chance to climb aboard engine and rescue vehicles and took a tour of the station. Crew members from South Forest Station 6, who also responded to Stephen's emergency call, were also present.

During the event, Metcalf credited public education efforts and Stephen's previous teacher for providing students instruction

on what to do during an emergency situation. Each year, Marion County Fire Rescue makes it a priority to visit all public elementary schools within the county during October's Fire Prevention Month campaign, which teaches children how to communicate with operators during a 911 emergency and the importance of having a family safety evacuation plan.

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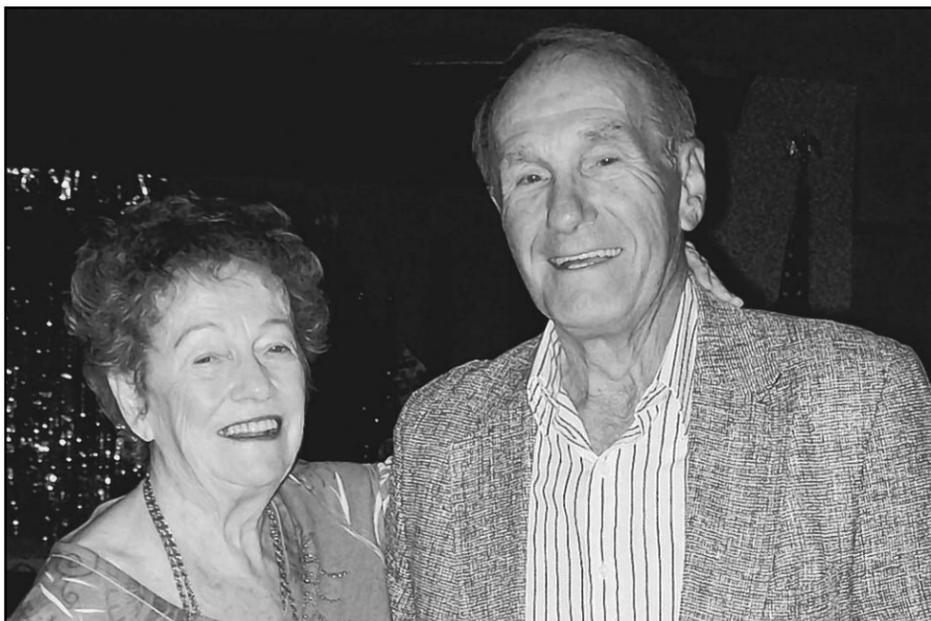


PHOTOS BY CATHY DONOHUE

Jack and Donna Neal dance while a cardboard image of Elvis watches them at the recent New Year's Eve party.



Steph Shrempp, Cookie Roy and Ramonita Cruz laughing and dancing while Rodney Hughes and Maggie Mahar look on.



Pat and Dick Hatfield still enjoy New Year's Eve celebrations after more than 60 years of marriage.



Rodney Hughes and Maggie Mahar "cutting a rug."

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Happenings

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Moose Bingo open to the public

Each week in February beginning at 12:45 p.m. bingo is played with opportunities to win big. Try your luck while supporting the Lodge and its charitable endeavors. Everyone is welcome with a variety of lunch selections available. We are located at 10411 S.W. 110th St., one mile north of the State Road 200 main entrance to Oak Run. Phone is 352-854-2000.

Thursday, Feb. 9

Federal retirees to gather

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 2279 of Ocala, and their spouses, will meet at the Olive Garden Restaurant, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m. A meeting will follow the lunch.

Saturday, Feb. 11

Methodist men serve breakfast

The Methodist Men will serve their famous and delicious all-can-you-eat breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 S.W. 105th St. - look for the signs.

A complete menu with a wide variety of breakfast fare is offered for \$5.

Make plans now to bring your friends and attend. All proceeds help fund a variety of local charities.

Mega book sale

A mega book sale to benefit Sheltering Hands Rescue, featuring used books, CDs, videos and crafts, will be Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Winn Dixie, 8445 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala. For information, call 352-291-1962.

Yard sale at Countryside

A yard sale will take place in Founder's Hall at Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala, on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

White elephant, clothing, jewelry, homemade bake sale, tools, toys, small furniture, crafts, books, videos, CDs and much more will be available.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 15

'World Has Talent' auditions set

Auditions for the Circle Square Cultural Center's third annual "The World Has Talent" 55+ talent show will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Active adults age 55+ are invited on stage where the top chosen acts will perform at "The World Has Talent" 55+ Talent Show at the Circle

Square Cultural Center on Saturday, May 5. The chosen contestants will compete for a chance to win the \$500 first place, \$250 second place and \$150 third place prizes!

Auditions will be held on Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Circle Square Cultural Center, 8395 S.W. 80th St., Ocala. For more information visit: www.CSCulturalCenter.com, call 352-854-3670 or e-mail ticketsales@csculturalcenter.com.

Bereavement program set

The Widowed Persons Service of Marion County will be giving a six-week support group program beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the First Congregational Church, 7171 S.W. State Road 200. The hours are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The group is open to all those who have recently lost a spouse. For questions, please call Marianne at 352-854-2872.

Thursday, Feb. 16

Air Force Association meeting

The Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association will hold our monthly meeting on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Ocala Regional Airport Administration Building 750 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala.

Jason Teaman, from U. S. Congressman Cliff Stearns staff, will be presenting a program on how high school students apply to the U.S. Military Academies.

Everyone is welcome. For information call Mike Emig 352-854-8328.

Friday, Feb. 17

VFW Ladies plan fashion show

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 4781 will have their annual Fashion Show on Feb. 17 at noon. The theme is "Let Freedom Spring." The luncheon will be prepared by Margie with the help of dedicated members. Lots of gifts have been collected. Marilyn French is the chairperson.

For tickets and more information, call Regina at 352-873-3631. Tickets are available for tables of eight or more. This is a sellout event.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Beth Israel hosts games

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala warmly invites the community to a social evening of games and fun on Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Collins Center, 9401 State Road 200 in Ocala. The program will feature a short Havdalah service followed by a light dinner of bagels and cream cheese and other delicious fare. Bring your own board games such as dominoes, ma jong, Monopoly, etc. or just come for the fun! The cost is \$6 per person and reservations must be made by calling Shirley at 352-873-6186 or by email: thegottfrieds@aol.com.

Arts, crafts at Queen of Peace

The Council of Catholic Women of Queen of Peace Church will sponsor an Art and Craft Show in the Parish Hall, 6455 S.W. State Road 200, on Saturday, Feb. 18, from

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendars, you won't want to miss the work of these local talented Artists and Crafters. Hot dog lunch will be available to purchase.

Scandinavian Club of Marion County:

The Scandinavian Club of Marion County invites people of Danish, Finish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish decent to join us at our next meeting on Feb. 18. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Ocala Hilton, 3600 S.W. 36th Ave. in Ocala. The menu will be Roast Beef Au Jus, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, coffee and dessert. The entertainment will be Bob Maas and his accordion.

The cost is \$16 per person. Reservations and payment must be made in advance. Payment must be received by Wednesday the 15th of February. Checks to be made out to Don Clauson and mailed to Don Clauson, 5901 S.W. 86th Place, Ocala, FL 34476. For further details call Don Clauson at 352-861-1235 or Terry Rasmussen at 352 347-8362.

Amateur Radio Class to begin

A Technician Amateur Radio Class will start Saturday, Feb. 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. for seven weeks at the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Center, 692 N.W. 30th Ave., Ocala. The FCC test will be given on March 31, 2012 with a test fee of \$15.00, collected on the test day. Manuals will be available to loan to students. This class should prepare you to pass the FCC test and obtain an Amateur Radio Technician License.

For more information contact Charles Hensley at 352-732-3795 or e-mail KC4Q@arrl.net.

Hospice trail ride

Hospice of Marion County, Inc. will hold its 12th annual "Horses for Hospice" Trail Ride on Sat., Feb. 18, on the Central Florida Greenway at the Florida Horse Park in Ocala. This year's ride is in memory of Wayne Vaught, former Cross Florida Greenway enthusiast and Trail Ride chairman.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the first ride leaves at 9:15 a.m. Riders travel from as far as Jacksonville and Tampa to spend 2-3 hours on the trail. Following the ride, participants can enjoy lunch by Tommy's BBQ, live entertainment by Bordertown, and door prizes.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Patient Care Programs. The minimum donation to ride is \$30. Wagons are welcome; \$30 for driver and \$10 per passenger. Horse lovers who are unable to ride may purchase a \$10 ticket to enjoy lunch and entertainment. For more information or to register, call 352-854-5218.

Sunday, Feb. 19

German American Club event

The German American Club of Marion County will host a Fasching Party on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Marion Oaks Community Center.

Wear a costume, bring beads and join in the fun for \$10 per member or \$15 per non-member. Music provided by Alpine Express.

Bring your own snacks and beverages. Attire is either a costume or dressy casual. For tickets, call Liz or Joe at 352-732-6368.



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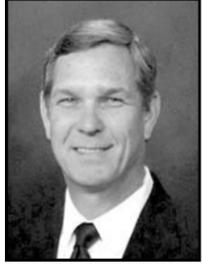
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Toni Belcher (SAC Activities Director) seems to know a little secret about the Valentine's Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

The Social Activities Committee in Fairfield Village is doing something a little different this year for Valentine's Day. On Saturday morning, Feb. 11 from 8 until 11 a.m., there will be continuous serving of a great Valentine Pancake Breakfast.

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Opinion

Our Message

Cracking down on pill mills

In recent months Florida has begun to crack down on “pill mills” — “medical facilities” that obligingly distribute potent prescriptions to “patients” whether they need them for legitimate purposes or not.

Additionally, legislative efforts to convince the governor that a database of those prescribed powerful drugs were ultimately successful. With pharmacists able to identify individuals who are receiving similar prescriptions at more than one pharmacy, a serious bite can be taken out of those who doctor-shop for purposes of abuse or profit.

In recent years Florida’s reputation as the place for people to come to get prescriptions for heavy-duty narcotics like Oxycontin has been unsurpassed. Be it by air, land or sea, those desiring to make money by legally (barely) obtaining, then selling, the pills have found Florida to be the land of opportunity.

Conveniently, purchasers have been able to get their prescriptions, as well as the drugs from the pill-mill outlets. Now, with few exceptions, doctors must allow pharmacies to distribute the drugs vs. one-stop-shopping operations.

Grasping the reality of the situation, authorities have stepped up efforts to crack down on the facilities that wantonly provide these drugs, as well as making it harder on those obtaining them for illicit purposes. Local law enforcement officials are confident the efforts will have an impact.

Bolstering the initiative is the establishment of the database that identifies when individuals seek to obtain prescription medications from more than one outlet.

Unfortunately, abuse of prescription medications has not carried the stigma of certain traditionally illegal drugs like cocaine and heroin. The reality is that the damage to individuals and society as a whole is no different. There are drug dealers, abusers and addicts. Lives become destroyed and fami-

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Among Friends

Four Chaplains deserving of honor

The story of the Four Chaplains is one that everyone should know and appreciate. The four men who gave their lives that others might live is among the most inspirational war stories available.

It happened in 1943, when the four men of God were on board a ship that was torpedoed by a German sub. The ship sank rapidly, but several men were saved, some because of the efforts of the four men.

I hope you read the story on the front page today, all the way to its conclusion. The complete tale of the heroics of these men is taken from a Four Chaplains Memorial Web page, and permission to reprint the story was readily granted.

There was a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park this past Sunday, with a small crowd in attendance on the most beautiful of February days. There were lots of people in uniform, and many in hats that said “Merchant Marine.”

One man explained that he had been coming to these ceremonies for years, and was always the only member of the Merchant Marine to attend. This year he made a concerted effort to see that others who were in that branch of the service were in attendance.

The crowd heard the speaker refer to “service, service, service” as he described a little of the sacrifices that chaplains make in their military duties, which can include work on the front lines.

The ceremony at the park was con-

ducted near the southern sidewalk, at the scene of the plaque honoring the chaplains. Some rode by on Fort King Street in cars and on bicycles, oblivious to the touching ceremony that was being held just off the road.

This was the 12th annual memorial celebration, and there’s no reason to think that it won’t continue in the future, although the age of the attendees seems to be getting older.

The bagpipe music of “Amazing Grace” and other selections, and the bugle playing of “Assembly” and “Taps” adds to the solemnity of the occasion.

There is a slide show of the event available on our newspaper web site and, again, the complete story of the tale of the Four Chaplains starts on Page 1.

These men are worth remembering, and their sacrifices should be honored throughout the year.

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Editor

Guest Column

Odds that GOP can pick winner

By Jim Flynn

If Republican presidential hopefuls continue to abuse each other through a dozen more caucuses and primaries from Maine through Super Tuesday, their nominee will be dog meat come November.

Mr. Obama is loading up on Republicans’ ill-conceived mutual nastiness. Rarely has one party’s potential nominees served up so many revelations of their rivals’ political vulnerabilities and defects of character.

The basic disagreement among Republicans centers around who is a true conservative. The problem is conservatives come in 57 varieties and 28 flavors.

Mitt Romney, a progressive fiscal conservative, has a recurring case of foot-in-mouth affliction. If he captures the nomination he’ll get pounded from March to November by allegations that he enjoys firing people and that his main concern is middle-class folks, not the poor or the wealthy. His comments may have been unintended and taken out of context, but that doesn’t make them less blundering.

Newt Gingrich is a campaign fashion conservative. He’s the brightest and most glib loose cannon since Theodore Roosevelt. Like TR, Gingrich has an idea per minute, many of which are entertainingly bizarre, such as an embassy on the moon and colonization of the planet Mars. Gingrich is the Republican counterpart to Mr. Obama — too many ideas for which there will never be enough money.

Rick Santorum is a righteous social conservative. He’s an advocate for the working middle class, whose voters Romney has been chasing with dumb comments and whose allegiance Gingrich believes belongs to him. Although he says he’s a fiscal conservative, Santorum has baggage from his time as a Senator — pork for his district, disliked by colleagues, and insider work in Washington after he lost his seat. Santorum’s fuzzy foreign policy includes a regime change in Iran — a familiar justification for another unprovoked war. Focus on the family is Santorum’s curative for all domestic problems — marriage, birth, work ethic, and other social values. It’s unlikely to appeal to independent voters.

Congressman Ron Paul is a constitutional conservative, who advocates if it isn’t authorized by the Constitution, then government shouldn’t be doing it. His goals are less spending, lower taxes, taking back control of the money system from the Federal Reserve, and elimination of unneeded government agencies. His maverick common-sense advice may be several generations late in Washington, but his message deserves to be heard.

So what are the odds that a Republican can capture the White House next November? Unemployment is gradually declining; jobs are increasing; and the only question Republicans need ask is “Which candidate can win?” According to bookmakers, none of the above: Rick Santorum 100/1, Ron Paul 50/1, Newt Gingrich 20/1, and Mitt Romney 13/10. President Obama is odds-on 5/8 to win re-election. A conservative Republican has to receive a substantial percentage of independent votes to win the presidency. Considering the nasty atmosphere among the potential nominees at this point in time, we wouldn’t bet on it.

On Point



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CHAPLAINS

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The story of the Four Chaplains follows:
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It was the evening of Feb. 2, 1943, and the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 service men, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

Once a luxury coastal liner, the 5,649-ton vessel had been converted into an Army transport ship. The Dorchester, one of three ships in the SG-19 convoy, was moving steadily across the icy waters from Newfoundland toward an American base in Greenland. SG-19 was escorted by Coast Guard Cutters Tampa, Escanaba and Comanche.

Hans J. Danielsen, the ship's captain, was concerned and cautious. Earlier the Tampa had detected a submarine with its sonar. Danielsen knew he was in dangerous waters even before he got the alarming information. German U-boats were con-

stantly prowling these vital sea lanes, and several ships had already been blasted and sunk.

The Dorchester was now only 150 miles from its destination, but the captain ordered the men to sleep in their clothing and keep life jackets on. Many soldiers sleeping deep in the ship's hold disregarded the order because of the engine's heat. Others ignored it because the life jackets were uncomfortable.

On Feb. 3, at 12:55 a.m., a periscope broke the chilly Atlantic waters. Through the cross hairs, an officer aboard the German submarine U-223 spotted the Dorchester.

The U-223 approached the convoy on the surface, and after identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire the torpedoes, a fan of three were fired. The one that hit was decisive — and deadly — striking the starboard side, amid ship, far below the water line.

Danielsen, alerted that the Dorchester was taking water rapidly and sinking,

gave the order to abandon ship. In less than 20 minutes, the Dorchester would slip beneath the Atlantic's icy waters.

Tragically, the hit had knocked out power and radio contact with the three escort ships. The CGC Comanche, however, saw the flash of the explosion. It responded and then rescued 97 survivors. The CGC Escanaba circled the Dorchester, rescuing an additional 132 survivors. The third cutter, CGC Tampa, continued on, escorting the remaining two ships.

Aboard the Dorchester, panic and chaos had set in. The blast had killed scores of men, and many more were seriously wounded. Others, stunned by the explosion were groping in the darkness. Those sleeping without clothing rushed topside where they were confronted first by a blast of icy Arctic air and then by the knowledge that death awaited.

Men jumped from the ship into lifeboats, overcrowding them to the point of capsizing, according to eyewitnesses. Other rafts, tossed into the Atlantic, drifted away before soldiers could get in them.

Through the pandemonium, according to those present, four Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness. Those chaplains were Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed.

Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains spread out among the soldiers. There they tried to calm the frightened, tend the

wounded and guide the disoriented toward safety.

"Witnesses of that terrible night remember hearing the four men offer prayers for the dying and encouragement for those who would live," says Wyatt R. Fox, son of Reverend Fox.

One witness, Private William B. Bednar, found himself floating in oil-smeared water surrounded by dead bodies and debris. "I could hear men crying, pleading, praying," Bednar recalls. "I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going."

Another sailor, Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, tried to re-enter his cabin but Rabbi Goode stopped him. Mahoney, concerned about the cold Arctic air, explained he had forgotten his gloves.

"Never mind," Goode responded. "I have two pairs." The rabbi then gave the petty officer his own gloves. In retrospect, Mahoney realized that Rabbi Goode was not conveniently carrying two pairs of gloves, and that the rabbi had decided not to leave the Dorchester.

By this time, most of the men were topside, and the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distribut-

ing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight.

When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men.

"It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven," said John Ladd, another survivor who saw the chaplains' selfless act.

Ladd's response is understandable. The altruistic action of the four chaplains constitutes one of the purest spiritual and ethical acts a person can make. When giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did the Reverends Fox and Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line.

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains — arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, 672 died, leaving 230 survivors. When the news reached American shores,

the nation was stunned by the magnitude of the tragedy and heroic conduct of the four chaplains.

"Valor is a gift," Carl Sandburg once said. "Those having it never know for sure whether they have it until the test comes."

That night Reverend Fox, Rabbi Goode, Reverend Poling and Father Washington passed life's ultimate test. In doing so, they became an enduring example of extraordinary faith, courage and selflessness.

The Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously December 19, 1944, to the next of kin by Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, Commanding General of the Army Service Forces, in a ceremony at the post chapel at Fort Myer, Va.

A one-time only posthumous Special Medal for Heroism was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President Eisenhower on Jan. 18, 1961.

Congress attempted to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements that required heroism performed under fire. The special medal was intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

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lies and friends suffer the consequences.

There are many, many people who have legitimate uses for these prescribed drugs and — with the consent of caring, conscientious physicians — they should not be deprived because of the abuses of others.

With the crack down on pill mills and the establishment of a database, the deserving should be provided what's medically appropriate while the dealers and recreational users should be out of luck.

Citrus County Chronicle

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Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 1 hour 40 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

- Chicken:**
- 1 Crisco® Olive Oil No-Stick Cooking Spray
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 - 1/2 teaspoon oregano
 - 1 teaspoon minced garlic
 - 1 (4 to 5 pound) whole chicken, rinsed with neck and giblets removed
 - Salt and pepper

- Gravy:**
- 1/2 cup cold water
 - 1/4 cup milk
 - 1 (0.87 to 1.2 ounces) package chicken gravy mix
 - 1/2 teaspoon oregano
 - 1 teaspoon minced garlic
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Spray a shallow roasting pan with rack with no-stick cooking spray.
2. Mix oil, oregano and garlic. Brush mixture over entire chicken. Season chicken liberally with salt and pepper. Place in prepared pan, breast side down; let stand 30 minutes. Turn chicken breast side up.
3. Roast 65 to 70 minutes, basting occasionally. Chicken is done when meat thermometer registers 170°F or when juices run clear when thickest part of thigh is pricked. Transfer chicken to carving board; tent with aluminum foil. Allow to rest 10 minutes.
4. Skim grease from the pan drippings. Place 1/4 cup skimmed pan drippings into small saucepan. Add water, milk, gravy mix, oregano, garlic and lemon juice to pan. Cook, stirring constantly until gravy thickens.
5. Carve chicken. Place on serving platter. Serve with warm lemon-garlic gravy.

transported by taste

Lavender Olive Oil Cake with Honeyed Ricotta

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 55 minutes
Yield: 8 to 10 servings

- 1 3/4 cups Pillsbury BEST® All Purpose Flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon finely grated orange peel
- 1 tablespoon culinary lavender, crushed, plus additional 1 to 2 tablespoons for garnish
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2/3 cup plain yogurt
- 3 large eggs
- 2/3 cup Crisco® Pure Olive Oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3/4 cup ricotta cheese, at room temperature

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan generously with baking spray; set aside.
2. Combine flour, baking powder and salt in a small bowl. Whisk together sugar, orange peel, lavender and pepper in a large mixing bowl until evenly distributed. Add yogurt, eggs and olive oil; continue whisking until smooth. Whisk in vanilla. Add flour mixture and gently whisk in until just combined. Scrape batter into prepared pan.
3. Bake 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 5 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely.
4. Whip cream with an electric mixer until soft peaks form. Add honey and continue to whip until stiff. Add ricotta cheese, a dollop at a time, and beat until fluffy. Slice cake. Top slices with honeyed ricotta and sprinkle with lavender.

Mediterranean Linguine with Basil and Tomatoes

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Yield: 8 servings

- 1 1-pound box linguine pasta
- 1 tablespoon salt, or to taste
- 1/2 cup Crisco® 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 2 pints grape tomatoes (4 cups), cut in half
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 18 to 20 basil leaves, cut in thin strips
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus additional for garnish

1. Heat 6 quarts water to boiling. Add pasta and salt. Cook for the minimum recommended time on package directions. While pasta cooks, prepare sauce.
2. Heat olive oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add tomatoes and garlic. Cook and stir 2 minutes or until tomatoes are soft. Remove from heat. Stir in vinegar and pepper flakes.
3. Drain cooked pasta. Add to skillet. Cook and stir 1 minute or until pasta is coated and hot. Remove from heat. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in basil and cheese. Serve with additional cheese, if desired.



Mediterranean Essentials

Fresh and flavorful ingredients are the key to great Mediterranean cooking, so keep some of these essential ingredients on hand:

- **Vegetables** — tomatoes, onions, shallots, peppers, carrots, spinach, eggplant
- **Grains** — pasta, couscous, oats, barley, corn, rice
- **Dairy** — yogurt, unsalted butter
- **Beans and legumes** — chickpeas, cannellini beans, lentils
- **Fresh herbs and spices** — cumin, garlic, rosemary, fennel, oregano, basil
- **Cheese** — Parmigiano-Reggiano, pecorino, ricotta, Manchego, feta
- **Condiments** — olive oil, balsamic vinegar, olives, capers, honey

Leisure



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You don't like rejection. But instead of trying to "ram" your ideas through to an unreceptive audience, stand back and wait for a more favorable environment later this month.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Job commitments call for the tidy Taurean to charge into those problem-plagued projects and get them into shape. Then go ahead and enjoy the fun and friendships of your expanding social life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The pressures of the workplace are beginning to ease. While you still need to stay connected to your ongoing commitments, you'll be able to take more time to relax with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel that you need to prove how much you can do. But be careful not to take on more than you can handle, or you risk being bogged down. An Aries has a message for you.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Financially it could be a little tight for a while. So resist the urge to splurge on things you don't really need. There will be time enough to indulge yourself when the money squeeze eases later this month.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You demand trust from others. But someone is creating a situation that could put your own trustworthiness in question. Be sure to keep all lines of communication open.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A problem delays the recognition that you hoped to receive for your hard work. But all will soon be resolved. Remember to make patience your watchword this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Those wonderful ideas could expand your workplace prospects and ultimately lead you on a new career path. Your personal life also opens up new vistas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) So much seems to be swirling around you these days that you might find it hard to focus on priorities. Best advice: Take things one at a time, and you'll get through them all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Work out situations with what you have, and avoid the temptation to create complications where they don't exist. This applies both at home and in the workplace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Keep your keen senses open to possible changes in personal and/or professional situations. Knowing what might lie ahead gives you an edge on how to handle it.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Personal pressures at work could create a problem with your performance. Best advice: Focus on the job ahead of you. If necessary, you can deal with the other issue later.

BORN THIS WEEK: Like your fellow Aquarian Abraham Lincoln, you have a way of handling the most difficult situations with grace and conviction.

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by Linda Thistle

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| ACROSS | 53 32 Across' co-star | 101 Wax device | 4 Give it one's awl? | 43 Bulldogs | 96 Sgt. or cpl. |
| 1 Type of file | 56 Moun-taineers' gear | 103 Praise | 5 Cal. page | 44 A shape that stops traffic | 97 Solid circle |
| 5 Broadway org. | 59 "Damn!" | 105 Summon mommy | 6 Guitarist | 49 Tiny Tom | 98 New York city |
| 10 Bog | 61 Envelope abbr. | 106 Enthusiastic review | 7 Acted promptly? | 50 Soap opera, e.g. | 100 Polo's place |
| 15 — Cass | 63 Indeed | 108 Hamlet's line | 8 Besides | 52 Cassius' cohort | 102 Bk. convenience |
| 19 Game ending? | 65 Egyptian Nobelist | 113 "Islands in the —" ('83 hit) | 9 Ecclesiastic | 54 Pupil's place | 104 — wop |
| 20 Prentiss or Poundstone | 66 "Battle Cry" author | 115 Frame of mind | 10 Cartographer's creation | 55 Medieval menial | 107 Singer Sheena |
| 21 Kind of quartz | 67 Alibi | 116 "Nonsense!" | 11 Give it — (try) | 57 Bouquet | 109 Literary pseudonym |
| 22 Vizquel of baseball | 68 Coaching legend | 117 Terrible | 12 Hasty | 58 Mississippi port | 110 Bright inventor? |
| 23 Approxi-mately | 72 Came by | 118 Boar's beloved | 13 That's no bull! | 60 Gary and Elizabeth | 112 Pyramus' paramour |
| 25 Puzzling problem | 73 Exclude | 120 Rigatoni relative | 14 Grammy winner | 62 Kickoff | 113 Move like |
| 26 "Peter Pan" pooch | 74 Actress Hagen | 123 Bridal path? | 15 Dragon or Dracula | 64 Muppet drummer | 51 Across |
| 27 Hester | 75 Misjudge | 127 Brainchild | 16 Words for a wimp | 68 Quiet partner? | 114 "Archie" character |
| 28 Kids connect them | 76 "Make a decision!" | 128 Hebrew text | 17 Lord's lair | 69 Hosts | 117 Push-button predecessor |
| 30 Shorten a skirt | 80 Big —, CA | 131 Survival option | 18 Spirited steed | 70 Halloween greeting | 119 Envelop |
| 31 Social climber | 81 "What —, a mind reader?" | 134 "Oh, woe!" | 24 Norwegian name | 71 Ancient deity | 121 Schipa or Jackson |
| 32 James of "Misery" | 82 Appearance | 135 Honshu metropolis | 29 Disconsolate | 73 Shake-spearean tragedy | 122 Up on |
| 35 Clods | 83 Royal abbr. | 136 Furry fisherman | 33 Humorist | 77 German poet | 124 Flatten a fly |
| 38 Owl or eagle | 84 Most meager | 137 Tourist isle | 34 Tide type | 78 Air bear? | 125 Kedrova of "Zorba the Greek" |
| 40 New Hamp-shire's motto | 86 Pres., e.g. | 138 Riga resident | 36 Earliest | 79 Flexed, as muscles | 126 Runner Zatopek |
| 45 — -do-well | 87 Delhi dress | 139 Katmandu's country | 37 Word with cow or horse | 85 Born | 129 Record abbr. |
| 46 Shelley showcase | 88 Assail | 140 Peter of Herman's Hermits | 39 Acts like a chicken | 87 Italian wine | 130 Smith or Foster |
| 47 Launder powder | 90 Author Grafton | 141 List ender | 40 Tennis stroke | 88 "The Jungle Book" bear | 132 Novelist Kesey |
| 48 Squealers | 91 Cry over a mouse? | 1 Interstate exit | 41 — Bell Wells | 89 Glum drop? | 133 Vein contents |
| 51 Zodiac crustacean | 92 Lena of "Havana" | 2 — vera | 42 Donkey doc | 94 Parental sibling | |
| | 93 Showy shrub | 3 Writer | | | |
| | 95 High-toned guy? | DOWN | | | |
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Religion news

Christ's Church of Marion County

Wednesday, Feb. 8: Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 10: Forever

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Christ's Church of Marion County is at 6768 S.W. 80th St., off State Road 200, Ocala. Phone is 352-861-6182, website is

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Joy Lutheran Church

The Lenten Season is soon approaching. On Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church will celebrate Shrove Tuesday

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Plan to drop in anytime between these hours to enjoy pancakes and sausage. A freewill offering will be taken.

February 22 is Ash Wednesday and worship service will be at 6:45 p.m. The Wednesday night Lenten Services theme will be "Dark Nights of the Soul."

Senior Pastor Edward Holloway Jr. will provide the messages on such topics as Alone in Sin, Lonely, Cold, Breathless, Lost, In Pain, and Alone-Again. A Soup Supper will precede the Wednesday night Lenten services at 5:30 p.m.

The theme for the Sun-

day services in Lent (8:15 and 11 a.m.) will be "A Journey from Fear to Love." Pastor Holloway's messages will be on Fear of the World, Fear of My Own Way, Fear of God, Fear of the Holy Spirit and Fear of Light.

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Congregation Beth Israel

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Stone Creek

Residents witness a 'murder'



Patricia Gizzi

On Saturday, Jan. 28, residents witnessed a murder at Stone Creek. While none of the residents called 911, the police were immediately present.

The Stone Creek residents were participants in "Murder Me Always" by Lee Mueller. This murder mystery/dinner theatre was sponsored by the Culture Vultures. The performers came from West Port High School/Marion County Center for the Arts. The dinner of roast pork, mashed potatoes and string beans was prepared by the Booster moms under the direction of Chef Kim Barwick.

Director and teacher Janet Shelley said, "We are glad to be a part of this great relationship with Stone Creek." We, at Stone Creek, are also appreciative of this on-going relationship with the West Port High School. There were 56 students who came to prepare scenery, move tables, decorate, waitress

and deliver the performance, and the all important job of cleaning up.

Rita Singer, president of the Culture Vultures, had many people to thank for the event. She thanked Del Webb/Pulte for supporting the fundraising efforts of the club that have resulted in the purchase of a piano for the enjoyment of Stone Creek Residents. The Pulte Marketing Department took student Justin Gonzalez's design and created the evening program. They also purchased 20 tickets for special guests. Resident Barry Browne gave of his day along with Chris Vaida, technical director, to provide the sound and lighting for the event. There were many others who gave of their time to make this evening special. Rick and Marge Casey were Event Food Coordinators for the evening. They took the needed training from the Kitchen Club so that they could provide this service to the Culture Vultures.

As the mystery unfolded, residents got to question the actors to determine who was the "killer." The questions from the residents were not many. I guess residents watch many CSI television shows and were able to figure out who was the killer. The residents then got a ballot to vote for the person or persons they considered committed the crime. They

never told the audience the results of the vote and I will not divulge the identity of the killer in case you have the opportunity to see this presentation at a future date. I am happy to report that in this killing the "killer and the deceased" along with the other actors were given a standing ovation.

The parents also held a silent auction. There were seven baskets on which residents could make bids. One basket included two one-hour massages; there was a basket of beer, lagers and ales; an original watercolor by artist Pam Eden; a garden basket; a pendant made by jewelry artist, Barbara Jones with a decorative curio cabinet, collector porcelain cups with tea and sweets. For Valentine's Day there was a basket with sparkling wine, assorted boxes of chocolates, champagne flutes, candles and sweet bouquet of heart lollipops. The proceeds from the bids went to the Center for the Arts.

It was a truly wonderful evening in which the relationship between students and Stone Creek was made stronger. Rita Singer wants you to save the date of Saturday, March 24 when there will be a concert to 'show off' the piano to the Stone Creek Community. Residents working together can make wonderful things happen.



West Port Booster moms held a silent auction.



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