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## Amsden draws Republican challenger

David Moore has formally announced his candidacy for County Commission District 1 seat.

Moore, a Republican, is challenging incumbent Mike Amsden.

In his announcement, Moore described his campaign for office and his vision to see a return to government that is "of, by, and for 'We the People.'"

"I am one of you. One of 'We the People,'" said Moore. "I believe that my life experiences, professional expertise, abilities, skills, consistent and principled philosophy, and understanding of the issues uniquely qualify me to be an authentic representative of all the people of Marion

County and positions me as the best candidate for the Marion County Commission. We need new, fresh, bold, and principled leaders who have the courage and conviction to recommit and adhere to those conservative principles that made our community great."

He further stated, "As county commissioner, I will work to encourage job growth here in Marion County by working to remove governmental road blocks such as heavy taxation and unnecessary regulation. It is not the government that best creates jobs - it is the private sector. In addition, we need to support the services here in Marion County that help make this

the best place in the world to live. We need to support our hospitals, fire and rescue workers, police and sheriff, and county staff.

Moore has been in the finance field for the past 14 years. He has a Bachelors Degree in Business along with a Master of Divinity from Luther Rice University.

He is also scheduled to complete a Masters Degree in Leadership from Luther Rice University in May of this year.

He and his wife Loida have a one son who attends a local, public elementary school in Marion County. He and his family are active members of Trinity Baptist Church.

Spring forward: Turn clocks ahead March 11

## Baxley Bill passes House; ignition device for DUI offenders to be required

Last week, the Florida House of Representatives passed CS/CS/HB 681 Interlock Ignition Devices Ordered for Probation for DUI sponsored by Representative Dennis Baxley (R-Ocala).

This bill unanimously passed all three committees of reference on its way to the session floor.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, there were 10,228 alcohol-impaired traffic fatalities in 2010 which represents 31 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities.

In 2000 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ("NHTSA") estimates alcohol-related crashes in the United States cost the public \$114.3 billion.

CS/CS/HB 681 provides additional accountability for DUI offenders by ordering the installation of an interlock ignition device for at least three continuous months after their first offense, six continuous months after their second offense within five years, and 12 continuous months after their third offense within 10 years on all vehicles that are individually or jointly leased or owned and routinely operated by the defendant.

This important pro-active legislation reduces recidivism and better ensures the safety of the citizens of Florida by requiring DUI offenders to verify that they are free from the influence of alcohol before operating a vehicle.

"This policy will change behavior, get offenders back to work, and save lives.

"We don't need more people in jail, we need them to stop drinking and driving," said Baxley.

## Health, Wellness Expo set at Paddock Mall March 10

The 2012 Health and Wellness Expo sponsored by the Ocala Marion County Chamber of Commerce will be Saturday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Paddock Mall.

For more information on the registration process, booth pricing, and sponsorship opportunities for the Expo call 352-629-8051, ext. 106.



George Tomin



Wally Wagoner

## Superintendent candidates debate

By Jim Clark  
EDITOR

The 2012 local political debate season got under way Monday night, Feb. 27, at the Tea Party Solutions meeting, as the two Republican candidates for superintendent of schools squared off.

George Tomin, executive director for school development and evaluation with the school system, and Wally Wagoner, deputy superintendent of operations, are both trying to succeed their boss, Jim Yancey, who has chosen not to run.

Democrat Diana Greene, deputy superintendent of curriculum and instruction, is also in the race, but is still unopposed for the primary and, as of now, will not be on the ballot until November.

The candidates actually agreed on many issues facing the school system.

In their opening statements, Wagoner said, "This is a very big business, albeit an educational business. Our only job is to teach and learn. The future of everyone in this room is tied to how we do our job.

It is a huge bureaucracy that is very hard to change.

Referring to his opponent, he stated, "George feels entitled to his position," a comment that Tomin waited until closing statements to challenge.

In his opening, Tomin emphasized his 35 years in Marion County as a

teacher, assistant principal and principal before moving into the district office. "I'm deeply committed to our schools. I understand our business from top to bottom.

"I bring strong and proven leadership. People are the key ingredient to our success."

After that the questioning started, at first from the moderator and then from the audience.

**Q - What are your three primary goals?**

Wagoner - Make sure students receive a great education, understand we have 6,000 employees, less than 3,000 in the classroom. We need to look every day at how to be more efficient. We should customize schools to fit the needs of students.

Tomin - Safe and clean schools, transparent management of resources, and every child should have a great opportunity to learn to meet our future.

**Q - Concerning the budget, where would you cut?**

Tomin - We have discussed the need to have privatization of custodial services to privatization of transportation. We have to look at what we're offering. We're teaching our students for jobs that do not exist yet.

Wagoner - Under my leadership we have privatization custodial and privatization of transportation. Anything tied to our core business, we need to see if someone can do it better.

**Q - What about the proposal to go**

**to a four-day week?**

Tomin - Let's hope we don't go to it. It was deemed by the state that we could not save money (state paying only four days of transportation). It's certainly not worth the disruption.

Wagoner - It's not a very good idea.

**Q - How do you stand on vouchers?**

Wagoner - I don't mind competition. We should design our schools so parents are clawing to get back in. Having a choice is OK.

Tomin - Our school systems have evolved a great deal. Schools of choice are already here. Charter schools have to have the same accountability. For vouchers, I want to be very cautious. Students and teachers must be held to the same standards.

**Q - Do you favor elected or appointed superintendent?**

Tomin - I believe in the power of democracy. An elected superintendent is the only thing I am familiar with. Twice the voters have declined to make it appointed. If the school board puts it on the ballot, I can argue for that if that's the direction the board wants to go.

Wagoner - It's a decision you all should make at the polls.

**Q - How do you face the challenge of unfunded mandates?**

Wagoner - The problem is Tallahassee is full of lobbyists who are still very powerful. We have to find ways to be successful under present

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# Happenings

## Thursday, March 8

### International Woman's Day

Barbara Surian, a motivational speaker and resident of Ocala, will be inspiring young women at the International Woman's Day Celebration on March 8. This date was proclaimed a U.N. day for women's rights and International Peace in 1975 and will be celebrated at 4 p.m. at the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Citrus Springs.

Music and a keynote speech by Mindy Simmons, Florida's chanteuse, will be followed by the talk by Barbara Surian, of Ocala, and more music by a Trio from Patchwork. All men, women, boys and girls are invited to this nonreligious community event; there is no charge and refreshments will be served.

The event is at 7633 N. Florida Ave. (U.S. Highway 41) just northwest of the Holder traffic light.

For information, call 352-465-4225 or go to naturecoastuu.org.

### 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, March 8, at 1 p.m. A meeting will follow the lunch.

Any members in the area are welcomed.

## Saturday, March 10

### Chili supper and bake sale

Sister Concepta, who founded and oversees Brother Keeper's Soup Kitchen in Ocala is sponsoring the 5th annual Chili Supper and bake sale on March 10 at Blessed Trinity Church. This is a change of date, which was originally Feb. 18.

The event will have both red and white chili and will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. at the parish hall, 5 S.E. 17th St. Adults are \$6 and children \$3.

For information call 352-867-9860.

### Women's Spring Break

Take a break with the Women's Ministries of Christ's Church of Marion County on Saturday, March 10 at 9 a.m. and enjoy guest speaker Gaye Martin. Gaye's topics will include "Some Have It - Some Don't," "Significant Signatures" and "Running the Race." The day will include a continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. A love offering will be taken.

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### Methodist Men serve breakfast

The Methodist Men will serve their famous and delicious all-can-you-eat breakfast on Saturday, March 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. A complete menu with a wide variety of breakfast fare is offered for \$5.

The Methodist Women will conduct a bake sale and the Stitch Sister's Craft Sale during the breakfast hours. Ocala West United Methodist Church - 9330 S.W. 105th St., Ocala - Look for the signs.

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

## Sunday, March 11

### Youth Symphony recital

The Ocala Youth Symphony is presenting a recital at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, at First Christian Church, 1908 S.E. Fort King St. in Ocala. Come and enjoy the musical presentations of these amazing musicians ranging in age from 8 to 18. Works selected range from the classics to contemporary, something for everyone's musical taste. All concerts are free and open to the public. Bring a friend! For information call 352-873-6738.

### Mezzo-soprano and pianist to perform

The next Sunday Afternoon Arts at Countryside will take place on Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 S.W. Highway 200, Ocala.

Megan Thompson, mezzo-soprano, and Donna Topp, pianist, will present "Our Nation's Story: A Musical Review." They will perform works by popular American composers including Gershwin, Bernstein, Joplin, Barber and Weill as well as Broadway and Disney favorites. The diversity of the music guarantees something for everyone.

Megan Thompson graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Music from Stetson University. While there she performed in several operas, competitions and solo

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recitals. She has appeared in many Ocala Civic Theatre productions including "The Mikado." She is a soloist with the Central Florida Master Choir.

Donna Dantz Topp graduated Cum Laude in music and psychology from Heidelberg University. She received her Master's from the State University of New York with further piano studies at the Eastman School of Music, Roberts Wesleyan College and Columbia University. While living in Rochester, Mississippi, Topp ran a private keyboard studio as well as being director of music, organist and choir director at several area churches. Since moving to Ocala she has been the accompanist for the Marion Civic Chorale, founded and directed the Oak Run Choraliers as well as substituting for many churches in the area.

The public is invited. Admission is free but donations will be appreciated.

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

## Tuesday, March 13

### Ocala Open Golf Tourney

A Charity Pro-Am event kicks off the Ocala Open on Tues., March 13, 2012 at Candler Hills Golf Club. Proceeds from the event benefit Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services.

Start the day with breakfast then select a tee gift at the Nike tent. Participants will warm-up next to pros who will be vying for Ocala Open honors; play golf with the pro and get a few pointers on your own game. The day concludes with the Champion's Roundup Barbeque and Awards Luncheon.

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**Fairfield Village**

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Priscilla Geissal



Though hypnotist Jim Buckland wanted five men and five women to volunteer, he managed to convince eight ladies and one gentleman to initiate the hypnosis experience.

Peggy Sluss, resident manager of Fairfield Village, produced another hit with one of her scheduled activities which was held in the Fairfield Village Clubhouse on Saturday night, Feb. 25.

Jim Buckland, a certified hypnotist from Winter Haven, entertained a jovial audience with what he called, "...my G-rated show." As he asked for volunteers, he said, "We will have fun from beginning to end and the whole time you are here, you will not do anything you will regret.

You will not be asleep, not unconscious..."

Buckland had 10 chairs set up for volunteers who would accept the challenge to be hypnotized. Originally, Buckland asked for 5 men and 5 women; however, when that did not happen, he settled for 8 ladies and 1 gentleman.

As he began his program, Buckland explained that

some people will be hypnotized, while others will not. There are varying factors, according to Buckland who said that he had been involved in therapy and entertainment for over 20 years.

The program started with Buckland having the volunteers "...relax your hands, your feet, your eyelids--relax your eyes until they will not open ... I am going to count back from 100 and you will be totally relaxed ... 100, 99, 98, 97 ... Now, when I count to 3, you will sit up; and then when I tell you, you will go back into your relaxed state."

As promised before the show began, Buckland tapped and removed those who were not "accepting"



Certified Hypnotist and entertainer, Jim Buckland, prepares to invite Fairfield Village residents to be "stars of the show" by volunteering to be hypnotised.

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the hypnosis. On the first round, he asked two ladies and the one gentleman to return to their seats in the audience. This left only six women to participate in the demonstration and be what he called, "...the stars of the show."

One lady was a visitor with a resident, and the other five were all well-known Fairfield residents. I am sorry that I cannot identify the visitor because she was so cute during the performance. She was told by the hypnotist that she was the "Laugh Police Lady," and she was to keep the audience under control when he gave her a special command. Well she did and produced even more laughter (as she was supposed to do, obviously) as she made comments at different times such as:

"You are being very rude! Please shut your face!"

"I am just enforcing the law—you are giving me such a hard time!"

"Why won't you be nice? This is ridiculous!"

The lady next to her, Diane Blanchett, was told that she was from Mars and could only speak Martian. Roz Martin, who was to the left of Diane was told that she was the interpreter for the Martian lady. Roz, who is from South Africa originally, has a wonderful accent and that made her interpretive comments even more hilarious.

Seated next to Roz was Linda Ford, who seemed hardly able to restrain her laughter; and she was soon allowed to return to the audience. The group was then down to five.

The next person in line was Toni

Belcher who was given a pair of "google eye" glasses and told that she had x-ray vision and could see right through the clothing of the people in the audience. Her shocked expression and comments, mainly something like, "Oh, My!" brought more laughter for the Laughter Police Lady to have to caution the audience that she might have to "...clear the room if you all don't cooperate." Naturally, that elicited even more chuckles.

The last person in line was Norma Powers who seemed totally relaxed and followed the rather amusing directions given to her by Buckland. She enjoyed her "time at the beach" and then a bit later, she enjoyed "fishing with a good friend...and remembering being in first grade."

As Buckland closed the show, he suggested that until the ladies exited the building, they would jump up, wave their arms, and cheer any time they heard the name, "Jim Buckland." This proved to be the case about three different times as Peggy Sluss thanked the showman for "...a night of fun and entertainment." She also thanked everyone for attending and gave out three envelopes of door prizes (\$70 each) to Cecile Gautier, Fran Glenny, and Toni Belcher when their ticket stubs were drawn from the fish bowl.

All in all, it was another one of those times when I can say that the people of the Fairfield Village community demonstrated that we are "...a lively place filled with lovely (even when hypnotized) people."



Winners of the drawing for three door prizes of \$70 each are, from left, Fran Glenny, Toni Belcher, and Cecile Gautier.

## Authors invited to Expo on April 24

The Marion County Public Library System invites writers from Marion and adjacent counties to participate in the 2012 Author Expo, to be held Saturday, April 14, at its Headquarters-Ocala location. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library, the event will provide a forum for local poets, novelists, journalists and playwrights to network and sell their books.

"Our first Author Expo is a great opportunity for the talented writers in Marion and surrounding counties to get together, talk about their books and share helpful hints with the public," said Roseanne

Russo, information services manager for the Headquarters-Ocala location.

The event is open to all authors in Marion, Lake, Levy, Citrus, Alachua and Sumter counties. Space is limited; prospective authors must apply by March 16 to participate. Registration includes a \$10 fee in lieu of a percentage of book sales on the day of the event. For application guidelines and forms, visit <http://library.marioncountyfl.org> or [www.friendsoftheocalalibrary.org](http://www.friendsoftheocalalibrary.org), or stop by the Headquarters-Ocala location at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala. For more information, call 352-671-8551.

## Golf tourney to benefit United Way

CenturyLink will host a four-person Best Ball Scramble format golf tournament on Saturday, April 14. All proceeds from the event will be donated to United Way of Marion County.

The tournament will be at the Ocala Municipal Golf Club, 3130 E. Silver Springs Blvd, beginning at 8 a.m. The cost is \$260 per team. Entry deadline is April 6.

Entry fee includes golf, cart, lunch and grab bags. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. Sponsorships are available for \$125 per hole

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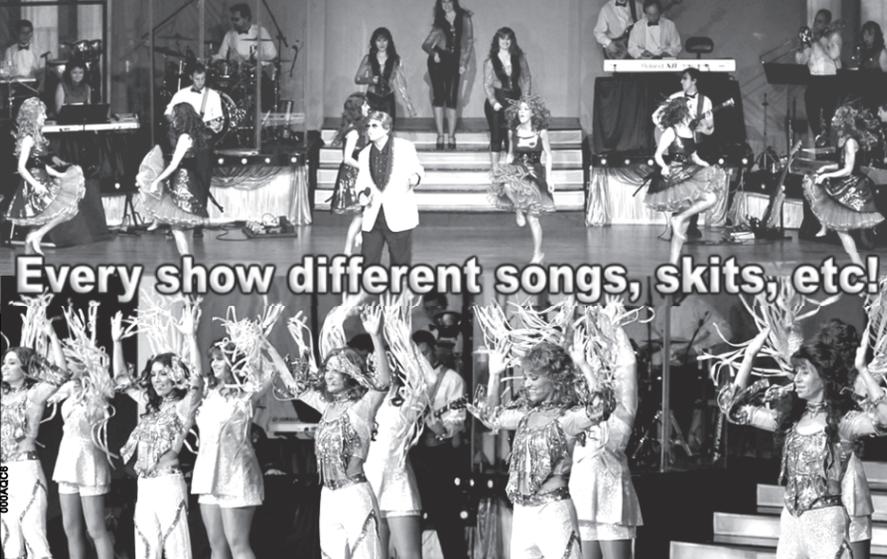
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# Opinion

## Our Message

### Changing the clocks again

Those who drive to work early in the morning will have to face a dismal fact beginning next week. It's going to be darker, later.

This Sunday morning (or Saturday night), we go through the annual ritual of turning our clocks ahead. In the spring, that means we lose an hour's sleep, and that the sun rises an hour later.

Of course at the end of the day, we get a little more daylight, but that also means putting the little children and grandchildren to bed while it's still daylight.

We've argued against changing back and forth for years, as have many Americans, but to no avail. Someone, somewhere, thinks this is a good idea. So we just have to live with it.

So don't forget, when you go to bed Saturday night, turn those clocks ahead, or else you'll be an hour late for church on Sunday morning.

Editorial

## Letters

### Birth control

As for the Sandra Fouke birth control contraception issue a few points.

To begin with, seeing her portrayed as a college student doesn't wash.

She's no 18-year-old coed but an older-than-most law student of 30 or 31.

Also she doesn't come across as too swift with her very excessive and comical contraception cost.

This has nothing to do with health issues but the public paying for sex in our handout society.

Today, we have people that knock success (being rich), reward mediocrity and failure with a president who apologies for our country to anyone over anything.

Sad but true and let's hope things start changing in November.

Bob Cronin  
Ocala

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## Among Friends

### Help for vets, spouses in assisted living

If you are a veteran or spouse of a veteran and you are in an assisted living community, or if you have a relative who is a veteran or spouse of a vet, I'm going to tell you about a program I just found out about last week.

Of course, a lot of you are smarter than I am, so you probably know about this already. But I didn't, and it cost my dad thousands of dollars over the years he was in assisted living before he died.

The Veterans Administration, which I shall refer to as the VA, has a program under Disability Pension VA Benefits which pays so much per month to those who are qualified and are in an assisted living community (they like to be called communities, not facilities).

You have to apply for it, and you can't apply until after you move in to an assisted living community. Once it is approved, according to one of my sources, it is retroactive to when you moved in and is paid monthly directly to the individual, not to the assisted living company.

There are certain qualifications, such as having served in time of war (even if you didn't see combat) and receiving an honorable discharge. There are more, of course, as you would expect from a government agency. However, just the fact that some program is there is worth exploring.

I found all this out because I started investigating last week for a family member who might have to go into assisted living. I went to three different communities, and each one told me about the program. One even gave me an information sheet, which

Jim Clark  
Editor



has been passed on to the relative.

What really annoys me is that in 1997, after my mother had died, we had to put my dad in assisted living because he had dementia, and we were afraid that harm might come to him if he were on his own. He was there for about seven years, in a place that has since been bought out by a different company. When we were investigating assisted living back 15 years ago, we knew very little about it. This time we knew what to ask, and the answers were very helpful.

So if you think you might have someone who is eligible, ask the personnel, maybe the marketing director or administrator, to steer you in the right direction. Each of the people I talked to had someone they could refer me to for getting an application.

Yes, you're dealing with the government, so we might sarcastically say "Good luck."

But let's face it. If there's a chance you can get some money out of the feds, by all means you should try.

Jim Clark is the editor of the West Marion Messenger. He can be reached at editor@westmarionmessenger.com or at 352-854-3986.

## Guest column

### Readers are wonderful, appreciated

By Priscilla Geissal

Reactions to my "Heart" Felt Thanks" article that appeared in recent past issues of the Messenger and the Citizen have been overwhelming and amazing at the same time. Thank you to all who have contacted me by phone or email. If, by some chance, I have not contacted you within a couple of weeks, please contact me again. I certainly am not above misplacing a name or phone number with all that has been going on at our home.

Rest assured that there will be a follow up article in which I will reference the calls or emails from those of you who have said that my husband's experience spoke to you and your loved ones who have had similar experiences. This has prompted many of you to want to share your stories with others as well. I find that amazingly inspiring.

My husband, Phil, has experienced some temporary setbacks. These have proved to be more like bumps in that road to recovery often heard about after major surgery for a serious condition. Many of you will recognize a similar pattern with your personal story as Phil has recently made two trips to the cardiologist's office, had a short stint back in the hospital, made a visit to the lab for more blood work, and also paid a visit to the primary care physician (not necessarily in that order). There have been some additional concerns with new medications and some disconcerting bruising from those IV sites when a patient is prescribed Coumadin, Plavix, Heparin, aspirin, Prednisone or other such meds.

I will be calling upon many of you who have magnificent stories of hope and recovery to share. Your insights into the excellent care provided by many of our local physicians and caregivers are heart-warming. So, too, are the stories that perhaps began in some other part of the country before you "migrated" to Florida.

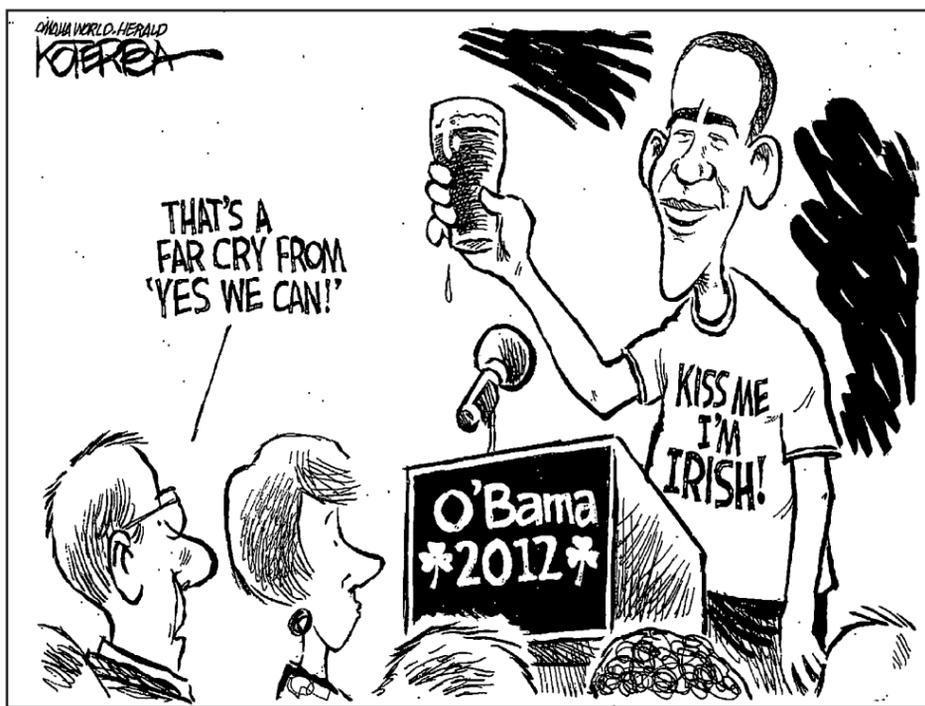
There has been such a response that I feel sure that this may well become a series of stories of hope and thanks that will be unfolding and perhaps may be told by a better writer than I am. Whoever writes these stories, the stories need to be told.

The thing that really jumps out at me...the primary home care giver...is the stress and angst felt as we try to be so strong for our loved ones. We have to learn that same old lesson that we hear over and over. We cannot help others if we don't take care of ourselves. That often becomes a secondary issue that should be given more attention.

Honestly, I must say that there are times when I feel my patience wearing so thin that I become ashamed or embarrassed because I am in such good health that I think that I should not let the situation be causing me to "lose my cool." However, from having talked with others, this is not an uncommon occurrence. We are all human, and we have our limits. I am trying to remember that.

Thank you for giving me such encouragement. I feel that when this kind of story is shared, each of us is empowered to do a better job than we might have without having heard that others went through overwhelming illnesses or have felt much the same as we feel. Please feel free to email me at pbgeissal@aol.com if you have criticism or comments.

## On Point



### Reader Opinions Invited

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

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Send letters to: The West Marion Messenger Editor, 8810 S.W. State Road 200, suite 104, Ocala, FL 34481; or e-mail editor@westmarionmessenger.com.

# Just because it says it's free doesn't mean it's free



**James Snyder**

Whenever somebody mentions the word "free" in my presence my right eye turns a vivid jaundice. It is not that I have anything against the word free; just the person who is trying to use it to gain some kind of an advantage over me. I know anybody employing this mono-verbiage, is hiding some very long strings.

My father taught me a long time ago that there are no free lunches. Occasionally somebody will advertise a free lunch and I go and find out the lunch is free but they are going to charge you to get out of that restaurant. In the end, it would have been cheaper to buy my own lunch.

My philosophy is simply this; if I cannot afford it, I do not want it. In my vast experience down through the years, I have discovered that I cannot afford free. And I think I know why. My understanding of the word "free" and the person employing that word is not the same.

When I use the word "free," I am insinuating that there is absolutely no cost associated with this product whatsoever.

When others use the word "free," they often are insinuating that I am just a free market for them to take advantage of in the neighborhood of my money. Unfortunately, I do not live in that neighborhood anymore.

I especially do not accept any "free offers" via the telephone. If someone has something to give me for nothing, let him come to my door, hand it to me, shake my hand and get out of Dodge. To me, that's what free is all about.

Just the other day I received one of those telephone calls. I must confess that I was in a rather curmudgeon attitude and was just looking around for someone on which to spit my scorn.

Then the telephone rang.

When I answered the phone, it turned out to be someone offering me, absolutely free, with no cost to me absolutely, a free crime prevention program for my blessed domicile.

"No thank you, sir," I said as politely as I could. "I'm not really interested."

I assure you I have no PhD or DD attached to my name whatsoever and yet as simple as I am, I understood what the phrase "I'm not really interested" was all about. Not so my affable telephone caller.

"But I assure you, sir,

that this program is absolutely free to you. It's our way to say thank you to some of our customers." He rattled on as though we were having only a one-way conversation. If this is going to be a one-way conversation, who will take up the offering? I think I know.

After five long minutes of him telling me how important it was for me to have security in my home and how his product was absolutely free to me, I finally got a word in edgewise.

"But I have my own security system, thank you."

There is a slight pause and then he said, "What is your home security system, if I may ask?"

All right. I will confess right now that I had a wee bit of naughtiness on my mind, but in my own defense the telephone caller opened the door. I always believe where there is an open door somebody ought to step in.

"My home security system is called, Napoleon-two-Claws, and furthermore I'm quite satisfied with it."

There was another pause on the other end of the phone and I heard someone clear their throat and then ask, "I've never heard of that program. What is 'Napoleon-two-Claws'?"

You know what it is like

when you are trying not to laugh and it is about all you can do not to laugh? For a brief moment, I felt a little bit guilty but then I remembered who was on the other end of the phone. Somebody that was trying to con me with some kind of free thingamajig.

"The 'Napoleon-two-Claws' home security program that I have in my house is my cat. I call him Napoleon because he walks around with his right paw stuck in his coat between two buttons."

There was an extended pause on the other end of the phone and finally he said, "What would you do, sir, if someone broke into your house?"

"I'd send flowers to the funeral."

"The funeral? Who's fu-

neral?"

"Why, the funeral of the guy who tried to break into my house while 'Napoleon-two-Claws' was on duty. The first moment an intruder would enter into my home, good old Napoleon would claw that sorry person to death."

Then feeling good about my momentum at this point I continued, "I live there and I have a hard time getting in my house without being clawed to death by Napoleon. And I feed the cat. My cat is the meanest, grumpiest, cantankerous animal on God's green earth. If anybody, and I mean anybody, can get past Napoleon they can have anything in my house. Absolutely free."

At that moment, I heard a distinctive "click" and I

realized our conversation was over. I guess whatever he had that was free did not measure up to good old 'Napoleon-two-Claws'.

The only one I trust to give me something is God. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

What Jesus gives is absolutely free.

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## Sheriff's office schedules fourth annual car show for March 31

The Fourth annual Sheriff's Office car show is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Sheriff's Operations Center at 692 N.W. 30th Ave., Ocala. There will be vehicles from the past and present on display. Car registration is \$15 until 3/23 after which the fee is \$20. There will be lots to see and do for the entire family. There will be a tram to take visitors on a tour around the complex and describe the facilities.

There will be a bomb-destroying robot, demonstrations by the canine division, a SWAT demonstration, mounted police, concessions and free popcorn. The show is free to spectators. Proceeds of the show will go to the Sheriff's Office Foundation to support the volunteers programs; so come on out and support the volunteers. For more information call 352-368-3582 or foundation@mari- onso.com.

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# Leisure



**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Keep an open mind about a suggestion you see as unworkable. Give it a chance to prove itself one way or another. The results could surprise both supporters and detractors.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** News about an upcoming venture causes you to make some last-minute adjustments in your plans. But the extra work will pay off, as you come to learn more about the potential benefits opening up.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A more positive aspect grows out of your determination to reach your immediate goals. Continue to keep your focus sharp and on target by steering clear of petty quarrels and other pesky problems.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** By acting as a voice of reason, you can avoid adding to an already turbulent situation. You might have to shout over the tumult, but your words ultimately will be heard and heeded.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)** The possibility of a new acquisition always makes those Leonine eyes light up. But be careful that what you see is what you want. Appearances can often be deceiving.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)** No matter how much you might feel that you're in the right, resist saying anything that could reignite a still unresolved situation. Let the matter drop, and move on.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Help with a personal problem comes from an unexpected source. You also find workplace pressures easing. Use this period of calm to restore your spent energies.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** You might have to share the credit for that project you're working on. But there'll be enough credit to go around, and your efforts will be recognized and rewarded.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Details need to be dealt with before you can move on to another area. Make sure you don't leave any loose ends that could later cause everything to unravel.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)** News about a change in the workplace carries with it a challenge you could find difficult to resist. Check it out. It could be what you've been waiting for.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)** Allowing your artistic nature full expression will help restore your spirits and will put you in the mood to take on that new career challenge. A Libra creates excitement.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)** Expect to happily plunge right into a hectic social whirl starting at week's end. Your aspects favor new friendships as well as the strengthening of old relationships.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Like St. Patrick (who was also born this week), your spiritual strength is an inspiration to others.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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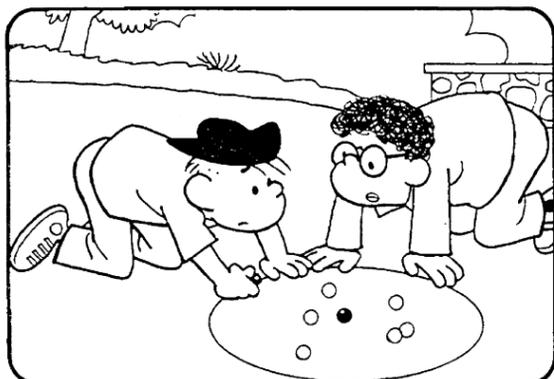
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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### Super Crossword

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| 1 Pay hike?                 | 53 Neighbor of Miss.    | 93 Respond to an alarm?    | 7 Walrus weapon                  | 43 Decree                      | 84 Exemplar of slowness           |
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| 11 Styptic pencil stuff     | 55 Leans                | 95 Fop's neckwear          | 9 NCO                            | 45 Nick of "The Deep"          | 88 Cut coupons                    |
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| 19 Model Kim                | 58 Sharp taste          | 99 Facts, for short        | 11 Fatheads                      | 47 Guy Fri.                    | 90 Psychic Geller                 |
| 20 Press                    | 60 Skater Midori        | 102 Georgia athletes       | 12 — bloomer                     | 48 Queens stadium              | 91 — Pauto, Brazil                |
| 21 It's a long story        | 61 Wine choice          | 103 Brit. fliers           | 13 "Yuck!"                       | 49 Addams Family"              | 95 Uncouth                        |
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### GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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**Tuesday, March 13**

**Caregivers invited to support group**

All caregivers are invited to a new Support Group at Hospice of Marion County on March 13, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Education Center at 3231 S.W. 34th Ave., Ocala.

Caregivers of loved ones with any disease or illness are welcome.

The group will offer an opportunity to connect with others in the same situation and provide guidance as well as emotional and spiritual support.

Call 352-854-5200 for additional information.

**Thursday, March 15**

**Genealogical Society meeting**

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, March 15 at 2 p.m. at the Marion County Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

This month's program will feature Paul Enchelmeyer, whose topic will be Ten Ways to be a Perfect Ancestor. The public is cordially invited and there is no cost involved.

For further information, please contact Barbara Jones at 352-897-0840, MarionGenealogy@gmail.com, or http://MarionGenealogy.tripod.com.

**Thursday, March 15**

**Air Force Group meets**

The Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association will hold our monthly meeting on Thursday evening, March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Ocala Regional Airport Administration Building, 750 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala.

Fellow AFA and Red Tail Chapter member Rob Thomas, Iraqi war veteran, will brief us on his experiences in Iraq.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information call Mike Emig at 352-854-8328.

**Saturday, March 17**

**Green Thumb plant show, sale set**

Spring is around the corner and plans for the 5th annual Green Thumb Plant Show and Sale are under way for the event that's a local favorite which happens to fall on St. Patrick's Day this year, Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Dunnellon.

Vendors selling orchids, trees, shrubs, native plants, soil enhancers, yard art, woody ornamentals, palms, roses and a variety of flowering plants will line the lawns of the historic village of Dunnellon, home of the shopping district known for its festivals and events.

For booth space or more information, please contact Nancy at 352-208-6789.

**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 March 17. We

will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Ocala Hilton, 3600 S.W. 36th Ave. in Ocala. The menu will be corn beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, vegetables, salad, coffee and dessert. The entertainment will be Harry Chambers on the keyboard. The cost is \$16 per person.

Reservations and payment must be made in advance. Payment must be received by Wednesday the 14th of March.

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 352-861-1235 or Terry Rasmussen 352-347-8362.

**Thursday, March 22**

**Food for Thought at Our Redeemer**

A "Food for Thought Luncheon" will take place at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5200 S.W. State Road 200, on Thursday, March 22 at 11:30 a.m.

The Speaker will be Joyce Semelka MS, RD. She will speak on medical nutrition self management. RSVP to reserve a seat to 352-368-4028.

**Saturday, March 24**

**Ocala Lions to collect items for Fisher House**

On Saturday, March 24, the Ocala Lions Club will collect donations and personal care items to be given to the Fisher House Foundation in Tampa, for families of veterans or military personnel who are being treated at a nearby military or VA medical facility.

The event will be at the Big Lots store, 8600 S.W. State Road 200 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Fisher House, founded in 1990 by Zachary Fisher, provides a home-like facility for families to stay for brief periods of time in order to be near their loved ones undergoing medical treatment.

Personal care items, such as shampoo or tooth paste/brushes, tissues, paper plates, paper cups and plastic food storage containers or bags are needed to help families needing to stay at Fisher House during this difficult time.

Items may be purchased at Big Lots and monetary donations will be accepted.

For further information about Fisher House, call (813) 910-3000 or contact Bill Thomas at 352-291-2600 about the event.

**Real men, real life, real impact**

A "Rough Cut Men" free seminar will take place on Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker at Christ's Church of Marion County will be David Dusek.

Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. and the session at 8 a.m. A free will offering will be received.

For additional information, call 352-861-6182, www.ccomc.org.

Christ's Church of Marion County is at 6768 S.W. 80th St., off State Road 200, Ocala.

**City gets federal grant to start downtown project**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has approved a \$2.22 million grant for Ocala to realign the Florida Northern Railroad Lines along a stretch of Osceola Avenue from Southeast 3rd Street to Northeast 5th Street.

The project is key to the creation of a linear park that the city plans along Osceola Avenue. The park ultimately will stretch from Southeast 3rd Street to Tuscawilla Park. It is intended to make the downtown area more pedestrian friendly and to provide more amenities and an improved ambiance to those living, working or visiting in the downtown area.

"This project not only addresses safety concerns, it addresses quality of life and economic development goals we have for downtown," said Deputy City Manager John Zobler.

The linear park will feature wider sidewalks, decorative lighting, landscaping, and power pedestals to accommodate special events.

In addition to allowing for the creation of the park, the railroad project will improve safety and freight rail operations by replacing degraded track and upgrading advance warning systems six highway-rail crossings.

The grant requires a 10 percent match that will be provided equally by Florida Northern Railroad, the City of Ocala and the Florida Department of Transportation.

City officials anticipate that the improvements could begin as early as October.

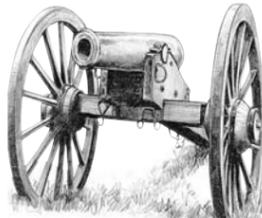
**U.S. Constitution for seniors**

The Senior Learning Center of the College of Central Florida will offer an introductory class to the U.S. Constitution on Thursdays from March 29 through May 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This class is open to all interested seniors over the age of 50. There is a yearly membership fee of \$125 to join the Learning Center and over 40 different classes are currently being offered.

For more information call 352-291-4444 or visit RAHAM@cf.edu.

**Bonsai exhibit and classes**

The Master The Possibilities (MTP) Education Center and the Marion Bonsai Society will host their 5th annual exhibit. The exhibit will open on Wednesday, April 4 at 9 a.m., and close on Friday, April 6 at noon, at the MTP main lobby, 8415 S.W. 80th St., Ocala (On Top Of the World). Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 9 a.m. until noon on Friday. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Classes and Demonstrations are offered on Wednesday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m. (Basics of the art of Bonsai) and Thursday, April 5, at 1 p.m. (Bonsai Demonstration). To register for these classes go to www.masterthepossibilities.com or call 352-854-3699 or visit the MTP office.



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# DEBATE

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conditions.  
 T – I agree. We're obligated to follow the rules and regulations the state gives us.

**Q – Schools now provide various meals. How do you feel about that?**

Tomyn – We do have a very sophisticated approval process. We want to help those who are needy. We can do a good job of verifying.

Wagoner – I really can't punish a child for the behavior of the parents. It's an interesting issue. Food service operates like a business, with profit and loss statements.

**Q – What about studying the founding fathers and the Constitution?**

Wagoner – I think we do a good job in that area, we bring a veteran into the classroom. All too often we're just tested in reading, math, science.

Tomyn – We do teach American history, founding fathers and the Constitution. Geography, civics and history in the middle schools, in the high schools American history, world history and American Government.

**Q – I filled in at a classroom last December, and the 11th graders didn't know about Pearl Harbor.**

Tomyn – "I know it is part of the curriculum."

Wagoner – "I'm shocked."

**Q – Teachers can't teach when you have lack of discipline.**

Tomyn – We have no place in our schools (for those students), they need to be moved or even expelled.

Wagoner – I can't make parents be parents. We have a strong code of student conduct. It's more of an issue on the bus than in the classroom. If you fight on the bus, you shouldn't ride the rest of the year.

**Q – About public comments at board meetings not being shown on TV.**

Wagoner – That's a decision the board makes. I'm open to have public comment on TV.

Tomyn – The public should have an opportunity to speak at the appropriate time.

**Q – Why a black history month? Why not just teach about blacks as part of all American history.**

Tomyn – We do teach all history. All of our schools have done something (for black history month).

Wagoner – We teach American history.

**Q – What about complying with the class size amendment?**

Tomyn – We'll keep our class sizes to the required number. We can't afford the

penalty.

Wagoner – Smaller is not necessarily better when you have a great teacher.

**Q – What about coaches' and administrative supplements?**

Tomyn – These are some of the greatest dropout programs.

Wagoner – They're really as important as curriculum. We can still offer those programs with resources if we allocate correctly.

(Both candidates said they didn't care about the superintendent supplement, although the superintendent's salary is set by the state).

**FINAL REMARKS**

Tomyn – I enjoy listening. It helps me formulate ideas. I do not feel entitled, but qualified.

Wagoner – I understand it is a serious business. Nothing is more important than a great education. The system is broken and we need to change that.

# City sets Citizens Academy

The City of Ocala is extending an invitation to local residents to learn firsthand how their tax dollars are being spent.

The city is accepting applications for a free, seven-session citizens academy that will begin April 5.

The course will give citizens a behind-the-scenes look at city services and what it takes to deliver them. It also will delve into major challenges that face the community in coming years.

"Residents can learn about our services, meet the people who de-

liver them, and get a behind-the-scenes look at our facilities," said Public Information Officer Sonny Allen, who is coordinating the academy. "If you want to get a glimpse at a day in the life of a firefighter or ask an elected official about an issue that is on your mind, this is your opportunity."

The program will include a number of hands-on activities, panel discussions and equipment demonstrations. A few of the topics will include economic development efforts, the challenge of providing

electric power, and the state of local water resources.

Classes will meet for about two hours at 6 p.m. on successive Thursdays.

An application form can be downloaded from the City's website at [www.ocalafl.org](http://www.ocalafl.org), or picked up in the City Manager's Office, located on the second floor of City Hall, 151 SE Osceola Ave. Registration deadline is March 22.

For additional information, call Sonny Allen or Jackie McGuinness at 401-3977.

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## Quail Meadow

# Ladies to have lunch



Carolyn Slocumb

It's March and time for more activities! First on the list is the Ladies Luncheon on Friday, March 9. This month the ladies will meet at Noon at the Olive Garden Restaurant. Please make your reservations with Kathy Voss or Maryanne Ellner. All ladies of Quail Meadow are invited to attend. The next big event is the return of the Quail

Meadow Horse Race! This year the Irish Derby/Ascot Races will be held on Saturday, March 17 at the Clubhouse. This is always an exciting event. This year there will also be a "Ladies Flamboyant Hat Contest". Ladies, let's see who can have the best hat! Tickets are available from Lil Carie and Pat Talley. Reservations must be made by March 13. In addition to the races and the hat contest, sub sandwiches, snacks, and soft drinks will be provided. Do you like baseball? Let Theresa Yoders know if you would like to attend a Tampa Bay Rays game in the near future. A couple of weeks ago the picture of the "servers" for the spaghetti supper had the wrong information in the description. It should have said the "servers of the Quail Meadow spaghetti dinner," not servers from Bianca's. The new Quail Meadow

telephone directory has been delivered to each home. If you have corrections or additions to the directory, please contact Kathy Voss.

We want to give a huge "thank you" to Kathy for all the work she does in putting together the QM Reporter and the directory. This is all volunteer work and Kathy does an outstanding job. We appreciate you, Kathy.

We have a new "Sunshine Lady." Marlene Cigrand volunteered to take over this responsibility. Margaret Gerace had this responsibility for many years, but felt she needed a rest. Thank you, Margaret for your many years of service. Please notify Marlene if any of your neighbors are ill.

It's time to clean out garages, closets, and attics! The Quail Meadow Spring Yard Sale will be Saturday, March 31. We usually have this sale the first Saturday in April, but this year that is Easter weekend and would not be the proper time to have a community sale.

### Go Figure!

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Stone Creek

# Mardi Gras time celebrated by residents of Stone Creek



Patricia Gizzi

New Orleans may have had more people for its Mardi Gras celebration but the Culinary Arts event had the ambiance and food to match the finest restaurants in New Orleans. Many of the recipes came from New Orleans restaurants. Larry Handley was the chair person in charge of choosing the recipes and according to those present he and his committee did an outstanding job.

The menu originally consisted of Oysters Rocke-

efeller and Oysters Bienville. When the Culinary Arts Club could not obtain the oysters they switched to a crab and corn bisque. The other appetizer they had was New Orleans style barbecued shrimp which is really not a barbecue and crab stuffed mushrooms.

The main course consisted of non-seafood Jambalaya of chicken and sausage, red beans and rice. Of course no meal is complete without desserts. Participants were treated to King Cake and Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce. How decadent is that!

Jerry Martin, the wine connoisseur or sommelier, prepared a wine list that he paired with appetizers and the entree. What an evening - great food and wine and wonderful company! All of this was accomplished without going to New Orleans.

The night also had some

fun activities like Mardi Gras trivia prepared by Culinary Arts only Marion Pierleoni. Marion is also president of the Leisure Arts and Leisure Arts is hosting a Trivia Night on March 10. Can you answer

these trivia questions? Mardi Gras is French for: If you said, Fat Tuesday, you are correct. In Cajun French, "chaudin" means what? If you answered, Chitterlings which is pig stomach stuffed with

sausage meat and seasoning, you are correct again. I am happy to report chaudin was not on the menu.

Culinary Arts meets four times a year with a different theme. Members of the

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