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Road work to result in slowdowns in western Marion

A major roadway improvement project was scheduled to begin Sept. 4 on the stretch of Northwest 35th Avenue between U.S. Highway 27 and Northwest 21st Street.

Work will continue through early March 2013 and will include widening the existing roadway from two to four lanes and the installation of sidewalks, storm drainage, curbs, gutters and street lighting. Electric and other underground infrastructure will also be upgraded to support the Ocala/Marion County Commerce Park.

This effort is the first of three roadway improvement projects to which the city committed as part of the Ocala/Marion County Commerce Park Master Plan Agreement. This agreement was approved by the Ocala City Council, Marion County Board of County Commissioners and Ocala 489 and jointly executed on Aug. 31, 2011.

"The city is extremely excited that construction of this first leg of infrastructure development is set to begin," said Deputy City Manager John Zobler. "To the national business community it signals that the full potential of the park will soon be available. To our local business community it signifies that jobs forecasted as a results of these improvements will be a reality in the near term."

The project bid to construct is $1,715,441. A grant from the United States Economic Development Administration is funding $781,021. The remainder of the project funds will be provided by the city. Salser Construction, Inc. is the prime contractor.

In other road work in western Marion County, motorists traveling on Southwest 83rd Place Road between South U.S. Highway 41 and Southwest 81st Place Road will experience temporary lane closures for road widening and paving work from Sept. 11 through Oct. 26. Closures will occur during weekdays and daylight hours only.

Crews will place proper signage and barricades. Traffic will be maintained through the work zones at all times; however, travelers are encouraged to use alternate routes when possible. Adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances may affect the work schedule.

On the Interstate, inclement weather and humidity last week delayed overnight lane closures and traffic pacing (rolling roadblock) activities on Interstate 75 associated with the Southwest 42nd Street Flyover Project until this week. Motorists traveling on I-75 between exit 341 (County Road 484) and exit 358 (County Road 326) will experience concurrent temporary lane closures and traffic pacing during evening and early morning hours through Sept. 8. The lane closures are scheduled to take place between 8 p.m.-5 a.m., with the traffic pacing operation taking place simultaneously between midnight-5 a.m. Construction work will begin on the southbound lanes and continue to the northbound lanes.

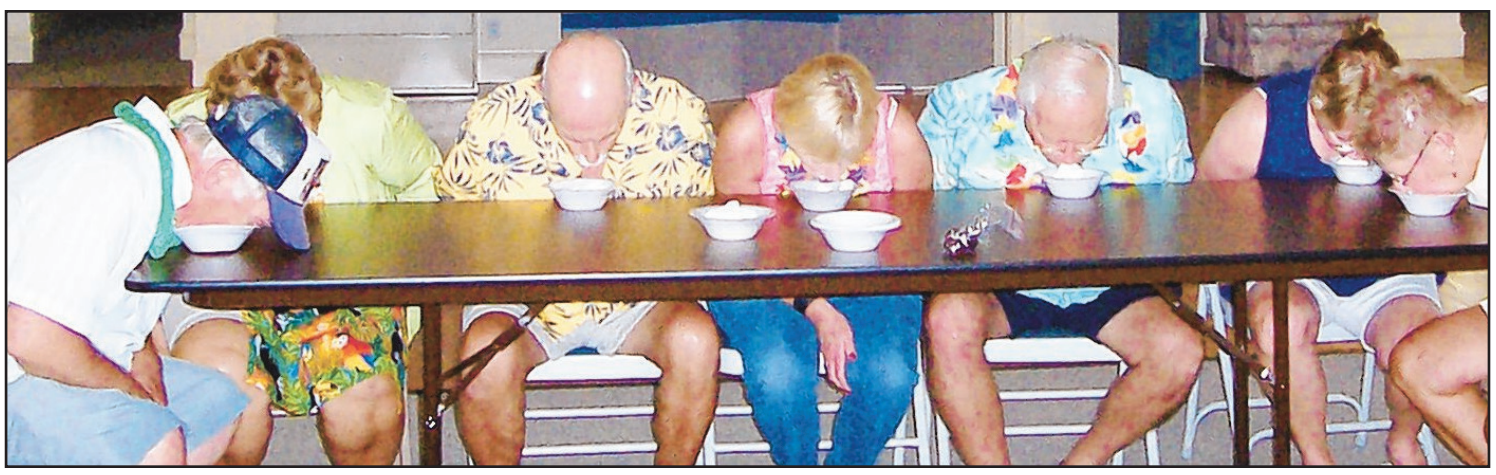
Work affecting the northbound lanes (from the Marion County line through the construction zone) is scheduled to occur between 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7, and 5 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8. Northbound on-ramps at the rest area and weigh stations near exit 341 (County Road 484) will experience temporary closures during the traffic pacing activity.

Construction signs, barricades and barriers will guide motorists through and around work areas.

Motorists should plan for delays or use alternate routes when possible. Adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances may affect the work schedule.

Jimmy Buffett

With her "parrot," Pat Tobin recently took part in the Jimmy Buffett party at Quail Meadow. Below, some residents took part in a cherry picking contest as part of the festivities.



Experimental aircraft crash kills two people

The Marion County Sheriff's Office reported a crash in northwest Ocala involving a small experimental sport aircraft.

The plane and two occupants flew out of northwest Marion County on Thursday, Aug. 30 around 4 pm. Their final destination was another airfield in the county.

When the plane did not arrive at its designated landing area, family members became concerned and called Marion County Sheriff's Office about 8 p.m.

MCSO's Air 1 Unit located the crash site in a field on a horse farm near 2001 N.W. 110th Ave. Both occupants were pronounced dead at the scene.

They were identified as Gilbert Jennings, 53, and Catherine Jennings, 50, both of Morriston. in Levy County.

Federal officials took over the investigation to determine how the plane crashed. Anyone with information should contact Det. Erik Dice at 352-368-3545.

Single-stream recycling starts

Glass. Plastic. Tin cans. Newspaper. Aluminum cans. Cardboard. Office paper. If you recycle at any of Marion County's recycling centers, you know those categories represent the different containers you have to separate your recyclables into each time you visit.

But now you can stop separating. Beginning Sept. 1, Marion County Solid Waste offered single-stream recycling at all 18 of its recycling centers countywide. This means no more separating recyclables – all items can be disposed of in one container.

For a full list of accepted items and recycling center locations, visit www.marioncountyfl.org/solidwaste.htm.

In June, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved an agreement with Waste Pro of Ocala to provide single-stream recycling at county recycling centers.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Methodist Men to serve breakfast

The Methodist Men will serve their famous and delicious all-can-you-eat breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

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

Ocala West United Methodist Church is at 9330 S.W. 105th St. in Ocala. Look for the signs.

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

Stamp coin show at Circle Square

The Florida Stamp Dealers Association and the General Francis Marion Stamp Club will host its annual Stamp and Coin Show on Saturday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center, On Top of the World.

This is the first year the show will include coins for collectors as well as stamps. Dealers will be available to buy, sell and appraise stamps, covers, coins and paper money.

Members of the Stamp club will be on hand to explain the benefits of joining the club.

A youth table area will allow youngsters the opportunity to collect free stamps and collected information for junior collectors.

Circle Square Cultural Center is at 8395 S.W. 80th St., Ocala.

The General Francis Marion Stamp Club meets at 1 p.m. to buy, sell and trade on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Bank of the Ozarks, 8375 S.W. State Road 200 and doors open at noon.

The club meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Queen of Peace Catholic Church Library, 6455 S.W. State Road 200, starting at 7 p.m.

For more information on the club, collectors can contact ocalagfmstampclub.com.

For additional information on the show call 727-364-6897.

Sunday, Sept. 9

Music for Four Flutes planned

The first Sunday Afternoon Arts at Countryside will take place on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala.

Sarah Satterfield, Professor of Music/Flute at the College of Central Florida, and John T. Lowe, pianist will present "Music for Four Flutes". The program will showcase four members of the flute family, the piccolo, C flute, alto flute and bass flute. Dr. Satterfield will perform significant compositions comprising the repertoire of each instrument on the program and will also explain the history of each work as well as the instrument played.

Dr. Sutterfield received a PhD in Music History and Literature and a MM in flute Performance. She lectures throughout the Southeast, specializing in American music of the 20th century. She regularly performs flute and directs the Patriot Pipers, a flute ensemble at CF.

Dr. John T. Lowe received a Doctor of Music degree in Organ Performance and Church Music from Indiana University. He is presently Director of Music and

Organist at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Gainesville. Previous to that, he was Director of Music at the First United Methodist Church in Ocala. Dr. Lowe has performed recitals extensively both in the U.S. and internationally.

Indoor picnic potluck luncheon

Christ's Church of Marion County will hold its monthly potluck lunch, celebrating an "Indoor Picnic", following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The public is invited.

Christ's Church is at 6768 S.W. 80th St., off State Road 200, Ocala. For further information call 352-861-6182 or contact http://www.ccomc.org/.

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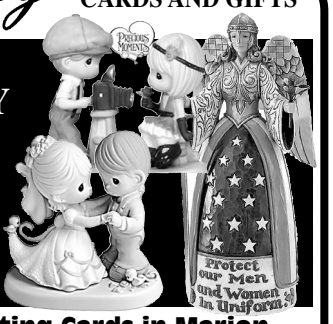
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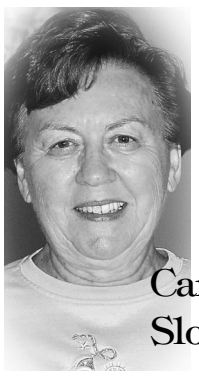
Quail Meadow

September means activities resume in Quail Meadow



Carolyn Slocumb

Monday, Sept. 3, was Labor Day. This is a national holiday in our country. Many other countries also have a Labor Day, but it is celebrated on May 1, also known as "May Day." Many historians credit Matthew Maguire, a machinist from New York, as the first to propose the holiday while serving as secretary of the CLU (Central Labor Union) of New York. Others argue that it was first proposed by Peter J. McGuire of the American Federation of Labor in May 1882. Both proposals were in 1882. No one has been able to definitely define which one actually had the original idea.

The first Labor Day celebrated in the USA was on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. In 1887 Oregon was the first state to make Labor Day an official holiday. On June 28, 1894, the Congress of the United States passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday. By this time 30 states were already celebrating the holiday. Celebration of Labor Day was to be a day of street parades to exhibit to the public the strength and spirit of the trade and labor organizations. The parades were to be followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. In 1909 the American Federation of Labor adopted the Sunday before Labor Day as "Labor Sunday" and dedicated it to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement. Today Labor Day is often thought of as the last long week-end of summer. We still have some parades and family picnics to mark an end of summer and the beginning of fall. There was a time when schools began the day after Labor Day, but I guess those days are gone.

September means the beginning of activities in Quail Meadow. Friday the 7th will be a busy day: The Red Hot Fillies of the Meadow begin their new season with lunch at The Apple Restaurant, followed by a business meeting at the clubhouse. Please call Pat Talley or Carolyn Slocumb to make your reservations for the lunch. Also, on Friday night, we will have our First Friday gathering at the clubhouse at 7 p.m. Plan to come out and spend the evening with your friends and neighbors. Bring a snack to share and whatever beverage you like.

BINGO! Yes, bingo begins the new season on Tuesday, the 11th. All you bingo players mark your calendars for this night.

There will be more activities mentioned next week. Don't forget, Theresa Yoders still needs your pictures for the September pot luck dinner.

Senator Nelson's wife to be guest speaker

Marion County Democrats announce that Grace Nelson, wife of Florida Senator Bill Nelson, will be principal speaker at the fourth annual "Proud to be a Democrat" Gala at the Ocala Hilton on Sunday, Sept. 9, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Women in the community who have made distinguished contributions to our civic life will also be honored, according to State Committeewoman Joyce Blake.

Tickets are $50 each and may be obtained either through the website www.mariondems.org or by visiting the new party headquarters at 601 S.W. First Ave. between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Saturdays.

The telephone number is 352-402-9494.

Post-polio support group to meet

The North Central Post-Polio Support Group will present the Program: "The Link Between Polio and Diabetes", on Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Collins Health Resource Center, 9401 S.W. State Road 200, Building 300, Suite 303, Ocala.

The speaker will be Bruce Wolosky, DPM, PA. Dr. Wolosky, an avid researcher, always manages to have numerous new points of interest when he speaks.

Contact Carolyn at 352-489-1731 for information.

BLINGO: Bingo with a little bling

Come play BLINGO on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ocala Entertainment Complex. Proceeds benefit the Marion County Literacy Council, Inc.

Tickets in advance are $15; at the door $20. You can reserve a table of eight for $160.

Ticket price includes: 10 games of BLINGO to win Park Lane jewelry or other donated prizes.

Everyone will receive one BLINGO card per game.

To better your chances you can earn additional cards by bringing a guest. Additional cards will also be available for purchase.

Cash bar along with Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be available. Call 352-690-7323 for tickets.

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, Sept. 13, at 1 p.m. for lunch and a meeting afterward.

Any members in the area are welcomed.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A change that you'd hoped for is down the line. But you still need to be patient until more explanations are forthcoming. Continue to keep your enthusiasm in check.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your social life expands as new friends come into your life. But while you're having fun, your practical side also sees some positive business potential within your new circle.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your workplace situation continues to improve. Look for advantages you might have missed while all the changes were going on around you. That trusted colleague can help.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Resist the urge to hunker down in your bunker until things ease up. Instead, get rid of that woe-is-me attitude by getting up and getting out to meet old friends and make new ones.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Now that you're back enjoying the spotlight again, you should feel re-energized and ready to take on the challenge of bringing those big, bold plans of yours to completion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A former friend would like to repair a relationship you two once enjoyed. Your positive response could have an equally positive impact on your life. Think about it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Resist making impulsive decisions. Stay on that steady course as you continue to work out workplace problems. Be patient. All will soon be back in balance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You might feel confident about taking a promising offer, but continue to be alert for what you're not being told about it. Don't fret. Time is on your side.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) People dear to you might be planning a way to show appreciation for all you've done for them. Accept the honor graciously. Remember: You deserve it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Congratulations. Your self-confidence is on the rise. This could be a good time to tackle those bothersome situations you've avoided both at home and at work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You feel obligated to return a favor. (Of course, you do.) But heed advice from those close to you and do nothing until you know for sure what's being asked of you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your loving reassurance helped revive a once-moribund relationship. But be wary of someone who might try to do something negative to reverse this positive turn of events.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a wonderful matchmaker who can bring people together to form long-lasting relationships.

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by Linda Thistle

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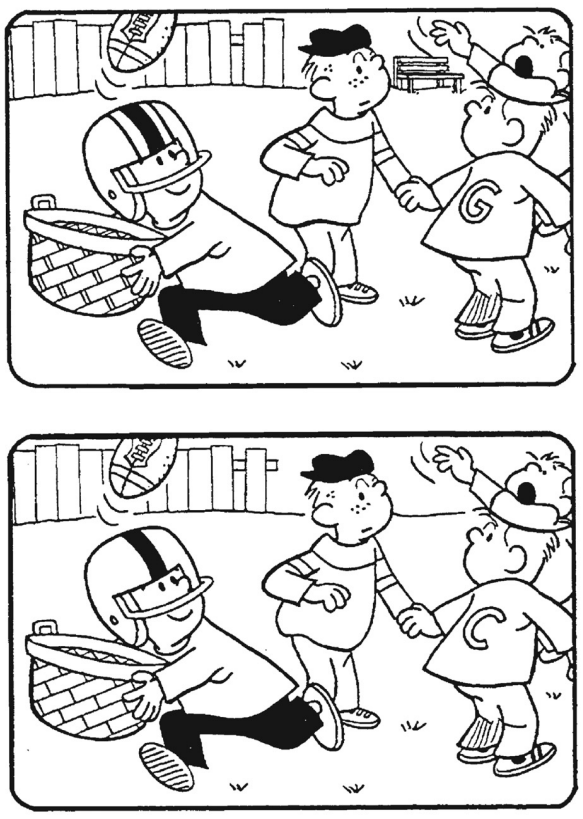

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51 Crack up
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77 Sheepish sound
79 Sandra of "A Summer Place"
80 Neighbor of Tenn.
81 Tracking tool
83 Singer Tori
84 Spud bud
85 Vote in
87 Dull
90 Time and again
92 It may be fake
94 Stringed instrument
96 Machu Picchu native
97 Tolkien character
99 Attained
101 Football's Van Brocklin
102 Like kids at Christmas
103 Drescher of "The Nanny"
104 Hollywood award
108 Banister
109 Cheeseboard choice
110 Jet of yore
114 Fury
115 Encounter
116 "— Lama Ding Dong" ('61 tune)
119 Dropped the ball
121 "Blue Velvet" singer
123 Merv Griffin creation
128 Salad veggie
129 "— Man" ('67 hit)
130 Senator Hatch
131 Mix
132 Cafe vessel
133 Craggy hill
134 Peter of Herman's Hermits
135 Lady lobster

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1 Float on the breeze
2 Jones of "Show Boat"
3 Type
4 Except
5 Monty's milieu
6 What the shoe does
7 — Rios, Jamaica
8 Ancient tongue
9 Couple
10 Past
11 Tiny tree
12 Indian export
13 Archaic ending
14 Gary Lewis & the Playboys hit
15 Let
16 Phantom instrument
18 Skip
21 Beaver's dad
23 "I could — horse!"
24 Biblical book
29 "Mockingbird" singer Foxx
32 Attempt to equal
33 Oscar — Renta
35 Tennyson's Arden
36 Green org.
37 Wades through a crowd
39 Julia of "Havana"
40 Babe in the woods
41 Theater sign
42 Arthur of "Maude"
43 Griffon greeting
44 Minnie Driver film
45 Successor
49 Bizarre
52 Rosemary or basil
54 Hunk of gunk
56 Hook's henchman
58 Transport
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62 Bridge support
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68 Like mountain air
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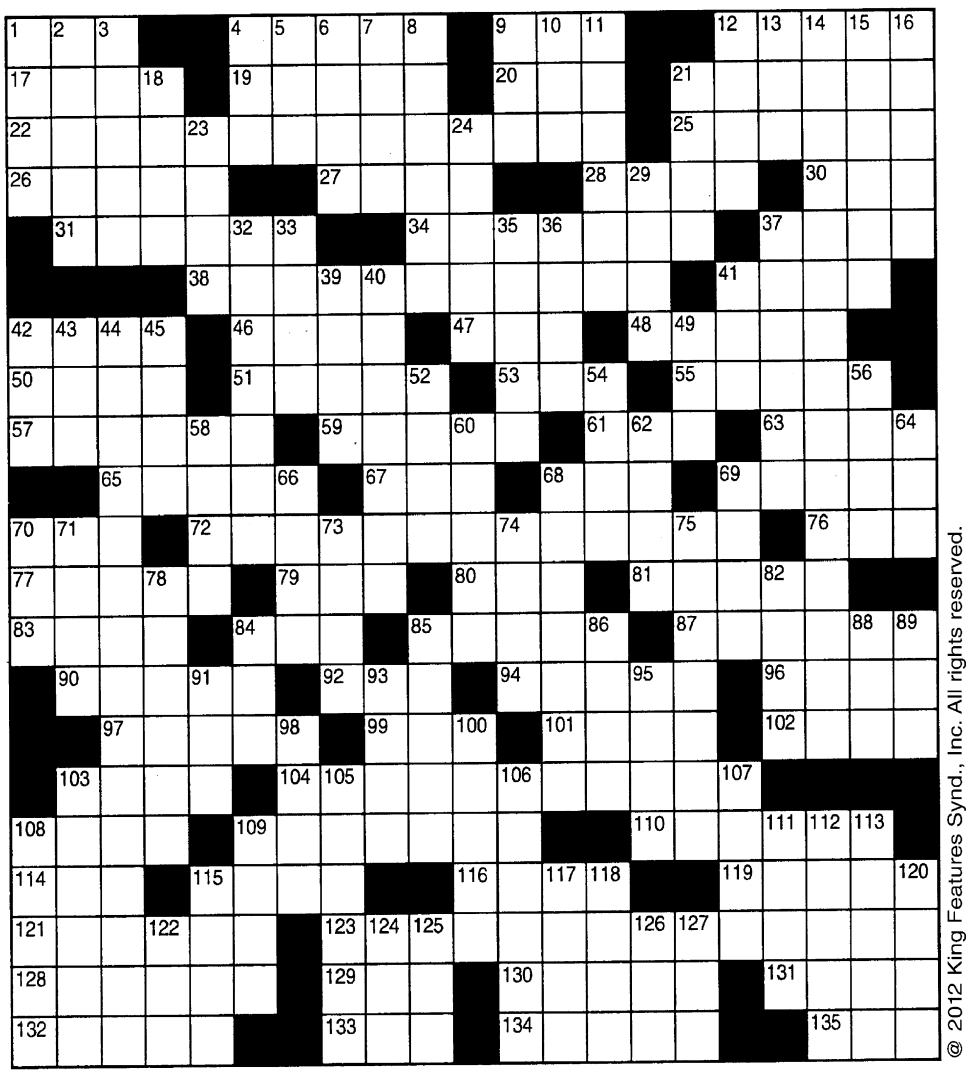

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Fairfield Village

Three important meetings on the agenda at Fairfield

Priscilla Geissal

Though this may be a bit late for some of our neighbors to be reminded, on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 3 p.m., there will be a meeting being called the "Manager Meeting" held in Fairfield Village's Clubhouse.

Peggy Sluss, the Community General Manager/ Sales Associate, is originating a continuing event to be held during the first week of each month. Dates and times of those meetings after the September meeting will be forthcoming according to Peggy. She invites/encourages "..any and all residents.." to attend and to discuss issues that may be of concern.

Obviously, this would be a prime time to have a pen/pencil and paper handy to take down information that could be of genuine significance to the neighborhood. Personally, I would urge all those who are community-minded to take that pen and paper in hand prior to the meeting to list those issues or questions that you feel should be addressed at that gathering.

Often people wish that they had known something which, perhaps, can now be brought out and direct answers can be given rather than there being the unreliable passing of information (or misinformation) from one person to another.

With this type of monthly meeting, concerns can be addressed openly. In this manner, answers or suggestions will be straight from the person who has valid information or at least the name of the person to whom further queries should be addressed.

Along this same line, there will be another most important meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19 in the FFV Clubhouse. Being called a "Town Hall," the meeting will be with Sheri Woodworth, the new Regional Manager for

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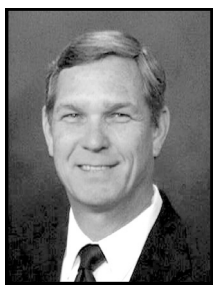
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Our Message

School vote: a lost cause

We keep hearing about various people analyzing why the school tax levies failed in the recent primary election.

To us, it's not a complicated thing. First, people don't want more taxes …period. You can justify the tax as much as you want, but a lot of folks don't want a tax increase, no matter how small.

Second, the School Board made a mistake in rushing this proposal on the ballot in August, because members wanted the money faster. It should have been voted on in November.

Let's look at these two reasons.

Nobody likes more taxes. There are too many things working against the schools when this happens. The funding for programs failed by a relatively narrow margin – apparently more people understood that this vote directly affected what the students learn, what activities they have access to, such as art and music, and this one might have passed if it were on its own.

Editorial

But it's apparent from the vote totals that the other choice, for improvements, dragged it down. People see things such as the West Port and Forest high school campuses, which look more like small colleges, and they wonder why in the world money is needed for capital improvements. Even a drive by Hammett Bowen and Liberty Middle provide a look at modern, up-to-date facilities. Unfortunately, not all school buildings are in as good condition as some of these facilities, and the children in those areas need help in bringing their buildings up to speed.

The schools needed to do a much better selling job on this amendment, and did not do so. Many of the backers chose the doom-and-gloom scenario if it failed, and the public didn't take kindly to that.

Along the campaign trail, we constantly heard how there were too many administrators, and that funds could be saved there. The people weren't buying the need for more taxes.

Then there was the timing. There were questions raised when this was put on the ballot for the primary. Some felt that the Board was trying to take advantage of having a lot of people out of town in August when the vote was held, but officials said it was necessary to make the funding available earlier.

As it turned out, the anti-tax forces turned out for this election, where they may have been outnumbered when November came. The questions turned out to be valid …it couldn't pass in August.

So now we will read about how programs will be cut and schools will not get fixed. Education will go on. But if it turns out that our schools do need more money, let's hope that officials do a better job of presenting the facts to the voters.

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Among Friends

West Marion voters still have clout

Jim Clark
Editor

Trying to make sense out of the numbers in the recently completed primary election can be mind-boggling. Some of them have no rhyme or reason.

There were some comments elsewhere that the senior population had lost its influence in the voting. I'm not sure I agree with that, so I took a look at some of the closer races.

The voters in the senior citizen precincts were dominant in the election of David Moore over Mike Amsden. On the State Road 200 Corridor, the area served by the *South Marion Citizen*, Moore won by 682 votes. In the northwest area served by the *West Marion Messenger*, Moore won by 108 votes.

That means that in the area served by our two newspapers, mostly senior communities, Moore won by 790 votes. Over the entire county, he only won by 778 votes.

In other words, we elected David Moore, while the rest of the county went with Amsden. We should make sure he knows that as he moves ahead as a county commissioner.

The *South Marion Citizen* area went strongly for two candidates who didn't win. One was Jackie Porter in the school superintendent race. Porter actually dominated the western and eastern parts of the county, while George Tomyn won the more populous areas in the center, running from Summerfield up north through Ocala.

The other candidate who didn't win but was strongly supported along State Road 200 was Pat Gabriel, and that was no surprise. She lives out here and is president of the Coalition and is popular with many people who know her. She actually outpolled winner Earl Arnett by 484 votes here, and didn't do that badly in Messenger territory, losing by 236 votes. But the rest of the county went strongly for Arnett, and Gabriel finished third, behind Francine Johannesen, in the total vote.

In the sheriff's race, our area went along with the trend in the entire county, supporting Dan Kuhn by a narrow margin.

In the school referenda, in the operating vote, some core precincts in the Ocala area and a couple of other scattered precincts went for passage, while the rest of the county said "no."

In the capital expense vote, only a small few precincts supported it, while the vast majority of Marion County voted in down.

In both cases, the western area went against the school items.

Of course, we also have to remember the timing of this primary. It's held in August, when many of our "snowbirds" are still up north.

It still seems that the communities west of the Interstate have a lot of clout in Marion County politics. Any politician who doesn't think so is welcome to ignore the thousands of voters out here …and then see what happens.

Jim Clark is the editor of the West Marion Messenger.

On Point

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Your Letters

Who is this man?

There is no question we have huge differences of opinion among our neighbors and I respect our right to disagree.

I believe "Who is this Man?" is the most important question we should have in considering who we want to elect to office, especially the president of the United States. To determine this, we must consider what determines his value system, what makes him who he is. As individuals, we are the result of many things including the following: our parents, who shaped us from day one; the one person we look up to more than any other; where we were raised (this is even more important than where we were born); where we were educated; our religious heritage, including what church we attended ; who were our best friends; who were our mentors; what I was taught about American history; who are my heroes; and the list goes on.

I suggest we do not know most of this information about Obama, in fact we know less about him than any president in our history. The media prints every little bit of Romney's history, trying to promote class warfare by making a big issue of his being among the one percent. We will never get much more information about Obama through the liberal media.

We had the opportunity to see the new documentary "2016" about Obama which answers the above questions from birth to the present and a glimpse into the future. Regardless of your feelings for Obama, love him or hate him, you need to see this film. It is well done, sticks to verifiable incidents, and answers the question, Who Is This Man? Once you can answer this question, you will be in position to cast an educated vote. America's future depends on it!

Wayne Rackley
Ocala

Sanity and guns

Andrew Kramer of The New York Times reported. "Russians can buy only a long-barrel firearm if they have a police permit that requires a clean criminal record, a gun safety course and a medical certificate of sanity. That's right: a medical certificate of sanity — something American politicians dare not dream of, let alone enact, under the intimidating shadow of the gun lobby."

Gerard Chapdelaine
Ocala

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Last week's puzzle answers

Go Figure! answers

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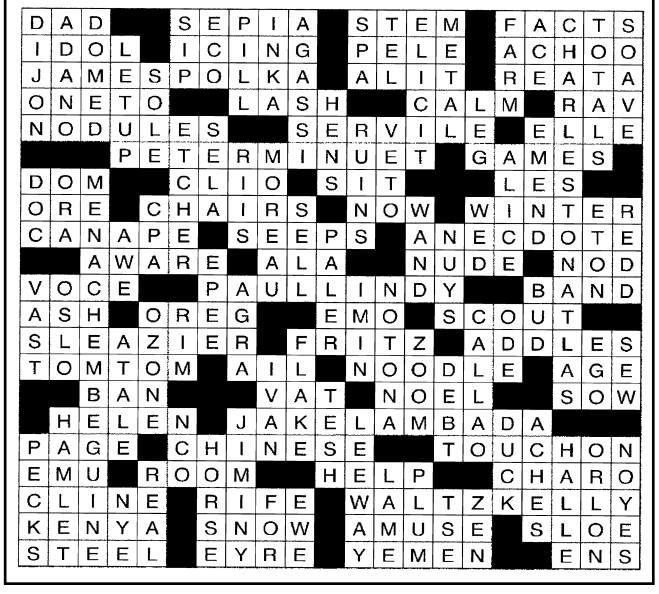

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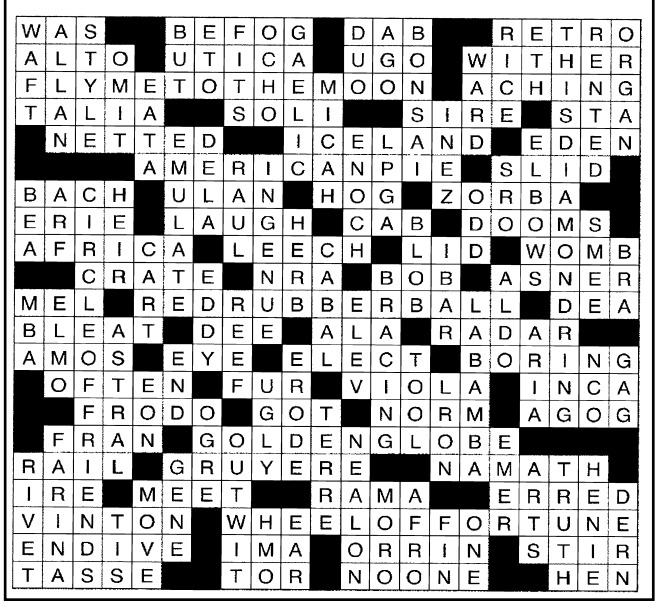

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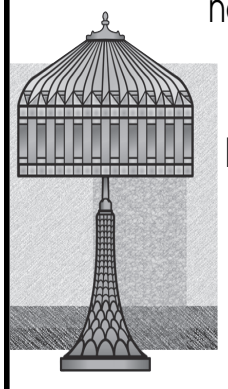

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The CERT program is made up of volunteers under the direction of the Division of Emergency Management of the Sheriff's Office.

The purpose of CERT is to train and certify volunteers to be first responders in their communities in the event of a disaster such as a hurricane or tornado.

The CERT training includes basic skills in disaster preparedness, fire safety, assessment and treatment of life-threatening conditions, light search of structural and non-structural damage, psychology of the injured and terrorism.

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Consider this opportunity to learn how to form or join a CERT group in your community by signing up for this no-cost training program. For more information and for an application, contact Bob Conn, Trainer, at 352-812-0853.

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Solstice Communities. General Manager Peggy Sluss calls this a meeting "..of utmost importance for every resident." She encourages everyone to "..bring your ideas and/or comments (good or bad) to that meeting." To help to make the evening pleasant for those attending, Peggy says that "..refreshments will be served." As an aside here, most of us will acknowledge that the prospect of delicious goodies always helps to make an invitation such as this a bit more appealing.

As of now, the regular Fairfield Village HOA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. in the FFV Clubhouse. President Bart Rich encourages all members to attend because that meeting will be one at which some very important information will be available for homeowners to consider. Unless this meeting time is changed, residents should mark their calendars for two consecutive evenings of significant gatherings.

Another bit of welcomed information comes in the form of a notice that recycling will soon be available in our community. A one-time charge of $8 for small green bins will be the only additional cost, and the pick-up time will be about 5 a.m. on Wednesday mornings.

Residents may call 352-624-3100 to sign up for the service which is quite a convenience for many of us who try to recycle but have found it quite inconvenient without a local pick-up. Now we can feel even better about helping our environment.

We in Fairfield Village—a lively place with lovely people—

hope that your Labor Day Weekend 2012 was a pleasant and safe one and that you enjoyed some kind of fun-filled gathering perhaps like the great one that was enjoyed in our community.

Ray and Peggy Sluss formerly were co-managers for Fairfield Village. Now "retired," Ray enjoys allowing Peggy to have all the "fun" of management. The two look very happy together as we recognize Ray's past commitment to the community along with Peggy's current (often thankless) efforts. What a great couple!

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