



WPHS choral students to perform at Stetson

BY SPENCER L. REEDER
Special to the Messenger

Choral students from West Port High School will be attending the Stetson University Choral Festival, a two-day festival that promotes “healthy singing, spirited rehearsals, and outstanding performances” for top high school singers.

Nancy Atkinson, music instructor at Marion County Center for the Arts at West Port, said the festival is “a great opportunity for high school singers to participate with other serious young singers in a setting much like what they would experience should they attend a fine music school after graduation.

“The event, which takes place Oct. 5-6,

will be the fifth consecutive time Atkinson has taken West Port students.

This year the representatives from West Port High School include Brandon Allen, Krista Alvarado, Michael Arvay, Emily Bullard, Ronte Hardy, Savannah Hirst, Johanna Ingram, Alura Law, Josh Matthews, Ariana Santos, Alex Slay, and Marcus Stadmueller

These and other select students from all over Central Florida together form a choir that will perform at the university. Students are given the opportunity not only to perform in front of a distinct audience but also to work with Stetson Director of Choral Activities Dr. Timothy Peter and Associate Director Dr. Andrew Lar-

son. Both professionals have participated in concerts worldwide, from the United Kingdom to South Africa.

In addition, top students from the high school choir will be chosen to participate in a private vocal coaching with one of the Stetson faculty members.

This year, the festival’s choir repertoire will include “The Ground,” “The May Night” and “My Good Lord’s Done Been Here.”

There will also be opportunities for both an all-male and all-female choral piece.

Students will have intense, all-day rehearsals but will be able to take breaks to also enjoy the Stetson University campus. “Stetson is extremely friendly. The

music program is quite rigorous and our students not only perform at an outstanding level, they observe what top quality musicians are capable of at the university level,” Atkinson said.

She added that many students choose to attend Stetson after high school because of their experiences at this workshop.

For information, contact Nancy Atkinson at nancy.atkinson@marion.k12.fl.us or visit the Stetson Choral Festival’s website at <http://www.stetson.edu/music/concert-choir/choralfestival.php>.

“We are very fortunate to have the outstanding music program Stetson University’s School of Music provides our community and the state,” Atkinson said.



Honored at Fairfield

At one of FFV’s “Sock Hops,” Don and Carol Ouellette in the right corner join with others and thoroughly enjoy a night of music, dancing, and laughing with many of the fun-loving neighbors in the Fairfield Village Clubhouse. Don is the subject of part of the Fairfield Village column on Page 2.

Candidates for sheriff visit forum

Second of a series of stories based on candidates’ appearance at a forum at the main library recently.

BY JIM CLARK
 Editor

Candidates for sheriff spoke to the audience at a recent forum.

Going first was Dan Kuhn, currently serving as undersheriff. He recently won the Republican primary.

He is a former prosecutor and is a sworn officer who, as he said, has had “an opportunity to study at the highest level.”

He was asked about the budget, and said he has the experience of discussions with the County Commission.

Kuhn said the Sheriff’s Office “has been streamlining,” and said there were no layoffs, but the workforce was cut by attrition.

He said that to help with the budget a chief of staff position was eliminated, but to keep deputies they added two “line-level” deputies when a captain retired.

The next question concerned privatization, and said that “there are certain things that don’t lend themselves” to outsourcing. He added that “you have to make sure whoever you outsource to has the same priorities.

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Silver Springs beginning to release concert details

Once again the most popular stars are bringing their special brand of music to Silver Springs as the park announces its early bookings for the 2013 Concert Series.

While the park is just beginning to book for the 2013 concert season, the acts already on the bill include Classic Rocker Joan Jett, and country music favorites Easton Corbin, Josh Turner, and Jamey Johnson.

The 2013 concert lineup is very exciting

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A look at Florida’s proposed constitutional amendments

Amendment 1

Summary of Amendment (from Division of Elections site):

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage; permit a person or an employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from a health care provider; permit a health care provider to accept direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, and health care providers from penalties and taxes for paying directly or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; and prohibit laws or rules from abolishing the private market for health care cover-

Title on ballot: Health Care Services

Sponsor/Originator: Florida Legislature

What it would do: This would add an amendment to the state constitution that attempts to prohibit the government from requiring individuals to purchase health insurance.

If You Vote Yes: A “yes” vote means you want the Florida Constitution to include a provision that prohibits the government from requiring you to purchase health insurance.

If You Vote No: A “no” vote means you do not want the Florida Constitution to include a provision that prohibits the government from requiring you to purchase health insurance.

age of any lawful health care service. Specifies that the amendment does not affect which health care services a
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Amendment 2

Summary of Amendment (from Division of Elections site):

Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII and the creation of Section 32 of Article XII of the State Constitution to expand the availability of the property discount on the homesteads of veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury to include those who were not Florida residents when they entered the military and schedule the amendment to take effect January 1, 2013.

Arguments for:

Supporters say this amendment will benefit older veterans who were injured in combat but did not live in Florida at the time they entered the military. They say the property tax discount can

Title on Ballot: Veterans Disabled Due To Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount

Sponsor/Originator: Florida Legislature

What it would do: This amendment would allow certain disabled veterans, who were not Florida residents prior to entering military service, to qualify for a discount on their property taxes.

If You Vote Yes: A “yes” vote means you want the state to give a property tax discount to disabled veterans who moved to Florida after entering the military.

If You Vote No: A “no” vote means you do not want to extend the tax discount to disabled veterans who moved to Florida after entering the military.

help with medical bills and
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What is really important? Here is a good answer



Priscilla Geissal

FAIRFIELD VILLAGE

When I was deciding what might be an appropriate subject for this week's article, I considered several different topics. Saturday, Sept. 22 was the date for the Autumnal Equinox—so that was a possibility.

What should I tell you? The fact is that at 10:49 a.m., the end of summer gave way to the beginning of fall. All across the world (except at the North and South Poles) there was just slightly over 12 hours of daylight due to the fact that the Earth's axis at that time is tilted neither toward nor away from the sun making the sun be directly overhead at the Equator. Since we are not at the Equator, that might not be very relevant, but it is interesting that on that day the sun rises Due East and sets Due West. Some science trivia.

Maybe there is something else that most of us would notice today. I was trying to make my way into a local store, and I had to fight my way through a "swarm" of love bugs.

Those pesky insects make my skin crawl and my car scream for a good carwash. What can I find out about the infestations each year? Ok, another possibility.

The love bugs generally appear in Central Florida for about 2 to 3 weeks in April/May and again in August/September. They are a species of black flies with a red thorax and they make quite a nuisance of themselves during their visits. Contrary to an urban legend, they are not an unfortunate consequence of an experiment at the University of Florida that was purported to have been to try to control mosquitoes. Good story; but not true.

Since neither of these topics seemed to be of any significant interest to most people, I began thinking about what is really worthwhile in our day to day life in a community like Fairfield Village. Not every week has a social function that would cause us to gather, but we do visit and stop to converse with each other as we walk around our community or as we see each other outside more often now with the more temperate weather. Friendship, that is what is important. That makes a difference in our lives.

On that note, several names immediately popped into my head as very special people here in our community. One name in particular stands out as someone that almost everyone in Fairfield Village knows, respects, and values as a special friend. That is Don Ouellette.

Always the active participant in community affairs, a long-time HOA board member, a special representative to the FMO of Florida (Federation of Manufactured Home Owners), a wonderful conversationalist, terrific dancer, and devoted husband to his wife, Carol, and loving father to 7 daughters, Don is one of those special people who never is at a loss for words. He is one of the most genuinely polite and caring people I have ever known. One thing that characterizes Don is his broad sunny smile and quick wit.

Unfortunately, Don has been fighting serious illness for some time now, but he does not let that change his love of life and joy in even the smallest things. I visited with Don recently and had the opportunity to tell him how much I value him as a community leader and even more as a friend.

As we talked, he said, "I love people and love being able to do things to make life better in any way that I can." I assured him that everyone who knows him can see and appreciate his



Don and his lovely wife Carol at one of FFV's Hawaiian parties as they pose with Fairfield Village's painted horse.

contributions and his optimism. He continued, "I have so many good friends in Fairfield Village, and I intend to be a part of as many good times as I can. I won't give up. I have faith. I love life...it is a beautiful thing." All this was said with that broad, handsome smile that is Don's trademark.

That smile, those twinkling almost mischievous eyes, his love of life, his desire to help others and to be a vital part of the community, his devotion to his family and friends...all these things embodied in one person made me realize even more what is really important in life.

The answer is represented by "The 3 F's." Faith—Family—Friends.

What more could we ask for? That is what makes life worthwhile, and it is what keeps us going in the good times and in the "not so good" times that come to all of us.

I appreciate the friendship of Don Ouellette and many other good people who live in our community. It is not a perfect place; but when one looks at the rest of the world, it is easy to see that we are blessed in our neighborhood known as Fairfield Village because it really is...a lively place filled with lovely and valued friends."

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Arguments for:

Supporters of this proposed amendment say the federal government cannot force people to purchase health insurance, and this amendment is an attempt to protect Floridians from that requirement in the federal health care act passed in 2010. They say voting for this measure would send a message that Congress overstepped its

authority.

Arguments against:

Opponents say that despite its stated intention, this proposed amendment will not allow Floridians to opt out of the requirement that all Americans purchase health insurance. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 28, 2012, that the federal requirement to purchase insurance is constitutional.

Should the state attempt to ban governments from requiring the purchase of health insurance?

Amendment 1 is an attempt to exempt Floridians from a provision in the federal health care law known as the "individual mandate," which requires all Americans to have health insurance by 2014 or face financial penalties.

The proposal also attempts to exempt employers and health care providers from penalties or taxes that the government might impose for failing to pay for health insurance. In part, the proposal reads, "Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage."

The amendment's supporters say the individual mandate is an overreach of federal authority. "This proposed constitutional amendment is about an individual's right to make his own health care decisions without interference from the federal government," former state Senate President Mike Haridopolos, R-Merritt Island, told The New American in January

2011. "It also sends a message to Washington D.C. that its one-size-fits-all approach to health care doesn't work." Opponents say the proposed amendment is more about politics than law.

If Amendment 1 were to pass, its legal standing and significance remain questionable. Legal scholars mostly agree that the fate of the individual mandate rests not with the states but with the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled in June 2012 that the individual mandate is constitutional. Now that the nation's highest court has ruled, the passage or defeat of Amendment 1 has no practical implications other than to send a message that a majority of Florida's voters are either for or against the individual mandate.

State lawmakers voted largely along party lines in deciding to place the proposal on the ballot, with Republicans voting for and Democrats against. As with all proposed amendments, passage requires approval from 60 percent or more of the voters.

History

Following his election in 2008, President Obama announced his intention to establish a national health care system that provides access to health insurance for every American. In March 2010, he signed a health care act into law that, among other things, required all Americans to purchase insurance by 2014 or face a financial penalty - the so-called individual mandate.

Why the individual mandate?

Without it, the number of premium-paying, healthy policyholders may not reach the critical mass needed to cover the costs associated with providing care to every American.

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may allow veterans to stay in their homes longer as they age. It might also stimulate the housing market by persuading veterans to move to Florida.

Arguments against:

Opponents say state and local governments face mounting budget shortfalls in part because of diminished property tax returns brought about by the collapse of the housing market. Schools and local governments need to maintain the tax base or consider cuts to public services.

Should disabled veterans who move to Florida get a property tax discount?

Amendment 2 relaxes the eligibility requirements for an existing property tax discount offered to disabled veterans. Currently, disabled veterans who meet the following four requirements are eligible for a property tax discount commensurate with the degree of their disability: 1) current Florida resident; 2) 65 or older; 3) disabled in combat; 4) Florida resident when they entered the military. If passed, Amendment 2 would eliminate that fourth eligibility requirement.

As an example of how the current disability discount works, a veteran eligible for the discount with a 50 percent disability can claim 50 percent off the assessed value of his home. Roughly 1,200 veterans received that discount in 2010, allowing them to subtract, on average, \$24,000 from their home's value before property taxes were calculated.

more of the voters. If passed, Amendment 2 goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2013.

Current Law

Florida has a long history of offering property tax breaks to its permanent residents. One of those tax breaks allows a homeowner to claim a \$50,000 tax exemption on their primary residence, what is commonly known as a homesteaded property. That amount is subtracted from the assessed value of the home before property taxes are calculated, thereby reducing the tax bill. This form of tax relief is reserved for primary residences, meaning the owner must live in the home the majority of the year and not claim any other residence as a primary residence.

Additionally, the state offers several property tax breaks to military veterans disabled while in the service:

Veterans of any age with at least a 10 percent disability incurred while in active military service (no matter where they lived when they entered the military) can deduct \$5,000 from the value of their property before taxes are calculated (in addition to the \$50,000 exemption offered to all owners of homesteaded property).

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Happenings

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Support for caregivers

A Caregivers Support Group meets at 10 a.m. in the library of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church on State Road 200 each first and third Thursday of the month. All in need of information, comfort and support are welcome to attend. Call Catherine at 352-873-0829 for more details.

Friday Oct. 5

Back to Back Solid Gold at Moose

A local favorite is providing music with guitar, saxophone and voice to entertain at the West Marion Moose Lodge, Oct. 5 and 6 (Friday and Saturday). Solid Gold plays all the old time favorites specializing in all the songs we grew up with. Solid Gold is also great dance

music. Dinners are from 5 to 8 p.m., fish or shrimp Friday and spaghetti dinner on Saturday, entertainment and dancing 6 until 10 p.m.

West Marion Moose Lodge 2356, open for members and qualified guests is at 10411 S.W. 110th St., one mile north of State Road 200 across from Oak Run entrance. Phone is 352-854-2200.

Dinner and concert

“Durant,” 2008 MCA Awards Group of the Year, six young people who share a passion for music and praise and will perform their unique gospel concert after a light dinner is served. A love offering will be taken. 6:30 p.m.

Christ’s Church of Marion County is at 6768 S.W. 80th St. (off State Road 200), Ocala. Call 352-861-6182 or www.ccomc.org.

Saturday, Oct. 6

Quarterly reading of deceased vets

Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution will read the names of local veterans who have passed away during the previous three months when the Quar-

terly Memorial Reading takes place at the Ocala-Marion County Veterans Park on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. Those members are Tevis Fitzpatrick, Jean Brown, Beverly Fritz, Trish Kilgore, Sonja Wheelis, and Roberta Abraben.

The Colors will be posted and retired by Belleview High School ROTC, and the gun salute performed by members of Marion County Sheriff’s Office. Kevin Christian, of the Marion County School System, will perform two songs during the ceremony.

Among others taking part in the ceremony will be event organizer Wilbur Julius, Marion County Veterans Services Director Jeffrey Askew, and Undersheriff Dan Kuhn.

Lions Club holding pancake breakfast

The Ocala 200 Lions Club is holding a pancake breakfast and outside yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Lions Clubhouse, 20826 S.W. Walnut St., Dunnellon.

Breakfast is from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and the \$5 donation includes juice, sausage, pancakes and coffee. For coffee only, the cost is \$1.

This event takes place the first Saturday of the month from September until June. All proceeds benefit local charities.

Chess Club to meet

The chess club that formed at the Freedom Public Library meets the first Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Kingdom of the Sun band two-day concert

The Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band announces its October concert series, “You Can’t Stop the Beat” scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 7, at 3 p.m., at the Marion Technical Institute, 1614 S.E. Fort King St., Ocala.

All performances are free and open to the public. Musical selections include: “Stevie Wonder in Concert;” “Selections from Hairspray;” “American Overture for Band;” George & Ira Gershwin’s “Someone to Watch Over Me,” featuring vocalist Marcia Muncaster; “Fluta

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Senior Expo

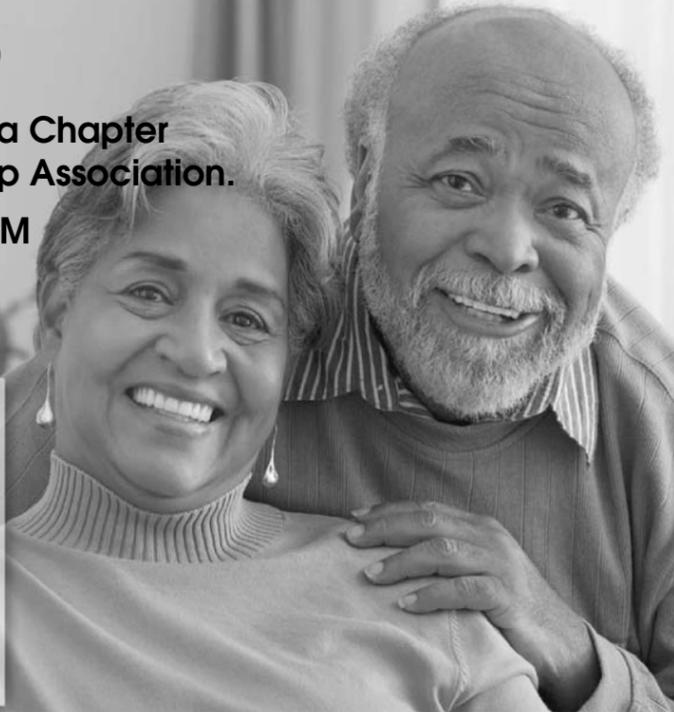
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The fair will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the clubhouse.

There will be a baked good sale going on at the same time and also a quilt raffle.

The kitchen will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to buy a hot dog and drink for lunch.

Vendors wanted by church

Crossroads Church, 8070 S.W. 60th Ave., will host a yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 6, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Families and vendors can rent a space, the size of two parking spaces for \$10. Tables are available for an additional \$5. Call 352-509-4141 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to save a place.

Two-day yard sale at garden club site

The Pioneer Garden Club will conduct its annual indoor yard sale on Oct. 6-7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

There will be clothes, toys, household items, kitchen goods and plant, among other things.

The site is the Pioneer Garden Club, 4331 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala. Website is pioneerclub.org.

Yoga at Sholom Park

Come and join us for a beautiful yoga class in the peace park, which begins promptly at 9 a.m.

For further information, call Ingrid at 352-854-7950.

Saturday, Oct. 6

Blessing of the animals

The seventh annual blessing of the animals will take place at Joy Lutheran Church on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the Memorial Garden.

Pastor Ed Holloway will conduct the service. The public is welcome to bring their dogs, cats, horses, sheep, birds, and etc. to receive the blessing. Owners must be able to control their pets.

Joy Lutheran Church is at 7045 S.W. 83rd Place at State Road 200, Ocala. For more information call 352-854-4509 ext 221.

Sunday, Oct. 7

Annual historic home tour

The Historic Ocala Preservation Society's annual historic home tour, featuring the 100th anniversary of one home, will be Sunday, Oct. 7, from noon to 5 p.m. The Tour will be centered around Bryant Park.

For ticket information, call 352-351-1861.

Monday, Oct. 8

Twirlers to teach square dance

Fun and friendship set to music is what square dancing is. The Ocala Twirlers club is starting a beginners' class for new dancers on Oct. 8 at 12:45 p.m.

The club meets at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 S.W. 105th St., west-bound just past Pine Run. The church is about a half-mile from the intersection.

Call Tom Warren at 352-237-6416 or Norm Barnes at 352-873-1734 for information

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Candidate forums scheduled

Candidate forums will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Circle Square Cultural Center, 8395 S.W. 80th St., Ocala.

Candidates for Marion County races (commission seats for districts 1,3,5; sheriff, supervisor of elections, and superintendent of schools) have accepted the League's invitation

to participate in this forum hosted by the Marion County League of Women Voters. The event is open to the public.

Woman's Clubs to meet

The GFWC Woman's Club of Ocala Day Group will meet Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 11:45 a.m. at the Elks Club, 702 N.E. 25th Ave., Ocala, for lunch, a program and a business meeting. The speaker will be Dyer Michell, a retired health care professional, who will discuss the referendum on the November ballot concerning a bond issue for the Munroe Regional Medical Center.

Luncheon reservations are requested. Please call Mary Knight at 352-347-3975 by Thursday night, the 4th. All women in the area are welcome.

The GFWC Woman's Club of Ocala Evening Group will meet Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 702 N.E. 25th Ave., Ocala, for a program and business meeting.

In observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the speakers will be Hayley Creasey of Ocala Health System and representatives of Advanced Imaging Centers and Michelle-O-Gram.

Reservations are not necessary. All ladies are invited to attend.

Thursday, Oct. 11

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, Oct. 11, at 1 p.m. for lunch and a meeting afterward.

This month a representative of Blue Cross, Blue Shield will be the speaker. Any members in the area are welcomed.

Saturday, Oct. 13

Flying Wallendas at Circle Square

Celebrate the change of the seasons with Circle Square Commons on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 4 to 9 p.m. with the famed Flying Wallendas, a tribute to the queen of Country music Shania Twain, amazing jugglers, delicious food, talented craft vendors and a pumpkin patch!

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Human trafficking conference set

Women at Risk International presents a conference on human trafficking Saturday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at College Road Baptist Church, 5010 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala.

The conference is free, but you should register online at careconferenceocala.eventbrite.com or by calling 352-875-5084.

Guest speakers include representatives from the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking and the Marion County Sheriff's Office Human Trafficking Task Force.

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Know your varieties

There are five different types of Wisconsin potatoes. Use this guide to purchase the right potato for your favorite dishes:

- **Russet** — Best used for baked dishes, or when making French fries or mashed potatoes; available year-round.
- **Round white** — Great for casseroles, gratins, soups, salads or roasted; available year-round.
- **Round red** — Best boiled, steamed, roasted or served in salads; available late summer to early fall.
- **Yellow flesh** — Can be baked, mashed or roasted; available from late summer to early spring.
- **Blue and purple** — Great for baked dishes, microwaved or steamed; available in the fall.

GRILLED POTATOES

Make for a Crowd Pleaser

FAMILY FEATURES

Cookouts provide the perfect opportunity to gather friends and family in the backyard for quality time to celebrate the season. When hosting, look to delicious, wholesome ingredients and recipes everyone will love. One great go-to food that never disappoints is the Wisconsin potato, and with five varieties to choose from, these hearty vegetables are easy to add to all your favorite dishes.

Get the facts about potatoes: Wisconsin potatoes offer a variety of health benefits. In fact, one medium potato (5.3 ounces with skin) contains:

- Only 110 calories, zero fat and no gluten
- 45 percent of the daily value for vitamin C, 10 percent of B6 and 8 percent of fiber
- As much or more potassium (620mg) as spinach, broccoli or a banana

Find more health information, as well as recipes and purchasing and preparation tips, at www.EatWisconsinPotatoes.com.



Grilled Potato Kabobs with Lemon Herb Drizzle

Prep Time: 20 minutes | Grill Time: 10 minutes
Servings: 6

Lemon-Herb Drizzle

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs (such as basil, rosemary, marjoram and sage)
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt, or to taste
- Juice of 1 fresh lemon
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Potato Kabobs

- 1 pound russet potatoes, scrubbed
- 1 (12 ounce) package precooked chicken sausage, sliced 1/4-inch-thick on the diagonal
- 2 ears fresh corn, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 zucchini, sliced 1/4-inch-thick on the diagonal

Heat olive oil in small saucepan until very hot; remove from heat and stir in garlic. Let cool, then stir in herbs, salt, lemon juice and pepper; set aside.

Place potatoes in medium microwave-safe bowl and cover with lid or plastic wrap. If using plastic wrap, make sure plastic wrap is not touching any ingredients and poke one small hole in cover to vent.

Microwave on high for 10 to 12 minutes or until potatoes are tender (cooking time may vary depending on microwave). Use oven mitts to carefully remove from microwave.

When cool enough to handle, cut into large chunks. Thread potatoes, sausage and vegetables on skewers. Grill over medium-high heat for about 10 minutes, turning frequently and brushing with a little of herb mixture during the last few minutes of cooking. Remove from grill and place on platter; drizzle with remaining herb mixture.

Nutrition Facts: Calories: 340; Fat: 18g; Cholesterol: 55mg; Sodium: 680mg; Vitamin C: 200% daily value; Fiber: 4g; Protein: 15g; Potassium: 682mg

Cookout Potatoes

Prep Time: 30 minutes | Grill Time: 60 minutes
Servings: 8

- Non-stick cooking spray
- 1 medium onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 1/2 pounds Yukon gold potatoes, very thinly sliced
- 1 1/3 cups shredded low-fat sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup real bacon bits
- 1/3 cup chopped bell pepper (any color)
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt

Spray 9 x 9 x 2-inch foil pan liberally with nonstick cooking spray. Place half the onions, potatoes, cheese, bacon bits, bell pepper and garlic salt in pan. Repeat layers. Cover tightly with foil; grill over medium heat for 1 hour, rotating pan occasionally to avoid hot spots.

Nutrition Facts: Calories: 140; Fat: 2.5g; Cholesterol: 10mg; Sodium: 370mg; Vitamin C: 45% daily value; Fiber: 1g; Protein: 10g; Potassium: 720mg



Grilled Yellow Potato Planks

Prep Time: 15 minutes | Grill Time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 pounds (about 4) unpeeled yellow potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices

Preheat grill.

Combine oil, garlic, rosemary and salt in dish. Add potato slices and turn until well coated.

Grill potatoes for 8 minutes or until soft. Turn and continue grilling 10 minutes longer or until cooked through.

Remove from grill and serve.

Nutrition Facts: Calories: 280; Fat: 11g; Cholesterol: 0mg; Sodium: 310mg; Vitamin C: 37% daily value; Fiber: 4g; Protein: 4g; Potassium: 718mg



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you love being the focus of attention, it's a good idea to take a few steps back right now to just watch the action. What you see can help with an upcoming decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) "Caution" continues to be your watchword this week, as a former colleague tries to reconnect old links. There are still some dark places that need to be illuminated.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Making a good first impression is important. Revealing your often hidden sense of humor can help you get through some of the more awkward situations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking that Cancer Crab image too seriously? Lighten up. Instead of complaining about your problems, start resolving them. A friend would be happy to help.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A widening distance between you and that special person needs to be handled with honesty and sensitivity. Don't let jealousy create an even greater gap between you two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Congratulations. Your handling of a delicate family matter rates kudos. But no resting on your laurels just yet. You still have to resolve that on-the-job problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You might surprise everyone by being unusually impulsive this week. But even level-headed Libras need to do the unexpected now and then.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A period of turmoil gives way to a calmer, more settled environment. Use this quieter time to patch up neglected personal and/or professional relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A new relationship could create resentment among family and friends who feel left out of your life. Show them you care by making more time for them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Concentrate on completing all your unfinished tasks before deadline. You'll then be able to use this freed-up time to research new career opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You're right to try to help colleagues resolve their heated differences. But keep your objectivity and avoid showing any favoritism 'twixt the two sides.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your personal life continues to show positive changes. Enjoy this happy turn of events, by all means. But be careful not to neglect your workplace obligations.

BORN THIS WEEK: People of all ages look to you for advice and encouragement. You would make an excellent counselor.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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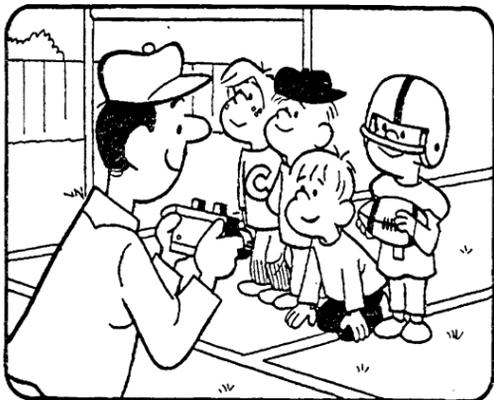
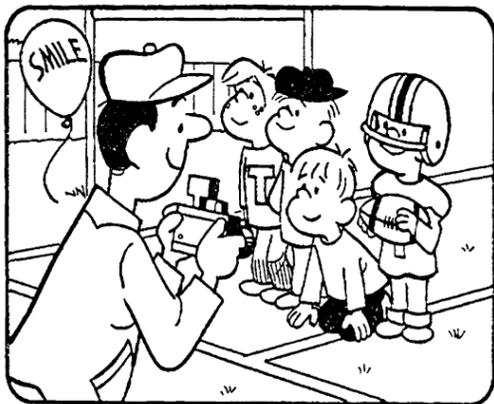
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

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Super Crossword

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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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Opinion

Our Message

Amendments are long and complicated

Last week we told you that voting early might be the answer to avoid long lines on Election Day. The main culprit, we noted, was the choice of yes or no on the 11 proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution.

When you get your ballot, you'll see that the last amendment is No. 12. However, Amendment 7 was stricken from the ballot by the courts and is covered by No. 8, hence the total of 11 on the ballot.

Each week, we're going to add our own assessment of the amendments published that week.

Amendment 1 is, in our opinion, a waste of time. If it passes, it says that Floridians cannot be forced to purchase health care, as mandated by Obamacare.

Editorial

However, the Supreme Court has already ruled that the mandate is constitutional, and that would supersede state law, so it doesn't really matter if this amendment passes or not.

The only way that people would not be required to take part in the insurance would be to elect a Republican president and Senate, along with the House of Representatives, and then have Obamacare repealed.

Some people think that's possible, but we doubt it. In our minds, a Romney win is still possible, but a change in the Senate is far more unlikely.

Amendment 2 involves a tax break for veterans, giving an extra homestead exemption to disabled vets who did not live here when they joined the military.

It's hard to find fault with something like this, but read carefully the part about the financial impact, and ask yourself if the state can handle any more loss of tax revenue. We think not.

No one should be against helping veterans, especially disabled vets, but the question is how much we are willing to bear financially. We'll stay neutral on this one, but advise you to think it over carefully.

Next week we'll take on some more. There are other exemption requests to be covered down the road. Stay tuned.

Among Friends

Taking up a cause in the future

Newspaper people, at least those who work for reputable organizations, have some rules and standards to follow. One of those states that employees shouldn't get involved in backing any political causes or candidates, no bumper stickers, etc.

That's a good rule. You generally want your newspaper people to be neutral in coverage, and keep opinions to the opinion pages.

But I guarantee that the moment I'm finished working at a newspaper, I'm going to take up a cause, pushing for a federal law change and a state constitutional amendment.

My amendment would read as follows: The Do-Not-Call Registry shall apply to all politicians and political causes.

Let's face it, we can't count on our legislators to expand the do-not-call list, since they are the biggest violators.

I have to admit, when I answer the phone at home now, if it's a recording, I hang up after about five words. My wife's a little more patient. She'll listen for a while before hanging up. But it's annoying when we're sitting there watching a TV show or eating dinner (or both), and we have to interrupt our train of thought to answer the phone.

When you derail my train of thought, it's very hard for me to get back on track.

So I definitely want to stop the phone

Jim Clark
Editor



calls, which obviously are going to persist until Nov. 6 (during the primary I received a call just an hour before the polls were supposed to close).

I wanted to put another rule into place, so that when the Caller ID says "blocked" or "unknown," I just simply do not answer. But then I discovered that the cell phones of some people I know come across as "unknown," so I really can't do that. Evidently Caller ID has not kept up with the cell phone boom.

Besides, some of these political calls come in with Caller ID numbers with out-of-state area codes, making them look legitimate.

So for now, I'll just live with it. But be forewarned, politicians. If I ever retire, I'll be out on the corner getting petitions signed to expand the do-not-call list. I'm coming after you, and I don't think I'll have any trouble getting it passed.

Jim Clark is the editor of the West Marion Messenger.

Guest column

Supporting schools or supporting education?

BY JIM FLYNN

An indicator of our cultural decline is loose use of what is left of the English language. Editorials and letters to editors about voter rejection of the tax referenda on the August primary ballot exemplified confusion about the difference between "schools" and "education." "School" is an institution at which instruction is provided.

Confusion occurs when we express concern about what's wrong with our schools. Most citizens care about the current state of public education. Even our least educated citizens know education is instruction which passes on knowledge, or training intended to develop skills. Knowledge and training were passed down for centuries without benefit of today's campuses, staffs, and political hierarchies.

Voters didn't support the schools/education referenda on the August primary ballot because American taxpayers have caught on that the public education hierarchy is first and foremost a self-interest organization.

In the not distant past education think tanks suggested children couldn't learn without balanced nutrition. School lunch programs became learning necessities. Some time later, after satisfaction that lunches were enhancing academic achievement, elite thinkers suggested the negative effects of poverty could and should be mitigated by school breakfast programs.

Despite the benefits of meals and social services provided at schools, public education is in dismal condition, which is exacerbated by our weak economy and our national epidemic of dysfunctional families.

We wouldn't be surprised to hear a serious suggestion from Washington that public education could be further improved by dinners at school. Three nutritious meals accompanied by after school tutoring and counseling may yet be considered remedies for lack of parental inspiration, supervision, and literacy. Think tanks, colleges of education, and their political patrons will continue to come up with suggestions in the name of educational improvements, accompanied by appeals for additional funding - as always.

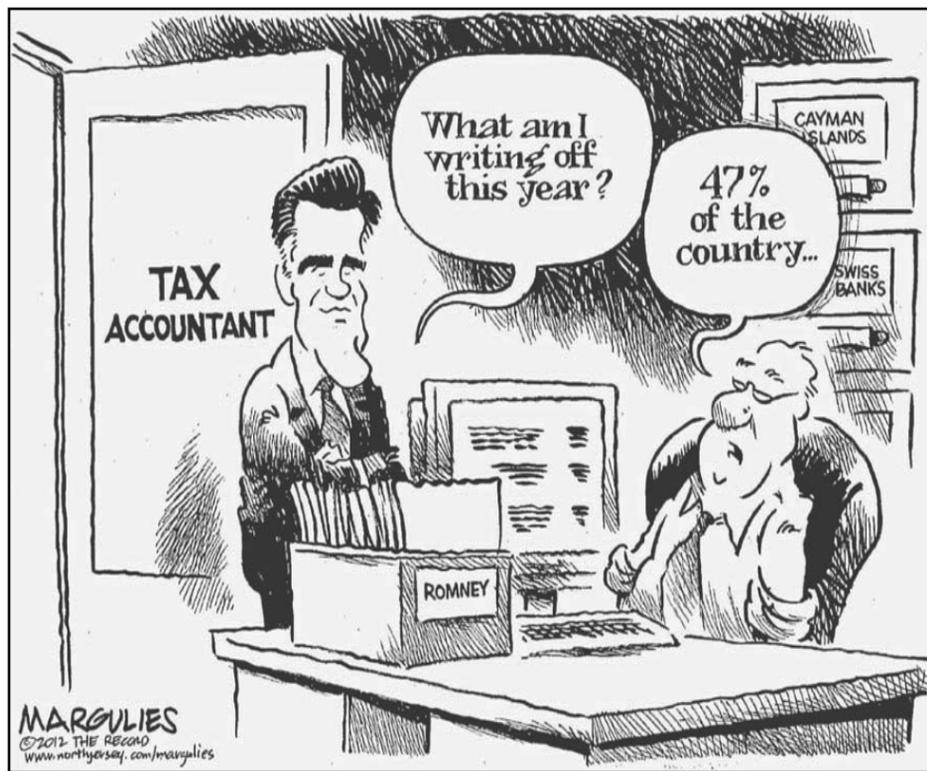
U.S. Department of Education, bureaucrats are working currently on a goal of "common standards" for all states, even though several federal laws prohibit Washington from mandating, directing, or controlling any state's education agency or school curriculum.

Education bureaucrats see federal laws as temporary inconveniences which interfere with their control agenda and the interests of their self-serving professional organizations. We wouldn't be surprised if the Department of Education requested authority to classify their deliberations as top secret.

Is public education really so self-interested? Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft, who has invested \$4 billion in U.S. education projects says: "Most people don't realize how bad the situation has become." We've never had a system that identifies great teaching, so we can pass on the skills to others. Educator organizations cringe at the prospect of evaluation.

Should we believe Bill Gates' observations and experience as a benefactor of public education or the Department of Education, which seeks to dictate all aspects of public education as quietly as possible? Mr. Gates' interest is self-funded, and not self-serving.

On Point



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Getting into October and the fall weather



Carolyn Slocumb

QUAIL MEADOW

OK, I know they say that "time flies," but did September have supersonic speed? It feels like we just celebrated Labor Day and now it's time for Oktoberfest. The celebration this year will be on Monday, Oct. 15, with a meal of brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, baked beans, and other side dishes. Following the meal we will have our yearly auction. You are asked to bring a wrapped gift to donate for

this event. Tickets are still available from Kathy Voss and Theresa Yoders.

Now that the nights are getting a little cool, the water in the pool is not warm enough for some of us. However, it is still open and refreshing for many. For those who want to exercise inside, Mary Zdarsky's classes began on Oct. 1. They meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m.

Mark your calendars with some of the upcoming events: The first Friday poolside gathering is this Friday, the 5th.

The Ladies Luncheon for October will be at The Attic on Friday, the 12th. Please make your reservations with Marion Gartman or Pat Tobin.

The Red Hot Fillies will be going to Circle Square at On Top of the World on Saturday, the 13th. This is the Junior League Autumn Gift Market and craft fair. Check the QM Reporter for more details.

Have you noticed the

Mobile app offered by schools

Marion County Public Schools is the first Florida school district to offer a new mobile app to students, parents, employees, and others seeking school information.

For more information, contact my office directly or scan the QR code above. You can also visit www.schoolconnectapps.com for more details.

The district is customizing and testing the app now. The free app, called School Connect, is available in the Apple and Android app stores to users of smart phones and other app-enabled devices.

Once users download the free app, they can choose to receive "push" notifications from any school. Similar to text messages, these notifications can be immediate in case of an emergency. In the future, they may also remind subscribers about early release days, events, athletic competitions, club meetings, and other district and school functions.

The app, provided free to the district and users at no taxpayer expense, links to the Parent Portal with student grades, school lunch menus, school addresses and contact information, school web sites, and education-related resources. It also provides GPS mapping and navigation links and multiple language options including Spanish.

The app was created by School Connect, an Oklahoma-based mobile app developer for K-12 school systems. Within 24 hours of its initial launch in October 2011, School Connect was a Top 25 free app at the Apple store. To date, the app is available in 93 school districts in eight states including Florida.

The app will enhance Marion County Public Schools' efforts to improve communications with parents, students, employees, and other stakeholders.

Read the classifieds

"new" driveway at the clubhouse? It appears to have corrected the problem of the standing water. Even after the heavy rains of the past few weeks, there is no standing water at the end of the drives.

If you are a "walker" and like to take a walk at night, please use a flashlight and/or have on reflective clothing. It's getting dark earlier and without lights on our streets, it's very hard to see someone walking - especially if you are wearing dark clothing.

The mystery of what is going into the old Barbizon Restaurant building (which was an Eckerd's earlier) has been solved. A

Dollar Tree store will be the new occupant. The store is set to open on Monday, Oct. 8.

If you haven't yet registered to vote, you have until Oct. 9. You can register at any tax collectors location i.e. Jasmine Plaza or any library. Early voting begins Oct. 27 and ends on Nov. 3. This can be done at the Supervisor of Elections office, or any Marion County library. The hours for early voting are: Oct. 27 and 28 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Oct. 29 to Nov. 2 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and the final day Nov. 3, the hours will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Quail Meadow Clubhouse will once again be used as a vot-

ing precinct on the regular Election Day - Nov. 6.

Just as I was completing this article, the news of the death of Andy Williams came across my computer. I'm sure many of us have danced to and/or sung to his rendition of Moon River. The Iowa-born Williams began singing professionally as a boy with his three older brothers in the 1930s. He went solo when the quartet

broke up in the early 50s. A popular feature of Williams' TV program was the annual Christmas show, on which he would be surrounded by his own family members. Williams said he never tired of singing "Moon River," whose melody he considered "beautiful" and whose lyrics he called "timeless." Too bad we don't have music like this today!

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Asked about juvenile crime, he said that money is saved by housing juvenile offenders on the same property, but not the same building, as the jail. He also mentioned the WILA (work in lieu of arrest) program which only has a recidivism of 8 percent.

Finally, he was asked about personal characteristics that would benefit him in the job, and he said he "cares about the community. You have to have a servant's heart."

Running as a member of the Constitution Party is Bernie DeCastro, who has lived in the county since 1984 and runs a non-profit group that "reduces crime by working with people re-entering the community. We've got to stop that vicious cycle.

Asked about the budget, he said he has special business skills he would bring to the job, and does the same thing as the Sheriff's Office "on a smaller scale every year." He said that leadership and integrity were the important things on the job.

He was asked about working with the County Commission, and he said he "hopes he has the ability to work with the county commissioners. The discussion centered on sheriff's vehicles, and he emphasized that you have to keep the deputies safe, noting that "when you're chasing someone at 80 mph," the condition of tires and transmission was important.

He criticized the federal government, saying the "federal overreach is becoming epidemic in America."

Asked about the work farm, he called it a "great idea," and gave the current MCSO "kudos" for the farm, saying it is "therapeutic." He said he would try to expand it.

CONCERTS

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because Silver Springs continues to present acts that have never performed at the park before. Also, this year, there will be at least three night time shows, which is new to the series.

Along with the exciting news about the 2013 Concert Series, there are other events still scheduled in 2012 that bring value and excitement for our guests. They include: The 5th Annual Fright Nights, (Fridays-Saturdays, now through Oct. 27) featuring the Ocala Jaycees 40th Annual Haunted House and the 7th annual All "General Motors" Auto Show on Oct. 6. Also scheduled will be the 15th Annual Corvette Show revving things up on Nov. 10 and the spectacular 20th annual Festival of Lights in December.

The "Bring A Friend Free Ticket" is back. Guests purchasing the "All Access Silver Pass" for only \$49.99 receives a "Bring a Friend Free Ticket", along with free parking, plus free admission to all Silver Springs concerts, Festival of Lights and all Special Events. It even includes a season pass to our water park, Wild Waters!

Concerts are included in Silver Springs' daily price of admission of \$33.99 for adults; \$25.99 for children (ages 3-10). Children two and under are free. Silver Springs is east of Ocala on State Road 40; exit 352 east off I-75 or exit 268 west off I-95. For more information; 352-236-2121 or visit www.silversprings.com.

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Religion

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"Marion County represents a one percent microcosm of our country's population with its citizenry reflecting not only the ethnic complexion of the old South but also the diversity introduced by streams of new residents of European, Caribbean, Latin American, African and Asian background. They include Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Baha'i among others who are so enriching our civic life. While The Interfaith Alliance strongly supports first amendment rights of religious freedom and expression for all, we also wish to address the distinction between mere tolerance of differences and the progressive strengthening and acceptance of the rights of all segments of our society during the history of our young nation," according to Rev. Dr. Harold McSwain, Jr, pastor of the host church who will moderate.

Panel participants include the Rev. Edward Bland,

pastor of the Greater Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church; Larry Collins, member of the Islamic Center of Ocala and vice president of The Interfaith Alliance; Judge Sandra Edwards-Stephens of the Fifth Circuit Court; Barbara Fitos, executive director of The Community Foundation; Rabbi Ze'ev Harari of Temple Beth Shalom; and Rev. Peggy Hostetler, pastor of the Oakbrook Center for Spiritual Living.

The event is free and open to the public with a reception to follow in the adjacent community center.

For further information please visit <http://TIAMarionCounty.org>, email info@TIAMarionCounty.org or telephone 352-873-9970.

Mishkan Congregation celebrates Holy Days 5773

Special services are held for many upcoming holy days, those services include:

- Sukkot Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 6, 11:30 a.m.
- Simchat Torah Joy of God's Word, Oct. 13, 11:30 a.m.
- Thanksgiving celebration of all people Nov. 17, 11:30 a.m.
- Chanukah Celebration Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m.
- Tu-Be-Sheve New Year of the Trees, Jan. 26, 11:30 a.m.
- Fasting with Esther Feb. 21 – 23, Break-the-fast at Oneg, after 11:30 a.m. service. Fast only if you are able.
- Purim Feb. 23, 11:30 a.m. everyone wear a costume. Young people wear a character from the book of Esther.

Pesach, Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, search for chametz after nightfall March 24. Passover celebrated Monday, March 25.

Shavuot Feast of Weeks, May 11, 11:30 a.m.

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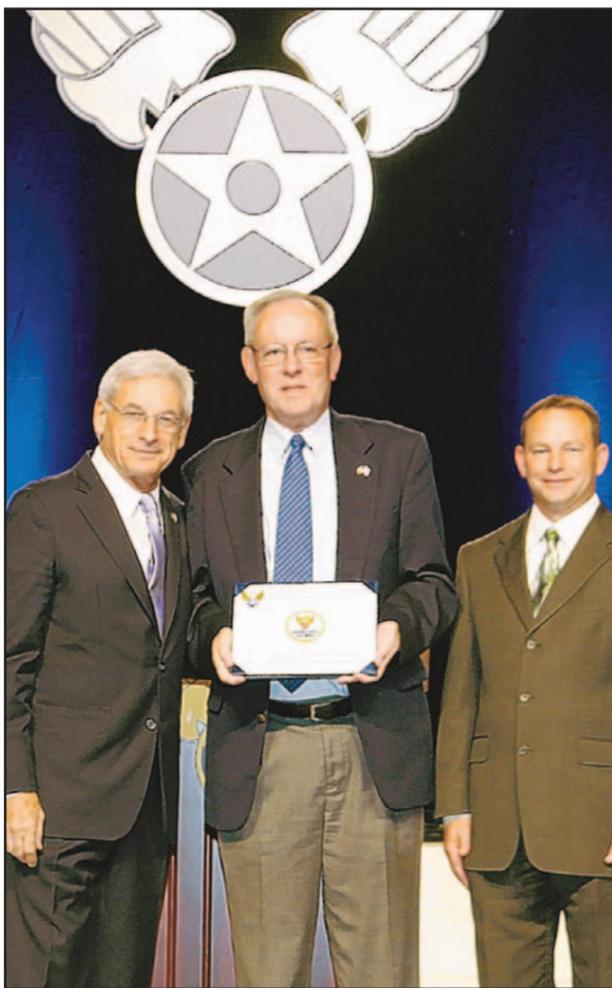
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Furniture collection

Marion County Solid Waste's monthly furniture collection events are held at varying recycling centers throughout the county to provide more convenient locations for citizens to bring their old furniture. Solid Waste then transports the furniture to the landfill.

October and November furniture collection event closest to our area is as follows:

Oct. 13, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Orange Lake Recycling Center, 18920 N.W. 53rd Court Road, Orange Lake.

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