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## Apartment fire forces 72 evacuations

An apartment fire Saturday, June 15, that originated in a kitchen resulted in 72 senior citizens being evacuated from a four story building for more than one hour.

Ocala Fire Rescue responded at 8:03 a.m. and arrived five minutes later. The fire was placed under control 40 minutes later. Twenty firefighters responded to Heritage Oaks of Ocala, 2820 S.W. 34th St.

The fire was held in check by a fire sprinkler system that activated, until firefighters arrived on scene five minutes later. "The smoke was very thick inside the

building on the top floor on arrival of firefighters, and that prompted the evacuations. The evacuation went well although it was labor intensive for firefighters as each apartment had to be checked and several of the residents were handicapped and in wheel chairs" according to acting Battalion Chief Scott Bolton.

Two of the elderly residents were checked for smoke inhalation by paramedics; however they declined to be transported to the hospital. The fire occurred on the fourth floor, and firefighters

quickly extinguished the remaining fire and stopped the flow of water from the sprinkler system. After clearing smoke from the building residents were allowed back into the building a few minutes after 9 a.m.

The American Red Cross was contacted to assist management in finding alternate housing for six residents who were not able to return as a result of fire or water damage. Firefighters remained on scene for more than two hours removing water from the building and assisting the residents.



OCALA FIRE RESCUE PHOTO

A fire truck negotiates the driveway at Heritage Oaks of Ocala on Southwest 34th Street.



PHOTOS BY JIM CLARK

### Flag Day event

A Flag Day commemoration took place at Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday, June 16. Above, as preparations are made for the flag retirement ceremony, Pat Seadorf plays Taps while Leonardo Mezzara and David Bice hold one of the worn flags.



New Marine Corps League member Brian Warnack helped ignite the flags while others saluted.



David Bice stands behind the barrel as old and discarded flags are burned.

## Suspects jailed in Live Oak Farm grand thefts

The Marion County Sheriff's Office responded to Live Oak Farm, 9275 S.W. 9th St. Road, in reference to the burglary of an equipment barn and the theft of their farm truck. The locks were cut off and three generators, gas cans, tools and their 2008 Ford truck were all missing.

On June 13, Deputy Donahue located the truck abandoned in the 5100 block of Northwest 27th Avenue in Ocala. Soon after, an anonymous tip was received stating that the stolen generators were located at a residence off Northeast 31st Street in Ocala. Further investigation revealed that the defendants traveled to the area of the farm and parked nearby. Evodio Diaz and Arthur Mason reportedly got out and walked into the farm. Soon after, Jeff Mason allegedly received a phone call from Evodio stating that they had just stolen a truck and asked them to meet them down the road from the farm. They all then drove back to the residence where the generators, tools and gas cans were all unloaded and hidden inside the home.

Arrested were Jeffrey Mason, 30, Arthur Mason, 28, Evodio Diaz, 31 and Carla Pildons, 30. Each was charged with burglary, grand theft auto and grand theft. They were being held under no bond.

## Ocala Palms couple watch their son retire from service in Army

BY BARB DEDICS  
 Special to the Messenger

Every parent dreams of the day their child achieves his or her ultimate goal. This dream came true for Sherry and Barry Fies of Ocala Palms as they watched their son, Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Eric Fies, retire from the United States Army.

Eric entered the Army immediately after graduating from high school. His goal of becoming an Airborne Ranger was achieved at Fort Benning, Georgia, in December of 1990. As an Airborne Ranger Team Leader, he led his team

# Residents enjoy Quail Meadow birthday bash

Another fabulous night at the clubhouse! The annual Quail Meadow birthday bash was enjoyed by about 70 residents. It was great to see several new residents with us. There were even two residents who were actually celebrating birthdays on Monday – Pat Talley and Dan Parker (we won't tell how "young" they are). The dinner was outstanding – our people really know how to cook. The tables were filled with scrumptious food: salads, veggies, mac and cheese, Carolina bar-b-que, meatballs, etc. If you have never been to one of our "pot lucks", you don't know what you are missing.



**Quail Meadow**  
*Carolyn Slocumb*

Following the dinner, which ended with birthday cake and ice cream, we were entertained by the Golden Troupers. This is a group of entertainers who are part of the Ocala Civic Theatre organization. All contributions to this group are donated to the children's theater group – a part of the Civic Theatre. To our surprise, we learned that one member of the group, Vince Kochetta, is a resident here in Quail Meadow. The group entertained us with music and hilarious skits. The program included Elvis songs, and Doo Wop sounds from "Fingers Linguini." The skits included "The Doctor Jill" show in which Dr. Jill counseled couples with various problems. There was also a couple planning a 25th wedding anniversary renewal ceremony; after seeing their problems, you might have reservations about having a renewal service! Most of us could relate to the "summer camp letter home." If you have ever sent your children to camp, or been yourself, it brought back memories.

Yoders in the clubhouse and he was able to give information to the response team (Dave is a former paramedic). I'm happy to report that after spending a few hours in the emergency room, Mr. Smith is back home and doing well.

The next event at the clubhouse will be the Fourth of July parade and chicken dinner. Cars, trucks, bicycles, golf carts, etc. are needed for the parade. If you plan to participate in the parade, please call Marion Gartman. The parade will begin at the clubhouse, tour the neighborhood, and then return to the clubhouse for refreshments. We will have a chicken dinner at the clubhouse at 1 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are available, for a \$3 donation, from Carol Sjogren and Marie Schneider. Come help us celebrate our nation's birthday.

Attention Red Hatters: Our last meeting for the summer is lunch on Wednesday, the 26th, at The Braised Onion. All members and guests are invited to join us. Please call Pat Talley or Carolyn Slocumb by Monday, the 24th, if you plan to join us for lunch.

Bingo has stopped for the summer, but I'm happy to announce that Judi Hargraves will be heading up the game in September. Check the Reporter for the opening day.

Other activities have slowed down for the summer, but we will still have our "First Friday" gatherings. This month's gathering was enjoyed by 20 residents; maybe next month we might even get in the pool to cool off!



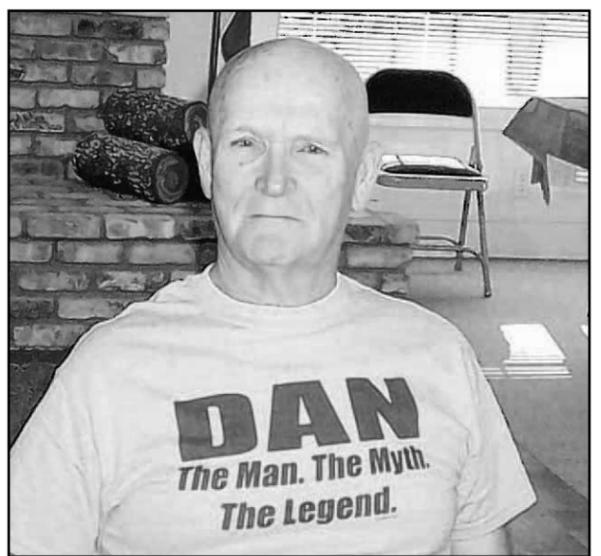
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# Weight-loss challenge is complete at Stone Creek

The challenge is complete. January of this year, I wrote how Fitness Director Judy Helfin challenged Chris Johnson, Community Manager, and Rick Morang, then Maintenance Manager, to lose weight. On June 5, the Elan Spa had a spa day and the results of the "weight loss challenge" were announced.

Chris Johnson lost 30 pounds. He was somewhat disappointed as he had just come back from a week long reunion where he had not followed his normal eating habits. However, losing 30 pounds in six months is great. Along with his weight loss, you could see walking around carrying weights. Congratulations, Chris on completing your goal.



**Stone Creek**  
*Patricia Gizzi*

Rick Morang, who is no longer our Maintenance Manger ,lost 11 pounds. Rick, unfortunately, could not be at the weigh in called in his weight loss. The residents and staff missed not seeing Rick but congratulate him on his weight loss. The goal was to lose weight and we know that both men will work to keep

the weight off.

Our fitness director, Judy, had more than just weight loss challenge. She asked the residents of Stone Creek to pledge money with the proceeds going to Brother's Keeper Soup Kitchen. Many donated a \$1 a pound lost or a specific amount. The total pledged is \$1,041.50. Judy is hoping that all that pledged will send in their pledge amount to Brother's Keeper. This was a great idea and Chris, Rick and the Soup Kitchen all benefitted from the weight loss challenge.

Sister Concepta, manager of the Soup Kitchen, was unable to attend the day's festivities but she sent her gratitude and thanks to the people of Stone Creek

for their generous donation to this worthy cause.

Spa Day also included delicious treats and chair massages given by Tiffeny Battisti. Carol Matlack from Mary Kay was there and one resident won a basket of Mary Kay gifts. Paulette Farrar and Judy Weiss had their handmade jewelry for sale, and Home Instead Senior Care had a table with their pamphlets.

There was also a free water aerobics class that was taught by Barb.

It was a great day with great outcomes. It was just another way that the residents of Stone Creek give back to the Ocala Community. Thank you, Judy and staff for providing this special day.



Judy Helfin in center with her staff, Marcy West and Steve Wright.



Sister Concepta, manager of Brothers Keeper.



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# Happenings

## Thursday, June 20

### Air Force group to meet

The June meeting of the Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association (AFA) will be on Thursday, June 20 at 7 p.m. at the Ocala Regional Airport Administration Building, 750 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala.

Bring a guest!!

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

## Saturday, June 22

### African Violet Club meeting

The African Violet Club of Ocala will meet on Saturday, June 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion County Sheriff's Office Brian Litz Substation, 9048 S.W. Highway 200, Ocala.

The program will include a photo tour and update on the 2013 AVSA Convention. Carolee Carter, past president, will be the presenter. She attended the event last month.

Other potting plants activities are planned as well. Light refreshments are served. Guests are always welcome.

Check <http://www.africanvioletclubofocala.org/> for more information.

### Be a Hero blood drive

OneBlood, in partnership with the city of Ocala, Emerging Leaders Ocala and the Ocala Farm Market will host their annual Be A Hero Day Blood Drive on Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Big Red Buses will be located on the SE corner of Broadway Street and First Avenue in Ocala's Historic Downtown.

All lifesaving donors receive a custom Hero T-shirt, a wellness check up and cholesterol screening, a coupon for \$5 off two entrees from Outback Steakhouse and more, including entry into prize drawings from local businesses.

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Generally, healthy people age 16 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate blood. For more information about donating blood, center locations and hours, go to [www.oneblood.org](http://www.oneblood.org).

Blood donations are always needed, especially during the challenging summer months due to vacations, school breaks and a snowbird population that returns north. Every two seconds someone needs a blood transfusion in the United States. Blood donations profoundly affect the lives of patients in our community and in many cases one donation can save up to three patients.

## Sunday, June 23

### Beth Israel sponsors games

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala will sponsor an afternoon of card and board games on Sunday, June 23 at noon at the Collins Center, 9401 State Road 200 in Ocala. The event will feature a fun afternoon of games and a lunch prepared by the Sisterhood. There will also be a bake sale to benefit the programs of Congregation Beth Israel. The public is warmly invited to come and enjoy this event. Tickets are available for \$10 each by contacting Estelle at 352-861-2452 or Mary at 352-861-2056.

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala is affiliated with the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement. Visit us on the web at [bethisraelocala.org](http://bethisraelocala.org) or email [bethisraelocala@embarqmail.com](mailto:bethisraelocala@embarqmail.com).

## Tuesday, June 25

### Breast cancer group meets

The SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) Breast Cancer Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month

at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 S.W. 105th St., room 235 (multipurpose room) at 1 p.m.

The meeting on Tuesday, June 25, will be a presentation by Judy Siegal on Inflammatory Breast Cancer. This is a very fast growing and aggressive cancer that needs to be recognized in its very early stages. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Tirpak at 352-291-6904 for more information.

## Thursday, June 27

### Meet your Constitutional Officers

The Marion County League of Women Voters will sponsor a meeting for people to meet Constitutional Officers George Albright, tax collector, and Villie Smith, property appraiser.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It will take place on Thursday, June 27, at 4 p.m. at On Top of the World Cypress Hall, Master the Possibilities Education Center, 8415 S.W. 80th St. in Ocala. Registration is appreciated but not required.

## Friday, June 28

### Shabbat evening service at new time

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala will hold regular Shabbat evening services at the Collins Center, 9401 Highway 200, Building 300, in Ocala on June 28 at 7:30 p.m. Please note the earlier time continuing until further notice. Rabbi Allen, spiritual leader, will conduct a Torah service as well as enlighten the group on various topics pertinent to events happening in the month of June. All are invited to participate and experience the warmth and joy of a Jewish Reconstructionist service. For further information, please contact Mary (352-861-2056) or Judi (352-237-8277)

Congregation Beth Israel is a liberal, progressive, inclusive Jewish community affiliated with the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement.

## Sunday, June 30

### Joy Night at Christ's Church

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## Thursday, July 4

### Celebrate at Crossroads

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# Local official discusses transportation

BY JIM CLARK  
Editor

Greg Slay of the Transportation Planning Organization paid a visit to the State Road 200 Coalition on Monday last week, and many of the questions didn't involve the condition or roads, but the lack of buses on the State Road 200 Corridor.

Slay noted that it would be costly to provide bus service to the southwest area.

That didn't deter a couple of people from saying that a bus service was needed.

Others pointed out, though, that it would be hard for the elderly population to get to a central bus stop for pickup.

There would be a problem, Slay said, with access and the maneuverability of the buses in some of the developments. That means that people would have to travel to a central point.

In other matters, Slay spoke about the 38th Avenue project, which will be built parallel to the Interstate on the west side of the highway.

He also mentioned a 49th Avenue extension, which would tie in to the new 38th Avenue.

The proposed interchange at 95th Street was discussed.

Slay said the matter has been reviewed by the state and is now in the hands of the federal officials.

A concern has been expressed, he said, about merging traffic on and off the highway, because the truck weigh station is located just north of the proposed access point at 95th Street.

The project has been a bone of contention with environmentalists and others who say it is not necessary and would hurt the living conditions in that part of the area.

Others note, however, that it would enhance the chances for economic development in areas near the exit.

Slay also spent part of his time talking about MPO funding, primarily about the local gas tax, which is somewhere about 12 cents a gallon.

The next meeting of the Coalition will be July 15, the third Monday, rather than the usual time of the second Monday.



PHOTO BY JIM CLARK

Greg Slay speaks to the State Road 200 Coalition.

## Hospice lists promotions

Hospice of Marion County announced several promotions among its health care leadership team.

Herman Hale, RN, has been promoted to Admissions Coordinator. Herman will oversee the Admissions Nurses and Hospital Liaisons.

Elena Ankiewicz has been promoted to Marketing and Referral Coordinator. Elena will oversee the Intake Center, Admissions Financial Counselors and the Physician & Healthcare Liaisons.

Donna Shaffer has been promoted to Transitions Manager. Donna will work with our pre-hospice clients.

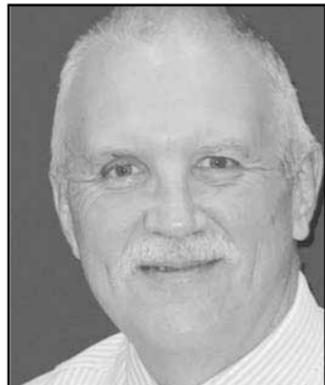
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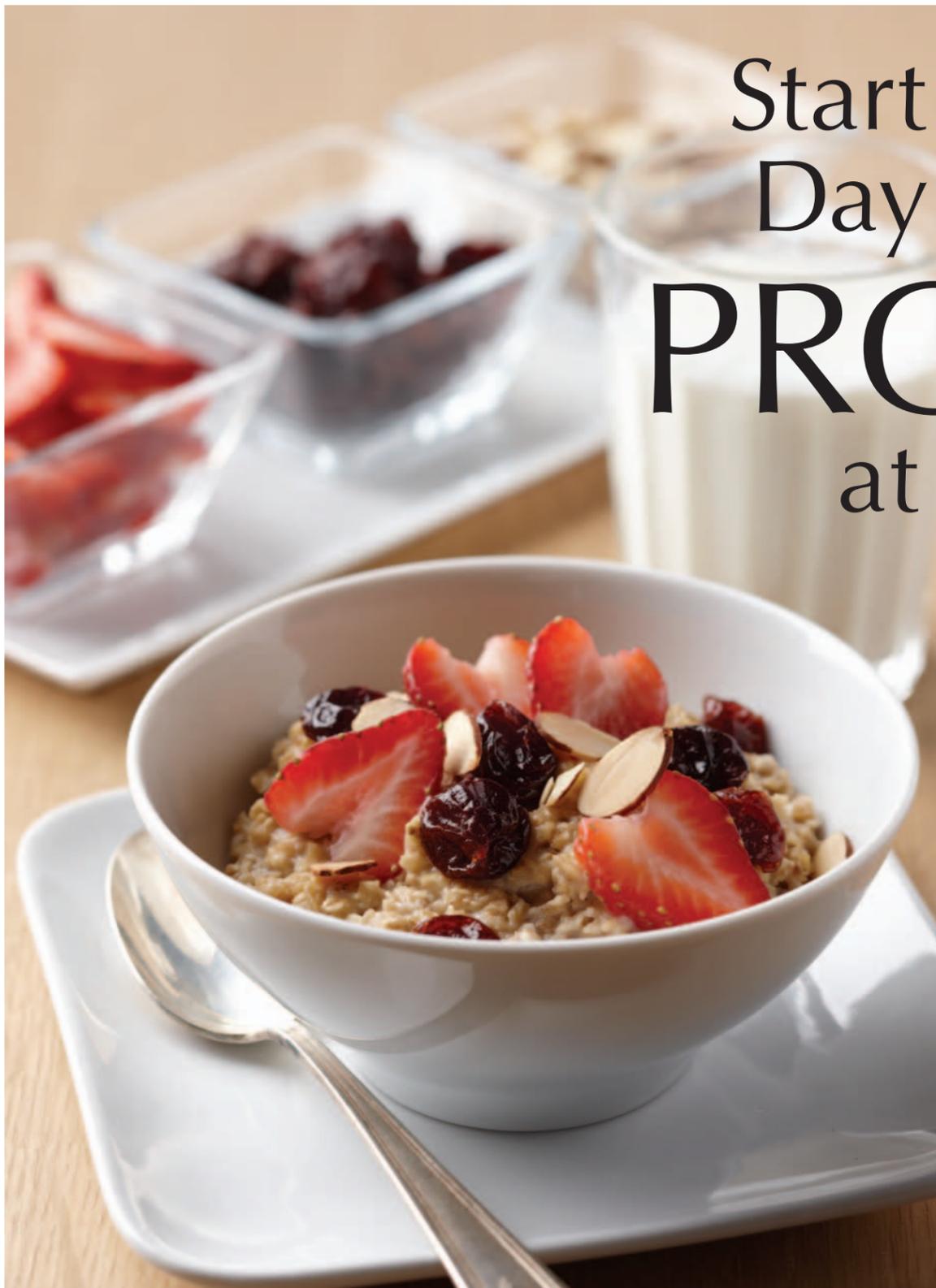
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# Start the Day Right with PROTEIN at Breakfast

## FAMILY FEATURES

**S**tarting the day right with a good breakfast helps set the tone for your day. In fact, studies show that kids who eat breakfast have better scores on math, reading and standardized tests; are better able to pay attention; and have fewer absences and incidences of tardiness, compared to breakfast skippers.

But is your breakfast the best it can be? Experts recommend 20 to 30 grams of protein at each meal, and while breakfast is typically lower in protein than other meals, it's a particularly important time to include protein in your diet — to help you get the right start to your day.

In fact, when you have your protein can be just as important as how much you have, and research suggests that spreading protein intake throughout the day — rather than just at lunch or dinner — can optimize how your body uses it, and that means making sure you include enough protein at breakfast.

A protein-packed breakfast can also help you feel “healthy full” so you stave off mid-morning cravings and can stick to healthier eating throughout the day.

Help your whole family start the day right and include protein in your nutritious breakfast. Try these tips to maximize protein in the AM:

- Make your morning oatmeal with milk instead of water. Top with almonds for extra protein, too.
- Include a glass of milk with your morning meal. An 8-ounce glass of milk has 8 grams of quality protein.
- Make your own smoothie and choose your favorite frozen fruit.
- Grab a latte, instead of black coffee, and pair it with peanut butter toast and some fruit for a balanced meal.
- Whip up a bowl of cottage cheese topped with fruit and honey.
- Create a breakfast BLT with a whole grain muffin, lean turkey bacon and lettuce and tomato.

Find more ways to give your morning a boost with recipes at [www.thebreakfastproject.com](http://www.thebreakfastproject.com).

### Hearty Oatmeal with Strawberries, Dried Cherries and Almonds

Servings: 2

- 1 3/4 cups low fat or fat free milk
- 1 cup old-fashioned or quick cooking oats (not instant)
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup sliced strawberries
- 1/4 cup dried cherries
- 2 tablespoons toasted sliced almonds

Combine milk, oatmeal, brown sugar, and cinnamon in a saucepan; bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring often to prevent boiling over. Cook until thickened; divide between two serving bowls and top with strawberries, cherries, and almonds. Serve immediately.

**Nutrition:** 360 calories; 6 g fat; 0 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 15 g protein; 61 g carbohydrates; 6 g fiber; 0 mg sodium; 300 mg calcium (30% of daily value). *Nutrition figures based on using fat free milk.*

### Apple-Raisin Breakfast Quinoa

Servings: 5

- 1 cup quinoa, rinsed according to package directions
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 cups low fat or fat free milk
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tart-sweet apple (such as Braeburn), chopped
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/3 cup chopped toasted walnuts

Toast quinoa and cinnamon in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring often. Cook until quinoa is golden and cinnamon is fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add milk, water, and brown sugar; bring to a simmer, and cover. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook until liquid is absorbed, 20 to 25 minutes. Fold in chopped apple, raisins, and walnuts and let stand a few minutes, covered, to heat through. Serve with additional milk.

**Nutrition:** 300 calories; 7 g fat; 0.5 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 10 g protein; 53 g carbohydrates; 4 g fiber; 5 mg sodium; 163 mg calcium (16% of daily value). *Nutrition figures based on using fat free milk.*

### Go Green Smoothie

Servings: 2

- 2 cups fresh spinach leaves, lightly packed
- 1 cup low fat or fat free milk
- 1/2 cup green grapes
- 1/2 cup honeydew melon, chopped
- 1/2 cup ice cubes
- 1 kiwi fruit, peeled and chopped
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened almond butter
- 1 tablespoon lime juice

In a blender, combine all ingredients. Cover and blend until smooth. Serve immediately.

**Nutrition:** 240 calories; 5 g fat; 0 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 7 g protein; 45 g carbohydrates; 3 g fiber; 90 mg sodium; 212 mg calcium (20% of daily value). *Nutrition figures based on using fat free milk.*

### Peaches & Cream Smoothie

Servings: 2

- 1 cup low fat or fat free milk
- 1 cup frozen peach slices
- 1/2 cup fresh mango
- 2 tablespoons honey

In a blender, combine all ingredients. Cover and blend until smooth. Serve immediately.

**Nutrition:** 162 calories; 0 g fat; 0 g saturated fat; 2 mg cholesterol; 5 g protein; 38 g carbohydrates; 2 g fiber; 53 mg sodium; 163 mg calcium (16% of daily value). *Nutrition figures based on using fat free milk.*



# Ocala Symphony conducts search for executive director

The Ocala Symphony Orchestra seeks a full-time professional to fill the vacant executive director position with the esteemed cultural arts organization.

While many cultural arts organizations struggle to stay afloat, this 501(c)3 professional orchestra, under the lauded musical direction of Maestro Matthew Wardell, demonstrates consistent growth of its programs and services offered to the residence of Marion and surrounding counties.

Two new high-profile projects which the executive director will be instrumental in supporting, include the new performing arts center and strong collaborations in opera and multi-media projects with several local and regional organizations. In addition, the executive director will be responsible for the OSO's programming which includes four subscription concert weekends, four chamber music concerts, three outdoor full orchestra concerts, dozens of school visits and more.

The Executive Director is the OSO's top administrative position, responsible for managing the human and financial resources of the organization. Job duties and primary responsibilities include, but are not limited to: fundraising and development, staff and volunteer management, planning, concert production, marketing and promotion, finance and the overall administrative health of the organization.

"The ability to seek out, apply to, and be successful in obtaining grants and sponsorships is extremely important as is multi-tasking and being acutely aware of all aspects of the orchestra's operations. Desired applicants will be ready to become part of the community, getting to quickly know business, community and artistic leaders," states Wardell.

Residency in Ocala by the start date is a requirement. All interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter. Please submit these items, any questions, or further inquiries about specific job duties to [mwardell@ocalasymphony.com](mailto:mwardell@ocalasymphony.com) by Wednesday, July 3. Candidates selected for the next round will be notified by July 5.

The Ocala Symphony Orchestra is Marion County's premier cultural arts organization. Founded in 1975, the orchestra averages a dozen concerts throughout the year in front of nearly 10,000 area citizens. Its mission is to play the highest caliber music that is performed by skilled musicians under the dynamic leadership of a brilliant and energetic music director - Matthew Wardell. It is driven to reach, entertain and inspire audiences of all ages while serving the broadest group of constituents and to foster excellence in music education through collaborative partnerships with local resources.

Contact: Matthew Wardell, Music Director at [mwardell@ocalasymphony.com](mailto:mwardell@ocalasymphony.com), 820 S.E. Fort King St., Ocala, FL 34471. For information call 352-351-1606.

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Above, family and friends at the ceremony for CSM Eric Fies. At left, Mark, Mina, Amber, CSM Eric, Sherry and Barry Fries.

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on many deployments which included Joint Operations in Panama and the United Kingdom.

In 1993, CSM Fies was assigned to a Pathfinder Detachment in the Republic of Korea. There he conducted many joint and multinational air assault, combat search and rescue, reconnaissance, and crash recovery operations. In October 1994, he left active duty to pursue civilian and Reserve Component careers. Among his many assignments in the Army Reserve was Senior Enlisted Combat Advisor in Northern Iraq responsible for ensuring the integration of Kurdish (Peshmerga) Forces into the new Iraqi Army. CSM Fies is also one of the first of six U.S. Army

Paratroopers to jump from several former Soviet aircraft. He will continue his career as a Department of the Army civilian serving as the Deputy Director of Emergency Services for Arlington National Cemetery and the Army National Military Cemeteries.

CSM Fies' retirement ceremony (change of responsibility) was a historic event. The ceremony was conducted at Arlington National Cemetery, the first time the change of responsibility ceremony has been held at Arlington, Virginia. CSM Fies was honored to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in honor of his fallen comrades.

Barry (golf director at Ocala

Palms Golf and Country Club) and Sherry were joined at the ceremony by Eric's wife, Amber and their son Mark Fies and his wife, Mina. Family, friends and members of the United States Army also attended the ceremony. The day concluded with a reception and awards ceremony which included a letter from the president, United States flags flown over the United States Capitol, the Pentagon and at Arlington Cemetery.

Mark and Mina are also a great source of pride to the Fies' family. They own Synergy Design and Construction in Reston, Virginia. Mark was recently elected president of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

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# Opinion

## Our Message

### Speed up in the left lane

Last week, Gov. Rick Scott signed the bill passed by the Florida Legislature regarding new rules for red-light cameras. Since we don't have them in our part of the county, except in the city of Dunnellon, it doesn't affect many of us.

However, there was a lot more to this bill than just that one item, and one of the provisions could have a profound effect on the western side of Marion County.

How many times have you driven down a four- or six-lane highway at the speed limit, in the left lane, and suddenly come upon someone crawling along in that lane?

Now, slow drivers may be ticketed. Here's the text of that part of the bill:

"On a road, street, or highway having two or more lanes allowing movement in the same direction, a driver may not continue to operate a motor vehicle at any speed which is more than 10 miles per hour slower than the posted speed limit in the furthestmost left-hand lane if the driver knows or reasonably should know that he or she is being overtaken in that lane from the rear by a motor vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed.

This subsection does not apply to drivers operating a vehicle that is overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or is preparing for a left turn at an intersection."

In other words, if you're driving in the left lane in traffic and going below 40 mph on State Road 200 or State Road 40 west, or below 45 on U.S. Highway 27, you're violating the law.

Note the wording, "preparing for a left turn..." That doesn't mean that you can get in the left lane five miles before your intersection and coast along at an extremely slow speed. You actually have to be "preparing" for the left turn. We can see all sorts of arguments on what "preparing" means, but most folks with common sense will realize what is going on here. Basically, you can't hog the left lane unless you're traveling up to speed.

Also realize that you have to be going more than 10 mph under the speed limit to be in violation. That means you can't get mad at a driver

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### No roller skates, but a brand new key

Remember a rather obnoxious song back in the 1960s that went "I got a brand new pair of roller skates, you got a brand new key?" I've been humming that tune for the past couple of weeks.

The reason? I've got a brand new key. My car key broke two weeks ago. Well, it didn't really break, but the metal part that goes into the ignition came away from the black casing that covered the end of it... you know, the black part that has the buttons to open or lock your car, set off the alarm, if you have one, etc.

Fortunately I was at home when it happened, so I was able to go in the house and get the spare.

Remember when car keys were simple, and if you wanted a "brand new key," you went to the hardware store and they cut you one? You paid about a dollar or so, even less in those days, and you had your key.

But now, it's not that simple. I took my key to the auto dealer where I bought the car, showed the parts guy the key, and said I needed a new one.

"Let's see," he said. "With the new key and computer chip, it will be about \$250, and then it has to be programmed."

Altogether, it came to \$303. "That's ridiculous," I blurted out. He just looked at me and smiled that smile that says, "Sorry pal, but we gotcha."

To make matters worse, I had to go through the service line to get it done. I still haven't figured out why I couldn't just hand in the old key at the parts desk, and let them make a new one, even if it cost that much.

No, I had to make an appointment, wait in the service line, then wait in the waiting room watching French Open tennis on TV (it was Saturday morning). Evidently it has something to do with programming the key... a tech had to be



### Among Friends

Jim Clark

in the car to do it.

Since I was there, I went ahead and got the car serviced, but that was extra.

Is this a racket or what? The key is a piece of metal just like old keys. The black container has a chip, but I can program my phone, which also presumably has a chip, for a lot less money. I've even learned how to do that myself.

When my bill was totaled, well, let's just say I recently bought a new laptop for a lot less than I paid for servicing and a key.

I learned a couple of things. First, always know where your spare key is.

Second, I don't know if I will ever buy a new car. I'm getting to that age where I might just want to keep this one until it wears out, figuring that maybe I'll wear out before it does. I've only had it about 30 months (but the key wasn't covered by warranty), so I've got a bit to go before it's all mine.

But if I do buy a new car, it's going to have one of those coded electronic locks, with a simple "start" button inside the car.

In other words, no key.

If the car company I want doesn't offer that service, I'll find one that does, even if it costs a lot more than buying one that takes something like my current brand new key.

Jim Clark is the editor of the West Marion Messenger.

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## Guest column

### A forked tongue on surveillance

BY SHELDON RICHMAN

It's bad enough the federal government spies on us. Must it insult our intelligence too?

The government's response to Edward Snowden's leaks about the National Security Agency's secret monitoring of the Internet and collection of our telephone logs is a mass of contradictions. Officials have said the disclosures are (1) old news, (2) grossly inaccurate, and (3) a blow to national security. It's hard to see how any two of these can be true, much less all three.

Can't they at least get their story straight? If they can't do better than that, why should we have confidence in anything else that they do?

Snowden exposed the government's indiscriminate snooping because, among other things, it violates the Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches and he had no other recourse.

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper says Snowden should have used established channels to raise his concerns, but there are no effective channels. Members of the congressional intelligence committees are prohibited from telling the public what they learn from their briefings. Two members of the Senate committee, Ron Wyden and Mark Udall, for years have warned — without disclosing secrets — that the Obama administration is interpreting the Patriot Act and related laws far more broadly than was ever intended by those who voted for those pieces of legislation. Their warnings have made no difference.

A court challenge wasn't open to Snowden either. Glenn Greenwald, who published Snowden's leaks in the Guardian, notes that for years the ACLU has tried to challenge the surveillance programs in court on Fourth Amendment grounds, but the Obama administration has blocked the effort by arguing that the ACLU has no standing to bring the suit. It's a classic Catch-22. Since the surveillance is secret, no one can know if he has been spied on. But if no one knows, no one can go into court claiming to be a victim, and the government will argue that therefore the plaintiff has no standing to challenge the surveillance. Well played, Obama administration.

The administration should not be allowed to get away with the specious claim that telling its secrets to a few privileged members of Congress is equivalent to informing the people. It is not. It's merely one branch of government telling some people in another branch. Calling those politicians "our representatives" is highly misleading. In what sense do they actually represent us?

Equally specious is the assertion that the NSA can't monitor particular people without court authorization. The secret FISA court is a rubber stamp.

When Obama ran for president in 2008, he said Americans shouldn't have to choose between privacy and security. Now he says that "one of the things that we're going to have to discuss and debate is how are we striking this balance between the need to keep the American people safe and our concerns about privacy? Because there are some tradeoffs involved."

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Count to 10 if you must, but don't lose your temper, despite that person's (you know who!) efforts to goad you into reacting. Your restraint will pay off in a big way.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** This week finds you in a sociable mood, ready and eager to enjoy the company of family and friends. It's also a good time to seek out and renew old friendships.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Patience is called for as you await a decision about that project you're eager to launch. Meanwhile, try to set aside more time to share with that special person in your life.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Avoid becoming involved in a workplace dispute early in the week by insisting both sides submit their stands to a neutral arbitrator. Things begin to cool off by Thursday.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)** It promises to be a busy but productive week for the Big Cat. The pace slows by Friday, allowing you to catch up on matters you put aside but that now need your attention.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)** A suddenly disruptive family situation is best handled with a cool, calm and collected response. Wait until things settle to let off all that pent-up emotional steam.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Your practical side dominates the week as you reassess your finances to make some sensible adjustments in what you plan to spend and what you expect to save.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** An unexpected meeting with a former colleague opens some interesting possibilities. But you need to press for full disclosure before making a decision.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** A recent flurry of activity eases by mid-week, giving you time to readjust your schedule and make new plans for a weekend getaway.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)** You're usually the one who gives advice. But now it's time to open yourself up to counsel from friends who have your best interests at heart.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)** You might find resistance to your call for a full inquiry into a workplace problem. But by week's end even the most rigid naysayers begin to come around.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)** A recurring problem surfaces once again. Maybe it's time you used your creative talents to help you find a new approach to resolving it once and for all.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are guided in what you do both by your intelligence and your emotions. An acting career would suit you quite well.

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by Linda Thistle

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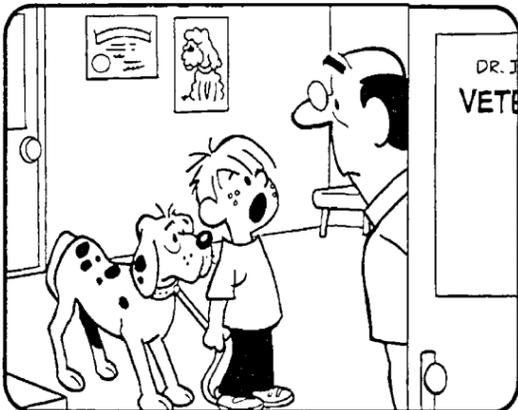
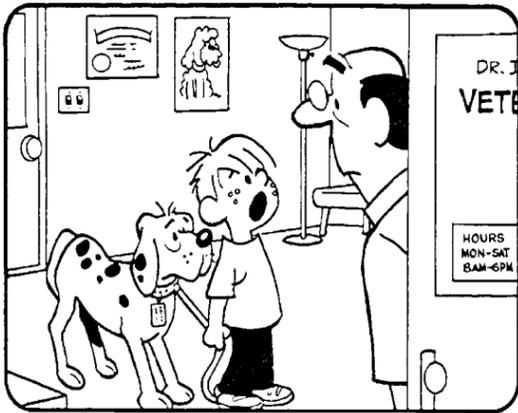
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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| 1 Learning ctr.                         | 53 Ostrich's kin                             | 97 2003 Mike   | 1 Fizzy drink  | Prefix   | 87 Social pests                                    |
| 4 Puts garments on                      | 54 Actress Sara                              | Myers  | 2 City in Italy                                      | 43 Injure  | 92 Alliance since '49                              |
| 11 Jim-dandy                            | 55 Din-din wear                              | comedy   | 3 New —  | 44 Judicial garb                                     | 94 "Don't mention it," in Durango                  |
| 16 Place for a jacuzzi                  | 58 Ethical                                   | 103 Lend — (be attentive)                                  | 4 Certain Connecticut resident)                      | 45 Prayer  | 96 Concluding                                      |
| 19 Man-mouse middle                     | 61 1964 Avalon/Funicello musical             | 105 Black goop   | 46 Ending for beat                                   | 49 Smoking wood                                      | 97 Give, as a free meal                            |
| 20 One using twisted humor              | 64 China's Chou                              | 106 Madrid misters   | 48 Major wreck                                       | 50 Slangy affirmative                                | 98 Small amount                                    |
| 21 Spanish for "nine"                   | 66 The Home Depot rival                      | 107 With 121-Across, 2005 dramedy with four lead actresses | 49 Smacking  | 53 —"acte  | 99 Laundry job                                     |
| 22 Bath fixture                         | 68 RR bldg.                                  | 114 Silklike fabric  | 56 Done by its own staff                             | 55 Vegas stake                                       | 100 Ad — attack                                    |
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# EDITORIAL

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who is going the speed limit in the left lane, even if you want to fly along while violating the speed limit.

For many years, we have emphasized that we feel slow drivers are just as guilty of causing accidents as fast ones. The difference is that in slow-speed accidents, the injuries often aren't as severe.

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However, if you go more than 10 mph below the posted limit, be prepared for those flashing blue lights to pull you over.

Note: The bill is HB7125, and the Florida Statute affected is 316.081.

# RICHMAN

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What do you take us for, Mr. President? Do you say whatever serves your momentary interest?

It's outrageous for Obama to say he welcomes this debate — when his regime is plotting to capture and prosecute the heroic whistleblower who made it possible.

The debate would be bogus anyway.

No one has a right to make a security/privacy tradeoff for you. Our rights should not be subject to vote, particularly when a ruling elite ultimately will make the decision — out of public view!

Americans have learned nothing from the last 40 years if they

have not learned that the executive branch — regardless of party — will interpret any power as broadly as it wishes.

Congressional oversight is worse than useless; it's a myth, especially when one chamber is controlled by the president's party and the other chamber's majority embraces big government as long as it carries a "national security" label.

Obama says, "If people can't trust not only the executive branch but also don't trust Congress and don't trust federal judges to make sure that we're abiding by the Constitution, due

process and rule of law, then we're going to have some problems here."

That's wrong. If the politicians' only response to revelations that they're violating our privacy is to ask for trust, then we already have problems.

Sheldon Richman is vice president and editor at The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va. (www.fff.org).

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# Hello, Uncle Sam. Can you hear me now?

You can imagine my feelings when I recently found out that good old Uncle Sam was checking up on my phone calls, e-mail messages and the rest of the social networking. Finally, somebody is really watching out for me.

It is more than that. Somebody is so interested in my affairs they are getting involved in my telephone conversations. I must admit that at first I was a little suspicious about all of this.

For example. What does Uncle Sam know about me and my phone calls that I do not know?

I get an awful lot of telephone calls during the course of a week. Some are friends, some are family, some are trying to sell me the Brooklyn Bridge. Even if I lived in New York City, I would not want to own the Brooklyn Bridge. Can you imagine how much it cost to keep that thing up and running?

As I said, at first I was a little suspicious about somebody listening into my phone calls. Then I remembered that back in "the day," everybody did that. We had what was called the "party line" telephone system. That meant that everybody was connected to everybody else.

My grandmother for example, lived in a valley up in the mountains. She was on the party line, of course, and everybody had a special ring. Grandma's ring was two long and one short rings. Whenever the telephone rang, dear old grandmother knew who was being called and, being a nosy person, she



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*Dr. James Snyder*

usually listened into the conversations. I am not picking on my grandmother, for everybody did it. Everybody knew everybody was doing it.

It was gossipier's heaven. I think there is something to be said for everybody knowing everybody's business. That way everybody is up and up on the things they are talking about.

Of course, there is a dark side to it. I am semi-ashamed to reveal that I was part of that dark side.

Whenever anybody wanted to send out a rumor there was always the party line telephone system. My cousin and I got together and cooked up some juicy rumor about old Henry up the valley. Henry had never been married and was probably in his 70s at the time.

We started the rumor that Henry had a girlfriend.

It did not take long for everybody in the valley to know that Henry, who had been a bachelor for over 70 years, now had a special love interest. The big question coming through the party line was, who is this lucky woman?

Before long, this got a little out of con-

trol. Everybody believed that Henry had a special love interest and it got to the point that Henry himself believed he had a love interest.

I remember going with my grandmother to the grocery store and we happened to run into good old Henry. My grandmother, who was the queen of the gossipers, took this opportunity to speak to Henry.

"Oh Henry," she said as we approached him. "I heard the news that you have a girlfriend. I'm so happy for you. You'll have to bring her over to my house for coffee and cake some time."

"Thank you, Mary," Henry said with the biggest smile I have ever seen him wear. "I've never been happier."

At this point, I did not know what to do. Everybody was so happy with this rumor, especially old Henry, that the truth would have destroyed the entire valley. I did think of starting a rumor that Henry and his new girlfriend had a fight and broke up. However, on second thought, Henry was so happy these days, I just hated to spoil his life.

I never knew how that turned out. The last time I saw Henry he was smiling and thanking people for congratulating him on having a girlfriend. Some people need to feel happy, I suppose.

I guess it is my time to be fooled by my uncle, and I deserve it.

I really do not mind if good old Uncle Sam is going to listen in on my social networking "party line," but I do have a few rules that I would like to establish.

Rule number one. Uncle Sam do not repeat anything you hear said on my "party line." Let's keep some of that stuff between us. OK? Some of what you're going to hear may not be altogether, what should I say, truthful. Especially, if you only hear a portion of the conversation.

Rule number two. If while listening in on the conversation of mine and the other party happens to be some salesman trying to sell me something, please feel free to butt into the conversation. After all, the salesman is trying to take a dollar out of my pocket and you know how much you want that dollar!

Rule number three. If the conversation you overhear is concerning you, keep in mind we're talking about the "other" Uncle Sam.

It is hard to keep anything secret these days. In fact, there is not much to keep secret anymore.

The only secret I'm really interested in is what God has. His promise to me is, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3 KJV).

God hears me all the time and knows everything about me.

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## Religion

### Christ's Church of Marion County

Wednesday, June 19: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 20: Prayer and Praise Group, 9 a.m.

Friday, June 21: Women's Fellowship, "Flying Solo," 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 23: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 25: Women's Crafts, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, June 26: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 27: Prayer and Praise Group, 9 a.m.

Sunday, June 30: JOY NIGHT, 5 p.m.

Christ's Church of Marion County, 6768 S.W. 80th St. (off State Road 200), Ocala, 352-861-6182, <http://www.ccomc.org>.

### Friendship Baptist

Sunday services at Friendship Baptist Church on June 23 begin with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Studying "God's Sovereignty - Man's Leadership 1 Samuel; 2 Samuel 1-4; 1 Chronicles 1-10", the Adult classes are taught by Bill Walleit in the auditorium and the Ladies Class, in the Fellowship Hall, taught by Linda Brown. At the 10:45 Morning Worship Service the FBC choir will be singing song, "Midnight Cry." Pastor Randall Brown will be bringing the morning message; a message of hope and encouragement during these troubling times. The Sunday Evening Worship and Bible Study begins at 6 p.m. FBC also meets on Wednesday at 7 p.m. for Bible Study and Prayer. All are welcome

to attend.

Friendship Baptist Church is at 9510 S.W. 105th St., off of Highway 200. The church phone is 352-237-2640 or you can find us on the web: [www.friendshipbaptistocala.org](http://www.friendshipbaptistocala.org).

### Vacation Bible School at Joy

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold its vacation bible school from July 22 to 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. All

children from 5 years of age through fifth grade are encouraged to attend and join the fun.

This year the theme for vacation bible school is "God's Backyard Bible Camp." Get ready for an outdoor adventure that starts in the backyard and gets bigger each day as kids take the love of Jesus into their homes, neighborhoods and communities. Through music, singing, bible stories, crafts and games the kids will learn how to apply

God's truths to serving their family, friends, neighbors and others in community.

Registration for vacation bible school begins July 1, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church office. The program planners are also looking for students in the 6th grade and older plus some adults who would like to volunteer to assist the teachers and help with outdoor games.

For further information

contact the VBS Coordinator, Joan Greve at 352-304-8711 or the church office at 352-854-4509 ext. 221. Joy Lutheran Church is at 7045 S.W. 83rd Place at Highway 200, Ocala.

### Maranatha Baptist

July 4th Cantata: Maranatha Baptist Church will present a special Cantata "Stars and Stripes Forever" on Sunday, July 7, at the 10:45 morning worship service under the direc-

tion of Joyce Warner, Shirley Roberts and Mary Walker.

### Vacation Bible School:

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from July 15 through the 19th from 6 to 9 p.m. each day. All children from first grade through sixth grade are invited. This is always an exciting and fulfilling experience.

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# Home of the Month for June

The very neat and attractive home belonging to Ken and Nina Stiles was selected as Fairfield Village's Home of the Month for June. This was an excellent choice as the home was already very lovely; but lately, the homeowners have been updating the exterior even more.



## Fairfield Village

Priscilla Geissal

Ken and Nina moved to Fairfield Village from Massachusetts July 1, 2010. Nina had been researching nice communities in Central Florida for three years and was especially drawn to Fairfield Village because her brother was a pastor here in Ocala at the time. Two of their three daughters have also moved to Davenport, Florida; and their third daughter is planning to move to Ocala in the near future.

Ken and Nina were married in 1986. Ken

worked for the Teamster's Union as a truck driver for 35 years and Nina was a secretary for the Veterans' Administration for 20 years. Their backgrounds have prepared them to be contributing members of the Fairfield community as Nina is secretary for the Social Activities Committee, and Ken is always available to help with all things mechanical.

The couple is very proud of their 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Fairfield Village is also very proud that Ken and Nina chose

to be a part of our community.

### Popular new activity

Recently a group of our neighbors have formed a "virtual" bowling league in our clubhouse.

With the addition of some new Wii games, a number of people became very interested in the bowling feature and have begun meeting once or twice a week for the competition. Linda Urbonowitz initiated the group and anyone interested in joining in should contact her to become part of the fun.



Nina Stiles stands next to the sign proclaiming her home as Fairfield Village's Home of the Month for June.

Along with the new furniture in the clubhouse, the "go to lady" for decorations, Eilene Yudinon, has been adding some new and very colorful additions. We appreciate the work that Eilene does to keep the clubhouse appropriately decorated for the season.

The Saturday morning "Koffee Klatches" are continuing to bring in many of our neighbors to enjoy time together. These and other such activities are just part of what makes life in Fairfield Village so enjoyable in this "lively place filled with lovely people."

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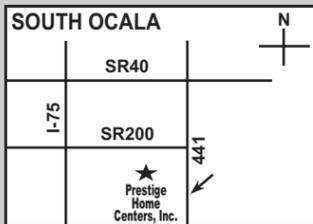


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Linda Urbonowitz practices her bowling form as she and her friends enjoy Wii Bowling in FFV Clubhouse.



Ken Stiles is proud of the plaque his wife gave him proclaiming him as "the Boss."

## FFA building funds sought

Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick has announced that the statewide organization will lead a bold partnership to build a new headquarters for the Florida FFA Association. The facility will be constructed on Florida Farm Bureau's campus in Gainesville.

In a June 13 address before the 85th Annual FFA Convention in Orlando, Hoblick said the project is valued at an estimated \$1.5 million. The Florida Farm Bureau Federation and the Florida Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company will fund most of the cost. Donations from individual donors, businesses and private organizations across the state will contribute \$150,000.

"This is one of most exciting initiatives I have ever had the privilege of participating in as president of our great organization," Hoblick said. "We have always supported leadership development programs for young people. We have also enjoyed a long and productive association with our FFA partners."

"We want to continue the tradition of creating opportunities for our very capable FFA members," Hoblick added. "I know that the new headquarters will be a vital resource for many decades into the future."

"This structure will stand as a permanent demonstration of our shared commitment to youth education and the quest for success."