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Shop and save: It's no-tax weekend

Get ready to save some money this weekend if you go shopping for certain items.

Florida law directs that no sales tax or local option tax (also known as discretionary sales surtax) will be collected on sales of clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$75 or less per item, on certain school supplies selling for \$15 or less per item, and on personal computers and certain related accessories selling for \$750 or less per item, when purchased for noncommercial home or personal use.

This three-day tax holiday is in effect from 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 2, through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 4. The exemption will apply no matter how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer.

Sales Tax holiday Aug. 2-4

The exemption does not apply to any item of clothing selling for more than \$75, to any school supply item selling for more than \$15, or to any personal computer or related accessory selling for more than \$750.

Books are not exempt from tax during the 2013 Sales Tax Holiday

"Clothing" means any article of wearing apparel, including all footwear (except skis, swim fins, roller blades, and skates) intended to be worn on or about the human body. However, "clothing" does not include watches, watch bands, jewelry, umbrellas, handkerchiefs, or sporting equipment.

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This exemption does not apply to sales of clothing, school supplies, or computers and certain related accessories within a theme park, entertainment complex, public lodging establishment or airport.



Already

Water instructor Barb at Stone Creek held a Christmas in July for her class recently. See column on Page 2.

DUI cases reported by authorities; principal of Leesburg school arrested

Two DUI arrests highlighted police activity recently in the Ocala area.

Shortly after midnight Sunday, Mary Ann Staley, 52, of Ocala, was driving on Northeast 7th Street where it curves into East Silver Springs Boulevard. She attempted to cross the Boulevard but a car driven by Casteria Young, 59, of Ocala, was eastbound on the four-lane divided road, and when Staley pulled into the intersection, she was struck by Young's vehicle. Both Young and a passenger, James Bennett, 55, were hospitalized in serious condition.

The Florida Highway Patrol lists her as the principal of St. Paul School in Leesburg. She was released on bond.

In another DUI case, a man had to be forcibly stopped after three crashes in Marion Oaks.

John R. Aiello, 42, of Ocala, left the scene after the crashes and was spotted by deputies on State Road 200 and Southwest 80th Avenue.

An attempt to stop him by one deputy failed, and deputies had to box his vehicle in to get him to stop.

According to the FHP report, he was arrested for driving under the influence



Staley

of drugs and, after treatment at West Marion Community Hospital, was taken to the Marion County Jail. He was freed under \$19,000 bond after being charged with 15 counts of various DUI and hit-and-run cases.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office has had a deluge of summer home burglaries in the Lake Bryant Shores area, in the Ocala National Forest, in recent months. The burglaries consisted of mainly jewelry and cash stolen, with not many leads. A victim of a past burglary took it upon himself to install a hidden camera and it paid off. He went out of town for a week and found that his house had been burglarized again while he was away, but this time the crime was videotape.

Detective Kim Minton, who had developed Clyde Tyndal as a lead suspect, viewed the victim's videotape and was able to confirm her suspicions.

Tyndal, a Forest resident, had been selling broken jewelry for scrap over several months.

This made the jewelry unidentifiable for the victims.

Tyndal, 45, was held under \$53,000 bond.

Food and toiletry drive scheduled Aug. 8 in Ocala Palms

The Ocala Palms Worship Community is sponsoring a non-perishable food and toiletry drive to benefit Interfaith Emergency Services on Aug. 8 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Ocala Palms Clubhouse. If needed, someone will come to your home to pick

up items. Or, if you will not be at home on the 8th but wish to make a donation, that, too, will be arranged.

Call Aubrey Gardner at 352-622-7358 with questions or to schedule a pickup. Please give whatever you are able as the need in Ocala is profound.

Something bugging you? Gardening series scheduled

As the long, hot summer months continue, make sure your garden stays healthy with classes from the Marion County Master Gardeners and Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service staff. Read below for a full listing of events in August and September; all events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 352-671-8400 or visit www.marioncountyfl.org/extension-service.htm.

Aug. 7, Demonstration Garden Tour: Learn through a guided tour of the Master Gardeners' shade, butterfly, herb, vegetable and tropical demonstration gardens at 10 a.m. at Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service (2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road, Ocala). Tours occur the first Wednesday of each month in 2013. For more information, call 352-

671-8400.

Aug. 13, Tuesday Gardening Series: Common Insect Pests and Their Control: Held at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month through December at Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service (2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road, Ocala), this series will cover a variety of gardening topics. In this session, learn how to identify and control insect pests.

For more information, call 352-671-8400.

Sept. 4, Demonstration Garden Tour: Learn through a guided tour of the Master Gardeners' shade, butterfly, herb, vegetable and tropical demonstration gardens at 10 a.m. at Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service (2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road, Ocala). Tours occur

Stone Creek gets a new maintenance manager

Recently, Gary Marzola was hired to replace Rick Morang as maintenance manager.

Gary has been working in maintenance for more than 30 years. His career began in Connecticut where he was employed with the West Hartford school system. While working for the school system,

Gary was continuing his education at night for HVAC.

Upon completion of his course work, he worked for an air conditioning company for five years. He then went on to become a maintenance supervisor at an 1,100-unit apartment complex for 10 years.

Working for a complex this large brings many problems.

He had a chance to get away from the winters of the north and so he and his family headed south to Florida where he worked at the Ramada Inn in Ocala.

Then he moved on to On Top of the World as their maintenance super-



Stone Creek
Patricia Gizzi

visor where he stayed for 11 years. While he was there, he went for more schooling for HVAC. He said, "Most of the northern states do not have heat pumps, just straight cool systems." Therefore, he needed more schooling.

From his move On Top of the World, he came to paradise at Stone Creek where he has been for over two months. Gary feels that everyone here is friendly and seems happy. He said, "All the different departments work together for the betterment of the community."

Gary was asked if he had an open door policy and he said, "I do have an open door policy. I can also be reached by phone and e-mail." He said, he

will get back to you quickly if you have a concern or suggestion. He can be reached at 352-237-8418 ext. 228 or gary.marzola@fsresidential.com.

When Gary is not working, he likes to restore and help friends restore classic cars.

On weekends he enjoys attending car shows; talking to old friends and meeting new ones.

He is excited to hear that there will be a car show at the fall festival. He said, "My wife Nancy and myself plan on being there with our car. We have a 1957 Belair 2 door hard top, it is red with a 283 engine 2 speed power glide transmission also a continental kit." This sounds like a man who loves his cars. The car



Gary Marzola, Stone Creek's new maintenance manager.

that he would most like is a 1969 GTO Judge 4 speed all stock.

His predecessor, Rick

Morang had the following advice for Gary. "Take pride in this community like it is your own. When making decision, be fair and consistent."

Gary said, "I look at it the same way Rick does a person has to take pride in what they do and enjoy it. If they do not, they need to find a different line of work." If you have not met Gary, stop by and say hello! Welcome, Gary to the Stone Creek Family.

Christmas in July came on Wednesday, June 24th

when water instructor Barb played Christmas music for her class. As she pointed out, there are 154 days left until Christmas.

Barb came dressed in her holiday socks and antlers. She decorated the spa with Santa hats and gave out candy canes. Now, where does one get candy canes in July? Barb said she had to go on line for them.

Thanks, Barb for a great water class listening and remembering Christmases past.

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If my identity is stolen, then who am I?

Last week I was tootling along without a care in the world. Actually, I did have several cares but I was ignoring them as much as possible. My basic philosophy is this, the more you ignore something the less you have to deal with it. This, however, does not apply to the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

Experience has taught me one lesson concerning women, especially wives. They will not stand to be ignored, particularly by their husbands. I have learned the less attention I pay to my wife the more I pay in other areas of life, if you know what I mean.

So, ignoring the cares I had last week, I was caught off guard when I received a letter from my credit card company. This was no friendly, "how are you," kind of a letter. Nor was it a cheery birthday greeting. I cannot tell you how many times I have reminded them of my birthday but to date they have not picked up on my hint.

The ominous letter I did receive informed me that along with millions of other customers my identity had been stolen. The letter went on to assure me I had nothing to worry about and they had the situation well in hand.

That is easy for them to say. They know who they are but what about me? When I got the letter I ran to my bathroom and looking into my mirror — nothing! My identity was indeed gone.

I assure you I will worry until I get to the bottom of this. I will not rest until I know exactly who I am and my identity is fully restored. Of course, there is one problem here. What if when I do recover my identity



Out to Pastor

Rev. James Snyder

I don't like myself? Can I exchange it or get my money back?

For some reason the personal information of millions of people had been lost or stolen from the security of my credit card company, which begs the question, how secured is my personal information?

While I am in the begging mood, another question comes to mind. If someone has stolen my identity, who in the world am I? And, how do I reclaim my identity?

As a young person whenever my mother was upset with me about something I had done or did not do, she would always look at me and ask, "Who do you think you are?"

If anybody in the world should know who I am it would be my mother. And if she he was wrestling with the same question I was wrestling with, how in the world could I ever come to grips with my personal identity?

It is hard enough discovering who you are without somebody casting dispersions upon that very thing. Perhaps my mother and I could work together in solving this problem. After all, two heads are better than

one, unless one does not know who he is.

I have spent years trying to find myself. Once I thought I found myself but it turned out to be an old pair of socks I lost three years prior.

My problem is compounded by this one thing, I did not really know who I was before my identity was stolen. I had my suspicions, of course. However, somewhere in the back of my mind, I really could not come to grips with who I really was in this world.

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These decadent dishes are best eaten the day after they're made to give the flavors time to meld. When you're ready to serve your potato salad, keep it cold by placing your serving dish in a larger bowl filled with ice.

Family meals are always better with delicious, flavorful potatoes. Always look for the "Grown in Idaho" seal to be sure you're buying genuine Idaho potatoes. For more recipes for salads and other potato dishes, visit www.IdahoPotato.com.



Potato Picnic Salad

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Potato and Pesto Chicken Salad

Potato and Pesto Chicken Salad

Yield: 8 servings

- 2 pounds Idaho potatoes, well scrubbed (peeled, if desired)
- 1 pound fresh green beans, washed and trimmed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3/4 cup prepared pesto sauce
- 3 to 6 cups mixed salad greens (optional)

Over high heat, in a large, heavy pot with tight-fitting cover, bring half a pot of water to boil. Meanwhile, cut potatoes in half lengthwise, then cut crosswise in 1/2-inch slices. Add potatoes to boiling water, cover and return to boiling; cook 3 minutes.

Add green beans to pot with potatoes and cook another 4 minutes; drain potatoes and beans and set aside. (Vegetables should be firm.)

In same pot, heat olive oil over high heat and cook chicken, stirring 6 to 8 minutes or until meat is completely cooked through. Remove from heat; stir in pesto sauce, then gently stir in potatoes and green beans, taking care not to break up vegetables. Serve salad warm or at room temperature on a bed of salad greens, if desired.



Loaded Baked Potato Salad



Old Fashioned Hot German Potato Salad

Old Fashioned Hot German Potato Salad

Yield: 6 servings

- 4 medium Idaho potatoes
- 2 bacon strips
- 1 diced Spanish onion
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 1 cup water

Boil potatoes in skins and peel while hot. Slice potatoes thinly. In large skillet, fry bacon until crisp and remove from skillet. In bacon drippings, brown onion and celery. Stir in salt, sugar and cornstarch. Add vinegar and water. Stir in sliced potatoes; as sauce thickens while adding potatoes, more water may be needed. Transfer to serving dish and serve hot.

Loaded Baked Potato Salad

Yield: 2 quarts

- 4 pounds Idaho potatoes, peeled
- 1 pound bacon, crisply cooked, and chopped into 1/2-inch pieces (fat reserved, if desired)
- 4 ounces unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 2 cups grated or shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream (regular or low-fat)
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt

Cook whole potatoes in boiling, unsalted water until tender. Refrigerate until chilled, then chop into 1-inch pieces. Transfer potatoes to a large bowl along with the remaining ingredients and thoroughly combine. Add some of reserved bacon fat if desired. Chill at least 2 hours before serving. Adjust seasoning prior to serving.

Note: Any condiments or toppings typically added to a loaded baked potato may be used for this recipe.

Potato Picnic Salad

Yield: 6 to 7 servings

For the Salad Dressing

- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 clove of garlic, chopped
- 2/3 cup olive oil

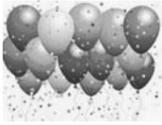
For the Salad

- 3 pounds Idaho potatoes, about 7 medium
- 1/2 pound cooked green beans
- 12 cherry tomatoes
- 2 hard boiled eggs, peeled
- 1 cup cooked corn kernels
- 1/4 cup minced celery, about 1 stalk
- 1/4 cup pitted black olives
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped

For salad dressing, combine vinegar, mustard, salt, pepper and garlic in a large salad bowl. Whisk in olive oil and set aside.

For the salad, bring 2 quarts of water to a boil in large saucepan. Cook unpeeled potatoes in water for about 15 minutes until just fork tender. Drain potatoes and cool immediately under cold running water. While potatoes are cooling, cut green beans into 1-inch pieces; halve cherry tomatoes and quarter eggs. Combine beans, tomatoes and eggs with cooked corn and celery in bowl with the salad dressing. Peel cooled potatoes, then cut into 2-inch pieces and toss with the dressing.

Sprinkle salad with olives and chopped parsley just before serving.



Happenings

Saturday, Aug. 3

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.

Grab your board and chess pieces and come on down.

Interested persons are invited to attend for a rousing game of chess.

It's your move! For more information, call Ron at 352-873-2276.

Sholom Park Yoga

Feel the peace with a beautiful morning yoga class at 9 a.m. Arrive early to prepare.

For more information call Ingrid Crane at 352-854-7950.

Monday, Aug. 5

Civic Chorale begins rehearsals

Marion Civic Chorale will begin rehearsals for its 27th season on Monday, Aug. 5, at 6:45 p.m. at St. George Anglican Church, 5646 S.E. 5th St., Ocala, and new members are always welcome. Call 352-537-8833 or visit <http://MarionCivicChorale.tripod.com> for more information.

Thursday, Aug. 8

Palm Cay GOP to meet

The Palm Cay Republican Club will be hosting Justin Grabell at the Aug. 8 meeting.

Grabell is the Chief of Staff for Congressman Richard Nugent. The meeting will be held at the Oasis at 7 p.m. Everyone is urged to attend. After the meeting there will be re-

freshments and time for questions and conversation with our speaker. For further information please contact James E. Pettus, Sr., at 352-438-9662.

Sunday, Aug. 11

German American Club anniversary

The German American Club of Marion County will hold its 16th anniversary dinner/dance on Sunday, Aug. 11, from noon to 6 p.m., at the Marion Oaks Community Center. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. and includes pork schnitzel, mashed potatoes, gravy and green beans. Music will be provided by Joan and Jess! Bring your own beverage. Semi-formal attire is required. Tickets are \$16 per member and \$20 per non-member. For tickets, call Barb Hartmann at 352-751-4207.

Tuesday, Aug. 13

Mac user group to meet

Ocala Macintosh User Group will meet Tuesday, Aug. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m.

N.C. Sizemore reviews local repair facilities for the Mac at this month's meeting. Tech tips will follow his presentation.

Meetings are held in the St. George Anglican Cathedral Parish Hall, 5646 S.E. 28th St., Ocala. Visitors are always welcome. Check our website at <http://ocalamug.org> for additional information.

Thursday, Aug. 15

Air Force group to meet

The August meeting of the Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association (AFA) will be on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 7

p.m. at the Ocala International Airport Administration Building, 750 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala.

This will be our fall planning meeting. For information, call Mike Emig at 352-854-8328.

Master the Possibilities catalog

Master the Possibilities Center for Lifelong Learning caps off its eighth year of operation with the fall 2013 catalog. The fall semester offers more than 400 programs, lectures, presentations, discussion groups and films from September through December.

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In the course of time, (actually it was a four-course lunch) I have come to several conclusions.

First, I am a man. What kind of a man, is anyone's guess this point. The truth is that at the root of everything I am, I am a man.

Second, I am a husband. This, of course, is the most baffling of my identity. What it means to be a husband differs from wife to wife. Fortunately, for me, I have only one wife, but even her idea of a husband changes from one moment to the next. I

am never sure what she expects of me as a husband. Once I thought I had it all figured out but someone, I am not mentioning any names, changed the rules.

Third, I am a father. As a father, my role consists of bankrolling the childhood adventures of my children; financing their higher education career, hoping they get married before my money runs out. To this day, I am not sure if I made it or not.

Fourth, I am a grandfather. This is the most well defined role I have. The great thing about being a

grandfather is, nobody expects much from us. Our role is covertly to help our grandchildren make the lives of their parents as tempestuous as possible. Revenge is sweet when laced with jellybeans. Sugar highs are a grandfather's best retaliation.

The most important thing about my identity quest is, I am a Christian. This undergirds everything else I may or may

not be. My Christianity is the foundation upon which everything else is built.

I take comfort in the Bible; "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." (1 John 5:13 KJV).

When my identity is rooted in believing in

Jesus Christ, everything else in my life falls into place.

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A big 'thank you' from Fairfield Village walkers

Those of us who walk our dogs regularly in our community, Fairfield Village, really appreciate the response to a request recently made for benches where we can sit, rest, and enjoy the lovely scenery in our neighborhood.

So far, two of the benches have appeared overnight (at different times) ...not unlike what many of us remember as a visit from the tooth fairy when we were children. Though we know that our wonderful Dan Ford was the actual "delivery person," it is still fun to reminisce about waking to find the surprise under our pillow when we had placed a lost tooth there to be rewarded by the elusive tooth fairy.

The benches are different styles, which is even more pleasing in my estimation, because each of us has an opinion about what a really good "bench" should look like. Perhaps, still other benches may appear overnight in the future ... we can hope.

The one closest to our water tower on the "front side" of our community is simple and painted black ...very utilitarian by some standards.

The one on the street that parallels the water retention pond on the street farthest back in our community is more ornate and is a warm brown with black accents. It is really quite lovely.

Not that the benches really need to be aesthetically pleasing to be appreciated, it is just nice that they are attractive and add to the charm of our community.

From a personal point of view, your "reporter" really appreciates that our Community Manager, Rachel Muse, responded to this request for people like me who, for whatever reasons, need to sit and rest occasionally during the one mile trek around the perimeter of Fairfield Village.



Fairfield Village
Priscilla Geissal

I have been told for some five years that I need a knee replacement. For several reasons, that surgery has not been practical for me; therefore, having a bench available so that I can sit and rest a bit as I take my little "Baby Bear" on our three walks a day is quite pleasant and helpful.

On a recent evening, Thursday, July 25, I took advantage of the more ornate bench and thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful sunset that is often one of the "perks" of living in FFV. That bench faces west ...the beautiful sunset was the object of my camera's interest.

Luckily, my 15-year-old

granddaughter, Olivia, is visiting before returning to school in Georgia on August 7. She was following me in my golf cart since she is quite caring and "worries" about my walking too much. Olivia took the photo, which accompanies this article, because it is not easy for me to photograph myself ... and..I really do not want to do that anyway. (I honestly do not like photos of myself.)

The smile on my face should prove how much I am thrilled to have the opportunity to sit, rest, talk to "Baby Bear," and take photos of the sunset during our evening "walk the dog."

Special thanks to



Seen here is one of the two new benches added for "walkers" to use to rest, reflect and enjoy as neighbors take advantage of the exception one-mile perimeter in Fairfield Village.

Rachel Muse, Community Manager, who immediately responded when I suggested that park benches would be welcomed additions for us "walkers with special needs."

Thank you, Dan, Rene, and Rachel. These three are Fairfield Village's Go to People when we who live in this "...lively place filled with lovely people" have a suggestion or a request.

Baby Bear and I plan to utilize the benches while enjoying many more beautiful sunsets ...maybe even a few sunrises ...as part of our enriched walking exercise lifestyle in FFV.



Priscilla enjoys one of Fairfield Village's welcome new benches as she gives her shih-tzu puppy, Baby Bear, a hug.



A beautiful sunset is one of the perks you see while walking around Fairfield village late in the day.

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Seven-month-old "Baby Bear" has already learned to be patient as he waits to continue his evening walk while "mama" rests a bit and watches the sunset.

About flowers, creepy crawlers and even creepy strangers

Have you taken time to look at the flower beds at the front of the clubhouse? If so, you have seen the beautiful caladiums. A big "thank you" to Ron Gartman for providing and planting these beautiful plants. Thanks also to Bob Tobin for helping with the planting. They really add a nice touch to the area around the flag pole and the front of the building.



Quail Meadow
Carolyn Slocumb

Warning! Remember, this is Florida and we have creepy things in the yards. Several residents have seen snakes in their yards and garages. They are usually harmless, but can still cause alarm. Jack and Margene Sheidler found a live snake in a closet in their house. They said it probably got in when a screen door was accidentally left open. I know snakes eat other varmints, but we don't need them inside the houses. Also, you might want to check your toilet bowls – a resident, who will remain anonymous, went into the bathroom in the middle of the night and was shocked to see a frog in the bowl! I'm surprised that all of us didn't hear her scream! You never know what you will find in and around your house – be careful!

Another alert: At times there are people walking around the neighborhood – these are people who do not live here, or not visiting anyone in the area. If you encounter someone who you feel shouldn't be here, please call the non-emergency number for the sheriff's department – 732-9111 – better to be safe than sorry. A member of the Citizens Patrol recommends that women never walk alone and always have your cell phone with you.

Did you see the Atlas 5 rocket soar off into space last week? Fortunately, we had the Orlando news on TV and they

were giving the countdown; I went outside to look for it, but the sky was very cloudy; however, in the middle of all the clouds there was a circle of blue sky, and that was the very spot the rocket went through. It still gives me a thrill to be able to stand in the backyard and watch a rocket soar off into space. This was a heavyweight Navy communications satellite that was boosted into space by a United Launch Alliance Atlas 5 rocket, the second in a series of five relay stations that will act like orbital cell phone towers in a globe-spanning \$5 billion network. The second Mobile User Objective System satellite – MUOS-2 – tipped the scales at nearly 15,000 pounds, making it one of the heaviest payloads ever launched atop an Atlas 5, requiring five solid-fuel strap-on boosters to generate the required lift. The 206-foot tall rocket roared off 12 minutes late because of high upper level winds – and quickly accelerated away from launch complex 41 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, reaching the speed of sound in just 34 seconds as it arced away to the east over the Atlantic Ocean. The satellite's on-board propulsion system will be used over the next week or so to raise the low point of the orbit, putting MUOS-2 into a circular orbit 22,300 miles above the equator. MUOS will de-



A look at the caladiums in front of the Clubhouse.

liver unparalleled high-speed communications access to mobile users for decades. This was the 39th flight of an Atlas 5, the fifth so far this year and the fourth using five strap-on boosters. I'm very proud to say that my cousin was one of the designers of the original

Atlas rocket.

Can you believe it's almost August? That means that this Friday, Aug. 2, is First Friday night at the clubhouse. Come join us about 7 p.m. Last month we had a great turnout, so let's see you again this Friday.



Another look at the flowers.

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Opinion

Our Message

Let's adopt more state amendments

The voters of Florida made it a little harder, several years ago, to amend the state's Constitution. To be sure, there are still amendments constantly being proposed and being put on the ballot, but now it takes a 60 percent approval vote to get them passed.

That means that even if the majority of Florida voters want to change something, they still have to muster a "super majority" to get it enacted.

Even with that in mind, we have a few that we would like to see on the ballot.

1. Save our Summers (SOS). That was the title of an amendment passed some years ago that said school could not start until two weeks before Labor Day, or later. But there were loopholes, and some counties have found excuses to get around the will of the people (including some neighboring counties). So we propose a new law: Public school classes may not start until the day after Labor Day. Period. No exceptions. That way we can save our summers and spare drivers by giving them two fewer weeks of school zones and buses.

2. No budget, no laws. The only thing state legislators are mandated to do is pass a budget. So how about this. No legislation may be discussed or voted upon by either the House or the Senate until a budget is adopted. That way we won't get a budget rammed down our throats at the end of the session.

3. Lights on all the time. There are all sorts of laws as to when you have to have your headlights on in your car, such as up to one-half hour after sunrise, one-half hour before sunset, when it's raining, etc. How about this?

Headlights must be on at all times when a vehicle is moving. That takes the guesswork out of when you flip that switch.

4. Get in trouble, no scholarship. Anyone on scholarship to a public college or university (athletic or academic) will have that scholarship suspended upon their arrest. If charges are dropped or the person is found not guilty, it will be restored retroactively.

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Guest column

Economic lesson for Obama

BY SHELDON RICHMAN
Special to the Messenger

President Obama is again turning his attention to the elusive economic recovery. His "pivot" will be for naught, however, as long as he continues to ignore two important points: first, government is a major squanderer of scarce resources, and second, its regulations are impediments to saving and investment.

We live in a world of scarcity. At any given time our ends outnumber the means to achieve them. Hence we economize so that we can achieve as many of our ends as possible. Resources, labor, and time devoted to one purpose can't also be used for other purposes, and the alternative forgone is the true cost of any action. We individually choose among competing ends after assessing the trade-offs, because we don't want inadvertently to give up something we prefer in exchange for something we don't value as much.

The marketplace, when it's free of government privilege and regulation, lets us accomplish this to a remarkable degree. In doing so, it raises our living standards and creates an orderly environment, thanks to the price system, which coordinates and facilitates our plans.

Government throws this process out of whack. When politicians forcibly extract resources from us (through taxation) and borrow, they leave us less with which we can improve our lives through entrepreneurship, business formation, and the like. But, you may ask, aren't the politicians' projects worthwhile? Actually, many government projects are of zero value or worse. The costly global empire is beyond useless: it endangers us. Other projects might be useful, but — and this is key — we can't be sure, because they are not subject to the market test.

If a private entrepreneur acquires resources in a quest for profit, she must create value for consumers or she will fail. The market's profit-and-loss test will see to that. That test is administered by countless millions of consumers who are free to take or leave what the entrepreneur offers. This test is relayed back to the investors who lend money to entrepreneurs for productive ventures. They know that if the entrepreneur fails, they will also suffer losses. So they must scrutinize projects in terms of their potential, ultimately, to please free consumers.

The upshot is that consumers' uncoerced actions signal (through prices and profit/loss) what pleases them and what does not. Suppliers must pay heed or face bankruptcy. This explains why markets, when not burdened by government privileges and arbitrary rules, work so well to raise living standards.

Note how government projects differ essentially from market projects. Politicians and bureaucrats obtain their money through force, not consensual

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From now on, leave the driving to me

Those of you who read my ramblings regularly (I'm hoping there are at least a few of you) know that I have one basic philosophy about travel. If I don't drive, I don't go.

Flying is completely out of the question.

Over the past couple of weeks the national news has been filled with accidents on the roads involving some sort of mass transportation, making a person wonder if it's safe to travel anywhere except by your own car.

The biggest was the train wreck in Spain. The video, which you have undoubtedly seen as many times as I have, shows the train making a left-hand curve at a high rate of speed, leaving the tracks and roaring along on its side. There were many fatalities in the crash. The driver is under investigation.

Funny thing, I've only been on a train once in my adult life.

It was a ride from Palatka to Lakeland to pick up a car to drive back. Actually, I kind of liked it, and wondered if somewhere, sometime, I could take an overnight train ride somewhere. Now I'm not so sure.

Then there was a bus crash in Indiana, where a youth church group was returning from a camp.

As the bus left the Interstate and was on the exit ramp just a few blocks from the church, it bounced around and overturned, killing three people, including a youth pastor and his pregnant wife.

It made for a tough Sunday at that church. The driver says the brakes failed.

Then there were the boaters on the Hudson River in New York, near the



Among Friends

Jim Clark

Tappan Zee Bridge. A boat load of people smashed into a barge, killing two, including a woman who was to be married in two weeks and the scheduled best man at the wedding. Her fiancé and others on the boat survived.

The boat driver has already been charged with vehicular manslaughter, as officials say he was possibly drunk.

And there's more. In Italy on Monday, a tour bus went off the side of a road and into a ravine, killing 38 people (the count at this writing).

In Arizona over the weekend, a tour bus with 33 people aboard was swept away by flood waters and knocked on its side, but all 33 people were able to climb out of windows and get to shore. The driver reportedly tried to drive through the area even though flood warnings had been posted. The group was coming back from the Grand Canyon.

So the next time we go somewhere and I tell you I want to drive, you'll know why. Whenever I go somewhere in a vehicle, my advertising slogan is going to be "Leave the driving to me."

Jim Clark is editor of the West Marion Messenger.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A talent for organizing your priorities allows the Divine Bovine to enjoy a busy social life and not miss a beat in meeting all workplace and/or family commitments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) What began as a dubious undertaking has now become one of your favorite projects. Your enthusiasm for it rallies support from other doubters-turned-believers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Accept the help of friends to get you through an unexpectedly difficult situation. There'll be time enough later to investigate how all this could have happened so fast.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Change is a major factor for the Big Cat through midmonth. Be prepared to deal with it on a number of levels, including travel plans and workplace situations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You might not like all the changes that have begun to take place around you. But try to find something positive in at least some of them that you can put to good use.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A family member's unsettling experience could create more problems if it's not handled with care and love. And who's the best one to offer all that? You, of course.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) It might not be the right time for you to start a new venture. But it's a good time to start gathering facts and figures so you'll be set when the GO! sign lights up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The sagacious Sagittarius should have no trouble deciding between those who can and those who cannot be trusted to carry out a workplace commitment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Surprise, surprise. It looks as if that one person you once thought you could never hope to win over to your side suddenly just might choose to join you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You might have to set aside your pride for now and accept a change that isn't to your advantage. Cheer up. There'll be time later to turn this around in your favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your creative self emerges as dominant through midmonth. This should help you restart that writing or arts project you've left on the shelf for far too long.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of encouraging others by example to come out from the shadows and enjoy life to

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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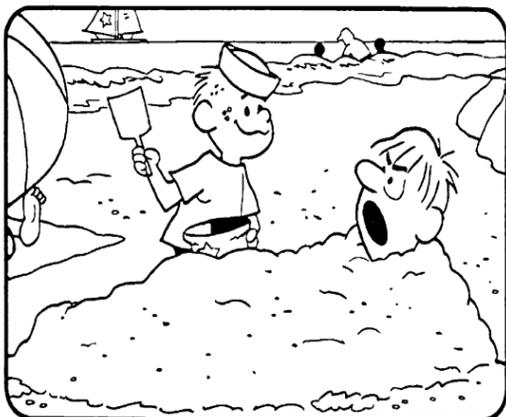
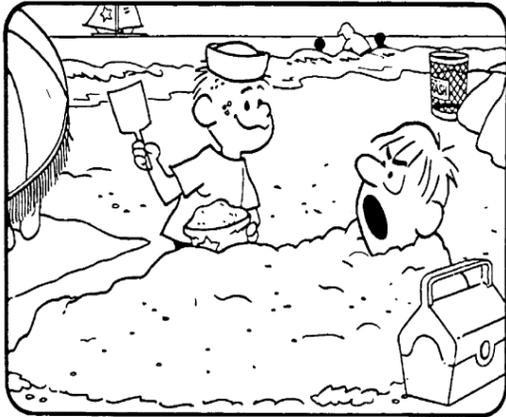
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Super Crossword

LIQUID FUEL FOR SCHOOL

- ACROSS**
- 1 Brother of Harpo and Groucho
 - 6 Impress in stone
 - 10 Kind of orange or Indian
 - 15 General — chicken
 - 19 Like Cato
 - 20 Spicy tea
 - 21 Move spirally
 - 22 Greet loudly
 - 23 — flowing with milk and honey
 - 24 Lewis of track
 - 25 Winter song
 - 26 Unsightly
 - 27 Start of a riddle
 - 31 I-80, e.g.
 - 32 Eternally, poetically
 - 33 Unduly
 - 34 Prefix for "ear" or "gold"
 - 36 Riddle, part 2
 - 45 A birdie beats it
 - 46 Yr. parts
 - 47 Voice mail prompts
 - 48 Run away to wed
 - 49 Riddle, part 3
 - 54 Pros at spinning LPs
 - 55 "Well, I'll be!"
 - 56 Widen, as pupils
 - 57 Very long time unit
 - 59 Ogden's state
 - 61 Prefix with conservative
 - 64 1983 Woody Allen film
 - 66 Jamb's place
 - 68 Rhode Island city
 - 71 Riddle, part 4
 - 76 Actor Pierce
 - 77 Restrain
 - 78 Dr. Seuss' "The — the Hat"
 - 79 Kind of milk
 - 80 — me tangere
 - 82 University mil. program
 - 84 Eight-armed cephalopods
 - 88 Skin blemish
 - 90 Debut on the NYSE
 - 92 Riddle, part 5
 - 94 Bird or plane
 - 97 Thrown
 - 99 City in Brazil, briefly
 - 100 Turf
 - 101 End of the riddle
 - 107 Nipper the dog's corp.
 - 108 Maintain the status —
 - 109 Start for existing
 - 110 Electrolysis particle
 - 111 Riddle's answer
 - 121 Sci-fi sights
 - 122 Sanders of baseball and football
 - 123 Seedy bar
 - 124 Innocent
 - 125 Griffin of talk TV
 - 126 Spin — (do some taletelling)
 - 127 Holiday preceders
 - 128 Like a pixie
 - 129 Get ready for surgery
 - 130 Emerson work
 - 131 Auto ding
 - 132 Winter vehicles
 - 6 Caesar's "Lo!"
 - 7 Bangkok cuisine
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 - 28 Six, in Italian
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 - 35 Bakery loaf option
 - 36 Whizzed
 - 37 Cabby's car
 - 38 River in Kazakhstan
 - 39 Abbr. for someone with only one given name
 - 40 Flip out
 - 41 Arthur of tennis fame
 - 42 Bodily harm
 - 43 Liza Minnelli ex David
 - 44 Bullring bravo
 - 50 Labyrinths
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 - 53 "It's — for!"
 - 55 Slummy districts
 - 58 GI's refusal
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 - 61 Negative conjunction
 - 62 Hosp. sections
 - 63 Mel of baseball
 - 65 "This — time for jokes!"
 - 67 As — (henceforth)
 - 69 "— way did he go?"
 - 70 Calico horse
 - 71 Sit-ups' targets
 - 72 To's counterpart
 - 73 Kid's amuser
 - 74 Cause to err
 - 75 He debated with Obama
 - 81 Tulip relative
 - 83 "Comin' — the Rye"
 - 85 Kick out of office
 - 86 Map out
 - 87 "... and — it all again!"
 - 88 Alphabet-ending letter
 - 89 Baghdad native
 - 91 A single cent
 - 93 Suited — tee
 - 94 Christmas tree, often
 - 95 Satan
 - 96 Animator
 - 97 Freleng, a.k.a. "Friz"
 - 97 CBers' cops
 - 98 Dog's sound
 - 102 Dairy treat
 - 103 Like some grapes
 - 104 Be horizontal
 - 105 Des —, Iowa
 - 106 Standing by in readiness
 - 112 "Please reply" abbr.
 - 113 Actresses Carrere and Texada
 - 114 Israeli ring dance
 - 115 Almost half a dozen
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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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Religion

Christ's Church of Marion County

Wednesday, July 31: Bible Study, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Aug. 1: Praise and Prayer Group, 9 a.m.
 Sunday, Aug. 4: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
 Monday, Aug. 5: Garden of Hope Ministry Meeting, 11 a.m.
 Tuesday, Aug. 6: Women's Crafts, 9 a.m.
 Wednesday, Aug. 7: Bible Study, 7 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>.

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala announces its schedule of services

for the High Holidays 2013 / 5774. All services will be led by rabbinical intern, Hannah Spiro, a student from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Erev Rosh Hashanah services will begin at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4 followed by light refreshments. First day Rosh Hashanah services on Sept. 5, will begin at 10 a.m. and will be held at Stone Creek Grille in Ocala followed by a light lunch. Reservations are required. Please contact Sonia 352-307-4662 or Estelle (353-861-2542). Taschlich will follow after the lunch at Sholom Park in Ocala. Kol Nidre services on Sept. 13 will begin at 7:30 p.m. and Yom Kippur morning services on Sept. 14 will begin at 10 a.m. There will be an afternoon

study session starting at 4 p.m. with Yiskor memorial prayers at 4:30 p.m. Closing prayers will begin at 5 p.m. with break the fast to follow.

All services are held at the Collins Center, 9401 State Road 200 in Ocala, except for Rosh Hashanah day which will be held at the Stone Creek Grille. All are welcome and families are encouraged to attend. The Yiskor service is open to non-members. Membership in the congregation is required to attend services and a limited one-month option is available for \$100 per person.

For further information contact Judi Siegal, co-president at 352-237-8277 or email bethisraelocala@embarqmail.com or visit our website bethisraelocala.org. Congregation Beth Is-

rael is a liberal, progressive, inclusive community affiliated with the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement.

Joy Evangelical Lutheran

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church is opening its doors in September to bring to the community a comprehensive Sunday school with a classroom that will captivate pre-kindergarten (age 3-4) up to grade 6 with key stories from the Old and New Testament as they journey through the Bible exploring a curriculum that has three flexible models: classroom, lectionary and workshop activities.

Parents wanting to register their children for this program should contact the church office prior to Aug. 15 between

the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and leave their name and address.

An informational meeting for parents regarding this Sunday School program will be held on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Joy Lutheran Church is at 7045 S.W. 83rd Place at State Road 200, Ocala. Phone is 352-854-4509 ext. 221.

Temple B'nai Darom

Temple B'nai Darom, 49 Banyan Course, Ocala, is offering complimentary tickets to High Holiday services conducted by Rabbi Harold Jaye, beginning with Erev Rosh Hashanah services at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 4.

To receive your complimentary tickets, please call Dorothy Howard at

352-687-1799 or e-mail tbdvp1@centurylink.net including your name, address, e-mail address, phone number and the number of tickets needed.

Additional services begin Rosh Hashanah morning, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. Yom Kippur Eve (Kol Nidre) services begin 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 13. Yom Kippur morning services start 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 14. Concluding services including Yiskor begin at 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

Crossroads Church of God

Back To School Bash - This event will take place on Aug. 3 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The bash is designed to assist parents and children to prepare for the return to school by providing various supplies needed by the students. Just show up at CCOG parking lot early. There will be some recreation and refreshments will also be available. For more details contact Carmen Colon at 352-291-2080.

Crossroads Church of God's 6th anniversary, Aug. 4, marks the sixth year that Bishop Paul and Melissa Woosley have served as spiritual leaders of the CCOG congregation. The celebration will be at all services on Sunday, Aug. 4, at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services as well as the 6 p.m. service. All are encouraged to come and bring a friend.

The church is at 8070 S.W. 60th Ave.

Our Saviour Lutheran

Emergency food and personal care assistance is available each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Marion Oaks, 260 Marion Oaks Lane.

The pantry serves families and individuals in need from Marion Oaks, Florida Highlands and southwest Marion County with food and care items.

Anyone needing assistance must bring photo identification, social security cards for all family members and proof of income. Groceries and personal care items are distributed based on need, family size and availability.

The pantry is a partnership of Interfaith Emergency Services and Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

Groups and individuals in southwest Marion County who would like to support the pantry and help their neighbors may drop off donations at the church during pantry hours or call 352-347-0567 to make arrangements with a volunteer.

Special needs are canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly, shampoo, dish and laundry soap and toilet tissue.

Checks can be mailed to Our Saviour Lutheran Church, marked "food pantry," 260 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala FL 34473.

HAPPENINGS

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Thursday, Sept. 5

CERT training announced

A new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will begin Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Marion County Sheriff's Office, 692 N.W. 30th Ave., Ocala.

This is an eight-session training, which is available either as an afternoon class, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. or as an evening class, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The afternoon and evening classes run concurrently and attendance can be mixed, depending upon availability. Only one class can be missed in the 8-session series and the CPR and last class is mandatory.

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

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

The CERT training includes basic skills in

disaster preparedness, fire safety, assessment and treatment of life-threatening conditions, light search of structural and non-structural damage, psychology of the injured and terrorism. Studies of behavior following a disaster have shown that volunteers perform more effectively if they have had prior training and planning in how to function as a team.

Consider this opportunity to learn how to form or join a CERT group in your community by signing up for this no-cost training program. For more information and for an application, contact Bob Conn, Trainer, at 352-812-0853. All applications must be in by Aug. 17.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Knights planning golf tournament

The Knights of Columbus, Council 9649, is having its Annual Queen of Peace Charity Scramble Golf Outing at Stone Creek Golf Club on Saturday, Oct. 5 (rain delay date is Saturday, Oct. 12).

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$65 per person and includes a packet of free items, complimentary morning coffee, golfers buffet lunch, and golf with cart.

Door prizes and a chance to win Hole-in-One prizes including \$10,000 or iPad or 2 airline tickets to any city in the continental U.S. Proceeds will permit the Knights to continue their support of Marion County charities.

Contact Fred Roberts prior to Sept. 21 at 352-502-3093 for details and registration form.

Friday, Nov. 8

Buddy Poppies to be distributed

VFW Post 4781 will be handing out Buddy Poppies on Friday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 9 at Publix, Walmart, Tractor Supply, Gander Mountain, Lowe's Winn-Dixie, Big Lots and I-Hop.

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EDITORIAL

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5. Appoint all school superintendents. What would happen if we elected the president of the U.S., but also elected the Secretary of State, Attorney General, etc. Each would be running his own show without fear of being removed, except by the voters every four years. Here is Marion we're lucky, we haven't had a major problem. But neighboring counties have, especially Levy a few years ago when the super fired a popular football coach and the School Board was powerless to reverse him. Put safeguards in so that current elected superintendents couldn't be forced from office before the end of their terms, so there would be no vindictiveness in the vote. But an appointed superintendent works better.

That's just a few of the changes we have in mind. Think we have a chance? We don't either.

RICHMAN

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mutual exchange. (What happens if you tell the IRS you don't want to purchase its "services"?) Even the money obtained through voluntary loans is expected to be repaid with the taxpayers' money. It's taxation all the way down.

Moreover, government "services" are not offered in a competitive market where consumers are free to take them or leave them. Since we're forced to pay a monopoly provider regardless of whether we want the "services," at the point of delivery they appear to be free. You can't opt out of paying for "free public schools" even if you don't want to use them.

Everyone pays into Social Security, a (meager) pension plan, under threat of force. In other words, government services are not true services in the market sense because they face no test from consumers free to withhold money without penalty.

The market test assures that bad trade-offs are avoided, or at least

quickly corrected if they are made. If steel is being used to make one product when consumers are demanding something else, the competitive entrepreneurial process sees to it that steel will be redirected.

No corresponding process exists in the political realm. It contains no incentives to look out for the consumers' welfare. Instead, we have political theater and value destruction.

This would be bad enough, but it's actually worse. What government does with the stolen resources typically

makes it harder for us to use the remaining resources productively. Uncertainty about future taxation and regulation, for example, increases the risk of investment and hence reduces it.

An indispensable prerequisite of economic well-being is humility on the part of politicians. How about it, President Obama?

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

GARDEN

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the first Wednesday of each month in 2013. For more information, call 352-671-8400.

Sept. 10, Tuesday Gardening Series: Beneficial Insects in the Garden: Held at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month through December at Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service (2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road, Ocala), this series will cover a variety of gar-

dening topics. In this session, identify the good bugs that visit the garden and help to control the bad bugs. For more information, call 352-671-8400.

Sept. 23-27, Florida Gardening 101: Held at 6 p.m. at Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service (2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road, Ocala), this is a five-part series designed to help novice gardeners and newcomers to Marion County learn how to garden successfully. The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple, which covers all five sessions. For more information or to pre-register (by Sept. 11) call 352-671-8400.

Go Figure!

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Marie Bell has lived in Ocala for 36 years, and she has kept herself busy developing and operating thrift stores in the Marion County area. With the help of the Lord she has been married for 40 years and has two daughters and seven grandchildren.

She enjoys her work immensely and equally appreciates the locals who support her newest project. Marie helped Crossroads Church of God to open a new thrift store and has already devel-

oped a good following. You may want to drop by and say hello while you look for a bargain.

Marie's latest thrift store is Crossroads Thrift Store, 7355 S.W. 38th St., Ocala. You may contact Marie at 352-351-1334. The hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Marie is serving as manager.

This is an outreach ministry of Crossroads Church of God, 8070 S.W. 60th Ave. Pastor is Paul Woosley.

Both men's and women's clothing is reasonably priced at \$1 each for most items unless marked otherwise; shoes and purses are also reflecting prices starting at \$1. Children's clothing is an outstanding bargain at 50 cents each. Furniture, glassware, dishes, appliances and many other items are available at very reasonable prices that vary according to condition. For the men there are tools, electronics and other gadgets at super bargain prices. There

is also a large library and media section on hand. Another great feature for the ladies who have little ones along is the play area for children. It keeps them occupied while mom gets to do some serious shopping.

One youngster named Angelina Sacco thoroughly enjoyed the play area, and then discovered that shopping was more fun. A crystal cat in the knick-knack section caught her eye. There is bound to be something to catch yours



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Angelina Sacco examines her first bargain.



Marie Bell is manager of Crossroads Thrift Store.



Betty Lamb is checking out the library and media center at the Crossroads Thrift Store.

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