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West Port student dies in accident

A West Port High School student was killed and his two passengers injured Thursday, Aug. 22 in an accident on Southwest 20th Street in front of Meadowbrook Church.

According to Ocala Police, Angel David Guevara Arenas, 20, was driving his BMW eastbound on 20th when for an unknown reason the car crossed the median and struck a westbound 1998 Oldsmobile, driven by Brandon Michael Haley Hyde, who was enroute to the same high school. He is a West Port graduate and was a volunteer assistant football coach, and was going to the school for a preseason football game. He was hospitalized, but then released.

Also struck was a Honda which received some damage to the passenger side, but the driver, Wilford Joseph Laughlin, 82, and his wife were not injured.

Passengers in Arenas' car were Emanuel Casillas Green, 17, and Daniel Espinoza, 18. Both were taken to local hospitals by ambulance.

Ocala Fire Rescue responded to the scene.



This is one of the damaged cars in an accident on 20th Street in front of Meadowbrook Church

Citizens cite lack of buses on 27 and 40

BY JIM CLARK
 Editor

Residents of northwest Marion County are wondering why the local mass transit system leaves the driving to them, instead of being able to take the bus.

Residents descended upon the Marion County Commission meeting last week to protest the lack of public transportation west of Interstate 75.

The speakers were primarily from an area called Oak Tree Village, which is on U.S. Highway 27 about a quarter mile west of the Interstate. Led by Mike McGriff, they bemoaned the fact that they had to walk a long way to get to a bus, including elderly who had to get to doctor's appointments. Others, who live off State Road 40, complained that there were no grocery stores in their area, and there was no transportation to get them there.

A look at the SunTran map shows the westernmost stop on State Road 40 is at 33rd Avenue, which is east of the Interstate. On U.S. 27 it's even further east, located about the 2400 block, east of 27th Avenue.

Residents correctly pointed out that buses run out Maricamp Road well into Silver Springs Shores, and out State Road 40 East all the way to Silver Springs and north from there to Northeast 35th Street.

Transportation Planning Organization's Greg Slay was in attendance, and Chairman Kathy Bryant told the people to talk to him about the problem.

Speakers bounced back and forth between two issues, the other being the lack of a ban on tethering dogs in the county, a ban the county rejected at a previous meeting.

Commissioners had to listen to the complaints all over again at their meeting on Aug. 20, as speaker after speaker pushed for the ban, and then some commissioners spoke back, leaving no doubt that a 24-hour ban on tethering dogs doesn't have a chance.

In fact, Bryant at one point vehemently tapped the table with her pen and said, "this commissioner will not support a 24-7 ban."

Earlier, Bryant said she has a dog, a small one, and said, "I take care of my animals, and I don't want government telling me how to do that."

That seemed to be the consensus of the board.

Stan McClain said that enforcement concerned him, and added, "We do have tethering laws on the books. Tell me how this is going to change that."

One speaker called the tethering "cruel and barbaric," and another spoke of a fatal attack by a tethered dog on a small child in Duval County who wandered into the yard.

A member of a program called "Project Pup" said, in favor of dogs, "I would not like to see the world without them."

The tethering ban was not even on the agenda, but came up because of speakers in the public portion of the meeting.

Company plans huge free Labor Day celebration

Townley Engineering and Manufacturing Co., Inc. will sponsor the Townley God and Country Labor Day Celebration from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, Sept. 2, on the company's outdoor amphitheatre at 10551 S.E. 110th St. Road, Candler. This all-free event is open to the public and guarantees family-friendly fun. The music begins 10 at a.m.

The Townley Labor Day Celebration is being held in conjunction with the Townley Company's 50th Year Anniversary of its founding by Jake and Helen Townley in 1963. The Townley Company was founded as a faith operation by Mr. and Mrs. Townley. The company con-

tinues to be operated in accordance with its original values as it serves customers in the mining, chemical and power generation industries. The Townley Company will have its full line of products on display for viewing. The Townley Company is headquartered in Candler, and has manufacturing facilities in five states.

This celebration will be one of the largest of its kind in the North-Central Florida area. It will feature live and in person, Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke, Four-Star-General Stanley McChrystal, Evangelist Daniel Kolenda and Christian Artist Jason Crabb.

Rev. Reinhard Bonnke is an interna-

tionally known Christian evangelist. He has preached the Gospel for 40 years, primarily in Africa where over 55 million people turned their life over to Christ. Four-Star General Stanley McChrystal plans to give insight to his wealth of knowledge concerning leadership. Daniel Kolenda has led more than 17 million people to Christ through evangelistic campaigns. Jason Crabb is a Grammy nominated, 10-time Dove Award winner who is well-known for such Gospel hits like "Through the Fire" or "Please Forgive Me", and "Redeemed".

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Congressman speaks to residents at Brentwood at Fore Ranch

BY JIM CLARK
 Editor



Ray and Geneva Barger await the arrival of U.S. Rep. Rich Nugent.

U.S. Rep. Rick Nugent, who represents part of Marion County in Congress, paid a visit to Brentwood at Fore Ranch, got a tour of the facility and spoke briefly to some of the residents.

The Congressman told the audience he had three sons in the military, and had just gotten back from a visit to one of them in Germany.

Asked about debates about health care, he firmly stated, "I don't want to see any changes in Medicare and Social Security."

He added that to change those programs after people had paid in to all of them "would be a crime." He added, "There are other ways to balance the budget."

Nugent said that people who work all their lives and then turn 65, "at least should have some certainty" that the dollars pledged to them would be there.

Asked about "Obamacare," he noted that the employee mandate had been pushed back a year.

He commented, "The money just isn't there for what they promised. They overpromised and underdelivered."

He invited people to call him or visit his Ocala office.



Nugent

PHOTOS BY JIM CLARK

Here's your financial tip of the week: Pay attention

Enjoying a casual evening at home, I reclined in my favorite easy chair reading, while the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was chatting on the telephone. I rarely pay attention to telephone conversations. After all, I only get one side of the conversation, which may be misleading at the very best. I've been caught in that trap before with some pretty dire consequences. I'm not going to get caught again.



Out to Pastor
Dr. James Snyder

Then an odd phrase caught my attention: "plastic surgery." My ears perked up and I heard my wife say, "I certainly agree with that article and I'm going to do some plastic surgery myself."

Well, you can imagine what thoughts were racing through my head. When she hung up the telephone, I queried her about it.

In my book, plastic surgery is a big step.

"You do support me in this plastic surgery plan, don't you?"

There are times to disagree with your spouse, but as a husband for over 40 years, I have never discovered that time. Forcing a smile, I nodded in the affirmative and told her she had my full support in whatever she decided.

I had to admit that the "time" had finally come to our humble abode. Who am I to fight it? I go by this motto, "He who smiles and agrees with his spouse lives to smile another day."

I plan to smile until the day I die. I never really thought about plastic surgery, but perhaps my wife was right. Perhaps she could use a little face-lift. For me to get a facelift, the surgeons would need a huge construction crane. Then comes the awkward part, what do they do with my face after it was lifted?

Women, more than men, are a little sensitive about their appearance. For a man, "appearance" means he showed up. A woman has an altogether different approach to the term "appearance."

Some women look in the mirror and see where some improvements could be

made. For example, they see bags under their eyes that could not get through the airport carry-on luggage size requirement.

Then there is the problem with their nose, which could stand a little tweaking. For all practical purposes, one of those double chins has to go. Moreover, what woman couldn't use a tummy tuck and other snippings of the flesh?

Believe me; I never would have brought it up, but if that makes my wife happy, then whatever it costs, we can put it on a credit card. The only problem with putting something like this on a credit card is that by the time you pay it off you need another procedure.

She is worth it in my checkbook. I have no compunction whatsoever of writing out that check.

Each day I checked the appointment calendar hanging on our refrigerator to find out when she would be going in for the surgery. Daily I looked, but could never find any appointment.

I supposed she was sensitive about the whole thing and did not want it staring at her day after day on the appointment calendar. Whatever the reason, she had my silent support, for all that was worth. I am sure she would do the same for me. That is what marriage is all about. Supporting one another in the developments of life, whatever that development might be.

I decided to tuck this little bit in the back of my mind and, however it developed would be all right with me.

One day this week, I went to the Slurp N' Burp Café for a quiet lunch. The issue was far from my mind as I enjoyed a delicious repast. As I finished my last cup of coffee, the waitress brought my bill and I pulled my wallet out to pay for it.

In searching my wallet for a credit card I discovered, much to my double chagrin, that there were no credit cards to be found. Somehow, I'd lost my credit cards. Perhaps, in the morning when I

was getting dressed, they dropped out of my wallet as I was placing it in my trousers.

The problem with that theory was that all the other cards in my wallet were intact.

Fortunately, I had my cell phone and called my wife.

"Honey, I've lost all my credit cards. I'm here at the restaurant and I can't find any credit cards in my wallet. Do you have any idea what I did with my credit cards?"

"I cut them all up."

"You did what?"

"You said you supported my plastic surgery plan, didn't you?"

"But, I thought..."

"You, thought what?"

Oh boy.

Dear reader: please disregard the first part of this column. If you happen to read my obituary in next week's newspaper, you will know that my lovely, vivacious, eternally youthful wife did not disregard the first part and I'm currently Resting In Pieces.

I must confess that my hearing is good; it is my understanding that falls so far short. The only exercise I am really good at is "jumping-to-conclusions."

This is common among many people who call themselves Christians. Their hearing is good but their "doing," is not up to par.

The apostle James understood this truth quite well. He writes, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" James 1:22 (KJV).

It is not so much what you hear that pays dividends in life, but what you do.

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Ready for the tour

Red Hat Fillies of Ocala Palms don their hair nets as they prepare to take a tour of the Golden Flake Potato Chip Factory on Wednesday, Aug. 21. The tour was followed by a delicious Mexican lunch at El Toreo in Ocala.

Grant awarded to area foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded grants to support youth literacy programs to Tutors for Kids, Inc. in Summerfield in the amount of \$2000.

"Youth literacy grants from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation are awarded at the beginning of the academic year to help make a distinct impact on the communities we serve by supporting programs that improve education and enhance literacy," said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO. "At Dollar General, we are passionate about our mission of Serving Others and it's exciting to see the real difference literacy and learning makes in people's lives."

This fall, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded more than \$2.5 million in youth literacy grants to approximately 650 schools, non-profit organizations, libraries and community groups dedicated to the advancement of literacy.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2013, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$84.9 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 4.8 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

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Happenings

Friday, Aug. 30

Spaghetti dinner planned

There will be an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner at Queen of Peace Catholic Church on Friday, Aug. 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Children under 18 eat free. The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, bread, coffee or iced tea, and a 25-item all you can eat salad bar.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Pioneer Garden Club to meet

The Pioneer Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at the Marion County Library main office at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., (west of the Appleton Cultural Center), according to Marge Hendon, president.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in Meeting Room C; with a covered dish and plant exchange in Meeting Room A.

The luncheon and plant exchange will begin around 11:15 a.m.

Join us and learn about one of the hottest topics around - Fire.....Being Fire Wise. Jan Lewis, of the Marion County Parks and Recreation Summer Camp staff is our featured speaker. Her topics will cover being fire wise in our landscapes and candidates for Camp Wekiva, our ongoing campership programs for youth. There will be a short video.

Bring yourself, food and plant for a wonderful time with your Pioneer friends.

Thursday, Sept. 5

WOW Singles to meet

WOW Singles will meet at the following locations. There are no dues. Please call after 10 a.m. at 352-861-9487 or 352-291-2762 for more info.

Sept. 5, 4 p.m., Carrabba's Italian Grill, 2370 S.W. College Road.

Sept. 19, 12:30 p.m., The Braised Onion, 752 N.E. 25th Ave.

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, Sept. 7

Murder mystery at church

Please join in a unique event, a murder mystery filled with deceit, backstabbing, fun and laughter. At the same time enjoy all you can eat burgers, hot dogs, fries, shakes and more as if at the local diner.

Upon confirming your attendance you will be assigned a character as part of the mystery (should you find you are unable to attend please advise so that the character can be assigned to another attendee). Each character is a factor in the mystery and you will be involved in and important in finding the culprit and solving the mystery.

All this excitement is on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 5 p.m. for \$50 per person (including food) and supports the programs of Family Ministries of Florida and is tax deductible.

For further information and tickets, contact the church office, 352-861-6182, Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to noon or <http://www.ccomc.org/>.

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

Free yoga at Sholom Park

A free yoga class will take place in the beauty of Sholom Park. Class starts promptly at 9 a.m. Bring a mat or towel as well as your enthusiasm!

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

Two-day stamp and coin show

The Florida Stamp Dealers Association and the General Francis Marion Stamp Club will host its annual Stamp and Coin Show on Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center, Top of the World, 8395 S.W. 80th St.

Show will include coins for collectors as well stamps. Dealers will be available to appraise stamps, covers, coins and paper money.

Members of the Stamp Club will also be on hand to explain the benefit of joining the club.

A youth table will provide free stamps and related information for junior collectors. Ocala post office will attend on Saturday only with stamps and related

items for sale.

The General Francis Marion Stamp Club meets at 1 p.m. to buy, sell and trade on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Bank of the Ozarks, Southwest State Road 200. Doors open at noon. The club also meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Queen of Peace Catholic Church Library, 6455 S.W. State Road 200, starting at 7 p.m.

For more information about the club, ocalagfmstampclub.com and for more information about the show, email h.rogg@verizon.net or call 727-364-6897.

Sunday, Sept. 8

Concert at Countryside

The Sounds of Joy, Gospel Singers to perform at Countryside Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m.

The first Sunday Afternoon Arts at Countryside will take place on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 S.W. Highway 200, Ocala.

The Sounds of Joy group presents gospel singing with a modern flair. This Ocala-based group of Gospel Singers have been performing for more than 23 years. They were originally known as the GloryBound Singers. They have performed throughout Florida and as far north as Portsmouth, Ohio, and as far west as Meridian, Mississippi.

They will be performing several well known gospel tunes including "A Little Song Coming On," "Just a Little Talk with Jesus," "Praying Man" and "Didn't I Walk on the Water."

The public is invited and admission is free but donations would be appreciated. For further information, please call the church office at 352-237-4633.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

AARP Driver Safety Class (2 days)

An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held Sept. 10 and 11 in the District Sheriff's office, 9048 State Road 200, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. Individuals with decades of driving experience will have an opportunity to be updated on current Florida State laws. Additionally, the certificate you receive at the completion of the classes will entitle you to an appropriate discount on your car insurance for three years. For registration, call Joe Briggs, 352-237-2971.

Mac User Group to meet

Ocala Macintosh User Group will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 in the St. George Anglican Cathedral Parish Hall, 5646 S.E. 28th St.

Robin Whitely, from the Center for the Blind, will speak on the use of iPads and Macs with the visually impaired. Tech tips by Phil Davis will follow this presentation.

Visitors are always welcome. Check our website at <http://ocalamug.org> for additional information.

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LABOR DAY

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"It's significant that we will have some of the most powerful voices of leadership speaking and encouraging our community on Labor Day," said Toro Townley, Chief Executive Officer of Townley Engineering and Manufacturing Co., Inc., the sponsor of the celebration. "I believe that many people will be refreshed as they hear the good news of the Gospel and see what is happening right here in Marion County."

"We are privileged to be able to sponsor an event that brings our community together and shows the best of what makes America great," Townley said.

See some of the most colorful classic cars from local collectors. Also, this free event will feature giving away 50 children's bicycles, along with plenty of special children's games and activities. Organizers will have free parking, free food and cold drinks. Organizers say bring a chair and enjoy the day at the Townley Outdoor Amphitheatre.

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Wednesday, Sept. 11

Alzheimer's caregivers seminar

The USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute, Brentwood at Fore Ranch Senior Living Community and Infinity Home Care are sponsoring a free community program, "Alzheimer's Disease: What Family Caregivers Need to Know" Sept. 11 at Brentwood at Fore Ranch Senior Living Community, 4511 S.W. 48th Ave., Ocala.

The program is designed for individuals caring for a family member or friend with Alzheimer's disease. Topics will include Understanding Alzheimer's Disease, Progress in Treatment, Communication Strategies, Managing Troublesome Behaviors and more. Whether you have just received the diagnosis or have been a caregiver for many years, this will be a day well spent. The program is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and lunch will be provided. There is no charge but advanced registration is requested to reserve a seat.

For more information or to register, please call (813) 974-4357 or toll free in Florida (800) 633-4563.

Free English classes

College Road Baptist Church, 5010 S.W. College Road will begin the seventh year of its ESL (English as Second Language) ministry on Wednesday, Sept. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. Classes are free and child care is provided. Teachers are certified by the Southern Baptist Convention Literacy Program to provide instruction to adults wanting to learn or improve their English speaking ability. Students are placed in appropriate class levels ranging from Pre-beginners to Advanced.

This ministry is open to the public. For further information, call the church office or the director, Janet Smith at 352-854-6981.

Sunday, Sept. 15

German American Oktoberfest

The German American Club of Marion County will hold its Oktoberfest on Sunday, Sept. 15, at noon, at the Marion Oaks Community Center. A bratwurst dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Music will be provided by Alpine Express from 2 to 6 p.m. Bring your own beverage. Lederhosen, Dirndle or dressy casual attire is required. Tickets are \$18 per member and \$21 per non-member. For tickets, call Barb Hartmann at 352-751-4207.

Thursday, Sept. 19

Air Force group to meet

The next meeting of the Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association (AFA) will be held on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Ocala International Airport Administration Building, 750 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala.

This will be our annual awards program. Who will be our Chapter Member of the Year? Several other awards will be presented.

September 18 is the birthday of the United States

Air Force. At our meeting on the 19th we will celebrate our birthday with a Blue Birthday Cake.

Hope to see many of our members and those who would like to join are welcome.

Any questions call Mike Emig 352-854-8328 (leave message).

Saturday, Sept. 28

Worship service at TimberRidge

A worship service will take place at TimberRidge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 10:15 a.m.

Countryside Presbyterian Church provides Christian Ministry to residents of TimberRidge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9848 S.W. 110th St., Ocala and holds bimonthly worship services.

If you have a loved one, or friend at the TimberRidge Center you are invited to attend our next service on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 10:15 a.m.

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

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.

Purple Pinkie Peanut Run/5K

The Williston Rotary Club will sponsor a 5K run and a one mile fun run/walk Saturday, Oct. 5 beginning at 8 a.m.

The entry fee is \$25 prior to Sept. 20 and will include a commemorative T-shirt. Participants may register after that date for \$30 but T-shirts are not guaranteed.

Proceeds from the run will benefit Rotary International's Purple Pinkie Program and local educational programs.

To register, visit active.com.

Friday, Oct. 11

Baptist Church plans trip

College Road Baptist Church is planning a bus trip to see and hear the Gaithers in Myrtle Beach, S.C., on Oct. 11 through the 13th. We are inviting individuals and groups to join us. We will leave on Friday morn-

ing the 11th, returning the afternoon of the 13th. Total cost, including transportation, performances, and motel will be \$350. Call our office or come in to make your reservation at 5010 S.W. College Road, Ocala. Phone is 352-237-5741. Don't miss out on the wonderful fellowship we have on our trips.

Trafficking group sets golf event

Breaking Out is a privately funded Human Trafficking Prevention organization that goes beyond awareness and assisting victims. Breaking Out is a rescue and recovery group that proactively works worldwide to rescue victims from slavery and return them home.

Breaking Out will be hosting a 4-man scramble golf tournament, with a variety of prizes, contests and competition for golfer of all levels, on Oct. 11 at Ocala Golf Club, 3130 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

"We wanted this annual event to be special," comments James Barnes, Breaking Out's Founder;

Ocala Golf Club's championship 18-hole course is as spectacular to play as is its beautiful surroundings. From the greens to the restaurant, it's a special place. Ocala Golf Club has been tremendously supportive of our cause and mission, and we are eternally grateful."

Each dollar raised will go to supporting operations that have a direct effect on the freedom and well-being of victims of human trafficking," states Kim Stinsman, vice president. "Traffickers are able to commit these heinous crimes because people turn a blind eye to human trafficking. This is a fantastic opportunity for people to turn concern into action, and support their community."

For more information, visit Breaking Out's website; www.breakingoutcorp.org or call 352-866-224-2888.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Barbecue dinner and car show

Corvette Club of Marion County and the Ocala Elks Lodge will hold an "Old Fashioned Chicken and Pork Barbecue Dinner" sale and benefit car show on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Ocala Elks Lodge, 702 N.E. 25th Ave., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Ocala Elks Lodge 286 and the Corvette Club of Marion County have joined to raise funds for the following charities:

The Florida Elks Children Therapy Services, Interfaith, Backpack Program (food for kids), and the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County.

Elks Lodge phone number is 352-732-7091.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

'Food for Thought' luncheon

This fall the Parish Health Ministry team will present their "Original Food for Thought" Luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church starting at 11:30 a.m.

Mangala Shetty, MD will speak on "Therapies in Pain Management." We request an RSVP by calling 352-368-4028.

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.

Donations are appreciated with all proceeds going to veterans and local charities.

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Religion

Christ's Church of Marion County

Wednesday, Aug. 28: Bible Study, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Aug. 29: Prayer and Praise Group Ministry Meeting, 9 a.m.
 Sunday, Sept. 1: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Pack the Pantry Sunday.
 Tuesday, Sept. 3: Women's Crafts, 9 a.m.
 Wednesday, Sept. 4: 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>.

Chabad Jewish Center

In anticipation of the upcoming Jewish New Year (Sept. 4-6), the Chabad Jewish Center of Marion County and The Villages has announced its High Holiday Services schedule. They will be "warm, friendly, traditional, and open to all," says Chabad's Executive Director, Rabbi Yossi Hecht.

All are welcome to services at Chabad, free of charge, regardless of background or affiliation. Membership is not required to join and there are no prerequisites. All prayers will combine the original Hebrew and translated English.

"Our tradition teaches that at the New Year, the Doors of Heaven are open; God accepts all prayers, from anyone," explains the Rabbi. "The least we can do is open our doors as well, to the entire community."

Services will be held on Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year (September 4-6), as well as Yom Kippur - the Day of Atonement (September 13-14). They will be held at various times (as indicated below) at the Chabad Jewish Center, 3509 S.W. 34th Ave. Circle.

In addition, a Community Rosh Hashana dinner will take place after services on Rosh Hashana Eve at the Hilton of Ocala. The dinner is by RSVP only and will include gefilte fish, matzah ball soup and tzimmes just to name a few of our traditional holiday dishes.

For more information about High Holiday Services, or about Chabad, please call 352-291-2218, email Rabbi@JewishMarion.org or log on to www.JewishMarion.org.

Ocala West United Methodist

The Ocala West United Methodist Men's Club annual Junque Sale will take place at 9330 S.W. 105th St., Ocala, on Oct. 24, 25 and 26. Phone number for information about this event, which is more than 20 years old, is 352-

854-9550.

The church will accept donations for this large charitable fundraiser at storage pods in church parking lot beginning Thursday, Sept. 5, and every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Oct. 17, and every Saturday from Sept. 7 through Oct. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon.

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 352-307-3662 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 Israel is a liberal, progressive, inclusive community affiliated with the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement.

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

tbdivp1@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.

Maranatha Baptist Church

The AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) program resumes on Sunday, Aug. 25, but all children ages 4 to 18 are invited to attend this program on any Sunday at 6 p.m. It is held each Sunday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for children ages 4 to 18. The program is under the direction of Commander Chris Bailey and Vanessa Bailey. They want to share the love of Christ. AWANA is an exciting program of Christian learning and games of competition with awards. AWANA is an ongoing program and registration is always open. For further information, please call 352-347-5683.

Young people's program
 We have a place for every child here at Maranatha Baptist! For our kids from kindergarten to grade 5, we have our "Kidz Connect" ministry. We meet once a month on the second Friday at 6 p.m. at the church.

For students from grade 6 to grade 12, we have our teen ministry "Tranzformers," which meets on the third Friday each month at 6 p.m. at the church.

Each ministry combines fun, connecting with others and ultimately connecting with the God who created them.

Come check us out! Be sure to call the church at 352-347-5683 with any questions.

Pastor "Mike" Swingle is inviting children, grades 5 through 12 to attend the Youth Bible Study (L.I.G.H.T.) each Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. Also, on Wednesday night beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the church there will be a program for the small children, ages 4 to grade 5.

Pastor "Mike" Swingle, the youth pastor, is always planning many activities for young people.

Maranatha Baptist Church is located at 525 Marion Oaks Trail in Marion Oaks.

Please call 352-347-5683 for further information and directions to the Church.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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.

More than 1,700 people in Marion Oaks and surrounding areas have received assistance from the pantry since July 2012. 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.

Donation checks can be mailed to Our Saviour Lutheran Church, marked "food pantry" at 260 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala Fl. 34473.

Christian Life Assembly of God

Christian Life Assembly of God will present "The Art of Marriage" video event on Sept. 20 and 21.

Produced by Family Life, the event will begin Friday, Sept. 20, with doors open and refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

The event begins promptly at 7 p.m. On Saturday morning, Sept. 21, doors are open at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts provided. The seminar begins at 9 a.m.

Lunch will be at noon at no additional charge.

The seminar will end at 4:15 p.m. Cost per couple is \$45 and includes workbooks, refreshments, and lunch on Saturday. No child care is provided.

Contact us at 352-237-6950 or email at ocalaclag@gmail.com with your questions.

To register go to: christianlife-assemblyofgod.eventbrite.com.

This relationship enrichment event is for those considering marriage as well as those married for many, many years, and is open to everyone.

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Creative ladies working on their special projects

Every fourth Friday, a very creative group of ladies meet to enjoy a day of working on their special projects. Last Friday, Aug. 23, was no exception.

Led by organizer Karen Staton, the group has a terrific time working on ongoing projects including scrapbooking, crochet, knitting, needlepoint, and card making. While I was visiting, I was struck by the conviviality and fun they all seemed to be having as they worked on different kinds of projects.

Karen Staton told me that the group generally meets each Thursday at the individual homes of those in the group; however, on the fourth Friday of each month, the group meets in the Fairfield Village Clubhouse and enjoys having lunch together.



Fairfield Village
Priscilla Geissal

The group was organized about a year ago and has grown in size; but, obviously, there are will be more "crafters" meeting in the winter months when the "snow birds" return to Florida.

Karen says that she would love to have more people join the group and encourages anyone interested to call her at 804-683-0231. There is plenty to

interest anyone and the group would welcome newcomers.

The accompanying photos show the group with all kinds of work spread out to be admired and enjoyed by everyone.

Those attending the meeting were: Karen Staton, Linda Perry, Marty Hartman, Cathy Devitt, Virginia Rose, Janet Propsner, Suzzanne Phillips, and Jean Hernandez.

The Home of the Month for August is the lovely home owned and beautifully maintained by Donald and Delores Smith. The lawn is always immaculate and the home seems to invite visitors with a welcoming façade. Congratulations to the Smiths for having been chosen for this honor.

With Labor Day approaching, it would seem appropriate to wish every-

one a great holiday weekend for the winding down of the summer of 2013. Lots of good food and fun are on tap in the FFV Clubhouse on Labor Day and the hope is that lots of our neighbors will gather and enjoy each other's company while being treated to great food prepared by the SAC of Fairfield Village, "...a lively place filled with lovely people."

For those who may be on the road traveling to be with family and friends, we extend the wish for safe travel. While our friends may always try to be very careful, we all need to remember that we must be vigilant about what might be the careless actions of others. We want everyone to stay healthy and happy. Have a Happy Labor Day Weekend!



Seated around several tables pushed together so that they can enjoy working on their crafts are, from left, Jean Hernandez, Suzzanne Phillips, Janet Propsner, Virginia Rose, Cathy Devitt, Marty Hartman, Linda Perry, and Karen Staton.



Marty Hartman, left, and Karen Staton confer on a project that both of the ladies like.



Two colorful card projects show the creative talent of the ladies in the Fairfield Village craft group.



Lots of colorful materials are used by Jean Hernandez as she completes her "Flip Flop" cards.



The lovely home of Donald and Delores Smith was chosen as Fairfield Village's Home of the Month for August.



Virginia Rose says that making her cards is much like "coloring" when she was a child. She loved it then and loves it now.

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TIME TO DINE

Al Fresco!

Bean & Vegetable Salad and Beef & Horseradish Wraps

FAMILY FEATURES

Warm weather is welcome for a variety of reasons, but for many of us it signals the season for dining al fresco. Whether stepping out back onto a porch or patio, or planning a picnic at the beach or park, the food is the star.

These recipes showcase exciting flavors and easy preparation. One way to liven up outdoor menus is with unexpected ingredients, such as pickled beets. They add flavor, color and nutrition to a variety of dishes. Aunt Nellie's line of pickled beets tastes homemade — only the peeling and pickling are done for you. Just open the jar and you're on your way to fabulous appetizers, main dish wraps and, even, dessert. For a colorful vegetable side, a can of READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad is the perfect base. Just add fresh vegetables cut into thin strips and toss with a quick dressing. Dine al fresco — cheers to fresh air and fabulous food.

For more delicious recipes made with Aunt Nellie's products, visit www.AuntNellies.com. Additional ideas for READ salads can be found at www.ReadSalads.com.



Baby Beets & Olives

Herbed Eggplant & Beet Dip

Makes 8 servings (approx. 1/4 cup each)
Preparation Time: 30 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets, drained
- 2 tablespoons olive or canola oil
- 1 medium eggplant (about 1 pound), cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 cloves garlic, sliced
- Salt
- Coarse ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup plain nonfat yogurt (Greek or traditional), optional
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil
- 1 to 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme leaves
- Pita chips, fresh vegetables

Coarsely chop beets.

In large nonstick skillet heat oil over medium heat until hot. Add eggplant, onion and garlic; cook 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring frequently. Add water, 1 tablespoon at a time, if mixture seems too dry or begins to stick. Salt and pepper, as desired.

Place eggplant mixture in bowl of food processor; process until mixture is chopped and combined. Measure out 1/2 cup chopped beets; set aside. Add remaining chopped beets to eggplant mixture. Process until dip is desired consistency.

Transfer dip to serving bowl. Stir in yogurt, if desired. Stir in herbs and reserved 1/2 cup chopped beets just before serving. Serve with pita chips and vegetables for dipping. If not served immediately, cover and refrigerate up to 6 hours. Allow to stand about 15 minutes before serving if chilled.



Herbed Eggplant & Beet Dip

Spicy Beet, Fruit & Nut Bars

Makes 28 bars
Preparation Time: 25 minutes
Bake Time: 20 minutes

- 1 jar (15.5 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Harvard Beets
- 1 package (15.25 ounces) spice cake mix
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup dried mixed fruits, chopped if necessary
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, pecans or almonds (or a combination), toasted
- Confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Drain beets. Puree beets in food processor or blender until smooth; set aside. Line 15 x 10 x 1-inch baking pan with aluminum foil. Spray lightly with nonstick cooking spray.

Place cake mix in large bowl. Add pureed beets, brown sugar, oil and egg. Beat on low speed of electric mixer 2 minutes or until completely combined, scraping bowl as necessary. Stir in fruits and nuts.

Spread dough evenly in prepared pan. Bake 20 minutes or until pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Cut into bars.



Spicy Beet, Fruit & Nut Bars

Beef & Horseradish Wraps

Makes 4 servings
Preparation Time: 30 minutes

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
- 1/2 cup spreadable cheese (such as goat cheese or herb/garlic soft cheese)
- 2 large soft flour tortillas (about 10- to 12-inch diameter)
- 10 green onions (green part only)
- 10 thin slices deli roast beef

Drain beets; chop. Discard beet liquid. In medium bowl, combine beets, carrots and horseradish.

Spread 1/4 cup cheese evenly over each tortilla, leaving 1-inch border. Arrange 5 green onions (do not chop) on each; press lightly into cheese. Place 5 slices beef on each tortilla covering green onions, then sprinkle beet mixture evenly over beef.

Roll up in parallel direction of the green onions. Wrap each roll tightly in plastic wrap. Refrigerate up to 4 hours.

To serve, remove plastic wrap; cut each tortilla into 2 pieces.

Baby Beets & Olives

Makes 6 servings
Preparation Time: 15 minutes

- 1 16-ounce jar Aunt Nellie's Whole Baby Pickled Beets, drained
- 3/4 cup assorted pitted olives
- 1 to 2 tablespoons orange zest
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

Bean & Vegetable Salad

Makes 4 servings
Preparation Time: 30 minutes

- 1 can (15 ounces) READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad
- 2 cups vegetables, cut into thin strips*
- 1/4 cup very thinly sliced red onion, optional
- Cracked black pepper
- Chopped parsley, optional

Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons reserved bean salad liquid
- 1 tablespoon apple cider or wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large clove garlic, minced

Drain bean salad; reserve 2 tablespoons liquid.

For dressing, combine reserved bean salad liquid, vinegar, oil and garlic. Whisk until combined.

In large bowl, toss together drained bean salad, vegetables and onion, if desired. Toss with dressing. Season with black pepper and stir in chopped parsley, if desired. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

*Cut vegetables into thin strips about 2 x 1/4 inch. Vegetables can be one or a combination of: carrot, celery, bell pepper, cucumber, zucchini, yellow squash, or other favorite vegetable.

Smoked Salmon & Beet Wraps

Makes 4 servings
Preparation Time: 30 minutes

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
- 1 to 2 tablespoons capers
- 1 to 2 teaspoons lemon zest
- 1/2 cup spreadable chive cream cheese
- 2 large soft flour tortillas (10- to 12-inch diameter)
- 8 slices smoked salmon
- 1/2 cup baby spinach leaves

Drain beets; chop. Discard beet liquid. In medium bowl, combine beets, onion, capers and lemon zest.

Spread 1/4 cup cream cheese evenly over each tortilla, leaving 1-inch border. Place 4 salmon slices over cream cheese; press lightly. Top each with spinach. Sprinkle beet mixture evenly over spinach.

Roll up. Wrap each roll tightly in plastic wrap. Refrigerate up to 4 hours.

To serve, remove plastic wrap; cut each tortilla into 2 pieces.

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Opinion

Our Message

Water, water everywhere

Remember the old joke, “I’ve got some swampland in Florida I want to sell you.”? Evidently, a lot of us didn’t think it was a joke and bought our land, built homes and shopping centers and roads on it.

Some people are complaining about drainage after a series of tropical-type storms inundated Marion County with rain last week.

The rains caused flooding in many areas as some of the storms just sat on top of us for a couple of hours at a time.

We’ve got news for you. The entire peninsula of Florida is built, basically, on a swamp. As we built cities and suburbs, we covered up that swamp with pavement.

The problem? The water still has to go somewhere. So some Floridians are paying the price for living in “paradise.”

Drainage has always been a problem, but now gets worse as new developments are built.

Don’t forget sinkholes. They are increasing at an alarming rate all over the state, swallowing homes in the Tampa area and this weekend in Orange County. We’ve had our share of sinkholes right here in Marion, enough to make people nervous every time there is a heavy rain.

Those of us who at one time lived near the ocean marvel at the complaints of drainage on the barrier islands.

These islands were created by nature to be, well, barriers protecting the mainland from the ocean.

But humans interfered with that concept, building condos and other structures on the ocean, then complaining when the water has nowhere to go.

Now it’s pretty much the same inland.

So if you are complaining that the county and city aren’t doing anything about drainage (and if you look at the projects around you you’ll see they are trying), then we suggest you provide a geologically acceptable solution.

No one before you has been able to come up with one ... maybe you’ll make history.

Until then, though, stop blaming others.

We all want to live here where it’s comfortable all year round, but sometimes you have to take the bad with the good.



People will read this and say I’m cruel

Confession is good for the soul, they say, whoever the anonymous “they” are.

So it’s time to confess that, according to recent news events, I once did something cruel and unusual, and it’s probably going to make the PETA people mad at me.

When I was a young adult, still living with my parents in northeastern New Jersey, we tethered our dog.

“Lady” was a solid black, cockerspaniel type, as friendly as could be and full of energy. All three of us in the household worked at the time, so Lady would have been alone quite a bit during the day.

My dad rigged up a wire in the backyard that ran from the back door landing out to the garage, which was about 60 feet away. We had a rope with attachments at either end, and it was hooked, one end to the wire, the other to her collar.

That way she had free run of the backyard, about 20 feet on each side of the wire and all the way from the garage to the back door. There was a roof over the back door landing, and the garage was usually kept partially open so she could go in. There was always water out there.

When we were leaving in the morning, all we had to say was “Time to go,” and she would run for the back door and wait. When we opened the door, she would run out but stop at the rope, which was hooked to the railing on the landing. Once she was hooked up, away she went.

When the first one got home, she would go to the back stoop and wait, and when she was unhooked, she would go into the house. There were rules as to where she could go, mostly enforced by my mother. One thing was she was



Among Friends

Jim Clark

banned from jumping on the bed. My dad didn’t really care, but I was the rebel.

She had places to hang out, but when Lady came in my room, I’d close the door and she would jump on the bed. My wife, then my girlfriend, had given me a little red furry thing about eight inches long and a couple inches wide, that sat on my bed. Lady used to love playing with it and, when she got tired of that, would lie on the bed and cuddle with the furry toy.

If my mom was coming, she knew to jump off the bed and hide under the floor-length bedspread.

She got far enough under that her eyes were covered, but what she didn’t realize was that her nose would stick out. Hey, she was smart, but not that smart.

So I’m listening at a County Commission meeting a couple of weeks ago to a couple of passionate speakers who want the county to ban all tethering, and I’m wondering why. Some of the arguments made no sense, including one that a dog could get angry and attack someone who came near it. Well, would you want that angry dog running loose where it could jump a fence and attack someone?

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Guest column

Delete the Fed

BY SHELDON RICHMAN
Special to the Messenger

Who should run the Federal Reserve System when chairman Ben Bernanke’s term expires next year: Vice Chair Janet Yellen or former Obama adviser Lawrence Summers?

Neither.
Who then?
No one.

The fact is, we need the Federal Reserve like we need a hole in the head. Contrary to folklore, the Fed is not needed to stabilize the economy or to prevent unemployment. As the Fed heads into its second century, we ought to realize that its record is terrible. Even if we don’t count the interwar period (which some economists call the new Fed’s practice round), America’s central bank is a flop. Monetary economists George A. Selgin, William D. Lastrapes, and Lawrence H. White wrote in “Has the Fed Been a Failure?":

Drawing on a wide range of recent empirical research, we find the following: (1) The Fed’s full history (1914 to present) has been characterized by more rather than fewer symptoms of monetary and macroeconomic instability than the decades leading to the Fed’s establishment. (2) While the Fed’s performance has undoubtedly improved since World War II, even its postwar performance has not clearly surpassed that of its undoubtedly flawed predecessor, the National Banking system, before World War I.

The authors support that generalization with details. On inflation: “Far from achieving long-run price stability, (the Fed) has allowed the purchasing power of the U.S. dollar, which was hardly different on the eve of the Fed’s creation from what it had been at the time of the dollar’s establishment as the official U.S. monetary unit, to fall dramatically” — by 95 percent.

Selgin, Lastrapes, and White also show that the central bank has given us longer recessions and slower recoveries.

But without the Fed, who would set interest rates to guide the economy? The first answer is that government policy and Fed manipulations can create the very recessions that the Fed then tries to reverse. If the politicians and their court economists would get over their hubristic belief that they are stewards of the economy, macroeconomic crises would disappear.

Besides, the Fed cannot set interest rates, not even its narrow federal-funds rate for overnight interbank loans. At most, it targets that rate by buying and selling government securities, but it doesn’t always hit its target. The idea that the Fed can even heavily influence mortgage and other interest rates ignores important facts.

First, the Fed’s operations are small compared to the complex U.S. and world economies. Writes monetary economist Richard Timberlake,

Traditional economics properly teaches that many complex market forces — countless investment and savings decisions not dependent on monetary factors — are essential in determining interest rates. The Fed funds rate that Fed policy can influence through its monopoly over the quantity of money is inconsequential in shaping

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Editorial

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little "wool-gathering" for the usually productive Lamb is all right if it helps you unwind. But be careful; too much daydreaming can put you behind schedule in your work.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A work problem is close to being resolved. Now you can go ahead and celebrate the week, accepting invitations from friends who enjoy your company.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting your new plan accepted won't be a major hassle if you have the facts to back it up. Your supporters are also prepared to help you make your case. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a pesky job problem might be time-consuming but necessary. The sooner you get this situation settled, the sooner you can move on to other matters.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Career advancement is favored thanks to your impressive work record. On the personal side, you should soon hear some good news about an ailing family member.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) There might be mixed signals from a certain someone who doesn't seem all that certain about his or her intentions. Best to sort it all out before it becomes more confusing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get all the facts about that investment "opportunity" before you put even one dollar into it. There could be hidden problems that could be costly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Compromising on a matter you feel strongly about not only ends the impasse, but can be a win-win deal for all. Remember: Scorpios do well with change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) With all the demands you have to deal with, accepting the help of family and friends could be the wisest course to take at this time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Recent upsetting incidents might have left you with a big gap in your self-assurance. Refill it by spending time with those who know how worthy you really are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A dispute about money needs to be resolved quickly, before it festers into something more serious. Consider asking an impartial colleague to mediate the matter.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A soft approach could be more effective than making a loud demand for the information you need. You might even find yourself with more data than you expected.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're sought out for the wonderful advice you're able to offer to others. And sometimes you even take it yourself.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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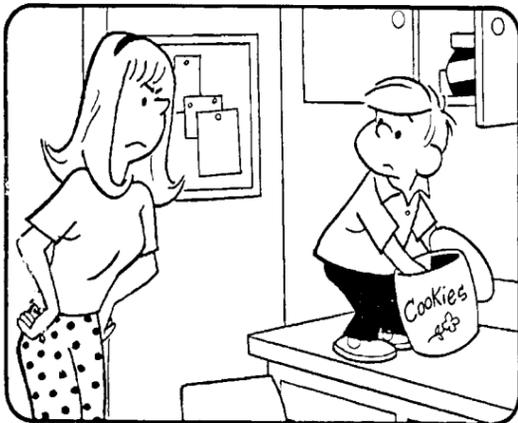
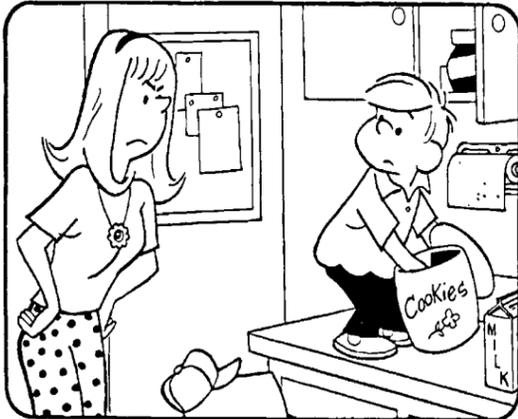
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

Differences: 1. Pendant is missing. 2. Bulletin board is smaller. 3. Cap is missing. 4. Shirt is different. 5. Towels are missing. 6. Milk is missing.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 49 — old for this! | 94 Golfers' hangout after a round | DOWN | 34 Fled or bled | 76 Pub perch |
| 1 Naval vessel inits. | 50 Scholastic sports org. Abbr. | 51 — cone (chilly treat) | 1 Baseball officials | 35 Ill. neighbor | 77 Book's name |
| 4 Pastor's talk: Abbr. | 52 Part of S&L: Abbr. | 53 Commercial center of Venice | 2 Curing stuff | 36 Harmony | 78 Turn a car |
| 7 Toreador (soda brand) | 54 "Waltzing —" (Aussie folk song) | 55 Pituitary secretion | 3 Eye affliction | 37 "To save us all from — power" (carol lyric) | 79 "Falling Skies" actress |
| 14 Mello — (soda brand) | 56 Special ties | 57 Try to get ringers | 4 Yacht cousin | 38 French pupil | 80 Stuffed |
| 19 "Waltzing —" (Aussie folk song) | 58 Like words for people, places, and things | 59 Solicitor of celebs' signatures | 5 Univ. URL ending | 39 Nile capital | 81 Tokyo locale |
| 21 Hard to get | 60 Like words for people, places, and things | 61 Like words for people, places, and things | 6 Playwright Terence | 40 Like muggy weather | 82 Comical Johnson |
| 22 Scallion, e.g. | 62 The Little Pigs, e.g. | 63 Sleep cycle occurrences | 7 Maestro Zubin — | 41 Jazzy Jones and James | 83 "— haw!" (oater cry) |
| 23 Subcompact 1980s car | 64 Get there by walking | 65 Application filename extension | 8 Burn balm | 42 Rx-filling place: Abbr. | 85 Away for a break |
| 25 Soft palate appendage | 66 Follower of Sun. | 67 Novelist William | 9 Start playing for pay | 43 Mafia's John | 89 Good guy |
| 26 Office transcriber | 68 Sleep cycle occurrences | 69 100-buck bill | 10 "Just — expected" | 44 Crone | 90 Kind of one-way fastener |
| 27 On a scale from one — | 69 100-buck bill | 70 Novelist William | 11 Jazzman Gillespie, for short | 45 Old Iranian monarchs | 93 Informer |
| 28 Spelling of TV | 70 Novelist William | 71 Cheer for a 7-Across | 12 Ab — (from the start) | 46 Tiny morsel | 94 "Hey Jude" syllables |
| 30 Best results obtainable | 71 Cheer for a 7-Across | 72 Plunk lead-in | 13 Monopoly payments | 47 Rowed | 95 QB's error |
| 32 Rectory | 72 Plunk lead-in | 73 Cheer for a 7-Across | 14 Judge's title | 48 Scale stats | 96 Scot's "no" |
| 39 Head cook | 73 Cheer for a 7-Across | 74 Plunk lead-in | 15 Green-eyed | 49 Mao — tung | 97 Doughnut alternatives |
| 42 See 122-Across | 74 Plunk lead-in | 75 Plunk lead-in | 16 Lucy of films | 50 "For — jolly good ..." | 98 Hit — books |
| 43 Guy concerned with corp. image | 75 Plunk lead-in | 76 Plunk lead-in | 17 IM chuckle | 51 Go — diet | 104 U-shaped yoke collar |
| 44 Like words for people, places, and things | 76 Plunk lead-in | 77 Plunk lead-in | 18 Go — diet | 52 "Don't play me for a dummy" | 105 Suffix with walk or sale |
| 45 Solicitor of celebs' signatures | 77 Plunk lead-in | 78 Plunk lead-in | 19 Non-office desktop | 53 Frat letter | 106 Doppler — Anton — |
| 48 Like some job training | 78 Plunk lead-in | 79 Plunk lead-in | 20 Subtitle of Neil Diamond's "I Got the Feelin' " | 54 Linden of TV | 109 "It — laugh!" |
| | 79 Plunk lead-in | 80 Plunk lead-in | 21 Road topper | 55 — Magic (Clorox stain remover) | 112 Toe feature |
| | 80 Plunk lead-in | 81 Plunk lead-in | 22 Darya (Asian river) | 56 Klutz | 113 Latin "to be" |
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| | 82 Plunk lead-in | 83 Plunk lead-in | | 58 Adjoining | 115 R-V linkup |
| | 83 Plunk lead-in | 84 Plunk lead-in | | 59 "How much do I —?" | 116 Whole lot |
| | 84 Plunk lead-in | 85 Plunk lead-in | | | 118 Zenith rival |
| | 85 Plunk lead-in | 86 Plunk lead-in | | | 119 Here, in Lyon |
| | 86 Plunk lead-in | 87 Plunk lead-in | | | 120 Boy king |
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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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DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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At Quail Meadow, we're ready for some football

Are you as happy as I am to be able to turn on the TV and watch football? Granted, the games aren't as exciting as the regular season, but at least they aren't "reruns." It would be nice if we could see Tebow play a little more. He is such a fine role model for the young people today.

Jo Stone expresses her deepest gratitude to everyone who donated supplies for the underprivileged in Afghanistan.

Her niece asked that we thank everyone for their support.

As of right now, no more donations can be accepted - Jo's brother still has 10 more boxes to get shipped to his daughter. We'll let you know if another need arises.

The end of August and school is in session. Since we are a 55+ community we don't have school buses on our streets, but we still need to know the rules regarding the buses.

Several residents have asked for clarification regarding when to stop for a school bus.

O.K., here are the rules: On a two-way street or highway, all drivers must stop a safe distance from the bus.

You must remain stopped until all children are clear of the roadway and the bus stop sign is withdrawn.

If the bus is traveling on a divided road, and the road is divided by a raised barrier or an unpaved median at least 5 feet wide, you do not have to stop if you are moving in the opposite direction of the bus. Remember, painted lines or pavement markings are not considered barriers. You must always stop if you are moving in the same direction as the bus, and must remain stopped until the bus stop signal is turned off and the extended stop arm is withdrawn before passing.

Remember to be cautious if you are trav-



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elling behind a school bus. Often a small child will run out to catch the bus and will not look for moving vehicles.

The bus drivers turn on a flashing yellow caution light before the red stop sign appears.

This yellow flashing light indicates the bus is preparing to stop.

You should slow down and prepare to stop.

Passing the bus when the caution lights are on is permissible, but do so very carefully.

Where did the summer go? Do you realize we are right at the Labor Day weekend?

Monday, Sept. 2 is Labor Day.

This is a national holiday in our country. Many other countries also have a Labor Day, but it is celebrated on May 1, also known as "May Day".

The first Labor Day celebrated in the USA was on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. After this, many states set aside a day to honor the workers. On June 28, 1894, the Congress of the United States passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.

Celebration of Labor Day was to be a day

of street parades to exhibit to the public the strength and spirit of the trade and labor organizations.

The parades were to be followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. In 1909 the American Federation o

f Labor adopted the Sunday before Labor Day as "Labor Sunday" and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

There are two different thoughts on who started Labor Day. Some records indicate that it was the idea of Peter McGuire, while other historians give credit to Matthew Maguire.

No one has been able to definitely define which one actually had the original idea. Today Labor Day is often thought of as the last long week-end of summer.

We still have some parades and family picnics to mark an end of summer and the beginning of fall.

There was a time when schools began the day after Labor Day, but I guess those days are gone.



RICHMAN

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most short-term and long-term rates in capital markets, unless that moneymaking power subsequently promotes a pervasive price inflation.

Second, the Fed can't lower rates through monetary inflation beyond the very short run. Why not? Because lenders will respond by raising their rates to avoid being screwed by price inflation - unless the Fed prevents the inflation, as it's been doing, by effectively borrowing back the new money from the banks at interest.

Moreover, as monetary economist Jeffrey Rogers Hummel points out,

Globalization, with the corresponding relaxation of exchange controls in all major

countries, allows investors easily to flee to foreign currencies, with the result that changes in central-bank policy are almost immediately priced by exchange rates and interest rates. Add to this the ability to purchase from many governments securities that are indexed to inflation, and it becomes highly unlikely investors will be caught off guard by anything less than sudden, catastrophic hyperinflation (defined as more than 50% per month) - and maybe even not then.

While inflation is not the threat it once was, the Fed is not harmless. "Bernanke has so expanded the Fed's discretionary actions beyond merely controlling the money stock

that it has become a gigantic, financial central planner," Hummel writes.

No one should have such power.

Money was not invented by government. It was the spontaneous creation of people trying to ease exchange in the marketplace. Central banks like the Fed only messed money up, robbing the people while facilitating warfare and welfare spending through irresponsible large-scale government borrowing.

Thus the Fed should be deleted.

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

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CRUEL

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One person spoke of a lady unloading groceries from her car and while she did, her 3-year-old child wandered into the neighbor's yard and was mauled.

I'm sorry for the loss of any child, but failure to properly supervise a 3-year-old contributed directly to his death.

If dogs are tethered improperly, the county already has animal cruelty laws.

Enforce them. It's that simple.

Kathy Bryant, chairman, put it perfectly: "I take care of my animals, and I don't want government telling me how to do that."

Agreed. Don't punish good people because of a few bad ones.

The results could be worse than what you're seeing now.

Jim Clark is the editor of the West Marion Messenger.

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Broken tag light brings arrest of driver in Oak Tree Village

An Ocala man was arrested on Aug. 25 after he drove through Oak Tree Village and failed to stop for a deputy until he reached his own home.

Mark Christopher Bass, 45, of Unit 123 at 4037 Blitchton Road, Oak Tree Village, was accused of fleeing to elude a police officer, and failure to obey a law enforcement officer, and knowingly driving while his license was suspended or revoked.

According to the arrest affidavit, the deputy ob-

served the red Chevrolet convertible with an inoperable tag light. The vehicle turned into Oak Tree Village and the deputy caught up to the car with flashing lights operating.

The vehicle, according to the report, slowed three times to pull over speed bumps, but then made no effort to pull over. After the third speed bump the deputy activated the siren for a short time.

The driver then pulled up to a stop sign and

stopped, but when the deputy got out of the car, the driver pulled away again. After another turn, the car turned into lot 123. The deputy checked the driver license and found it was suspended because of cancellation of insurance. The driver was given his rights and said that he knew it was suspended and didn't stop "because he was scared of being arrested."

He was jailed under \$5,250 bond and, as of Monday noon, had not been released.

This week's puzzle answers

Go Figure!
answers

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Super Crossword
Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU
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Friday at 4:00 pm is the deadline for classified reader ads.

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Footsteps Preschool a ministry of First United Methodist Church of Inverness is Hiring
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Anniversary celebration

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Pearson Nissan recently held an anniversary celebration with Frank Pearson cutting the ribbon, helped by Chamber and Economic Partnership and county personnel.

School starts smoothly

The start of a new school year for nearly 40,000 students in Marion County Public Schools ran smoothly with few exceptions.

Normal first-day challenges – late buses due to higher-than-expected rider counts, unregistered students, and new residents unfamiliar with school attendance areas – took time out of the first instructional day of the 2013-2014 school year. These issues are normally resolved within the first few days of class.

Monday, 37,588 students showed up for their first day eager to begin a new year after summer vacation. This number is 1,679 students fewer than last year's first-day count and about 10 percent under the projected peak enrollment of 41,878.

Stagger-start kindergarten during the first three days will raise the overall attendance figure which will continue climbing over the next two months for the official state count in October.

While most students made it to class district-wide without incident, some buses were delayed because of normal first-day procedures including longer-than-anticipated pickup times at new bus stops and drivers placing colored armbands on students for proper identification.

Transportation issues are a common and expected occurrence during the first two weeks of class.

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