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Bad to the Bone

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The Marion County Sheriff's Office Bad to the Bone team won the competition last week against other area law enforcement officers on the tactical obstacle course. Above, spectators watch some of the competition, while below the MCSO SWAT team is shown with Sheriff Chris Blair, left, and Chief Fred LaTorre, right.

Remembering JFK

The *West Marion Messenger* is seeking your input to help us do something special the week ending Nov. 22, which is the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

We want to hear from you about where you were, what you were doing, how you felt, etc., when you got the news that fateful day.

We're also interested in hearing from some people on how you think that day changed the world we live in, what effect it had on our future.

Please e-mail your story and any photos you might have to editor@smcitizen.com.

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Town Hall meeting

Members of the Marion County Commission attended a Town Hall meeting at the Freedom Public Library last week. From the left are Earl Arnett, Carl Zalak, Kathy Bryant and Stan McClain. Not shown is David Moore. Story, Page 12; editorial, Page 8

Volunteers needed at Silver Springs

On Oct. 1, the Silver Springs Attraction joined the award-winning Florida Park Service. Operation of Silver Springs and Silver River State Park has combined and is called Silver Springs State Park.

Friends of Silver Springs/River State Park is an active group of volunteers. This citizens support organization works year round to support the park and its visitors.

Volunteers are needed to help with tasks associated with operating the state park. No matter what your interests, skills or hobbies, we have the perfect volunteer opportunities for you.

If you like to work with people inside, then answering phones or working at the Information Centers or Museum might be the right job for you. If you like high paced and fun interaction with visitors, then you may want to volunteer in one of our ranger station locations. Silver Springs State Park has gardening opportunities in the gardens, the butterfly garden and other locations throughout the park. Park maintenance opportunities, including small and large carpentry projects are readily available.

Special events are planned throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to help with events like Ocali Country Days during November, the Knap In during February, Friends' events, interpretive education programs, Junior Ranger Programs, or other fun events.

A Land and River Patrol team answers questions from visitors and picks up litter in the park. This job is unique because you are actually "on the river."

Volunteers are an important and integral part of this park and training for volunteer positions will begin immediately. If you are interested in volunteering, pick up an application at the state park's ranger station or complete the Volunteer Application at http://www.floridastateparks.org/getinvolved/howtoapply.cfm.

Some volunteer opportunities require the purchase of a dress uniform and Friends of Silver River/Springs membership.

A Volunteer T-shirt is provided to you, pending supply availability.

Messenger moving

The State Road 200 office of the *West Marion Messenger* will close Oct. 25. Many functions will be moved to 20441 E. Pennsylvania Ave. in Dunnellon, home of the Riverland News. Staff members will be assigned to other locations.

There will be some contact phone number changes. The new number for the newsroom will be 352-390-6444. The new fax number will be 352-489-6593.

The number for advertising and delivery remains the same, 352-854-3986.

All numbers are local calls from Ocala.

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Happenings

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Garden Club district meeting set

The fall meeting of The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs District V will be held Oct. 16 in Ocala at the Agriculture Extension Auditorium at 2332 N.E. Jacksonville Road.

The theme of the meeting is "Through The Garden Gate-Our Legacy an Our Future." The host is the Pioneer Garden Club.

The cost is $21. The deadline for delegates and alternates is Oct. 6, and the deadline for all non voting members is Oct. 9.

The registration coffee will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Meets and lunch to follow.

For information, call Marge Hendon, 352-216-7479.

To register, mail checks to Susie Berrunill, 4048 S.E. 38th Loop, Ocala FL 34480. Make checks payable to Pioneer Garden Club.

Presbyterian Women's luncheon

The Presbyterian Women's 25th anniversary fall luncheon will take place at

Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 S.W. Highway 200, Ocala in the

Founder's Hall at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 16. We will have a salad

luncheon and each person is asked to bring a salad.

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

Thursday, Oct. 17

Duo to visit church lunch

College Road Baptist Church will have as its luncheon guests the duo of Don and Jill, a wonderful spiritual couple. Everyone is invited, please bring a dish to share. Join us at noon, on Oct. 17 and meet our new pastor, Alan Cotney. The church is at 5010 S.W. College Road (State Road 200). Phone is 352-237-5741.

Air Force Association to meet

The Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association (AFA) will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Ocala International Airport Administration Building, 750 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala.

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

Friday, Oct. 18

The Circle of French Friends

Le Cercle Des Amis Français meets on the third Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to noon at Marion County Sheriff's Office Community Conference Room located at 9048 Highway 200, about ¼ mile from Walmart.

The club promotes all things French: language, culture and fun. You do not have to be a fluent speaker to join the group.

Guests are welcome at any meeting. Call Marie McNeil at 352-509-4940 for more information.

Our next meeting is Oct. 18.

Bryan Popin Ministries concert

Christ's Church of Marion County presents a special concert presented by Bryan Popin Ministries of Nashville. Christian concert pianist, singer, worship leader, minister, composer and arranger Bryan Popin ministers energetically and joyfully at the keyboard and virtually transfers joy and inspiration to those in attendance. This is a concert for the young, the old, the in between; something for everyone. You will hear gospel music, country music, Broadway show tunes, movie theme songs, classic music along with Bryan's original music. Enjoy the artistry of someone who has worked with Chaka Khan, Faith Hill, Tim McGraw among others. His hit song "Falling" was the theme song for the movie "On the Line." Bryan is proud that he touches lives, changes lives and saves souls. A love offering will be taken. This spectacular event, a concert you will not forget, is at 7 p.m.

A pre-concert pizza party

Everyone is invited to join the Forever Young Ministry in Christian Fellowship at a pre-concert pizza party sharing pizza, salad, ice cream and beverage at 6:15 p.m. Donations will be received.

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

Saturday, Oct 19

Pig-nic at First Congregational

The third annual Pig-nic at First Congregational UCC (7171 S.W. State Road 200) is set for Saturday, Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Enrichment Center. The menu includes pulled barbecued pork, chips and a drink for adults ($7); and hot dogs, chips and a drink ($3 for kids under 9) — baked beans and coleslaw for everyone. Ice cream sundaes will be available for $1. Entertainment and activities include a police K-9 demonstration; OTOW's D'Clowns; golf lob-wedge competition; a story-telling corner; face painting, balloons and temporary tattoos. Tickets are available at the church office (Tues.-Thur., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), and at the door.

Marion Landing craft fair

The annual Marion Landing Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon in the community's Lifestyle Center at 8601 S.W. 65th Ave. Road across from Queen of Peace Catholic Church on State Road 200.

Created by our resident crafters, handcrafted items for sale will include jewelry, quilts, greeting cards, floral arrangements, handbags, home décor, paintings, lighted wine bottles, macramé, wall hangings, unique gifts and holiday items. Coffee/tea and donuts will be available for a nominal price. Admission to the craft fair is free and it is open to the public. No pets, please. For more information, call 352-237-7152.

Breast Cancer Support Group to meet

The SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) Breast Cancer Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 S.W. 105th St., Ocala, at 1 p.m. in room 235 (Chapel/Multipurpose Room).

The meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 29 will be an open meeting with a discussion of Dr. Jamie Daniel's book "Breast Cancer, Where To Begin." For info, call Gail Tirpak at 352-291-6904.

Halloween at St. Jude

Want a safe alternative for trick or treating this year? St. Jude Catholic Church is having its first Trunk or Treat from 4 to 7 p.m. in the church parking lot at 443 Marion Oaks Drive in Marion Oaks. The kids walk from car trunk to car trunk.

Crossroads Celebration of Life

Looking for a safe way for your kids to spend Oct. 31? Join us at Crossroads Church for our annual Celebration of Life, Oct. 31 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Saturday, Oct. 10

Joy Lutheran yard, bake sale

Joy Lutheran Church, Southwest State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala, will have its annual indoor yard sale and bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Swenson Hall. The public is invited to donate such items as furniture, tools, gardening equipment and sports related items. Kitchen and house wares, linens, books, and craft supplies are also welcome for donation. Please no clothes, shoes or electronics.

Yard sale items may be brought to Swenson Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon, or anytime during the day on Thursday or Friday, Oct. 17-18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Baked goods should be brought on Friday. Please have all baked goods wrapped for sale and labeled, particularly if they contain nuts.

As usual there will be the "vintage" table for the special treasures as well as a craft and quilt section. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Mark your calendar for this well-known favorite community event and join us for a fun-filled day.

For more information, call Edie Heinzen (352-854-7817) in regards to the bake sale and Patty Corey (352-854-0660) regarding the yard sale.

Vendors wanted for yard sale

The Ocala 200 Lions Club is holding a yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bank of the Ozarks located in the Friendship Plaza on State Road 200.

Space rental will be $15 and you must provide your own tables and set-up. Hot dogs will be available for purchase.

For more info and reservations call Lion Bob Melnick, at 352-861-2730. All proceeds will benefit community projects.

Book sale for animal food bank

A book sale to benefit the Animal Charity Food Bank will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Winn-Dixie, 8445 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala.

A bag of books is $5.

Bring your aluminum cans for recycling.

For information, call 352-291-1962.

Yard sales at Spruce Creek Preserve

More than 50 families have signed up for the Spruce Creek Preserve Community Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Spruce Creek Preserve is on State Road 200, just 2.5 miles west of County Road 484. Look for the American flag at the entrance.

Scandinavian Club of Marion County

The Scandinavian Club of Marion County invites people of Danish, Finish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish descent to join us at our next meeting Oct. 19. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Ocala Hilton, 3600 S.W. 36th Ave. in Ocala. The menu will be Swedish meatballs with mashed potatoes, salad, coffee and dessert. The cost is $16 per person. Reservations and payment must be made in advance. Payment must be received by Wednesday, Oct. 16, checks to be made out to Jim Neate and mailed to Jim Neate, 643-A Midway Drive, Ocala, FL 34472. For further details call Jim Neate at 352-687-1580, Don Clauson at 352-861-1235 or Terry Rasmussen 352 347-8362.

Sunday, Oct. 20

Jazz Society event canceled

The Ocala Jazz Society has canceled its event scheduled for Oct. 20. The next concert will be Nov. 17.

Dance Theater to present Twisted Beauty

The Royal Dance Theater will present "Twisted Beauty" on Sunday, Oct. 20 two times at West Port High School.

Chester Anderson is the producer, director, choreographer and a dancer in the show, which is a takeoff of Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty.

Many of the dances in the show originated from India and African.

Tickets are $12 and are available by calling Anderson at 352-282-2467.

For more information see the website, https://www.ocoos.com/me/royale-dance-theater/

Picnic at St. Jude

The Knights of Columbus Council 15644 invite you to join them for our first picnic on Sunday, Oct. 20, between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The event will take place on the St. Jude Catholic Church grounds, 443 Marion Oaks Drive in Marion Oaks. Cost is only $5 per person for all you can eat hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. Please contact the parish office at 352-347-0154.

Monday, Oct. 21

Legion post to meet

The Ralph J. Green American Legion Post 354 will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. in the community room of the Sheriff's Brian Litz Building, 9048 S.W. State Road 200. Try to arrive early to enjoy light refreshments and comradeship with fellow veterans. For more information, telephone Commander Jerry Cassatt 352-322-5966.

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Saddle Oak Club craft fair

The annual craft fair at Saddle Oak Club, on State Road 200, across from Heathbrook Publix, will be Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be handmade crafts, drawings, homemade baked goods, coffee and croissants served from 8 to 10 a.m. Soup and sandwiches will be served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Moose yard sale

West Marion Moose Chapter 1929 will hold a yard sale on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bank of the Ozarks parking lot on Southwest State Road 200.

To make donations or to buy a space, call Gerri at 352-237-1487. Spaces are $10 for one and $15 for two.

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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Remember Bingo at the Clubhouse

Quail Meadow

Carolyn Slocumb

Attention all you bingo players: Bingo is played at the Clubhouse on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Judi and Barry Hargraves are in charge of the games this year. They have introduced some new games for variety, so come on out and enjoy an evening of fellowship and bingo.

The Red Hot Fillies met last week to plan activities for the next several months. First on the agenda is lunch on Oct. 24 at the Stone Creek Grille. Please call Pat Talley or Carolyn Slocumb if you plan to attend as reservations must be made by the 22nd. We will meet at the QM clubhouse at 11:30 and carpool to the restaurant. Other events for the year will include a tour of Golden Flake Potato Chip factory, picnic at Silver Springs, possibly a river cruise from Sanford, and several other interesting trips. All ladies from QM are invited to come join this fun group.

Reminder: Oct. 30 is the Spooktacular Pot Luck dinner at the Clubhouse.

Word was received this week of the death of our "oldest" resident. It was just a year ago that we celebrated the 100th birthday of Katherine Foote. Katherine missed her 101st birthday by 26 days. Katherine was born on Oct. 31, 1912 on a farm in Northampton County Pennsylvania. At the age of 17 she decided she wanted to see the big city of New York. So, she left the farm and went to New York all by herself. The first job she had was as a waitress in a coffee shop. It was there that she met Gene Sarazen, a great golfer. Gene was very impressed with Katherine and he wanted her to have a better job; so he got her one working on the 86th floor of the Empire State Building. This job was like a "dream come true" for Katherine. She met many famous people while working here. Among those she met was Al Smith, who became a very good friend. She also met Winston Churchill and when they were introduced she asked Mr. Churchill if she could give him a kiss! His reply was, "yes", so she gave him a big kiss right on his lips! Another famous person she met was John Raskob, the man who financed building the Empire State Building. Mr. Raskob saw some of her knitting and asked if she would knit him a sweater. Naturally, Katherine was honored to do so. Upon completion of the sweater, Mr. Raskob told her to go to Bloomingdale's and get anything she wanted and he would pay for it. They remained friends for the rest of Mr. Raskob's life. On another occasion, Katherine was taking a boat ride around Manhattan and there was a tall, skinny young man also on the boat. He kept "making eyes" at Katherine, and she thought he was just some young kid. She agreed to dance one dance with him, but refused when he asked for a second dance; she told him he was too young! It just so happened, that skinny kid was Frank Sinatra! Along with all the celebrities, Katherine also met Alden Foote, a photographer on the observation deck of the Empire State Building. She and Alden married in 1940. After leaving New York, Katherine moved to Hawaii and lived there for 32 years. She enjoyed the beautiful view of the ocean from her home. She also had a great garden and raised huge squash. In 2008 Katherine and her son, Arthur, moved to Quail Meadow. She could often be seen going out for a ride in her wheelchair, and her faithful dog, Chalupa, always on her lap. Katherine is survived by her 4 children, 5 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. Surely, Katherine Foote entered the Kingdom of Heaven as a first ballot Hall-of-Fame woman, mother and human being. She will always be greatly loved and sorely missed by family, friends, and neighbors.

Katherine Foote on her 100th birthday.

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Attending the celebration are Luann's husband, Arthur, Vera Callahan and Anita Rhoden who substitutes for Luann.

Ocala Palms resident Luann Mayer, right, celebrated her 15th year of aquacise instructions on Oct. 1 at Blanca's Cafe. There were over 50 "students" who attended the celebration to thank her for the time and effort she put into every class. Luann instructs two class three times a week and there is always a full pool. We look forward to the next 15 years of instructions!

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Rosario DelGado and Ana Gonzalez enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

Two of Luann's students are Phil and Amy Masten. Additional photo, Page 7.

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The shutdown threat at the kitchen of the parsonage

Out to Pastor

Dr. James Snyder

A certain situation has been building in the Parsonage for the last several months. At first, I did not think it too serious but alas, we have reached a terrible impasse.

It started a few months ago when I came home, walked into the house and was hit in the face so hard I almost passed out. At the time, I was hoping I would pass out, but no such luck.

I think everybody knows what it is like to be hit unexpectedly by something you do not actually expect. I guess that is why it is called unexpectedly. It happened to me and I am not sure I am over it yet.

Even though I have been married 42 years, of which most of it has been happily, I did not see this one coming. Just when you think you have your spouse figured out, they do something off the radar.

Every husband knows exactly what I am talking about.

This makes it hard to buy Christmas and birthday presents. What they liked last year is not what they like this year. I remember buying my wife a watch one year for Christmas of which she was so delighted that for the next four years after I bought her a watch for Christmas. How was I supposed to know she only wanted one watch!

I think we hit one of those impasses.

Walking into the house, I was hit with the horrific smell of broccoli cooking on the stove. I do not know if you ever smelt such a smell as that but if you are not prepared for it and even if you are prepared for it, it can smack you in the face like you have never been smacked in the face before.

When I came to myself and gathered what little composure I could find, I queried the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage who was in the kitchen.

"What is that awful smell?"

"I don't know, have you taken a shower yet?"

After being married for 42 years, I know when to respond to a question and when not to. I knew if I responded to this question the way I wanted to respond to this question, the smell of broccoli would be the least of my worries at the time.

"No," I said gathering a little bit of manliness about me, "Something in this house smells dreadful. I smelled it as soon as I walked in the door."

Then she chuckled. I hate it when she chuckles.

"Oh, that must be the wonderful aroma of broccoli cooking on the stove. Isn't it marvelous?"

Adhering to my rules about questions, I tossed that one aside and opted for another one.

"You're not cooking broccoli for supper tonight, are you?"

I was hoping she would catch my attitude of disdain and disgust in this question. Obviously, for whatever reason, she did not catch the drift.

"Yes," she said as chipper as I have ever heard her chip, "I thought I would surprise you with a wonderful dish of broccoli for supper tonight, to go along with our pork chops."

Can you live with a person for so long and not know what they like or do not like? Nobody has to be around me for five minutes before they will understand that broccoli and I have had a feud that has been going on since before the Hatfield's and McCoy's.

"But I thought you knew I do not like broccoli?"

"Oh, that," she said with another chuckle, "I just thought you were joking."

Nobody jokes about broccoli, especially me.

Then a brilliant idea reverberated between my ears. I thought I could take advantage of this situation and sneak in something forbidden in our kitchen and house for that matter, a rare delicacy.

"I will then run to the store and get some fresh Apple Fritters for our dessert."

I figured if she wants to put in front of me broccoli the least she can do is allow me an Apple Fritter or two.

In a moment, all the chipper drained from her person and she looked at me and said, "Apple Fritters are not allowed in this house."

"Let's negotiate," I said as calmly as I have ever been in my life. "I will allow you to eat broccoli tonight if you allow me an Apple Fritter for my dessert."

I wonder if there is a husband living today, that has ever successfully negotiated with his wife.

"This is how we will negotiate, we will have broccoli tonight without any Apple Fritter. I am only thinking of your health."

The way she glared at me I knew negotiations were off the table at this time and in its place was some steaming broccoli.

What I am going to do is sneak behind her back and eat two, not one but two, Apple Fritters and I will savor every bite.

If only we could act like grownups, come together, voice our differences and strike a compromise. After all, our government works that way.

I thought about this and came to a certain conclusion. The Christian life is not really negotiating your preference but rather honoring Christ. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20 KJV).

When self is at the center of my negotiations, Christ is never honored.

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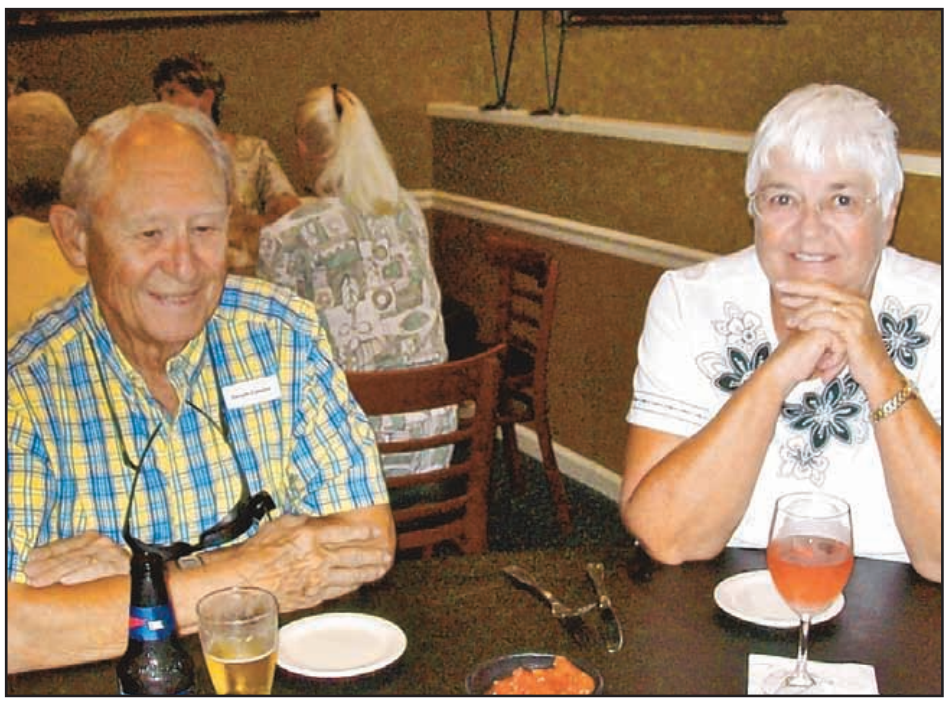

Helping celebrate the anniversary party are Dwight and Bev Edmond.

Religion

Christ's Church of Marion County

Wednesday, Oct. 16: Bible study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 17: Praise and Prayer Ministry meeting, 9 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 18: Pre-concert pizza party, 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18: Bryan Popin, pianist, in concert, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 20: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 22: Women's crafts, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 23: 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.

Countryside Presbyterian

The public is invited to participate in Reformation Sunday on Oct. 27 at the 10:30 a.m. service at Countryside Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 7768 S.W. Highway 200, Ocala. Besides remembering the beginning of the Reformed Church by Martin Luther in 1517 as well as its Scottish heritage, Countryside is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Friendship Baptist Church

Sunday Day services at Friendship Baptist Church, Oct. 20, begin with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. The Ladies Class, taught by Linda Brown, is studying "The Preaching of God's Servant Mark 1 – 8," The Auditorium Class, taught by Bill Wallett, is studying, "God's Sovereignty – Man's Leadership" 1 Samuel; 2 Samuel 1-4; 1 Chronicles 1-10. At the 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service the FBC choir will be singing, "The Altar," solo, Wayne Rackley. Pastor Randall Brown will be bringing the morning message; a message of hope and encouragement during these troubling times. The Sunday Evening Worship and Bible Study begins at 6 p.m. FBC also meets on Wednesday night at 7 for additional Bible study and prayer. All are welcome to attend. Friendship Baptist Church is at 9510 S.W. 105th St., off of Highway 200. The church phone is 352-237-2640.

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Opinion

Our Message

Grassroots government

If you didn't take advantage of the town hall meetings held recently at Fire Station 20 near U.S. 27 and this past Tuesday at the Freedom Public Library, then you missed a chance to see grassroots government in action.

County commissioners gathered to give reports on government and to hear the concerns of the public, and took notes as people talked about perceived problems they have encountered.

Except for one person's rant against Hispanics, the meeting was civil and, at times, featured some humor.

That one man said he had gone up to a work crew on the side of the road and found they couldn't speak English. He hinted that they were undocumented aliens and that the county should hire local workers.

Editorial

Commission Chairman Kathy Bryant explained, twice, that any contractor doing business with the county had to use the E-Verify system, which makes sure all the workers are legitimate. "Just because they speak Spanish doesn't mean they're illegal," Bryant said.

Commissioners heard complaints about land use. One man spoke out against the commercial zoning in the area of the Freedom Library, when the land was obviously being used for farming. "Bare land ought to be treated as bare land," he said.

We have to agree with him that the entrance to the library parking lot, which used to be straightforward and simple, now involves thinking, "How do I get out of here?" It isn't always easy.

Another speaker brought up the possible outsourcing of jobs, and Bryant said she would be glad to meet with her and explain the system and how it saves the county money.

The same lady spoke of the lack of buses on State Road 200. She also said she would not attend the Fine Arts Festival, which had been moved downtown from the McPherson complex, because of the lack of bus transportation. "I fear for the Fine Arts Festival," she said.

As Bryant pointed out, though, the Transportation Planning Organization has done studies about buses on the Corridor and found that it is not feasible.

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Is non-essential really non-essential?

Among Friends

Jim Clark

Normally, I leave the comments on Washington, D.C., affairs to those who cover that area in their usual course of events.

We see constant writings of all types from people telling the government what to do, what not to do, attacking Congress, attacking the president, etc., and they have the right to express their opinion. But keep in mind that usually they have no more knowledge of events than any of us.

There was one statement last week, though, that really got me thinking, and I want to share my thoughts.

As I write this Monday morning, nothing has been settled concerning the shutdown and debt ceiling, so please bear that in mind if, by now, an agreement has been reached.

I wish I could remember who said it, but there was a comment last week about government workers. This particular statement was about the Environmental Protection Agency, and the fact that only 7 percent of its workers were on the job. The other 93 percent were deemed "non-essential" and were furloughed.

The commentator then added a very good question: If the 93 percent are non-essential now, why aren't they non-essential all the time? In other words, do these 93 percent really need to be employed by the federal government?

That statement could be applied to almost any government agency, not just the EPA. Why doesn't "non-essential" mean "non-essential" every day?

Most people would not deny that the federal government is a bloated bureaucracy. So maybe this "partial shutdown" is a good thing. It's revealing to us how many people really aren't needed in Washington and across the country.

To be sure, there are some government workers furloughed that we want to see return. The people who run the parks and monuments, for instance, or the people who work as food inspectors, or the locally-based health agencies that help people across the country, would probably be on that list.

But these people work directly for the public. It's the bureaucrats in D.C. who are non-essential in the operations of government.

Some Congressional workers have been furloughed. Yet, Congress keeps right on working as it usually does (I know, that's not necessarily a good thing). Do they really need to bring back those furloughed aides, especially in Washington. On the other hand, the aides who work the local offices, such as those for Rich Nugent here in Ocala, should be able to keep working, because they work directly with the people.

I'm sorry for the furloughed workers who are without income at the moment …that's a terrible strain in these economic times. But that's the problem when you work for the government. A new administration, a new Congress, etc., could completely change the makeup of the federal workforce. It's a chance workers take when they sign up for government jobs.

Hopefully when funding is restored, Congress and the president will force agencies to take a look at their "essential" personnel and determine who needs to stay and who needs to go.

Then again, in a few months, this will all be forgotten and everything will be back to normal …for Washington, D.C.

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Guest column

Obamacare and Congress

BY PETER J. THOMAS AND PETER FERRARA
Special to the Messenger

If Obamacare is so good, why was Congress crying to President Obama for an illegal exemption, which he freely granted?

When Congress passed Obamacare in 2010, it stated that Congress and its staff would be subject to it the same as everyone else. That is only fair that they should live under the same rules that they imposed on everyone else.

But Obamacare does not go into effect until next year. And as that fateful moment approached, panic spread across the halls of Congress, as it has for much of America, as the realization dawned as to what that would mean for them.

Obamacare provides that those buying health insurance on the Exchanges cannot receive subsidies from their employers to help pay for it. They can only receive instead the taxpayer financed Obamacare subsidies to help pay for the highly expensive health insurance Obamacare requires.

But that Obamacare health insurance welfare is mostly focused on low and moderate income families, though those making close to $100,000 a year can still receive some Obamacare welfare. The problem in Congress is that the Members and even some of their staffers make $174,000 a year, more than three times the national average.

For anyone in the Exchanges making that much, there will be no taxpayer subsidies under Obamacare. They will be forced to pay the full cost of the highly expensive Obamacare health insurance, with all of the costly requirements Obama and his Democrats have imposed.

For many people, the full cost of that insurance will be double or more current market rates. In the Obamacare Exchanges, all of that will be paid for by the workers themselves, or by the taxpayers. That full cost of the Obamacare insurance will cost Congress and their staffs, and their families, roughly $5,000 to $11,000 a year. But Washington Insiders take care of their own.

Congress and their staffs, and federal employees generally, have enjoyed their own special health insurance deal, the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), financed mostly by the taxpayers. It is a good deal for Congress and federal employees, with each choosing among a wide range of different health insurance plans, free of Obamacare.

As the weeping and wailing in the halls of Congress reached the ears of the Obama Administration, not to worry came the reply. During the August recess, when the rest of America was out enjoying the last rites of summer, President Obama quietly ordered the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to rule that the generous, taxpayer financed, health insurance subsidies of the FEHBP program would also apply to any federal employees, including Congress and their staffs, on the Obamacare Exchanges.

This OPM ruling is flatly contrary to the express language of the Obamacare law, and is consequently illegal. As Senator David Vitter (R-LA) has explained,

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A colleague might offer to open a door for you professionally. But before you walk through it, be sure this "favor" isn't attached to an obligation you might find difficult to discharge.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creativity, your persistence and your reliability could lead to a major career shift. Be sure to use that other Taurean trait, your practicality, when discussing what the job offers.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A changing situation might require some adjustments you might not have been prepared to make. However, flexibility in this matter could be the best course to follow at this time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in a period of fluctuating moods, which is not unusual for the Moon Child. Your emotions stabilize by the 25th. Meanwhile, try to hold off making major decisions until then.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) That keen sense of perception helps you hunt down those minute details that others overlook. And, of course, your Leonine ego will accept the expected praise with good grace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Be careful not to be confrontational when raising a work-related issue. Better to make a request than a demand. And, of course, be prepared to back up your case with facts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your ego might be hurt when a colleague turns down your offer to help. But accept it as a rejection of your offer, not of you. A friend from the past could re-emerge by week's end.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A flow of positive energy turns a work project you didn't want to do into something you actually love doing. Now, take that attitude into your social, intimate life — and enjoy what follows.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Working hard to meet your professional goals is fine. But don't neglect your private life, especially where it concerns your more cherished relationships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) "Patience" remains the key word in dealing with an emotionally sensitive situation with a close friend or family member. Help comes your way by week's end.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) With new information, it's a good time to rethink some of your goals without taking suggestions from others, no matter how well-meaning they might be.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Making progress on your project is relatively easy in the early part of the week. A problem could arise midweek. But all goes swimmingly once it's resolved.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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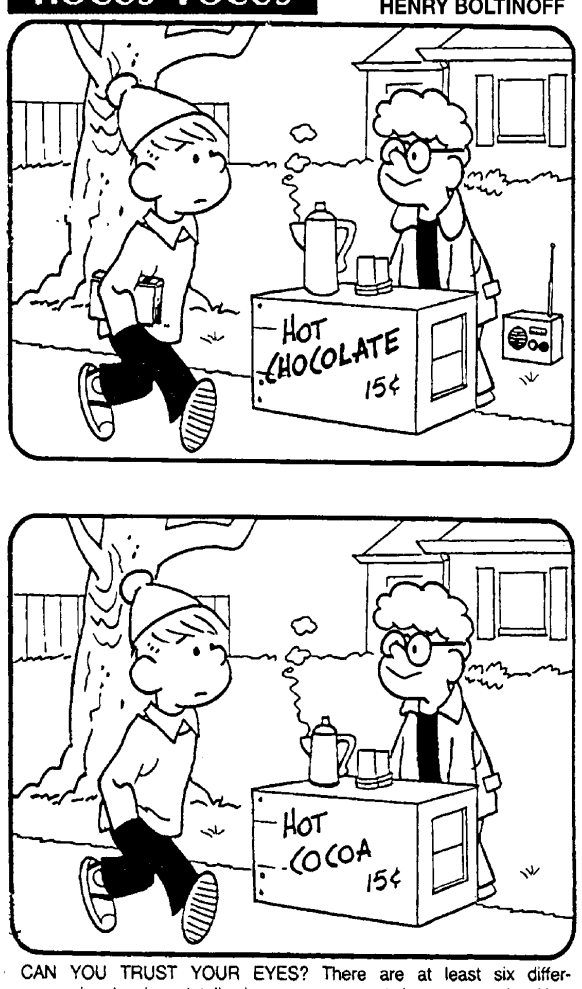

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Super Crossword

OPPOSITE EFFECT

ACROSS
1 Microwave brand
6 Elocution pro
12 Where to trade used articles
20 Actresses Rue and Ramirez
21 Kid-lit "pest"
22 Slim cigar
23 He acquired 1,093 U.S. patents
25 Drastic measures
26 Fashionable Giorgio
27 Bouncers' requests
28 Tree for a bark beetle
29 — accompli (thing done)
30 Wiped out
31 Unlawfully loud sound
37 Boss — ("The Dukes of Hazzard" role)
39 Creature catchers
40 "Milk" Oscar winner Penn
41 Entreat
44 Waitress at Mel's Diner
46 Boise-to-Phoenix dir.
47 German "a"
48 Post- opposite
51 Moo shu and fu yung, e.g.
55 Little — (small fry)
56 Lab rodent
57 Giving sort
58 Hebrides isle
59 Global financial org.
60 "— la vie"
61 Top-billing sharers
63 Pants folds
67 Kansas city
69 Area with lots of lofts
72 Nor'easters, e.g.
74 Eyeballer
75 Joy, for one
78 With 109-Down, military centers
79 "Conan" airer
81 Be on a slant
83 New, to Juan
84 Poolroom stick
85 Big beagle feature
86 Judge's rejection
90 He's a real doll
91 Lilted song syllable
92 Rainbow part
93 Cameron of "In Her Shoes"
94 Three, in Bari
95 Killer serves
96 Perfect
99 Individuals
101 It's often given by business suppliers for bulk ordering
106 Melville whaler
110 Baldwin of "The Edge"
111 Suffix with salt
112 Catering vessel
113 91-Across follower, perhaps
115 Opened, as an envelope
118 They're hidden in this puzzle's six longest answers
121 Revealed
122 Meets with old classmates
123 Unsensible
124 When required
125 Is napping
126 Big parties

DOWN
1 Take — at (attempt)
2 Olympic skier Phil
3 Sweet smell
4 Football great Joe
5 Comfortable — old shoe
6 Galena, e.g.
7 Circle lines
8 In among
9 One hurling something
10 Lady with Lennon
11 Legged it
12 Wheat sold in health-food stores
13 Madame Tussauds, e.g.
14 Colony critter
15 Duffer's goal
16 Tennis great Edberg
17 Virile dude
18 — acid (fat substance)
19 Cut and —
24 Scorches
28 Tricky curves
32 Monstrous
33 Bit of pepper
34 "— dixit"
35 Notify again
36 Makes taboo
38 Kind of pitch
41 Electrically flexible
42 "Scat!"
43 Sisters and aunts, e.g.
45 Hoopla
48 Most beautiful
49 Skin problem
50 Disk attachment?
52 Document validator
53 Enter via keyboard
54 Zesty dip
59 Mag. edition
60 Sticking plant
62 Pull-off place
64 At any time, to a bard
65 One-named singer of "Someone Like You"
66 Fatigued
68 Treat as a celebrity
70 Old spy gp.
71 Tight feeling
72 Bag
73 Provable
76 Completed
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80 Lingerie top
82 Give support
85 Scratch with acid
86 Rebuke
87 Autobahn auto
88 Eyeballs
89 Mickey of the diamond
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97 Contact lens brand
98 Yarnell of Shields and Yarnell
100 Briny
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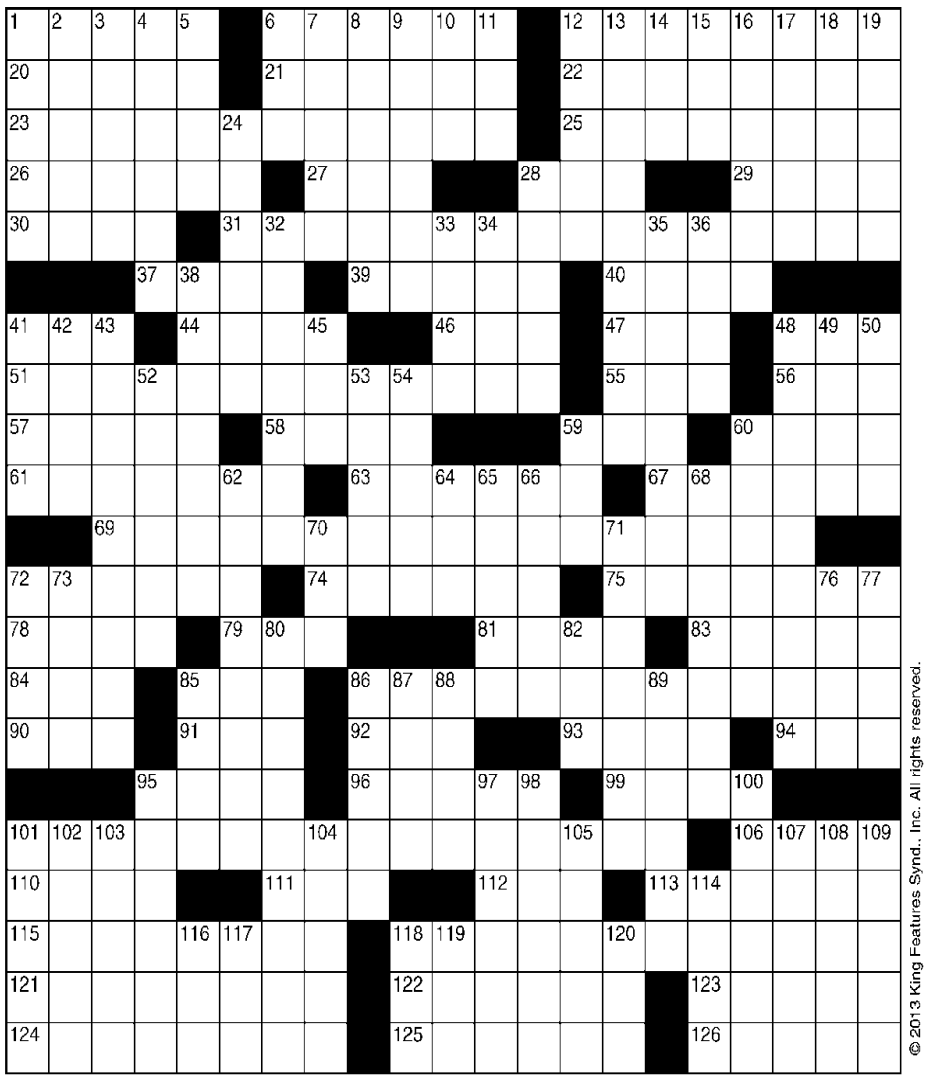

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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Thursday, Oct. 24

Three-day 'junque' sale

Ocala West United Methodist Men's Club will hold its annual "Junque Sale" on Oct. 24, 25 and 26 at 9330 S.W. 105th St., Ocala.

9330 SW 105th St. Ocala.

The club will accept donations for this large charitable fund raiser at storage pods in church parking lot beginning Thursday, Sept. 5 and every Tuesday and Thursday 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.

This event has been held for more than 20 years.

Clothing cannot be accepted.

Phone number is 352-854-9550.

Baked goodies at Methodist church

There's a real sweet treat going on at the Ocala West United Methodist Church on Thursday, Oct. 24 and Friday, Oct 25, beginning at 9 a.m.

In conjunction with the men's annual "junque" sale, the Ocala West United Methodist Women will host their annual bake sale. Cakes, pies, breads, cookies and candy will be offered for sale. Hot dogs, chips and a coke for $3 will be offer from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days.

The men's "junque" sale will continue on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

The church is at 9330 S.W. 105th St., Ocala.

Saturday, Oct. 26

Flea market at St. Jude

The St. Jude Catholic Church annual Flea Market is to be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the church grounds at 443 Marion Oaks Drive in Marion Oaks. Delicious foods will be available for your enjoyment as you browse. For those who wish to rent table space to sell their own goods, rental cost is $15 for outside and $20 for inside. You may also provide your own table. For information, please call 352-307-5046 to reserve your space.

Moose sets Old Bag Auction

The West Marion Moose Lodge Chapter 1929 will hold its third annual Old Bag Auction on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Silver Springs Lodge, 7165 Maricamp Road, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Dinner is $9 per person and includes pot roast or baked chicken.

For more information call 352-854-4332 or the Lodge at 352-687-3744.

African Violet Club to meet

The African Violet Club of Ocala will meet on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion County Sheriff's Office (Brian Litz Sheriff's Substation), 9048 S.W. Highway 200, Ocala.

The program will be "Meet the Commercials." This brand new program highlights famous African violet commercial growers. Meet commercial

hybridizers and growers in their shops and growing areas around the United States via DVD. Video interviews serve to reveal some of their African violet secrets, as well as, giving a video tour of their growing areas including secret rooms.

This is sure to be an entertaining and informative meeting.

Delicious refreshments are served and guests are are always welcome! Please check out our website at http://www.africanvioletclubofocala.org/

for more information. There is also a link on the website to follow us on Facebook.

Book sale for SPCA

A book sale to benefit the SPCA will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Winn-Dixie from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be 25 and 50-cent books.

Sunday, Oct. 27

German American Club picnic

The German American Club of Marion County will host a picnic on Sunday, Oct. 27, at noon, in Coehadjoe Park. German American food will be prepared by club members and served buffet style. Please bring a dish to share and your own snacks. Music will be provided by Bavarian Oskar. Tickets purchased before the picnic are $7 per member or $10 per non-member. Tickets purchased on the day of the picnic are $9 per member or $12 per non-member. For tickets, call Barb Hartmann at 352-751-4207.

Chamber Music Society concert

The Marion Chamber Music Society is opening its 2013-2014 concert season with Motets, Madrigals and Medieval Music featuring The Florida Schola Cantorum, a group of singers from Gainesville led by Dr. Ed Schaefer dedicated to music of the Renaissance and Middle Ages. The free concert is at Ocala's Queen of Peace Church, 6455 S.W. State Road 200 at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27.

The group will also showcase music of more recent times that follows in the tradition of those earlier eras.

Harvest Fest family event

S.H.I.N.E. - Sharing His Incredible News Everywhere! - HARVEST FEST. The Children's Ministry presents a free family event featuring games, Bible stories, refreshments, candy, costume judging and much more. The Marion County Sheriff's office will be there to fingerprint the children. The event starts at 5 p.m.

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

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"The Obamacare statute states very clearly that all members of Congress and their staffs are to procure their health insurance through the Obamacare Exchanges. Just as clearly, it does not provide for government support of their present coverage under the separate Federal Health Benefits Plan to continue to on the Exchanges. In fact, Section 1512 of the Statute says clearly that employees going on the Exchanges lose their previous employer subsidies. That's why this special rule for Congress is illegal."

But Senator Vitter has introduced legislation to reverse Obama's illegal OPM ruling, and apply the Obamacare law as written and enacted, removing Congress's special exemption.

His bill requires all Members of Congress, and their staffs, and the President, and the Vice-President, and all political appointees of the Obama Administration, to comply with all of the requirements of Obamacare that they have imposed on everyone else.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) responded by calling Vitter an "anarchist" playing "really juvenile political games" for insisting that Congress and Obama follow the law, and the same rules as everyone else.

But the public overwhelming disagrees with Reid. A poll sponsored by Independent Women's Voice found that 93 percent of likely voters, including 88 percent of Democrats, oppose the Congressional exemption from Obamacare.

In the continuing battle over the CR, House Republicans have tried to repeal the special Obamacare exemption for Congress, but Sen. Harry Reid and his troops have so far rejected the measure.

With the American public furious at how the Washington elites take care of themselves, the issue isn't going away any time soon.

If the Republicans were smart, they would attach Senator Vitter's bill to every piece of legislation passed by the House.

As the pressure continues to build across the country, at some point the guardians of privilege will be forced to give up their subsidy, and learn how it feels to be an ordinary American living under the Obamacare monster they created.

Peter J. Thomas is Chairman of The Conservative Caucus.

Peter Ferrara is a Senior Fellow at the National Center for Policy Analysis, Senior Policy Advisor on Entitlement Reform and the Budget for the National Tax Limitation Foundation, and a Senior Fellow at the Heartland Institute.

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We recently tried to attend an event at Citizens' Circle in downtown Ocala, the new venue at City Hall, but finally had to leave when we could not find a parking space within a decent walking distance of the venue.

Frankly, we have to agree with this lady that the city has not done itself any favors by moving events away from the square, which is now completed and reopened.

But the county commissioners did do themselves, and the residents, a favor by holding these meetings. We hope that these will become a regular feature on the calendar for our governing officials.

Read the classifieds

Fairfield Village

Priscilla Geissal

Fairfield's SAC Spaghetti Dinner Declared "Delizioso"

On Saturday, Oct. 5 at 5 p.m., a large number of Fairfield Villagers gathered in the community's clubhouse for what several called the "3 F's"—Food, Fun, and Fundraising. The event was the annual spaghetti dinner, and it was a huge success.

A number of ladies worked very diligently to put the event together led by the efforts of Ann Bruno who contributed her amazing meatballs and sauce. The rave reviews were more than deserved as the sauce was declared by SAC chair, Toni Belcher, to be "delizioso." The evaluation was unanimous by all those who attended and enjoyed the evening.

With many of our active snowbirds returning to our community, there will be more and more activities to be enjoyed in Fairfield Village, "the lively place filled with lovely people."

Romaine Redding smiles happily as she serves up salad for SAC fundraising dinner in Fairfield's clubhouse kitchen on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Pam and Tony Lucas prepare to enjoy their spaghetti dinner as Tony shows his "Italian Pride" by wearing his cap with the Italian colors and "Italia" emblem. So appropriate for the evening!

Go Figure!

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Commissioners greet public in Town Hall meet at library

BY JIM CLARK
Editor

Residents from the Southwest area gathered for a town hall meeting with county commissioners on Tuesday evening at Freedom Public Library.

Commission Chairman Kathy Bryant gave a summary of the county's recent actions, starting with an explanation of the recently passed budget. She noted how the county has been able to hold the line on the millage rate, although home values have dropped 38 percent in recent years, forcing cuts in the budget.

She also spoke about economic development, saying that in January 2010, the jobless rate was 14.3 percent, and that in August of this year it was "just under 8 percent." She spoke of recent promises of new companies, particularly FedEx Ground, moving into the area.

In her district, in which the meeting was held, she spoke of the completion of the 42nd Street flyover, and the traffic light being installed at 103rd Street Road and 49th Avenue. She spoke of the improvements to Liberty Park and the completion of the Marion Oaks waterfall.

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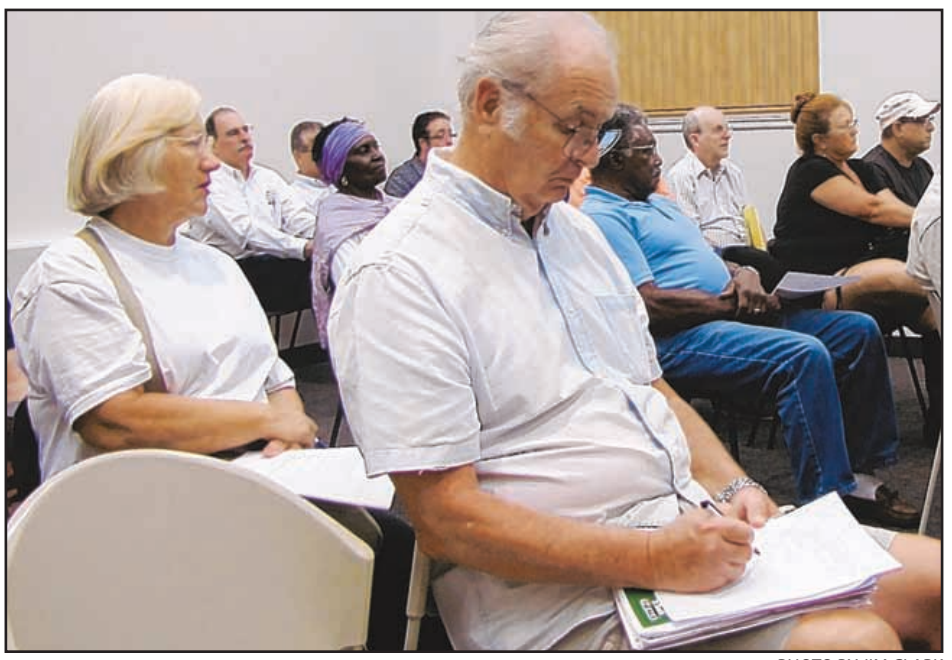
Commissioner Stan McClain said the federal government shutdown hasn't affected county operations so far. "Basically, we don't know it's shut down," he said. He said there would be some effect eventually, and also commented on some of the changes taking place because of the shutdown. "The Ocala National Forest is shut down," he said, "but I'm not sure how you shut down a forest."

Other commissioners spoke very briefly.

One resident asked Lt. Dennis Joiner, commander of the Southwest District Sheriff's Office, about cameras mounted on traffic lights at various intersections. Joiner explained that those are motion sensors, replacing the panels that used to be installed under the streets. "Don't worry, big brother isn't watching you," he said.



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The crowd paid attention and took notes during the meeting.

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