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Another cold First Friday Art Walk



It was the third straight month of unpleasant weather for the First Friday Art Walk on March 7. In January it was bitterly cold, in February it rained, and last Friday it was cold again. Nevertheless, some of those presenting displayed weren't fazed. At the left are Linda Renderer, Colleen Fowler, Judy Nowak, Grace Beck and Nancy Roberts of the Country Road Quilters, who meet at St. Mark's. They were selling tickets for the giveaway of the colorful quilt shown here.

PHOTOS BY JIM CLARK



At least the tree was warm. Shaylin Ettinger of Howard Middle School and Girl Scout Troop 220 wraps this tree at the edge of the square with colorful yarn.

Parents of teens were targets of murder plot

Two juveniles were arrested Sunday after they allegedly tried to kill the parents of one of them.

Yaquelin Galvez Don, 13, and Pedro H. Solis, 15, were accused of two counts of conspiracy to commit murder and one count of attempted murder in the second degree.

They were both being held in the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center under no bond.

According to a news release, the Marion County Sheriff's Office Bureau of Special Investigations detectives arrested the pair just before 5 p.m., Sunday, March 9. The victims were Don's parents.

The arrest affidavit indicates Don and Solis pushed forward a plan which included Solis hiding in a garage at Don's home along Northwest 55th Place in Ocala Park Estates. Don lured her mother into the garage where Solis allegedly cut the mom's throat. While the mother struggled to survive, the second victim (the husband and Don's father) called out after hearing the commotion in the garage. Investigators say Solis went into the victim's bedroom and put the knife to the father's throat. The father pleaded with Solis to take his wife to the hospital. Solis reportedly dropped the mother off at the hospital. The mother survived surgery and provided details to investigators.

Under Florida law, the names of anyone accused of a felony are public record, regardless of age.



Don



Solis

Tethering ban quietly disappears

Commissioner Moore's motion gets no second

BY JIM CLARK
Editor

The silence was deafening. It was just a month ago that the task force on dog tethering made its recommendation to the County Commission: prohibit unsupervised tethering. The move came after weeks of meetings and several weeks of discussion by the public at Commission meetings that

resulted in the appointment of the panel.

But on Tuesday, the tethering issue apparently died a quick death in just 60 seconds. Commissioner David Moore, speaking under Commission Comments, raised the issue that was not on the agenda, and made a motion that the recommendations of the task force be adopted in a revision of the animal control ordinance.

Chairman Carl Zalak waited a moment, but no one spoke. "The motion dies for lack of a second," Zalak said, and the meeting moved ahead.

There had been one person, Patricia

Reed, signed up to speak about the issue, but Zalak announced at the beginning of the public portion of the meeting that she was not available.

Arguments against tethering at the time of discussions said that dogs can become overly aggressive, and that in some cases there was cruelty involved.

Those who were against the ban had argued that the county already has animal cruelty laws that could be enforced, and some indicated that government was overstepping its bounds by telling people what they could do with their animals in their own yard, as long as it wasn't harmful to the dogs.



5K run benefits United Way
A 5K run to benefit the United Way took place Saturday, March 8 in Ocala, starting near the Square and winding through the Southeast section, then back to the Square. At left, Joey Fitzpatrick (351) was the first male across the finish line, while at the right, Lindsey Turner smiles after being the first overall across the line. At the far right is the start of the race.

PHOTOS BY JIM CLARK



Fairfield honors very special neighbor

When I hear "Taps," I become very melancholy, but always in the most positive way that one can be affected when using that adjective. To me, it is the peaceful, respectful, reflective sound that signifies honor and commitment that has been fulfilled.

In January of this year, Taps was played for the life of a unique individual who was respected and loved dearly. We lost one very special member of our community when we lost our beloved Howard Hoffman on Jan. 6.

Each person is unique and each person has an opportunity to "make a difference" ... some accomplish that possibility to a more outstanding degree perhaps than do others. One who was "outstanding" was the person who had been

chosen "Fairfield Village Neighbor of the Month for January 2014."

Very sadly, this gentleman, Howard Hoffman, was quite ill and passed away on Jan. 6. Because we thought it better to acknowledge his impact at a later time, we are now presenting a brief sketch of this exemplary man as a posthumous tribute to a life that will always bear remembering in the most respectful way.

Though Howard was a very unassuming "gentle" man, his closest friends in Fairfield Village knew a bit more than the rest of us about his background. Judy and Bart Rich, along with Olga and Maurice LeFort gave some interesting bits of information about our neighbor of some 10 years.

Howard Hoffman was from Brooklyn, New York, where one of his earliest



jobs was in an ice cream shop that was owned by his future wife's (Helen) mother. Probably the only time that Howard "failed" at anything was at this job because his future mother-in-law let him go because he "ate

too much of the ice cream."

Howard became quite a success in the business world, however, where he held various positions of significant responsibility. He was manager of the Hilton Hotel in NYC and was also in the construction business where he was the estimator for many outstanding projects in the metropolitan area. These included buildings, bridges, and other major structures. His wife, Helen, became very well known as a fashion model during this time and the two of them enjoyed quite busy and fulfilling careers before retiring to Beverly Hills, Florida.

Earlier in his life, at the age of 21, when World War II broke out, Howard Hoffman enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 8, 1941. He was part of the 28th Infantry Regiment of the 8th Infantry Division that saw considerable action in Europe. Along with many other awards, Howard received three Bronze Stars in August 1944 and in February and March 1945 along with



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Priscilla Barnett

three Purple Hearts on the same dates.

He was hospitalized in Birmingham, England, at a field hospital in Germany, and at the 87th General Hospital in Paris as a result of his heroic efforts. However, his most outstanding individual effort was recorded in articles in the official daily newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces The Stars and Stripes and the New York Daily News on Jan. 3, 1945.

Quoting from that article in 1945:

"Rifle Bags Nazi Plane, Rifleman Bags Pilot Inside Germany, Jan 3 (UP)

The hero of this story is unique. He not only shot down a German plane with a rifle, but brought back the pilot as well.

Walking along a road inside Germany, 2/Lt. Howard Hoffman, of Brooklyn, N.Y., saw a Messerschmitt strafing

the road. Instead of taking cover, he grabbed an automatic rifle and fired 20 rounds at the German plane, which burst into flames.

The pilot bailed out, but Hoffman chased after him and took him prisoner."

Sixty-nine years later, Howard Hoffman was still alive and an active part of the Fairfield Village community even after losing his beloved wife, Helen in 1998. Howard spent much of his time with his faithful Black Lab, Lucky, who was his companion for 9 plus years until Lucky passed away late in 2013.

Hoffman was a part of the Honor Flights out of Ocala International Airport and was sought after for interviews by many different organizations and by his many friends who enjoyed conversations with this most interesting but unassuming individual.

Tom Brokaw writes of the "Greatest Generation" and we who knew Howard Hoffman understand that people of his dedication and caliber certainly deserve that nomenclature.

We can only hope that there will be people today who will rise to the challenges to keep our country free and thriving the way that Howard Hoffman and the others of his generation did. Only time will tell.

One thing is certain, Fairfield Village's January 2014 "Neighbor of the Month" will forever be held in the minds and hearts of those who knew, appreciated and loved our hero.

Rest in Peace, dear Howard Hoffman.



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Going to church ain't what it used to be



Out to Pastor
Dr. James Snyder

I have been going to church for more years than I care to remember. If I tried to remember how many years it is, I might then remember how old I am. Knowing how old I am does not have any appeal to me.

I rather like going to church. I do not go to church because I have to. I go to church because it is a wonderful place and it is filled with wonderful people. Are there hypocrites in the church? Yes, a whole lot more.

You would be surprised at the people that go to church. No matter how crazy you might be, I am sure there will be somebody to relate to in any church you go to. Church is not for the perfect, just for those who love the Lord. I think I could make myself comfortable in any Christian church.

I do not always have to amend my thinking. Lately I had to amend this thinking that I could make myself comfortable in any Christian church.

In the news recently was the snake handling church in Kentucky. These people believe that you can pick up a poisonous snake and if it bites you, it will not kill you. I know the Scripture they use for that, but I am not sure they understand what that Scripture really means.

Someone said to a friend of mine, "You mean that if God told you to pick up a snake you wouldn't do it?"

Without any hesitation, my friend said, "He hasn't and I ain't."

The fact that the minister of that church died from a snakebite might bring into question the validity of what they believe. Go ahead; play with a poisonous snake in church if you want to. Me, I let those things alone and I pray they let me alone.

I would not feel comfortable in that church I am sure.

Then I learned of some other church. I guess in America, there are all kinds of churches for all kinds of people. And in America sanity is not a prerequisite of anything, just look at our politicians. I guess the only thing more insane today than politicians are some preachers, and I happen to be a preacher, hopefully not of the insanity kind.

One of my goals is to keep my insanity at a low level every day that I live so nobody really sees it.

Then I learned of a church in Virginia. I have often had a lot of respect for Virginia and visited quite a few times.

Some great men and even presidents have come from the state of Virginia. You can imagine how alarmed I was to hear about this new church.

When somebody told me about it, I thought they were saying it was a "Knewest church." I never heard of such a thing. My question quite naturally was, what is it that these people knew. I am constantly open for any new information so my curiosity went up.

Then my friend pulled out his smart

phone and showed me a videotape that was on the news about this church. It was not a "Knewest church" but rather a nudist church.

When I watched it, I laughed because I believed my friend was playing a prank on me. There are stupid people in the world, I admit, but I think even stupidity has a limit.

He finally convinced me that this was a real news story of a real nudist church in Virginia. Fortunately, the people who produced this video for the news strategically blurred out certain parts of the video of which I am everlastingly thankful.

It is a legitimate church and the motto, according to the pastor, is that they do not want to judge people by the clothing they are wearing. Really! How about judging people by the clothing they are not wearing?

I have a hard time seeing through that kind of theology. I like to get down to the bare facts, but this is absolutely incredulous.

Of course, it does save a lot of time in the morning trying to figure out what you are going to wear to church. You do not have to look at several neckties to see which one fits with this suit.

Apart from the sheer ridiculousness of this sort of matter, one matter truly annoys me. Where do they keep their offering? On second thought, I do not want to know.

Then a brilliant idea sloshed its way

through the corridors of my mind. What if these two congregations had a convention together? The snake handler's and the nudist churches get together for an annual convention. Can you imagine the craziness of such a thing as that?

Then I got to thinking about it again. That would be grossly unfair to the snakes. Who in the world would they bite first? On the other hand, would they grow legs and run for the nearest door?

I remembered what Jesus said to Peter referring to the church. "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

The church does not belong to men or any one man. It belongs exclusively to God. The more churches look like the world around it the less pleasing it is to Jesus, the head of the church.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 1-866-552-2543 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net. His web site is www.jamessnyderministries.com.

Quail Meadow to mark St. Patrick's Day on March 17

People are still talking about the good time they had at the races! Now, let's get out our green shirts, etc. and get ready for another fabulous evening at the clubhouse. This will be on St. Patrick's Day - March 17.

The fun will begin at 7 p.m. while we enjoy coffee, or tea, and cookies. Of course, if you prefer a stronger beverage, it's BYOB.

The entertainment will begin at 7:30 when The New Pretenders will take center stage. They have been with us in past years and have never failed to have a great show.

Where else can you go for great entertainment for a donation of only \$2? Tickets are still available from Sue Church and Charlotte Payne. Don't delay, get your tickets today!

It's time for the Ladies Luncheon! This month we will be dining at Stone Creek Grille (just off 80th Avenue). Call Maryanne Ellner today to make your reservation.

April will be here before you know it; so here are a few things already on the calendar: Saturday, April 5 is the Quail Meadow Community Yard Sale (if it rains, the sale will be on the 6th). The social for April will be a "pot luck" dinner and bake sale. This will be on



Quail Meadow
Carolyn Slocumb

April 15 (tax day).

All you bakers please make a donation for this sale. We'll have more about this later.

At the QMRPOA meeting last week it was announced that the pool will be open on April 1 - hope it's warmer by then.

The new landscaping at the clubhouse is progressing nicely. A few residents have questioned why the trees were removed: it was necessary because the roots were destroying the driveway.

Remember, this is a work-in-progress, so keep watching the changes.

Note to all veterans: We would like to have the names of all military veterans from our neighborhood for a special project.

If you are a veteran, please contact Richard Gunther.

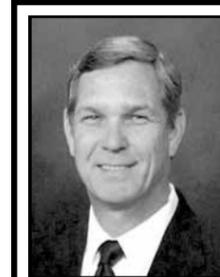
Now for a very disturbing and disgusting report - last week, on two different nights, Dave and Theresa Yoders had vandals puncture tires on their car.

As of this date, there have been no other instances of vandalism of this nature in our community.

If you have any information about this, please contact the Marion County Sheriff's department.

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Happenings

Wednesday, March 12

Concert choir performs

The Dallas Christian College Worship Arts Department presents its 2014 Kingdom Tour Program "The Shepherd's Voice," featuring the concert choir, mixed ensembles and True 2 Life drama troupe, on Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. This program based on John 10:27 will feature a message in drama plus a variety of gospel and contemporary Christian classics, performed by the 30 member Concert Choir.

Join in this evening of music and fellowship. The concert is free and a love offering will be accepted.

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

Friday, March 14

Voting rights at Florida Forum

Challenges to voting rights will be examined at the March 14 Friday Forum

of Marion County when Loretta Pompey-Jenkins, president of the Marion County NAACP, moderates a panel discussion with Wesley Wilcox, Supervisor of Elections, and Richard A. Perry, Marion County State Committeeman for the Florida Democratic Party. Invitations also have been extended to the local Republican Party and to the League of Women Voters.

The Tampa Bay Times, in an editorial March 2, noted that Gov Scott "has pursued a purge of voter rolls that threatened to disenfranchise minority voters; the county elections supervisors revolted. He signed into law restrictions on early voting; the public outcry forced changes."

Thus we must exercise eternal vigilance in order to ensure that all eligible voters are able to exercise their right to vote. No matter how well our citizens are served in Marion County problems do occur here and elsewhere.

The Friday Forum is open to all who wish to join in civil community dialogue. It meets at 11:30 a.m. on the second Friday of each month at Buffet City, State Road 200 and MLK Jr. Blvd. Cost

is \$10 payable directly to the restaurant. This includes visits to the buffet, tax, tip and a drink.

For more information or to RSVP please email FridayForumofMarionCounty@gmail.com or telephone Delphine Herbert (352-873-9970) or Jan Lentz (352-425-6219).

Saturday, March 15

Marion Landing Yard Sale

The annual Marion Landing Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, March 15, from 8 a.m. to noon in the Lifestyle Center parking lot. There will be more than 40 tables set up selling many interesting items. The Lifestyle Center is on SW 65th Avenue Road, just off State Road 200 across from Queen of Peace church. Free and open to the public.

Mac users set workshop

Ocala Macintosh User Group Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Phil Davis will present Quick Tips for Your Mac. Brian Voge's topic is Using Siri on Your iPhone. Workshops are held in the St. George Anglican Cathedral Parish Hall, 5646 SE 28th St., Ocala. Visitors are always welcome. Check out our website at <http://ocalamug.org> to learn more about the group.

Book sale for Animal Charity

A book sale to benefit the Animal Charity Food Bank will be held Saturday, March 15, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Winn-Dixie, 8445 SW Highway 200, Ocala. Also, bring your aluminum cans for recycling.

Safe Boating Class.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will sponsor a safe boating class on Saturday, March 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Gander Mountain in Ocala.

The cost is \$30 per person and \$5 for another family member sharing the book.

Call Lavonne Robinson to register at 352-207-6234.

Humanism series continues

The Humanists of North Central Florida will offer the third lecture in a three part series. "Humanism in the Seasons of Life" will be presented in Cypress Hall at Master the Possibilities Education Center, 8415 SW 80th St. The talk by Chris Allen, president of the Humanists of Florida Association, will be Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m.

Allen is a life-long Humanist and a life member of both the Humanists of Florida Association and the American Humanist Association. He currently serves as the founding executive director of Hands on Orlando. HOO is a national role model for civic engagement through community-based volunteerism. It has served over 180,000 volunteers and more than 300 non-profit organizations, public schools, and parks.

A former television news reporter, Allen covered thousands of news stories during his career. He is the recipient of numerous state and national journalism awards, including the Service to Children Award from the National Association of Broadcasters and two National Journalism Awards from the Scripps Howard Foundation. President

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Bill Clinton awarded Allen a President's Service Award Citation. He is a former Orange County Citizen of the Year. Allen is also the founder and captain of the Humanist lending team on Kiva, which makes loans available to the poor on a world-wide basis, and he manages the Super Heroes computing team on the World Community Grid.

The talk is free and open to the public. The purpose of the Humanists of North Central Florida is to promote Humanism, a progressive life stance that, without supernaturalism, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead meaningful lives capable of adding to the greater good. Contact Allie Gore at 352-547-9670 for more information or visit www.Humanistsncfl.org.

Yard sale to benefit Ocala Relay

A giant yard sale to support Relay for Life will take place on Saturday, March 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Cascades, 1515 E. Silver Springs Blvd., east parking lot, in Ocala.

The Ocala Relay for Life Teams will be having a community yard sale to

raise much needed funds to benefit and support American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event and you are invited!

The Ocala Relay For Life event will take place on May 2, when many individuals come together to honor cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that has already taken too much. The funds that will be raised at the Community Yard Sale on March 15 will truly make a difference in the fight against cancer!

Participation by the Ocala Relay for Life teams who will be selling their goods at the community yard Sale is free. Commercial vendors are invited and welcome to participate with donation to the Relay for Life. If you need more information about the community yard sale, or if you are a vendor interested in participating, please contact Linda Pisani by e-mail at lpisani@riginslawfirm.com or by telephone at 352-433-2400. If you need more information about the Relay for Life event, how to form a Relay for Life Team or to be a Relay for Life sponsor, please visit us online at www.relayforlife.org.

Dinner dance in Dunnellon

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on March 15 in the parish hall of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 7525 S. U.S. Highway 41, just south of County Road 40. The dinner will be the traditional corn beef and cabbage. We will feature a dessert table, cash bar, 50/50 raffle, prize basket raffles and a door prize. Music will be provided by DJ Joe Koos featuring a wide variety of music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30. Tickets are \$15 per person. For ticket reservations or additional information call 352-489-6221.

Yard sale rescheduled

Ocala 200 Lions Club is having a rescheduled yard sale on Saturday, March 15 at the Bank of the Ozarks on State Road 200. This sale will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Space rental is \$15 and we are still looking for more vendors. Hot dogs will

be available for purchase and diabetic screening will be offered. For more information, call Lion Bob Melnick or Lion Ralph Mills at 352-427-1217.

Sunday, March 16

Jazz Society to perform

The Ocala Jazz Society will be performing on Sunday, March 16 from 2 to 5 p.m. at VFW Post 4781 across from Oak Run. The band performs on the third Sunday of each month. They play a variety of music including Jazz, Big Band, Dixieland and songs from the past. \$3 donation for Hospice. For information, call 352-237-0234.

Monday, March 17

Legion Post to meet

The Ralph J Green American Legion Post 354 will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 17 at 1 p.m. in the community room of the Brian Litz

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The Puerto Rico-Stone Creek connection



Stone Creek
Patricia Gizzi

Chef Alvarez from the Stone Creek Grille comes from Puerto Rico. When I interviewed him for a recent article, he told me he once worked at El Convento.

Recently, I was in Puerto Rico and so I ventured off the ship to find this hotel. It was not far from the ship and I found out that at one time the hotel was a convent, thus the name, El Convento.

This convent/hotel was once owned by the Woolworth family and in 1971 they presented the hotel as a gift to the government. It was basically a tax write off. Puerto Rico's government invested \$1.4 million to modernize the hotel. The

government eventually sold the hotel to a group of San Juan business executives.

The first two floors are now restaurants and cafes and the hotel occupies the top four floors. It is the only small luxury hotel in the heart of Old San Juan. It is an intimate environment with Old World charm.

It cost, according to the history of the hotel, \$15 million to renovate. It opened in January, 1997, 35 years after the original El Convento Hotel opened. It was immediately chosen by Conde Nast Traveler as one of the 23 best new hotels of the world. In 2003, Conde Nast

Traveler and Travel and Leisure selected El Convento as one of the world's best places to stay. It is now a national historic landmark and the only hotel to hold that distinction in Puerto Rico. After one year of opening, AAA awarded the hotel four diamonds, a distinction it still holds. In 2002 the hotel was featured in the May issue of Architectural Digest. It is a place with great history and it has a connection to Ocala and our Stone Creek Grille Chef.

While my cousins and I did not eat there, we did enjoy some wonderful drinks in the garden of the hotel. We had great Mojitos, Puerto Rican beer

and sangria. The bartender who served our drinks was named Luis and he knew Chef Alvarez. He told us that kitchen crew often calls for Chef Alvarez.

As they say, "It is a small world." Connections are made every day and it was great making this Stone Creek/Puerto Rico connection.



The El Convento Hotel.



The cousins at their reunion.



Patricia Gizzi with Luis, the chef.

City of Ocala shows off its new fire truck

The first of several replacement emergency vehicles that have been ordered by Ocala Fire Rescue has been received. The new fire apparatus feature an updated color scheme and new graphics for the department.

Later this year two fire engines, two additional rescue vehicles and a command vehicle will be delivered.

"It was an opportune time due to the numerous vehicles that have been ordered to make a change in color to a black over red scheme to redefine our department that has served our citizens since 1885," states Fire Chief Bradd Clark.

The advanced life support rescue vehicle features a ten foot non walk-in body manufactured by E-One, mounted on a Ford F550 ex-



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The new city of Ocala Fire Truck.

tended cab chassis.

The vehicle was on display Tues-

day afternoon at Ocala City Hall before the City Council meeting.

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FAMILY FEATURES

Boasting a wealth of nutritional benefits and a sweet, delectable taste, blueberries are a top choice among fruit eaters. Whether eaten raw or added to batters, smoothies and milkshakes, these tasty little berries add a burst of color and flavor to many dishes or snacks.

"Sweet and tart, blueberries are one of my favorite treats," said Justin Timineri, Executive Chef and Culinary Ambassador, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. "Try visiting a blueberry farm and picking a bucket yourself!"

These recipes show you some of the great ways to enjoy Florida blueberries. For more healthy and delicious recipes, visit <http://bit.ly/flblueberries>.



Chef Justin Timineri

Health Benefits

Blueberries have one of the highest levels of antioxidants among fruits and vegetables. Antioxidants fight off organisms, like cell damaging free radicals, making them great for your health.

Blueberry Barbecue Sauce

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup minced Florida onion
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 3 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 cups fresh Florida blueberries
- Kosher salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

Heat oil in non-reactive saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, stirring until almost translucent, about 3 minutes. Add ketchup, vinegar, sugar and mustard. Bring ingredients to a simmer. Add blueberries. Continue to simmer over low heat, stirring until thickened, about 10 minutes.

Purée sauce in blender or food processor until smooth. Pass through strainer if smoother consistency is desired. Season with salt and pepper.

Keep refrigerated and serve at room temperature.

Kids Can: Help strain sauce after pureed.

Grilled Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts

Yield: 4 servings

- 4 (6-ounce) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil

Preheat grill to medium high heat. Trim chicken breasts of excess fat. Season both sides with salt and pepper and coat lightly with oil. Place on preheated grill. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until internal temperature reaches 165°F. When done, remove from grill and let rest before serving. Serve with Blueberry Barbecue Sauce.

Chef's Tip: Always add sauce last. The sugars in BBQ sauce can burn and become bitter if added to food while still on the grill.



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Blueberry Cobbler

Yield: 6 servings

For filling:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 4 cups fresh Florida blueberries, rinsed and dried
- 1 cup sugar

For topping:

- 1 cup self-rising flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring
- 1/2 cup of milk

To make filling, preheat oven to 375°F. Place butter in 8 x 8-inch square glass baking dish and melt in oven or microwave. In mixing bowl, combine lemon juice and blueberries. Add sugar and mix well. Add blueberry mixture to baking dish with melted butter. Do not stir.

To make topping, combine all topping ingredients in small bowl. Pour mixture over blueberries and bake 45 minutes, or until brown.

Kids Can: Help mix the filling.

Blueberry-Lemon Corn Muffins

Yield: 6 servings

- Paper muffin cup liners
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated lemon zest
- Pinch of salt
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 2 large egg yolks
- 1/2 cup fresh Florida blueberries, divided

Preheat oven to 375°F and line six muffin cups with liners.

In large bowl, sift together flour and baking powder. Whisk in cornmeal, 1/2 cup sugar, lemon zest and generous pinch of salt. In separate bowl, whisk together melted butter, milk and yolks. Add to flour mixture with half of blueberries, gently stirring until just combined.

Divide batter evenly among cups. Press remaining blueberries into tops of muffins. Sprinkle tops evenly with remaining sugar. Bake muffins on middle rack for about 15 minutes, or until tops are golden and tester comes out clean. Remove muffins from cups and cool on rack. Muffins keep in airtight container at room temperature for 2 days.

Kids Can: Pour batter into pans and press blueberries into tops of muffins.



Blueberry Smoothie

Yield: 2 servings

- 2 cups fresh Florida blueberries
- 1 cup low-fat milk
- 2 cups vanilla low-fat frozen yogurt
- 8 ice cubes

Rinse blueberries under cool water. Place blueberries in blender with half of milk. Make sure lid is tight. Blend on high speed until smooth. Add frozen yogurt, remaining milk and ice cubes; continue to blend until smooth and creamy. Serve immediately. Pour any leftovers into ice cube tray and freeze for later use.

Kids Can: Help blend smoothies with adult supervision.

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Opinion

Our Message

Our Legislature and springs control

Will Weatherford may have a House, but Charlie Dean says he's got two-thirds of a movement. Rep. Weatherford, the speaker of Florida's lower chamber, told the News Service of Florida in February that while he's aware of the push in the state Senate to reform water policy, "when it comes to water ... the long-term, 20-year plans will likely come in the next session."

Instead, Weatherford said, the House would focus its energies on a concurrent Senate effort backed by Stuart Sen. Joe Negron — chair of the Senate's appropriations committee — seeking to clean up Lake Okechobee and damage caused downstream by discharges.

That's not soon enough for Sen. Dean and a group of senators who have filed broad springs legislation, or for environmental advocates who say Florida's waters are only sessions from spoliation.

Dean recently said he began meeting last year with four fellow senators — David Simmons, Wilton Simpson, Bill Montford and Alan Hays — to discuss a long-term plan "for the future of water," to be inclusive enough to satisfy the demands of stakeholders ranging from environmentalists to business interests and tourists. Over the course of the intervening year, he said, a plethora of policymakers and officials were brought into the conversation and allies were made not just in the governor's office, but in his chair.

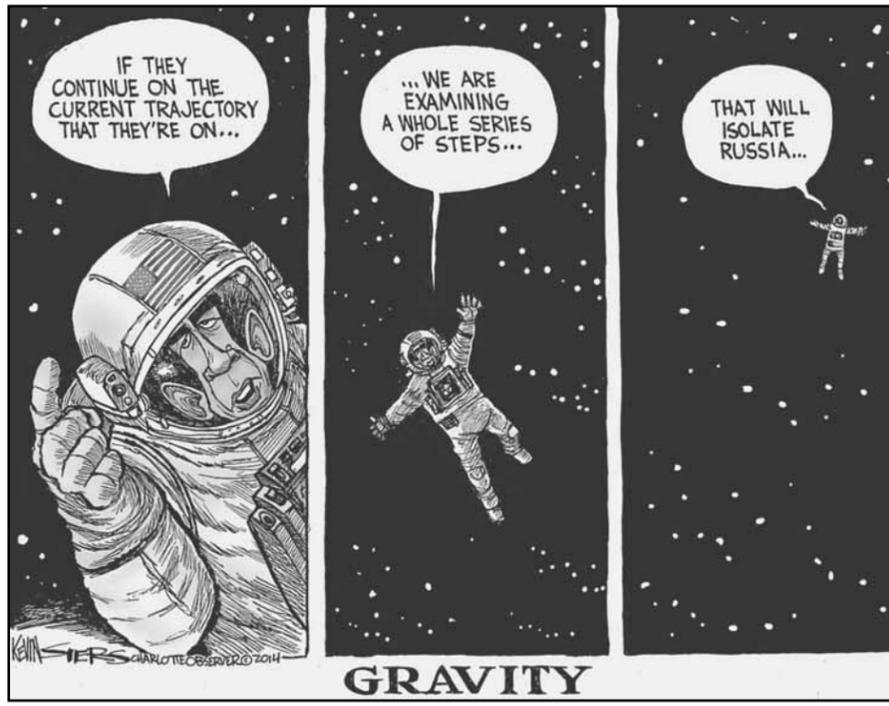
On Feb. 28, Dean and Montford introduced the fruit of that yearlong effort to reshape water policy and protect Florida's springs, SB 1576.

The bill takes some of the bold steps environmentalists have called for the Legislature to take for years, but have watched it balk at, including identification and removal or repair of leaking septic systems — funded mostly or entirely by the state — and establishment and enforcement of quality-based minimum flows and levels for springs.

Most importantly, though, it would do something at a time when legislative leaders think there's still time to do nothing. Dean doesn't think Weatherford's opposition to water policy reform will have much effect on his bills, because "if you take the governor and the five other senators, that's two-thirds of a movement."

We hope two-thirds is enough.
Citrus County Chronicle

Editorial



Tea Party: Capital letters not 'stylish'

One of the great tools that journalists use is called the "stylebook." This type of book has examples of how things are to be written and spelled, so that there is consistency among newspapers in the way news is presented.

There are three main stylebooks that I've seen, but there may be more. The New York Times has its own stylebook, and there's one called the Chicago Manual of Style.

Many newspapers also have their own style references, covering things that are not in the big books. Around here that includes things like "State Road," which appears nowhere in any of the style manuals I can find.

Some of the styles in these books do not reflect common usage, so sometimes we have to deviate and set up our own styles. That's the case with some of the things found in the third and most prevalent publication, the Associated Press Stylebook.

For those not familiar, the Associated Press, or AP, is made up of newspapers called member. Each member sends its best stories to the AP, which in turn transmits them to all other member papers for shared use. AP also has some of its own staff members, who cover news and send it out for all ... always using the AP Stylebook as a guide.

But AP is dominated by, of course, the larger, more liberal newspapers. And that's why one of their decisions is one that I refuse to follow. It involves the Tea Party.

AP calls the Tea Party a movement, not a political party, and therefore does not capitalize it. The AP calls for capitalization of the various factions (locally, Tea Party Solutions would be capitalized), but not the Tea Party in general.



Among Friends

Jim Clark

If you don't think the Tea Party is more than a movement, but is an organization, just ask all the candidates who lost to Tea Party candidates in 2010. I'm sure they'll be glad to capitalize the words.

In common usage, people think of Tea Party as more than a nationwide "movement." So to me, that's why it should be capitalized.

This is not the only occasion where AP ignores common usage. Ever seen the word "adviser" spelled with an "e" in a newspaper? That's because AP says to spell it that way.

But now in almost any newspaper I read, I see it as "advisor," which is the way everyone in the country other than AP spells it.

Around here, the usage of numerical street names is a problem. AP says numbers under 10 are spelled out. They also apply that to streets: First Street, Second Street, etc. But around here, everyone uses 1st Street, 2nd Street. Again, common usage trumps the book.

So I'm going to go my own way on this and capitalize Tea Party, just like Republican Party and Democratic Party. To me that makes sense.

Jim Clark is the editor of the West Marion Messenger and South Marion Citizen.

Guest column

Steer clear of Ukraine

BY SHELDON RICHMAN
Special to the Citizen

President Obama insists he does not regard the conflict in Ukraine "as some Cold War chessboard in which we are in competition with Russia."

He'd be more credible if he were not following his predecessors in acting as though the Cold War still exists. Although the Soviet empire, including its Warsaw Pact alliance, disbanded beginning in 1989, Republican and Democratic presidents have pursued aggressively anti-Russian policies up to the present.

Most glaringly, NATO, the Western alliance created after World War II ostensibly to deter a Soviet invasion of Western Europe, did not also disband. On the contrary, at U.S. insistence and in violation of promises to Russia's leaders, the alliance has grown and found new missions, such as intervening militarily against Russia's ally Serbia and in Afghanistan and Libya.

That would have been bad enough, but former members of the Soviet bloc, as well as former Soviet republics, have been admitted to NATO: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Besides that, U.S. officials have talked up two other former Soviet republics, Georgia and — surprise! — Ukraine, as potential members of the alliance.

Moreover, the U.S. government had a hand in the Georgian and Ukrainian "color revolutions," which brought pro-U.S. politicians to power, at least for a time. The Obama administration is still at it today.

The hostile push of NATO up to the doorstep of Russia (along with other threatening measures) has not gone unnoticed in Moscow. One can imagine the howls we'd hear from American politicians, not least of all the ever-belligerent Sen. John McCain, if Russia were doing something similar in the vicinity of the United States.

The sorry fact is that America's rulers did much more than spike the football when the Soviet Union peacefully disintegrated. In every conceivable way, they exploited the occasion to assure that the United States would maintain its status as sole superpower and global hegemon. They humiliated Russia's leadership, apparently not caring that it would never passively accept the insult.

It's about time American politicians saw how their foreign policies look to those on the receiving end.

What's happening in Ukraine is sad. The country is divided between those who want closer ties to Western Europe and those who want closer ties to Russia. Since becoming independent of Russia, Ukraine has suffered corruption and worse offenses at the hands of legal plunderers. Now demonstrations in the streets — even mob rule featuring neo-Nazis — have resulted in turmoil and death, and the Russia-leaning president, Viktor Yanukovich, has fled the capital, while the parliament has named an interim replacement. To make things worse, outsiders won't keep their hands off.

One thing we can know for sure — and one need not be an admirer of Russian president Vladimir Putin to

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Building, Marion County Sheriff's Office, 9048 SW 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.

Thursday, March 20

Young at Heart luncheon

The Young At Heart Luncheon, at College Road Baptist Church, will be March 20 at noon. We have to entertain us "The Dueling Banjos."

The church is at 5010 SW College Road (State Road 200). Phone 352-237-5741.

Air Force group to meet

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

All are welcome.

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

Friday, March 21

Perrys in concert

The Perry's have proven that they have what it takes to rise to the top of Southern Gospel music, and what a journey it has been for them. 40 years ago, gathered around a piano, the music began - talented vocalists and musicians singing the moving lyrics of traditionally based songs - and today they are some of the most recognizable voices in Southern Gospel. Blessed, with musical abilities and communication with others, this team reaches audiences with Christ at the heart of their ministry.

Enjoy The Perrys In Concert on Friday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m., and be touched deeply by their music. This is a free concert. A Love Offering will be taken.

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

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.

Saturday, March 22

Saddle Oak Club yard sale.

The annual Saddle Oak yard sale will be Saturday, March 22, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saddle Oak is on State Road 200, across from Heathbrook Publix.

The yard sale will be in the clubhouse and on clubhouse grounds by all the community residents. Breakfast will be served with sandwiches and coffee.

Lunch will be soup and sandwiches. There will also be a great bake sale.

Worship at TimberRidge

Worship Service at TimberRidge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 10:15 a.m.

Countryside Presbyterian Church provides Christian Ministry to residents of TimberRidge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9848 SW 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.

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

Tuesday, March 25

Breast Cancer Support Group

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

Our meeting on March 25 will be a presentation by Evelyn B. Kelly, PhD, writer/speaker. Evelyn will talk to us about "Thinking Young," we're not over the hill yet. Please join us for this interesting topic.

Saturday, March 29

Crime prevention seminar

Christ's Church of Marion County will host a Metro Crime Prevention Seminar presenting topics such as identity theft, frauds and scams, purse snatching, guns and alternative weapons, hurricane safety. This is a free workshop, the main goal being "to achieve more awareness about what is going on in the public's backyard."

Lunch - pizza, salad, dessert and drink - will be offered for a donation. This event begins at noon. Registration is suggested: 352-861-6182.

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

Dining with the Lions

The Ocala 200 Lions Club is having a Dining with the Lions (Italian Style) at the Oasis Restaurant, 7651 SW State Road 200, on Saturday, March 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. Price will be \$8 for spaghetti with meatballs, spaghetti with meat sauce or fettuccini alfredo (includes salad, bread, ice tea or coffee). First come, first served. All proceeds from this benefit will be used for Charities.

Sunday, March 30

Joy Night at Christ's Church

Join with us as we lift our hearts and voices in praise, an evening of traditional and contemporary musical worship celebrated with participating Marion County Christian churches' families and friends at 5 p.m. Refreshments follow the program.

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

Thursday, April 3

Southern Express at Appleton

The big band Southern Express will perform during the Rhythm & Art After Hours event at the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida, Thursday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m.

Southern Express has been performing in Central Florida for more than 15 years. Many of the band's seasoned members have musical backgrounds rooted in military service, with almost every branch of service represented. Many members were or are active music educators.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for complimentary samplings from Horse and Hounds Restaurant and cash bar. Music begins at 5:30 p.m. and admission is free for members and \$10 for nonmembers.

In addition to the After Hours musical program, visitors can also enjoy the Appleton's current exhibitions, "A Celebration of Japan," "The Living Art of Bonsai," "The Gathering of Legends," "[in•justice]," "Industrial Nature: Work by Michelle Stitzlein," and the museum's extensive permanent collection of European, American, Asia, African, Contemporary and pre-Columbian art and artifacts.

The Appleton Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays, and closed on Mondays. In addition to daily admission, a 12-month membership is available for \$25 for seniors 55 and over, \$30 for adults 18 and over, \$40 for two seniors over age 55, \$50 for a family of two adults and any children under age 18, and \$15 for college students and current or retired educators.

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 see it — is that the United States should steer clear of Ukraine. It is none of the U.S. government's business whether that country is economically closer to Russia or the European Union (EU). The Obama administration should not only forswear direct and covert intervention, it should also shut up. American presidents must learn to mind their own business, even where Russia is concerned.

It would be best if Russia and the EU did not press agreements on Ukraine — Europe appears more guilty here than Putin — but that is not for the U.S. government to decide.

Someday, if we're lucky, people will stop thinking of trade as a matter of state policy. Why must Ukraine — meaning its politicians — sign an agree-

ment with either the EU or Russia? Why can't individual Ukrainians and private Ukrainian companies trade freely with whomever they want? (This question also applies to America and every other country.)

There are many sources of political tension in the world, but historically a principal one has been the idea that governments must set the terms of trade with people in other nations. Bad idea. Free trade should mean individual freedom.

In the meantime, the Obama administration should steer clear of Ukraine. Despite what Americans have believed for over 200 years, the United States was not placed on this earth to right the world.

Intervention is more likely to make things worse than better.

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

Saturday, April 5 Women's Spring Break

Celebrate with the Women's Spring Break. Join the Women's Ministry enjoying a continental breakfast, friendship; lunch at the baked potato bar, fellowship; special events with speakers Alan Tison, Director of Advancement at Johnson University Florida and Twila Sias, Children's Ministry and teaches in areas of education and psychology; and special sessions including a "Make & Take" card making class. Event starts at 9 a.m.

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