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School Board candidates at this week's Friday Forum

Voters will have an opportunity to join retired educator Dr. Joyce Blake and public education advocate Rev. Bruce Seaman in questioning school board candidates when the Friday Forum of Marion County next meets at 11:30 a.m. on July 11 at Buffet City, State Road 200 and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

All 10 candidates appearing on the August 26 primary ballot are invited to participate in this nonpartisan gathering which has been meeting monthly to develop a stronger, more informed community since April 2013. Note that

absentee voting begins July 22 with early voting taking place Aug. 16 – Aug. 23. The candidates are:

District 3: Bobby James (incumbent), Jan Moerlie, Jim Touchton and Ed Wilson.

District 4: Chase Basinger, Jamie Bevan, Angie Boynton (incumbent) and Diane Schrier.

District 5: Ron Crawford (incumbent) and Kelly King.

An educator for 35 years Dr. Blake retired as principal of a 2,000 student high school in Prince Georges County, Maryland. She also served on the Mid-

dle States Association of Colleges and Schools which accredits secondary schools in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. Before moving to Ocala 10 years ago, Dr. Blake spent five years on the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board to which she was appointed by the County Executive in order to assist in the redevelopment of downtown Silver Spring Maryland.

Rev. Seaman, a graduate of Adelphi University and the Harvard Divinity School, is pastor at the Fairfield Pres-

byterian Church, a member of GOMA (the Greater Ocala Ministerial Association) and volunteer coordinator of Awake Marion. He is originally from Glen Cove, New York.

The Friday Forum, which meets on the second Friday of each month, is open to the public. Please note that there is a \$10 charge payable directly to the restaurant for the buffet, a drink, tax and tip. For more information and to RSVP please email Friday-ForumofMarionCounty@gmail.com or telephone Delphine Herbert (352-873-9970) or Jan Lentz (352-425-6219).

The Fourth at Fairfield



Fairfield Village residents celebrated the Fourth last Friday afternoon. Here part of the group recites the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of festivities. More on Page 6.

PHOTOS BY PRISCILLA BARNETT



Three patriotic ladies with beautiful smiles and Fourth of July ensembles smile for the camera. From the left, Linda Ford, Dale Hansen, and Ann Kulesa celebrated the Fourth.

Dolores and Don Smith are showing their American pride with patriotic shirts at the birthday party for the U.S.A.



Sharon and Kerry Breden enjoy a brief respite on the sofa before joining others for the great food prepared by the Social Club to accompany dishes brought by neighbors.

Safe driver program scheduled by AARP

Each month motorists are offered the opportunity to take the AARP Driver Safety course at the Marion County Sheriff's Substation office.

The program is a six-hour long - two sessions of three-hours each - refresher course designed especially for ages 50 and older. Younger people are invited to take the course too. The course is offered the 2nd Thursday and Friday each month.

The course offer practical tips in compensating for the normal changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Safe driving practices and continued personal mobility is emphasized during the session. Most participants benefit from a discount on their insurance after completing the course.

Call Joe Briggs, area instructor and representative for further information, 352-237-2971.

The substation is at 9048 SW State Road 200, Ocala.



Donations to homeless vets

The Democratic Club of OTOW's project is ongoing support of our homeless veterans receiving a new start in life at the Veterans Village. Shown are Al Morrison, manager, Olive Wright, volunteer and some of the veterans in the program. Included in the donations were also donations from Donna Smalley of OTOW, who continually donates to the cause.

PHOTO BY LYNN MILLER, VOLUNTEER.

Quail Meadow newsletter gets a new reporter

Good luck to Sandy Ezell as she takes on the job of the Quail Meadow Reporter. This is a monthly task to put together our community newsletter. Clint and Kathy Voss did this task for many years, including selling the ads, gathering the news, and putting together the monthly publication. Due to the death of both Clint and Kathy, Theresa Yoders volunteered to take on the project. Now, the task is going to Sandy. A great big thanks to Sandy for volunteering to take on this enormous project.



Quail Meadow
Carolyn Slocumb

the parade; it is going to be fantastic. Next week's article will have full description of the parade and lunch – also some pictures.

Do you know the history about some of our patriotic songs? We often sing our patriotic songs this time of the year. We have many beautiful songs about our country – God Bless America, America the Beautiful, This Land is Your Land, America, and many others. The lyrics for America the Beautiful were written by Katharine Lee Bates, an instructor at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. In 1893, Ms. Bates made a trip to the top of Pikes Peak and was so inspired by the beauty of the surroundings, she wrote the poem, America, the Beautiful. If you have ever traveled in this part of

Colorado, you can understand the inspiration Ms. Bates must have felt. I will never forget my first trip there and seeing the Rocky Mountains in their splendor. The words to this poem/song came to mind immediately. The poem was printed for the first time on July 4, 1895, in a weekly journal, The Congregationalist. Ms. Bates revised the lyrics in 1904, and again in 1913. The poem was not always sung to the tune we know. At first the words were sung to any tune that would fit – most often to “Auld Lang Syne”.

The tune we now use was composed in 1882 by Samuel A. Ward and called “Materna”.

The words and the music by Samuel Ward were first published together in 1910. In fact, in 1926, the National Federation of Music Clubs held a contest to put the words to different music; none was determined to be more ac-

ceptable. Therefore, we will continue to sing this beautiful song as we learned it early in life.

Another favorite patriotic song is “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”, or “America”. The words to this song were written in 1831 by Samuel Francis Smith. Mr. Smith was a student at the Andover Theological Seminary in Andover, Massachusetts. A friend asked him to translate the lyrics in some German school song books. Rather than translating words, he wrote new lyrics to one of the tunes. He did this in thirty minutes time! The original melody is in Muzio Clementi's Symphony Number 3. The melody is also that of the British national anthem, God Save the Queen. America, the song, was first performed in public on July 4, 1831. The first publication was in 1832.

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In honor of the true patriots of the United States

Once again, we come to the time of year when we celebrate the Fourth of July in remembrance of all the wonderful things this country means to us. The celebration will include fireworks, parades and picnics when the hot dog will be king for a day. It is a wonderful time of the year.

Yet, in the midst of all of the celebrations, there are a few black clouds blocking the sunlight.

Just the other day the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were watching a news program where they featured somebody offended by the American flag displayed in a meeting they were attending. We both looked at each other and sadly shook our heads. What kind of nonsense is going on in this country? People's lives are so shallow that they have to try to think of something to be offended?

I am not sure why the American flag offended them so, but I have the perfect solution. I am not sure why people do not think of solutions like this, but if the American flag offends you then go to a country that has a flag it does not offend you. Simple. Problem solved. No more offense. It would not offend me in the least if people would do this.

The American flag reminds us of all the wonderful things we enjoy in this country. The Fourth of July is an opportunity to express our thanks for living in a country such as this. If this was such a terrible country, why are so many people trying to get in at all cost? We still have some freedoms here that the rest



Out to Pastor

Dr. James Snyder

of the world is envious of. The flag represents the foundation of our country and the ongoing sacrifice that has kept it free for so long. How can that be offensive to anybody?

At the same time another story on the news caught our attention concerning the 9/11 museum in New York City. From some of the things I am seeing on TV most of the people in America have forgotten what happened on 9/11. Somebody walked in, saw the symbol of the cross and became physically ill by it. They claim the cross made them sick in the stomach.

This was a little confusing to me. These are people who say they do not believe in God, personally, I do not believe a word they say. Here is this person, who does not believe in God, who does not believe in religion, sees a religious symbol and becomes offended and physically ill by it. They surely need help and I recommend a group of industrial-strength psychiatrists and therapists along with a team of military medical doctors to pump out their

stomach.

Now, what I want to know is, if they do not believe in religion, what does this religious symbol mean to them? If they really did not believe in religion, as they claim, the symbol would not mean anything to them, and furthermore, it would not affect them in any way or fashion. The fact that it offended them reveals to those who have at least two brain cells wandering around upstairs that here is a religious person. Only a religious person would react to a religious symbol. If I am not a religious person, none of this religious symbolism means anything to me and I look at it, then walk on.

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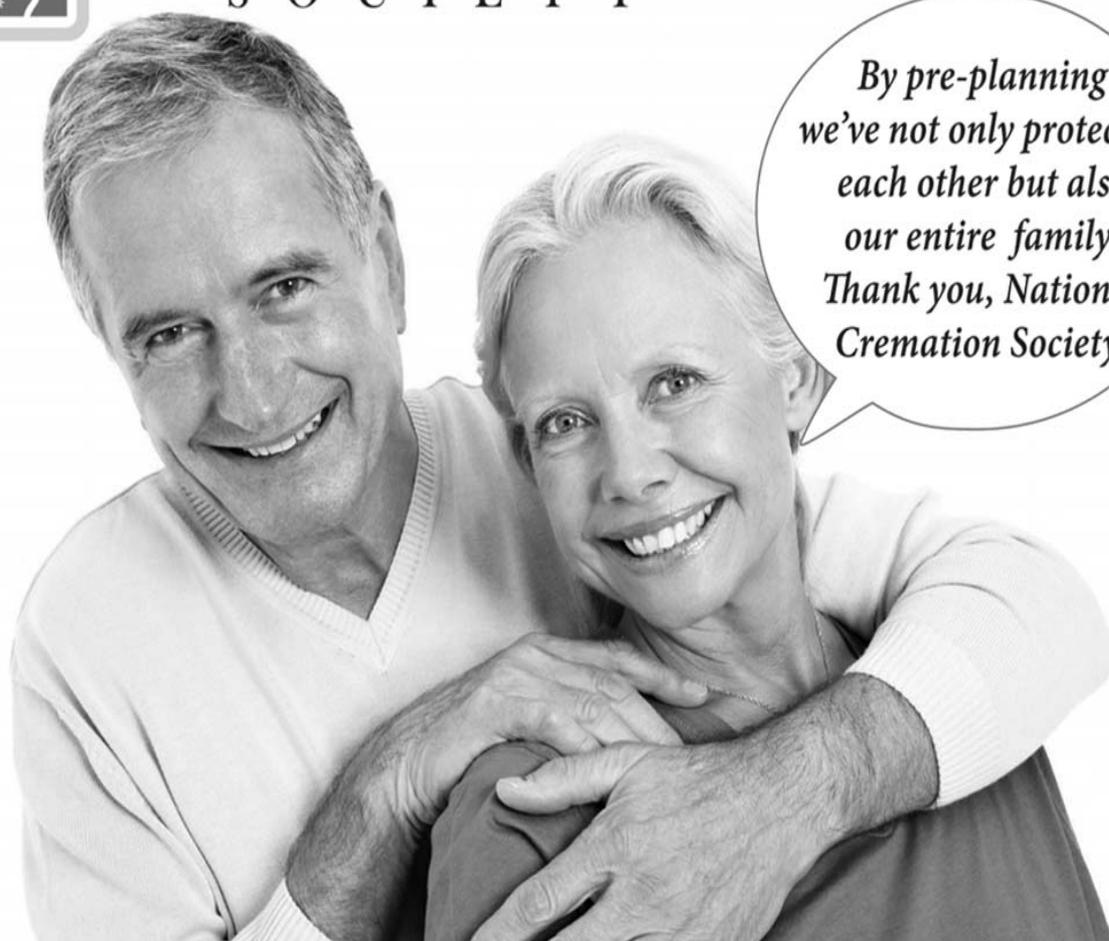
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Happenings

Wednesday, July 9

CERT training to start

A new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will begin Wednesday, July 9, and continue through Aug. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Marion County Sheriff's Office, 692 NW 30th Ave., Ocala. The next training session will begin Oct. 9.

The CERT program helps to prepare participants how to take care of themselves during a disaster. This six-week course will offer training on disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations and more.

Once trained, participants have the opportunity to join their local neighborhood team that will assist first responders during a disaster. CERT Teams assist by assessing their community and providing basic medical treatment to those in need and report all the information to Emergency Management.

The CERT Program is offered by the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Emergency Management and is a free training to all who are interested. Early applications are important as the class fills up quickly.

For more information and for an application, contact Emergency Management at 352-369-8100 or e-mail MarionCERT@marionso.com.

Saturday, July 12

Book sale at Winn Dixie

A book sale to benefit the Animal Charity Food Bank will take place on Saturday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at Winn-Dixie, 8445 SW State Road 200, Ocala.

They are not accepting books until fall. Bring your aluminum cans for recycling.

For information, call 352-291-1962.

Thursday, July 17

Air Force group to meet

The Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air

Force Association (AFA) will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m. at the Ocala International Airport Administration Building 750 SW 60th Ave., Ocala.

Medication seminar scheduled

On July 17 at 1 p.m., College Road Baptist Church will host an educational program that covers common medication issues and how they impact older adults. Bring your list of medications and questions. Brookdale Senior Living Solutions at Chambrel will provide the desserts for this seminar. All are welcome. The church is at 5010 SW College Road (State Road 200). Phone: 352-237-5741.

Sunday, July 20

Jazz Society to perform

The Ocala Jazz Society will be performing on Sunday, July 20 from 2-5 p.m. at VFW Post 4781 across from Oak Run. The band performs on the third Sunday of each month, playing a variety of music including Jazz, Big Band, Dixieland and songs from the past. There is a \$3 donation for Hospice. For information, call 352-237-0234.

Sweet Adelines to perform

Music lovers, mark your calendar for a relaxing summer concert, "Summer Sounds" given by Summer Springs Sweet Adelines Chorus on Sunday, July 20 at 3 p.m. in Ascension Lutheran Church, 5730 SE 28th St. at Baseline Road, Ocala. Not only will you enjoy four-part harmony, original songs written by a chorus member will be played on guitar. Ocala's favorite, Marcia Muncaster, will sing Gershwin's "Summertime", and close the performance with "God Bless America".

Tickets are \$10 at the door or may be purchased by calling 352-598-4392. Summer fun door prizes are available.

Monday, July 21

Ivy House hosts gala for Hospice

The Ivy House Restaurant invites you to the first Vintage Gala in honor of Hospice of Marion County on Monday, July 21.

The event features live entertainment, a silent auction, a best-hat contest and caricature artist. Attire is vintage, linen, lace and hats. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour and cash bar; assorted heavy hors d'oeuvres will be available buffet-style at 7 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$80; tickets at the door are \$90. Tickets may be purchased at www.hospiceofmarion.com or at the Hospice Administration office (3231 SW 34th Ave. Ocala).

All proceeds support Hospice of Marion County children's bereavement programs. For additional information call 352-854-5218.

Legion Post to meet

The Ralph J Green American Legion Post 354 will hold its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on July 21 in the community room of the Sheriff's Brian Litz Building, 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.

Tuesday, July 29

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 SW 105th St., in the Chapel, Room 235.

The meeting on Tuesday, July 29, will be an informal information exchange including sharing some of our experiences.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Lola and the Saints in benefit concert

The TLC Time Capsule is set to transport you and your friends back in time to the golden era of the 50s and 60s. Lola and the Saints will perform a concert at the West Port High School Performing Arts Center, 3733 Southwest 80th Avenue, Ocala, from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10. Tickets are \$15 each and are available at www.tlcocala.org under the Donate button.

Proceeds from this concert will support the programs and dream of Transitions Life Center to benefit adults with special needs who have aged out of the ESE programs within the public school system. Please contact Ginger Broslat at 352-861-0252 or ginger@tlcocala.org.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Candidates invited to forum

The GFWC Woman's Club of Ocala will conduct a Candidates Forum for candidates in the November elections on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Marion County Public Library Headquarters, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., in Meeting Room C from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Evelyn B. Kelly will serve as moderator.

Candidates for the Marion County Commission, the Marion County School Board, and the Florida House of Representatives are invited to participate. For further information contact Frances at 352-629-7397 or email: ocaladowns@yahoo.com.

Political forums scheduled

by League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters are planning a series of political forums.

A candidate for School Board candidates will be held on Monday, June 30, at the Circle Square Cultural Center, 8395 SW 80th St. at On Top of the World.

County Commission candidates will get their chance Monday, July 21, at Circle Square, and again on Monday, July 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ocala Police Department.

Finally, two forums on statewide ballot initiatives will take place on Sept. 4 at Circle Square at 2 p.m., and the Police Department on Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

All forums are open to the public.

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BY JASON ALDERMAN
Special to the Messenger

If you always stop to read the fine print before signing anything, congratulations – your parents trained you well. If you don't, beware: Your signature could commit you to a long-term gym membership you don't really want, an apartment you can't afford or worst of all, paying off someone else's loan you cosigned.

Broadly defined, contracts are mutually binding agreements between two or more parties to do – or not do – something. It could be as simple as buying coffee (you pay \$3 and the restaurant agrees to serve you a drinkable beverage), or as complex as signing a 30-year mortgage.

Once a contract is in force it generally cannot be altered unless all parties agree. And, with very few exceptions (e.g., if deception or fraud took place), contracts cannot easily be broken.

Before you enter a contractual

agreement, try to anticipate everything that might possibly go wrong. For example:

After you've leased an apartment you decide you can't afford the rent or don't like the neighborhood.

Your roommate moves out, leaving you responsible for the rest of the lease.

You finance a car you can't afford, but when you try to sell, it's worth less than your outstanding loan balance.

You buy a car and only later notice that the sales agreement includes an extended warranty or other features you didn't verbally authorize.

You buy something on sale and don't notice the store's "No returns on sale items" policy.

You click "I agree" to a website's privacy policy and later realize you've given permission to share your personal information.

You buy a two-year cellphone plan, but after the grace period ends, discover that you have spotty reception and it will cost hundreds of dollars to

buy your way out.

Cosigning a loan can be particularly risky. If the other person stops making payments, you're responsible for the full amount, including late fees or collection costs. Not only will your credit rating suffer, but the creditor can use the same collection methods against you as against the primary borrower, including suing you or garnishing your wages.

Still, there may be times you want to cosign a loan to help out a relative or friend. The Federal Trade Commission's handy guide, "Co-signing a Loan," shows precautions to take before entering such agreements (www.consumer.ftc.gov).

A few additional reminders:

Ensure that everything you were promised verbally appears in writing.

Make sure all blank spaces are filled in or crossed out before signing any documents –including the tip line on restaurant and hotel bills.

Don't be afraid to ask to take a contract home for more careful analysis

or to get a second opinion. A lawyer or financial advisor can help.

Don't be pressured into signing anything. If salespeople try that tactic, walk away. (Be particularly wary at timeshare rental meetings.)

Keep copies of every document you sign. This will be especially important for contested rental deposits, damaged merchandise, insurance claims, extended warranties, etc.

Take along a "wingman" if you're making an important decision like renting an apartment or buying a car to help ask questions and protect your interests.

Be wary of "free trial" offers. Read all terms and conditions and pay particular attention to pre-checked boxes in online offers.

Bottom line: Contracts protect both parties. Just make sure you fully understand all details before signing on the dotted line.

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Fairfield Village
Priscilla Barnett

Fairfield's fabulous Fourth of July photos

If the saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words" is to be believed, then these photos of the Fairfield Village 4th of July celebration speak volumes to the patriotism and devotion to America which is a cornerstone of our community. The very large gathering was one of the best celebrations in recent years.

Special thanks to Dee McNeil, Lil Oliver, Eilene Yudonin, Linda Urbanowicz, and all the volunteers who helped make the day a huge success.

Happy Birthday, America, from "the lively place filled with lovely people," Fairfield Village.



Fairfield Village's talented Lil Oliver puts some final touches on one of the loaded dessert tables. Everyone appreciates all her hard work.



John Scott's shirt displays The Declaration of Independence which is the reason for our country's birthday celebration each year on July 4.



Bob and Margaret Colwell were both really enjoying the 4th of July fun in the Fairfield Village Clubhouse with friends and neighbors.



Marsha MacGregor's always glowing smile is beautiful and happy. Her shirt and jewelry add to her Fourth of July attire.

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Daughter and mother, Kelly Goodspeed and Amy Harvey, were having a great time together at FFV's Independence Day gathering. Definite family resemblance in those gorgeous smiles, right?



Ray and Peggy Sluss are smiling and happy participants in the FFV holiday cookout.



Adorable and delicious are two of the adjectives used to describe a little Happy Birthday, America cake. Just too cute to cut into ... well ... maybe!

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Our Message

To stay safe,
trust but verify

Remember, folks: The government likes paper, and it likes the United States Postal Service. If it wants your information, it wants it in writing, with supporting documentation and sometimes in triplicate, and it wants to send a government employee to let you know about it.

With that in mind, if you get a phone call or email from someone claiming to work for the court system and pumping you for personal information, your defenses should go up. Those types of emails and phone calls are becoming more common as identity thieves look for new ways to target the naïve. Of late, citizens across the nation have reported being contacted by people posing as government employees,

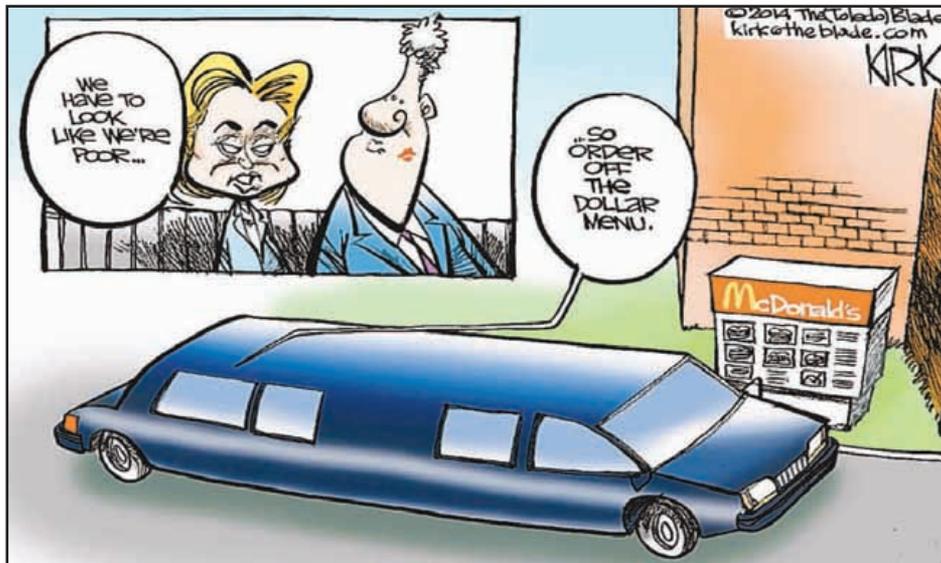
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threatening arrest unless the target coughs up their Social Security number and credit card or bank account information for nonpayment of various alleged infractions.

If this happens to you, don't believe it and don't stand for it. If any phone call makes you suspicious, hang up and call back. You won't hurt any feelings, but you could save yourself a lot of trouble. If it's allegedly from your bank, call and ask to speak to a supervisor. If it's from a government agency, call that agency and verify that they attempted to contact you. If it's from a business, call the relevant chamber of commerce and check them out. Lastly, call the police if warranted; Impersonation of a government employee is a felony in most cases, and a crime law enforcement agencies take very seriously.

So you know: Residents can contact the clerk's jury department directly at 352-671-5581. If residents encounter scams, they should write down as much information about the encounter as possible, and contact the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 352-732-8181.

Citrus County Chronicle



It's about to happen again: I'm suing me

Sometime back, I wrote about the lawsuit over payments from the School Board to the city, noting that both were tax-supported by Marion County residents.

Now here we go again.

At last week's County Commission meeting, there was a discussion about possibly suing the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice over some payments that had not been made to the county. Both the county and the DJJ are tax-supported agencies, which once again means that "I'm suing me" to get my money that I've already paid in state taxes and fees.

I just don't understand these government entities who are so wrapped up in their own finances that they fail to recognize that they're fooling around with our money.

And when it's all over, the only people getting rich are the attorneys.

My plea is that all elected officials take time to cut down the silly spending which drives the budget, and ultimately our taxes, up.

And if they don't remember that, then we need to remind them at the ballot box. There's no law that says we have to vote for incumbents in the primary on Aug. 26.

Let's get rid of the suspension of impact fees in Marion County. Think of the millions we could make that way, millions that we've given away over recent years.

Some say that would stifle growth. I say that stifling growth is a good thing. It's out of control in Marion County, with developers from out of the area coming in and getting approval to build whenever and wherever they want, with our government "watch-dogs" just watching, not acting.

Next Tuesday go to the county's zoning hearing at 2 p.m. on the day of the County Commission meeting. You'll see how people pleading to slow down extra development in their areas of the county are politely listened to by the



Among Friends

Jim Clark

commissioners, then ignored. It seems as if our County Commission never met a development it didn't like.

The western part of the county seems particularly susceptible to the developers. There's a little bit of evidence west of Interstate 75 in the northwestern part of the county, but the biggest problems is the southwest.

If you don't believe me, take a casual ride out State Road 200. Of course, if you try to drive anything less than 55 in a 50 mph zone, you'll get run over by the big pickup trucks and large SUVs that are always in a hurry.

The understaffed law enforcement agencies can't be everywhere, but it does seem to me that if we hire three deputies and have them exclusively work as a traffic unit on 200, the resulting fines and fees would more than pay for them and their cars very quickly. County and out-of-state residents.

And that's what we should be doing across the board. Don't increase government anywhere unless there's a way to pay for that isn't coming out of the average resident's pocket.

So we urge you to stay informed. County Commission candidates are scheduled to be part of the State Road 200 Coalition meeting Monday at TimberRidge. Go ahead and attend and ask important questions.

Maybe we'll all learn something about whether things can change in our county. I'm getting a little tired of the "I'm suing me" mentality.

Jim Clark is the editor of the West Marion Messenger.

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~ Send letters to: The West Marion Messenger Editor, 8810 S.W. State Road 200, suite 103, Ocala, FL 34481; or e-mail editor@westmarionmessenger.com.

Your Letters

Hobby Lobby

It's poetic justice that the far left actually lost the Hobby Lobby case in 1987. That's when President Reagan nominated distinguished jurist Robert Bork to the Supreme Court. Ted Kennedy and his minions slandered Bork and defeated the nomination. (The term "Borking" rose from those vicious tactics.) So Reagan nominated Anthony Kennedy, who is still on the Court.

Bork died in December 2012. Had Bork served on the court until his death, President Obama would have put one of his liberal lackeys on the Court, and Hobby Lobby would have lost the case.

By the way, Kennedy would have voted with the liberals on the court if the fine for noncompliance hadn't been so steep. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 makes it illegal to place a substantial economic burden on people like Hobby Lobby's owners. The fine of \$1.3 million per day, or about \$475 million per year, certainly meets this criteria.

So be careful, libs, who you slander; it could and did backfire.

**Al Shumard
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Voter forums

During this election year the League if Women (and Men) Voters of Marion County is working to educate voters in a variety of ways. The League is offering moderated forums, ballot initiative presentations and an online questionnaire for local candidates. The moderated forums give local candidates opportunities to answer questions which deal directly with issues related to the position for which they are applying and to elaborate on information from their website, campaign material or interviews given to the news media. Following each candidate forum the questions posed to each candidate are posted on the League website and Facebook page. Ballot initiative forums offer voters the opportunity to understand what it means to vote for or against the initiative.

The League has printed material available for distribution. One booklet explains Florida's judicial election system, including merit retention. Also available are information cards listing dates, times and locations of future forums. Closer to the general election the League will be distributing printed Voter Guides with information about state level races. Interested groups may receive copies by contacting the League: lwvocala@gmail.com. To access the website: www.lwvmarion.org; the Facebook page "League of Women Voters Marion County".

Televised forums are available beginning July 4. The League in cooperation with the Marion County School System public relations department taped forums with candidates running for the school board and county commission seats. The forums will be broadcast on the Marion County Education channel every Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., through July.

The Marion Education Channel - is carried by local cable companies including Brighthouse Channel 198, Comcast Channel 99, Cox Channel 12, Cablevision of Marion County Channel 13, Oak Run and Pine Run Channel 99, Ocala Palms Channel 11, and On Top of the World Channel 60.

**Allie Gore,
LWV of Marion County**

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries leadership qualities can help bring order out of all that confusion, whether it's on the job or in the home. But be careful to guide, not goad, others into following you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Applying a more personal view to a job-linked issue could help provide better insight into those persistent problems. Use your keen Taurean logic to cut through the double-talk.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking some time off could be the way to get through that endless round of demands. You'll return refreshed, ready to tackle things from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Restoring a sagging professional relationship takes a lot of effort. By all means, state your position. But also make sure you pay close attention to the other person's point of view.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A hot prospect intrigues the Big Cat, who is always on the prowl for a promising investment. But be careful that this "promise" has a chance of being kept.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A friend could use some of your compassion and concern. If he or she doesn't ask for help, be sure you make the first move. Check out a new career possibility.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You might have difficulty getting your opinions heard because of all the noise being made by the other side. But hang in there. Others should line up with you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Offering to help a colleague is commendable. But before you commit your time and effort, check to see if that person's situation is all that he or she has led you to believe it is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You soon should be seeing positive results from your recent efforts on behalf of a family member. On another matter, check that you have all the facts regarding a job assignment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your aspects favor closer family relationships this week. Take time for visits, whether in person, by phone, by mail or in cyberspace. Let them know how important they are to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A missed opportunity isn't always a negative. Maybe instincts are telling you not to rush into something you "thought" was worthwhile. Make time for family this weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your sense of humor helps you get through a tricky situation. But some stick-in-the-muds might not be so willing to make changes that you and others agree are necessary.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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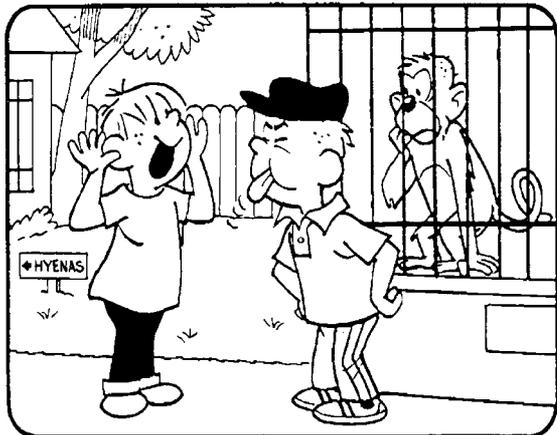
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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

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

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Super Crossword

AN ADDED BONUS

ACROSS

- 1 City in Florida
- 6 Ship spines
- 11 Give out
- 15 Doll's call
- 19 End the mission early
- 20 Blunder
- 21 Three x three
- 22 Memorable times
- 23 Pessimistic black cow?
- 25 Sticking stuff
- 26 Damsels
- 27 Feudal laborer
- 28 Butyl or propyl ender
- 29 Promotional connection
- 30 Org. fighting for rights
- 31 Motto of a group opposing a national song?
- 37 Disinclined
- 40 Walked with heavy steps
- 41 Richard who played Barzini in "The Godfather"
- 42 Make a move
- 43 Car club abbr.
- 46 Prefix with directional
- 47 Briny quality
- 50 Hairdressing cherub?
- 54 Solemn promises
- 55 "The Simpsons" shopkeeper
- 56 Jump the —
- 57 Neighbor of Minneapolis
- 59 Stitcher's line
- 63 Going gray
- 65 Hellish performance of a slowish piece?
- 70 Scene
- 72 LP or CD
- 73 Cold Italian treat
- 74 Claws and fangs?
- 79 Lacquer ingredient
- 80 Atoll unit
- 81 It's north of Manhattan
- 82 Put away
- 84 Frat letters
- 85 Mete (out)
- 86 British prince gawks?
- 92 Forerunner
- 97 "... good witch — bad witch?"
- 98 Enjoy Aspen
- 99 Pitcher's stat
- 100 Staff anew
- 101 Leftover bit
- 104 Twain piece
- 106 Positive pole attached to an ornate Athenian vase?
- 111 Head, to Fifi
- 112 Sonata ends
- 113 Pre-U queue
- 114 Pull firmly
- 118 Tease in fun
- 119 And others, briefly
- 120 Lightheaded
- 124 Good Friday's time
- 125 Minnesota pol Carlson
- 126 Take out — (do some borrowing)
- 127 Coat fabric
- 128 Perimeter
- 129 Suffix with 121-Down
- 130 Mel of many voices
- 131 Came to be

DOWN

- 1 Gift labels
- 2 Not inept
- 3 Heathland
- 4 Make money
- 5 \$\$\$ spitter-outer
- 6 Hollywood's Reeves
- 7 Hemingway or Gallo
- 8 Work unit, in physics
- 9 R&B's Rawls
- 10 They're nearly grads
- 11 Purring car parts
- 12 "Kind of Blue" jazzman
- 13 Indigenous Alaskan
- 14 "Lady T" singer Marie
- 15 Explosive power unit
- 16 Athena turned her into a spider
- 17 Gavels, e.g.
- 18 Adopts
- 24 "You bet"
- 29 Sirloin part
- 32 Resident of Bangkok
- 33 Give — for one's money
- 34 Crew
- 35 Lady friend, in Lille
- 36 Long-running CBS military law series
- 37 — Palmas
- 38 Stop sign shapes
- 39 Abnormal
- 44 Film director — Lee
- 45 Water, to José
- 48 TV actress Anderson
- 49 Nashville sound?
- 51 Shaped like a crescent
- 52 Sothern of film
- 53 Ease off
- 58 Sample model
- 59 Actress Gomez
- 60 Correctors' smudges
- 61 Snakebite medications
- 62 Earth circler
- 63 Jai —
- 64 Mop & —
- 66 Sunrise
- 67 "Spy Kids" co-star Vega
- 68 Hawks' org.
- 69 Not "agin"
- 71 Feature of a dying fire
- 75 Roth — (tax shelters)
- 76 Denver dwellers
- 77 Formerly surnamed
- 78 Tree topplers
- 83 Kin of "Tut!"
- 85 Saharan hill
- 87 Not even one
- 88 Famous vampire, for short
- 89 Indian queen
- 90 Stadium row
- 91 Announce
- 92 Babble
- 93 Gave fresh life to
- 94 Overacting
- 95 Middle-school Girl Scout
- 96 Entertains sumptuously
- 102 — Fields
- 103 Jane's ape-man
- 105 Tom of old late-night TV talk
- 107 Sailing site
- 108 — Dame
- 109 "Pop" boy band
- 110 Hagen of Broadway
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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Religion

Crossroads Church

Sunday: Morning services 9 and 11 a.m.; Kids Church 9 and 11 a.m.; Servicio en Español 1 p.m.; Bible Alive Bible study 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer 9 a.m.
 Wednesday: Family Training Hour 7 p.m.; Crossroads Student Ministries 7 p.m.; Boys and Girls Clubs 7 p.m.
 Thursday: Estudio Biblico en Español 7 p.m.

Crossroads Childcare Center, Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. ELC approved, bilingual staff

Upcoming events:
 Crossroads Childcare Center is now registering for Summer Camp. Serving ages 2-8, our child care will bring the message of the gospel, teach beginning English, help in memorizing Scripture, provide lunches daily, and have weekly field trips.

We use A Beka school curriculum, employ bilingual staff and have an ELC-approved facility. Contact Judy at 352-291-0013 for more details and to register your child.

Water Baptism on the River: Sunday, July 27 at 4 p.m. Come join us at Rainbow River State Park on Sunday, July 27 at 4 p.m. as we acknowledge those who are following in Jesus' footsteps in baptism. See lives changed.

Seven Year Combined Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, Aug. 3 at 10:30 a.m. at West Port High School.

We are celebrating seven years of God's faithfulness to Crossroads Church.

We will have a combined anniversary service at West Port High School, 3733 SW 80th Ave., Ocala.

Nursery will be available. Spanish translation will be provided, as needed.

Countryside Presbyterian

Adult Vacation Bible School at Countryside Presbyterian Church will

run from Monday, July 14 to Thursday, July 17, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Pastor Gary Marshall will lead a study about the worship service, the reason behind our customs, the planning and how the topics are chosen for each service and what is the Lectioary. Donna Topp and Cindy Marshall will lead the music part with singing and a chance to try the handbells or choir chimes.

We will end with a light supper prepared by our Fellowship committee. This will take place at Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW Highway 200, Ocala. All are welcome.

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

Joy Lutheran Church

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold its vacation Bible school from July 14 - 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. All children from 5 years of age through fifth grade are encouraged to attend and join the fun.

This year the theme for vacation

Bible school is "Jungle Safari." Kids will learn what so great about God, explore the nature of God and learn how to serve Him in a practical way. Through bible stories the children will explore the nature of God.

With the rhythm of the jungle beat they will learn praise songs.

Through the activities and projects they will put their faith in action and see how to impact the lives of others.

Registration for vacation Bible school begins the first week of July, Monday through Friday from 8:30 - 4 p.m. at the church office.

Vacation Bible School will be completed on Sunday, July 20 at 10 a.m. when the children will present a singing performance during the worship service.

For further information contact the VBS Coordinator, Joan Greve at 352-304-8711 or the church office at 352-854-4509 ext. 221.

Joy Lutheran Church is at 7045 SW 83rd Place at SR 200, Ocala.

Go Figure!

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Super Crossword

Answers

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SPCA meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 17

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, July 17, at 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Bank of the Ozarks. Try to attend since many people are away for the summer. Please call our special hotline number at 352-362-0985 for more information about our meeting or to contact us for any reason.

The SPCA is low on dog food for the Pets on Wheels program. This program provides dog and cat food for people with pets who receive Meals on Wheels. Kibble can be dropped off in the SPCA bin at Winn Dixie in Friendship Center. You can also call us and we'll arrange an alternate pick up or drop off. Please note that we don't accept any food or treats made in China, so please check before donating. Thank you all for your generosity.

Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary (OWLS)

The SPCA was honored to have Hobie the great horned owl visit us at our last meeting with caretakers Keith Belisle (president) and Ken Lane (vice president) of OWLS. Hobie is OWLS's goodwill and education ambassador



Paws & Claws
Maria Devine

extraordinaire. Eighteen years ago, Keith and Ken were called in on an abuse case where an owl was caught in a trap with a wing chopped off by a machete. They nursed her back to health at the sanctuary, but as she could no longer fly, she became a permanent resident there. Soon thereafter, with Keith's gentle and respectful handling, Hobie and Keith developed a strong emotional bond. Keith can remove Hobie from her cage and hold her without a tether. This is remarkable for a bird of prey, but Keith believes that only through love and respect can we truly communicate with wildlife – they are not meant to be controlled.

Hobie participates in educational



This is Keith Belisle with Hobie.

programs for schoolchildren and adult organizations throughout the year. Currently OWLS houses 33 owls of different types, as well as other birds, including eagles. Because OWLS keeps more than two birds per species, they are not entitled to receive state or federal grants, relying instead on private donations to stay funded. They are a non profit 501 (c) (3) organization. OWLS cares for over

100 animals at a cost of just under \$100.00 a day. There are many additional costs, for example a new eagle enclosure costs \$40,000.00. Keith and Ken are starting a handicap accessible garden to help feed the animals and defray costs. The sanctuary itself is 80 percent handicap accessible because they

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want everyone to enjoy the grounds and be able to take a tour.

Wildlife that can be rehabilitated is returned to the wild. Sick or injured animals have a permanent home at the sanctuary. OWLS believes that raising awareness, educating the public, and preserving natural habitats are the best ways to achieve their goals. During a guided tour of their facility, you will get up close to all the birds and animals, getting each individual story of how they came to live at the sanctuary and what their needs are. It will be a visit that will always stay in your heart.

You can arrange for a group tour of OWLS, or donate, by calling 352-895-0451, emailing them at Owls-Ocalainc@hotmail.com, or visiting their website www.Owls-Ocalainc.org. You can write to them at P.O. Box 1924, Ocala FL 34478-1924. You can call their pager for rescues at 352-402-3894.

Adoption News

The SPCA is happy to report that Beauty the cat from last month's column was adopted into a loving home.

Please help us foster or adopt Trixie, the Boston terrier, pictured



This is "Trixie."

here. She's cute as a button, house trained, and clear of heartworm. She's only three years old, is very affectionate, and likes to bond with her caretaker.

Unfortunately, her foster mom can no longer care for her right now. So we are looking for someone to foster her or adopt her. If you are interested, please call the SPCA hotline number 352-362-0985. You may fall in love the minute you see her.

If you're looking for a cat, please don't forget Arlene's cats Panda, Smokey and Ebony and Coco. They have grown into wonderful cats who need to find their own homes. They have been so well cared for and socialized in foster care that you know you will be getting a great pet. Please call Arlene at 352-875-9761 to meet them.

PASTOR

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While I am on the topic, another matter really annoys me.

Why is prayer so offensive to these people who say they do not believe in religion? The fact that it makes them angry and offends them tells me something about what they say they believe.

Why is it that prayer offends them and why are they so afraid of prayer and of God?

Their fear of God suggests that deep down somewhere, pass their stomach, they believed God just might exist.

This brings to me Pascal's wager: "If God exists (and Christianity is true) and you choose not to believe, then you lose everything.

But, if God exists (and Christianity is true) and you choose to believe, then you gain everything." I do not believe it could be stated any clearer than that.

To date nobody has ever proven the Bible to be anything but true. For 2000 years, people have desperately attempted to destroy the Bible or at least discredit it and yet it is the number one seller in the world today. What if this Bible, that nobody can prove to be untrue, is absolutely and positively

true? Are these people who say they do not believe willing to wager everything?

Why is it I must accept what they do and say, but they do not have to accept what I do and say? Why do I have to respect them, but they do not have to respect me? Is that being a true red, white and blue American patriot?

Jesus put it in the right perspective when he said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

Our problem today is that we have confused Caesar with God and no longer understand the difference. The problem is, Caesar does not have all the answers, but God does. The reign of Caesar has collapsed, but God is still on the throne, Almighty God is He.

If you do not respect the flag, at least respect those who do.

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