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Sales tax holiday scheduled for this weekend

Florida's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday is bigger and better this year, and the Florida Retail Federation is working to educate consumers about some important changes in tax-exempt items.

The Sales Tax Holiday is this coming weekend, Friday, Aug. 1 through Sunday, Aug. 3.

This year, the sales tax exemption for clothing items has been increased to \$100 or less per item (up from \$75 or less per item in 2013). In addition, the sales tax exemption for personal computers and certain computer-related accessories will be on the first \$750 of the

sales price. Retailers say that will expand the list of tax-exempt items, and they expect an average increase of at least 30 percent in store traffic over the weekend because of the sales tax holiday. (Download the FRF's one-page flier here.)

FRF President and CEO Rick McAllister said that Florida's strong job numbers are a good predictor of continuing growth in retail sales. Florida created 36,900 private-sector jobs in June 2014, and the statewide unemployment rate for June 2014 is 6.2 percent, down 1.2 percentage points from the June 2013 rate of 7.4 percent.

"Retailers are reporting a strong trend of sales growth of between 4 and 5 percent statewide, and we expect spending to remain strong through the crucial month of August," McAllister said. "Florida's economy is humming along at a nice pace, and we are very pleased to see consumer spending warming up. Consumer spending is at least 70 percent of the economy, so when retailers are doing well it usually means everyone else is doing well."

In all, Florida residents are expected to save at least \$40 million over the three-day holiday, which was passed unanimously by the 2014 Florida Legis-

lature and signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott. Combined spending for back to school and college is expected to reach about \$5 billion in Florida, and tax-exempt sales will account for an estimated \$600 million of that spending.

During the tax holiday weekend, there will be no state or local sales taxes due on the first \$750 of the sales price of personal computers and related accessories purchased for noncommercial home or personal use. The term "personal computer" includes any electronic book reader, laptop, desktop,

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Have it your way on West 40



PHOTOS BY JIM CLARK

A ribbon-cutting took place recently at the new Burger King on West State Road 40, a few blocks west of Interstate 75. Doing the cutting is Kevin Camp, franchisee along with Mac Fore, Merritt Fore III and Kristen Clifford.



At left, Dawn Bowman of the Chamber and Economic Partnership, wearing a Burger King crown, checks off Ambassadors who attended, while at the right Kevin Camp is shown with, from the left, his daughters Kayla, Colbie and Callen, and his wife Kimber.



Hey, kids! Time for your shots

The Florida Department of Health in Marion County is offering special back-to-school immunization clinics in August to help students get ready for school.

"Vaccines provide the best defense to protect you and your family from the spread of infectious diseases," said Jan Stepp, Immunization Clinic supervisor for the Florida Department of Health in Marion County. "We want to give parents every opportunity to get their kids ready for the school year by taking advantage of our immunization services before school starts."

The Department will offer free school vaccinations at the Marion County Children's Alliance Back-to-School Bash. The event is scheduled for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 at the E.D. Croskey Recreation Center, 1510 NW 4th Street, Ocala. In addition to school immunizations, the event includes fun and games, food, and free backpacks for school. For information on the Back to School Bash, call 352-438-5990.

The Department of Health has scheduled special back-to-school immunization clinics 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 4-8, Aug. 11-15 and Aug. 18-20 at the Department's Ocala facility, 1801 SE 32nd Ave. No appointment is needed, and the immunizations are free for those ages 18 and younger. Parents should bring their child's immunization records if they have them.

New health requirements mean that children may need an additional polio vaccination before they can enter kindergarten. Children entering seventh grade require the Tdap—tetanus diphtheria and acellular pertussis—booster vaccine. Vaccination requirements include:

Kindergarten through sixth grade: two doses of the varicella vaccine.

Grades seven through 12: one dose of the varicella vaccine.

Grades seven through 12: the Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) vaccine.

Students entering a Florida school for the first time should have two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine.

For information on immunizations, call the Department at 352-629-0137, ext. 2017.

Schools want land that surrounds couple's retirement home

BY JIM CLARK
 Editor

The Marion County School Board got part of what it wanted recently as it makes plans for an elementary and middle school in the distant future, but will have to acquire property that will be surrounded by the schools.

The School Board wants to get a special use permit for both schools on the land in Marion Oaks. All the land is vacant except for one parcel, owned by

the O'Donnell family, which is squarely in the center of the land for the two schools.

David Herlihy, representing the School Board, made the plea at the County Commission's zoning hearing on July 15, said the schools may be needed in 10 years and the board was trying to get ahead of the game by having sites picked out and zoned properly.

Terry Thompson of the Planning and Zoning Commission, who said he was in the minority when the P&Z approved

the request, talked about the one home in the middle of the parcels, with all the surrounding areas currently zoned residential.

He said the O'Donnells "bought their house about nine years ago, and expected to be surrounded by other houses." Currently, the property sits in the undeveloped area with scenic woods all around.

He accused the School Board of "land

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Friendship in Fairfield

Look up the meaning of "friend" in a good dictionary and you might see something with which you can identify. If you can, then you are a very blessed individual.

I worked so many hours per week for so many years that I did not have the time to put into developing friendships. I had critical issues to deal with and that was my focus. Now that I am "retired," (does that mean "tired again?") I have found that I do have many more friends than I ever imagined.

Having friends does require "being a friend" to others and sometimes that is difficult to do for myriad reasons. I love doing things to make others happy, but often I get "burned out" being a friend when there is little reciprocity. Almost like the so-called friend is saying, "Well, you enjoy doing things for others, don't you? What would you want or need in return? Get over it!"

I have come to the conclusion that there are plenty of really "friendly" people for whom I can be a friend and do things for them without worrying about carrying the load for those who are the "good time" friends.

That being said (and perhaps misin-



Fairfield Village

Priscilla Barnett

terpreted or misunderstood by some readers) I found friends coming to my assistance this past week, and I was amazed at how good that felt. Being a single lady (equal emphasis on both words) can be quite lonely at times. My first indoor canine friend, "Baby Bear," has filled a huge void in my life ...so have friends here in the FFV community.

My professional educator's life came to a conclusion in February of 1996. I am still amazed that it has been over 18 years, when it seems like just yesterday that I walked out the double doors of Model High School in Rome, Georgia, after having taught and coached there



Good friends, Pam Bruno, left, and Nancy Puglisi chat as they see each other on SW 60th Place late on Friday afternoon. Regardless of how often friends have a chance to talk, it seems almost like it was just yesterday when busy friends do get a chance to "catch up."

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Now I'm a year older, but not that much smarter

I think I am in a rut. No matter how hard I work, I do not seem to be getting any further along in life. Could it be that somewhere in my past, I peaked and did not realize it? If so, I wish I knew about it so at least I could have the consolation that I have peaked.

This week I celebrate another birthday. This is a rut I am talking about. After all, I celebrate my birthday every year on the same day. The only reason I celebrate it on that day is because my mother said that was the day I was born. What if she lied about my birthday? After all, there is that issue with Santa Claus!

I cannot prove one way or the other that I was born on a particular day because knowing what I do know now it is very easy to manipulate paperwork and birth certificates. It might be old age, but I just do not trust anybody about anything these days. I do not even trust myself.

In the early days of my life, my parents told a few things that have proven not exactly true. I would not say they were lying to me they were just protecting me from the gruesomeness of truth.

I mentioned Santa Claus. The thing that irks me about Santa Claus is that now that I am older and have children and grandchildren I am supposed to be Santa Claus. Who in the world made up that rule?

Then there is the whole issue about the tooth fairy. It took me a long time to figure out that the tooth fairy did not really exist. Several times I extracted teeth ahead of time in order to get some cash from the tooth fairy. I frequently questioned why the tooth fairy was so stingy with his giving until I figured out that the tooth fairy was none other than my father, known for his closed cash policy.

Growing up in Pennsylvania one of the big factors had to do with Punxsutawney Phil. It took me a long time to figure out that that little rodent was not who my parents said he was. If he was



Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder

who they said he was, he sure was not very good at predicting the future.

A lot of things my parents told me turned out not to be true, so why should I put a lot of stock in believing that my birthday is the exact day I was born?

According to them, I get to celebrate my birthday one day out of the year and a specific day that I believe they picked out. Now what I want to know is, why can I pick my own birthday? After all, it is MY birthday!

While I am on that subject, why can't I celebrate my birthday whenever I want to, why can't I celebrate my birthday every month? After all, nobody gets tired of eating birthday cake.

Now that I am older (I am not quite sure how old I really am because I am not sure my parents were exactly forthcoming in telling me the year I was born) what am I supposed to do?

Personally, I would like to establish a set of rules associated with "my birthday." I do not care what other people do about their birthday, it is my birthday and I should be able to set the rules.

I think the first rule I would establish is, there should be no "surprise" birthday parties. If it is my birthday, I know when it is. If it is my birthday, I should be in charge of planning the party. After all, I know what I would like.

Who in the world started putting birthday candles on a birthday cake. I have been to several birthday parties and watched the "birthday boy" blow out those candles. After seeing him blow out those candles, I had no desire to eat the cake subjected to his spit-laden breath. After all, germs and I are

not amigos.

Do not let this get around, but when there are candles on my birthday cake, I make sure my tongue is well lubricated before I start blowing out those candles. After all, I love to share.

Another rule I would like to put in place has to do with birthday presents. It seems quite hypocritical for somebody to go out and buy a birthday present, wrap it up in fancy birthday wrapping paper and then bring it to me so that I can unwrap that paper to get to the birthday present.

If I am going to have birthday presents I think I should be the one to buy those presents. Everybody who wants me to celebrate my birthday could slip me a fiver and let me go out and buy what I really want. Nobody knows what

I want better than I do.

Finally, I think if it is my birthday and I am celebrating it, I should get to pick what year I am celebrating.

Good old King Solomon had it right when he wrote, "The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head" (Proverbs 20:29).

You are only young once but you can be old for a very long time. I am learning to live with it.

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Event set to benefit companion animals

Have A Heart for Companion Animals, Inc. is bringing its Johnny Mello Singers to the Spruce Creek Pasta-Fest on Sunday, Aug. 10. The event will be held in the Spruce Creek Community Center, SE 176th Street off U.S. Highway 441 in Summerfield. The doors will open for dinner at 5 p.m. Showtime is 6-8 p.m. Performers include: Johnny Mello, Sultry Lady, Doo Wop Mama, David Max Baldwin, T-Man, Eulakay Green, and Uncle Pepe ... all local recording artists.

The fundraiser will involve seven singers in a two-hour performance preceded by a delicious Italian meal ... pasta, signature sauce and salad provided by Past-Faire Restaurant; meatballs, sponsored by Audibel Hearing Centers and bread, tea and lemonade and all the trimmings provided by the Spruce Creek Social Club. The event is also a BYOB for those who desire different beverages.

The Johnny Mello singers will provide the entertainment in a fast paced

Doo Wop, Country and Rock N Roll Show and Dance. There will also be door prizes, a 50/50 cash drawing, line dancing and more.

Tickets are \$15 per person or 2 for \$25. They can be obtained online at www.haveaheart.us, all Audibel Hearing Centers and The Rainbow Bible and Book Store in Belleview ... or by calling Have A Heart for Companion Animals Inc. at 352-687-1776.

Net Proceeds benefit Have A Heart For Companion Animals, Inc. (a 501 c-3 not for profit animal concern organization).

Ticket holders are encouraged to bring a bag of dry dog or cat food as a donation for local rescue groups.

The Pasta-Fest Fundraiser is sponsored by the Spruce Creek Social Club, Pasta-Faire Restaurant, Marinelli Marketing Services and Audibel Hearing Centers.

For further information, tickets or directions, call John Marinelli at 352-687-1776

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handheld, tablet, or tower computer, but does not include cellphones, video game consoles, digital media receivers, or devices that are not primarily designed to process data. The term "related accessories" includes keyboards, mice, personal digital assistants, monitors (except those with TV tuners), modems, routers, and nonrecreational software.

Clothing and shoes up to \$100 will be tax exempt, along with school supplies up to \$15. That includes pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, notebook paper, legal pads, binders, lunch boxes, construction paper, markers, folders, poster board, composition books, poster paper, scissors, cellophane tape, glue or paste, rulers, computer disks, protractors, compasses, and calculators.

According to the National Retail Federation's 2014 Back-to-School Survey conducted by Prosper Insights & Analytics, the average family with children in grades K-12 will spend \$669.28 on apparel, shoes, supplies and electronics, up 5 percent from \$634.78 last year.

A study by The Washington Economics Group (WEG) that examined the

impact of the back-to-school sales tax holiday confirmed that increased spending during the three-day period in 2010 generated \$115 million more in taxable sales, and \$293 million more in overall sales. That generated an additional \$7 million in revenue to the state of Florida.

The Florida Retail Federation is the statewide trade association representing retail-

ers -- the businesses that sell directly to consumers. Florida retailers provide one out of every five jobs in the state, pay more than \$49 billion in wages annually, and collect and remit more than \$20 billion in sales taxes for Florida's government each year. For more information, visit the FRF website, and follow FRF on Facebook and Twitter.

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banking," saying they didn't know if they were going to need this property for schools.

"I don't feel it's the right thing to do." Chairman Carl Zalak said the "consequences on these folks could be significant."

However, Stan McClain said "There's a real need here," and said it was not land banking. Kathy Bryant com-

mented, "Growth is going to come to that area ... we have to plan."

Finally the commissioners agreed on a special use permit south of the O'Donnell property, which would allow construction on an elementary school to begin any time, but said that north of that home could only begin if the School Board acquires the property, whether by purchase or eminent domain.

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Come and enjoy the Peace Park with a beautiful yoga class at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2. For more information, call Ingrid at 352-854-7950.

Chess club to meet

The chess club that formed at the Freedom Public Library meets the first Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grab your board and chess pieces and come on down.

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

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

Thursday, Aug. 7

WOW Singles to meet

WOW Singles will meet at the following locations. There are no dues. Please call after 10 a.m.: 861-9487 or 237-5842.

Thursday, Aug. 7, 12:30 p.m., Ruby Tuesday, 3500 College Road.

Thursday, Aug. 21, 12:30 p.m., The Mojo Grill, 2013 SW 17th St., in front of Target.

Clothing for families in need

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will be giving out free new and gently used children's clothing to families in need at their annual "Clothe the Children" drive on Thursday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church pavilion, 7525 U.S. Hwy. 41 in Dunnellon. For more information, call 489-5954.

Saturday, Aug. 9

School open house at Hope

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Back-to-School Open House on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs. School children and their parents are encouraged to drop by for hot dogs, soft drinks, etc. Some free school supplies will be available. Call 489-5511 for more information.

Book sale for animal food bank

A book sale to benefit the Animal Charity Food Bank will take place Saturday, Aug. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon at Winn-Dixie, 8445 SW Highway 200, Ocala. They are not accepting books until fall. Bring your aluminum cans. For information, call 352-291-1962.

Sunday, Aug. 10

German Americans plan celebration

The German American Club of Marion County will hold an anniversary dinner/dance on Sunday, Aug. 10, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Marion Oaks Community Center.

Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. and includes pork schnitzel, mashed potatoes, gravy and green beans. Please bring your own beverage. Music will be provided by Joan & Jess. Semi-formal attire is requested.

Tickets are \$16 per member or \$20 per non-member and may be purchased by calling Barb Hartmann at 352-751-4207.

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.

Free Living Healthy workshop

Do you want to take control of your chronic illness? This workshop series takes place once a week, for two and a half hours, for six weeks. People with different chronic health problems attend together.

Created by Stanford University, the seminars cover the following: 1) techniques to deal with frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation, 2) appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, and endurance, 3) appropriate use of medications, 4) communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals, 5) nutrition, and 6) how to evaluate new treatments.

Class size is limited to 16 people. The first class is 9:30-noon on Tuesday, Aug. 12. The class takes place at the Ocala Health Senior Wellness Community Center (9850 SW 84th Court Suite 500, Ocala). To enroll in this class and begin improving your quality of life, call 1-800-530-1188.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Tribute Quartet appears

Nationally known Tribute Quartet is one of the country's most dynamic and beloved male quartets in all of gospel music. Their vision is to preserve the heritage and promote the future of Southern Gospel Music. Accumulated honors include radio hits and awards such as Group of the Year and Breakthrough Artist of the year. This is a free concert; a love offering will be received. It begins at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 5:30) at

Christ's Church of Marion County, 6768 SW 80th St. (off SR200), Ocala. For information, 352-861-6182, or www.ccomc.org.

Monday, Aug. 18

Unarmed Security Officer course

The College of Central Florida Criminal Justice Institute is accepting enrollment for its Class D Unarmed Security Officer course.

The state-approved course meets the 40-hour education requirement for unarmed security officers.

The class will meet from 6-10 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18, through Friday, Aug. 29, in Building 31 at the CF Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road. The fee is \$140 and includes all training material. All class time must be attended. Registration will be accepted until the first day of class or all seats have been filled.

For more information or to register, contact Pat Kalfs at 352-873-5838, ext.1569, or James Charles at ext. 1431.

To learn more about CF, visit CF.edu.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

Woman's Club membership drive

The GFWC Woman's Club of Ocala will hold a fall Membership Social and Open House on Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Club and Lodge, 702 NE 25th Ave., Ocala.

All club members are invited and welcome to bring friends and prospective members to the event.

The Little Women Juniors of Ocala will be participating also. Both clubs are members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs headquartered in Washington, D. C. The GFWC is an international organization whose members are dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

All women in the area are welcome. For further information, contact President Patti Stewart at 351-2708 or Frances Kolonia at 629-7397.

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.

Open house week at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa

We're excited to invite you for a week of fun at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa Open House running now through Saturday, Aug. 2.

The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa has completed a significant expansion project which yielded additional fitness rooms, expanded locker rooms and much more to the facility.

With the additional space you can take advantage of an extended group fitness menu or work out on our spacious fitness floor with upgraded equipment. Plus, the re-designed salon space and treatment areas will provide you with the ultimate lavish spa experience that you deserve.

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Come and see the facility's additional fitness rooms, expanded locker rooms and more service stations in the spa and salon.

The Ranch is open daily and is a full service fitness facility, salon and spa located at 8385 SW 80th St., Ocala, near the OTOW Cultural Center. For more information on activities and fitness membership, visit our web site at www.TheRanchFitnessSpa.com or call (352) 861-8180.

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for 30-plus years. I began my career there and concluded my secondary educator's time at the same school. When one has the best job possible, one would be foolish to leave that position ...so I stayed. I am so glad that I did because of the authentic friendships that I treasure even as much as 50 years later and 450 miles apart

Now, many of my most treasured friends are former students from those years. I don't have many "teacher friends" on Facebook, but I have an astounding number of "student friends." They help me every day because they are such generous, intelligent, and respected experts in their chosen careers.

I now feel a bit like they are my teachers of their expertise, and I love that feeling.

Consider using this time, as you read and look at the photos, to think about your many friends. Friends are huge blessings in our lives. The accompanying photos show some examples of Fairfield Village friendships ..amazing ones, actually

From the "lively place filled with lovely people"... why not phone a friend that you have not seen for some time and tell him/her just how much your friendship means. You and the friend(s) will be blessed.



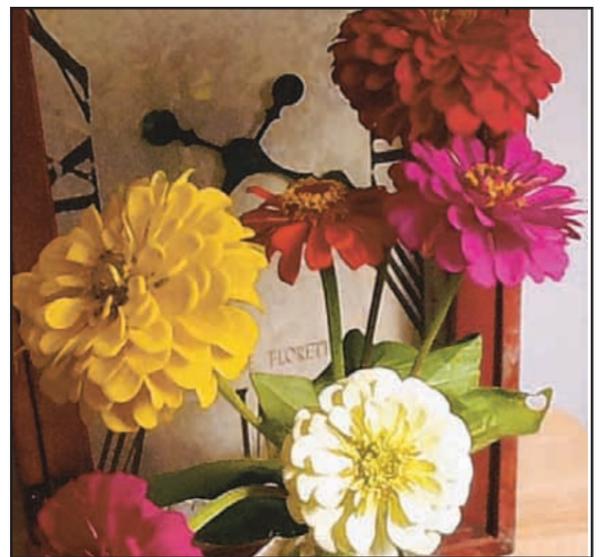
One of my best friends is my 21-year-old granddaughter, Emily Esposito. Now that she is an adult, the unconditional love is paired with genuine friendship and reciprocal respect. What a blessing!



"He loves me; he loves me not." Or "she loves me; she loves not." Remember when we tore beautiful flowers apart one petal at a time to see if our new sweetheart really did care about us? Did the once beautiful petaled flower ever give us the answer we sought? Maybe; maybe not.



Yorkiepoo, Lucy Lou, helps to set up a little surprise Mini-Birthday for one of her two family members. Pa (Angelo Puglisi) observed his belated birthday with some little gag gifts and a cute doggie birthday card from a couple of neighbors. Now 10 years old, Lucy Lou is Nancy and Angelo's special baby. What a loving member of the family she has always been to the FFV couple from New England -- specifically Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The love of a faithful canine ... so devoted.



An unexpected gift of beautiful flowers cut from a friend's garden and delivered "...for no special reason ... I just thought you would like them..." makes one feel so blessed. The multicolored natural bouquet is a truly lovely gesture of a unique friendship that makes a dreary Friday afternoon seem like glorious Sunday morning. Thank you, F.G.

Quiet Oaks administrator honored

More than 700 long term care professionals from across Florida were on hand to applaud Jim Mikula, administrator of Pacifica Senior Living Ocala, as he was honored as the 2014 Assisted Living Facility Administrator of the Year by Florida Health Care Association (FHCA). The award, presented to Mikula during FHCA's Annual Conference in Orlando, is the highest honor given to ALF administrators in Florida's long term care profession.

Jim Mikula has worked in long term care facilities for more than 30 years. He is a role model for the culture change movement, a name commonly given to the national movement to transform older adult services so they are based on person-directed values and practices. Under his leadership, Pacifica Senior Living has instituted everything from consistent assignment to open dining schedules to resident choice for medication times.

"FHCA is pleased to honor Jim Mikula with

this prestigious award," said FHCA Executive Director Emmett Reed. "He is a role model, a change agent and a relentless advocate for top quality care at the local and statewide levels. In so many ways, he truly embodies the best of our profession and is tremendously deserving of this award."

The Assisted Living Facility (ALF) Administrator of the Year Award is given annually by Florida Health Care Association to an ALF administrator of an FHCA-member facility with demonstrated service to the Association, along with significant and measurable achievements in overall facility administration, workforce innovation, survey record and implementation of quality improvement programs.

By creating an atmosphere where residents can live life to the fullest, Mikula has fostered greater success for Pacifica Senior Living Ocala. Occupancy has increased from 55 to 98 percent, staff turnover has been reduced by 75 percent, and for two years in a row

the facility has been voted "Readers Choice" by the South Marion Citizen newspaper. His focus on quality care also led the facility to achieve the best ranking possible - a deficiency-free survey reflecting a perfect score - in the latest health care inspection conducted by the state Agency for Health Care Administration.



What more love and friendship could one want than a happy little puppy anticipating a walk or a ride in the golf cart? He knows to get his lead and then it's off for fun with human and canine friends! I adore my Baby Bear! He is the epitome of unconditional love in my life for the past 17 months. Much more fun and less expense than a psychiatrist or therapist, right?

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In Stone Creek, they're learning to save lives

Stone Creek residents were given the opportunity to learn something new or to refresh what they knew about life saving procedures. Recently, Shad Kirshenbaum, who is a certified firefighter/paramedic since 1998, gave a class on CPR. Shad also has an AA and AS degree in EMS training. He is a certified First Aid, BLS CPR, ACLS, and PALS instructor. He has taught EMT and Paramedic classes at various colleges since 2005.

Knowing CPR can mean the difference in one's life. It is important to know CPR because the minutes between a person's heart stopping and arrival of emergency personnel are crucial and being able to administer CPR during that time can be the difference between life and death of a loved one or friend. According to Spa Direc-



Stone Creek
Patricia Gizzi

tor, Judy Heflin, "It is fantastic that so many Stone Creek residents recognize the importance of this skill and have taken advantage of the wonderful training we offer with Shad."

More than 30 residents have become CPR certified and the number is growing. The next CPR training will be on Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon, with first aid training following from noon to 2

p.m., at Élan Spa Studio B.

Those taking the classes have given the following testimonials: "The method that Shad uses to teach CPR is fun, informative and easy to retain. Very enjoyable!" Sherry Danczyk.

"Working in the fitness industry, I have taken CPR every two years for over 30 years and I have to say that Shad is the best instructor I've had. He makes learning the material fun, using humor to help you retain the information." Judy Heflin.

"My husband, Rick, and I thoroughly enjoyed the CPR class. The instructor was very humorous in his approach and reviewed the material throughout the course in an enjoyable way so that we could remember it." Angela Ellis.

"Fun, original, stress-free. The best

class we have taken. Shad rocks!" Peter Workman.

"We have been taking CPR classes every two years for almost 50 years and were very impressed with the class and felt this was by far one of the best CPR courses we have attended. CPR can be very intimidating and sometimes confusing. However, Shad's great sense of humor and experiences as a paramedic made the course easier to remember. I would recommend and encourage everyone to take his class. They will be pleased they did." Sonia Workman.

It is never too late learn something new and learning CPR or first aid can be the knowledge to help save a life.

Remember to save the date - Oct. 11 - to learn something that can save a life. It will be worth your time!



At left, practicing compressions. Above, instructor Shad Kirshenbaum.



Instructor Shad Kirshenbaum demonstrates CPR techniques.

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Mediterranean Bean & Pita-Wiches, Red Cabbage, Onion & Bacon Jam, and Herbed Beet & Tomato Salad

fresh, fun SUMMER MEALS

FAMILY FEATURES

Flavorful al fresco dining ideas

Here comes the sun — and the fun of dining al fresco.

When it comes to summer fare, familiar favorites are always welcome, such as burgers on the grill, sandwiches, salad, lemonade and dessert. But if the tried-and-true choices are getting a little too familiar, maybe they need a makeover.

New al fresco favorites

These deliciously doable ideas start with time-saving, quality prepared products, such as Aunt Nellie's jarred vegetables and READ classic bean salads, that provide real homemade flavors. Here's how:

- Elevate burgers from basic to sensational with a dollop of Red Cabbage, Onion & Bacon Jam, made with sweet-and-sour red cabbage, sauteed onions and smoky bacon.
- Need a new sandwich inspiration? Mediterranean Bean & Pita-Wiches are a combination of 3 or 4 bean salad, vegetables, olives and feta cheese stuffed into whole grain pita pockets.
- Trade the traditional greens or potato salad for Herbed Beet & Tomato Salad, an updated combo of colorful sweet-tangy pickled beets, garden-fresh yellow tomatoes and herb vinaigrette.
- What's for dessert? Try Fudgy Beet Brownies, which are made with Harvard beets to keep them extra moist and yummy.
- Lemonade is always a welcome thirst quencher, especially if it's pink. Here's the simple secret: Just stir pickled beet liquid into prepared lemonade — it's pink in a wink.

Cheers to a new twist on favorite al fresco fare. For additional recipes and serving suggestions, visit www.auntnellies.com and www.readsalads.com.



Pink Lemonade



Fudgy Beet Brownies

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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: Per package directions
Servings: 24 brownies

- 1 jar (15.5 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Harvard Beets, not drained
- 1 box dark or milk chocolate brownie mix (for 13-by-9-inch pan)*
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips or chunks
- Confectioners' sugar (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray bottom of 9-by-13-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray. Place beets in blender or food processor. Puree until smooth; set aside.

Combine brownie mix, oil, eggs and pureed beets in large mixing bowl; stir until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips. Pour into prepared pan. Bake as directed on package, checking after shortest recommended baking time. Remove from oven; cool. Lightly dust with confectioners' sugar, if desired.

*Note: Package sizes may vary according to brand.

Herbed Beet & Tomato Salad

Prep time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets
- 2 medium yellow tomatoes, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 1/4 cup olive or vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup white wine or rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh herbs (such as thyme, parsley, basil, oregano or chives)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper

Drain beets well.* Cut beets in half. Cut tomato slices into quarters.

For vinaigrette, whisk together oil, vinegar, herbs and garlic. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Place tomatoes in large bowl. Toss with dressing. Gently toss in beets. Serve immediately or chill.

*Reserve liquid for pink lemonade, if desired.

Mediterranean Bean & Pita-Wiches

Prep time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

- 1 can (15 ounces) READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped tomatoes
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped baby spinach
- 1/4 cup sliced celery
- 1/4 cup sliced pitted black or Kalamata olives
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano or basil
- 6 whole grain pita pocket halves

Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons reserved bean liquid
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Black pepper, coarsely ground

Drain bean salad; reserve 2 tablespoons liquid.

In large bowl, toss together bean salad and next six ingredients.

For dressing, whisk ingredients together. Add dressing to bean mixture; toss. Fill pita pocket halves with bean mixture.

Red Cabbage, Onion & Bacon Jam

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage
- 1/4 pound bacon (thick cut or regular)
- 1 large yellow onion (about 8 ounces)
- 2 tablespoons granulated or brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons white balsamic or white wine vinegar
- 1–2 tablespoons fresh thyme (or 1 teaspoon dried thyme)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or to taste)
- Green onion or parsley (optional)

Drain cabbage; reserve liquid.

Cut bacon into pieces (about 1/4 inch). Cook in large skillet over medium to medium-low heat until browned and crisp. Transfer bacon to paper towel-lined plate; reserve. Measure 2 tablespoons drippings and return to skillet. Discard remaining drippings.

Meanwhile, cut onion lengthwise in quarters. Cut crosswise into very thin slices (about 1/8 inch thick).

Heat bacon drippings over medium-low heat until hot. Add onion slices, reduce heat to low and cook 5 minutes or until onions begin to soften, stirring occasionally.

Stir in sugar, vinegar, thyme, peppers, bacon and 1/2 cup reserved liquid. Add cabbage and continue cooking over medium-low to low heat 15 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and mixture is very soft and thick, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with thinly sliced green onion or chopped parsley before serving, if desired.

Serve warm or at room temperature as topping for burgers or crostini, as sandwich spread, condiment for meats or tossed with pasta.

Pink Lemonade

Makes: 2 quarts

Add 2 to 4 tablespoons pickled beet liquid to 2 quarts prepared lemonade; stir. For deeper pink color add additional beet liquid.

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Opinion

Our Message

Leave your pets out of a hot car

Leaving your pet in your car while you run errands may be convenient, but as two residents of a neighboring county found out recently, it is also illegal.

Charges of animal cruelty aside, leaving a pet in a vehicle can kill it.

In a recent case of animal cruelty charges, the outside temperature was 95 degrees and the dog had been in the vehicle for close to 45 minutes, according to a deputy's report.

While the owner had the windows rolled down half way, by then the temperature in the car would have been upwards of 130 degrees.

According to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), animals can die from heatstroke in 15 minutes. Dogs are especially susceptible as they can only cool themselves by panting or sweating through their paws.

Owners do have the right to travel with their pets but should take the necessary

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precautions so they do not need to leave them in a hot car without water for any longer than five minutes. The American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says the temperature inside a vehicle will rise 19 degrees in the first 10 minutes, regardless if the windows are rolled down.

If you see a pet that has been left in the car for longer than 10 minutes, contact law enforcement immediately.

Pet ownership is a responsibility that should not be taken lightly. Driving a pet around town while you perform errands is not a good time for the pet and could harm them. Think twice before making that choice, you are likely doing it for your own satisfaction and not the pet's.

Message from sheriff

This is Sheriff Chris Blair with an important message for all residents and businesses in Marion County.

We have recently upgraded our CodeRED Emergency Notification System to include Weather Warning, an automatic severe weather notification service to alert citizens and businesses in the path of severe thunderstorms, flash floods and tornados.

Citizens must register to receive these warnings by going to the Marion County Sheriff's website, at www.mari-

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Will Robin Hood ride into Marion Oaks?

Back in the days of merry old England, the mythical Robin Hood used to ride around trying to fix the wrongs of Prince John's excessive taxes and land grabs. The story is based around his belief that hard-working people should be able to keep what they earn.

The use of eminent domain has never been one of my favorite features of government in America.

For those not familiar with the term, it means that government can take a person's property, giving them "fair market value," when it would serve the "common good."

The usually involves the building of a road or highway or construction of a community center in an already populated neighborhood.

Taking someone's property, even though they are compensated, for the "common good" is something I would expect from dictatorships (although they usually don't compensate the individuals).

That's why it was disappointing to see the actions of the County Commission on behalf of the Marion County School Board at a recent zoning meeting.

The School Board, under the guise of "planning for the future," found some land in Marion Oaks that it deemed fit for an elementary school and a middle school. But there's one problem. The land, composed of dozens of individual lots, is vacant, except for one parcel right in the middle.

Nine years ago a retired couple moved to Marion Oaks and built a house on that tract of land. As one person put it at the meeting, they planned to live their "golden years" in that house, surrounded at the moment by nature but knowing that development could even-



Among Friends

Jim Clark

tually surround that lot.

But along comes the School Board, requesting a special use permit to build an elementary school south of these folks and a middle school to their north. The Board says it will eventually either purchase that one tract or use eminent domain to grab it.

A member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, who voted against the project, called it "land banking."

The county went along with the school plan, partially, by granting the special use permit for the elementary school site, and delaying action on the middle school site to allow the School Board to obtain the one parcel.

What the county should have said was, "Find another site. We're here to protect the little guy, not another government agency."

Of course, that didn't happen. So even though the schools probably wouldn't be built for at least 10 years, the School Board can go ahead and try to get this parcel.

The School Board is banking on the fact that Marion Oaks is going to grow to have a need for these schools. To be honest, I'm not so sure of that. But that won't matter to these retirees, who may be forced out of their home if they don't

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Guest column

Children from Central America invade U.S. Really?

BY HAROLD PEASE, PH.D

Sometimes the gullibility of Americans is beyond description. When the story broke last month that thousands of children, reportedly up from 6,000 in 2011 to 54,000 so far in 2014, have crossed killer deserts, cartel infested drug territories, and in most instances more than one country,

I knew a con game was in the making. I could not get my kids, of which I had seven, to clean their bedrooms. Had my preteens been begged, beaten, or bribed with a million dollars to leave their home and walk to Guatemala it would have never happened. It is most unlikely that they would have known which direction to go and would have been lost three hours out.

Nor would 99 percent of parents allow their children to do so. Most parents would run in front of a car to save their child, not hand them over to the dangers of hostile environments or potential sexual perverts to get them to America. This definitely did not and does not pass the smell test. There is much more to this story.

There must exist massive organization and funding behind the scenes. Herding children is an abusive activity, ask any elementary school teacher, and drug cartels could not possibly be up to the task of changing diapers on the trail. Actually crossing the high border fences confronted with scary gun toting border guards and flashing twirling lights, without serious adult assistance is not kids' play either. I was shocked at how many news organizations took this invasion at face value.

There is an American organization or at least American money conspiring somewhere to bring this on in a deliberate attempt to weaken our southern border. It would not just happen naturally in a thousand years. It is not just that gangs roam the streets of Central America making kids want to run to America, nor is it likely that President Barack Obama alone convinced so many to flood our border; there is much more to this story. So newsmakers do not be so gullible, please get the story behind the story.

I am not alone in my gut feelings that kids could not do this by themselves; the National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers recently released a statement decrying this "child invasion" as a humanitarian crisis. They wrote: "It is a predictable, orchestrated and contrived assault on the compassionate side of Americans by her political leaders that knowingly puts minor Illegal Alien children at risk for purely political purposes."

They then blamed the government for aiding and abating the crisis. "Certainly, we are not gullible enough to believe that thousands of unaccompanied minor Central American children came to America without the encouragement, aid and assistance of the United States Government." Moreover, they continued, "Anyone that has taken two six to seven year old children to an amusement park can only imagine the problems associated with bringing

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Technology snafus tax your patience. But before you throw that computer or other bulky hardware into the trash, take a deep breath and call someone knowledgeable for help.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Don't be too upset if your generosity goes unappreciated. These things happen, and rather than brood over it, move on. A new friend could open up some exciting new possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A loved one helps you get through an especially difficult emotional situation. Spend the weekend immersed in the body and soul restorative powers of music and the other arts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You are pretty much in charge of what you want to do this week. However, it might be a good idea to keep an open mind regarding suggestions from people you know you can trust.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Another chance to shine (something always dear to the Lion's heart) might be resented by others. But you earned it, so enjoy it. The weekend brings news about a family member.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A suggestion that never took off could become viable again. Dust it off, update if needed, and resubmit it. In your personal life, a new relationship takes an "interesting" turn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Confronting a new challenge to your stated position could work to your advantage by settling all doubts once you're able to present a solid defense backed up by equally solid facts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You enjoy doing nice things for others. But this is a good time to do something nice for yourself as well. You might want to start by planning a super-special getaway weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Some changes you feel you need to make might be reasonable and appropriate. But others might lead to problems. Think things through carefully before you act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Good instincts usually keep the sure-footed Goat on the right path. What others might see as stubbornness on your part, in fact reflects your good sense of what is worth supporting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A period of introspection could lead to some surprising conclusions — and also equally surprising changes — involving a number of your positions on many issues.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) The financially practical Pisces might want to take a sensible approach to spending as well as investing. Being prudent now pays off later.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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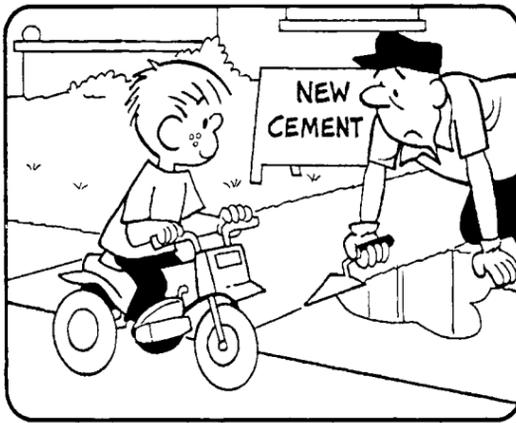
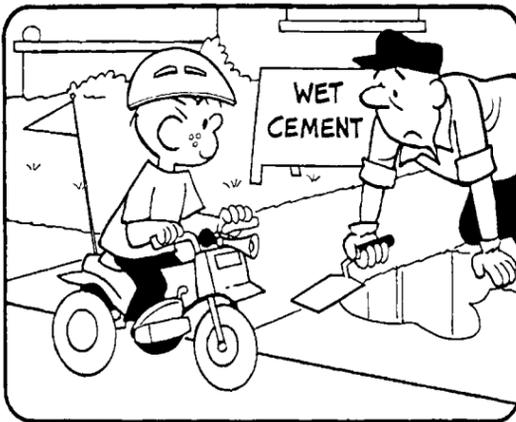
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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

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DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Medicare celebrates 49 years

BY DOUG HEINLEN

This month marks Medicare's anniversary, and for more than 50 million beneficiaries nationwide, that truly is something to celebrate.

Medicare turns 49 on July 30, and like many Americans 50+, an AARP membership card is waiting in the mailbox.

At any age, change is constant – and this applies to Medicare, too. AARP's Health Law Guide can help you stay on top of the most recent changes to your Medicare benefits. The guide can also create a personalized report that can help you determine how any possible changes may affect you and your family. If you're uninsured, your report will identify coverage you may be eligible to receive. Visit www.aarp.org/healthlawguide for your full personalized report.

In the meantime, here are some Medicare facts to celebrate:

1. Medicare covers most health costs after 65, but it doesn't cover everything. It's always a good idea to consider what additional coverage you may need. One point of uncertainty is worth clearing up: Nothing in the Affordable Care Act requires Floridians covered by Medicare to purchase additional health insurance. Medicare coverage meets the legal requirement that most Americans have health insurance.

2. If you reach the Medicare Part D "doughnut hole"—the threshold at which you are responsible for a higher portion of your drug costs—you

get a 52.5 percent discount on brand name drugs, and a 28 percent discount on generic drugs. With time the discounts will increase as the doughnut hole disappears in six years.

3. Medicare beneficiaries are entitled to free preventative care services such as mammograms, flu shots, screens for cancer and diabetes, as well as annual wellness visits.

4. Floridians 65+ are able to use supplemental plans, often termed "Medigap" plans, to cover difference between what Medicare pays and what their actual medical expenses may be. "Medigap" may also be used to cover annual co-pays and deductibles. You also have another alternative – so-called "all in one" or "Medicare Advantage" plans provided by private insurers. Investigate which alternative makes sense for you. But remember – "inexpensive" insurance can be no bargain if it fails to protect you against very high health costs.

5. Under the health care law, Medicare beneficiaries have more protection against fraud and scams. The law strengthens Medicare by adding more resources to catch those who fraudulently bill Medicare.

For more information about Medicare or to find out how Medicare can best serve you, visit www.aarp.org/health/medicare-insurance

Doug Heinlen is AARP Florida's volunteer state president.

Invitation to Gallery East for reception this Friday

Are you enjoying this summer? It seems strange not to be planning community activities for August. However, it is nice to have a break. The social committee works very hard planning interesting activities for us – this is all provided by volunteers! If you would like to be a part of this group, we would love to have you. The next social committee meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 2 p.m.

Don't forget the invitation from Barbara Fife to attend the reception on Friday, Aug. 8, between 5 and 7 p.m. at Gallery East in the Almeida Plaza on Highway 441 in Belleview. Barbara is the Guest Artist exhibiting at Gallery East Aug. 1 to Aug. 31. She will have about 20 of her watercolors in this show. Let's support Barbara and make an effort to attend this reception.

Ladies – come one, come all! The August Ladies Luncheon is on Friday, the 8th, at Blanca's Café located in Ocala Palms. Please call Maryanne Ellner for reservations.

Ladies, how would you like to take part in a "Four Seasons Fall & Holiday" exchange?

Plans are in the works for this event. It will take place at the clubhouse on Sept. 27. Proceeds from this event will benefit Hospice. Watch for more infor-



Quail Meadow
Carolyn Slocumb

mation in the QM Reporter and this article.

Have you received a call from the Marion County Sheriff's office about the CodeRed alert program? You can go on line at marionso.com, select CodeRed to register.

Once you are registered you will automatically be notified of any weather alerts for our area.

Did you know that the Greyhound Bus Company got its start 100 years ago? It got its beginning on May 21, 1914, when a single Hupmobile automobile transported iron miners from Hibbing, Minnesota to Alice, Minnesota. The cost for the round-trip was 25 cents!

Have any of you ever heard of the Hupmobile? I have a picture of my Dad with his. I wonder what transportation will be like in another hundred years.

Remember, if you need to cool off, the pool at the clubhouse is waiting for you.

PEASE

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thousands of unaccompanied children that age up through Mexico and into the United States." They doubted that, "even the Cartels would undertake that chore at any price (Former Border Patrol Agents: Illegal Immigration Crisis Contrived, The New American, July 7, 2014, p. 7)." No, there has to be collusion between at least the Mexican and American governments, they reasoned.

This operation is way too big for children to plan and execute and the establishment media

should be all over those who are. Let's begin with, most come from El Salvador and Honduras. Their migration to the United States would require their exiting their countries border and entering and exiting both Guatemala and Mexico before entering the United States—potentially six check points. When a child appears without an escort adults' notice and everyone teams up to return him to his place.

Why did not the governments of these countries

stop, detain, and return these children long before they got to this country? There has to exist organized collusion on the part of these governments—they do not just allow anyone to cross their borders.

The nightly news now speaks of children who died making the 1500-mile excursion or failed in their effort to cross the Rio Grande River. Our hearts are heavy. This is mega child abuse, as is gang child rape along the way, and American perpetrators should be flushed out, convicted, and serve prison time.

Those who surrender to border patrol agents speak of the belief spread in their countries that America welcomes children. Congress must have hearings on this most unlikely child invasion of the United States. Americans who may have intentionally perpetrated this falsehood, with the intent to weaken border security, should also be identified and prosecuted. Then too, those holding high office found to have intentionally encouraged this myth by not enforcing existing law must be turned out of office even if it is a president of the United States.

Dr. Harold Pease is an expert on the United States Constitution. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He has taught history and political science from this perspective for over 25 years at Taft College. To read more of his weekly articles, please visit www.LibertyUnderFire.org.

You can adopt a cat for only \$5

The shelter cats at Marion County Animal Services announce that the special \$5 cat adoption fee is now extended through Aug. 2.

Because the Animal Center was closed for its three-day pre-scheduled quarterly cleaning and maintenance in late July, department leadership wanted to give residents a few more days to celebrate Adopt a Shelter Cat Summer and bring home a feline friend for a reduced adoption fee.

The \$5 adoption fee includes the cat's spay or neuter surgery, rabies vaccine, county license and microchip, in addition to lifelong friendship. The Animal Center at 5701 SE 66th St. is open Tues-

days-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., but residents can view adoptable pets online anytime at www.MarionCountyFL.org/animal.

For more information on MCAS' Adopt a Shelter Cat Summer, call 352-671-8700 or email animalservices@marioncountyfl.org. Animal Services encourages residents to spay and neuter their cats and dogs to help reduce pet overpopulation and ensure more shelter animals can find homes. Residents can visit www.MarionCountyFL.org/animal for information on Animal Services' Neuter Commuter program and other local pet sterilization resources.

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willingly sell their "dream house" of the future.

This is not the way for county commissioners or School Board members to make friends, which is surprising with elections just around the bend.

You might ask, "Why should I care? I live miles away from there."

Well, if the county decides to build a road in your area, or build a school right near your property, it could happen to you. So yes, you should care.

So we'll have to wait and see what happens. Meanwhile, maybe at one of these county or school meetings, Robin Hood will come riding up to protect the little guy. If you know the story, you know what happened to Prince John at the end (he was banished from England). Could that result happen here in Marion County?

Jim Clrk is the editor of the West Marion Messenger.

SHERIFF

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onso.com, clicking on the CodeRED logo then entering their contact information. At sign up, you may select which types of warnings you'd like to receive. Entering your information will also update our Emergency Notification System with your current contact details. There is no charge to register for this service and you can enter more than one phone number.

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Sheriff Chris Blair
Marion County

This week's puzzle answers

Go Figure! answers

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Super Crossword

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Marion Civic Chorale introduces new conductor

For 27 years the dedicated musicians of The Marion Civic Chorale have brought to Marion County a wide repertoire of classical and popular music. It is time now to welcome new conductor, Joshua Head, to lead the group in its musical endeavors.

Known for his joyful spirit, Joshua Head has swiftly become a dynamic young musician in Marion County. He moved to Ocala with his wife Sophia in 2012 and has endeavored to be a catalyst for beautiful music in Central Florida.

Joshua is the Worship Coordinator at Grace Episcopal Church and music teacher at Ambleside School of Ocala since 2012.

He is passionate about sharing great music with the next generation, teaching composer study courses at Ambleside School and instructing a voice, trumpet, piano, and guitar studio of over 20 youth and teens.

He studied vocal performance at Lib-

erty University from 2008-2012, receiving voice instruction from Dr. Wayne Kompelien and studying choral conducting with Dr. John Hugo.

Joshua sang with the Liberty University Chamber Singers for four years performing the masterworks of four centuries.

He has performed with the Roanoke Symphony Chorus, Roanoke Opera, and the East Carolina University Symposium Choir. During the 2009-2011 seasons, he held major roles in operas such as The Pirates of Penzance, The Mikado, and Le Nozze di Figaro.

Joshua has developed Ambleside School's four choirs with year-round performances and conducts an annual Concert Series at Grace Church. Most recently, he was the bass soloist with the Marion Civic Chorale in Mozart's Coronation Mass.

Joshua lives in Ocala, with his wife Sophia and their joy-filled daughter, River.



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Former conductor Matthew Bumbach passes the baton to new conductor Joshua Head

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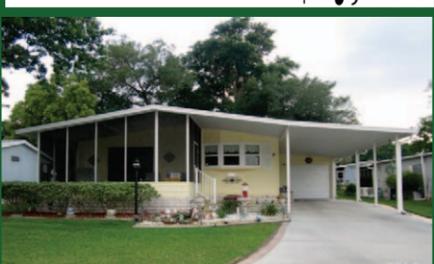
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 <p>5651 SW 56th Place - Lot # 343</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a 1989 Nobility home with 2 beds / 2 baths with 788sq ft. This home has been completely remodeled. All new subfloors, carpet, vinyl floors. Updated kitchen. Bath rooms have been remodeled. New blinds and newer appliances. New landscaping and new irrigation. This home has a carport, shed, and screen room. Located on a large lot.</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; color: green; font-weight: bold;">\$16,500</p>	 <p>5587 SW 59th Street - Lot # 152</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a 1988 Nobility home with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,056sq ft. This home has new laminate floors, open kitchen and built in storage. The guest bedroom has double doors and walk in closet. Master bedroom has a vanity with a private master bath and also has a large walk-in closet. A/C & duct work replaced in 2013. This home has lots of storage and bonus two storage sheds, carport, and screen room.</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; color: green; font-weight: bold;">\$17,500</p>	 <p>5505 SW 61st Lane - Lot # 020</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a 1987 Homes of Merit home with 2 beds / 2baths with over 1,560 sq ft. This is the largest home we have in stock. This home has both a Living Room and Family Room. Bonus Wet Bar. Open Kitchen with Island. Indoor Laundry. Laminate Floors through out home except bedrooms. This home has a carport, shed and screen room. Located at the end of a cul-de-sac.</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; color: green; font-weight: bold;">\$25,500</p>	 <p>5682 SW 59th Street - Lot # 137</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a 1986 Nobility home with 2 beds / 1.5baths with 768sq ft. This home is fully furnished. It has a newer A/C, and double pane windows. This home has been freshly painted inside. Kitchen has white cabinets with a deep porcelain sink. It has a large shed with work bench and a nice sized backyard. This home has a carport, and screen room with tile floors and on ground level.</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; color: green; font-weight: bold;">\$13,500</p>
 <p>5510 SW 61st Place - Lot # 012</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This home is a 1986 Palm Harbor with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,144sq ft. This home has custom wood working throughout the home. The kitchen has all new cabinets with pot and pan drawers and swivels for easy access. This home has been modified for partial handicap access. Open floor plan with indoor laundry and large screen room with vinyl windows and a large workshop with cabinets. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; color: green; font-weight: bold;">\$17,900</p>	 <p>5628 SW 58th Place - Lot # 177</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a 1989 Palm Harbor with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,344sq ft. This home has everything you need, it is fully furnished, with dishes and linens. This home has a newer A/C (03/2014). This home has tall ceilings and large bedrooms with walk-in closets. Large living room with lots of windows. The kitchen has a breakfast nook and a built in desk and lots of storage. Bring your toothbrush!</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; color: green; font-weight: bold;">\$17,900</p>	 <p>5627 SW 59th Street - Lot # 147</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This home is a 1986 Fleetwood with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,144sq ft. This home has been updated. Fresh new color. Open kitchen and large living room. Extra storage in hall with updated cabinets. Large bedrooms with walk-in closets. This home has a Florida Room with air off the living room looking at the backyard. Bonus carport has been transformed into 'All season room'. Shed and double parking.</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; color: green; font-weight: bold;">\$23,500</p>	 <p>6020 SW 57th Avenue - L # 044</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This home is a 1985 Nobility with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,056sq ft. This home has a living room and family room. Kitchen has a pass through area with a wet bar. Large bedrooms with walk-in closets. Large "All Season Room" with a shed with work bench. This home has a large backyard that is private with white vinyl privacy fence. Located on a quiet street.</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; color: green; font-weight: bold;">\$23,500</p>
 <p>5564 SW 58th Place - Lot#169</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a 1989 Homes of Merit with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,344sq ft. This home has laminate floors and carpet in bedrooms. Features a large living room, open kitchen, dining room with built in hutch. Large master suite with walk in closet. Inside laundry. One car garage and carport. Metal Lifetime Roof. A/C less than 2yrs new. Double pane windows. Screen porch and backyard patio. Lots of upgrades, must see.</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; color: green; font-weight: bold;">\$33,900</p>	 <p>6080 SW 57th Avenue - L # 038</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a 1987 Nobility with 3 beds / 2 baths with 1,248sq ft. This home has lots of upgrades, all newer awnings, and double pane windows. The kitchen has been updated and has an open floor plan to the living room and dining room. Master bedroom has a large walk in closet and the master bath has a tub and shower. Screen room with vinyl windows. Utility room is on the same level as screen room. Private yard.</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; color: green; font-weight: bold;">\$39,500</p>	 <p>5548 SW 58th Place - Lot # 167</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a 1988 Nobility with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,352sq ft. This home is fully furnished with high end furniture and 55" flat screen TV's. Features a large living room with open kitchen plan with dining room. Bonus kitchen nook and office area. Large Bedrooms with walk-in closets. Large screen room with windows and lots of patio furniture. Bonus one car garage plus carport. Located on a large corner lot.</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; color: green; font-weight: bold;">\$40,000</p>	 <p>5503 SW 59th Street - Lot # 161</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a 1987 Palm Harbor with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,248sq ft. This home has laminate floors except bedrooms. Large living room with wood burning fireplace. Open Kitchen with dining room that has a built in hutch. Lots of storage space. Large bedrooms with walk-in closets. Newer appliances. Bathrooms have been updated. Large indoor laundry with storage. Large screen room with vinyl windows. Shed. On cul-de-sac</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; color: green; font-weight: bold;">\$27,500</p>

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