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## Amendments described to AAUW Ocala members

BY PATRICIA A. WOODBURY  
 Special to the Messenger

At the September meeting of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the group hosted Judy Johnson from the League of Women Voters. She gave an excellent presentation on the pros and cons on the three amendments and one initiative proposed to be included on the ballot of the Florida General Election on Nov. 4. The three proposed amendments—Water & Land Conservation, Medical Marijuana, Judicial Appointments and the Initiative for Tax for School District Operating expenses—require understanding of the current situation surrounding these issues and lessons that have been learned from others experiences. Johnson presented some very objective information that would be helpful to many resident voters in making their decision on how to vote on these issues. More information can be obtained by

searching online for Florida constitutional amendments 2014.

Did you know that there is an active branch of the AAUW right here in Ocala? Yes, there is and it is associated with the state organization and a nationwide network of more than 100,000 members, donors, with 1,000 branches and 600 college and university institution partners. The Ocala branch is affiliated with the College of Central Florida through the Dean of Health Sciences.

For 130 years, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of education, social, economic and political, facing women today. They do this through education, research and fundraising which provides advocacy, for women, by means of scholarships and awards.

Membership is open to anyone holding an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or univer-

sity.

Under the leadership of Margaret Arthur, current president of the Ocala branch, the group meets the third Saturday of each month, at the Stone Creek Grille, in the Stone Creek Community off Southwest 80th Avenue, for their business meetings which usually include a noted speaker on a current events subject.

The next scheduled meeting of the Ocala branch of the AAUW is Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Stone Creek Grille. The speaker will be Barbara Schwartz who will discuss the water issues in Marion County and the state of Florida.

All Ocala women are welcome to attend these meetings and learn more about this organization. If you would like to attend, please contact Shirley Wells at 624-0007 and let her know so she can advise the restaurant as to how many will be in attendance. (NOTE: Amendment column on Page 8)



Judy Johnson speaks to AAUW.

## Vigil on the Square

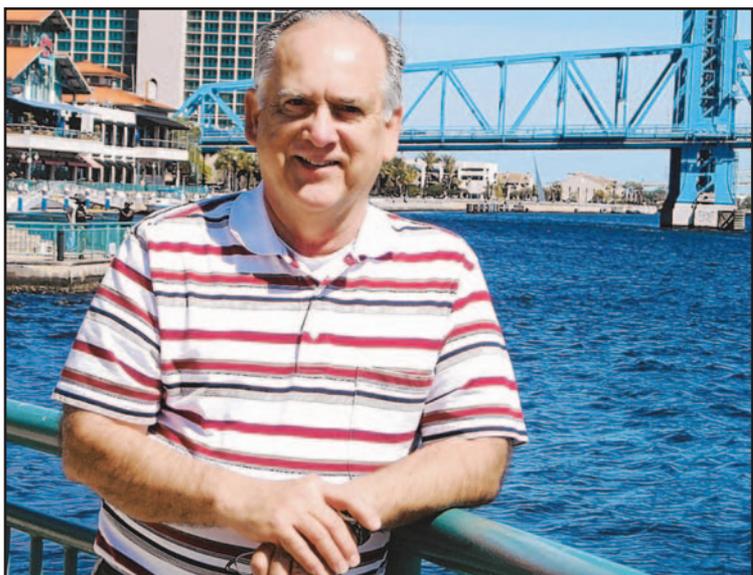
Hundreds gathered on Wednesday, Sept. 24, for a prayer vigil asking for God to help end violence in Ocala and Marion County.



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Signs told the story of why these folks were there.

At the right, Rabbi Baruch Greenstein blew the shofar as sundown approached on Rosh Hashana. At left, top, part of the crowd at the Square, and bottom left, heads are bowed in prayer. Those in front are wearing "God Belongs in My City" shirts, preparing for a march on Saturday, Oct. 4, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.



Richard Gunther Sr. His column starts today on Page 15.

## New Quail Meadow reporter starts today

BY RICHARD GUNTHER SR.  
 Reporter

Photography was always my first love. Raised on Long Island, New York, I worked for the local town newspaper, Merrick Life and, on my bike, delivered The Long Island Press. A camera was always on hand during my high school years, as I looked for important news, the best shot of a fire, a football goal, or a pretty cheerleader.

After serving in the military at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, I went on to William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. During those years, using photography, I was able to learn, and express myself and be able to remain in touch with

film and digital equipment as we know it today. Photography gave me the opportunity to be behind the scenes of several Golf events, Junior Miss Pageants and even getting "up close" at an Elvis concert.

I then returned to New York where my career path, which lasted 30 years, led me to photographic processing and working with several companies: Hazeltine Electronics, Kodak, Noritsu America, Konica-Minolta and finally, Fujifilm, from whom I retired in 2013.

The opportunity to now work on the Messenger, take pictures and report on all the events and happenings is a thrill for me and I look forward to many happy times serving the residents of Quail Meadow.



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# With seasons changing, the thing I miss most about summer

Summer is over and winter is beginning to give us her cold shoulder. The only way I can really handle winter is the hope of summer coming again in all her warm embraces. I can only take the shivers for so long.

In our home, there is a divide over the subject. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage lives for winter and I live for summer. How two people who can be so opposite and still live together harmoniously is one of the mysteries of matrimonial bliss. I endure her complaining about how hot it is during the summer and she somehow endures my shivering throughout the winter. And boy, do I shiver.

I am not so sure what it is about winter that is so fascinating for her. Maybe it is because she gets to wear more clothing than she can during the summer. Or, maybe she just likes the cold. That is not exactly true because once I gave her a cold shoulder and I have been paying for that ever since. She does have that cold stare when I am in trouble, but that comes during the summer as well as the rest of the year.

Maybe she likes winter because in the middle of winter is Christmas. If anybody loves Christmas, it is my wife. She begins her Christmas planning in January and knows exactly what she is going to buy throughout the year. I think it has something to do with when things go on sale or something like that. Personally, and do not let this get back to her, I think it is just an excuse to go shopping. I will not say she is a Shopaholic, but give her a coupon and she is off to the mall. You did not hear it from me.



**Out to Pastor**  
*Dr. James Snyder*

Also during the winter season is Thanksgiving where my wife outdoes herself in making Thanksgiving dinner for all the family. She makes enough for an army and out of deep respect for her, I eat like an army. Actually, I eat until I hear that little whisper from the other end of the table, "Don't you think you have had enough?" What she does not understand is, when I am eating I am not thinking.

As for me, I enjoy summer and all the laziness associated with summertime. All those lazy, crazy days of summer were designed for people just like me. When it comes to lazy and crazy, I am the expert.

I can remember years ago when I was doing something and my wife thought it was a little out of line, she would say, "Are you acting crazy?"

She does not say that anymore because she has concluded, and rightly so, that I am not an actor. If I were acting, she is sure I would get an Oscar.

However, something about summer makes a person slow down a little bit and not be in such a hurry. One of my excuses is that it is too hot to do anything today.

I love that excuse because my wife always agrees. I cannot use that excuse in winter for obvious reasons. According to her, an activity will warm me up. I have never warmed up to that idea.

I like summer because there are so many fun opportunities to get together with family. Every summer we go and spend a week with my son and his family, which is one of the highlights of the summer. I only have one week out of the year to spoil his children so I try to make the best of it.

If I had the ability to manipulate seasons, I would make sure that 11 months out of the year it would be summer. I would have to give one month to my wife for winter, but I would only give her one month. That is about all I can handle. Summer is a time to enjoy the nature God has created. It is wonderful to see green grass and green leaves on the trees and watching blossoms turn into full-fledged flowers.

What could be better than sitting on the back porch with a tall glass of iced lemonade watching the sunset? I love hearing the crickets in full concert and that only happens during the summer. Here in Florida we have little frogs that think they are crickets and chime in adding their voice to the evening music.

Did I mention picnics? What would summer be without a picnic? In my mind, a picnic is an excuse to overindulge in the fine art of stuffing yourself. The picnic is a little different so that somebody cannot query me with, "Don't you think you've had enough?" The "Food Whisperer" is not allowed at picnics. After all, at a church picnic it is imperative that I sample every dish brought to the picnic. I do not want to leave anybody out on this. The picnic is the time to let down your hair, if you have any, and just enjoy food and fellowship.

It amazes me how fast time flies when you are not paying attention. King Solomon understood this when he wrote, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

One man's winter is another man's summer and the joy of life is learning to appreciate what you may not really like.

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## Chabad Jewish Center lists plans for Yom Kippur

On Yom Kippur, the day when Jewish communities across the world unite in atonement and forgiveness, Chabad of Marion County and The Villages will hold a "Yizkor" memorial service, during Yom Kippur prayers.

Recited by community members who have experienced the death—God forbid—of a parent, sibling, spouse or child, Yizkor gives space to remember one's loved ones communally on a day that emphasizes communal unity and personal growth.

Rabbi Yossi Hecht will lead Yizkor at The Chabad Jewish Center on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 12:30 p.m., which is Yom Kippur morning. Services for the day begin at 10 a.m. All community members who wish to attend Yizkor are welcome to join the community in remembering their loved ones. (Services and Yizkor are free of charge and no membership is required)

Yom Kippur is the day when God forgives all of the Jewish people's sins,

both as individuals and as communities. By the same token, Jews around the world will spend the day in prayer—atonement for their sins, thanking God for his forgiveness and focusing on self-improvement for the year to come.

Because of the day's importance, Jews focus on prayer so much that they do not eat, drink, or do work.

Yizkor adds to the day's solemnity and brings

community members together as they begin a new year. (For more about Yom Kippur or Yizkor please visit our website [www.JewishMarion.org](http://www.JewishMarion.org))

The Yizkor service is one of many Chabad Holiday programs, which give Jews the opportunity to perform Jewish holiday rituals and remember their ancestors.

"Yizkor is one of the most powerful moments of Yom Kippur" said

Rabbi Yossi Hecht, who will lead the Yizkor service.

Yom Kippur Services: Friday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m. – Kol Nidrei

Saturday, Oct. 4 Morning Services 10 a.m.

Yizkor Service – 12:30 p.m.

Mincha and Neilah 5:15 p.m. followed by refreshments fast ends: 7:47 p.m.

Service will take place at The Chabad Jewish Center, 3509 SW 34th Avenue Circle, Ocala.

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# Happenings

## Saturday, Oct. 4

### Blessing of the Animals at Joy

The annual blessing of the animals will take place at Joy Lutheran Church on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 1 p.m. in the Memorial Garden.

Pastor Ed Holloway will conduct the service. The public is welcome to bring their dogs, cats, horses, sheep, birds, and etc. to receive the blessing. Owners must be able to control their pets.

Joy Lutheran Church is at 7045 SW 83rd Place at State Road 200, Ocala. For more information call (352) 854-4509 ext 221.

### Blessing of Animals at St. Jude

Saturday, Oct. 4, is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. At 10 a.m. a Blessing of the Animals will take place under the front canopy at 443 Marion Oaks Drive. All dogs, cats, birds, etc. are welcome to be here to receive the blessing of the Lord.

### Yoga in Sholom Park

Yoga in Sholom Park will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Bring a mat or towel and enjoy the beauty of the Peace Park.

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

### Fall tree and shrub sale

The Marion County Master Gardeners will host their annual "Fall Tree & Shrub Sale" Saturday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m.-noon or until sold out. The event will be held at the Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service (2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road, Ocala). Admission and parking are free.

Master Gardeners will have many types of plants available for sale, including: fruit, ornamental and shades trees; shrubs; and selected perennials. Gardening publications, soil test kits and a large variety of seeds will also be available for purchase. Funds raised from this event will support the Marion County Master Gardener program and the youth horticulture scholarship program. No pets are allowed at the event.

For more information about Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service, call 352-671-8400 or visit [www.marioncountyfl.org/extensionservice](http://www.marioncountyfl.org/extensionservice).

### Palm Cay Craft fair

On Oct. 4, Palm Cay will conduct its craft fair, which is open to the public, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the clubhouse. There will be a baked goods sale going on at the same time, and also a quilt raffle.

The kitchen will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to buy hot dogs and drinks for lunch.

### Marion Landing craft fair

The annual Marion Landing Craft Fair will be Saturday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon in the community's Lifestyle Center - 8601 SW 65th Ave. Road across from Queen of Peace Catholic Church on SR 200.

Handcrafted items for sale include jewelry, quilts, greeting cards, floral arrangements, handbags, home décor, paintings, unique gifts and holiday items. Coffee/tea and donuts will be available for a nominal price. Free admission - open to the public. No pets, please. For more information, call 237-7152.

### 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.

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**Sunday, Oct. 5**

**5K run-walk for breast cancer awareness**

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In color run style, participants will have the option of being splashed with pink paint throughout the course.

The event is presented in partnership with Classic Rock WIND-FM and radio personality Hunter, who is a breast cancer survivor.

The run will benefit Dunnellon-based Michelle-O-Gram, a nonprofit that assists women who cannot afford diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds or screenings.

Named after Dunnellon resident Michelle Blauser Standridge, who died at age 33 after a three-year battle with breast cancer, the organization has helped more than 500 women since it began in 2009.

Register for the 5k on active.com – search CF SAB – or print the registration form and drop it off at the CF Office of Student Life in the Bryant Student Union, Room 201. Registration is \$20 now or \$25 after Oct. 1.

Registration will be also be available on race day at 7 a.m.

To learn more about CF, visit CF.edu. For more information on Michelle-O-Gram, visit michelleogram.com.

**Friday, Oct. 10**

**Oktoberfest at Circle Square**

Circle Square Commons will hold Oktoberfest on Friday, Oct. 10, from 5 to 9 p.m. on The Town Square.

Enjoy an evening celebrating the German heritage and be entertained with live music by Alpine Express and the amazing sword swallower, Dan Meyer. Celebrate by eating delicious foods such as grilled brats, Shepherd's pie, sweet treats, pretzels and more from Yalaha Bakery. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Bring the family for an amazing and fun evening and listen or take part in the yodeling contest, get your face painted, participate in raffles and much more amusing activities.

A portion of the raffle proceeds will benefit the MCSO K-9 Unit.

Circle Square Commons Town Square is at 8405 SW 80th St. in Ocala.

For information on other entertainment and events on The Town Square, visit www.CircleSquareCommons.com or call 352-854-3670.

**Saturday, Oct. 11**

**First Congregational yard sale**

It's time again for the annual yard sale at First Congregational Church on Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please note the time change from previous years. Doors will open promptly at 9 a.m.

Shop from a vast array of items which include cloth-

ing, jewelry, handbags, dishes, glassware, cookware, linens, decorative pillows, bedding, appliances, furniture, audio equipment, tools, and so much more.

New this year, we are adding a boutique section for better clothing, jewelry and home decor. For those who may become thirsty or hungry from shopping all the great deals, refreshments will be available for purchase.

First Congregational is located at 7171 SW State Road 200.

**Yard sale at Spruce Creek Preserve**

More than 50 families have signed up for the Spruce Creek Preserve Community Yard Sale to be held Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Spruce Creek Preserve is on State Road 200, 2 1/2 miles west of the intersection with County Road 484. Look for the American flag at the entrance.

**Button Club to meet**

Manatee Button Club will meet Saturday, Oct. 11 at 9:30 a.m., at the Marion Oaks Community Center, 294 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala.

We will discuss the hobby of button collecting and competition trays for the upcoming Florida State Convention.

Our guest speaker is Connie Robinson, a local porcelain artist, who will give a presentation on antique glass buttons made by Leo Popper & Sons. Public welcome — come join us!

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### Sunday, Oct. 12

#### Piano students to perform

Our next Sunday Afternoon Arts at Countryside Presbyterian Church, SW State Road 200, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 12 at 3 p.m.

Leslie Hammes's students from The Piano Conservatory will play the best love classics –and those that should be. The popular Eddy Duchin story theme and "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows" actually came from two Chopin numbers that will be featured in the concert in their original forms. In addition to Chopin, there will be Scarletti, Barber, Gershwin, some Russians, original compositions, an all sister trio and original student arrangements.

Ms. Leslie promises some surprises which she will not disclose. All her students are prize winners. One of whom won his first competition when he was only 4. Another made his orchestral debut at 9. And still another is a surprise local celebrity of immense talent.

Make sure you save the date as this is one of our more popular concerts as we all love to see these talented children perform. Our concerts are free although we do ask for a love offering.

### Saturday, Oct. 18

#### Lions yard sale at Bank of Ozarks

The Ocala 200 Lions Club is having a yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bank of the Ozarks, State Road 200 in the Friendship Plaza. Food will be available for purchase.

#### Arts and craft show

The Queen of Peace Council of Catholic Women will host their annual Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall.

Local vendors will showcase one-of-a-kind art and handmade items. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Proceeds will benefit numerous local entities.

Queen of Peace is at 6455 SW State Road 200, Ocala.

#### Indoor yard sale at Joy

Joy Lutheran Church, located at SW State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala, will have its annual Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Swenson Hall. The public is invited to donate such items as furniture, tools, gardening equipment and sports related items. Kitchen and housewares, linens, books, and craft supplies are also welcome for donation. Please no clothes, shoes or electronics.

Yard sale items may be brought to Swenson Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon, or anytime during the day on Thursday or Friday, Oct. 16-17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Baked goods should be brought on Friday. Please have all baked goods wrapped for sale and labeled, particularly if they contain nuts.

As usual there will be the "vintage" table for the special treasures as well as a craft and quilt section. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Mark your calendar for this well-known favorite community event and join us for a fun-filled day.

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

or Kathy Hoefler (237-6439) regarding the yard sale.

### Sunday, Oct. 19

#### Chamber Music Society concert

The Marion Chamber Music Society (MCMS) proudly presents "The Magic of Strings" featuring internationally acclaimed DUO-B, husband and wife cello and violin team, Dr. Philip and Hirono Borter, on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. at Queen of Peace Catholic Church (6455 SW State Road 200 in Ocala). Admission is free.

Philip earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the prestigious Eastman School of Music earlier this year. The award winning DUO-B has performed throughout the U.S. as well as in Europe and Japan. Philip is originally from Marion County, and his father and uncle were founding members of the MCMS over 30 years ago. Don't miss their beautiful music.

All Marion Chamber Music concerts are "Always exceptional; always free" to the public; donations greatly appreciated. For more information, call 867-1340 or visit our website at [www.marionchambermusic.com](http://www.marionchambermusic.com).

#### Jazz Society to perform

The Ocala Jazz Society will be performing on Sunday, Oct. 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. at VFW Post 4781 across from Oak Run. The band performs on the third Sunday of each month, playing jazz, Big Band, Dixieland and songs from the past. \$3 donation for Hospice, info: 352-237-0234.

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# Opinion

## Our Message

### Three amendments easier to follow

When the November election rolls around a few weeks from now, there will be three amendments on the ballot to be approved statewide. To be placed into the Constitution, they must get at least 60 percent of the vote. That was placed into the document under election laws after the pregnant pig fiasco years ago.

The amendments have been drowned out by the barrage of ads in the governor's race with Charlie Crist and Rick Scott running nasty ads, the ad being run by incumbent Pam Bondi in the attorney general's race (does her opponent know that there's an election coming up...we rarely see him) and local School Board election news.

However, the amendments will have an effect in the lives of many people.

Elsewhere on this page, we are running a story from the League of Women Voters in Citrus County that was published in our parent daily newspaper, the Citrus County Chronicle. It's very factual and the only opinion in it is telling you how this particular chapter of the League stands.

It's not as hard as two years ago, when we had 11 amendments, to learn as much as you can and make your choice before you go to vote. These three amendments are pretty straightforward.

So take the time to read about the items that are going to be on the ballot in November. You owe it to yourself and your fellow citizens to be informed.

### Learn to yield

Marion County residents have been the victims lately in a number of accidents where they pulled out in front of a vehicle on the highway.

One occurred last weekend at State Road 200 and 27th Avenue, when a car making a left turn pulled in front of another vehicle. A worse wreck happened Tuesday evening near Citra, as a woman pulled out of a dollar store parking lot into the path of a semi. She didn't survive.

We've been hearing a lot about accidents such as these recently. So please, pay special attention when you're entering a busy highway. When cross traffic is moving at 50 mph or better, it gets on top of you pretty fast.

Don't be a statistic because you were impatient. Be safe and protect yourself, and we all will be better off.



### I won't miss McPherson golf, but...

Have I ever told you about my experience as a golfer? It was a long time ago, when I was in my teens in New Jersey.

My parents had a summer cottage on a canal at the Jersey Shore (we weren't all gangsters at the Jersey Shore) at a place called Mystic Islands, and we went down there on weekends during the warm weather.

Just up the street from our place was a golf course, and one day in a fit of bravery my father decided to take me out to teach me the world of golf. He was a golfer, a regular, and I was not.

But away we went. I figured, "How hard could it be?" to hit a ball that was just sitting there. After all, I could hit a moving baseball, why not an inanimate golf ball?

We went out and I played the only round of golf I ever played in my life. I struggled to a 103.

Did I mention that it was only a nine-hole course? That averaged out to between 11 and 12 strokes per hole.

If I could find that golf course today, even after Hurricane Sandy played havoc with the area, I imagine the surrounding woods would yield several of my golf balls. I did two-putt a couple of greens - it was getting there that was the problem.

This was all brought to mind recently when the county decided it would ban golfing at the McPherson Complex. The grassy area off Southeast 25th Avenue was a popular spot for drivers (the golf kind, not the auto kind) to practice, with little danger of hitting anything in the wide-open expanse.

The county has stopped all the duffers in their tracks, citing liability concerns. One of the things mentioned was the possibility of golf balls flying out



### Among Friends

Jim Clark

from under lawn mowers and landing goodness-knows-where at a rapid rate of speed.

So I began to think, hey, if the county needs money to balance its budget, why not put up a net and set up a driving range. You could charge so much per bucket of balls and have the golfers practice their driving. The county could get one of those machines with a covering to protect the driver as it scooped up the loose golf balls.

You could even carry it a bit further and set up the netting closer to the road, leaving an area to the east of the range for a miniature golf course. Charging people to play the 18 holes would also add money to the county coffers as well as providing some family entertainment.

However, I expect our don't-think-outside-the-box county government would never adopt such a plan, so I had another one.

If you've never driven to the back of the complex, you may not be aware that there is a baseball/softball field back there.

So I thought, why not build a horseshoe-shaped set of seats around foul territory, put up fences and make it into a Minor League ballpark. You've already

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## Guest column

### Amendments on the ballot

The general election this November will have three amendments for voters to consider. Voting should be easy and voters should be informed. This information from the League of Women Voters in Citrus County was published in the Citrus County Chronicle.

Following is a brief description of the amendments and how your vote will affect them. Amendments to the Florida Constitution are simply changes to rules and rights provided by the constitution. An amendment must receive 60 percent of the votes to become law.

**Amendment 1**, the Water and Land Conservation Initiative, dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands. It requires 33 percent of the net revenue collected from the documentary stamp tax (mostly from real estate transactions) over the next 20 years to go toward the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. It ensures that funding will not be diverted to other areas of the budget.

A "yes" vote would provide for long-term funding for environmental conservation without a new tax; remove the reliance on annual reviews of legislative funding for water and land conservation projects; and promote the enhancement of publicly-held recreational lands and possibly contributing to economic growth through increased ecotourism.

A "no" vote would continue to keep the funding for environmental conservation dependent on the Legislature's ability to make budgetary decisions affecting water and land on a year-to-year basis; and not place language in the Florida Constitution relating to environmental conservation, where it would be difficult to modify or remove.

The League of Women Voters of Florida has studied the impact of this legislation and endorses a "yes" vote on Amendment 1.

**Amendment 2**, the Right to Medical Marijuana Initiative, allows individuals with debilitating diseases, as determined by a licensed Florida physician, to purchase and use medical marijuana. It enables physicians to authorize medical marijuana to their patients; allows caregivers to assist patients' medical use of the drug; requires the Department of Health to register and regulate centers that produce and distribute medical marijuana; requires issuance of identification cards to patients and caregivers; and only applies to Florida residents.

A "yes" vote would provide for the legal use of medical marijuana; continue to prohibit recreational use; and require the Department of Health to monitor the industry, as well as issue ID cards to patients and caregivers.

A "no" vote would not affect the current prohibition on marijuana use in the state of Florida; continue to maintain the enforcement of marijuana laws currently on the books; and not place language in the Florida Constitution relating to medical marijuana, where it would be difficult to modify or remove.

The League has not taken a position on Amendment 2.

**Amendment 3**, Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies, has

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### Reader Opinions Invited

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# Fairfield yard sale this weekend; pool's renovations complete



**Fairfield Village**  
*Priscilla Barnett*

Everyone is invited to come to get in on the great bargains at the Fairfield Village community yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or later. There will be all kinds of merchandise at super-great prices.

The much anticipated reopening of FFV's pool is now official and the area is once again being enjoyed by many of the FFV neighbors.

Hearing the laughter and seeing people having fun in the sun has been missed. That part of the Fairfield Clubhouse area is very much appreciated and very well used by the community.

Many people enjoy using the spa as well and the bubbling water is now available for those who make good use of this amenity.

Special thanks to Dan Ford and the other professionals who did such a good job on the work to add to the pleasure of living in Fairfield Village, "a lively place filled with lovely (suntanned) people." **More photos, Page 10.**



The recent renovations to the pool make the area outside the Fairfield Clubhouse main room very appealing.

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## More Fairfield Village photos



The picnic area, horseshoe pits and shuffleboard courts will be used more in the cooler fall weather.



The bubbling spa in Fairfield Village's pool area is enticing and will be used even more in the cooler fall weather

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got the roads and you could use the McPherson grass for parking. Heck, you might even try contacting a Major League team, say, for instance, the Yankees, and get them to move their upper Class A team here. Wouldn't that be great for the area?

What's that you say? That was already proposed and the County Commission shot down the idea? Oh, well, there goes that outside-the-box thing closing up again.

So I guess the golfers will have to go to Booster Stadium, if that's still legal, or one of the existing driving ranges.

And those of us who like baseball will have to drive to Lakeland, Daytona Beach (which is losing the Cubs but gaining the Reds) or Tampa or Clearwater. And when we do so, we'll take our bed tax and restaurant sales tax dollars with us.

But don't worry, we'll have nicely groomed but largely unused green grass to attract visitors as they come to the McPherson Complex.

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

# Ocala Palms instructor honored after 16 years



PHOTOS BY CATHY DONOHUE

**Luann Mayer of Ocala Palms celebrated the completion of her 16th year as aquacise instructor with a party at Blanca's Cafe. There were more than 50 people who helped celebrate. Luann poses with Cookie Zeuch who showed up in her swim attire and all her pool toys. Below, Ellen Fleming and Sara Backos.**



Sharon Sturgal and Anne Ezzo. More on Page 13.

# AMEND

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the unique distinction of being placed on the ballot by the Florida Legislature. While Amendment 1 and 2 were placed on the ballot in response to citizen initiative, collecting signatures from 8 percent of the number of voters who cast ballots in the most recent presidential election (683,149 signatures were required), Amendment 3 was proposed by joint resolution and passed by three-fifths of each chamber of the Legislature.

Amendment 3 would require a governor to prospectively fill vacancies on the Florida Supreme Court or a district court of appeal when a judge retires, fails to qualify for retention election or fails to secure a majority of votes during his or her retention election.

A "yes" vote would invalidate the Florida Supreme Court's interpretation of Florida's Constitution as to who has authority to fill judicial vacancies; enable an outgoing governor to make appointments to the Florida Supreme Court or a district court of appeal; and possibly shorten the time that a judicial appointment is vacant.

A "no" vote would maintain the current system that requires the newly sworn incoming governor to fill judicial vacancies; continue to allow judicial vacancies to exist for up to 120 days, possibly creating workload issues within the court; and not place language in the Florida Constitution relating to judicial appointments, where it would be difficult to modify or remove.

The League of Women Voters of Florida opposes this amendment and endorses a "no" vote.

With the general election less than 60 days away, the League encourages you to become informed so that you can make your vote count. Our mission is to provide you with the information you can use for decision making. Please contact us for more information at

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# More Ocala Palms photos



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Sharon Goodwin, Sue Primeau and Peggy Maragioglio.



Luann Mayer, standing, chats with Renee Ross, Pam McNamee and Josie Kent.



Pictured here are Nina Verni, Marion Stiegler and Bev Edmond.



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# Third Bingo produces 10 Stone Creek winners

The third Bingo of the year was held recently. It was sold out. Two hundred and fifty six people enjoyed a meatloaf diner. A vegetarian and gluten free meal was also provided. Beth Muller has been heading up the dinners since the inception of Bingo and her husband Karl has been the dishwasher for many years. He must really love Beth to do that for so long.



**Stone Creek**  
*Patricia Gizzi*

This event takes place with many volunteers who come to help cook, set up decorate and get the bingo materials ready for the night and clean-up. Over the years, the Kitchen Committee and then the Kitchen Club have fine tuned the event to make sure that hot food is served family style and quickly. Even with fine tuning, things happen. Beth and Karl spent many extra hours in the kitchen as the temperature in the major refrigerator was registering colder than it should. Foods needed to moved to an

other refrigerator. Then when it was fixed, they watched over it to make sure the temperature stayed at the correct setting. This happens behind the scene and for those coming to enjoy, they never know all that goes on to make it happen. But it did happen thanks to so many volunteers and the board of the SC Kitchen Club.

This bingo saw the introduction of two more games and a computer display of the numbers. Rick Casey was the caller and while he has a wonderful

voice that carries, people could also check the number via the screen.

The Stone Creek Community Kitchen Club hosts a dinner with Bingo night 4 times per year. The proceeds from the dinner portion of the event are used for purchasing new equipment and making kitchen improvements. The current project is to raise money to add a serving buffet in the ballroom. The event typically raises over \$1,000 each time.

Money taken in for the bingo cards is all returned in the form of prizes. Prize money ranges from \$25 for regular games to \$250 for the final jackpot.

There were 10 winners on Friday evening. One prize had three winners. Even those who did not win a monetary prize, had a delicious meal in the company of friends and neighbors. That makes for a winning combination.

The leftover food was sent to the Brothers Keeper Soup Kitchen. The

thank you from Sister Concepta of Brothers Keeper says it all. "Dear Patricia and the Stone Creek Kitchen Club, I am very grateful for the donation of food which we have received from you. Surely we are very blessed in the soup kitchen. The homeless whom we serve daily enjoy a good meal. God takes care of His poor people. Thank you very much.

Please Patricia, convey my appreciation of food to our benefactors. Thanks for remembering us whenever you make something good. God bless."

Sr. Concepta  
Thanks to all who came and enjoyed and all who gave of their time to make this event possible. There are even volunteers who do not play but wash dishes while the others enjoy. Connie Drake has been doing this for many events. It is the volunteers who make this happen.

## This week's West Marion Messenger puzzle answers

**Go Figure!**  
answers

8	-	4	x	3	12
÷		x		x	
1	+	6	+	5	12
x		-		+	
2	x	9	-	5	13
16		15		20	

**Super Crossword**  
Answers

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer

8	4	9	7	5	1	3	6	2
1	3	2	8	9	6	5	7	4
5	6	7	4	3	2	9	1	8
2	1	8	9	6	7	4	3	5
6	7	4	5	2	3	8	9	1
9	5	3	1	4	8	6	2	7
3	2	5	6	7	4	1	8	9
4	8	6	2	1	9	7	5	3
7	9	1	3	8	5	2	4	6

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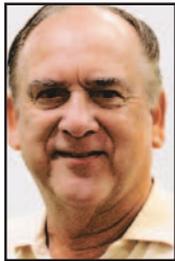
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## Sock hop and car show entertain at QM

Residents of Quail Meadow stepped out to the annual Sock Hop held last Saturday night as the Car Show of Classics started to pull away. The evening was totally excellent as the expected rain held off until all festivities were over. The Sock Hop had great music and vocals provided by "Sounds of Time," who entertained with plenty of the right music for the occasion. Both "Elvis" and "The Fonz" were sneaking around in the crowd adding to the excitement.



**Quail Meadow**  
Richard Gunther Sr.

Meadow Community. We thank you men and women for your service with the armed forces and for being residents in QM.

The Sock Hop is an annual event that entertains residents with great music. The music was quite in form with the event and was done well and with class as the team on site played music and sang. There was also some dance instruction to some of the songs played to help keep everyone up and dancing. Quail Meadow has a continual schedule of events throughout the year. We find the best of the best in entertainment for a community to come together in the clubhouse to hear, and see the entertainment. We offer this in our community to keep people together in

There were enough true classic cars on site for the crowd to see including a model "A" Ford 4 door Towncar with 40hp 3 speed engine that travels at 45 mph. You can see this car parked next to the 1954 Buick in the photo. Both owners are veterans of Quail Meadow, and will be attending the Veterans Photo Shoot on Oct. 8 at noon. Uniforms are optional due to the fact that most veterans were at WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Wars. Quail Meadow has been working for over six months gathering up names of over 71 veterans living here. We are happy to have such a number of service representation here that supported the United States of America. We honor them with a group photo to show our support by the Quail

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PHOTOS BY RICHARD GUNTHER SR.

Pictured with their respective classic cars are Buck Fife, owner of the Model "A" Ford, and Bill Harrel on the right, owner of the 1954 Buick.

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The Sock Hop was Hoppin' inside with what you like to dance to including music and voice. In this photo Stew and Carol, on the left with Dottie and Al on the right dance to one of the many Hits played by "Sounds of Time" for a good time at Quail Meadow.



The tables were set up and the party started giving Marion Gartman (Chairman of the Social Committee) a chance to talk with attendees from left seated; Ron, Carol, Maryanne, and Andrea.

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community activity. Some programs are free, and may only go as high as \$15 dollars depending on who is scheduled.

We also have some notes to list for members of the community. The Social Committee under the direction of Marion Gartman, informed me that there was a correction for the next Social Committee meeting from Oct. 7 to Oct. 14. An-

other note for members who look to the Messenger for updates on events is the Ladies Luncheon to be on Friday, Oct. 10 at noon. The event will be at the Olive Garden, 3363 SW College Rd (Hwy. 200), Ocala. Please call Maryanne if you plan to attend as reservations must be made with the restaurant by Oct. 7. All ladies of Quail Meadow and Guests are invited to attend the luncheon.

As most of you residents in Q.M. know, Carolyn is unable to write her article due to Chuck's health,

so in closing, we who have worked and socialized here at Quail Meadow, wish to send our prayers and thoughts to Carolyn and Chuck Slocumb. I have only been living here for 17 months but have gotten to watch and see Carolyn put together many stories from our community. She has worked during entertainment, meetings, and special events, taking photos and writing notes to capture all information for you to read. Thanks Carolyn for the past seven years of news. We are all here for you and Chuck.

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