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Volunteers sought for local LPGA tournament

The Coates Golf Championship presented by R+L Carriers is planned for Jan. 26 - 31 as the LPGA Tour's 2015 season opening event, and is seeking volunteers to support the inaugural tournament.

The event, which will be held at Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club, will need approximately 700 volunteers to assist in varying aspects of the tournament. Whether you're working with admissions or lending a hand to hospitality, your volunteer efforts will be invaluable to this exciting new event.

"We have been overwhelmed with the amount of support the community has already shown to us. Anyone interested in seeing the behind the scenes action of the tournament and receive the

What: Coates Golf Championship LPGA event
Where: Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club
When: Jan. 26 to Jan. 31, 2015

chance to watch the world's top female golfers is encouraged to register to volunteer," said Lenny Francoeur, Tournament Director of the Coates Golf Championship presented by R+L Carriers. "The volunteers are the heart and soul of the event. Whether you're an avid golf fan or simply looking to get involved in a major community event, there is a volunteer committee for you."

The volunteer fee is \$40 and includes two official tournament golf shirts, one official tournament jacket, one official

tournament hat or a Coates Golf branded visor, one volunteer badge, four weekly ground badges, meals provided on scheduled work days, one volunteer appreciation party invitation, and an opportunity to play a round of golf at the Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club.

If you are interested in a volunteer leadership position and willing to lead a volunteer committee, contact Kathryn Wentzell at kathryn.wentzell@octagon.com for possible opportunities.

The Coates Golf Championship presented by R+L Carriers will boast a 120 player field with 72 holes of stroke play over four days of competition and a \$1.5 million purse.

The event will be played Wednesday, through Saturday, with an early finish due to the Super Bowl taking place on Sunday, Feb. 1.

The driving mission of the Coates Golf Championship presented by R+L Carriers focus is to showcase the Central Florida area as a great place to work, live and golf; as well as giving back to the community through charitable contributions.

For more information on the tournament or to volunteer visit coatesgolfchampionship.com



Kathy Hoefler along with Helen Vance and Patty Corey gathering the gifts to pack the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child at Joy Lutheran Church. See story on Page 4.

Incumbent James favors school tax

BY JIM CLARK
 Editor

Incumbent School Board Chairman Bobby James spoke at the State Road 200 Coalition meeting Monday, one month after his opponent, Jane Moerlie, visited the group.

James told the group he was at a conference in Orlando the previous month.

He said he is in favor of the proposed school property tax that will also be on the ballot Nov. 4. "I am in favor of that millage. We have been looking for that money for seven years."

He told people that if they owned a \$150,000 house the tax would cost them a "Big Mac a month." He said he was a strong proponent of vocational education.

He said he wants the board to provide a report card to the community "every nine weeks" to show where things stand.

"I believe in you, I want you to believe in me."

Koller takes aim at Nugent

BY JIM CLARK
 Editor

A Democratic candidate for Congressional District 11 got to present his case in Marion County last Monday at the State Road 200 Coalition meeting.

Dave Koller, who is running against incumbent Rich Nugent, spoke to the Coalition as members gathered for their final meeting before the Nov. 4 election.

Koller said he was "tired of the bickering," stagnant actions and the behavior of the current Congress.

The 43-year-old works with people with developmental disabilities, educating the young. He said he teaches them to be independent, and "advocates for those who don't have a voice."

He criticized Congress for going on vacation when there are many world problems that need immediate work.

He didn't, however, criticize Nugent, but told the crowd, "I would rather you vote for me and not against him."

Koller blasted Congress for its inaction for veterans. "We lose 22 veterans a day to suicide (in the U.S.)," he said. "Our VA has been broken has been broken..." and he paused to allow the crowd to answer, and he got the response he expected as some blurted out "too long." He added, "I'm frustrated."



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The Ranch Fitness Center and Spa held a re-grand opening last Friday, complete with ribbon-cutting. The Ranch is at Circle Square Commons outside the gate at On Top of the World and is open to the public.



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It's hard being a gentleman today

The week was going quite well until I ran into Ms. PC. I know a thing or two about language and words, but I still am flabbergasted when it comes to the latest PC. I think somebody ought to do a weekly update on this aspect for us who are not up to date.

I do not make any apologies, but I am from the generation that believes in being a gentleman. I know that does not fit well into today's society, but I am rather hesitant to change this aspect of my life. My father and even my grandfather instilled in me that I needed to be a gentleman at all times. It has been rough down through the years, but I have tried to maintain my gentleman's status through life.

Then I ran into Ms. PC. I am not quite sure where these people come from but I know where I would like to send them; as far from me as possible!

I was about to enter a store and as I opened the door, I noticed a lady behind me. This is where my gentleman DNA kicks in. I opened the door, turned to the lady behind me, and said, "After you, Ms." As I said it, I smiled and nodded my head.

"That is," she said in a very angry voice, "the most sexist thing I have seen all week. How dare you?"

Not only was I blindsided by these remarks, but I was dumbfounded.

"Excuse me, ma'am," I said as apologetically as possible.

"There you go again," she glared, "with more of your sexist comments."

Not knowing what she was talking about I just looked at her while holding the door for her.

"I suppose you think you are better than me," she queried. "Where you get the idea that you are better than I because you are a man I will never know."

"I am just holding the door open for you, ma'am," I explained.

"There you are again thinking you are better than I am because I am a woman. Where have you been all your life? Don't you know that men and women are exactly the same?"

Now I was confused. I did not know who I was talking to or rather I should say, who was talking to me. I did not understand what she was saying. I was just trying to be a gentleman.

I thought I would try to explain it to her: Mistake! "Ma'am," I began, and then she interrupted me.

"Don't you dare call me ma'am again. I am nobody's ma'am!"

Now I did not know what to do. Should I walk into the store and shut the door behind me? Or, should I



Out to Pastor
Dr. James Snyder

just shut the door and walk away? At this point, no matter what I did would have been wrong.

"I am just trying to be a gentleman. That's all. I don't mean any disrespect."

I thought it would at least ease the tension in this situation, but I was mistaken.

"That is the problem with people like you. You want me to believe that you are a gentleman and I don't believe it. This world does not need any gentlemen I will tell you that right here and now."

To say I was a little irritated is to grossly understate the situation. Then I noticed something on the door. On the inside of the door was a lock so the door could be locked from the inside. I do not know what come over me, but I am not responsible for the irritation level I was at at the time.

I turned away from the lady, walked into the store, pulled the door shut behind me, flipped the lock and walked away. Out of the corner of my eye I could see that this woman had stepped up to the door and was rapping on the door, all the time her mouth was going a mile a minute. Thankfully, I could not hear a word she was saying. Since she does not need a gentleman, she did not need me.

For a brief moment, I felt a little guilty about my shenanigans. I have never done anything that outrageous before in my life. Sometimes a gentleman needs to show a lady that being a gentleman is a good thing.

I will continue to be a gentleman and I hope this little incident is a rare exception. Today people make it rather hard for other people to exercise politeness. In our politically correct society nobody knows what is good or what is bad.

The aforementioned lady, and I know she would not want me to call her a lady, and for all practical purposes she was not, has no idea the difference between a man and a woman. Evidently, she has never been married.

If men and women are exactly the same without any difference, why then, are there men and women? Those who do not believe that there is any difference have been sold a bill of goods by some slick shyster who is making them look foolish.

The Bible says, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

My standard of behavior is not set by the people around me, but by the Word of God that is within me.

Happenings

Thursday, Oct. 23

Two-day bake sale

On Oct. 23 and 24, the United Methodist Women of Ocala West United Methodist Church are having their annual bake sale with the men's fabulous junkie sale. There will be pies, breads, cookies, candy, etc. We will also be serving lunch both days- a hot dog, chips and soft drink \$3 or Sloppy Joe, chips and soft drink for \$4.

Three-day junkie sale

A tradition of over 20 years, the annual Ocala West United Methodist men's fellowship Junkie sale will be held on the campus of OWUMC on Thursday, Oct. 23 and Friday, Oct. 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to noon. Most items will be in Stanfield Hall. A very nice selection of furniture will be available. A large clothing assortment, household items, tools, electronic, holiday gift items can be found. Always something different to add to your treasures.

Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th St., Ocala. Phone 854-9550.

Saturday, Oct. 25

African Violet Club to travel

The African Violet Club of Ocala is an affiliate of the African Violet Society of America and meets every fourth Saturday of the month except December in Ocala. However, our Oct. 25 meeting is a field trip to the AVCF Show and Sale in Altamonte Springs. Therefore, we will not be meeting at our regular location.

Our next regular meeting is Nov. 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion County Sheriff's Office (Brian Litz Sheriff's Substation), 9048 SW Highway 200, Ocala. Check the website at www.AfricanVioletClubofOcala.org and facebook.com/AfricanVioletClubofOcala.

Dining in darkness with the blind

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(www.flblind.org). Advance tickets only, seating is limited.

Sunday, Oct. 26

Remillard jazz concert

The sixth annual Jazz Concert, featuring the smooth jazz sounds of Charlie Remillard, a resident of Ocala Palms, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 4 p.m. at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 260 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala. A free will offering to benefit Interfaith Emergency Services' Food 4 Kids will be

gratefully accepted.

German American Club picnic

The German American Club of Marion County will hold a picnic on Sunday, Oct. 26, at noon at Coehadjoe Park. Come enjoy bratwurst, Polish sausage, German hard rolls and refreshments. Please bring your own snacks and a dish to share. Music will be provided by Bavarian Oskar. Tickets purchased in advance are \$7 per member or \$10 per non-member and may be purchased by calling Barb Hartmann at 352-751-4207.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Breast cancer survivors meet

The SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) Breast Cancer Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th St. in the Chapel, Room 235 at 1 p.m. Our meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 28, will be a presentation by Meenu Jethwani, Certified Lymphadema Therapist in Marion County. Meenu has been an Occupational Therapist for over 20 years.

Program at Joy Lutheran helps children get gifts

BY PATRICIA WOODBURY
Special to the Messenger

Yuri Lopez is an adult woman now but she remembers when she was 6 years old living in an orphanage in Honduras. There were many children there with few things that they could call their own. But one day a helicopter landed in their rock studded soccer field and delivered some huge boxes. Each orphan re-

ceived from those huge boxes a shoebox with lots of little gifts. Yuri remembers the excitement that this brought to the children, who now had something, they could call their own. Yuri particularly remembers, in her box, the photograph of the girl who packed the box and the letter that accompanied it. When Yuri was feeling sad and forgotten, that photograph and those words in the

letter gave her hope. Operation Christmas Child is the largest evangelical mission for children worldwide in which 100 million shoeboxes have been distributed with the help of thousands of volunteers. This project is under the auspices of Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting

people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet the needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love. Since 1978 Franklin Graham, President and Chairman of the Board of Samaritan's Purse, with God's blessing has seen explosive growth in this ministry. The organization is en-

couraging churches, families, business and civic groups to consider packing the shoeboxes for children (boys and girls) ages two years to 14 years with toys, school supplies, clothes and hygiene items. They are also asking that a check for \$7, made out to Samaritan's Purse, be placed in the box to cover processing and shipping of the box. Last year Marion County in cooperation

with Citrus County shipped 17,814 Christmas Child boxes. Their goal this year is to ship 21,400 shoe boxes. Contributions to the ministry are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Joy Lutheran Church, under the leadership of Kathy Hoefler who is coordinating this effort, said that last year Joy donated 82 boxes. Kathy hopes, through the donations of the church members to exceed this amount this year. She also has been working closely with Mary Ann Curry at Ocala West Methodist church who is coordinating this effort at her church, which is also a relay station for collecting these boxes.

Kathy said that she has some of the red-green boxes but that you can also use an inexpensive plastic shoebox from Walmart or the Dollar Store. She reminds persons participating in this effort not to pack boxes with damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; balloons; seeds; chocolate; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items like snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans.

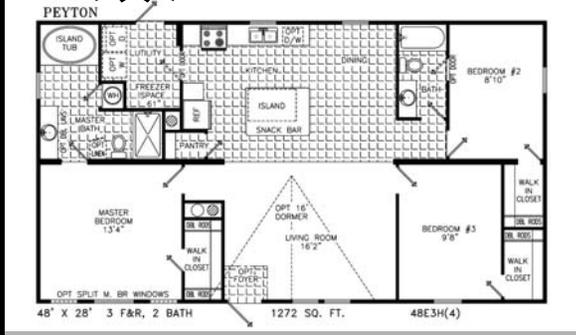
The deadline for boxes to be delivered to Joy Lutheran Church is Nov. 16. Collection week in the county is Nov. 17-24 so that the boxes can be delivered to the Processing Center in Atlanta by Dec. 1-3. If you have any questions or want more information, you may call Kathy Hoefler at 237-6439.

Every shoebox gift delivered by Operation Christmas Child is a tangible expression of God's amazing love. In addition in each box is placed a booklet which tells the story of the life and works of Jesus called "The Greatest Journey." There is also another booklet describing a 12-session class, the children can attend, at the end of which they would receive their own copy of the New Testament. These shoeboxes are a personal connection, for you, to a child somewhere around the world, letting them know someone cares and loves them.

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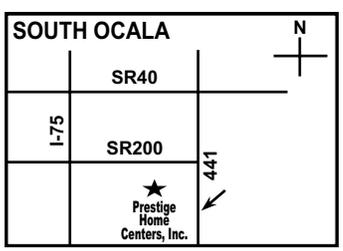
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Veterans' photo shoot excellent with 52 of 75 members in picture

The months of waiting are over. The day for the vets to get together has passed. Trying to squeeze all the men who started arriving at 11:15 a.m. for the noon photo was a success. The social part was obvious as tables were set by the Red Hat Ladies of Quail Meadow and they provided plenty of food and refreshment for the men.

The full group photo of the men was perfect, even better than the individual military branch shots for each group from the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marines.

From watching the socializing that was going on during this event, I know that this group will meet again in January (tentatively on the 16th) to discuss an organized meeting and planning schedule for years to come.

We thank all of you for accepting the QM invitation to have this photo taken. We want the men of Quail Meadow to move forward and organize a good men's group with a purpose of building a stronger relationship between homeowners in our very social community.

This week our photo is of the Air Force Veterans of Quail Meadow. The next two weeks will show the Navy Group then the Army Group, in The Messenger. A full set of photos are posted in the Recreation Cen-



Quail Meadow

Richard Gunther

ter by special request. Copies are available to reprint, just e-mail or call me to order.

Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon was held on Friday at the Olive Garden. As usual the food and service was fantastic and everyone had a good time. The Ladies Luncheon is planned monthly at a variety of locations in Ocala. All ladies from Quail Meadow are invited to attend these scheduled luncheons.

Please call Maryanne or Dottie to reserve your seat. We need a head count with the restaurant of the month so that seating will be planned for the group.

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Sunshine, Angels in Stone Creek



Stone Creek

Patricia Gizzi

Florida is called the Sunshine State and so we enjoy a great deal of sunshine. Having come from the northeast where so many months are dreary, I have come to love the sunshine. I think it certainly should add to ones sunny disposition. I know when I go back to the Northeast, I realize how much I take for granted the sunshine here in Florida.

The Singles Club has a committee called the Sunshine Committee. The committee was formed to send out get well cards to ill singles. Sharon Munzy, who is in charge of this committee, thought the committee was meaningless. Instead of complaining, she decided to volunteer as Sunshine Committee chair person. According to Sharon, "I wanted it to mean more and provide more to single people. The Spirit sent me the idea of "Angels." After all that is what he sends when we are in trouble. I needed to make this a big thing." Sharon has made the Sunshine Committee and idea of Angels here at Stone Creek her mission.

So like any head angel, Sharon went out and recruited other angels in each of the neighborhoods to help her when a single person in their neighborhood needed help. She wanted at least two angels in each neighborhood so she is still recruiting in some neighbors. Now, who does not want to be an angel? In Sante Fe there is Sandy Lynch who is acting as the angel; Pinebrook has Janet Osburn, Fran Askenas, Ann Kirby, Joan Gray and Sharon as angels. Sebastian has Harriett Fallahee, Joan Marasco, Eileen Carra while Buckhead has Susan Bernstein. Arlington has Laura

Mueller, Don Ackerman, Mary Platt, Adeline Demao. While Westin and Longleaf have no angels. If you are single or just wanted to always be an angel and living in these neighborhoods, give Sharon a call. She would

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Shown in the front row, from left, Sandy Lyncy, Sharon Muzny, Janet Osburn; back row, Eileen Carra, Joan Marasco, Laura Mueller, Ann Kirby and Harriet Fallahee.

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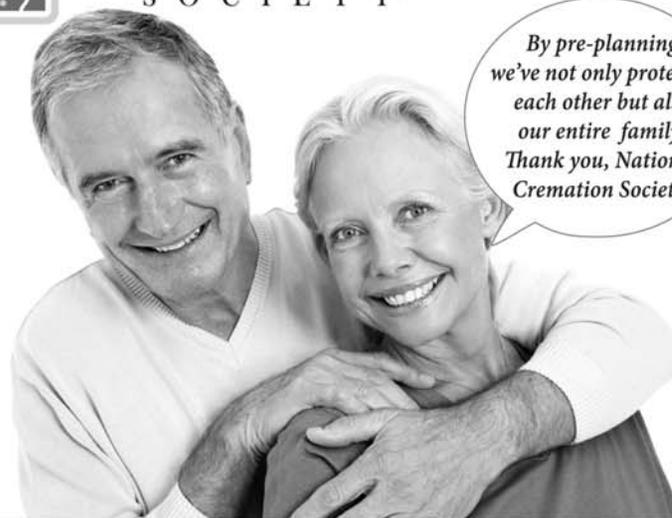
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Previous locations lunch was served at were The Braised Onion, Ocean Buffet, Carrabba's, Mimi's Café and Stone Creek.

After several choices voted on for the Nov. 14 lunch venue, the winner was Blanca's at Ocala Palms. This too is an excellent choice for lunch.

Please be advised to keep in touch with Quail Meadow events by reading the West Marion Messenger that is home delivered every Wednesday

around noon in QM. If you are not getting your copy, please call Circulation (352) 854-3986. My paper deadline is Wednesday by noon. If there is a news event you want to share with other residents in our community either call or email me at GuntherImaging@yahoo.com.

I want to spotlight Quail Meadow residents who are doing volunteer work. Please contact me at my home or by e-mail.



Quail Meadow ladies discuss the coming events at the clubhouse. On Oct. 31 is our Spooktacular on Halloween. This is a costume optional evening that was a fun time in 2013. Shown from left are Andrea Kelly, Debbie, Jeri, and Patty.



Our October Ladies' luncheon was last Friday. Attendees arrived at Olive Garden and are photographed ordering lunch. Pictured from left are Andrea Kelly, Pat Talley, Sue, Grace, and Linda. Pictured on right are Carol, Marie, Jeanne, and Jan.



Pictured are the Veterans of Quail Meadow who served with the United States Air Force. Over the next two weeks the Navy and the Army groups will be printed as we celebrate up to Veterans Day. Can't wait to see all the photos? They are on display in the club house. The Vets standing from left are; Richard Gunther, Bob Berrill, Steve Kane, Royce Smith, Stew Trautman, Jack Younger and Clark Hitchcock. Seated from left; Sam Fargiorgio, Kip Rhodes, Barry Hargraves, Chuck Slocumb, Joe Rhymer and Jack Cunningham.

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<p>1989 Nobility 912 sq. ft. 2 Bedroom 2 Bath Carport/Shed Screen Room</p> <p>5630 SW 57th St.—Lot #299 \$13,000</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This 2/2 has a great open floor plan, new laminate floors, newly remodeled bathrooms, screen porch with optional windows. Great deal at a great price, this one won't last!!</p>	<p>1985 Nobility 1152 sq. ft. 2 Bedroom 2 Bath Carport/Shed Screen Room</p> <p>6020 SW 57th Ave.—Lot #044 \$23,500</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a 2/2 home with a Living room and Family room, Dining room and open kitchen. This home has a 4 Season room and large shed. Large Private Yard.</p>
<p>1987 Palm Harbor 1232 sq. ft. 2 Bedroom 2 Bath Shed Screen Room</p> <p>5503 SW 59th St.—Lot #161 \$27,500</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a 2/2 with lots of living space, fire place, laminate floors, double pane windows, lots of storage, large shed and large screen room located on quiet cul de sac.</p>	<p>1988 Nobility 1352 sq. ft. 2 Bedroom 2 Bath Carport Shed/Garage Screen Room</p> <p>5548 SW 58th Pl—Lot #167 \$40,000</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a large Fully Furnished 2/2 home with bonus kitchen nook, office, one car garage, high end furniture, flat screen TV's and much more—move in ready!!</p>
<p>1992 Nobility 1056 sq. ft. 2 Bedroom 2 Bath Carport Shed Screen Room</p> <p>5475 SW 56th St.—Lot #263 \$26,500</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This is a beautiful 2/2 home with double pane windows, metal roof, A/C new 2011, large shed, laminate floors. Located on quiet cul de sac, must see!!</p>	<p>1987 Nobility 1248sq. ft. 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Carport Shed 4 Season room</p> <p>6080 SW 57th Ave—Lot #038 \$37,500</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This home is 3/2, has newer Double pane windows, awnings, updated kitchen, 4 Season Room, shed, carport, comes partially furnished.</p>

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Opinion

Our Message

Digital access to your estate

Usually news releases from politicians are things that editors and reporters open, casually read, then hit the delete button. Most of them are self-serving and cover items that, frankly, no one outside of government cares about.

That's usually our attitude, too. However, what follows is from a news release that really started us thinking.

While there are so many things to be taken care of when a loved one dies, dealing with their digital assets is something most do not plan for. What happens to your digital assets, like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest, cloud databases, e-mail, and online financial accounts?

These accounts contain much information but cannot be accessed without user IDs and passwords and legally should only be accessed by the original user of the account. Family

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and friends are breaking the law if they access these accounts even just to save family photos or e-mails. Worse yet, some with ID and password information can compromise accounts or post inappropriate information to social media.

Senator Dorothy L. Hukill (R-Port Orange) is filing legislation for the 2015 legislative session that will address these issues by providing access and control of these digital assets to the personal representative of the estate. The personal representative can then obtain information necessary to handle the deceased's final affairs.

Furthermore, the legislation will provide similar authority for a trustee, guardian or agent. Account administrators are now often faced with competing requests for access while attempting to develop oftentimes competing policies to protect the deceased's digital assets.

While some of these accounts might be of actual monetary value such as online investments or bank accounts, there are other accounts that hold items of priceless value as family photos. Being able to access these irreplaceable digital assets is important to the loved ones left behind. "As we become more dependent on technology in our lives from social media to paying our bills online, it is important to consider who

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"I THOUGHT YOU WANTED US TO GO AFTER THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE."

No, no, no, maybe, and 7 more 'no' votes

For as long as I can remember, I've had two basic policies ...always vote no on amendments and always vote no on judge retentions, unless there's a compelling reason to vote yes.

First, let's take the judges. Quick now, without looking, name one appellate court judge who is up for retention. Time's up. Don't worry, I can't either.

These elections are always a farce. No judge has ever been rejected in Florida, even a few years ago when there were strong efforts to oust a couple of the Supreme Court judges.

That's why I vote "no." I've always been in favor of term limits for judges, even up to the U.S. Supreme Court. I feel some of them, especially the federal appointees, get a little too comfortable in their jobs. Ten years on the Supreme Court ought to be enough for anyone, and 12 years for individual federal and appeals judges is plenty. On the state level, where the retention votes take place, I feel the same way. New blood in positions such as this is always good.

There are age limits in place, but a young judge could serve many, many years before that takes effect.

Now, the ballot issues. Amendment 1, which is the water issue. On the surface, this seems good, but when you read what the opposition has to say, it does raise some questions about the intrusion of private interests. As usual, these amendments raise more questions than they settle. So I'm voting no.

Amendment 2 is the one that really scares me. I can just see some Mexican cartel member moving in next door, or some new neighbors coming in with a grow house. People tell me that kind of fear is ridiculous ...but I don't care. That's what I think implementation will



Among Friends

Jim Clark

lead to.

If you think this "medical marijuana" issue is going to keep pot isolated to those who need it medically, then you probably believe in the tooth fairy. The potheads among us are wringing their hands with glee, waiting for this to pass so they can go to their friendly doctor and get the OK for marijuana. Even that is open to question ...you don't need a prescription. I haven't heard predictions on how many more DUI drivers this will put on the road.

I am definitely voting "no" on this one.

Amendment 3 is another one that should scare Floridians. It will allow governors to appoint Supreme Court justices in advance, anticipating the retirement date of someone already on the court. This might be OK normally, but what if a governor is defeated in the election by someone with an opposite political philosophy. He could appoint judges before he leaves office and before the retirement occurs, leaving his successor with a Supreme Court of a different philosophy.

This is a power play by incumbents, something we see too much of in this country. I'm also voting "no" on this one.

One more, the property tax for the

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Guest column

Vote 'yes' for public education

BY GEORGE TOMYN
School Superintendent

In just a few weeks, Marion County voters will decide what the future of public education looks like in our community. They will vote on a millage increase impacting property owners county-wide.

I hope you will join me and vote "yes." Let me explain why.

This one-mill ad valorem tax increase amounts to about \$75 each year for the average homeowner. Expected to raise \$15 million annually, a four-year limit on the tax means it could generate \$60 million total. An independent citizens group will guarantee the money is spent as promised. And you, as a resident in our community, have every right to question that committee just to make sure. The same goes for our school board members and for me as your superintendent.

You may remember two years ago I did not favor a property tax proposal included as part of the primary election. I pledged that, if elected, I would closely evaluate our budget during my first year and determine if additional funds were needed. I have followed through on this promise and it is now more evident than ever that our school district needs additional revenue.

My administration's first year involved major challenges - a significant financial deficit thanks to a sluggish economy and lack of needed state funding and dangerously low reserves. This situation forced us to make painful choices like laying off employees and reducing programs like art, music, physical education, and library / media services.

Let me be clear: I am not satisfied with our current financial situation, and I strongly believe it must be a temporary one. We must restore art, music, library, and PE programs to 100 percent. We must reduce class size and give our teachers the classroom support they need. We can do better, and we must do better.

Our district has three major sources of revenue - federal, state, and local. It is at the local level where this additional millage makes the most impact and where you have the most control.

The millage will replenish elementary schools with their own art teachers, music teachers, and media specialists. No longer will they split instruction time between two schools. A full contingent of physical education teachers will serve our elementary schools, and class sizes will be more manageable and aligned with state requirements. Highly qualified, state-certified teachers will stay in Marion County instead of moving elsewhere. And vocational programs will grow to offer students more exposure beyond the traditional classroom.

Marion County Public Schools is focused on fully preparing students for

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Interfaith plans forum

In an effort to encourage diverse faith groups to challenge extremism and build common ground, The Interfaith Alliance (TIA) of Marion County and the College of Central Florida's Department of Humanities and Social Sciences have scheduled a forum Oct. 30 called "Can We Talk? Civil Discourse Among the Faiths." The public is invited to the free event which begins at 7 p.m. at CF's Dassance Fine Arts Center on the Ocala campus.

Panelists include equine attorney Larry Collins, past president of the local chapter of The Interfaith Alliance and member of the Islamic Center of Ocala; Rabbi Michael Lewis Joseph spiritual leader of Temple Shir Shalom in Gainesville; and Dr. Harold W. McSwain, pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Ocala.

Barbara Fitos, executive director of The Community Foundation who will moderate, says "The polarization of our society has reached new and alarming heights - faith sharing is not exempt - only when we can come together with respect and humility in honest, candid and civil dialogue can we hope to advance those values that speak to the best in all of us. Come and listen to this vital and essential conversation."

The local TIA is part of a national organization formed in 1994 whose mission is to promote democratic values, defend religious liberty and challenge bigotry and political extremism. Please visit www.interfaithallianceofmarioncounty.com or telephone current TIA president Rev. Peggy Hostetler, at 352/629-3897 for more information.

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will be able to access these accounts," said Senator Hukill, "this is an increasingly important aspect of estate planning."

That's the end of the news release, and we have to confess that we are among those who never considered that eventuality.

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the future - whether that be in college, vocational programs, technical schools, the armed forces, or entering the workforce. Unfortunately, this focus has been blurred by a common factor - money. Or the lack thereof.

The last decade has been difficult for Marion County Public Schools. Funding cuts topped \$50 million. Dozens of support positions - at both school and district levels - were eliminated. Teachers were not replaced when they retired. Other positions simply go unfilled. Our technology needs far outweigh our budget dollars, and maintaining our 7,000,000 square feet of school space happens with prayers for no major breakdowns or outages.

Some people say we should cut everyone at the district level - too many administrators. In reality, we are the fifth lowest in the state when it comes to administrative costs.

So while Hukill's bill takes care of the legal problems, it's definitely a reminder that we should prepare for such a situation. You don't want to leave passwords, etc., in a public place where anyone who walks into your computer room can see them, but it is wise to write them down and file them somewhere, then tell your spouse, partner or closest relative where they can be found.

We thank Hukill for coming up with this bill, and we urge passage by the Legislature in the next session.

Our finance department has received the highest accountability award in the country for 14 years running and our district earned multiple national awards for its transparency efforts. A district-wide energy program has saved over \$21 million to date in utility costs. And this year, five National Merit semi-finalists call one of our public high schools home.

We do great things in Marion County Public Schools. We will do even greater things with less worry about our finances.

As a voter, you have the power to impact our community in a great way. Let's invest in our future instead of simply depending on others to do what they should. Let's take charge and make the commitment to repair a major component of our great community - public education.

Vote "yes" for our schools on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

George Tomyn is a life-long educator in Marion County. A former teacher, elementary and high school principal, Tomyn now serves as the elected superintendent of Marion County Public Schools.

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public schools. At the moment, I'm undecided. I really wish the School Board election had been settled in August, so we know where we stand with board members. If incumbents are re-elected, I fear more of the same that we've gotten

in recent years. It's obvious to me we need a change.

But if we get new members, even though some of them are against this proposed tax, I'd like to see them get all the help they can to turn around the school system.

I probably won't make up my mind until Nov. 4. I want to see what new arguments surface in the next couple of weeks (that's why

I'm against early voting).

Regardless of how you feel on any of these issues, the important thing is that you get out there and vote. There are some issues that are vital to the county and the state, so don't sit at home and let others decide it for you.

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

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love for all of her neighborhoods to have angels. Someone alerts Sharon that someone is in need. Sharon calls that person to see what the Angels can do to help. It may be to just send cards or call and visit. It may be to pickup groceries, medicine or prepare food and coordinate doctor or physical therapy care. Of course being the head, Sharon will contact the person every couple of days to check on them and to make sure the angels are doing their angelic work.

As Sharon says, "I NEVER want someone to feel helpless or alone. Not one time has an Angel let me down." Sharon also wants singles to know that even though they live alone, they are not alone. There are people who will be there for you in time of need. She never wants any one to "let loneliness or helplessness ever take over."

What a great idea! This is the spirit of Stone Creek and its residents- helping others in the Stone Creek Community and in the greater Ocala Community. Thanks to all the 'angels in Stone Creek' and to Sharon for heading the committee.



Angels in the Reflection Garden.

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WM CLASS AD FORM 3.9.11

Annual spaghetti dinner a success

Saturday, Oct. 11 was the date and 5 p.m. was the time for the annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser hosted again this year by Loretta Zang and those who helped her with the delicious meal.

The menu included the meatballs and special sauce recipe made by Loretta Zang along with her friend Jean Chapman.

Additionally, there was garlic toast, tossed salad and delightfully decorated sheet cakes cut in generous portions for all those gathered in the Fairfield Village Clubhouse.

The surprise of the evening was the entertainment provided by a former neighbor, Sandy Williams.

She did a hilarious "spoof" of the Patsy Cline favorite "He's Got You." Tucked inside the top of her sequined outfit were items that were pulled out and brought to the attention of the audience.

With grand flourishes items mentioned or suggested by the song appeared with great emotional attention given by the "songstress."

Records, letters, photos, a class ring, a delicate lace fan, a very long red feather boa, and other items appeared as the



Fairfield Village
Priscilla Barnett

bust line of the dress dwindled. Much laughter was followed by warm applause after the entertainment was completed.

Everyone obviously enjoyed the presentation.

The evening was a huge success and Loretta Zang asked that the following people be recognized for their special contributions to the evening. Sincere thanks go out to Jean Chapman, Ed and Frann Glenney, Joe and Simone Vitagliano, Linda Urbanowicz, Sandy Williams, and to all those who pitched in to help with the set up and cleanup after the event.

As usual, there was plenty of volunteer help from members of our community since Fairfield Village still remains "...the lively place filled with lovely (and helpful) people."



Recently returned "snowbird" couples, Ed and Ann Glassman along with Carol and Jim Meissner enjoyed getting to know new additions to the FFV community, Linda and Mike Joanis as they shared a table and conversation before and during the delicious spaghetti dinner.



Loretta Zang, right, thanks Sandy Williams, left, for her hilarious rendition of Patsy Cline singing "He's Got You." The audience thoroughly enjoyed the surprise entertainment of the evening by the popular former member of the Fairfield Village community.

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