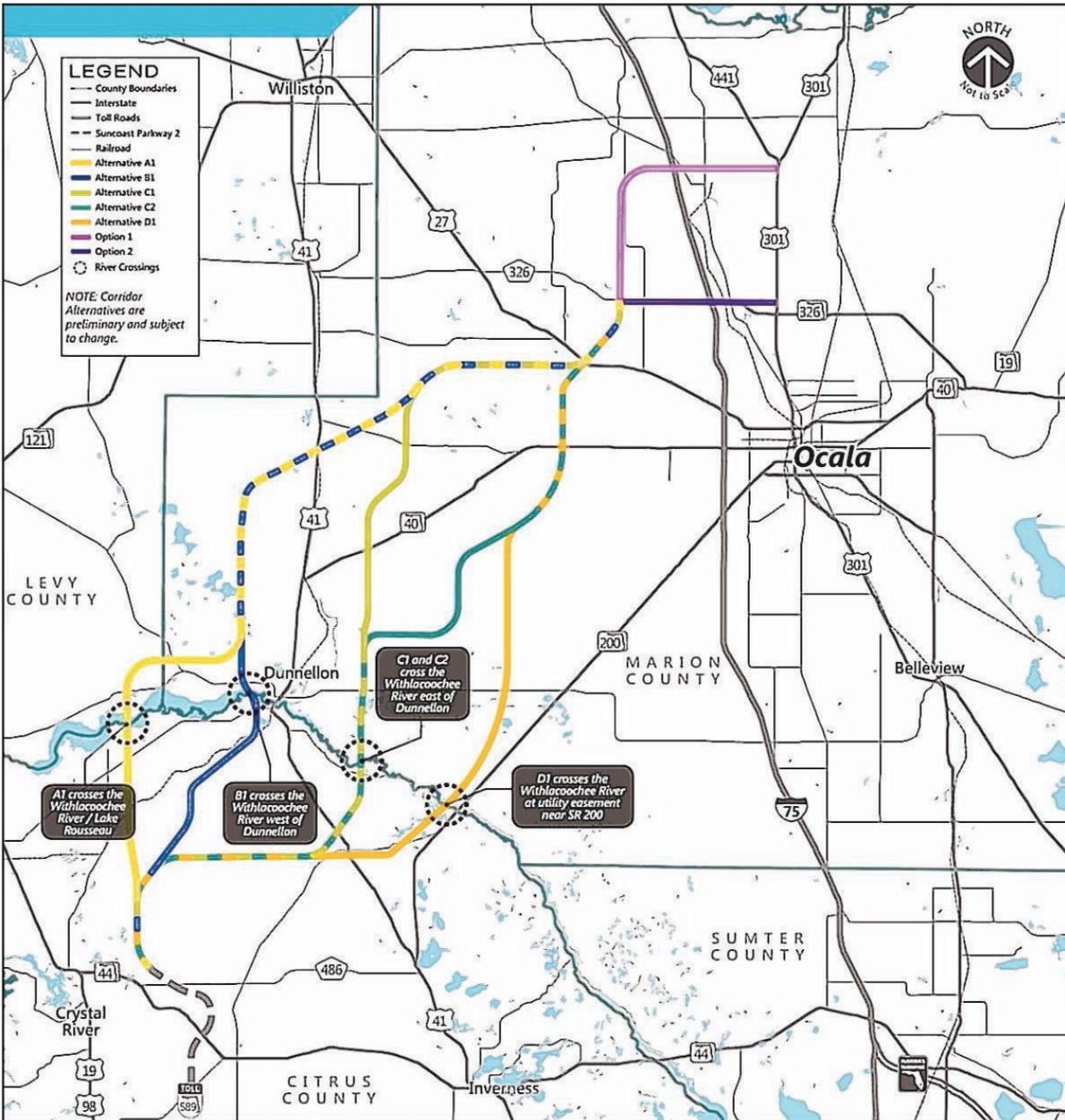




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Proposed route.

## Proposed routes revealed for new toll road

BY MICHAEL D. BATES  
*Citrus County Chronicle*

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has released the proposed routes for the proposed Coastal Connector highway.

The routes were unveiled last Thursday in Crystal River and were to be presented again Tuesday evening at the Hilton in Ocala.

The Coastal Connector would extend the Suncoast Parkway through Citrus and Marion coun-

ties to hook up with either the Interstate 75 or U.S. 301 to ease traffic on the interstate and provide a more direct high-speed route between the Ocala region and Tampa Bay, in addition to providing another hurricane evacuation route on the state's west coast.

The routes were the result of a \$3 million study by Montgomery Consulting Group of Winter Park.

About 8,000 people recently got a letter from FDOT notifying them that their home is within 300 feet of a proposed connector

highway.

Kelda Senior, spokeswoman with Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, said nothing is etched in stone at this point and funding beyond this initial survey has not even been secured. Whatever is decided — if anything — is years away, she said.

Contact Chronicle reporter Michael D. Bates at 352-563-3205 or mbates@chronicleonline.com. Contact Chronicle reporter Michael D. Bates at 352-563-3205 or mbates@chronicleonline.com.

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For more information, contact the City of Ocala Cultural Arts Office at 352-629-8447 or artwalk@ocalafl.org or visit www.ocalafl.org/artwalk.

## Gas prices: Most costly April ends

Monday was the conclusion to what was the most expensive April at the gas pump in four years.

- Nationally, April gas prices averaged \$2.72 per gallon - an increase of 33 cents from April 2017
- Throughout the month, the national average rose a total of 15 cents
- In Florida, April gas prices averaged \$2.67 per gallon - an increase of 25 cents from April 2017
- Throughout the month, the state average rose a total of 10 cents

Nationwide, Americans are paying 42 cents per gallon more than they did this time last year. The national average of \$2.81 is the highest in more than three years (November 2014).

Florida gas prices averaged \$2.74 on Sunday. Click here to view today's average. Sunday's daily average is the same as last week, yet 10 cents more than a month ago, and 32 cents more than last year.

• The most expensive gas price averages in Florida are in West Palm Beach-Boca Raton (\$2.86), Crestview-Fort Walton (\$2.84), and Pensacola (\$2.81)

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## Torch run

The 5K Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch run took place Friday, April 27, through the streets of Ocala. Here, Giovanni Rodriguez, far right, leads the runners on Pine Avenue in front of the police station.



PHOTO BY RON RATNER

# The months go flying by at Quail Meadow

What happened to April? It's hard to believe that it's already May. Do you remember the Maypole? The kids today probably don't even know what one is. The Maypole dance is a form of folk dancing that originated in Germany, England, and Sweden. May 1, May Day, is an old celebration to welcome the beginning of spring. At one time, it was the custom to put a basket of flowers on the door of your friends. The Maypole dance was done with a large pole with ribbons hanging on it; the dancers would hold one of the ribbons and dance in a pattern around the pole; the girls dancing were usually dressed in frilly dresses. At one time, the Maypole was an annual event in most schools, but apparently, began disappearing in the 1960s (I remember dancing in the Maypole dance in college in the 1950s).

With May come the activities for the community. The first event will be Friday night at 7 at the clubhouse. This is First Friday – the time we get together to visit with friends and neighbors. Poppi will not be with us this week; however, there will be music, for dancing and listening, provided by CDs. Also, there will be a 50/50 drawing – these funds are used to help with the expense of our paid entertainment. Plan to bring a snack and come join us Friday night.

Do you want to know what is happening in our community? If so, come to the QMPOA Board meeting on Monday, May 7, at 7 p.m. There are 2 vacancies on the QMPOA Board of Directors. If you would like to serve with this group, please contact any cur-



**Quail Meadow**  
Carolyn Slocumb

rent board member for more information.

The big party for the month will be on Friday, May 18. This is the night of the Quail Meadow Derby. The races will begin at 7. Sandwiches, chips, and sodas will be provided at the "half-time" period. Tickets, for a donation of \$8, are available from Judi Hargraves and Grace Maguire. Remember: No tickets will be sold at the door on the night of the party. You must get your ticket by May 15 – this is necessary because the food must be ordered.

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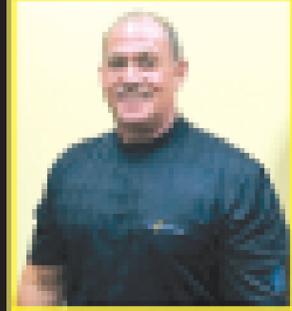
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# How to trick summer into coming early

Just when you think summer has come, winter giggles and sticks her icy nose into my life.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were talking; rather she was talking and I was listening. That is what makes us a great pair. She talks, I listen and our world goes rolling on.

What she was talking about was summer. "When," she asked, "will summer really get here?"

We talked a little bit about summer

coming, when it is going to come and what we are going to do when summer actually gets here. She had a long list of activities she was anxious to jump into. Unfortunately for me, most of those activities were visiting thrift stores.

Soon the wife had to get up and do something in her craft room. When she left I got to thinking about the upcoming summer. What in the world can we do to hurry summer along?

If it were up to me, winter would only be one month long and the rest of the time it would be summer. As you know, Mrs. Winter has a domineering spirit and wants to be here all the time, even when she is not welcome.

As I was thinking about this, I thought there must be some way we can trick Mr. Summer into coming earlier. After all, everybody can be tricked into something, whether they like it or not. I know I've been tricked into many things and it's hard to un-trick yourself when you get tricked by someone like my wife.

Then a thought hit me. When I got up off the ground, for I am not accustomed for a thought to hit me, I sat back in my chair and smiled very broadly. I think I know what we can do. I believe I know how to trick good old Mr. Summer.

Everybody is really invested in themselves to some degree. The same can be said for Mr. Summer. Why not convince him that he is not needed anymore in our life?

Get up in the morning when it's very cold, put on a coat, go outside and dance and sing and just enjoy the coldness of the weather. Maybe one song we could sing is, "I Don't Need Summer Anymore." Just pretend that we love the cold and the colder it is,



**Out to Pastor**  
Rev. James Snyder

the more we love it. I don't think it would take long for Mr. Summer to get jealous of Mrs. Winter and want to come back as soon as he can. Nobody likes to be out flagged on anything particularly in this category.

I was sitting in my chair with a smile all over my face and my wife came in and said, "Why are you smiling?"

"I was just thinking," I said, "how nice it is on such a cold winter day to spend the time indoors with you."

She smiled and went back to her craft room. I guess it really does work.

I thought of one of my favorite Bible verses. "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

Even though I am very impatient about many things, like Mr. Summer, I am so thankful that God is patient toward me in all things.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240.

## GAS

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• The least expensive gas price averages in Florida are in Tampa Bay (\$2.67), Orlando (\$2.67), and Melbourne-Titusville (\$2.68)

"Although this was the most expensive April gas prices we've seen in years, fuel is still nearly a dollar less than what we paid in April 2014," said Mark Jenkins, spokesman, AAA - The Auto Club Group. "The higher prices at the pump are mainly a result of a tightening oil market, which leaves us prone to price hikes based on geopolitical tensions and supply shortage concerns. Crude prices are about 33 percent more expensive than they were this time last year. Expensive oil means expensive gasoline."

Fuel prices rose even after crude oil and gasoline supplies increased last week. Oil stocks rose 0.1 percent and gasoline climbed 0.4 percent. However, these gains would have been more significant had the U.S. not exported a record amount of fuel. Crude oil exports surged to 2.3 million barrels per day, shattering the previous record of 2.175-million, according to the Energy Information Administration's latest supply data. The main recipients of U.S. fuel exports were Central and South America, and firms in Europe and Asia. Despite U.S. oil production rates at 14 percent better than a year ago, inventory levels are down 10 percent.

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# Happenings

## Friday, May 4

### Bonsai Exhibit

The Marion Bonsai Society and OTOW Master the Possibilities are hosting the annual bonsai exhibit at the Master the Possibilities lobby, 8415 SW 80th St., Ocala. The exhibit is free and runs from Tuesday afternoon, May 1 through noon Friday, May 4. Specific times are: 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday. Over 30 trees are on display by approximately 10 exhibitors. The age of trees vary from about 3 to over 30 years.

Two one-hour workshops are available for \$5 (free for OTOW residents). The first is "Basics of the Living Art of Bonsai" by Peter Wood at 1 PM on Wednesday, May 2. Peter will present basic horticulture and artistic principals of bonsai. The second is "The Living Art of Bonsai - Demonstration" by artist David VanBuskirk at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 3. David will create a bonsai tree from nursery stock material. To register for these classes go to [www.masterthepossibilities.org](http://www.masterthepossibilities.org) or call (352) 854-3699.

## Thursday, May 3

### Travel Group plans spring meeting

The Travel Bugs of Marion County will meet at Freedom Public Library on Thursday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to noon. Membership is free. Learn about Travel Bug Florida's 2018 and 2019 plans for senior travel. This is the group to join if you are looking for an opportunity to meet others who share enthusiasm to learn and discover. Local day trips, short overnight escapes, and longer domestic and international excursions are highlighted in the months ahead.

Travel that entertains, informs and provides some assistance to Marion County organizations who support senior citizens will be highlighted. Making new friends and sharing super

experiences are guaranteed to contribute to happy days ahead.

## Friday, May 4

### CF commencement

The College of Central Florida will hold its spring 2018 commencement Friday, May 4, with two ceremonies to honor graduates. Both ceremonies will be held at First Baptist Church of Ocala, 2801 S.E. Mari-camp Road.

At 3 p.m., students receiving certificates, Associate in Science and bachelor degrees will be recognized. The second ceremony, for students receiving an Associate in Arts, will begin at 6 p.m.

In addition to student speakers, the commencement address will be delivered by CF Associate Professor Tom Ziesemer, 2018 recipient of the American Association of Community Colleges Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award. Luther Drummond, chairman/CEO of Drummond Banking Company and 1963 graduate, will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award.

For those unable to attend, the ceremonies will be webcast live at [CF.edu/graduation](http://CF.edu/graduation).

For more information, call the Ocala Campus at 352-854-2322, ext. 1391 or ext. 1739; Citrus Campus at 352-746-6721; or Levy Center at 352-493-9533.

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### Car show and chicken barbecue

Car Show and chicken barbecue dinner will be held at Ocala West United Methodist Church, Friday, May 4, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The car show will be held in the parking lot next to the pavilion. The Men's Fellowship will be offering chicken to eat in or take out prices: \$8 for 1/2 chicken dinner with baked beans, coleslaw, and roll, \$6 for 1/2 chicken only or 1/4 chicken dinners. Boy Scout Troop 707 sponsored by OWUMC will be selling hot dogs with chips and a drink for \$4.

Ocala West UMC, 9330 SW 105th St., Ocala (352)854-9550.

## Saturday, May 5

### Sholom Park yoga

Sholom Park Yoga begins for the season. Class begins at 9 a.m. under the pavilion. For more information, call Ingrid 854-7950.

## Monday, May 7

### Ocala Chapter of Hadassah

The monthly meeting of the Ocala Chapter of Hadassah will be held on Monday May 7 at 10 a.m. at the Bank of the Ozarks, 8375 SW Highway 200 in Ocala. The meeting will feature a representative from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, who will address the group on the topic of personal safety. Judi Siegal, president of the chapter will preside. All are invited to attend and refreshments will be served. For information please contact Judi. ([morrobay03@embarqmail.com](mailto:morrobay03@embarqmail.com))

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to its partnership with the land and people of Israel. It enhances the health of people worldwide through its support of medical care and research at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem. Hadassah empowers its members and supporters, as well as youth in Israel and America through opportunities for personal growth, education, advocacy and Jewish continuity.

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## Wednesday, May 9

### Drama Team at Crossroads

The Heirborne Drama Team will be presenting the 2018 program "Last Chance" at Crossroads Church of God on Wednesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. This dynamic group of young people combine mime, interpretive sign language and contemporary Christian music to bring a challenging message that appeals to young and old alike. Over the past 18 years, this team has traveled to many states and the Ukraine. One of the most exciting times was a dramatic patriotic performance on the stage at Mt. Rushmore. The public is invited to come experience "Last Chance". Crossroads is at 8070 SW 60th Ave. in Ocala.

## Friday, May 11

### Tribute to John Denver

On Friday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m., Ted Vigil returns to the Reilly Arts Center for a special tribute to John Denver. Tickets start at \$10. The Reilly Arts Center is at 500 NE 9th St., Ocala.

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# Fairfield Village results: Bingo 1, Sock Hop 0

Well, you “can’t win ‘em all” ... or so it would have seemed on Saturday night April 21. The folks who worked hard to put together the “Sock Hop” found that their efforts mostly went unrewarded. Where were the “hoppers”?

Seriously, I know full well after having been a fund-raiser for years that some events just don’t pan out. Why? Who knows? Probably any other time the “Sock Hop” would have been a big success. They have been in the past for sure, but this was not one of those times.

When I went up to our Clubhouse to get some photos of the neighbors dancing in their sock feet, what I



Fairfield Village  
Priscilla Barnett

found was a fairly small number of people ... some playing cards; some listening to the music provided by Kathy and Charlies Scimeca; and some out in the pool area enjoying the water.

Honestly, I went just to get photos because this reporter is definitely not a dancer. I was born clumsy and never got any better. So ... I don’t usually

show people that I am so awkward by attempting to dance. I do know that is not the case for many of my neighbors though.

I think the timing was just not right this time for whatever reason. Our snowbirds flew back to the North about three weeks ago, and most of them are very inclined to dancing. Maybe that was it. Also, there were a number of other activities in and around Marion County over the weekend and that could have affected the turnout.

Anyway, I do sympathize with Connie Dorer and her crew who had worked to put together a nice evening with delicious refreshments as well.

When I spoke to Connie, however, she was as upbeat as she usually is and said, “Oh, well. It’s OK. We’ll try again another time.

That’s just like our new Social Club president who has taken over after the recent loss of our long-time president, Bart Rich. It seems she’s always positive.

Moving on just two days later, I went up to the Clubhouse on Monday, April 23, to see how bingo was doing. I wanted to see if there were a bit of a

slump there as well. You can see by the accompanying photo that there seems to be no problem with the enthusiasm for attempting to be able to shout, “bingo!”

And, even though, as said earlier, “You can’t win ‘em all,” people do win at Bingo. While I was there, my friend, Ann Glassman, was the lucky one to be able to call out the winning word. The smile on her face was evidence of the fun she and others at her table were having.

Regardless of the number of participants, there is almost always something good going on in the FFV Clubhouse. It is nice to live in a neighborhood where happy conversation, laughter, music, or bingo! can be heard on a regular basis in our Clubhouse.

Hopefully, the Social Club will try the “Sock Hop” again soon so that the sounds of music from the ‘50s and ‘60s can be heard all throughout the FFV Clubhouse.

From “the lively place filled with lovely people” that we call Fairfield Village, we hope that the sounds you are hearing are happy, joyous, and pleasant as well.



Ann Glassman is very happy when she wins at bingo, but she enjoys playing anyway.



The Clubhouse was nearly full on Bingo Night, Monday, April 23. FFV neighbors enjoy the game.



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# Dads Want Steak

## Give your dad the best for Father's Day

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**D**ads typically love steak, so this Father's Day, go ahead and shower him with some love straight off the grill. You can make the day even more memorable by sharing the grilling experience together.

In fact, it may be the perfect chance to teach your old man a thing or two with these tips from Omaha Steaks Executive Chef Grant Hon.



**Choose Your Protein**

Selecting quality protein is the starting place for an exceptional grilled meal. For example, the ribeye is the most well-marbled steak, meaning it's super juicy, rich with beefy flavor and excellent on the grill.

**Prepare the Grill**

Always start with clean grill grates. Heat your gas grill to high or start your charcoal 10-15 minutes before you grill. Dip a paper towel in oil using tongs and oil your grill grates before adding steaks for a great sear.

**Prepare the Meat**

Pat steaks dry with a clean paper towel and season them before they

hit the grill. You can't go wrong with simple sea salt and cracked pepper, but creative recipes like this Dukkah Rub can add a special twist.

**Sear and Crust**

Cook steaks directly over your heat source to get a tasty, crunchy sear on the outside of the steak. This is where the best flavor comes from, and it offers a delicious contrast to the rich, juicy inside of the cut.

**Control Your Cook**

Keep the grill cover closed as much as possible to maintain a

temperature of around 450 F. This helps lock in flavor and prevent flare-ups. Remember the marbling on a ribeye means more fat, which melts during cooking. This is a good thing, but you may experience more dripping or flare-ups if you're used to grilling leaner steaks.

To minimize the need to open the grill cover, determine the amount of time you'll need to reach your desired doneness then use the 60-40 grilling method. Grill 60 percent on the first side then 40 percent after you turn the steak over for an even cook.

**Let it Rest**

A resting time of at least 5 minutes allows steak juices to redistribute for the best eating experience. A foil tent can help regulate temperature during the resting period.

**Garnish and Flavor**

Whether you're grilling vegetables, sauteing onions or adding a different kind of sweet or savory topping, just before you serve is the right time to garnish your steak.

Find more expert tips for summer grilling and the perfect Father's Day gift at OmahaSteaks.com.

**Dukkah Rub**

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Active time: 5 minutes  
Serves: 12

- 1/3 cup sliced almonds, roasted with no salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fennel seeds
- 2 tablespoons Omaha Steaks Private Reserve Rub
- 2 teaspoons sesame seeds

On cutting board, chop almonds to rough texture and add fennel seeds, chopping until mixture is fine. Place almond and fennel mix in bowl and add rub and sesame seeds.

**TASTY TOPPERS**



Once you pull a juicy steak away from the flame, there's only one way to make it better: toppings that create a true taste explosion. When they're prepared with fresh, premium ingredients, your friends and family may not be able to get enough of these sweet and savory additions. Simply mix them up while your meat is on the grill, or skip a step and rely on Omaha Steaks Toppers to capture the same delicious flavors without the prep work.

**Crispy Onions and Jalapenos:** Savor a one-two punch of crispy onions combined with spicy jalapenos for some crunch with a kick.

**Dijon Mustard Aioli:** Blend Dijon and whole-grain mustard with creamy Greek yogurt, garlic, tarragon and white pepper for a rich, tangy topping.

**Mushrooms and Blue Cheese:** Mix hearty mushrooms and full-flavored blue cheese with your favorite savory spices and a splash of sherry wine.

**Smoky Bacon Jam:** Start with the finest cuts of bacon browned to crispy perfection then add caramelized onion and an accent like brown sugar or balsamic vinegar.

**Sweet Bourbon Onions:** Warm things up with a medley of natural honey, bourbon whiskey and sherry wine offset by zesty red onions and balsamic vinegar.

**Tomato Jam:** Experiment with your favorite varieties to find the perfect balance of crushed tomatoes, sweet gherkins and seasonings.

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2"	8 min	6 min	9 min	8 min	10 min	8 min	13 min	11 min

# Celebrating National Nurses Week at Ocala Palms

**BY BARB DEDICS**  
*Special to the Messenger*

Many may not be aware that May 6-12 is 2018 National Nurses Week. The career of a nurse is well respected and at one time or another during your life, you will be the recipient of the 3 "C's" of a nurse ... comfort, compassion and care. Most of the time, you need to see a doctor for whatever reason, you will see the nurse first. Personally, I have always felt they are the "Backbone of Doctors".

The community of Ocala Palms Golf & Country Club is fortunate to have many residents who chose the path of this rewarding career. While most are retired, there are a few still fulfilling their dream of caring for others. They all have indicated this career, at times was very exhausting, however they all are strong willed and enjoyed the satisfaction of helping their patients. The nurses I spoke to have an average of 35 years of experience, having worked in numerous capacities from pediatrics, physical therapy, ER - trauma, ICU, criti-

cal care - heart surgery/recovery, other major surgeries, orthopedic, endoscopic, psychiatry nursing, just to name a few. There were several reasons these people went in to this profession, however, the majority said they wanted to help others. They indicated that being a nurse, each and every day you know you will touch a life or a life will touch yours.

Sadly, this country's nursing shortage has been intensifying. Report has it that by 2020, 44 states will probably be facing a serious deficit. This is due to the fact, most people don't want to be working the long grueling hours with limited pay. Registered nurses in hospitals and nursing care facilities work around the clock, usually on rotating shifts and their schedules include weekends, evenings and holidays. One has to be a "special" kind of angel to endure the high demand and sometimes negative aspects in this profession. In addition, they can be exposed to communicable diseases, risk of injuries from lifting and moving patients. A good nurse must have excel-



**Front - Sue Grund, Carol Sullivan, Pat Herndon, Linda Diaz; back - Joan Wesnofske, Carlene Pelletier, Sue Floyd, Karen Smith, Sue and Bob Pantling, Kay Negron and Chris Paulus.**

lent bedside and communication skills, not only with the patient, but co-workers and doctors. A requirement to maintain a high level of confidentiality concerning health records is also a must.

While nurses have the knowledge and the caring to help others, the

majority of the ladies and gentlemen are retired and have focused their lives to health care in the past. Therefore, with all due respect, unless they offer a suggestion, your own best prescription is to contact your own personal health provider if you

have a health question.

The above is just a synopsis of the nursing profession. Should you happen to meet up with a nurse or a retired nurse in your travels, please give them a "High Five". They may have just taken care of you or a loved one

during their career. Personally, I know of three nurses who are now my neighbors, who worked at hospitals in the No. Virginia area when I was a patient there. I didn't know them then, but I wouldn't be surprised had our paths crossed.

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# Opinion

## Our view

### D.C. speech was tacky

If you had any doubts about the quality of journalism in our nation's capital, you probably didn't see the White House Correspondents' Dinner on TV last weekend.

To put it politely, it was disgusting.

Journalists, especially the big-time ones covering the White House and Congress, are supposed to be thorough.

Whoever hired the speaker, loosely called a comedian, didn't check her credentials very thoroughly.

The speaker used various four-letter words and other gutter language and definitely made attendees uncomfortable.

Much of her vitriol was aimed at Press Secretary Sarah Sanders, Counselor Kellyanne Conway and television personality Megyn Kelly.

She showed that the people who scheduled her should have made a better effort at finding out what she was going to say, or else, like what we've heard of Washington correspondents, they didn't much care what was said.

The president of the group made a feeble attempt at a statement Sunday, but fell far short of an apology.

Here is her complete statement:  
"Dear Members:

I want to tell you how much your kind words meant to me following my personal remarks at last night's White House Correspondents' Dinner about the roots of my belief in journalism's essential role.

I also have heard from members expressing dismay with the entertainer's monologue and concerns about how it reflects on our mission. Olivier Knox, who will take over this summer as our president, and I, recognize these concerns and are committed to hearing from members on your views on the format of the dinner going forward.

Last night's program was meant to offer a unifying message about our common commitment to a vigorous and free press while honoring civility, great reporting and scholarship winners, not to divide people.

Unfortunately, the entertainer's monologue was not in the spirit of that mission.

Every day we are working hard to advocate for our members and ensure coverage that benefits the public, and the dinner is an important opportunity to highlight and maintain our essential work. The White House Correspondents' Association remains dedicated to that mission.

*Margaret Talev*

The vulgar speech was broadcast over C-Span, and we have to wonder if it violated any FCC guidelines, while we're positive speech decency was bypassed.

As this group prepares for next year's dinner, we'd like to suggest a higher standard of speaker for 2019. If that doesn't happen, this dinner should not be televised live into America's living rooms, unless a TV-MA rating is a constant reminder on the screen.



### Just what does -30- mean to a writer?

Back in the dark ages, as the younger members of my family call it, we used to type stories on manual typewriters.

We typed on 8 1/2-inch paper, usually with carbon paper in between, so you would have a copy of what you wrote when you handed it in.

At the bottom of each page you typed **-more-** so the typesetter on the Linotype machine knew there was another page.

At the end of the story, you typed **-30-** to indicate there was no more. Looking that up, I discovered no one knows where it came from, but that in civil war years it was used to indicate the end of a telegraph message.

It was about 60 years ago, in my sophomore year at Bergen Catholic High School, that I wrote my first story. I can't remember how it started, but I was providing Little League results to our weekly newspaper, the Times-Review of Bergenfield, New Jersey, under the guidance of a kindly editor named Russell Stewart.

Ten years later, I was married and moving to Florida. Except for a few cold years in Ohio and a few quick months in Alabama, I've been here ever since.

Now it's time to write my final **-30-** on a regular column or story as I head into the world of retirement.

I bounced around the state, at one point spending 15 years in The New York Times Regional Newspaper Group in Lakeland, Palatka and Ocala. Those moves convinced me that I liked the smaller newspapers better, and thus I found my current employer, Citrus Publishing of Crystal River's weekly division, under Publisher Gerry Mulligan, who I might add, is a Mets fan like me.

Dale Bowen in Chiefland hired me, then eventually I transferred to Willis-

ton, then to Ocala, where, despite some job changes, we had lived since 1997.

One of the joys of working in a smaller newspaper is that you get to interact with the readers much more. You're more likely to run into a reader on the street or in the grocery store than, say, a reporter for The New York Times runs into his readers.

While in my job, I've had the privilege of meeting some famous people, but I've also had the honor of speaking in front of local groups and meeting some of our readers. To me, those people are famous in their own way.

Here, I've been blessed with correspondents, photographers, columnists and letter-writers, all volunteers, who have contributed in a big way to making my job easier. If you don't personally know these people, you should take the time to get acquainted. They're very good at what they do.

Friday is my last day ... after that, the computer goes to the new editor. I'll still be online on Facebook, Twitter (very little) and e-mail (semaj34470@gmail.com). My calendar will no longer be built around deadlines, but the Mets schedule.

Thank you to everyone who has helped, especially to my wife, with whom I celebrated 53 years together last week. May God bless all of you in your future endeavours.

*Jim Clark is the editor of the West Marion Messenger.*

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Jim Clark  
Editor



## Guest column

### No one likes someone with an ax to grind

BY RICH LOWRY  
*Special to the Messenger*

James Comey did it, naturally, for the children. Why does anyone in Washington take advantage of the most opportune moment to make a mint off publishing a tell-all book? It's never for the profits or the sheer satisfaction of sticking it to your enemies and putting yourself in the best possible light. No, there's always some ostensible higher cause. For the former FBI director, it's demonstrating, through his own sterling example, what ethical leadership is, "especially to young people."

That the nation's youth will be riveted to their TV screens in coming weeks, watching Comey's exquisitely thoughtful gymnastics of self-justification, and conclude that this is how to conduct themselves when they inherit the baton of the country's leadership seems extremely unlikely.

James Comey has managed the seemingly impossible. The former FBI director is locked in a death struggle with an unpopular president who makes even his allies cringe with his belittling nicknames, foolish threats and strange view of the presidency -- and somehow it is Comey who is coming away as the unlikable one.

That's because no one likes a prig, especially when he has an ax to grind. Comey has good reason to disdain Donald Trump, who fired him in humiliating circumstances and whose warped view of the Justice Department as an institution for the protection of the president is rightly anathema to him. Comey is just the latest of Trump's adversaries, though, who are diminished by the president dragging them down to his level and exposing their weaknesses.

Every Washington memoir portrays its author as the smartest guy in the room; Comey is the most ethical guy in the room, and he lets us know it. Underneath the high-mindedness is a thirst for petty revenge. He says he took note of the size of Trump's hand when they first met -- smaller than his. He goes out of his way to say Trump looks like he wears tanning goggles.

Is all fair in a struggle with a president who calls you a "slime ball"? Maybe. But this is another instance of the country not being well-served by the president or his opponents violating norms.

It's not a healthy precedent for former FBI directors to attack presidents they served, even if briefly in terrible circumstances. It doesn't do the stand-

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You've set a fast pace for yourself. But as you approach your goal, you might want to slow down a bit in order to take time to reassess your situation and make changes while you can.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Patience continues to be a virtue for the Divine Bovine. So as eager as you might be to get things moving, remember that time is on your side. Make good use of it.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) There's a wee bit of uncertainty in the early part of the week. But things clear up as more facts come to light. Spend quality time this weekend with family and friends.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) An old friend's return could open new possibilities for both of you. But don't let yourself be rushed into anything. There could be some factors you haven't yet explored.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) This week offers a challenge you're raring to take on. And while eager to get started, do so slowly so that you can focus those sharp Cat's Eyes on every detail.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Put your skepticism aside and listen to advice from colleagues who've been where you are now. What they say could be helpful as you get closer to a decision.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A family matter might again require your reassuring touch. Handle it, as always, with kindness and fairness, even if some of your kin prove to be especially difficult.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your ability to tackle even the most intricate details of a project is likely to impress some very important people. A relative shares news later this week.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The Archer's aim might be focused on the big picture this week, but don't overlook checking for those details you might have missed.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You might feel awkward asking for assistance, but who would refuse the charming Goat's request? Do it, then go ahead and enjoy a musical weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Pour some cold water on that simmering misunderstanding before it boils over. The sooner things settle, the sooner you can move ahead with your plans.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) You're in a highly productive period, which you feel can go on forever. But you could be courting exhaustion. Take time to relax and restore your energies.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You can combine a sense of adventure with a penchant for practicality.

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by Linda Thistle

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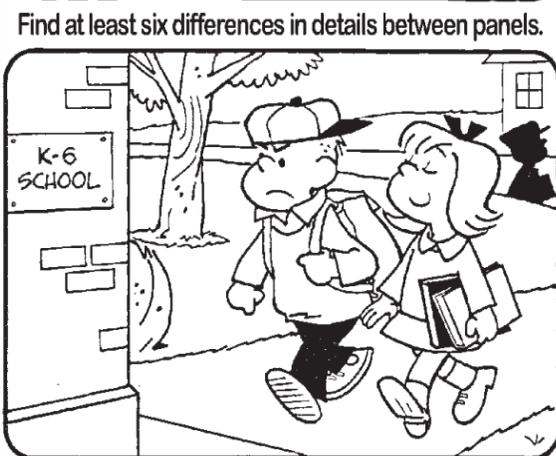
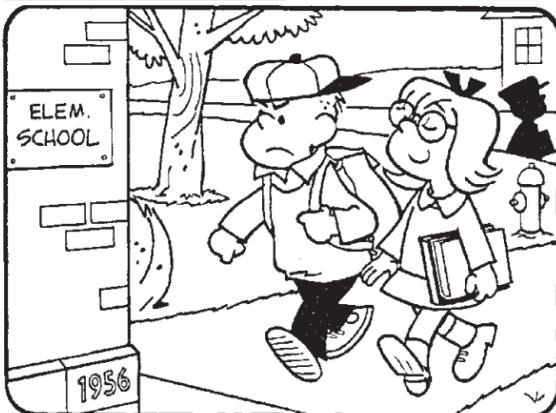
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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- 1 Fuel dispenser
  - 8 Beat, as wings
  - 12 Pairs
  - 16 Boo-hoo
  - 19 Waldorf — (hotel)
  - 20 Instantly
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  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 25 Eggs in a lab
  - 26 Lock insert
  - 27 AAA request
  - 28 — Aviv
  - 29 Entryways
  - 31 Riddle, part 2
  - 39 Said aloud
  - 41 Zebra's kin
  - 42 Very gloomy
  - 43 "Electric" fish
  - 44 One of the 12 apostles
  - 45 Post-Q string
  - 46 Alternative to Zolof or Paxil
  - 48 Riddle, part 3
  - 55 Olive of comics
  - 56 2004-10 nickname on the Houston Rockets
  - 57 Actor Mineo
  - 58 Biting comedy
  - 59 Boozy up
  - 61 Slangy assents
  - 65 Arcade coin
  - 66 Not firm
  - 69 Riddle, part 4
  - 72 Allows to
  - 73 Less diluted
  - 75 Opening for a letter-shaped bolt
  - 76 Like part of the heart
  - 78 "The Simpsons" voice actor
  - 80 Disk in a 1990s fad game
  - 82 "Milk" Oscar winner Sean
  - 83 OR figure
  - 86 Riddle, part 5
  - 92 Crystal-lined stonewares
  - 93 Scepter
  - 94 Mobster's code of silence
  - 95 Fair-minded
  - 99 Take — (sample the drink)
  - 100 The "E" of PEI: Abbr.
  - 101 Having as a foundation
  - 102 End of the riddle
  - 106 Persona non — (outcast)
  - 107 Quadrennial games org.
  - 108 Brain wave test, in brief
  - 109 Chest bone
  - 112 Address for a knight
  - 113 Riddle's answer
  - 121 Koko or Kong
  - 122 Most
  - 123 Decorated pilots
  - 124 Get married
  - 125 Hedge shrubs
  - 126 Lofty works
  - 127 Least slobby
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Rubberneck
  - 2 Court great
  - 3 "Don't move"
  - 4 Lobster trap
  - 5 Geller with a psychic act
  - 6 Prefix with represent
  - 7 Gave a gentle touch
  - 8 Whizzed by
  - 9 Ignited
  - 10 Some spitzes
  - 11 Actor Finch
  - 12 Lao- —
  - 13 "Says —?"
  - 14 Gut-punch sound
  - 15 Exaggerated
  - 16 Dress
  - 17 Let slip
  - 18 Leavenings
  - 21 Quickly, musically
  - 24 Santa's laugh sounds
  - 30 Swallowed
  - 32 Utter agony
  - 33 Noble Brit
  - 34 Said nothing
  - 35 "Cómo —?" (Juan's greeting)
  - 36 Univ. lecturer
  - 37 Minnelli of "Arthur"
  - 38 Garner
  - 39 As many as
  - 40 "So — say"
  - 45 School break
  - 46 Volcano that destroyed St. Pierre
  - 47 Small talk
  - 49 Knows the answer
  - 50 Be really flattering
  - 51 Ringlike isle
  - 52 Tandem, e.g.
  - 53 Pitcher
  - 54 Hankers
  - 59 Far from lax
  - 60 650, in old Rome
  - 62 Gardner of old films
  - 63 Table protector under a warm dish
  - 64 Not as iffy
  - 66 Fix, as a dog or cat
  - 67 Liqueur akin to Sambuca
  - 68 Herr's wife
  - 70 Pueblo dwellers
  - 71 Vocalize loudly
  - 74 Actress Diana
  - 77 Absence of vigor
  - 79 "Save me —" (totally new)
  - 83 Cajun dish
  - 84 Painter Dix
  - 85 Bluish green
  - 87 "Baloney!," to Brits
  - 88 Falco or Adams
  - 89 Patches
  - 90 Costs for cheap apartments
  - 91 Jail unit
  - 95 Many-pieced puzzle
  - 96 Still green
  - 97 Roped in
  - 98 Trike rider
  - 100 Cut in glass
  - 101 Enthusiast
  - 103 Run-down
  - 104 Lead-in to economic or political
  - 105 Lead-in to colonial
  - 110 Glazes, e.g.
  - 111 Unequaled
  - 114 "— haw!"
  - 115 "Gross!"
  - 116 Little — (tykes)
  - 117 British verb ending
  - 118 Be in the running (for)
  - 119 Noted time
  - 120 Actor Faxon

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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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# LOWRY

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ing of our law enforcement and intelligence institutions any good to have the men recently entrusted with leading them, like James Comey and John Brennan, brand themselves as committed partisans almost immediately upon leaving government.

It's understandable that Comey wants to get his side out. But he's already done that in his extensive memos that he made sure to leak upon his firing and in his congressional testimony. He'll probably have his moment in the sun again as a key witness in the Robert Mueller matter, depending on how it shakes out.

Yet none of that is as remunerative as cashing in as a hero of the resistance when the Mueller investigation is perhaps at peak intensity. Nothing is better than being the most righteous guy in the room -- while still getting a huge payday.

Children, take note.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

## Super Crossword

Answers

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# Horse in Ocklawaha tests positive for EEE

The Florida Department of Health in Marion County wants Marion County residents, visitors, and horse owners to be aware that a horse in the county has tested positive for eastern equine encephalitis, or EEE. The horse was unvaccinated. This is the second case of equine EEE Marion County has seen in 2018 and the 12th reported statewide.

People who board animals in or reside around the Ocklawaha area should maintain a heightened awareness about the threat of EEE. Residents and visitors are encouraged to get their horses vaccinated for EEE if they are not currently vaccinated. This notice is designed to give public awareness but should not give residents a false sense of security if their area has not been named.

Eastern equine encephalitis is a mosquito-borne virus first recognized in humans in 1938. It cycles between mosquitoes and birds in freshwater swampy areas and is capable of infecting mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles. The disease is 80 to 90 percent fatal in horses and 30 to 45 percent fatal

in humans. Symptoms develop three to 10 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. The state averages more than 60 reported cases of equine EEE and one to two human cases annually.

The department encourages taking basic precautions to help limit exposure to the virus. People should wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts when outdoors and use mosquito spray. Residents should also take care to drain standing water that could attract or breed mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes can breed in as little as a bottle cap of water that's left standing for more than one week. At least once a week, empty, turn over or cover anything that could hold water, including: tires, buckets, toys, pools and pool covers, bird baths, trash cans, recycling bins, boat or car covers, roof gutters, coolers or pet dishes. Flush out water-holding plants (such as bromelads) with a hose once a week. Put away items that are outside and not being used around your home or business because they could hold standing water.

## Go Figure!

answers

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# HAPPENINGS

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Ted performs all of John Denver's greatest hits including Take Me Home Country Roads, Leaving on a Jet Plane, and Rocky Mountain High.

## Saturday, May 12

### Breakfast at Ocala West

Ocala West UMC's community wide breakfast prepared by the men's fellowship will be held from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 12 and is only \$6 for all you care to eat.

A varied selection awaits everyone ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, French toast, waffles, pancakes, corned beef hash, biscuits and gravy, fruit cup, juice and coffee. Breakfast proceeds benefit the many charities supported by the OWUMC men's fellowship.

Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th St., Ocala (352) 854-9550.

## Sunday, May 13

### Concert at Countryside

Award-winning students from the Capitano Music Studio, Aleigh Papagno and Johnny Couch, will present a concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 13, at the Countryside Presbyterian Church. 7768 SW High-

way 200, Ocala. Classics will include piano and cello compositions from Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Faure, Chopin, Copland, as well as an original arrangement from "The Firebird" by Johnny Couch that will be performed by The Ocala SDA Church Wind and String Ensemble. GayLyn Capitano will accompany on several selections. Free concert. 237-4633.

## Saturday, May 19

### Use of drones discussion

Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m. "Drones, the good, the bad and the ugly" an event about the use of drones around the world. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7171 SW State Road 200, Ocala. For more information call (352)368-9927.

## Thursday, May 24

### Rainbow Springs Garden Club

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet the fourth Thursday, May 24, at 1 p.m. at the Dunnellon Masonic Lodge 136, 20751 Powell Road. Guest Speaker Laura Perdomo's topic will be "African Violets - Everything you need to know to grow them." With over a decade of experience and as inventor of a patented self-watering wicking pot for African vio-

lets (and other house plants), Laura has much to share with us, including other unique and specialty plants that thrive indoors. She teaches classes at The Peacock Cottage, her plant shop in Ocala, and offers trouble-shooting service for her customers. We're sure you will find much to interest you at the May meeting.

Rainbow Springs Garden Club is open to everyone in the surrounding areas. Visitor fee is \$5. Door prizes awarded; sign in to be included in the drawings. (Parking, entrance, and handicapped ramp is behind the building.)

### They get younger every day

It appears that politics is no longer a game for the old, the wise and the sage, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. Take Ethan Sonborn who would be governor of Vermont one day soon, if he has his way. The 13-year-old eighth grader from Bristol, VT has put his hat in the ring for the Democratic nomination for the highest elected position in that state. There are no age restrictions for candidates in that state, but Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos there may be in the future. Does the kid have a chance? Conor Casey, the state's Democratic Party Executive Director, says that having to go to school while on the campaign trail is the biggest challenge the boy faces. And then there is the fact that he's too young to have a drivers' license.

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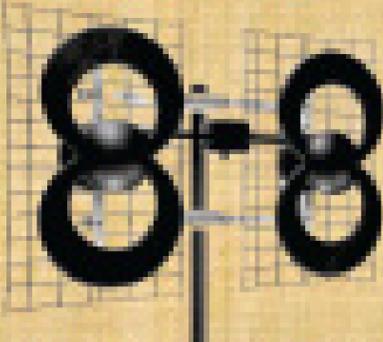
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## Stone Creek Charter Club Expo

On Wednesday, April 11, the Lifestyle Office sponsored the club expo. Presently, Stone Creek has thirty five chartered clubs. Many of the clubs were present at the Expo. The current clubs includes: All Faith, Bocce, Bridge, Bunco, Computer Club, Book Club, Community Theater, Culinary Arts, Culture Vultures, Euchre, Farkel, Glee Club, Hand and Foot, Happy Feet, Italian American Social Club, Kitchen Club, Ladies Billiards, Leisure Arts League, Lunch Bunch, Mah Jongg, Men's Billiards, Mexican Train Dominoes, Outdoor Adventure Club, Pet 7 Animal Lovers, Photography, Pickelball, Pinochle, Poker Club, Shalom Club, Sociable Singles, Softball, Table Tennis, Tennis Club, Travel Club and the Veterans Association.

The two newest clubs are the Italian American Social Club and the Outdoor Adventure Club.

Each of the new clubs were represented at the Expo.

Club representatives were present to answer questions. Some clubs had demonstrations, some show cased their talents with food, and some had items for sale.

There were light refreshments during the event provided by the Life-



Stone Creek  
Patricia Gizzi

style Office.

A little later in the day, the Reflection Bay Dog Park had a 'Yappy Hour.' Residents and furry dog friends were invited to the event.

Owners and dogs came to sit, drink and chat during a dog friendly social. Bottled water, dog themed drinks and 'doggy bag' snacks were available during the social.

Dogs had to be registered with the HOA and have a tag.

Thanks to our Lifestyle Office for providing these events to residents and their furry friends.

### Drug take-back

Residents lined up Saturday at the State Road 200 Sheriff's Office to run in unwanted medicine.

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## Keep your senses sharp!

Join us and Angels Care Home Health for a discussion on Keeping Your Senses Sharp.

Your sense of sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch can fade as you get older.

We will discuss action steps you can take to be your sharpest at any age.

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**  
**11:00am - 11:30am**

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