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have with my son, my daughter, and their families. When I think about it, I realize that I need to remember what my mom was still doing for me even when she was 85 and I was 65. We never outgrew our need for support and encouragement; and, often our moms are the best at offering those things.

My son and daughter are in their early 50's and life can be very complicated in their professional worlds. I try to be aware and supportive of what they have to do professionally and with their families every day.

Their careers are totally different from what mine was, but the crux of the matter is still the same. I take time to listen when they want to talk, but I try not to offer too much in the way of advice because I realize that my frame of reference is very different in many ways. However, the basic concept of support and encouragement remains the same.

I would love to be able to have a conversation again with my mom, and I do feel like she is there supporting me in the things that are my "retirement" life. Mary Morris's retirement

years were full of all kinds of fun activities, travel, and volunteering; but she still made time for all of her family, and she never failed in her love and encouragement for all of us.

So, this coming Sunday, when we pay special attention to our moms, let's remember how very special all our loved ones are and take the time to let them know that.

Fairfield Village would like to wish all mothers everywhere a fantastic Mother's Day. Enjoy your special day.

Stone Creek Community Outreach is busy helping others

Stone Creek clubs have been busy raising money for worthy causes. The Culture Vulture Club had the Jazz Band of the College of Central Florida Music Department come to Stone Creek to perform. Gail and Chris Johnson were instrumental in bringing the Jazz Band to Stone Creek. The performance raised \$1,200 for the college. Most of the money was raised from the sale of tickets but several residents made a donation in lieu of purchasing tickets along with funds raised from the raffle where half the funds were earmarked for the college. Two of the winners gave back their winnings.

Paul Benito, president of the club said, "Donations demonstrates how highly our residents value the College of Central Florida's contribution to local arts and culture."

Sixty-plus residents enjoyed a night of great music, appetizers and desserts. Beverly Wiggins, vice president of the group was in charge of food for the event. During intermis-



Stone Creek Patricia Gizzi

sion, residents and the band got to mingle over food.

The Veterans Association had their food drive and it was completed Saturday, April 21, with the delivery of four very full pickup truckloads of food and hygiene products. Mark Cole, Rich Trench, Rick Hiney, Dan Manetzke and Lee Jette were the veterans who delivered the food. There were approximately 2,380 pounds of needed foodstuffs and hygiene products delivered and the process went very smoothly, again proving "Many hands make short work."

Thanks to the residents of Stone Creek for their continued generosity to the greater Ocala Community.

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Ready or not, here I am

Hello. My name is David Davis, your new editor. "New" is not the correct word, because I'm getting up in years. Maybe current is a better adjective, but that's not right either, because there are many, many topics on which I am not current. How about if I say, "ready or not, here I am."

I am transitioning from my post as editor of the Chiefland Citizen and Cedar Key Beacon. I expect the move will be complete by the end of May. In the meantime, I hope to get as many mistakes out of the way as possible. And, as much as possible, I hope you all will grant me peace. Also, I hope all correspondents stay.

The Citizen and Messenger will not be the same under my editorship, if for no other reason because I am different. But for right now, I'm just trying to hang on for dear life. So, for the time being, let's get to know each other.

I grew up in a small town in Southeastern Oklahoma that, compared to the Walmart parking lot, is very small. At one time, Achille was the first entry in map indexes. Now, it's in the top 10 returns from an internet search. It's the first return that is not about Greece.

Per highway signage, my hometown is 12 miles South of the county seat State Highway 78, but many a stranger



Davis

usually found themselves making a U-turn at a farmhouse about 1 1/2 miles beyond main street, [State Highway 75A, which dead ends at Highway 78.

Achille was a farm town in a part of the state once known as "Little Dixie" when cotton was still king. Like many other rural towns, it began dying after World War II. I'm 66, and it has been on life support my whole life.

In the 1960s, when I was a teenager, old men sat in benches and chairs in front of

the pool hall. Red Man or Beechnut chewing tobacco juices stained their gray whiskers and rivulets of brown spittle discolored the sidewalk.

When he wasn't busy, Harvey Rochelle sometimes stood behind the large plate glass window of his barbershop to look at the spit and whittlers, swap pocketknives or play dominoes. Sometimes he waved at the old men, and occasionally they waved back and often, one of them gazed admiringly across the street at Harvey and declared that Harvey was the "best thumbless barber in the State of Oklahoma." Harvey lost the thumb on his right hand when

his car was hit by a train.

I enrolled in college after high school. I wanted to write, but about what, I didn't know because it was a big world beyond my parking lot-size hometown. I joined the Navy two years later with the idea of making it a career if I liked it at all. I did like it and retired 20 years later. At some point in those 20 years, I discovered community newspapers.

My newspaper career began in 1994 in Balch Springs, Texas; then Tallulah, Louisiana; Ponca City, Oklahoma; Cleveland, Tennessee; Chiefland and now here.

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Celebrating moms in Fairfield Village



Fairfield Village Priscilla Barnett

On Saturday, May 12, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., the FFV Social Club is sponsoring a Mother's Day Breakfast in the clubhouse to honor all those special ladies in our community.

There will be a delicious menu of pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, fruit juice, coffee, and champagne cocktail. To make things even more special, the gentlemen of the community will be serving the ladies. Of course, the gents will enjoy breakfast as well, and they will only pay the nominal charge of \$3.

There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse with a deadline of Wednesday, May 9, because food does have to

be planned. We hope no one forgets to go by and sign the list.

There will be a prize given to the "Mom with the most kids." Wonder who that might be? Speaking of mothers and their special day made me stop to remember how much I miss my own mom even though she went to Heaven some 12 years ago.

No one ever takes the place of that special person in our hearts, and those of us who are moms ourselves should recognize how much our adult children still count on us whether we see them often or not.

I am so blessed with the connection that I

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Sinkholes at Fore Ranch

Several sinkholes have opened up at Fore Ranch, a development off State Road 200 in the area of West Marion Community Hospital. Some homes have been evacuated. Testing is still underway.

County launches text-to-911

Marion County Public Safety Communications introduces a new countywide feature, which allows residents to text 911 during emergencies, when calling is not practical or possible.

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, and/or speech impaired will have a significantly easier method of communicating with emergency

operators. Additionally, people can text 911 in situations where remaining quiet is paramount to their safety and security.

Marion County emergency telecommunicators address texts and calls to 911 through the same user interface. However, individuals in emergency situations should call 911 if they can and text if they cannot.

Marion County is now the 26th county in Florida to fully implement text-to-911. Marion County's residents and visitors may text 911 via any major wireless provider.

For more information, contact Public Safety Communications at 352-671-8460, or visit www.marioncountyfla.gov.

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Postal carriers food drive is this week

This is a very important week for the postal workers in Marion County. This is the week of the annual food drive for Interfaith Ministries. Quail Meadow has always been a huge supporter of this food drive. The mail carriers provide plastic bags which can be left on your mailbox (not on the ground) on the final day of the project (Saturday). However, here in QM, we are provided collection containers that are in the

clubhouse this week. It is really a huge help to the carriers when we put our canned goods in these containers. In this way, the donations can be picked up during the week, and it doesn't make such a time consuming job for our them on the official day of the drive. This year, the drive is on Saturday, May 12th (day before Mother's Day). You can begin placing your donations in the clubhouse now. There will be vol-

unteers collecting the donations on Saturday, so don't be alarmed when you see someone other than your regular carrier picking up your donations.

As this article is being written, I am reminded that today (5/3) is the National Day of Prayer. There will be activities all day on the City Square. This is an annual event involving many of the churches in the Ocala/Marion County area.

This is a busy week in QM: Friday, 5/11, is the Ladies Luncheon at the Ocean Buffet. All ladies of QM and their guests are invited to join the group for lunch at 11:30. Please call Sue Church

Quail Meadow
Carolyn Slocumb



by Thursday if you plan to attend.

The Rod & Gun Club will meet Saturday at 10 AM in the clubhouse. The response to this group has been great. Contact Steve Kane for more information.

Did you have some Mexican food on Saturday? That was Cinco de Mayo. This day commemorates the Mexican army's victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. This is not Mexican Independence Day - that is September 15th. This is not a national

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marioncountyfl.org. Things to consider about text-to-911:

- Always provide your exact location and the nature of the emergency.
- Remember to silence your phone if you

are in a dangerous situation.

- Avoid using abbreviations, jargon or slang.
- Do not send emojis, photos or videos.
- Do not send a group text.

CHURCH

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Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9848 SW 110th Street, and holds bimonthly worship services.

If you have a loved one or friend at the TimberRidge Center, you are invited to attend our next service on Saturday, May 26 at 10:15 a.m. For further information, please call the church office at 352-237-4633.

Sunday, May 27

Last Sunday Comedy

Get all the month's laughs in before Monday gets you! Your host, Tom Schmitz, will be joined by nationally recognized comedians on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss featured comedian Doug Canney and headliner Danny Johnson as they take the stage for a night of laughs! Lobby doors and the Reilly's full bar open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The Reilly Arts Center is lo-

ated at 500 NE 9th Street, Ocala, FL 34470. Tickets can be purchased at www.ReillyArtsCenter.com, or by calling the box office at (352) 351-1606 during box office hours. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Reilly Arts Center box office. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the show.

Tuesday, May 29

Christian women to meet

Ocala Christian Women's Connection invites you to the our "King of the Jungle" luncheon May 29 at the Hilton of Ocala from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The doors open at 11 a.m. The special feature is Hilton's own Chef Randall and "Lessons from the Legend." Our speaker is Shirley Solid from Merritt Island sharing "Clothesline junkie finds

peace in the spin cycle of life." Admission is \$20. Please RSVP for lunch and free childcare to Claudia at 228-2126 or Eve at 732-7053 by Monday May 21. Our color theme for this month is Animal Print Parade.

Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness.

If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love.

— Stevie Wonder

Meet the author at the library

Meet Marcia Morris, M.D., Sunday, June 24, at 2 p.m. at Headquarters-Ocala Public Library, 2120 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, phone 352-671-8551.

Dr. Morris is the author of "A Parents Guide to Mental Health and Wellness for College Students."

College students are experiencing anxiety, depression, alcohol-abuse, and other mental health issues at alarming rates in a landscape of growing academic, social and financial pressures.

As a college mental health psychiatrist for over two decades and a

mother of two 20-somethings, Marcia Morris has witnessed the ways these problems can derail students from their goals, while parent interventions at critical junctures can help students get back on track and her book offers "The Campus Cure."

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library and is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Light refreshments provided following the program.

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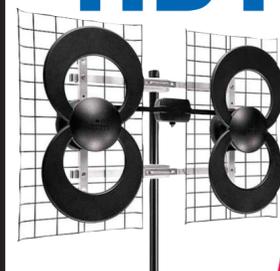
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a special interest, talent or skill you'd like to develop? Could you make the world a little better because you're here? Can you do something kind for others? Carve your place in your world? Can you take time for fun, adventure, discovery, and self-development? I'd say that the best way to predict the future is to take hold of the reins, and build that best future you can for yourself.

Dream. Fantasize. Use your imagination. What are the best things in life you've enjoyed so far? Do you have hopes or ideas you'd like to steer your life towards? Set some personal goals, and lay some plans on your calendar. Life is almost unlimited possibilities. Make it the good life that you deserve!

By Bob Denny, Licensed Mental Health Counselor (retired) Please address your comments to bob.denny@gmail.com., or phone 386 454 4950.

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fits. We don't see a lot of overlap there, and we wager you don't either.

However, one of the sections of proposal P6003 is interesting — it would require the Legislature to provide for the promotion of civic literacy in public education.

Actually, we think civic literacy should be required of ev-

eryone, and particularly those in state-level positions. But we don't think the Constitution should be amended to provide for it.

Here are the takeaways: First, if a proposal does not speak to the basic governing of the state, the structure and function of Florida's government, and the basic law of the

state, it should not be considered for inclusion in the Constitution. Second, any proposal to amend the Florida Constitution — even those offered by the CRC — should be considered on its own and not bundled.

When you vote in November, anticipate a lengthy and confusing ballot. Just say no.

Read the Classifieds

Super Crossword

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Dealing with Tuesday, the worst day of the week

The worst day of the week for me is Monday. That means that I'm starting a new week and usually I have to start from scratch.

It was Tuesday morning and I was a little down, drinking my coffee rather slowly and the Gracious Mistress of the Paragon looked at me and said quite sternly, "What's wrong with you?"

It is a simple question and deserves a simple answer.

Tuesday is not really Monday, which is a little better. However, Tuesday is not Wednesday either. Tuesday is a very slow day in my week and, do not quote me here, but I think there are at least 30 hours on Tuesday.

No matter what I do on Tuesday, it has nothing whatsoever to do with getting me to the weekend. Not only is this the slowest day of the week, but it is the least productive.

If I do not do very much on Monday, I can always blame the fact that it's Monday and I am just getting started. Tuesday I can't say that. Monday

should prepare me for Tuesday and Tuesday should be the most productive day of my week. Either, I'm not using Monday as I should or, Tuesday is just a bad day for me.

"I can get more done on Tuesday than any day of the week," she boasted.

She is the most talented multitasker I have ever known. She can handle up to a dozen projects simultaneously. Get her going, and she does not know how to stop.

On Monday, I can say I worked hard over the weekend and deserve to take a little bit of a rest. Nobody would worry about that not even my wife.

But Tuesday? There is no excuse I have ever made that justifies not doing something on a Tuesday, I know because I have tried everyone on my wife.

It could be that as you get older your brain does not function as much as when you were younger. I wonder if that is a good excuse?

"Oh," I could say to my wife, "I'm

getting older now and my brain doesn't function as it once did. I got to slow down a little bit."

She could look at me and say, "Your brain never functioned as long as I've known you. It has nothing whatsoever to do with how old you are. It has everything to do with a nonfunctioning brain."

I have a lot of guilt on a Tuesday. I should be doing things, but I just cannot get the focus on what I should be doing. I'm looking down the week and I vaguely see Saturday approaching.

At least on Wednesday the week is half over. Monday means a new week has started, but Tuesday does not mean anything.

I was sitting in my chair drinking some coffee when my wife comes up and saw me and asked me, "Do you have anything to do?"

Since my brain functioning was limited because of my age, I quickly responded, "No."

Before I realized what I had said, I was in deep trouble. My wife said,



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"Good, you can help me with some chores today."

As she led me to the garage, I thought of the Scripture, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

The weekend cannot come soon enough for me!

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 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net. The church web site is www.whatafel-ship.com.

Marion Stormwater Photo Contest deadline is May 25

Marion County: Enter the 15th annual Stormwater calendar photo contest.

Deadline for entries is May 25.

The office of the County Engineer's Stormwater Management section reminds residents of the 15th annual Stormwater calendar photo contest. The calendar's theme is "The Color of Water" and will showcase Marion County's beautiful water resources using photos with water as a dominant feature.

All photos must have been taken in Marion

County and must depict images associated with this year's theme. Images must be submitted via email or CD. Submissions should include the photographer's name, contact information, location of photo, and a brief description of each photo submitted (for example "shoreline at Lake Weir"). A maximum of two entries allowed per person.

Photo quality and resolution must meet size, design and publishing standards (a minimum of 300 dots per inch, or dpi). By submitting a photo-

graph, photographers give Marion County the right to use the images in any future print, broadcast or digital media.

Entries are due by 5 p.m. Friday, May 25, and may be emailed to stormwater@marion-countyfl.org or delivered to Zach Rountree at the Office of the County Engineer, 412 SE 25th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471. Winning selections will be chosen by stormwater staff in June and published in the 2019 stormwater calendar. For more information, call 352-671-8686.

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holiday, but rather a day to celebrate Mexican heritage, freedom, and liberty; it's also a good excuse to enjoy some good Mexican food and a Margarita.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13th. What a wonderful time to honor our mothers who are still with us, or spend time remembering those who have passed away. You are truly blessed if you still have your Mother. Do you know why we celebrate this day? In 1912, West Virginia was the first state to officially adopt Mother's Day as a day to honor all mothers. Then in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson

signed a Joint Congressional resolution establishing a national Mother's Day. Anna Jarvis is credited with the success of designating a day to honor all mothers. Ironically, she never had children of her own. She often expressed dismay over the commercialization of the day. She once said, "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit". Today, many nations around the world celebrate Mother's Day — they followed our tradition. A group of second grade students were asked what ingredients are used to make a "mother" — one child answered, "God makes

mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean". I think we could all agree with this answer.

Reminder: The QM Derby is May 18th. Tickets must be purchased by May 15th. Contact Judi Hargraves or Grace Maguire for tickets — no tickets will be available at the door.

I wish to express my "thanks" to Jim Clark who is retiring from The Messenger, for his years as editor of this excellent newspaper. We will miss your editorials. It was a pleasure working with you.

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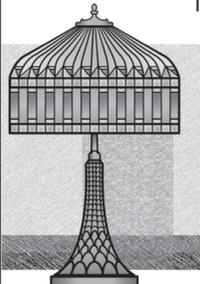
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Happenings

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.

Tickets can be purchased at www.ReillyArtsCenter.com, or by calling the box office at (352) 351-1606 during box office hours. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Reilly Arts Center box office. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Group rates are available for this show.

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

What lives in Sholom Park

What lives at Sholom Park? Join us for an overview of animal life, Florida-friendly plants of special interest and time to discuss items such as Spanish moss and other popular items. Enjoy Q&A with Maxine Hunter from the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Animal Sciences May 11 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the pavilion. The park is located at 7110 SW 80th Ave., 34481. For more information, please call 352-873-0848, ext. 7650, or email info@sholompark.org. Visit the park on the internet at www.sholompark.org

Saturday, May 12

Ocala 200 Lions Club Flea Market and Diabetic Screening

The Ocala 200 Lions Club will be holding a Flea Market May 12 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Bank of the Ozarks - 8375 SW Highway 200, Ocala. There will be a variety of vendors on hand as well as food available for sale by the Dunnellon Lions Club. The Ocala 200 Club will also be holding a diabetic screening during those hours. You are invited to join us for our fundraising event and flea market

sales as well as the diabetic screening. As always, all proceeds generated by the Lions Clubs will be used for community projects throughout the year. Rain Date: May 19. For more information call: 352-861-2730.

Countryside Annual Picnic

Countryside Presbyterian Church will hold its Annual Picnic Saturday, May 12, at noon at Silver Springs State Park. Lunch will consist of hamburgers hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, bottled water, ice tea and dessert.

Admission to the park is \$8 per vehicle. For information, please call the church office at 352-237-4633.

Letter carriers food drive

On Saturday, May 12 letter carriers throughout Marion County will participate in the 26th annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) National Food Drive to "Stamp Out Hunger."

This annual effort has become the largest one-day food drive in the nation's history, resulting in more than a half billion pounds of food to local food banks, pantries and shelters in all 50 states. Last year in Marion County, 113,243 pounds of nonperishable food was collected and donated to Interfaith Emergency Services for distribution to the Salvation Army, Brothers Keeper, St. Theresa's Catholic Church, the Help Agency of the Forest and other local food banks. The Ocala Post Office was ranked first in the nation in their union member category for the ninth year for the community's outstanding effort in supporting this program. In Marion County alone, more than 1.9 million pounds of food has been collected.

Postal customers are asked to hang a food donation on their mailbox before their letter carrier delivers the mail on Saturday, May 12, and the carrier will do the rest. Collection barrels will also be set up at all Post Office branches to accommodate those with Post Office Boxes.

For individuals interested in volunteering for the collection and unloading/loading, please call Tina Reid at 629-8868 ext.210. Service hours for high

school students are available.

United Way of Marion County, Interfaith Emergency Services, USPS, the National Rural Letter Carriers Association, United Food and Commercial Workers Union and AFL-CIO have partnered with the NALC to help stamp out hunger.

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.

Discovery Center exhibit

The Discovery Center's newest exhibit, Tropical Odyssey, will open to the public Saturday, May 12 and will be on display through Saturday, July 28 at the Discovery Center, 701 NE Sanchez Ave.

Tropical Odyssey is an interactive maze and exhibit, educating guests on butterfly farming and conservation efforts in the rainforest. This exhibit will also feature a butterfly zipline, a life-size spider web for children to play on, a giant walk-through caterpillar, interactive cocoons and more.

A special grand opening event will be held Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature a live butterfly release, face painting, refreshments and more. Guided tours of the exhibit will take place at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Admission to this event is \$6 per person or \$20 for a family of four.

The exhibit is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Super Crossword

FLEET GROUP

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ones doing stand-up
- 7 Dancer's bodysuit
- 14 Roosevelt's predecessor
- 20 Wide road
- 21 Work history summaries
- 22 Unabridged
- 23 What many a thin person has
- 25 Be there for
- 26 "What — is new?"
- 27 Actor Benicio — Toro
- 28 Here, to Yves
- 29 — carte (not prix fixe)
- 30 Prefix with fascist
- 31 Beams
- 33 Specialty of many emergency teams
- 37 Is sore
- 40 Ballet move
- 42 Dawn deity
- 43 Nutrition
- 44 Alternative to jogging
- 48 Recurrent theme
- 51 Often-stubbed digit
- 52 Used a saber
- 54 Color-mixing board
- 58 Smoke waste
- 59 — port (PC connection)
- 61 Ladderlike in organization
- 63 Charlton Heston film
- 64 Harry at Hogwarts
- 67 Cormeal mush
- 69 Starting on
- 71 Jim-dandy
- 73 "Mean Girls" actress
- 74 Gasteyer
- 75 Vigilante
- 81 Informant
- 83 Snowden
- 84 Hindu belief
- 85 Moment
- 87 See
- 88 China's Sun — sen
- 91 Keeping up contact
- 93 Bait
- 95 Without risk
- 97 Some lap dogs, briefly
- 99 It doesn't stop at a lot of stations
- 101 Big hauler
- 104 Dernier — (latest thing)
- 106 Bad guy in "Othello"
- 107 Spine-chilling
- 108 Improv comic's skill
- 113 Sail support
- 115 Clickable address
- 116 State of rage
- 117 Mattel man
- 118 "Emmy" has two
- 119 Had to repay
- 123 Element in antiseptics
- 125 Wish for getting better
- 129 Shells out
- 130 Australian sheepdogs
- 131 Skittish
- 132 Badger
- 133 Moment
- 134 Sculptures without limbs
- 35 DVD — drive
- 36 Wrongdoer
- 37 "Mamma Mia" group
- 38 NFL receiver
- 39 Zenith
- 41 Santa helper
- 45 Part of SSW
- 46 Bowl game
- 47 Hair care products
- 49 — by Dana (perfume)
- 50 Old TV's "Three Lives"
- 53 Info to input
- 55 Like college juniors
- 56 With
- 57 Little bits of work
- 60 Lover boy
- 62 Cubs great
- 65 Straying from the subject
- 66 Diva Diana
- 68 Increases
- 69 Sparkling wine city
- 70 Duck relative
- 72 TV-advertised music label
- 76 Veritable
- 77 It beats a 10
- 78 Slush Puppie company
- 79 Wheedle
- 80 Leg on which a cello rests
- 82 Wimpy type
- 83 Tapers off
- 86 Hip-hop headwear
- 89 Others, in Latin
- 90 Daly of "Cagney & Lacey"
- 92 Anne of "Three Lives"
- 93 "Wag the Dog"
- 94 Less than zero: Abbr.
- 96 Worry about
- 98 — Lanka
- 100 Amiens' river
- 101 Slogging-in-mood sound
- 102 A moon of Jupiter
- 103 Less harsh
- 105 Bic buy
- 109 Sorts
- 110 Piece of hair
- 111 Boat spines
- 112 Like klutzes
- 114 Natty tie
- 118 In the past, in the past
- 120 Takes as a spouse
- 121 "And so ..."
- 122 Hides gray, in a way
- 124 With 3-Down, really disorderly
- 125 Schuss, say
- 126 Julio's "day"
- 127 Strong wish
- 128 Lennon loved her

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HAPPENINGS

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Sunday, May 13

Concert at Countryside

Award-winning students from the Capitano Music Studio, Aleigh Pagnano and Johnny Couch, will present a concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 13, at the Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW Highway 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. 352-237-4633.

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala

Come celebrate Mother's Day with Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala as we honor that very important woman in our lives. Bring your mother, grandmother or friends on Sunday, May 13 at 12:30 p.m. to the Candler Community Center at OTOW. We will be serving a delicious lunch buffet of bagels, cream cheese, whitefish, egg and tuna

salad, veggies, beverages and desserts. In addition there will be musical entertainment provided by our talented trio of Judys as well as stories, comedy and a special Mother's Day bingo! The public is invited to attend. The cost is \$18 per person and part of the proceeds will be donated to Kimberly Center. For reservations contact Briana @ 352.854-2747 or Lois @353.291-1308.

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Christ's Church

If you are looking for a church home where Christ is first, you won't want to miss the services at Christ's Church of Marion County this week. On Sunday, May 13, our worship service will open with special music by our Worship Choir and a message of inspiration by Pastor David Bellows. During the service we will honor all women present as we celebrate Mother's Day.

Pastor Ray Westman leads a Small Group on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.. The group meets in the Chapel of our main building and takes

an in-depth look at the Sunday morning message with a video message from Pastor David Bellows.

Christ's Church of Marion County is located at 6768 SW 80th Street - just off State Road 200. For more information on all our events or for directions visit our website at www.ccomc.org or contact the church office at (352) 861-6182.

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Tuesday, May 15

Dementia Workshop

Learn the legal, financial and medical "ins and outs" caregivers need to know. Identify up to fifty essential documents, find helpers, discover financial resources, and learn the steps to take now to meet the coming challenges of a dementia patient and their family. The workshop and materials are FREE but space is limited so be sure to register ASAP by email to markcroftocala@gmail.com or call 352-861-8788 Mark Croft. The Workshop is May 15, 6 Pm. at 7:30 Pm. at Freedom Library 5870 SW 95th St, Ocala, FL 34476. The workshop seeks to educate and link caregivers to resources thereby reducing the stress and enhancing the skills of caregivers. All questions are welcome. No personal information is solicited.

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Our view

Constitutional revisions were mishandled

ISSUE: Glut of ballot proposals from the Constitution Revision Commission
OUR OPINION: Just say no to all of them.

Florida is unusual in lots of ways, but one way that's particularly relevant right now is our openness to amending the state's Constitution. Proposals to alter the Constitution — Florida's basic governing document — can be placed on the ballot by legislative action, citizen initiative, or the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC), among other alternatives.

The CRC was established with the 1968 revision of the Florida Constitution. Meeting every 20 years, the CRC is charged with reviewing the Constitution and proposing changes for voter consideration.

The current CRC's 37 members have been trooping around the state, holding hearings and gathering input. The commission has now put forth eight proposals to be placed on the November ballot. To pass, an amendment must be approved by at least 60 percent of the vote.

That's the civics lesson. Here's the reality of what's happening.

Those eight proposals being offered by the CRC would make nearly two dozen changes to state law. The CRC has done what's called "bundling" — combining multiple items into one proposal. The CRC is allowed to do that, although citizen initiatives must be certified as single-subject by the state Supreme Court before being allowed on the ballot.

Voters should view this bundling as a devious effort to hide political agendas. For something as serious as amending the state's basic governing document, voters should be given the opportunity to evaluate each proposal on its own.

Some CRC members have actually defended the practice of bundling, saying each proposal has a common theme.

They've done it with straight faces, too. They should be ashamed.

For example, the proposal P6004 would amend the Constitution to prohibit oil and gas drilling in coastal waters, AND it would prohibit vaping in enclosed indoor workplaces. Offshore drilling and indoor vaping share a theme? Really?

And then there's P6002, which deals with university boards of trustees, the state college system, and the rights of certain first responders' survivors to death bene-

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This week, I hope to prove I know nothing of horseracing

Justify won the 144th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville Saturday on the muddiest track in the history of the race. I watched on TV as the 3-year-old bested the field of 20 horses. When it was over, the winner did not have a speck of mud on him.

My stated goal today is to prove I know nothing about horse racing, and I will show it if you continue reading. In fact, my knowledge of horses is small; my daddy raised Shetlands. In the 1950s, he owned 100 of them. His prize was a stud named, Ivan something, something, something.

I remember writing his full name on sheets of paper torn from my Big Chief notebook, taping them together end to end. His registered name was longer than the little stallion was high. Of course, I was in the first grade then and printed in huge letters, but Ivan had a long name (that is a lie.) Out of all those little ponies, the only ones I remember are Penny, Molly, her foal Polly, sired by Ivan (That is the truth.)

The \$500 paid for Ivan pales compared to the million-dollar thoroughbreds in the Kentucky Derby. However, daddy loved his little ponies, and it nearly broke his heart when the bottom fell out of the market, and he was forced to sell them at auction for a little bit of nothing, a far-cry from the estimated \$2 million payouts for the top five Derby winners. Justify won an estimated \$1.24 million as the winner. Good Magic earned \$400,000 for second-place and Audible, who came in third, won \$200,000. Instilled Regard took home \$100,000 for fourth place and My Boy

David Davis
Editor



Jack came in fifth and took away \$60,000.

Of the 20 horses in the field Saturday, I understand that 12 of them had connections to Marion County. I would have thought the odds would favor Marion County, but Audible was the top finisher of those with local ties.

Justify's win was historic for another reason: he was the first 3-year-old to win the Derby without running a race as a 2-year-old. His maiden race was Feb. 18, which makes him the first horse since Apollo did it in 1882. They talked about Justify breaking a 136-year-old curse. Lifting an evil boils down to the jockey and horse having talent, desire, skill and good fortune.

I hope Justify does not turn out like Johnny Manziel. He too, enjoyed success at an early age, then let it all go to his head and has done nothing since leaving Texas A&M for the National Football League. That is not likely to happen to Justify because he has more "horse sense" than Johnny Football. That is not likely because the horse has a better support system to keep him focused on the other two legs of the Triple Crown.

I hope I met my goal and proved to all of you that I know absolutely nothing about horse racing.

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Guest column

Best part of today

BY BOB DENNY

What will be the best part of your day?

I'll bet that I can guess what will be the best thing that happens to you today. What do you think it will be? Can you ever know what will be the best part of your day? How much of the future can we see? How can I possibly know more about what your future will bring than you think you know? Well, my answer: The best part of your day is the almost unlimited opportunities, right there in front of you, in every moment of your life. The trick is to recognize them, and use them to make your life what it can be!

Nobody has a perfect life. I wasn't a very happy child. But I saw other kids, and other families, that were happy. I realized that happiness is possible. I studied psychology, read positive thinking books, had some counseling, made friends, and improved my life. One day, I passed a youth counseling center, and realized that having traveled a path from loneliness and sadness to self-development and a better life for myself, I could help others. I began a 15-year career counseling with troubled teenagers. Then I found an opportunity to teach college psychology, to help others learn how to build better, happier lives for themselves, for 10 years. I realized that I could reach even more folks by writing my book on "Happiness is Looking for You!" Life provided the opportunities, and they were there for me to use.

When you really think about it, you may find that you have almost unlimited opportunities. They're everywhere. But if you don't spot them, or recognize them for what you could do with them, then they're gone. How many wonderful opportunities slip by us each day, without our even seeing the possibilities? What are a few opportunities life is bringing to you? Go "opportunity hunting!" Step outside and enjoy the day. Take a walk. Call a friend. Take up a hobby or an interest you'd like to develop. Spend more time with friends. Share interests and ideas. A group gathering or festival? Try sketching. What about a sport you're interested in? Read a book, newspaper, magazine.

If opportunities abound for you to make a better, happier, more meaningful life for yourself are spotted, recognized, and put to use, then your life can be better than you ever imagined. Life gives us chances, opportunities, and possibilities. But as with all things in life, it's not so much what happens to you, but what you do with it. Every moment of your life is filled with branches in that life path, and they offer you opportunities to make the most of what you've got to work with. What's the best way to predict your future? Decide what you want, and build that future you want. And what do you really want? What is your life about? What's your purpose? What are your special gifts to offer the world? Would you like to have the best life you can, to make the most of what you've got to work with? Is there

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Chicken Burrito Salad

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Prep time: 15 minutes
Serves: 6

Salad:

- 1 small head romaine lettuce, torn into small pieces
- 1 cup cooked brown rice
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can (14 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (10 ounces) chicken breast chunks, drained and flaked
- 1 can (10 ounces) corn kernels, drained
- 1 can (4.25 ounces) diced green chilies, drained
- 1 can (2.2 ounces) sliced ripe black olives, drained

Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons fresh-squeezed lime juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped cilantro
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Salad: In large platter or individual bowls, place lettuce leaves. Top with brown rice, black beans, diced tomatoes, chicken, corn, green chilies and black olives.

Dressing: In small bowl, combine lime juice and cilantro; whisk in olive oil. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Drizzle dressing over salad.

Winning Back WEEKNIGHT COOKING

FAMILY FEATURES

Moms pride themselves on serving their families wholesome, homemade meals. But here's the reality: 60 percent of moms think that coming up with dinner ideas is more difficult than getting their children to go to bed on time. Moreover, 61 percent of moms frequently order takeout or go out to eat because they don't have the ingredients on-hand to make dinner. It's time for a new strategy.

When it comes to mealtime, a well-stocked pantry can be the difference between culinary success and a dinner failure. With a pantry full of canned foods, a delicious and nutritious homemade meal is just minutes away.

It's no secret that canned foods are convenient, but did you know that cans are also one of the best ways to get food from the farm to your family's table? Canned fruits and vegetables are picked and packed when they're at their peak of ripeness and nutrition, sealing in their freshness and flavor. Just like home canning, the canning process locks in foods' natural goodness so it's at arm's reach whenever you're ready to get cooking.

A pantry stocked with canned ingredients is also a source of recipe inspiration. Staples such as canned chicken, corn, green chilies, olives, beans and tomatoes atop lettuce combine to create a wholesome Chicken Burrito Salad the whole family will enjoy. And in less than 30 minutes, a box of fettuccine and a can of spinach transform into a hearty Pasta with Spinach Pesto.

For more information, recipe inspiration and the benefits of canned foods, visit CansGetYouCooking.com.

Pasta with Spinach Pesto

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4

- 1 can (13.5 ounces) spinach, well drained
- 1 cup fresh parsley leaves
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup walnuts or almonds
- 1 large garlic clove
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 box (16 ounces) fettuccine noodles

In food processor, combine spinach, parsley, cheese, nuts, garlic, basil, salt and pepper; blend well. In slow, steady stream, add olive oil until mixture is blended and smooth.

Cook fettuccine as package directs. Drain. Toss spinach pesto with fettuccine.

Southern Style Succotash with Sweet Corn Sauce

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4

- 4 ounces olive oil
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) sweet corn kernels, drained
- 1 can (15.5 ounces) butter beans
- 1 can (15 ounces) sweet peas
- 1/2 cup sliced canned carrots, drained and diced
- 1/4 cup canned diced tomatoes
- 8 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 fresh bay leaf

Add olive oil to large skillet and quickly saute all ingredients with salt and pepper until heated through, about 5 minutes. Serve on top of Sweet Corn Sauce.

Sweet Corn Sauce

- 6 ounces canned corn, excess liquid strained off
- 3 ounces cheddar or dry white wine
- 4 tablespoons butter
- salt
- pepper
- thyme sprigs

In blender, puree corn and champagne until very smooth. Strain through fine strainer and place strained corn juice in small saucepan. Heat until simmering and slowly add cold butter, salt, pepper and fresh thyme.

Curried Pumpkin Soup

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves: 4

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons fresh ginger, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1 can (14 ounces) chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 cans (15 ounces) 100% pumpkin
- 1 can (14 ounces) coconut milk
- 1 teaspoon salt

In large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion, carrot, garlic, ginger and curry powder. Cook until carrots are almost soft, 5-8 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add broth and bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and simmer until carrots are very soft, 10 minutes.

Transfer to blender or food processor and puree until very smooth. Return to pan and stir in pumpkin, coconut milk and salt. Cook over medium-low heat until heated through, 2-3 minutes.

Garnish with pumpkin seeds, if desired, and serve.

Easy Weeknight Seafood Paella

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves: 4

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 1 small green bell pepper, cored, seeded and diced
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1 box (8 ounces) yellow rice
- 1 can (14 ounces) vegetable broth
- 1 can (14 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (10 ounces) whole baby clams, drained
- 1 can (8.5 ounces) peas, drained
- 1 can (6 ounces) medium shrimp, drained
- 1 can (3.8 ounces) sliced ripe olives, drained

In 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, heat oil; add onion, green pepper and garlic. Cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add rice and vegetable broth. Over high heat, bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes.

Stir in tomatoes, clams, peas, shrimp and olives; cook 5 minutes.



Pasta with Spinach Pesto



Southern Style Succotash with Sweet Corn Sauce



Curried Pumpkin Soup



Easy Weeknight Seafood Paella

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Thur., May 17

Honor Marion County's fallen officers

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Sun., May 20

A History of the Dixie Highway

The Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology presents a program Sunday, May 20, at 2 p.m. at Green Clover Hall 319 SE 26th Ter, McPherson Governmental Complex property, 307 SE 26th Ter, Ocala, FL 34471. Following will be a reception with refreshments and tours at the museum.

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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 violets (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.

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Tue., May 22

Queen of Peace Movie Night

In addition to the free movie "Dunkirk," enjoy fun, food and friends at Queen of Peace, Parish Hall, 6455 SW State Rd 200, door opens at 12:30, movie starts promptly at 12:45 p.m.

Intermission and light lunch at 1:30 p.m. Movie resumes at 2 p.m.

Thur., May 24

Memorial Day, Vietnam Wall

Marion County Veterans Services will host a four-day event, May 25 to 28, honoring fallen, missing, and imprisoned U.S. service members at Ocala/Marion County Veterans Memorial Park, 2601 SE Fort King St., Ocala, in observance of Memorial Day.

On May 24, a mobile Vietnam memorial wall will be transported through downtown Ocala, along with a motorcycle escort, as it makes its way to the park for the 10 a.m. opening ceremony on May 25.

Each day, the public will have the opportunity to appreciate different military traditions and ceremonies. Veterans Memorial Park will feature a variety of static displays, which include military vehicles and aircraft. Veterans Services has also coordinated a flyover on Memorial Day, May 28. Live music, food ven-

dors, and limited seating will be available during select portions of the event.

The memorial and other displays will be accessible to the public 24-hours a day from May 25 to 28. For further details and a complete event schedule, please contact Marion County Veterans Services at 352-671-8422 or visit www.marioncountyFL.org/VeteransServices.

Fri., May 25

Crossroads Church Family Fun Night

We will have a "Family Fun Night" Friday, May 25, from 5-9 p.m. We will have bounce houses, slides, volleyball and many other things for families of all ages.

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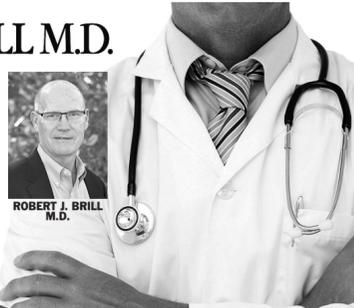
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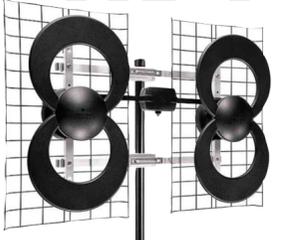
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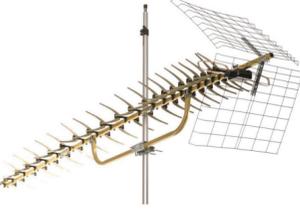
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