



# WEST MARION Messenger

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## BRIEFS

### Donors needed

The Marion County Sheriff's Office is looking for monetary donations for the annual Halloween Party. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with the party and donation of candy. For more information, please contact Glenda Houck by email: ghouck@marionso.com; by phone: 352-402-6060; or in person at 9048 SW Highway 200.

### Utility Scams

Ocala Electric Utility reminds customers to stay alert for potential utility payment scams.

Ocala Electric Utility will never call its customers demanding payment using prepaid cards or debit cards.

OEU does not cut power to businesses after hours. If customers believe there is an account problem, call 352-629-2489.

It is important to increase awareness about payment scams, so customers understand the red flags and know what to do.

Be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment for any reason.

Never give out personal or financial information to anyone who calls or emails you.

Never wire money, provide debit or credit card numbers to someone you don't know, or meet with a stranger in-person to make a payment.

For more information, please contact the City of Ocala at 352-629-2489.

### Friday Forum

The 1-mill school tax which for four years successfully has helped provide fundamental services to our children is up for renewal on the Aug. 28 primary ballot.

This year the school budget must also find funds for school safety and security in the wake of the Parkland and Forest High shootings.

Strongly advocating for voters' approval at the July 13 Friday Forum will be Superintendent of Schools Dr. Heidi Maier, Chairman of the School Board Beth McCall and Chief Financial Officer Theresa Boston-Ellis, who will be joined by moder-

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BY AUGIE SALZER  
Riverland News

The Florida Highway Patrol is taking advantage of the latest technology available by installing 360-degree cameras on its patrol cars. The cutting-edge system will replace the Panasonic "dash cams" the troopers have been using for the past six years.

The new cameras, also made by Panasonic, will give the troopers the ability to view all around their cruisers with five different camera angles. One camera will show the vehicle's rear seat for the cars outfitted with a cage. The other cameras will cover the front of the car and each side. All together the cameras will give complete comprehensive coverage.

"We believe this new system will give a fuller view of what goes on outside the patrol car with the 360-degree view," said Lt. P.V. Riordan, FHP Public Affairs Officer for Troop B. "By the end of August, over 2,100 patrol cars will be equipped with the new cameras and this will double the number of vehicles we have with cameras."

The cameras have ultra low-light technol-



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**Sgt. Robert Williams of Troop B stands next to one an FHP patrol vehicle outfitted with new cameras to provide a 360-degree view. The cameras are activated when the trooper engages the emergency blue lights or the vehicle is involved in a crash**

ogy to allow for viewing in nearly complete darkness. The mobile recorders are sturdy with anti-shock and anti-vibration construction. The new system has a wide-angle lens, zoom capabilities and the wireless microphone can pick up high quality audio from about a mile



away. The enhanced system will have the capacity to record for approximately 80 hours.

"With the old system, the trooper had to come into the station to upload the video," Riordan said. "One of the advantages of this new system is the trooper won't have to leave the road, be-

cause they can upload from the field making it more efficient and effective for the troopers to stay on the road."

Currently, Troop B is using 37 separate server locations and this procedure will reduce the number to one single off load system. Although Marion

County is just a small part of Troop B, it already has its cars outfitted with the new technology. The cameras are very small and installed inside of the patrol cars.

"This system is more technology advanced and this will give us the ability to share videos on a secure server," Riordan said. "This reduces the need to download the video and copy onto a disc."

The cameras are activated when the trooper engages the emergency blue lights or the vehicle is involved in a crash.

By the end of August, all FHP vehicles -- marked and unmarked units -- statewide will be outfitted with the cameras from lieutenants to the troopers.

"This new system will be a great help for gathering evidence," said Sgt. Robert Williams of Troop B after having the cameras in his patrol cruiser for about a month.

FHP will be the first law enforcement agency in Florida to install the Panasonic 360-degree cameras.

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## Young cartoonist is drawing for a break

BY DAVID DAVIS  
Editor

Billy G. Oat has collected a middle initial and shows more of his teeth since Sativa Morrell began drawing the billy goat cartoon character in her early teens. At age 25, Sativa is still drawing the goat whose catchphrase is, "I'm just a kid."

Billy goes to school with human children and he even has a pet dog.

Sativa and Billy were featured in the South Marion Citizen in September 2007. Since then, the comical goat has matured and the artist has been declared legally blind.

"I was diagnosed at about 13 or 14. I've progressively been losing vision. My left eye is my poorest eye," she said. "Other than that, every-



**Sativa Morrell draws a cartoon while seated at the dining room table in the home where she lives with her father, Brian. Sativa continues to draw though she has been declared legally blind.**

thing is just blurry. I can't see too well. Everything has to be close, on other days it varies."

Her father, Brian, has taken her to optometrists and ophthalmologists throughout Florida and

none of them have offered a medical reason for Sativa's impaired vision. She's been told her corneas are well and everything seems to be focusing. Sativa wore glasses as a child to cor-

rect her vision, but as her sight worsened with time, she said her hearing has improved.

"They don't really understand what's going on with my vision, they pretty much just diagnose me as legally blind. It has been progressing since the age of about 14 until now," she said. "It's kind of funny how I hear things. It's really awkward. I can tell something is coming before it happens," Sativa said. She was active in school. "I've jumped hurdles before, but that was before all of this happened so I don't know if I could ever jump a hurdle again, but I could probably hear a ball coming. I see shadows in my left eye so I can tell if something is near me. I just can't tell how far away it is eye."

Art has always been her passion. At 4, she was coloring and at age of 5,

began drawing on a Me-gasketcher. Since then, she has worked with paints, water colors, charcoal, pencils, painting, "pretty much the works. I like learning new things."

But her favorite art form is drawing panel comics and "Lance and Logan" cartoons are probably the oldest art she has in her scrapbook.

"I was a lot younger then, but it was about two dogs that go on crazy adventures," she said. "I just became a cartoonist by choice and chance, pretty much," she said. "I've got a certificate now and I just want to publish my work."

She is working on a 24-page children's book about a dog on a bike. A boy gets a bike for his birthday and a dog takes off on it. At the end, the boy might

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Pineapple Parfait

# EAT HEALTHY AT HOME

**FAMILY FEATURES**

Even if you've mastered the art of a smart workday lunch and can pick the most nutritious items on a restaurant menu like a pro, eating healthy at home is an unexpected downfall many people face.

When you find the chance to take a break from the busy pace of life and spend some time at home, it can be easy to slip into an all-indulgence mindset. Just remember that doesn't have to mean going all-out on junk food.

Enjoy the comforts of home and keep your eating on track with these helpful tips.

**When you're spending time with family**

It's easy to catch a carefree spirit while you're running the bases in an impromptu game of backyard baseball or being tempted by yet another imaginary dessert from the kiddie kitchen. When playtime winds down for dinner, there's no reason for the fun to stop. Have kids get hands-on to help assemble a healthy meal everyone can enjoy. Skip the cutting, peeling and mess by using Dole Jarred Fruit to prepare salads, desserts and even main dishes that satisfy the whole family's sweet tooth.

**When you're tackling chores**

From seasonal landscaping to the myriad projects you've been putting off, the list of chores around the house may seem never-ending. Remember to stay hydrated, especially if you're working outdoors, and be sure you make time to eat, even if it's just a quick bite to keep you fueled. Air-popped crackers and hummus is a smart alternative to chips and dip, or get your pick-me-up from a handful of nuts and a serving of sweet, juicy fruit.

**When you want to be a couch potato**

When a new TV season begins this fall, keep your guilty pleasure in check with quick, healthy dishes to enjoy as you binge watch your favorite shows. Keep your kitchen stocked with ingredients such as high quality, ready-to-eat Dole Jarred Fruit so you can create quick and easy snacks with a serving of fruit in between episodes or during a commercial break.

For more recipes you can enjoy at home, visit [dolesunshine.com](http://dolesunshine.com).

**Sweet Treats**

Tickle your taste buds with these tricks that transform a kitchen staple like jarred fruit into a tasty treat:

- Brighten up bland yogurt or frozen waffles with a serving of jarred fruit, such as sliced peaches or mandarin oranges.
- Dip jarred pineapple chunks in melted chocolate and pop them in the freezer until hardened.
- Top a serving of jarred tropical fruit with coconut flakes for an island escape.



Asian Chicken Lettuce Wraps



Orange Chipotle Avocado Toast



Tropical Rum Raisin Dessert

**Asian Chicken Lettuce Wraps**

Total time: 15 minutes  
Servings: 1

- 1/2 cup refrigerated cooked chicken breast strips
- 2 Bibb or Boston lettuce leaves
- 1/2 cup Dole Mandarin Oranges, drained
- 2 teaspoons slivered almonds
- 1 tablespoon light Asian salad dressing

Divide chicken equally into two lettuce leaves, making two wraps.  
Add 1/4 cup of Dole Mandarin Oranges and 1 teaspoon slivered almonds into each wrap.  
Serve lettuce wraps with light Asian salad dressing for dipping.

**Orange Chipotle Avocado Toast**

Total time: 10 minutes  
Servings: 1

- 1 slice whole wheat bread
- 1/2 avocado, diced or smashed salt pepper
- 1/3 cup Dole Mandarin Oranges, drained
- 1/2 teaspoon chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, finely chopped
- 1/4 lime

Lightly toast whole-wheat bread and top with diced avocado. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.  
In medium bowl, toss oranges with chipotle peppers.  
Spoon oranges over avocado toast and finish with a squeeze of lime.

**Tip:** For spicier toast, include pepper seeds. For more mild heat, remove seeds. A sprinkle of chili pepper can also be used to add spice.

**Pineapple Parfait**

Total time: 10 minutes  
Servings: 1

- 1 jar (23.5 ounces) Dole Pineapple Chunks
- 2 tablespoons Greek yogurt
- 2 vanilla wafers, crushed

Measure 1/2 cup drained fruit.  
Spoon pineapple chunks into dessert glass. Spoon yogurt over pineapple. Sprinkle crushed wafers on top.

**Tropical Rum Raisin Dessert**

Total time: 30 minutes  
Servings: 4

- 1 jar (23.5 ounces) Dole Tropical Fruit, drained, juice reserved
- 1/2 cup Dole Seedless Raisins
- 1/4 cup spiced or coconut rum
- 2 cups vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt, divided
- 4 teaspoons toasted shredded coconut, divided

Place fruit in medium bowl and set aside. In small bowl, combine raisins, rum and 1/4 cup reserved juice. Allow raisins to soak at least 20 minutes until plump. Drain off liquid.  
Combine fruit and rum raisins; spoon into serving bowls. Top each bowl with 1/2 cup scoop of ice cream and top each with 1 teaspoon toasted coconut.

**Tip:** 1/2 teaspoon rum extract and 1/2 cup reserved juice may be used instead of rum.

## LIBRARY

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new shelving and furniture sponsored by the Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library. All other Marion County Public Library System locations will be open as scheduled. The Marion Oaks Public Library is scheduled to resume normal hours of operation July 17.

For more information about this or other Marion County Public Library System locations, visit the library's website at <http://library.marioncountyfl.org> or call 352-671-8551.

**American Legion**

American Legion, Post 354, Ocala, will hold its monthly meeting, Monday, July 16, from 12:45 - 2 p.m. in the West Marion Sheriff's Office Auxiliary Room at 9048 SR 200. Join us for coffee, cake and doughnuts. The speaker is Mr. Levinson from Hospice, who will bring current information regarding hospice and benefits for veterans. Military newspapers from all

branches will be available. Also, a 50-50 drawing ... and free drawings from local merchant gifts.

For more information, please contact Allen Jones by calling or texting 352-817-0224 or email [DrJones9000@gmail.com](mailto:DrJones9000@gmail.com).

**Robotics Summer Camp**

The College of Central Florida's Corporate College will offer an industrial robotics summer camp for high school students July 16-19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at its Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road. The four-day camp provides high school students with hands-on experience building, running and executing programs on FANUC industrial robots. Course fee is \$250 and CF instructor is Sam Ajlani.

For more information or to register for the course, call 352-873-5855 or email [CorporateCollege@cf.edu](mailto:CorporateCollege@cf.edu). To learn more about CF visit [www.CF.edu](http://www.CF.edu).

**Tuesday, July 17 SPCA Fundraiser**

Please join us for a tasty fundraiser Tuesday evening, July 17, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sonny's BBQ at 1845 SW College Road (SR 200) across from Target. All you have to do is go there for dinner between 5 and 8 p.m. and bring our flyer with you. Sonny's will generously donate 25 percent of your dinner bill to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Marion County. We know how all our friends and neighbors love to go out to eat, so why not go out for a good cause? You can bring many friends and family with you and have a party. You can also stop by our table in the lobby and say hello. If you're on our mailing list, we will send you a flyer. Flyers will also be available at the Town Square in On Top of the World at the Thursday farmers market, on Facebook: Marion County FL SPCA; and website: [SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com](http://SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com).

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**Auditions**

Auditions for the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be held Monday, July 16 and Tuesday, July 17, at 7 p.m. at Ocala Civic Theatre. The beloved musical

celebrates its 50th anniversary. This humorous reimagining of the biblical story of Joseph takes him from trials and tribulations to triumph. Young Joseph is the favorite son of his father, Jacob, who gives him a gorgeous coat of many colors. After his jealous brothers sell him into slavery in Egypt, poor Joseph is unjustly imprisoned over a misunderstanding with his wealthy master, Potiphar. But when Joseph's gift of interpreting dreams saves the land from famine and makes him invaluable to Pharaoh, it also miraculously reunites Joseph with his long-lost family. The catchy pop score by Andrew Lloyd Webber features songs like "Any Dream Will Do" and a variety of musical styles from country to calypso, disco to rock. It's an amazing Technicolor dream of a show.

**Dementia Caregivers**

Dementia Caregivers Workshop provided FREE for families, friends and caregivers of dementia patients July 17 6-7:30 p.m. at Freedom Library 5870

SW 95th St, Ocala, FL 34476. The workshop educates and connects caregivers to resources that enhance the skills of caregivers, families and friends. Each session addresses different topics plus invites questions from those who attend. Learn how to decrease stress in a caregivers life while increasing the quality of life for the person living with dementia. The workshop and materials are free. Register early by calling Mark Croft 352-861-8788

**Friday, July 20**

**CF EMT Deadline**

The deadline for applications to the College of Central Florida's emergency medical technician program is Friday, July 20. An information session will be held Wednesday, July 18, at 3 p.m. at the Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road in Building 35, Room 105 and at 6 p.m. at the Citrus Campus, 3800 S Lecanto Highway, in the Dorothea Jerome Building, Room 103.

The EMT program is a

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# Enough is enough and I've had enough

I have had enough of some things. There are, however, some things I can never have enough. Apple fritters and coffee are things I can never have enough of. I would never use the word "enough" with these words.

Some things are in this category of "I've Had Enough."

Recently, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Your birthday is coming up. What do you want to do for your birthday?"

I looked at her like I have never looked at her before and said, "Enough, I've had enough of birthdays I don't want another birthday."

She looked at me, laughed like usual and said, "Silly boy, everybody has a birthday."

In a way, I guess she is right, but I have had enough birthdays and I do not want another birthday.

I think birthday celebrations are rather silly when you get to be a certain age. Sure, when you are young and full of energy, you looked forward to birthday cel-

ebrations. You looked forward to all the birthday presents you are going to be getting. Nothing is more exciting than celebrating your birthday.

That certainly is one stage of life. However, that stagecoach has left the ranch. I have had enough birthdays.

One of the aggravating things about a birthday is that you have to disclose your age. You know when you say, for example, "I'm 60," people will always respond by saying, "You don't look 60."

Everybody knows that is the code for saying, "You sure do look old."

Or, somebody will say, "60 is the new 40." I have no idea what that means, but I certainly do not want to live 40 again.

Mind you, I have nothing against birthday cakes and such. I have had enough birthday cakes throughout my life that I probably do not need anymore. If only I could get a birthday cake without all of the hullabaloo and the singing, "Happy birthday to you..."

But there is a main concern I have about my birthday. I have given this some rather deep thought and I have come to my ultimate conclusion.

That conclusion is, I really do not know when my birthday is.

That may sound silly, but I have good reasons to question the actual birth date. Unfortunately, I cannot remember anything about that day. I do have a vague memory of being hung upside down by my feet and somebody slapping my backside. That is all I remember.

I do not know the actual date and year.

My wife one time said to me, "Well, your parents told you what your birthday was. You should trust them."

And that is the problem. It is a problem of trust. In the beginning years of my life, whenever it started, my parents had the habit of lying to me.

For instance. It took me years to discover that they had been lying to me about Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. For many years, they as-

sured me there was a real Santa Claus and a real Easter Bunny. Can you imagine the heartache I experienced when I discovered that they were not being truthful to me?

If they were not truthful to me about Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny, how can I be sure they were truthful to me about my actual birth date?

Someone once pointed out that I had a birth certificate, but I do not know the validity of that birth certificate. I do not remember being present when that certificate was signed. How do I know it is not fake?

It took me a long time to realize that even the Tooth Fairy was not actually true. When they told me about the Tooth Fairy, I could hardly wait to yank a tooth out of my mouth and put it under my pillow.

Imagine the disappointment I felt when I discovered there was no such thing as a Tooth Fairy.

If I would take the time to investigate, I probably would find a lot more things my par-



**Out to Pastor**  
Rev. James Snyder

ents told me that turned out not to be true. So, when it comes to my birth date, how can I really believe that that is my actual birth date?

What, if I am not as old as my parents say I am?

So, with all the information I have not found, how can I celebrate my birthday again? I think I should just put it aside as I did Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy. I should put it in the same category, laugh it off and say, "Ha, ha, ha, none of this is true."

"What do you mean," my wife queried, "you're not going to celebrate your birthday anymore?"

I explained to her that I celebrated enough birthdays, birthday I'm not quite sure is my actual birthday, so I don't need to celebrate anymore. Enough is certainly enough.

"What about my birthday?"

I simply looked at her and said, "We sure will be celebrating your birthday at least once a year." She smiled and I let it at that.

Later that night I thought of some Scripture I had read in the morning. "The Lord our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount" (Deuteronomy 1:6). God was trying to get Israel to move on.

Like Israel, sometimes we can stay "long enough" at a certain place and then we need to move on.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, in Ocala, Florida. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamessnyder2@att.net.

The church web site is [www.whatafellowship.com](http://www.whatafellowship.com).

## Happenings

### Southwest Christian Church

Come worship with Southwest Christian Church, Sunday at 10:30 a.m., at 9045 SW 60th Ave., Ocala. Our worship style is full of love, joy and faith, as we worship God in a traditional way. Learn more about us and even view a sermon from our Preaching Minister David Campbell, on our website: [www.swchristianchurch.com](http://www.swchristianchurch.com)

### 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.

As always, we begin each Lord's day with Sunday School classes for all ages beginning at 9:30 a.m. We offer five adult classes on a variety of topics. A synopsis of each class is available on our website.

Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. as we open with special music by our Worship Choir.

Praise time includes a blend of familiar hymns of the church as well as contemporary praise songs with a full praise band. Pastor David Bellows will bring a message of inspiration entitled "Prayers of King David."

Pastor Ray Westman leads a Small Group Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. The group meets in our main building and takes an in-depth look at the Sunday morning message with a video message from Pastor David Bellows.

On Saturday, July 21, at 11 a.m. the Women's Ministry will come together for a brunch and to bring household cleaning items as well as other personal items to support the Helping Hands Ministry in Ocala as they celebrate "Christmas in July." This event will be held in the West Building on the CCOMC Campus. Women who would like to participate should RSVP by contacting the church office via email at [info@ccomc.org](mailto:info@ccomc.org) or by telephone.

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

### Jazz Society

The Ocala Jazz Society invites you to join them Sunday, July 15, from 2-5 p.m. for its monthly performance of Swing, Big Band, Dixieland, 50s and all your fa-

vorites. We look forward to seeing you at the smoke free Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4781, 9401 SW 110th Street, across from Oak Run. The band performs on the third Sunday of each month. A suggested donation of \$3 for Hospice is appreciated. For more information, please call 352-237-0234 or email [ocalajazzsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:ocalajazzsociety@yahoo.com).

Book signing  
The Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology presents a program Sunday, July

15, at 2 p.m. at Green Clover Hall, 319 SE 26th Terrace, at the McPherson Governmental Complex. There will be a reception and book signing with refreshments and tours at the museum. Presented by Dr. Joe Knetsch the author of nine books, retired historian for the Division of State Lands, Florida Department of Environmental Protection for more than 28 years and now consulting on historical and archaeological research matters throughout the

state. For information, call the museum at 352-236-5245. Program is free to museum members and \$5 to nonmembers.

### Monday, July 16

### Marion Oaks Public Library renovations

The Marion Oaks Public Library will be closed Monday, July 16, due to renovations to the children's services area. Upgrades include

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# Stone Creek has a



**Stone Creek**  
Patricia Gizzi

As I have reported many times, Stone Creek Community is a very generous community. They are now gearing up for an upcoming event in October: October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month and the money raised from this event will benefit Ocala's Domestic Violence Shelter.

The mission statement of Ocala's Domestic Violence Shelter is: "The Ocala Domestic Violence Center works proactively to eliminate

domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and other crimes in our society. Our mission is to aid, comfort and empower victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Toward this end, we will be the voice of the victims. Our vision is a community that has eliminated domestic violence and sexual assault as a result of social change and education."

Leisure Arts League is sponsoring this community project with participating clubs to benefit the center. They are pro-

viding community workshops to cut fringe and sew fleece blankets; knit or crochet soap sacks for the participants of the center. All supplies for the projects will be provided by Leisure Arts League. If knitting and crocheting are not your thing, there is still more to do.

There is also a performance of Stone Creek residences to put on a theater production at the Reunion Center at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19. The production called "A Halloween Thriller

Evilleena's Scary Night." The performance is being directed by our fitness director, Cheri Irwin. Donation for a ticket is \$5. All money and gifts will go directly to Ocala's Domestic Violence Center.

Leisure Arts would like some of your time or a donation of the critical items the residents of the Domestic Violence Center can use. Some of the supplies needed are toilet paper, paper towels, Ziploc bags gallon and sandwich, snacks, antifungal

cream and powder for feet, antibiotic ointment, Ibuprofen, clothing for children - all sizes and diapers, women's clothing including underwear, bras, socks in all sizes.

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So, when you go shopping, pick up some of

the items as October will be here sooner than we think

You can also donate gift cards or even explore the needs of volunteers at the center. Over the years, the residents of Stone Creek have been very generous in helping others in need. More stories to follow as we get closer to October. Let's make this year the best yet for the Ocala Domestic Violence Center.

## Fairfield Village



The Faith-Filled Villagers, in an abbreviated form because of family commitments and summer vacation trips, stopped rehearsals long enough for a photo as they prepare for the Second Sunday Praise and Prayer gathering in the Fairfield Village Clubhouse Sunday, July 8. In the photo is Deborah Giles, left, John Walters, Mickey Theile and Marv Theile.

## Quail Meadow: What a great party on Independence Day!



**Quail Meadow**  
Carolyn Slocumb

What a great party at the clubhouse to celebrate Independence Day! Fifty-four residents and guests enjoyed the indoor picnic. The food was delicious (as usual).

The party began with R Music 4 You (Poppi and Cheryl) playing patriotic music. As the theme music of each branch of military service was played, those who had served in that branch stood up and were recognized. This was followed by everyone standing for the Pledge Allegiance and the playing of the national anthem.

After eating until we were stuffed, the afternoon was spent meeting new residents to our community and enjoying the music. Marlene Cigrand and the line dancers enjoyed the time for dancing.

There are several events this week: Wednesday, July 11, at noon is the "Prep" meeting of the QMPOA board of directors; Friday, July 13, is the Ladies Luncheon at the Red Lobster at 11:30 a.m.; On Saturday (7/14) the Rod

and Gun club will have a meeting at the clubhouse at 10 a.m.

Next week, Monday, July 16, at 7 p.m. there will be a QMPOA homeowners meeting at the clubhouse.

On Tuesday, July 17, John Gardner from Force4Tactical will be speaking at the clubhouse about safety and self-defense. This meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with meet-and-greet and refreshments, followed at 6 p.m. with the special presentation. This meeting is for all QM residents.

Do you remember the story of who wrote The Star Spangled Banner?

Francis Scott Key, who I am proud to say is my ancestor, wrote the poem on the back of a letter.

The Star-Spangled Banner is the national

anthem of the United States. The lyrics are from a poem written Sept. 14, 1814 by the then 35-year-old lawyer and amateur poet Francis Scott Key, who witnessed the bombardment of Ft. McHenry by British ships in Baltimore Harbor in the War of 1812. Key was inspired by the large U. S. Flag with 15 stars and 15 stripes, known as the Star-Spangled Banner, flying triumphantly above the fort during the U.S. victory, which most thought the British would win.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" was recognized for official use by the United States Navy in 1889 and by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. It was made the national anthem by a Congressional Resolution March 3, 1931, and was signed by President Herbert Hoover.

Since 1998, federal law states that during a rendition of the national anthem, when the flag is displayed, all present including those in uniform should stand at attention; nonmilitary service individuals should face the flag with the right hand over the heart; Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present and not in uniform may render the military salute; military service persons not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold the headdress at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; and members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position

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# Introduction to the American Legion



**COMMANDER'S CORNER**  
Allen C. Jones

I'm Allen C. Jones, the new Commander for American Legion Post 354, in Ocala. I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself, and to thank the South Marion Citizen and West Marion Messenger for the kindness and commitment for posting our monthly meeting schedule and happenings in "Happenings."

I realize that many of you may not know all about what the 'The American Legion' does, so let's take a moment and bring everyone up to speed.

First of all, our members are all military veterans who served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard. Our oldest members fought in WW II and Korea, while the Baby Boomers like myself, fought in Vietnam. Younger mem-

bers earned their stripes in Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Iraq and Afghanistan.

All of our active members live in the local area, many of them in 55-plus communities such as Oak Run, Pine Run, OTOW, Palm Cay, Cherrywood, Spruce Creek, Ocala Palms and others.

Our focus is in serving West and Southwest Marion County. Each year, we look forward to awarding certificates and honorariums to Elementary, Middle and High School students that display exceptional prowess in their academic studies.

In 2017-2018, we placed "Purple Heart" parking plaques at schools throughout Marion County. These spaces are now reserved for those who paid a very high price.

I would be remiss if I didn't remind everyone to visit the Veteran's Park at E. Silver Springs Blvd. and 25th Avenue. You will find a world of information about our veteran's and where they are active throughout Marion County and Florida, along with those who have been honored with plaques and special mention; even an obelisk that displays the names of "Florida Home Boys" who received the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military award given for bravery and gallantry.

Our post is growing as Baby Boomers continue to move into senior neighborhoods, the majority of them, like myself, served during the Vietnam era.

I would like to personally invite all honorably discharged veterans to

visit with us at one of our monthly gatherings. Our next meeting is July 16. Meet your fellow vets; have a doughnut and a cup of coffee. Find out what we're doing in the community.

We thank you for this opportunity to update everyone regarding Your American Legion, Post 354, Ocala.

We look forward to seeing you on the third Monday of each month in the Marion County Sheriff's Community Room, 9048 SW State Rd. 200.

Meetings start at 12:45 p.m. and are completed by 2 p.m.  
God Bless

## UW seeks ReadingPals

United Way of Marion County is seeking volunteers to be placed in targeted, kindergarten classrooms in 16 elementary schools for the 2018-2019 school year to assist students in building critical literacy skills.

Volunteer commitment consists of a 30-minute session during the school day, once or twice a week for 25 weeks throughout the school year. ReadingPals are paired with one struggling student to work with for the length of the program. Books, training materials and background screening will be provided. New this school year, additional ReadingPals will be needed for group reading opportunities in the voluntary prekindergarten classrooms.

ReadingPals is made possible by United Way of Marion County with additional grant funding provided by Carol and Barney Barnett, in partnership with the Chil-



United Way of Marion County

dren's Movement of Florida. Since its inception in 2012, 1,108 volunteers have served 1,127 Marion County children and more than 32,000 books have been distributed.

Multiple volunteer training sessions will be offered starting in mid-July through August in United Way of Marion County's Bonnie Heath Community Room, 1401 NE Second Street, Ocala, and at On Top of the World, Master the Possibilities, Circle Square Commons, 8415 SW 80th Street, Ocala. If you are interested in signing up or for more information please contact the United Way by calling Jan Hathaway at 352-732-9696 ext. 212 or jhathaway@uwmc.org



## Art in the Attic returns to The Brick

Back by popular demand, MCA will hold a "y-ART" sale - a creative spin on the traditional yard sale - Friday, July 20, and Saturday, July 21, at Brick City Center for the Arts, 23 SW Broadway, Ocala 8 a.m.-4 p.m., free and open to the public.

To get a sneak peak, art collectors can purchase a ticket for the VIP Sip and Shop event, Thursday, July 19, 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 (MCA members \$15) and are available at <https://mcaocala.networkforgood.com/events/6439-art-in-the-attic-vip-champagne-sip-shop-party>

Marion Cultural Alliance's y-ART Sale is a FUN fundraising event that features previously enjoyed art at yard sale prices! Hundreds of works will be for sale including paintings, prints, drawings, photographs, and all will be sold at affordable prices.

Donations of art are still being accepted through July 13. Drop off days are Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Whether you are new to collecting art or a seasoned collector, you are certain to find treasures at Art in the Attic.

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tion until the last note. The law further provides

that when the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed.

## Roving Rabbis to Ocala

Roving Rabbis to visit Ocala, The Villages and Surrounding areas.

Each summer, Merkos Linyonei Chinuch, the educational arm of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, dispatches hundreds of rabbinical students to small Jewish communities around the globe.

Rabbinical students and young rabbis spend their summers on the road, sharing their passion for Jewish life and bringing Jewish awareness and observance wherever they go.

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Jewish Center of Marion County and The Villages. "The hundreds of young students who participate in this annual program stand on the forefront of Jewish life and we're honored to have them join us here visiting the Jewish communities in Marion, Citrus, Sumter and Lake counties."

Visiting Marion County, The Villages and surrounding areas are Rabbi Daniel Shakorov and Rabbi Yossi Rubenstein, both from Brooklyn, New York.

They will be in Oxford through July 19. Reserve your visit now. The Rabbis will come to your home or office to have a friendly discussion about any topic, affix a Mezuzah, and bring a delicious challah or anything else free of charge.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Yossi Hecht, Chabad Jewish Center of Marion County by phone: 352-2330-4466; email: Rabbi@JewishMarion.org; or visit in person at 13030 CR 103 Oxford, FL 34484; or on the internet at [www.JewishMarion.org](http://www.JewishMarion.org).

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# Ocala Palms has star-spangled Fourth

It was a star-spangled July Fourth celebration at Ocala Palms this year with over 200 residents and guests who turned out for the hot dogs and a

huge buffet consisting of salads, desserts, fruits, snacks and lemonade and ice tea. A golf cart parade of over 30 carts all beautifully decorated in a pa-

triotic theme followed came after. The weather cooperated so everyone could see the local fireworks display later that evening.



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### Biart awarded Meritorius Service Medal

Army Maj. Timothy P. Biart has been decorated with the Meritorius Service Medal.

This medal recognizes noncombat meritorious achievement or service that is incontestably exceptional and that clearly places the individual above his or her peers while serving in one of the assignments for which the medal has been designated.

Biart is a Battalion Executive Officer with the 3rd Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He is the son of Wayne Biart of Weston, Colorado, and Candace Smith of Silver Springs, and nephew of Jack Rice of Sarasota.

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## Opinion

### Your VIEW

## Who's in the wrong?

We have now sunk so low we are comparing the illegal immigrant children to Christ, referencing the editorial cartoon in last week's paper. For some reason many now believe that anyone has the right to enter America, and those evil ones, ICE, who attempt to protect our borders should be done away with.

We have too many, the protesters, who don't know or have forgotten just what made America great and it wasn't ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS!

America is based on our constitution and honoring GOD. We were founded as a Christian nation, honoring our flag, our anthem, enforcing our borders, believing that our rights come from GOD and the rule of law.

We have never just allowed everyone into our country, but have always welcomed LEGAL immigrants who come to be a contributing part of America. Our leftist protesters don't like the word "ILLEGAL," but thankfully, even though they make the most noise, they are in the minority.

Polls show that most Americans believe that parents who knowingly commit the crime of trying to bring children here ILLEGALLY are in the wrong, not our law enforcement. The far left needs to admit that illegal means breaking the law, committing a punishable crime.

Now, based on their recent actions, the far left Democrats have totally lost it. Encouraging their followers to harass conservative families, including women and their children, is disgraceful. If this continues I'm afraid it will lead to someone really being hurt.

Of course, they now have Maxine Waters as their "poster child" as she promotes this pure hatred, leading the way.

It would help if the Trump haters would quit hollering "he lies" and admit the good things Trump has accomplished.

He is not a politician but he is a businessman who knows how to get things done. There isn't room to list them here, but take the time to investigate for yourself. Trump comes across badly many times, but actions speak louder than words. Unfortunately, no matter what good things he accomplishes, our leftist media minimizes it.

Trump truly loves America, our constitution and our capitalist free market system.

We now have a president who believes in saying Merry Christmas and manger scenes, and he has reinstated our National Day of Prayer in the White House.

He believes we are still a Christian nation and seeks guidance from Christian leaders who visit with him in the

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## The old man in the nursing home was so much more than that

It was a single-story low-slung building that looked as aged as the men and women inside.

The building served as a hospital in its heyday, but the rural county it served fell on hard times. After World War II, people left farms in droves for industrial cities. They worked in manufacturing plants and adopted suburban lifestyles.

The hospital closed long ago. It sat vacant for years before the county converted it into a nursing home. Nowadays, the building would be "repurposed" into a "senior living" center.

Outside, no one sat on the old wooden benches set under magnolia trees, nor were there any other visible signs of life.

Inside, the foul air was inescapable. The stench of soiled bed sheets mixed with a pine-based disinfectant was hard to bear. The receptionist stationed in the center of the hallway was cheerful and seemed not to notice the environment.

There were several rooms to the left and an equal number to the right. The man I wanted to visit was behind the last door on the left to the hallway to the left, she said.

The nursing home administrator was a friend of the newspaper where I worked, and she had invited me to interview some of the residents. I'm ashamed to say that I didn't want to go to a nursing home to conduct an interview, but it was a small newspaper and I needed any story I could get.

Though she and her small staff were poorly paid, they were committed to providing the best care possible under the circumstances. There



### Mountains from Molehills

By David Davis

were no visitors in any of the rooms except for staff members cajoling the patients to take their medicine, turn over or to help them into a chair. The moans and groans from some of the residents were as equally hard to bear as the odor.

I don't remember the old man's name and neither do I remember much about the conversation we had. I do remember that his face brightened almost as soon as I walked into his room. He was starved for company, since none of his family ever visited. He was in a sense, "warehoused" in the nursing home.

He was in his late 80s, but his mind was still sharp. In his youth, the old man had been in the Navy. I'm not sure if he was on a coal-burner or oil-fired ship, but I do remember he was a boiler water tender. His job was to watch the ship's boilers and make sure the water level did not get too high or too low. Either condition could be catastrophic.

I had retired from the Navy only a few years before my conversation with the old man. I was stunned when he revealed his job. Among other things, my duty was to maintain an instrument called a boiler water level indicator. It occurred to me that the equipment I maintained

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## THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

### Roe is a travesty

The prospect of overturning Roe v. Wade will be at the foreground of the battle over Justice Anthony Kennedy's replacement, and it should be.

Roe is judicially wrought social legislation pretending to the status of constitutional law. It is more adventurous than Miranda and Griswold, other watchwords of judicial activism from its era. It is as much a high-handed attempt to impose a settlement on a hotly contested political question as the abhorrent Dred Scott decision denying the rights of blacks. It is, in short, a travesty that a constitutionalist Supreme Court should excise from its body of work with all due haste.

Roe has been commonly misunderstood since it was handed down in 1973, in part because its supporters have been so determined to obscure its radicalism. It is commonly thought that Roe only prohibits restrictions on abortion in the first trimester, when it effectively forbids them at any time, imposing a pro-abortion regime as sweeping as anywhere in the advanced world.

Roe struck down 50 state laws and has made it all but impossible to regulate abortion, except in the narrowest circumstances. More to the point, the argument that its particular set of policy preferences is mandated by the Constitution is flatly preposterous.

Over the years, the decision's laughable constitutional inadequacy has been widely recognized. Shortly after it came down, Harvard Law School professor John Hart Ely, a supporter of legalized abortion, wrote that "Roe is bad because it is bad constitutional law, or rather because it is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be."

The court in Roe purported to find the constitutional right to abortion in the 14th Amendment, which says that no state can "deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."

This passage has no obvious or even subtle connection to legalized abortion (in fact, abortion laws were being tightened in the 19th century when the amendment passed). No matter. According to Blackmun, abortion is so central to liberty that no restriction on it can stand constitutional scrutiny.

He is at pains to deny that unborn children are "persons in the whole sense." As evidence, he points to clauses in the Constitution about persons that don't have "pre-natal application," e.g., the requirement that persons must be 35 or older to run for president. This is too stupid for words. Just because clauses like this refer to adults doesn't mean that minors, or unborn children, don't have rights.

The best case that can be made for Roe is that it is a mistaken decision on the books for nearly 50 years now, so it

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### Reader Opinions Invited

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so it has to be honored as a precedent. But the court is not, and shouldn't be, in the practice of standing by fundamentally flawed decisions. Brown v. Board of Education overturned Plessy v. Ferguson, which upheld segregated education, almost 60 years later. Just last week, the Court overturned a labor decision from 1977.

Roe is bad law and bad democracy. It has no sound constitutional basis, and deserves to go the way of the court's other embarrassments and misfires.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2018 by King Features Synd., Inc.

# LETTER

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White House. He has given us no reason for all this hate, so simply stop it before you destroy America. Wayne Rackley, retired insurance executive. Ocala

# CHRISTIAN

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## Southwest Christian Church

Come worship with Southwest Christian Church, Sunday at 10:30 a.m., at 9045 SW 60th Ave., Ocala. Our worship style is full of love, joy and faith, as we worship

## MOLEHILLS

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had replaced the man to whom I was talking, and others like him.

Computers taking over the world had been the subject of science fiction books and movies, but I was face to face with a man who had been replaced by a piece of technology for which I was responsible.

I learned a couple of things that day:

First, machines have been replacing people at least since the Industrial Revolution.

Second, we know people only in points of time. We see others out of context of who they really are as they pass in and out of our own lives; much like repurposed buildings.

God in a traditional way. Learn more about us and even view a sermon from our Preaching Minister David Campbell, on our website: www.swchristianchurch.com

## 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.

As always, we begin each Lord's day with Sunday School classes for all ages beginning at 9:30 a.m. We offer five adult classes on a variety of topics. A synopsis of each class is available on our website.

Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. as we open with special music by our Worship Choir.

Praise time includes a blend of familiar hymns of the church as well as contemporary praise songs with a full praise band. Pastor David Bellows will bring a message of inspiration entitled "Prayers of King David."

Pastor Ray Westman leads a Small Group Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. The group meets in our main building and takes an in-depth look at the Sunday morning message with a video message from Pastor David Bellows.

On Saturday, July 21, at 11 a.m. the Women's Ministry will come together for a brunch and to bring household cleaning items as well as other personal items to support the Helping Hands Ministry in Ocala

as they celebrate "Christmas in July." This event will be held in the West Building on the CCOMC Campus. Women who would like to participate should RSVP by contacting the church office via email at info@ccomc.org or by telephone.

Christ's Church of Marion County is located at 6768 SW 80th Street 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.

## Jazz Society

The Ocala Jazz Society invites you to join them Sunday, July 15, from 2-5 p.m. for its monthly performance of Swing, Big Band, Dixieland, 50s and all your favorites. We look forward to seeing you at the smoke free Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4781, 9401 SW 110th Street, across from Oak Run. The band performs on the third Sunday of each month. A suggested donation of \$3 for Hospice is appreciated. For more information, please call 352-237-0234 or email ocalajazzsociety@yahoo.

com. Book signing The Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology presents a program Sunday, July 15, at 2 p.m. at Green Clover Hall, 319 SE 26th Terrace, at the McPherson Governmental Complex. There will be a reception and book signing with refreshments and tours at the museum. Presented by Dr. Joe Knetsch the author of nine books, retired historian for the Division of State Lands, Florida Department of Environmental Protection for more than 28 years and now consulting on historical and archaeological research matters throughout the state.

For information, call the museum at 352-236-5245. Program is free to museum members and \$5 to nonmembers.

## Monday, July 16

### Marion Oaks Public Library renovations

The Marion Oaks Public Library will be closed Monday, July 16, due to renovations to the children's services area. Upgrades include

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## Communities partner against domestic violence

Oak Run, OTOW and Stone Creek are partnering for another spectacular thriller performance in October. This event includes dancers from various schools, along with our dancers and characters who will be in costume. Cheri Erwin is the producer and cho-

reographer. Last year, 500 people attended. This year, the event will be at Stone Creek and OTOW to accommodate a larger crowd. Please contact Mary Bell about the event for Domestic Violence Shelters at mjbell@deccacable.com or call 585-943-1007.

## Go Figure!

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Pineapple Parfait

# EAT HEALTHY AT HOME

**FAMILY FEATURES**

Even if you've mastered the art of a smart workday lunch and can pick the most nutritious items on a restaurant menu like a pro, eating healthy at home is an unexpected downfall many people face.

When you find the chance to take a break from the busy pace of life and spend some time at home, it can be easy to slip into an all-indulgence mindset. Just remember that doesn't have to mean going all-out on junk food.

Enjoy the comforts of home and keep your eating on track with these helpful tips.

**When you're spending time with family**

It's easy to catch a carefree spirit while you're running the bases in an impromptu game of backyard baseball or being tempted by yet another imaginary dessert from the kiddie kitchen. When playtime winds down for dinner, there's no reason for the fun to stop. Have kids get hands-on to help assemble a healthy meal everyone can enjoy. Skip the cutting, peeling and mess by using Dole Jarred Fruit to prepare salads, desserts and even main dishes that satisfy the whole family's sweet tooth.

**When you're tackling chores**

From seasonal landscaping to the myriad projects you've been putting off, the list of chores around the house may seem never-ending. Remember to stay hydrated, especially if you're working outdoors, and be sure you make time to eat, even if it's just a quick bite to keep you fueled. Air-popped crackers and hummus is a smart alternative to chips and dip, or get your pick-me-up from a handful of nuts and a serving of sweet, juicy fruit.

**When you want to be a couch potato**

When a new TV season begins this fall, keep your guilty pleasure in check with quick, healthy dishes to enjoy as you binge watch your favorite shows. Keep your kitchen stocked with ingredients such as high quality, ready-to-eat Dole Jarred Fruit so you can create quick and easy snacks with a serving of fruit in between episodes or during a commercial break.

For more recipes you can enjoy at home, visit [dolesunshine.com](http://dolesunshine.com).

**Sweet Treats**

Tickle your taste buds with these tricks that transform a kitchen staple like jarred fruit into a tasty treat:

- Brighten up bland yogurt or frozen waffles with a serving of jarred fruit, such as sliced peaches or mandarin oranges.
- Dip jarred pineapple chunks in melted chocolate and pop them in the freezer until hardened.
- Top a serving of jarred tropical fruit with coconut flakes for an island escape.



Asian Chicken Lettuce Wraps



Orange Chipotle Avocado Toast



Tropical Rum Raisin Dessert

**Asian Chicken Lettuce Wraps**

Total time: 15 minutes  
Servings: 1

- 1/2 cup refrigerated cooked chicken breast strips
- 2 Bibb or Boston lettuce leaves
- 1/2 cup Dole Mandarin Oranges, drained
- 2 teaspoons slivered almonds
- 1 tablespoon light Asian salad dressing

Divide chicken equally into two lettuce leaves, making two wraps.  
Add 1/4 cup of Dole Mandarin Oranges and 1 teaspoon slivered almonds into each wrap.  
Serve lettuce wraps with light Asian salad dressing for dipping.

**Orange Chipotle Avocado Toast**

Total time: 10 minutes  
Servings: 1

- 1 slice whole wheat bread
- 1/2 avocado, diced or smashed salt pepper
- 1/3 cup Dole Mandarin Oranges, drained
- 1/2 teaspoon chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, finely chopped
- 1/4 lime

Lightly toast whole-wheat bread and top with diced avocado. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

In medium bowl, toss oranges with chipotle peppers.  
Spoon oranges over avocado toast and finish with a squeeze of lime.

**Tip:** For spicier toast, include pepper seeds. For more mild heat, remove seeds. A sprinkle of chili pepper can also be used to add spice.

**Pineapple Parfait**

Total time: 10 minutes  
Servings: 1

- 1 jar (23.5 ounces) Dole Pineapple Chunks
- 2 tablespoons Greek yogurt
- 2 vanilla wafers, crushed

Measure 1/2 cup drained fruit, spoon pineapple chunks into dessert glass. Spoon yogurt over pineapple. Sprinkle crushed wafers on top.

**Tropical Rum Raisin Dessert**

Total time: 30 minutes  
Servings: 4

- 1 jar (23.5 ounces) Dole Tropical Fruit, drained, juice reserved
- 1/2 cup Dole Seedless Raisins
- 1/4 cup spiced or coconut rum
- 2 cups vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt, divided
- 4 teaspoons toasted shredded coconut, divided

Place fruit in medium bowl and set aside. In small bowl, combine raisins, rum and 1/4 cup reserved juice. Allow raisins to soak at least 20 minutes until plump. Drain off liquid.

Combine fruit and rum raisins; spoon into serving bowls. Top each bowl with 1/2 cup scoop of ice cream and top each with 1 teaspoon toasted coconut.

**Tip:** 1/2 teaspoon rum extract and 1/2 cup reserved juice may be used instead of rum.

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new shelving and furniture sponsored by the Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library. All other Marion County Public Library System locations will be open as scheduled. The Marion Oaks Public Library is scheduled to resume normal hours of operation July 17.

For more information about this or other Marion County Public Library System locations, visit the library's website at <http://library.marioncountyfl.org> or call 352-671-8551.

**American Legion**

American Legion, Post 354, Ocala, will hold its monthly meeting, Monday, July 16, from 12:45 - 2 p.m. in the West Marion Sheriff's Office Auxiliary Room at 9048 SR 200. Join us for coffee, cake and doughnuts. The speaker is Mr. Levinson from Hospice, who will bring current information regarding hospice and benefits for veterans. Military newspapers from all

branches will be available. Also, a 50-50 drawing ... and free drawings from local merchant gifts.

For more information, please contact Allen Jones by calling or texting 352-817-0224 or email [DrJones9000@gmail.com](mailto:DrJones9000@gmail.com).

**Robotics Summer Camp**

The College of Central Florida's Corporate College will offer an industrial robotics summer camp for high school students July 16-19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at its Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road. The four-day camp provides high school students with hands-on experience building, running and executing programs on FANUC industrial robots. Course fee is \$250 and CF instructor is Sam Ajlani.

For more information or to register for the course, call 352-873-5855 or email [CorporateCollege@cf.edu](mailto:CorporateCollege@cf.edu). To learn more about CF visit [www.CF.edu](http://www.CF.edu).

**Tuesday, July 17 SPCA Fundraiser**

Please join us for a tasty fundraiser Tuesday evening, July 17, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sonny's BBQ at 1845 SW College Road (SR 200) across from Target. All you have to do is go there for dinner between 5 and 8 p.m. and bring our flyer with you. Sonny's will generously donate 25 percent of your dinner bill to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Marion County. We know how all our friends and neighbors love to go out to eat, so why not go out for a good cause? You can bring many friends and family with you and have a party. You can also stop by our table in the lobby and say hello. If you're on our mailing list, we will send you a flyer. Flyers will also be available at the Town Square in On Top of the World at the Thursday farmers market, on Facebook: Marion County FL SPCA; and website: [SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com](http://SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com).

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**Auditions**

Auditions for the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be held Monday, July 16 and Tuesday, July 17, at 7 p.m. at Ocala Civic Theatre. The beloved musical

celebrates its 50th anniversary. This humorous reimagining of the biblical story of Joseph takes him from trials and tribulations to triumph. Young Joseph is the favorite son of his father, Jacob, who gives him a gorgeous coat of many colors. After his jealous brothers sell him into slavery in Egypt, poor Joseph is unjustly imprisoned over a misunderstanding with his wealthy master, Potiphar. But when Joseph's gift of interpreting dreams saves the land from famine and makes him invaluable to Pharaoh, it also miraculously reunites Joseph with his long-lost family. The catchy pop score by Andrew Lloyd Webber features songs like "Any Dream Will Do" and a variety of musical styles from country to calypso, disco to rock. It's an amazing Technicolor dream of a show.

**Dementia Caregivers**

Dementia Caregivers Workshop provided FREE for families, friends and caregivers of dementia patients July 17 6-7:30 p.m. at Freedom Library 5870

SW 95th St, Ocala, FL 34476. The workshop educates and connects caregivers to resources that enhance the skills of caregivers, families and friends. Each session addresses different topics plus invites questions from those who attend. Learn how to decrease stress in a caregivers life while increasing the quality of life for the person living with dementia. The workshop and materials are free. Register early by calling Mark Croft 352-861-8788

**Friday, July 20**

**CF EMT Deadline**

The deadline for applications to the College of Central Florida's emergency medical technician program is Friday, July 20. An information session will be held Wednesday, July 18, at 3 p.m. at the Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road in Building 35, Room 105 and at 6 p.m. at the Citrus Campus, 3800 S Lecanto Highway, in the Dorothea Jerome Building, Room 103.

The EMT program is a

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15-week course that includes lectures, skills labs and clinical experiences on ambulances and in an emergency department. Graduates of this program are eligible to apply for state certification and may find work as an EMT on ambulances, in hospitals, in industrial settings and more. Fall classes start Aug. 20 at the Citrus Campus four days a week from 6-10 p.m.

For more informa-

tion or to fill out an application, call 352-291-4440., or visit [www.cf.edu/emt](http://www.cf.edu/emt).

## Tuesday, July 24

### Christian Women

Ocala Christian Women's Connection invites you to our "Summer Splash" luncheon Tuesday, July 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 11 a.m. The special feature for July is a Bon Worth fashion show and trunk sale. Our speaker is Sara Im from Largo, Florida, sharing "Find Hope in the Midst of Adversity." Admission is \$22. Please RSVP

for lunch and free child care to Claudia at 228-2126 or Eve at 732-7053 by July 16. Our theme color for July is orange.

## Friday, July 27

### 'Be More Chill'

The student production of the musical "Be More Chill" is live on-stage July 27 - Aug. 5 at Ocala Civic Theatre.

Awkward high school junior Jeremy Heere (Devin Skorupski) is a social outcast who basically just wants to survive life in suburban New Jersey. His mom left, so now he lives with his de-

pressed dad (Adolfo Luis Benitez Otero), who works from home and thus sees no reason to wear pants.

Besides dreaming of being popular, Jeremy also desperately hopes to score a date with his crush, theater nerd Christine (Megan Brown). He even tries out for the student production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which drama teacher Mr. Reyes (Trey Campfield) has set in the post-apocalyptic future, featuring zombies instead of fairies.

There will be seven public performances from July 27 - Aug. 5. Reserve your tickets for opening night and join us Friday, July 27, at 7 p.m. for a reception an hour before the premiere performance. Delicious refreshments will be served, and beer and wine are available for purchase. Come celebrate the ex-

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## Ongoing

Holy Hour-Happy Hour Traditional Edition is the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m., followed by a delicious traditional themed buffet and cocktails including challah, geffilte fish, salads, chicken matzah ball soup and brisket. RSVP at [www.ourchurchabad.org/happyhour](http://www.ourchurchabad.org/happyhour).

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# BRIEFS

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ators Diana Williams and Rev. Bruce Seaman.

Invitations also have been extended to the sheriff and to the Ocala Police chief.

The luncheon discussion group, always open to the public, meets on the second Friday of each month at the Golden Corral, 2111 SW State Road 200, Ocala. Attendees are asked to arrive at 11:30 a.m. to meet and greet and obtain their first plate so that the program can begin promptly at noon. The event, which includes a Question and Answer period, concludes no later than 1:30 p.m.

For more information email [FridayForumofMarionCounty@gmail.com](mailto:FridayForumofMarionCounty@gmail.com) or telephone Delphine Herbert at 352-873-9970.

# YOUNG

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adopt the dog.

"He's going to ride the bike through the park, go past some trees and chase a cat on a bike," she said. "He's even chasing a chicken on a bike. He's going to

end up at the dump."

Sativa envisions doing the book in bright colors and in grayscale (black and white) to show the book from the dog's perspective, since dogs don't see in colors.

She's also working on an idea about a little girl and her Jack Russell terrier that's a terror. The little girl's

father keeps saying, "Get rid of that dog!"

Sativa has sent her work to companies like King Features and Charlesbridge Publishing. So far, they keep telling her to send more work, "so I keep sending them more work."

So far, it's just a work in progress.

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