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Bus tour highlights senior care communities

Residents faced with the ever-changing needs of growing older are invited to learn of some of the various options available to them in Marion County by taking a tour of two local senior-care communities Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The South Marion Citizen event is free and includes lunch, transportation by bus and guided tours of Pacifica Senior Living Ocala and Canterfield of Ocala

As people grow older, they have different needs, including non-medical in-home care, independent living with companionship, assisted living with skilled health care services and even memory care, as needed by those suffering with Alzheimer's disease.

The facilities toured provide different types and degrees of services.

Midway through the tour, a free lunch will be provided by Canterfield of Ocala. Advanced Physical Therapy will

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MIA/POWs remembered

VFW, Young Marines hold ceremony Saturday

BY DAVID DAVIS
Editor

On Sept. 21, the stark black and white banner symbolizing America's Missing in Action and Prisoners of War flew over the White House and other locations across the country.

President Donald Trump stated in a proclamation that, "We do this, each year, to recognize those who have suffered the horrors of enemy captivity, those who have still not returned from war, and the families who have yet to lay their loved ones to rest with the honor and dignity they deserve."

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4781 Auxiliary President Marygrace Felt said the auxiliary unit holds the ceremony every year if possible. This year, it was held



North Marion Young Marines prepare to set the "table for one" Saturday during the MIA/POW remembrance ceremony at VFW Post 4781.

Saturday, Sept. 22, to allow the North Marion Young Marines to partic-

ipate. The president stated, "Throughout American

history, the men and women of our Armed Forces have selflessly served our country, making tremendous sacrifices to defend our liberty. On National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we honor all American prisoners of war and express our deep gratitude for the courage and determination they exemplified while enduring terrible hardships. We also pay tribute to those who never returned from the battlefield and to their families, who live each day with uncertainty about the fate of their loved ones. These families are entitled to the knowledge that their loved ones still missing and unaccounted for will never be forgotten."

Felt said they keep a table with a single place setting in the foyer of the Angela Santos VFW. Most of the members

know the significance of the table, but some guests do not know and throw candy wrappers and other debris on the table adorned with the plain white tablecloth.

"It's a sacred table," she said. "For those who don't know, we will inform them today with the ceremony."

According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, there are still 54 Floridians listed as Prisoners of War, Missing in Action and Killed in Action/Body not Recovered in Vietnam; 157 from the Korean War; and 915 from World War II. The total number of Americans not recovered after WWII is 72,884.

The ceremony began with chaplain Barbara Priest offering the opening prayer. She expressed "our great concern for our country-

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School board candidates support homework

BY DAVID DAVIS
Editor

After hearing all six candidates for the Marion County School Board say they favored homework, the questioner replied that she felt slighted when her child was with a teacher all day and at night.

"I can't have my child to myself because he's too busy doing homework that he doesn't need to do because he already

knows the information," the questioner said. "He has already proven it based on his grades, and yet, he has to set there and write this stupid homework that's unnecessary when I could be with my child doing family things. If you all think they need homework, then it needs to be revamped because every child does not need homework."

She said students who cannot do the work and their parents cannot help them are

frustrated and it is psychologically damaging.

That was among the questions asked of school board candidates engaged in runoff elections. The question was asked during a political forum in Dunnellon Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the American Legion hall.

Eric Cummings and Ed Wilson are vying for District 3. In the August Primary, Wilson finished with 28,192 (43.22 percent) of the vote to Cummings'

21,531 (33.01 percent). Donnie Prophet finished third with 15,505 (23.77 percent) votes.

Incumbent Angie Boynton barely held off Nancy Thrower in District 4. Boynton finished the Primary with 18,401 (27.84 percent) to Thrower's 32,544 (49.24 percent) of the vote. Jane Moerlie finished in third with 15,154 (22.93 percent) of the vote count.

Incumbent Kelly King and Shelia Arnett finished the Primary Election in a virtual

dead heat with 25,032 (37.95 percent) voting for her and 24,500 (37.15 percent) casting ballots for Arnett.

On the question of homework, Cummings said it is part of the process.

"Everyone who has gone to school; you all had homework whether you wanted to do it or not. Homework is not just beneficial for the student, but it is beneficial for the parent at home to be

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Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder

Financial tip of the week: Pay attention

Enjoying a casual evening at home, reclining in my favorite easy chair reading, while the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was chatting on the telephone. I seldom pay attention to phone conversations. After all, I only get one side of the conversation, which may be misleading at the very best. I've been caught in that trap before with some pretty dire consequences. I am not going to get caught again, if I can help it.

Then an odd phrase caught my attention: "plastic surgery." My ears perked up and I heard my wife say, "I certainly agree with that article and I'm going to do some plastic surgery myself."

Well, you can imagine what thoughts were racing through my head. When she hung up the telephone, I queried her about it.

In my book, plastic surgery is a big step.

"You do support me

in this plastic surgery plan, don't you?"

There are times to disagree with your spouse, but as a husband for over 45 years, I have never discovered that time. Forcing a smile, I nodded in the affirmative and told her she had my full support in whatever she decided.

I had to admit that the "time" had finally come to our humble abode. Who am I to fight it? I go by this motto, "He who smiles and agrees with his spouse lives to smile another day."

I plan to smile until the day I die.

I never really thought about plastic surgery, but perhaps my wife was right. Perhaps she could use a little face-lift. For me to get a face-lift, the surgeon would need a huge construction crane. Then comes the awkward part, what do they do with my face after it was lifted?

Women, more than men, are a little sensi-

tive about their appearance. For a man, "appearance" means he showed up. A woman has an altogether different approach to the term "appearance."

Some women look in the mirror and see where some improvements could be made. For example, they see bags under their eyes that could not get through the airport carry-on luggage size requirement.

Then there is the problem with their nose, which could stand a little tweaking. For all practical purposes, one of those double chins has to go. Moreover, what woman couldn't use a tummy tuck and other snippings of the flesh?

Believe me; I never would have brought it up, but if that makes my wife happy, then whatever it costs, we can put it on a credit card. The only problem with putting something like this on a credit card is that by the time you pay it off you need another procedure.

But, she is worth it in my checkbook. I have no compunction what-

soever of writing out that check.

Each day I checked the appointment calendar hanging on our refrigerator to find out when she would be going in for the surgery. Day after day, I looked, but could never find any appointment.

I supposed she was a little sensitive about the whole thing and did not want it staring at her day after day on the appointment calendar. Whatever the reason, she had my silent support, for all it was worth. I am sure she would do the same for me. That is what marriage is all about. Supporting one another in the developments of life, whatever that development might be.

I decided to tuck this little bit in the back of my mind and, however it developed would be all right with me.

One day this week, I went to the Slurp N' Burp Café for a quiet lunch. The issue was far from my mind as I enjoyed a delicious lunch. As I finished my last cup of coffee, the waitress brought my bill and I pulled my wallet out to

pay for it.

In searching my wallet for a credit card I discovered, much to my chagrin, that there were no credit cards to be found. Somehow, I had lost my credit cards. Perhaps, in the morning when I was getting dressed they dropped out of my wallet as I was placing it in my trousers.

The problem with that theory was that all the other cards in my wallet were intact.

Fortunately, I had my cellphone and called my wife.

"Honey, I've lost all my credit cards. I'm here at the restaurant and I can't find any credit cards in my wallet. Do you have any idea what I did with my credit cards?"

"I cut them all up."

"You did what?"

"You said you supported my plastic surgery plan, didn't you?"

"But, I thought..."

"You, thought what?"

Oh boy.

Dear reader: please disregard the first part of this column. If you happen to read my obituary in next week's newspaper, you will know that my lovely, vi-

vacious, eternally youthful wife did not disregard the first part and I'm currently Resting In Pieces.

I must confess that my hearing is good; it is my understanding that falls so far short. The only exercise I'm really good at is "jumping-to-conclusions."

This is common among many people who call themselves Christians. Their hearing is good but their "doing" is not up to par.

The apostle James understood this truth quite well. He writes, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22).

It is not so much what you hear that pays dividends in life, but what you do.

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Dixie Echoes spread the Gospel through music

Christ's Church of Marion County welcomes The Dixie Echoes to the concert stage Friday evening, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. There are no tickets required, no admission charge; however, we will receive a love offering for the group during the concert.

For over 50 years, The Dixie Echoes have been delivering the gospel message in song across America through their spiritually uplifting music ministry. Considered to be one of the pioneer gospel groups, the Dixie Echoes have returned to their roots singing around two microphones with just a piano. Respected among their peers and industry leaders alike, the Dixie Echoes are one of the premiere groups in gospel music.

Since the Dixie Echoes formed in 1960, they have released

nearly 70 albums and have had numerous top 10 singles. They have been honored with six members inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame: J.G. Whitfield (1997), Dale Shelnut (2001), Jack Toney (2005), Billy Todd (2009), Tim Riley (2013), and Randy Shelnut (2017).

The Dixie Echoes have performed throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada at well-known venues such as the National Quartet Convention, Gospel Jubilee Cruise, the Brumley Sing, Memphis Quartet Show, Dollywood, Silver Dollar City, and Carnegie Hall as well as churches, fairs and on television. The Dixie Echoes have appeared on such programs as TBN, INSP and are most notably remembered for their regular appearances on the nationally syndicated television

show, The Gospel Singing Jubilee which aired in the late 1960s and 70s.

Although each individual presents his own musical styling, the members collectively share the common goal of doing everything they can to expose the audience to the power of a meaningful song. With arguably the best line-up of talent ever, the Dixie Echoes present the gospel message with a touch of class and excellence.

Over the last 50 years God has trusted the Dixie Echoes with the purpose of telling ev-

eryone they can about Him. To do this He has provided talented men with a dedication to this grand style of music. In the timeless tradition of the Statesmen Quartet and the Blackwood Brothers Quartet, the Dixie Echoes will continue to sing songs in such a manner that no one can miss a single word, not one distraction from hearing what the songwriter wanted to share.

Christ's Church of Marion County is located at 6768 SW 80th Street in Ocala – just off State Road 200. For more information or

directions, contact the church at 352-861-6182

or visit our website at www.ccomc.org.

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— GENESIS 9:2 —

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Proposed amendment would increase homestead property tax exemption; lower local revenues

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second story in a series that will continue over a period of weeks due to space constraints. This week is the first of the 13 proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution.

BY DAVID DAVIS
Editor

Constitutional Amendment No. 1 would change Article VII, Section 6 and Article XII, Section 37. The ballot title states: Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption would increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies. If passed, the amendment shall take effect Jan. 1, 2019.

The full text of the proposed amendment is

more than 1,000 words in length. The deadline for requesting mail-in ballots is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Former County Commissioner Judy Johnson said at the Sept. 14 Friday Forum meeting that every homeowner gets an exemption on the first \$25,000. The next \$25,000 is taxable to everyone. The valuation from \$75,000 to \$100,000 is also exempt. The amendment would add a fourth exemption in the state constitution.

"All exemptions have to be in the constitution because that is where they were created," she said.

The argument in favor of the proposal is that it would lessen the tax burden for about 65 percent of the homeowners in Florida and would result in a loss of about \$650 million in revenue to local governments.

"Only people who

have assessed valuation of more than \$100,000 would be eligible for this additional addition," she said. "The school tax is exempted. They have made a conscious decision that they want to fully fund schools with local tax revenue."

Another reason to vote in favor is that it will make home ownership more affordable. It will help with tax bills, creates new incentives for home ownership and therefore stimulates the economy.

"Every time you build a new home, you also have things that go into that new home, so the economy is stimulated in more than one way," she said.

Folks arguing against the amendment say, "Wait a minute, local property taxes is the one tax reserved for city and county local government and the state cannot impose a

property tax. If you decrease the amount of taxable value on which a city or county can assess, you have reduced the amount of revenue available to your local government."

In many cases, you reduce local revenue to the point of fewer public services, reduced infrastructure and a change in the quality of life, Johnson said. "If your local government cannot generate enough revenue, you may not be able to have some of the things you may think of as being basic governmental services."

She said this proposal is particularly important to those 14 counties that have reached the maximum millage rate of 10 mills, as stated in the constitution.

"Small counties have nowhere else to go for revenue sources," she said. "The folks who argue against this amendment say small

counties could be dramatically hurt by this amendment. And, they argue, Florida's property tax system is a mess already. Why would we want to increase the mess we already have?"

Johnson said to vote "yes" for an increase in property tax exemption to pay less tax.

"If you believe the taxes you currently pay are not outrageous and that you want to continue providing the local government resources, you vote 'no.'"

Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 were placed on the ballot by the state Legislature.

Johnson encouraged voters to vote by mail so they can read the measures in the quiet of their homes and discuss the issues with spouses, friends or neighbors.

"The estimate is that if you go into the voting booth and have to read the titles of these, it will

take you a half-hour to vote," she said. "It's going to be a long ballot. It's going to be an involved ballot, so let's do our homework."

She suggested visiting www.bereadytovote.org, the official voter service initiative of the League of Women Voters of Florida Education Fund.

The proposed changes to the state constitution came from the Constitutional Revision Commission, which meets every 20 years, from the state Legislature, by citizen initiatives or the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission.

The Legislature can place anything it wants on the ballot with a three-fifths vote.

The Legislature put three amendments on the ballot. They do not have to go through the governor or the Florida Supreme Court for approval.

SPCA has pets

Ms. Caroline is one of several ladies dumped in the woods of Ocklawaha. She is a cuddle bug She wants to sit in your lap and purr. She is outgoing and trusting. She is a 5-month-old calico, and 5 pounds of love waiting for you.

Jesse is a knee-high 40-50 pound Black Mouth Cur. He is about 8 or 9 years old with a little arthritis, but otherwise very healthy. He is patient, affectionate, loyal, not a barker. He is neutered with all his shots up to date. His mommy was in hospice and he stayed by her side. Can you give this loving dog a home?

Don't forget Bunco is back. The date is Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E through H. The doors open at 11:30 so you will have time for lunch. Tickets are \$25 each. Jackie Ludmer will be pleased to answer any questions and take your order for tickets. Her number is 352-304-8124

If you are interested in becoming a member, we hold monthly meetings the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. We are located at the OZK building on 200 before the entrance to On Top Of The World on the second floor. All are welcome.



Ocala hosting parade to honor fallen Florida firefighters

Uniformed firefighters from across the State of Florida will honor fallen firefighters with a pipes and drums display at the Ocala Downtown Square Thursday, Oct. 11.

The event is scheduled from 8 to 9:30 p.m. and will include a short parade. Parade participants will make their way to the Downtown Square, where the following firefighters will be commemorated: Steven Terry, Hernando County Fire Rescue; Jeffery Atkinson, Tallahassee Fire Department; Daryl Richards, Hollywood Fire Rescue; Michael Camelo Jr., City of Cape Coral Fire Department.

Firefighters, active or retired, are encouraged to join the parade. Participants will meet at the corner of SE Third Avenue and Broadway at 7 p.m.

"For more than a de-

cade, men and women from around the State have united in downtown Ocala to commemorate lives lost and delight passersby with a display of one the fire services oldest traditions – pipes and drums," said Ocala Fire Rescue Chief Shane Alexander. "It is truly an honor to host this signifi-

cant ceremony in our city."

For more information about the Firefighter Memorial Celebration on the Square or The Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial, visit <https://bit.ly/2pfVS1R> or follow the Florida State Fire College on Facebook at @FSFCOcala.

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August unemployment rate drops

The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region was 4.7 percent in August, down 0.2 percentage point over the month and half a percent lower than the same time last year.

The labor force was 200,461, an increase of 1,819 over the year. The number of those with jobs was 191,065, up 2,835 compared to August 2017, and there were 9,396 unemployed, 1,016 fewer than the same time last year.

According to today's release of the August employment summary by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Levy County continues to hold the lowest jobless rate in the region at 4.1 percent, down 0.2 percentage point, followed by Marion County at 4.5 percent, down 0.2 percent, and Citrus County at 5.3 percent, a drop of 0.3 percent. Florida's not seasonally adjusted jobless rate – a measure that matches the way local rates are calculated – is 3.8 percent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point over the month and down from 4.3 percent a year ago.

Nonfarm employment in the Ocala/Marion County metropolitan statistical area was 104,800 in August, an increase of 3,100 jobs over the year for a job growth rate of 3.0 percent.

The Homosassa Springs MSA's nonfarm employment was 33,500, an increase of 1,000 new jobs in nonfarm employment over the month for a 3.1 percent job growth rate.

For the sixth consecutive month, the

Ocala MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all other metro areas in the state in education and health services, at 5.9 percent. The Ocala MSA continued to post the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to other metros in manufacturing, at 7.2 percent.

Over the year, the Homosassa Springs metro continued to post the fastest job growth rate compared to all metros in government at 4.7 percent.

CareerSource CLM's CEO Rusty Skinner said that in looking at the numbers, "what's important to look at is the growth experienced over the year."

"We should not stress about short-term variations in the seasonally unadjusted numbers," he said. "To gauge how well the economy is doing, we need to look at the picture from last year to this."

Marion County's labor force shrank by 1,427 over the month to 135,541, the number of those with jobs decreased by 1,026 to 129,437, and the number of unemployed fell by 401 to 6,104. Compared to August 2017, when the unemployment rate was 5.1 percent, the labor force has expanded by 1,871, fueled by an increase of 2,577 in the number of employed and a drop of 706 in the number of jobless.

Citrus County labor force grew by 375 to 48,065, the number of employed rose by 493 to 45,457, while the number of unemployed fell by 118 to 2,608.

Compared to August 2017, when the jobless rate was 5.9 percent, that's an increase of 158 with jobs and a decrease of 238 unemployed.

Levy County's labor force remained virtually unchanged, slipping by 18 to 16,855, the number of those with jobs rose by 17 to 16,171 and the number of unemployed decreased by 35 to 684. That's an over-the-year increase of 100 in the number of employed and drop of 72 in the number of jobless compared to when the unemployment rate was 4.5 percent.

According to the employment data for August, unemployment rates fell in 64 counties and remained the same in three.

Citrus County's unemployment rate tied with Highlands County for the fourth highest rate among Florida's counties, Marion County moved up two spots to reclaim the 12th highest rate and Levy County tied with six other counties with the 22nd highest rate.

Among the metro areas, the Homosassa Springs/Citrus County MSA had the second highest rate behind The Village's 5.5 percent and the Ocala MSA continued to hold the fifth highest rate.

The Ocala MSA's nonfarm employment of 104,800 reflected an increase of 1,000 jobs over the month and 3,100 compared to August 2017.

In addition to education and health services (1,100 new jobs for a 5.9 per-

cent growth rate) and manufacturing (600 new jobs for a 7.2 percent growth rate), industries that grew faster in the Ocala metro area than statewide over the year were leisure and hospitality (700 new jobs, +5.6 percent growth rate); professional and business services (400 jobs, +4.4 percent); trade, transportation and utilities (400 jobs, +1.7 percent); and government (100 jobs, +0.7 percent).

Industries losing jobs over the year were mining, logging and construction (-100); and financial activities (-100 jobs).

Information and other services were unchanged over the year.

In addition to the 3.1 percent over-the-month job growth rate for the Homosassa Springs MSA, the metro area added 200 jobs compared to August 2017 for an over-the-year rate increase of 0.6 percent.

Nonfarm payroll employment in the Homosassa Springs MSA was 32,400, down 1,400 jobs over the month but an increase of 200 jobs (+0.6 percent) compared to July 2017.

In July, the Homosassa Springs MSA posted the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all other Florida metros in government at 3.1 percent. In August, the metro's 4.7 percent in government was the state's fastest rate among metros.

The region's employment summary for September will be released Friday, Oct. 19.

Gist scarfs are on display

The work of artist Lauri Gist is on display through Friday, Oct. 19, in the upper level of the Dorothea Jerome Building at the College of Central Florida Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

Gist is a self-trained artist and ordained Unity Minister and started painting silks to help loosen up her

oil techniques. She holds a dual Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Religion and Spirituality.

She resides in Inverness with her husband and creates custom designed and hand-painted silks, which help people manifest their dreams.

"We have the power to draw to us that which we think, feel,

say and do, and especially what we focus on," said Gist. "These textiles have the ability to help us manifest the desires of our hearts."

The exhibit is free and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To learn about other events at CF, visit CF.edu.

Roberts Cup Invitational is coming in October

Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club is set to host The 2018 Roberts Cup Invitational, an annually renowned tournament that bears the name of the person who bought the 1,200-plus-acre destination in receivership. It will run from Thursday, Oct. 25, through

Sunday, Oct. 28.

The Roberts Cup is a 72-hole team event that includes: Three tournament rounds (better ball of partners)

Mid-Amateur Division (must be at least 25 years old; open to Seniors)

Senior Division (must be at least 50 years old)

Team entry fees are \$1,100 for four rounds of golf, a tee gift, three breakfasts, two dinners, an awards luncheon, a concert and guest speakers. Registration is open until Wednesday, Oct. 10, and must include an entry form and a resume of playing achievements that are to be reviewed by a committee for selection. Interested parties can access entry forms at GoldenOcala.com/Venue-and-Events/Golf-Outings. Dues should be sent to Golden Ocala c/o Golf Director Ryan Gray — 8300 NW 31st Lane Road, Ocala, FL 34482.

The itinerary for The Roberts Cup is:

Oct. 25
Villa check-in and play registration; practice rounds at players' convenience

Oct. 26
Breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Round One Split Tee from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Lunch following play
Evening concert

Oct. 27
Breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Round 2 split tee from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Lunch and short game following play
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men who have fallen into the hands of our nation's foes. In the face of evils these brave people endure the grim burdens they are forced to bear.

"Please give them the courage and hope and never-failing confidence in you lord. We ask that the day will soon arrive when we can all celebrate their release and return home.

"Please give all of us who wait and hope in the face of every disappointment, the will to persevere in and cause of peace and the wisdom to conquer hate with love, and every doubt with renewed faith."

Unit Commander, retired Navy Cdr. Roxanne D. Tweedy led North Marion Young Marines: YM Sgt. Ethan C. Scott, YM Lance Cpl. Leon Lam, YM Lance Cpl. Lincoln Lam, YM Lance Cpl. Mckenna Burke, YM Pfc. Logan Marti and YM Recruit Christopher Carter, set the "ceremonial table for one" as Heidi Brown read the script. Adults present with the Young Marines were Kaitlynn Scott, Shannon Parsons and Mary French.

"The table before you is a place of honor. It is set for one. This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called POWs or MIAs, we call them "Brothers." They are unable to be with us this evening and so we remember them.

"This Table set for one is small — Symbolizing the frailty of one pris-

oner alone against his oppressors. Remember!"

Tweedy rang a bell one time after Brown said, "remember."

"The Tablecloth is white — Symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. Remember!

"The single Red Rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return. Remember!"

"The Red Ribbon tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and breasts of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing. Remember!"

"The Candle, the candle is lit — Symbolizing the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit. Remember!"

"A Slice of Lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate. Remember!"

"There is Salt upon the bread plate — Symbolic of the families tears as they wait. Remember!"

"The Glass is inverted — They cannot toast with us this night. Remember!"

"The Chair — The chair is empty. They are not here. Remember!"

"Remember! — All of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended upon their might and aid, and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you. Remember!"

"Remember! — Until the day they come home, Remember!"



North Marion Young Marines stand at attention after setting the place setting on the ceremonial "table for one" during the MIA/POW remembrance ceremony Saturday at VFW Post 4781.



A model of the Vietnam Women's Memorial at VFW Post 4781 Saturday.



Heidi Brown, left, Marygrace Felt and Barbara Priest at the MIA/POW remembrance ceremony Saturday at VFW Post 4781.



Heidi Brown salutes Young Marine Sgt. Ethan C. Scott after presenting him with a MIA/POW challenge coin Saturday in appreciation for participation in the MIA/POW remembrance ceremony at VFW Post 4781.

Photos contributed by Joyce Sample.

New trivia game in town

Test your knowledge while enjoying socializing with friends. Come join us Tuesday, Oct. 9, in Kellner Auditorium at 92 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills (behind Beth Sholom Synagogue Building) for our monthly trivia night. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Game begins at 7 p.m. Our previous Trivia Nights were very successful.

Cost is only \$10 per person. There will be light snacks, water and iced tea provided. Feel free to BYOB! Prizes to first and second place teams will be a percentage of money taken in. An extra is a 50/50 raffle.

Form your own team of 4 to 10 people. Don't have a team? Let us know when you make your reservation and we will help you create one.

For reservations or more information, contact Sherry Wilson: 352-270-3339, or email to: sherrywilson088@gmail.com. Reservations suggested by Sunday, Oct. 7.

Monthly Trivia will usually take place on the second Tuesday of each month (next date: Nov. 13).

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Opinion

Your VIEW

Vote your conscience in November

I read in the Florida Policy Institute brief that now 2.86 Million Floridians are UNINSURED.

They have no health insurance.

Over 2 million live below the poverty line.

Thank you Governor Scott who threw away Medicaid and brags about how many jobs he created.

It is ridiculous that we can have the Republican Party lower taxes on the wealthy, increase our national deficit and yet our own citizens who are not gazillionaires are thrown away and do not have health insurance.

Vote with your conscience in November, people.

Lynn Miller
OTOW

Farm bill: Congress' failure to act puts producers at risk

BY CORA FOX
Center for Rural Affairs

The current farm bill will expire on Sept. 30. Congress has a handful of days to make an important decision, and they have three options: to pass a final farm bill, extend the 2014 farm bill, or let the farm bill expire.

At this point, swift passage of a final farm bill before the Sept. 30 deadline seems unlikely. Yet, Congress has been unable to reach consensus. In the absence of a new farm bill, it is imperative that lawmakers extend current legislation.

Farmers and ranchers across the country rely on important programs that will sunset without an extension of the 2014 farm bill.

More than \$1 billion in available federal funding for a host of programs will be inaccessible. Support for beginning farmers, veterans, conservation, local food production, more will be abandoned – and Congress is culpable.

Ignorance might be bliss for lawmakers in D.C. – far removed from the producers who are struggling to make ends meet. But, failure to take action and extend the farm bill is a disservice to America's farmers and ranchers.

Congress must act responsibly, set aside differences, and recognize that an extension will give producers the stability they need while farm bill negotiations continue.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, nonprofit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action-oriented programs addressing social, economic and environmental issues.

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Senate nomination hearings

Generally, when I have writer's block as I professed to last week, it's because there is something else on my mind of which I do not want to write.

This week, I caved and am writing about the nomination process of Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh — not about the judge — but the process.

I tried watching Senate hearings in years long gone. I don't remember what they were about because they put me to sleep. They were dull. The governing body indeed was the world's most deliberative body with its parliamentary proceedings steeped in rules and tradition. I do not know if there was mutual respect among senators in times past, but courtesy and decorum seemed to rule.

But all of that seemed to disappear within the first 10 seconds after the Senate Judicial Committee hearing of Judge Brett Kavanaugh was gavelled into session.

When nomination hearings began, I thought I knew the outcome. The Judiciary Committee would pass Kavanaugh's nomination to the full Senate on a party line vote and he would then be confirmed by another vote along party lines.

Kavanaugh was not impressive, but it wasn't necessary because the whole thing was just for show, I thought.

Nomination hearings are billed as job interviews. I would like to have an interview in which I could answer every question by saying, "it is precedent" or "settled law."

President Donald Trump made it clear during his campaign that he would nominate judges to the Supreme Court who would vote to over-



Mountains from Molehills

By David Davis

turn *Roe v. Wade* and like him or not, the president has made good, or tried, to make good on all of his promises. Also, the Republican Party has run on the promise of overturning *Roe v. Wade* for the past 40 years. Republicans now have the Senate, House of Representatives, White House and most out houses throughout the land. So, why pretend? Just state your intentions, step back and dare Democrats to try to stop the process.

Democrats might stop Kavanaugh, but they cannot stop all nominees and were I President Trump, everyone on that list of 25 recommendations from the Federalist Society would be lined up one behind the other.

It didn't surprise me that Democrats opposed Kavanaugh's nomination, but I thought they would at least wait until Sen. Chuck Grassley finished introductions.

Now enters Dr. Christine Blasey Ford who accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault when they were in high school. For readers of the West Marion Messenger, she will testify tomorrow. For readers of the South Marion Citizen, she testified yesterday. Two people's names are going to be dragged through the mud and the whole affair would be funny if it was not so sad.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

Trump is not benefiting from the economic boom

President Donald Trump is showing that it's possible to preside over a period of peace and prosperity and still be notably unpopular.

Over the past several months, Trump has opened even more of a wedge between the largely benign material conditions in the country and his own political standing, which is precarious and appears to be sliding backward. This isn't how it's supposed to work.

Republican politicians believed, reasonably enough, that last year's tax cuts would stoke growth and create a good-news backdrop for Republicans in the midterms. The substantive part of this theory has worked swimmingly, with headlines about middle-class incomes increasing over \$61,000 for the first time, blue-collar jobs growing at their fastest clip in 30 years, and small-business confidence reaching an all-time high.

The only flaw is that the drumbeat of good news has coincided, lately, with a drop in Trump's numbers. In much of the recent polling, he's dipped back under 40 percent. He hasn't done this with any spectacular misstep. What Trump has done, predictably, week after week, is mess up the easy stuff.

It's not hard -- through gritted teeth and insincerely, if necessary -- to say the appropriate things about an American hero upon his passing.

It's not hard to limit your tweets on the morning of Sept. 11, for just a few hours, to the topic of the anniversary of the attacks.

It's not hard to avoid attacking your own attorney general in public, in an escalating fashion meant to inflict the greatest possible humiliation.

It's not hard to avoid throwing around the word "TREASON" loosely or to muse about changing the libel laws to exact retribution on your critics.

Any president grapples with the fact that he can't control events; Trump grapples with the fact that he can't control himself. It's not as though any one thing -- the Stormy Daniels affair, the Cohen plea deal, the security-clearance controversy, the Omarosa book, etc., etc. -- is as consequential as it's portrayed, but one damn thing after another adds up.

Trump has an amazing ability, through the force of his personality and his mediagenic provocations, to blot out the sun. He wouldn't be president without this quality. It's just that, given the positive state of the country, less blotting and more sun are called for.

Some caveats: Presidential popularity means something different in the

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~ All letters must be signed and include a phone number and community name, including letters sent via e-mail. Names and communities will be printed; phone numbers will not be published or given out.

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The 11th Hour of Summer ends at Ocala Palms

Ocala Palms
Barbara Dedics



Talk about the eleventh hour before the first day of Fall set in, Ocala Palms & Country Club was able to get the last "100 Days of Summer" concerts in before the clock struck 12 midnight! Makes one wonder if all the Cinderellas were able

to make it home before they lost their glass slippers!

Some may have left them on the dance floor the way they were dancing to the beat of the local musical group known as The Rainbow Connection.

Close to 20 years ago this musical combo, The

Rainbow Connection, got its start right here at Ocala Palms. They have been performing music from the big band era to the 50s - 70s throughout Marion County at various public and private functions.

Originally, the group worked as a trio with

Bob Brouillard on trumpet, Noel Brouillard at the keyboard and Dave Morgan on drums. Recently they have added Rich Skrabar on bass. Their love of music and entertainment bringing their audiences music from those time periods is rewarding to them.

Close to 200 residents

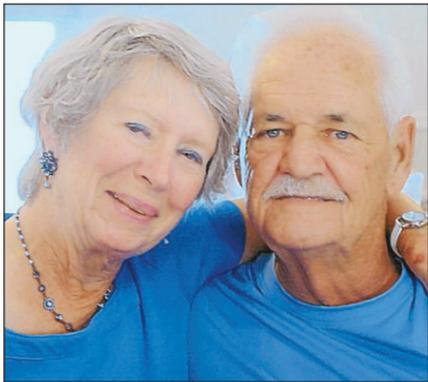
and friends enjoyed the evening at the clubhouse, singing, dancing and chatting with friends and neighbors. For some it was the first concert they had been to since they moved into the community.

Let it be known to them, every year we meet and enjoy four dif-

ferent bands as we celebrate the "100 Days of Summer."

I don't know about you, but I can't believe with the temperatures we are having that someone didn't look at the calendar incorrectly!

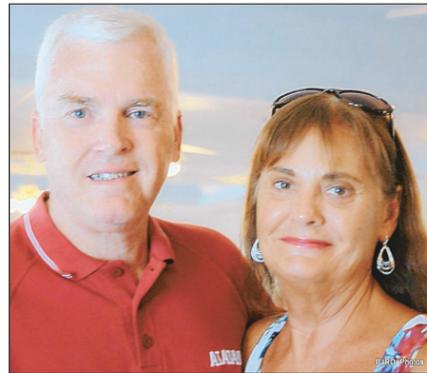
Summer just can't be over yet, can it?



Annie and Bill Haas



Barbara and Jerry Howton, and Mitz Maclay



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Not identified



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Linda and Chuck Curwick



Fred and Ellen Walters



Patty Hall, Gary Shepard



Rene Hopkins, Della Lastooka and Jean Tasillo



Barbara Dedics, Sue Casels and Sharron Albert

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Fairfield Village
Priscilla Barnett

Fairfield Village's Tom Smith is 95 and is still going strong!

Tom Smith is one of those people who find something to smile about every single day. He makes others smile with his contagious positive attitude.

There are some people who have such magnetic personalities that others are attracted to them immediately. This is certainly the case with one of Fairfield Village's very special neighbors, Tom Smith.

Some time ago, 3 friends of mine, Barbara and Chris Obert and Paul Paxton told me that I needed to meet and interview a very special neighbor on their street. They all agreed that he is "one of a kind" and everyone needs to meet him or at the very least know about him.

Their consensus: the world needs more people like their unique and lovable neighbor who, at the age of 95, still mows his lawn, does all his yard work, home maintenance, auto maintenance, housework, cooking and self-care. And while doing this, he maintains a cheerful attitude and friendly demeanor with everyone, smiling and waving at passersby.

I asked them to see if he would let me interview him; they did; and early on a Monday morning, Chris Obert took me to Tom Smith's front door and rang the doorbell. The man who answered was just about what I had imag-

ined — a live wire for sure! With a big grin on his face as he greeted us, Tom was obviously very much at ease and happy to have visitors.

Chris left me with Tom to talk about this fascinating man's day-to-day life and what had brought him to our community.

Tom was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 19, 1923. Sadly, his father died when Tom was 13 and his mother worked several jobs to care for her family. Times were tough, and they all had to work together.

Tom did not mind working, but he did not like school. His truant officer offered to get him a work permit if he could pass a special test; so, he did, and he quit school before he was 15. He worked several jobs; then he left home at 16 and went to work learning auto mechanics at Willy's Garage. His uncle had offered to help him get into engineering, but Tom decided to stay with auto mechanics. He told me he often wondered what would have happened if he had listened to his uncle.

Tom married at 20 and made a new life for himself and his wife. He spent three years as a cook in the U.S. Army at Ft. Harrison, Ft. McClellan, and Ft. Dix. He laughingly said it made perfect sense to put a mechanic in the kitchen back in those days.



When he got out of the service, he opened his own garage, and then began playing guitar in a band at night at what he called "honky tonks." No bad places; just places where people liked to hang out and play and hear music. The problem for him; however, was the hours. He couldn't work all day and play guitar all night so that was hard. Finally, he had to give up the band but not his guitar.

Sadly his daughter developed polio at age 11, and that devastated the family. She was hospitalized for quite some time but finally got to come home with a portable iron lung. She did get to finish school at home and that was a happy day.

Tom's wife died in

1975 and his family stepped up to help with his daughter's care. In the late 1970s, he was working in a garage with little to no heat and wound up with having his feet frozen. Tom had remarried, and his wife convinced him to move to Florida to escape the Indiana winters. That sounded good to him, so they moved to North Ft. Myers.

He opened his own shop, but he sold that two years later and worked from then on until retirement with Lake County Transmission. He stayed there and cared for his second wife through a debilitating illness. After her death, his son, who lives at On Top of the World convinced him to move to Ocala.

Tom said, I found this



Tom Smith has always found joy making music with one of his many prized guitars. He finds time to play every day and still loves it.

house and I liked it, so I moved my tools and here I am. I sold everything else and bought new furniture when I got here. "Got some great bargains too."

I asked about his family. Tom said his daughter passed away at age 37. His son and much of his family has been in law enforcement both in Indiana and Florida. There are also family connections with the U.S. Navy and the FBI. This is quite the professional family.

I asked Tom, "Thinking back over 95 years, what comes to your mind's eye?"

He said, "You know, I saw the days of the horse and buggy, the street cars, the trolley cars, those first cars. You know ... I got my

first car when I was 15. It was a Model T Ford. That was something!"

I said, "That's amazing. Living through so much history. Being right in the middle of it all."

"Yes, I guess it is," he said.

"By the way, what are your favorite things right now?" I asked.

Without hesitation, Tom answered, "Playing my guitar and drinking Mountain Dew."

With that, I took my leave and told my new friend I would be back to visit again soon.

Fairfield Village, "the lively place filled with lovely people" has a really special neighbor in our 95-year-old "lively" Tom Smith.

Marion County children need help

Become an advocate for an abused or neglected child

No one should merely shake their head and sadly lament the horrific story of child abuse. Instead of passive despair, let these tragic incidents serve as a galvanizing call to action for us all to commit to ending violence and securing the safety and future of every child in Marion County.

Yes, we can end child abuse. We can stop it when we all become advocates for children.

For some of us, that advocacy comes in a formal role. Teachers, child care workers, health care providers and others who come into daily contact with children can be vigilant for signs of abuse and neglect. Their actions to report suspected abuse or to offer extra time and attention to fragile children can do more than making a difference. It can save lives.

Guardian ad Litem volunteers also put their passion for the well-being of chil-



dren into action. Assigned to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children, GAL volunteers make sure kids don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service systems or languish in foster homes. Volunteers stay with children until their court case is closed and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home.

For many abused children, their GAL volunteer is the one constant adult presence in their lives.

Intense advocacy can break the cycle of abuse and neglect. When children grow up in homes where their only adult role models respond to them with violence and disregard for their needs, they repeat that cycle with their children. When a GAL volunteer intercedes, it not only changes the course of one child's life, it makes an impact for generations.

Your advocacy for children not only will help end child abuse, but it will also improve our community for everyone who lives here. Children who are abused and do not get the support they need to heal are more likely than other kids to drop out of school, end up homeless, turn to crime, and rely as adults on social welfare programs. When we work together to protect vulnerable children, it saves lives and tax dollars.

There are many life-threatening and incur-

able diseases that sadly afflict children. However, we have the cure for child abuse. It lies within each of us. Now is the time to act.

If you are interested in making this cause, your cause, become a Guardian ad Litem volunteer. Contact Amarilys Ortega at 352-343-

2736 or email her at amarilys.ortega@gal.fl.gov.

A free two days training is scheduled to begin Sept. 28, 2018 in Ocala, Florida. Pre-registration is required as spaces are limited.

To learn more about the Guardian ad Litem Program visit GuardianadLitem.org.

Sheriff's office seeks volunteers for annual Halloween party

With the Marion County Sheriff's Office, District 200 office, annual Halloween party is just around the corner and volunteers are needed.

This year's event is Oct. 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the On Top of World Square, 8405 SW 90th St.

Volunteers are needed to assist with cooking, stuffing candy bags and working game booths.

Those wishing to volunteer can stop by the Southwest 200 office of call Glenda, 352-402-6060.

After Oct. 1, bags of wrapped candy will be accepted for the annual event.

Of love bugs, wills and trusts

Thirty-four residents and guests enjoyed the monthly Ladies Luncheon.

The food at Sammy's in Jasmine Plaza was delicious, as always.

Next month the gathering will be at the Hilton Hotel. Please let Grace Maguire know if you plan to attend.

The "love bugs" have arrived! Make sure you keep them washed off your cars - they can damage the paint.

The best way to remove them is with soap and water.



Attorney Michael J. Cooper

It is often said that the University of Florida introduced these critters to Florida, but

that is not the truth.

These bugs are native to Central America. The best guess as to how they got to us is that they were stow-aways on a ship that anchored in Galveston or New Orleans around 1920.

They migrated to Florida in 1947 and decided they liked our state - so they stayed.

The first sighting of these critters in Marion County was in 1966. Over the years they have migrated into Georgia and South Carolina. We used to

be told that these pests ate mosquitoes, but this is not true. They will be gone in October but will return in May.

Last Tuesday was the Live and Learn presentation at the clubhouse.

This month the guest speaker was Attorney Michael J. Cooper.

He spoke to us about wills, trusts, and how to prepare our legal papers for our estate.

Cooper said Florida recognizes any legal will from any other state.

Everyone needs a

Quail Meadow
Carolyn Slocumb



will. There were many questions regarding the difference in wills and trusts.

Cooper stressed that if you attached a "list" of items you wish to be given to special people, it should be stated in the will that the list is attached.

A Will should be witnessed by two people and notarized.

The safe thing to do is to have an attorney

prepare your legal papers.

Did you know we are getting fire hydrants in Quail Meadow?

There is a large map in the clubhouse showing the location of each hydrant.

The map is near the bingo board. Will this lower our homeowner's insurance? Call your agent for information.



Thirty-four residents and guests attended the Quail Meadows Ladies Luncheon at Sammy's in Jasmine Plaza.



CG Auxiliary to hold boating certification class

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will present an About Boating Safely class at the Master the Possibilities Education Center Room 4, 8415 SW 80th Street, Ocala, FL 34481, Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Cost for the course is \$35.

Boaters who cruise Florida lakes, rivers or the waters of the Atlantic or Gulf coasts should have a State of Florida Boating Safety ID card, and the best way to obtain the card is to take an

About Boating Safely course taught by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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boating regulations. Some of the subjects covered in the course are: navigation rules, operating your boat, proper trailering, anchoring, docking, the right life vests and safety equipment,

knots and lines, legal requirements, etc.

To early register for the course, go to www.masterthe-possibilities.org, or call

Dolores Spain at 352-854-1041.

The deadline for early registration is Oct. 19.

If you are a boater new to Florida waters or would

like a refresher course on State of Florida and federal boating regulations, or just boating safety in general, then this course is for you.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all its service missions.

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Mon., Oct. 29—\$76pp

International Chalk Festival, Sarasota
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Sequel to Austen's PRIDE & PREJUDICE
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Christmas at the Holy Land
Fri., Dec. 21—\$79pp

Les Miserables @ the STRAZ
Wed., Jan. 16, 2019—\$119pp

Medieval Times Dinner Theatre
Fri., Jan. 18—\$79pp—Matinee

HOLIDAY TRIPS!
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DAYTONA 500
Sun., Feb. 17, 2019—\$229pp

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Thurs., Feb. 21—\$87pp—Matinee

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WOMEN from Venus
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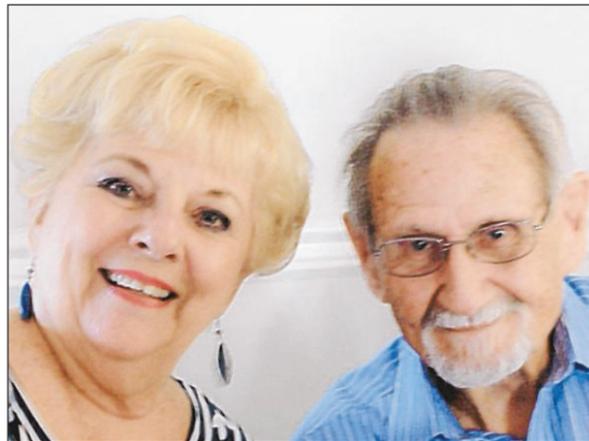
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Junque Sale



It is almost time for the community wide annual Junque Sale sponsored by the Men's Fellowship of Ocala West United Methodist Church. A large clothing sale will also be held by the Missions Committee of OWUMC. Donations Tuesday and Thursday are accepted at the Pods in the church parking lot from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 8 to noon Oct. 20. Don't be shy, if you do not think your items are good enough to donate, do not worry the UMM fellowship is grateful for all donations. The results of this sale allow us to donate to approximately a dozen charities including the Florida Children's Home, our Scout groups and the Salvation Army. This year's sale dates are Thursday, Oct. 25, and Friday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 27, 8 a.m. until noon. Please be sure to attend. Many amazing discoveries will await your discerning eyes. You will not be disappointed. Discover that hard to find Christmas gift. Over 30 years of offering items at phenomenal prices. Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th St., Ocala, 352-854-9550.



UF brain cancer investigators lead bold initiative

GAINESVILLE — The goal: achieving transformative improvement in long-term survival within the next decade for patients diagnosed with malignant brain tumors. To get there, University of Florida Health brain cancer experts are launching an exciting new venture with top peer institutions from across the nation and Canada.

The new UF Health-led collaboration, called The Legacy Program in Brain Cancer, will officially launch in February 2019 and bring together worldwide neuro-oncology experts and a community of empowered individuals who have been affected by brain cancer. Duane Mitchell, M.D., Ph.D., co-director of the Preston A. Wells, Jr. Center for Brain Tumor Therapy at the University of Florida, will publicly announce the initiative Sept. 21 during the Biden Cancer Summit in Washington, D.C. Mitchell's talk can be viewed live at 3:35 p.m. by visiting www.bidencancer.org/summit.

The focus of the collaboration is to spur development of curative treatments for children and adults with brain tumors by harnessing the power of the body's own immune system, a treatment known as immunotherapy. It's believed the upcoming initiative among 12 distinguished institutions will be among the largest collective efforts focused on brain tumor immunotherapy worldwide.

"We're excited about joint efforts to bring forward immunologic treatments and catalyze immunotherapy research for brain tumors," said Mitchell, director of the UF Brain Tumor Immunotherapy Program. "The Legacy Program is really designed to be a sustained 10-year initiative to reframe the prospects of long-term survival for patients with brain cancer using immunotherapy."

Currently, five-year survival for patients diagnosed with the most aggressive brain tumors ranges from less than 1 percent to less than 10 percent. "These statistics are unacceptably low and haven't changed significantly in decades," said Mitchell, co-leader of the Cancer Therapeutics and Host Response research program at the UF Health Cancer Center.

The Legacy Program involves translational research spanning from laboratory work to multiinstitutional clinical trials evaluating novel cancer immunotherapy approaches.

"The research leverages some of the best existing knowledge as well as identifies key gaps in our current understanding," said Mitchell, who led a team that won a Top 10 Clinical Research Achievement Award from the Clinical Research Forum in 2016 for identifying a new vaccine approach to treat glioblastoma, the deadliest of brain tumors, with average survival of less than 18 months.

That research, conducted at

UF and Duke University, showed in a randomized and blinded pilot clinical trial that patients who received an enhanced cancer vaccine had almost double the overall survival compared with those in the control group in the study. Now, the team is advancing that discovery with a large, Phase II clinical trial currently underway to confirm the findings.

In the five years since Mitchell brought his program from Duke to the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain Institute of the University of Florida, he and William Friedman, M.D., co-director of the Preston A. Wells Jr. Center for Brain Tumor Therapy, have accelerated the growth of the center to now include more than 80 clinical and research faculty and staff members.

"Dr. Mitchell and his team are leading the way in their vigorous pursuit of new treatments for some of the most devastating diseases," said David R. Nelson, M.D., interim senior vice president for health affairs at UF & president of UF Health. "By combining forces with other pioneers in their field through the new Legacy Program, they will offer new treatments — and hope — to patients facing truly grim prognoses. We are proud of the work being led by Dr. Mitchell, and we look forward to watching the Legacy Program evolve."

Since 2013, investigators within UF's brain tumor center have developed five novel immunotherapy treatments that are in active clinical trials at UF. Several of these trials are multiinstitutional, with personalized immunotherapy treatments generated at UF and then exported to treatment centers elsewhere across the country. UF serves as the central coordinating facility and manufacturer of patient-specific treatments for these multicenter clinical trials.

UF Health has one of the most comprehensive portfolios of clinical trials and research studies available for patients with brain tumors, Mitchell said. Currently, the UF Health Cancer Center website lists 34 actively enrolling clinical studies available for eligible brain tumor patients (<https://cancer.ufl.edu/clinical-trials-2/find-a-clinical-trial/brain-and-nervous-system/>).

This collaborative initiative of top institutions will elevate brain cancer immunotherapy research to the next level, Mitchell said. The UF team will join with 11 top brain tumor centers, with each contributing specialized expertise to the collaboration going forward.

"What's unique about this consortia approach," Mitchell said, "is that we're really focused on translational research, bridging that interface between lab discovery and clinical application."

Happenings

Friday, Sept. 28

GODScience

Dramatic chemical demonstrations are displayed in the GOD-science program that will be presented at North Oak Baptist Church Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. Stephen Wilson, founder and presenter of the GODscience ministry received his college education and graduated from Tampa Tech in 1988 and Western Carolina University in 1994. It was in 1997 that he founded and began the Miracle Of Science an educational science program that has been presented in 800 plus public schools, 350 churches, Christian schools and camps. This

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That's all I know. Everything else is merely speculation and by everything is all said and done, only a handful of people will know the truth.

I know one other thing. Senators often say they have to do or not do something for the American people, they owe it to the American people or the American people elected us to do our jobs. I say, Senator, don't blame this mess on me.

One other thing, I keep hearing grownups lament about how bad kids are nowadays. Kids now aren't any worse now than when they were at any other time in history. But, if they are, maybe they've been watching the Senate on C-SPAN.

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age of Trump. He won election in 2016 with a favorable rating below 40 percent in many polls, so a return to that level may be less debilitating for him than prior presidents.

It's not as though he's creating controversies in an otherwise placid environment. He is confronted with an inflamed opposition, an extremely hostile press corps and a wide-ranging, aggressive special counsel investigation.

Finally, it is still possible that garden-variety Republicans will find a way to distinguish themselves from Trump this year.

All that said, business is booming, and yet the president who is presiding over the good times -- and signed the tax package that has boosted the recovery further -- isn't enjoying their full political benefit.

An economic boom is a terrible thing to waste.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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exciting program is open to anyone who wishes to see the power of God displayed. North Oak Baptist Church is located at the intersection of North Citrus Springs Boulevard and North Elcam Boulevard in Citrus Springs. Call 352-489-1688 for more information.

Saturday, Sept. 29

Arts and Crafts Show

Come visit many unique vendors. Handmade items, gift ideas, raffle, bake sale, refreshments and much more from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW State Road 200. Visit countrysideocala.org or call 352-237-4633.

Kraft Bazaar

Saturday Sept. 29, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Kraft Bazaar, Sweetwater Oaks. Many Handmade, unique items.

Start your Christmas Shopping early, 3151 NW 44th Ave. Vendors call Terri 513-253-9918

Altar and Rosary

Society

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will be holding a huge flea market Saturday, Sept. 29, in Father Stegeman Hall located at 7525 U.S. Hwy. 41 in Dunnellon, from 8-1. Many items will be for sale including the famous jewelry boutique. Light refreshments will be available for a nominal fee.

Events at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4781

VFW Post 4781

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4781 is a non-smoking facility.

Monday: Bingo is played in the hall. Doors open at 9 a.m. and the games start at 11 a.m. The kitchen is open from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Weekly special for Monday lunch will be posted and lunches are available to members & guests. Bar bingo is for members and guests and begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday and Friday lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday - Sunday: Lunch is available from 11 a.m. until ?? Please see the bartender for a delicious sandwich or pizza.

Wednesday, Oct. 3: Country Fried Steak w/ Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Veggie for \$6 and will be served from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dinners are open to the public.

Second and Fourth Friday's: Dinners are fried Alaskan Pollock (A.U.C.E.) or chicken with french fries, hush puppies and coleslaw. Dinner is \$8 and served from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Public is invited.

Friday and Saturday: Enjoy entertainment in the canteen from 6 p.m.

to 10 p.m.

Saturday: Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and prices range from \$3 - \$6.50. Breakfast is open to the public.

Saturday, Oct. 27: Auxiliary Taco Dinner is served from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for \$7. This is open to the public.

Hall Renal and Catering: Please call 352-873-4781 for further information.

Honor Guard: Our Honor Guard is available to provide military honors to a fallen veteran. For further information contact the Post at 352-873-4781.

Angela S. Santos Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4781, 9401 SW 110th St. Telephone 352-873-4781. You can also follow us on Facebook - Angela Santos Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4781.

Sunday, Sept. 30

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.

Sunday, Sept. 30 - 9:30 a.m.: We begin each Lord's day with Sunday School classes for all ages 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. This week we are excited to begin a new study for Women titled "Breaking Through the Barrier of Unforgiveness" facilitated by Valerie DeSapio as well as a class for Men and Women titled "What We Believe" facilitated by pastor Ray Westman.

Sunday, Sept. 30 - 10:30 a.m.: Our Worship Service opens with special music by our Worship Choir. Our 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 present a message of inspiration.

Monday, Oct. 1: Monday evening the men come together at 6:30 p.m. for a Bible Study in the book of Galatians.

Tuesday, Oct. 2: Women who are interested in crafts meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 to work on group and individual projects.

Wednesday, Oct. 3 - 4 p.m.: pastor Ray Westman leads a Small Group. The group meets in our main building and takes an in-depth look at the Sunday morning message with a video message by pastor David Bellows.

Friday, Oct. 5 - 6:30 p.m.: We welcome the Southern Gospel Group - The Dixie Echoes to the stage. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m.; Doors open at 5:30 p.m. There are no tickets required, and no admission charge. We will

receive a Love Offering for the group.

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.ccom.org or contact the church office at 352-861-6182.

Maranatha Baptist Church

Summer is over and schools are in session, which means the holidays will be here before we know it. This is a good time for learning and beginning something new?

We, at Maranatha Baptist Church invite you to come to a service at Maranatha Baptist Church? We are a loving multicultural church, where all are welcomed. Come and experience a church family reception.

Maranatha Baptist Church doctrine is totally Bible-based. All ages are welcome.

Sunday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School classes for all ages.

10:45 a.m. - Adult morning worship service and Junior Church for our children.

6 p.m. - Evening services.

Wednesday - 6:45 p.m. prayer time and Bible study.

A nursery is provided for infants to 3 years old at all services.

Maranatha Baptist Church is located at 525 Marion Oaks Trail. Please call: 352-347-5683 for further information and/or directions to the church.

This is also a reminder for you to mark your calendars for our Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018, gospel group, River Jordan concert at 7 p.m.

Simchat Torah at Temple Beth Shalom

Temple Beth Shalom invites you to join Rabbi Harari and our members as we celebrate Simchat Torah Sunday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. This celebration is child friendly, and children of all ages are welcome to attend.

Yizkor (Remembrance of the Dearly Departed) are Monday Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. Shabbat Services are every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and guests are always welcome to our activities

To learn more, visit our website www.jewishocala.com or call Mildred Olstein at 352-694-4487 or Julie Rochlin at 352-207-5385. We are located at 1109 NE Eighth Avenue, Ocala 34476

You are invited:

Come and Worship with Southwest Christian Church, Sunday at 10:30 a.m. You can find us at: 9045 SW 60th Ave-

nue in Ocala. Our worship style is full of love, joy and faith, as we worship God in a traditional way. You can learn more about us and even view a sermon from our preaching minister David Campbell on our website www.swchristianchurch.com

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Cancer Awareness

A Shop Talk Cancer Awareness event will be held Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ewers Century Center at the College of Central Florida Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road.

"Wellness for Cancer Prevention and Survival" will feature three guest panelists. Dr. Ravi Sandrapaty, radiation oncologist and medical director at 21st Century Oncology, Dr. Rama Balaraman, medical oncologist/hematologist for Florida Cancer Affiliates/Ocala Oncology and Dr. David McFaddin, breast specialist and general surgeon at Ocala Breast and General Surgery, will present on breast cancer prevention and treatment.

There is no fee to attend, and lunch is included. Call 352-854-2322, ext. 1236, or visit CF.edu/ShopTalk by Friday, Sept. 28, to reserve your seat.

The event is a collaboration of CF, the Ocala Royal Dames for Cancer Research Inc. and Ocala Health.

Friday, Oct. 5

First Friday

The First Friday Art Walk returns to downtown Ocala Friday, Oct. 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. and will include the following performances and activities:

6 to 9 p.m. - Live music by Chris Ryals on the main event stage located at the downtown square near the gazebo.

7 p.m. - Contemporary dance performance by West Port High School's MCCA Dance Program.

8 p.m. - The Arts District Studio will present a zombie-themed dance performance.

Free hands-on art activities for all ages will be provided throughout the event by 98.5 KTK, Appleton Museum of Art, Art Army of Ocala, Discovery Center, Karate America Ocala, Marion County Public Library, the Ocala Chippers and Painting with a Twist.

The First Friday Art Walk occurs from 6 to 9 p.m. on the first Friday of each month from September through May annually. Located within Ocala's historic downtown, event festivities include over 35 artist displays, live entertainment, free family art activities and extended

shopping hours.

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

OWUMC Car Show

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

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

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

Timberline Farm's Annual

Corn Maze Festival

Timberline Farm's 9th Annual Corn Maze Festival is back.

This October stop by the Farm where the entire family can enjoy music, pony rides, face painting, food and craft vendors and experience some ole country charm. The farm is open to the public from Oct. 5 to Nov. 4.

Festival days are Friday 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Sunday noon - 8 p.m.

Tickets and location information is available at www.Timberline-Farms.net or call 352-454-4113.

Each year the owner, Franco Almeida, dedicates a portion of the proceeds to a charity; this year Timberline Farms has pledged to St. Theresa's Soup Kitchen and the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center.

Saturday, Oct. 6

Palm Cay Craft Fair

Palm Cay will conduct its craft fair Oct. 6, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., which is open to the public at the Clubhouse. There will be baked good sale going on at the same time and also a quilt raffle. The kitchen will be open from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Buy hot dog and drink for lunch.

Craft Fair at Marion Landing

Saturday, Oct. 6, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Marion Landing Lifestyle Center, at SW 65th Ave. Road off SR 200, across from Queen of Peace Catholic Church. A wide array of hand-crafted items including jewelry, handbags, floral



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries charm helps persuade others to listen to your proposal. But it's still a long way from acceptance, unless you can stand up to the tough questions that are set to follow.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Plan to share a weekend getaway from all the pressures of your hectic workaday world with a very special someone. You could be pleasantly surprised at what develops.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your keen insight once again helps you handle a challenging situation with a clearer perception of what it's really all about. What you learn helps you make a difficult decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you want to steer clear of getting involved in a new family dispute, say so. Your stand might cause hurt feelings for some, but overall, you'll be respected for your honesty.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Expect recognition for your efforts in getting a project into operation. Besides the more practical rewards, your Lion's heart will be warmed by the admiration of your colleagues.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Set aside time to rid yourself of clutter that might well be drawing down your creative energies. Consider asking someone to help you decide what stays and what goes.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A colleague could make a request that might place you in an awkward position with co-workers. Best advice: Share your concerns with an associate you can trust.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your energy levels are way up, allowing you to take on the added challenge of a task you've been hoping to secure. Expect this move to lead to an important opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your continuing sense of confidence in what you've set out to do gives encouragement to others. Expect to see more people asking to add their efforts to yours.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might think it would be best to reject a suggestion that others insist would be unworkable. But you might be surprised by what you find if you give it a chance.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Changing a decision might disappoint some people, but the important thing is that you be honest with yourself. Don't go ahead with anything you have doubts about.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There could be some fallout from an emotional confrontation that you really should deal with before moving on. Best to start fresh with a clean, clear slate.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your honesty not only helps you make decisions for yourself, but also helps others find the right choices for themselves.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Super Crossword

DRUNK IN THE KITCHEN

- ACROSS**
- 1 Deceive
 - 8 Scarce supply
 - 14 Champaign's twin city
 - 20 Composer Vivaldi
 - 21 Concert bonus
 - 22 "La Cage aux —"
 - 23 What Swiss steak may be braised in
 - 25 Circular window
 - 26 Personal identity
 - 27 High-arching shots
 - 28 "Gotcha!"
 - 30 To be, in Bordeaux
 - 31 Expanded
 - 35 Ballpark snack with lots of toppings
 - 39 Amtrak stop
 - 40 Care for
 - 41 Make sad
 - 42 Title for Tuck
 - 44 Big bird that doesn't fly
 - 47 Honeybunch
 - 48 They may be sprinkled on sauteed spinach
 - 55 Partner of Porgy
 - 56 Southern French city
 - 57 Yuletide
 - 58 Quits
 - 61 Arab prince
 - 62 Mine metal
 - 64 Genie's gift
 - 66 Actor Cariou
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 - 70 Popular cookout side
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 - 76 With 96-Down, "Hang on a minute!"
 - 77 "I'm impressed!"
 - 78 Jane of fiction
 - 80 Suffix with pagan
 - 81 Final words from Caesar
 - 82 Superstars
 - 84 Two-masted craft
 - 86 Exhorting individual
 - 87 Abnormally deep sleep
 - 90 Movie theater tubful
 - 94 Staves off
 - 97 Colo.-to-Ga. direction
 - 98 Thrashes
 - 99 Old World elk
 - 101 "'Tis a shame"
 - 104 Middy snoozes
 - 109 Specialty of Popeyes
 - 112 Cause of heartache
 - 113 Elvis' middle name
 - 114 Go — spree
 - 115 Indian tourist city
 - 117 Ride ordered by app
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 - 8 Floor model
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 - 10 Follows, as advice
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 - 13 Pronoun for both genders
 - 14 Aliens' craft
 - 15 Fabled bird
 - 16 Maryland crustaceans
 - 17 Mentally alert
 - 18 Woody Allen film subject
 - 19 Sizes up
 - 24 Prehistoric
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 - 46 4x4, briefly
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 - 51 Sahara-like
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 - 65 Lance
 - 67 Turn loose
 - 68 Western film
 - 69 Do a 180
 - 71 Palme —
 - 72 Finches' homes
 - 74 Wavy mark in Spanish
 - 75 Bygone Ford make, briefly
 - 79 Reuben bread
 - 82 Fragrant white flowers
 - 83 Natl. voting day
 - 85 Spun traps
 - 86 Agitate
 - 87 Subway charges, e.g.
 - 88 Judge too highly
 - 89 So-so
 - 91 Ship wood
 - 92 UTEP part
 - 93 Big elevator innovator
 - 95 Nugent with a guitar
 - 96 See 76-Across
 - 100 Pi-sigma link
 - 102 Enter via the cracks
 - 103 "Life of Pi" director
 - 105 Drinks loudly
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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LANDING

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arrangements, quilts, paintings, and a large assortment of holiday decorations will be on sale. Admission to this event is free and open to the public. No pets, please.

Compassion & Choices

Ocala Chapter of Compassion & Choices will have an interactive presentation about End-of-Life Concerns at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6, at Master the Possibilities in Live Oak Hall by Lynda Spence, a member of the Extension Faculty in Family and Consumer Sciences for the University of Florida. This

should be very interesting so bring your family, friends and strangers. Register at masterthe-possibilities.org or call 352-854-3699.

Sunday, Oct. 7 Chamber Music

Society

The Marion Chamber Music Society presents Ensemble D'Amore featuring Ocala's own Charles McGee (oboe) Sunday, Oct. 7. The group includes violins, viola, cello, clarinet and oboe. This concert marks the debut performance of Ensemble D'Amore, performing works by Mozart and Puccini. The concert is at 3 p.m., at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 6455 SW SR 200, Ocala. The concert is spon-

sored in part by a grant from the Marion Cultural Alliance. MCMS con-certs: Always Exceptional, Always Free. For more information call 352-867-1340 or visit us at marionchamber-music.com.

Monday, Oct. 9 United Church of Christ

A Bereavement Support Group will start Monday, Oct. 9, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at First Congregational United Church of Christ on 7171 SW State Road 200 in Ocala. This group will meet for six consecutive weekly meetings. We'll be using the excellent program developed by Rev. Dr. Blair Stewart. His manual is available at Amazon, but

purchase is not necessary to participate. Coffee and cake will be served. Participation is free and open to all. To RSVP and for more information please call Teddy at (352) 368-9927, email flaury@cox.net or visit facebook.com/OcalaCongregationalChurch to see this event.

Saturday, Oct. 13 Lions Flee Market

The Ocala 200 Lions Club will be holding a Flea Market Oct. 13 (rain date Oct. 20) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bank of the Ozarks at 8375 SW Highway 200. There will be a variety of vendors on hand as well as food/drink available for sale by the Dunnellon Lions Club.

The Ocala 200 Lions Club will offer free dia-

betic screening during the same hours.

You are invited to join us for this fundraising event. As always, all proceeds generated by the Lions Clubs will be used for community projects throughout the year.

For more information, please call 352-861-2930.

Sunday, Oct. 14

Challah cooking class

If you love challah (egg bread) or just want to see if you would love it, and we are sure you will, please join in at our first cooking class at Congregation Beth Shalom. It will be Sunday, Oct. 14 at 1:30 p.m. in Kellner Auditorium behind the Synagogue at 92 Civic Circle in Beverly Hills. Everyone, Jewish or not, is invited to participate.

Cost is only \$10 per person, and you will learn the traditions of challah, learn how to bake the challah, and best part, will get to take it home and enjoy eating it.

If any questions, or to reserve your place at the class, please call Sue Pellegrino at 352-513-4167 as soon as possible.

Countryside Church Concert

Countryside Presbyterian Church Concert Arts Series Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. Donna Topp and Shirley Wang will give a 4-handed piano performance of light classical music. In addition, Shirley, classical soprano, will sing selections Brahms, Faure and

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National Cheeseburger Day

Only in the United States, would there be a National Cheeseburger Day!

It is a nonofficial celebration on Sept. 18. Americans eat 14 billion cheeseburgers a year. This may be the reason why we celebrate this day.

According to some sites, the exact origin of the modern-day hamburger remains a mystery. The most well-known is Louis Lassen who introduced a hamburger steak sandwich in his New Haven, Connecticut, restaurant in 1900. Others claim that 'Hamburger Charlie' Nagreen actually invented the dish at a Wisconsin's Outgamie County Fair in 1885 and yet still others claim



that it was the Menches brothers who did it at an 1885 fair in New York.

Whoever discovered, it is delicious food enjoyed by many.

All of us have favorite burger places but I was surprised to find out that most people like Five Guys Burger even over other fast food places. A few more interesting facts about the cheese on hamburgers are the types of cheese used. 66 percent of Americans like American cheese on their burgers, 65 percent like cheddar, 43 percent like Swiss, 40 percent like Pepper Jack and 31 percent like provolone.

Thanks to the Lifestyle Office, Stone Creek residents were invited to celebrate the holiday at a cheeseburger social. The event included grilled cheeseburgers, toppings, chips and drinks. 88 residents took part in the celebration. Thanks to Mary Ann

Stone Creek
Patricia Gizzi



Blaine, our new assistant lifestyle assistant, who took the pictures of the event. Here's to

cheeseburgers whenever you enjoy them and with your favorite cheese!



Art classes announced

Oct. 3: Beginner Watercolor Basics
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Instructor: Susan Jane Donohoe
Cost: \$35 plus \$10 supply fee
Learn the basics of watercolor painting and how to control watercolor while working on specific projects.

Oct. 3: Intermediate Watercolor
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Instructor: Susan Jane Donohoe
Cost: \$45 plus \$10 supply fee
This class is for students who have worked with watercolors but are ready to learn on a higher level.

Oct. 6: Pen and Ink Drawing Class
10 a.m. - noon

Instructor: Jan Obrebski
Cost: \$25 - Please bring sketchbook, soft pencil and eraser.

Students will learn line & basic strokes, leading to tone building, texture & contrasts. Continuation classes leading to architectural, pets and landscapes will be available.

Oct. 17: Basket Weaving
12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Meredith McCartan
Cost: \$30 - plus \$5 material fee
Students will learn three different weave patterns to construct a 8" x10"

round basket. Please see tool list at registration.

Oct. 20
Pendant Wire Sculpture 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Lynda Ryan
Cost: \$55 includes all materials
Students will have enough supplies to complete a 2-inch project at home. Learn basic wire wrapping skills to complete a silver filled gemstone pendant. Please bring flat nose, round pliers and flush cutter.

Oct. 22-24: Stained Glass Beginners
Night Light, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Instructor: Donna Josephson
Cost: \$55 plus \$22 supply fee
Beginner students will learn to cut glass, foil and solder in this three evening class.

Class sizes are limited. Times and fees vary. All materials are provided unless otherwise noted in the class description. Advance registration and payment by check or cash is recommended. Call 352-445-8547.

The Rainbow Springs artist Cooperative is located at 20804 West Pennsylvania Ave, Dunnellon, and is open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Gershwin, Montsalvatge and Moszkowski, accompanied by Donna. Donna will play piano selections from Gershwin, Chopin and Faure. Concert free, offering taken. For information, please call 352-237-4633.

Wednesday, Oct. 17 Tobacco Free

Tobacco Free Florida.com, AHEC Suwanne River and Florida Health will host a "Quit Your Way" program at the Marion Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center. This is a group quit program - in-person option of Tobacco Free Florida's Quite Your Way services. Pre-registration is required by calling toll free 1-866-341-2730. This is a two-hour Tools to Quit Group taking place

Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 5:30 p.m. You must be 18 years of age or older to participate. If medically appropriate you can receive free nicotine replacement patches, gum or lozenges.

United Church of Christ

The First Congregational United Church of Christ has a Church service at Timber Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at 9848 S.W. 110th Street, Ocala, 34481, Saturday, Oct. 13, at 10:15 a.m. We bring music, a message, and friendly faces to chat with the residents. This is your opportunity to bring cheer to the residents and their participation in singing the old favorites and to bring them love.

For more information, please call Don Fitch at 352-637-1138 or visit facebook.com/OcalaCongregationalChurch.

SCHOOL

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involved in the process," Cummings said. "When children are at home doing homework, parents know if their kids understand the information."

He said, "I am for homework, but I'm not for a whole lot of homework, because it's going to allow us to understand where our kids are in the system."

Wilson just said, "I think it was a really bad idea," to get rid of homework.

Boynton said most parents want homework for their children.

Thrower said, "I didn't like it, but I know it's important. I think the intent was to replace traditional homework with more reading. We all know that reading is power.

We need to be able to read contracts, so we don't get ripped off - there are just so many reasons to know how to read and read well."

She said it is crucial for families to read together with their children.

"Appropriate homework is great, but it needs to be for practice. Kids should not be bringing home homework they don't know how to do because many parents work nights and kids need to know how to do it on their own," she said.

Arnett said that she agreed with the others, but added, "I think it should be to reinforce skills they have already learned. I don't think we should give them homework for the sake of giving them homework. I don't think we should be giv-

ing them a lot of busy work, but a few minutes at home so the parents can be engaged in what their children are learning. The parents can see what's going on. Reading is fundamental. Remember "Fraggle Rock?" Reading is fundamental. We used to hear that all the time and we've gotten away from that."

She said the superintendent had a fantastic idea that parents read with their children 20 minutes nightly.

"Even if they have homework, they still need to be reading with their kids," she said.

King also said she agreed that students need homework, but "teachers need autonomy in the classroom. Reading is essential, but so is math. I'm not saying bombard our students with tons and

tons of homework but there does need to be a balance. Parents need to know what's going on in their students' classroom. They need to see what they're working on. It also teaches students responsibility and organization."

BUS

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give an educational presentation.

Due to limited bus seating, interested parties must make reservations in advance by calling 352-563-5592 before Friday Oct. 5.

Those taking the tour will meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of the Steeplechase Plaza on State Road 200 in the area of Save a Lot and Bealls Outlet. The bus will leave at 9:30 a.m. and return around 2 p.m.

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