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October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

In this edition of the West Marion Messenger, some of the community correspondents wrote stories about what some women faced during their fight with the disease.

I will be running informational articles throughout the month.

Praise God for all survivors. For those who have lost loved one, may God grant you peace.

Marion County photos sought

The Citrus Publishing Marion County newspapers, including the South Marion Citizen, West Marion Messenger and Riverland News, are planning a special section for this fall called "Discover Marion County."

The section will carry information to guide people around the various places and activities that the county has to offer. It will include lists, some stories and photos, lots of photos.

That's where we need your input. We want you to tell us, "What is your favorite find?" Share with us what is your favorite discovery in Marion County, from parks, lake, rivers, springs, trails? If you have any photos that you are willing to share that show scenes from the county, email them to us as JPG attachments to ddavis@smcitizen.com.

Do not shrink the photos. Please include a description of where and approximately when the photos were taken (spring, summer, etc.) and the name of the person who took the photo.

Unlike what we usually say for regular photos, we are not necessarily looking for pictures with people in them. Scenic views are usually the best. While the section is still weeks away, we are now starting to compile information, so please send us what you have soon.



BY DAVID DAVIS
Editor

Social consciousness, politics, human morality and the spiritual relationship with God all converged Saturday during a blessing of the animals at the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Dr. Harold McSwain, pastor of the church, said the treatment of animals is often extremely cruel, particularly with greyhounds. Greyhounds are revved up on all kinds of meds and then treated very poorly when they are no longer useful for racing. That's not a way to treat an animal."

By "revved up," he meant amphetamines, which he said happens a lot.

Amendment 13 on the Nov. 6 General Election ballot would phase out greyhound racing in Florida by 2020. Some arguments to vote "no" on the measure are that voting "yes" would



Carol Bellavia, The Villages, with her rescued greyhound, Zipper, urges the public to vote "yes" on proposed Amendment 13 that would phase out dog racing.

lower state tax revenue and people would lose their jobs.

"Think about it like this," he said. "A long-time ago there was such

a thing as bull baiting – or just dog fighting. If it were legal, it would cre-

ate jobs and it would create taxes, but it's cruel and it was deemed immoral and illegal because it's cruel. I think the way greyhounds are treated is extremely cruel. They needed to be treated with dignity and respect and not treated as entertainment chattel."

Dr. McSwain said when asked if blessings of the animals were more likely observed in liturgical or high order churches, "It's OK, we can do that too. The last one we had was in 2016. I'm sad to say that in 2016, I brought my dog, a German shepherd, Baron, but he's since died."

Beth McKeen rescued a greyhound in 2014 through Greyhound Adoptions of Florida. She said greyhounds are not watchdogs. They love people. My dog loves to meet people and they love other dogs.

"They are very
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Marion Chamber Music Society begins new season with new music director

BY DAVID DAVIS
Editor

Pianist Kosumo Morishita, a native of Miyazaki, Japan, has performed in Japan, Italy, Austria and throughout the United States. She is a prize-winner of various competitions and scholarships, including Fine Arts Piano Scholarship, Sacramento Saturday Club Piano Scholarship, Thomas Gentry Piano Scholarship, William E. Duckwitz Talent Scholarship. Also, the 2011 Sacramento State Concerto Competition, which led to a performance of Piano Concerto in A Minor by Edvard Grieg with the Sacramento State Symphony Orchestra. She is also enthusiastic about community outreach, often performing at local retirement homes and churches.

Also, Dr. Morishita is beginning her first season as music director of the Marion Chamber Music Society, which



COURTESY PHOTO/ASHLEY JOHNSON

Dr. Kosumo Morishita begins her first season as music director for the Marion Chamber Music Society. The 37th season begins Oct. 7.

opens its 37th season Sunday, Oct. 7, with a new professional group with a "local" connection, Ensemble

D'Amore, put together by Ocala's own, Charles McGee, oboist.

Two violinists, a violist, a cellist and a clari-

netist comprise the ensemble. The program will include works from Mozart, Puccini and Mark Biggam. This concert is sponsored and funded in part by a grant from the Marion Cultural Alliance.

Dr. Morishita, 33, inherited a love for music from her parents. Her mother was in a choir for most of her life. Her father likes playing in bands.

"My mother took me to the music school when I was 3 years old, so it was pretty natural for me to love music," she said in a recent telephone interview. "My main instrument is the piano, but I was in a choir when I was in high school and I played a couple of different instruments when I was little, but mainly classical music."

At age 20, Dr. Morishita moved from Japan to the United States in 2006 instead of relocating to Austria or Italy or other places more associated with classical

music. She made stops in California and Texas before settling in Florida.

"I am from southern Japan and I had a so-called American dream. I wanted to come over here and study, so I wanted to find a place where the climate was similar to where I grew up," she said. "I studied English in school, so I wanted to go to an English-speaking country – I just had a big dream of coming to the United States since I was little. I guess that's what it was."

Her job as music director is to select classical musicians to perform concerts at Queen of Peace Catholic Church. The performances are by small groups, but this year, one pianist is invited.

"Yes, yes, the acoustics are great at the Queen of Peace and the piano is good. It's a beautiful church. I think people will enjoy the

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Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder

If this is autumn, then what was summer?

I must confess that in the Parsonage there are times of confusion. It has nothing to do with age; it has everything to do with the human brain that is undernourished.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage can say one thing and I can say something completely different. There are those rare occasions when we are on the same page, the same sentence and almost the same words. Those occasions do not come as often as I would like.

The good news is, we are all on the same book, which makes the difference.

The other day, for example, I was in a panic

mode. I was trying to get stuff done and was not making progress. Finally, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "What are you in such a fuss about?"

"Well," I said rather exhaustively, "it's Friday and I'm trying to get my work done."

My wife just stood there looking at me with one of those "looks" she is most famous for.

Then, placing both hands on her hips, she said, "Silly boy, don't you know it's Thursday?"

It is quite disconcerting when you get something wrong. You think you are doing the right thing, but it turns out you are not. I think it is one day and it turns out

to be another day instead. Sometimes one day looks exactly like the other.

As we were eating breakfast the other day, my wife stopped and said, "Do you know this is the first day of autumn?"

I had to stop and think about that for a while. That means summer is over and fall is in the air.

"If it's autumn," I said quite seriously, "why is it still so hot outside?" The last three weeks the temperature has been in the 90s and the heat index was over 100. That is really hot.

Looking at her, I said, "It sure doesn't feel like autumn does it?" She

agreed with me, which was quite an accomplishment on my side of the table.

A song says, "And the beat goes on." I would like to change that a little bit and sing a song, "And the heat goes on." Simply put, I found no difference between the first week of autumn in the last week of summer. After all, if it is autumn then the weather ought to act like it is autumn.

I did not realize how serious the heat was. I was going Wednesday morning to a local elementary school to participate in the "Pray around the Pole." It was the first thing in the morning so I decided not to have breakfast before I went, but rather go to my favorite restaurant for breakfast after the event.

As I was walking to the pole, I noticed it was rather hot outside. Oh well, I thought to myself, I am not going to be here long so I can just endure it.

About eight of the teachers had gathered around the pole along with a resource officer. We gathered in a circle, held hands and began to pray. Many of them prayed and my job was to close the session in prayer.

As they began praying, I felt a little odd. Now

my wife will tell you that it is not just a feeling; I am odd. But my blonde roots were beginning to manifest itself and I was feeling a little dizzy. I felt the sweat roll off my face and my legs were wobbling, more than usual. I really did not feel good at the time.

Then, it came time to close the session in prayer. I cannot remember what I prayed because every word that came out of my mouth felt weird and odd. I was getting dizzy and I was thinking to myself, "Just don't fall down." I knew if I fell down, somebody would call the ambulance and rush me off to the hospital. The last place I wanted to be.

When we were done praying one of the teachers looked at me and said, "Are you all right? Your face looks flushed."

The more I stood there the wobblier my legs got. Finally, one of the teachers said, "Let's take him inside and get him some water." In the meantime, one called my wife to come and get me.

I do not remember going into the school at the time. Everything was quite dizzy for me. Then the nurse came, checked me out and made sure I was OK.

As it was, I was hav-

ing a heat stroke. I never had such a thing before in my life. I think I heard of them, but I did not know what they were.

As I was collecting myself a little bit, my wife and granddaughter arrived to take me home. They would not let me drive my own vehicle. Don't tell anybody, but I sure was glad. I am not sure I could have driven that vehicle out of the parking lot.

It took several days to recover, but during recovery, I could not help but think of an incident with Jesus in the midst of the storm. "And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm" (Mark 4:39).

You cannot always select the "storm" in your life, but you can always trust Jesus to get you through it.

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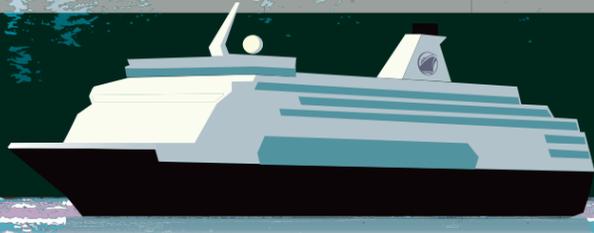
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'The Greatest Show on Earth'

It has been a long time since I went to the "Greatest Show on Earth." My mom along with my aunt would take me and my cousin to Madison Square Garden each year when Ringling Brothers came to New York for the 'Greatest Show on Earth.' We would get the 50 cents seats way up high and enjoy the three rings. It is one of my fondest memories as a child.

Recently, I got to go to the Marion County Alliance for their rendition of the "Greatest Show on Earth." I went to honor a friend, Rita Singer who was nominated for two of the awards and The Cultural Vultures Club of which I am a member was also up for a nomination.

The evening included live performances, the presentation of the MCA Arts Awards, and the announcement of the 2018-2019 Cultural Grants. The event started at the Discovery Center with a tapas and libations at 6 p.m. and then moved to the Reilly Arts Center for the greatest show!

Applaud the Arts was presented by Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute and Urology Institute of Central Florida. It was an evening to applaud all the arts in Ocala. MCA gives out grants to local art groups and to honor leaders in the arts. This show was the 11th year of MCA giving out awards. In those 11 years, MCA has given over \$310,000 in cultural grants.

Jessica Mongerio, the choral and musical theater director of Forest High School won MCA's Educator Award. Jessica is credited with reviving the school's choral programs. This a difficult task since so much of arts education has had major cutbacks over the



In the top photo is Sue, Rita Singer, Gloria Salvaggio and Beverly. In the bottom photo is Rita Singer and Patricia Gizzi.



years. Jessica McCune, a noted storyteller and community leader with Hospice won MCA's Service Award. She started the Ocala Storytelling Festival and even more important she helped to merge arts and healing.

The following groups were awarded money for their special projects: Ocala Civic Theatre for its in-school touring show; Insomniac theater; Mario all County choir; Appleton Museum; Marion County Public Schools; Reilly Center; Kingdom of Sun Concert Band for its Veterans Light the Stars; Dance Alive National Ballet; Ocala Film Foundation; Ocala Symphony Orchestra and Marion Ballet Theatre for Nutcracker performance for the Hospice Bereavement; Marion Chamber Music and Master of the Possibilities for visiting

speakers. The Culture Vultures Club was nominated for MCA's Vision award by former president, Gloria Salvaggio of the Club. They were nominate as an organization for their outstanding advocacy of the arts. The club has donated \$40,000 in contributions to various local organizations over the seven years that Culture Vultures has been in existence. This is an impressive amount of money in seven years!

Rita Levison Singer was nominated for two categories of MCA's awards. She was competing as an individual for outstanding advocacy of the arts and as an outstanding community volunteer of the arts. She was competing against the club she founded, the Culture Vultures Club.

Rita received many letters of recommenda-

Stone Creek
Patricia Gizzi



many nonprofit arts and cultural organizations in Marion County. In my 34 years as an Ocala resident, I have not encountered anyone who backs up her love for the arts and creative people through action more than Rita Singer. She receives my highest recommendation for this prestigious award." Janet Shelley is the Theatre and Early College Humanities Instructor and Thespian Troupe Director.

While the Cultural Vultures did not win, it was an amazing honor for the club to compete with many organizations that have been in existence for many more years than the seven that Culture Vultures have been a club. I am

sure they will be back to compete again as they raise more money for the arts.

Rita was honored to be nominated for two categories. While she didn't win, she is a winner to all who know her and her passion to make the arts a part of our lives.

Congratulations to all who won as part of MCA's 'Greatest Show on Earth' evening! Because of this organization and others, we all get to enjoy so many varied activities that the arts provide. As Albert Einstein said, "Creativity is contagious. Pass it on!" To those who are creative and help us to be creative, and those who support creativity, thank you!

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One of the things that are always consistent about Fairfield Village is the Monday and Wednesday night Bingo games. That is a tradition that does not change and probably will not ever change. Maybe there will be some slight modifications, but the BINGO nights will remain.

There are those who are always there and there are those who attend occasionally; however, the game itself seems to be set in stone. People arrive early and enjoy casual conversation with friends while they set up for the evening's game. Very often, the same groups seem to sit together, but sometimes that seems to vary.

At the break, folks enjoy refreshments and conversation before resuming the games again. There always seems to be plenty of smiles and laughter so everyone obviously has a good time whether they are winning or not.

In the nine years I have lived in FFV, I have found this community to be one that welcomes newcomers and embraces those who have lived here for years. In this way, our neighborhood lives up to its motto of "the lively place filled with lovely people."

If you haven't been to the clubhouse on a Monday or Wednesday lately for BINGO, why not come by and join? You might find out that you would enjoy it!



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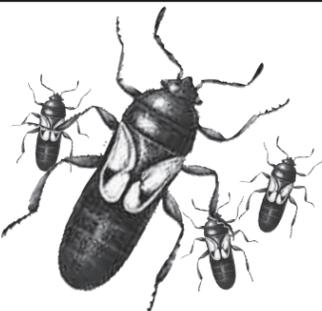
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PINK - A Symbol of HOPE

For several decades and in October, the color of "pink" seems to stand out among the beautiful fall colors. Not that one would consider pink as a color of leaves along with the greens, browns, oranges, golds, etc. Pink has been a symbol of HOPE when it comes to breast cancer, although the ladies I've spoken to said colors didn't cross their minds when were confronted with the news that they had breast cancer. Their first thoughts were disbelief and thinking How can this be? I don't feel bad - I don't feel any lumps or knots. I haven't been sick or have any signs that things weren't going on as normal. Their thoughts then turned to their families and wondering how to tell them and what their reaction might be, etc. Then the tears flow ... When asked to write an article about breast cancer, my first thought was of my sister. It was discovered she

had breast cancer when she was in her early 50's.

We had had no sign of cancer in our family, so naturally this came as a shock to all of us.

Her life was flipped

upside down, however; she had faith in God and felt HE would see her through the treatments.

For the next several months she received chemo followed by radiation treatments. She was so anxious to get her life back to normal and once the treatments were completed she remained a very active survivor for close to 25 years.

She didn't pass on as a result of cancer, but as she would say her "ticker" was worn out.

Because of the bad cells in one breast and the chance of getting cancer in the other, she opted to have a double mastectomy. During that

time, she was a trooper as many times she was so tired and sick of the treatments and how they made her feel.

Her concern was more for others, especially children. She would see

the same people each time she went for treatments and she'd say she would rather have cancer than those poor little children. She

felt she had lived a long happy life raising her three children and she felt those children at the treatment center hadn't yet been able to grow into adulthood.

As is usually the case, chemo treatments did cause her to lose her hair rather quickly. Since it was the hot summer months in Florida, she chose to wear some bandanna type scarfs or a cute wig which almost matched her hair color and style.

She was not a vain person, but felt, espe-



Ocala Palms
Barbara Dedics



cially around her young grandchildren, that she didn't want them to feel uneasy.

One time when I was visiting from Virginia, she took her wig off and laughingly said to me "now Barb, don't I look like Grandpa?"

We both had the biggest laugh as neither of us had known our grandpa to ever have any hair. I will say she was very pleased when her hair grew back as she was blessed with real cute "pixie wavy hair".

We have a medium size community for Ocala and some of the ladies who have approached me said when they heard they had breast cancer, they were in various stages.

Either way, this is not the type of news you want to hear. They were given options for treatments and once they

had their thoughts together, their question to the medical staff was "if this was your wife, mother or daughter, what treatments would you suggest?"

They said the staff couldn't have been more helpful and they were very appreciative of the support they received not only from them, but from so many family and friends.

Some chose a full mastectomy, others were able to have a lumpectomy with radiation and the choices they made were best for them.

The majority are past the "five plus" years of survival, but some are currently receiving treatments and all have a "sisterhood positive attitude" and are grateful for the support.

One lady told me she said to her doctor to, "take care of this, I want to dance at my grandchildren's weddings." The ladies appreciate all who offered their shoulders, thoughts and prayers. Once they hear of another who has received this unfortunate news, they slip a note in their mailbox advising them they are NOT alone and whenever they are ready they will be there for them. This is a bond women don't want to have with another, but it's so nice that there are people who will go out of their way and be there for others. In closing, PLEASE whatever you do in life, take the precautions and see your doctor for regular check-ups.

FDOH holds diabetes classes

Residents still have an opportunity to sign up for free diabetes self-management classes. The first class in the series is scheduled to start Oct. 4 at the Florida Department of Health in Marion County and Oct. 20 at Benevolent Church of God in Reddick.

The six-class series will help residents learn more about diabetes and the changes those who have it may need to make to their daily habits to ensure they can effectively control it. People who are age 65 and older or Medicare recipients are particularly encouraged to attend, but anyone is



ity, meal planning, preventing complications, and medications and medical care. Class dates, times and locations are:

Tuesday, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, 2018, from 10 a.m. to noon at Belleview Public Library (13145 SE County Highway 484, Belleview)

Thursday, Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 1 and Nov. 8, 2018, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Florida Department of Health in Marion County (1801 SE 32nd Ave., Ocala)

Saturday, Oct. 20, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov.

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Linnie survives breast cancer; helps others survive and thrive

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and we pay homage to those women and some men who belong to a club they did not ask to join.

They are unique individuals with stories to share. I would like to share a story of such one brave woman from Stone Creek.

Here is Linnie Kaufer's story. She was a 33-year-old mother of two sons aged 10 and 7 and was told Dec. 24 three years ago that she had breast cancer.

The doctor who told her the news was a Dr. Kolarisck and he was wearing a Christmas

tie. She said all she could focus on was the Christmas tie.

For years, she visited him each Dec. 24 with a Christmas tie and box of chocolate. She kept in contact with him because of his kindness and asked for his advice years later and even attended his funeral. Can you imagine the emotions and thoughts that go through your mind when you are given these words?

Her breasts always had cysts so she saw a surgeon since she was 18 years old. One morning she woke to find a lump the size of a walnut. She immedi-



Linnie Kaufer shares her story as a breast cancer survivor and pays it forward by helping others survive and thrive.

ately contacted her doctor and the biopsy

showed she had cancer. Her journey began

and continues today as she shares her story of one that said she only had three years to live.

Her doctors did a mammogram and the mass in the breast didn't show up. This made the doctors believe that both breasts needed to be removed. She was young and since they could not tell if there was cancer in the other breast the best option was to remove both. She had 18 surgeries in four years. She had implants at one time but they were uncomfortable.

She met Dr. Peter Hetzler who wanted to perform a double tram flap.

She asked Dr. Kolarisck's advice and he told her to "go for it."

This was the first time Dr. Hetzler had ever done a double tram flap surgery. It was successful and Linnie became his poster child for this operation.

Linnie said there was no history of breast cancer in her family and like we discussed, someone needs to start the history and she was the "one."

She didn't want others to go through the journey alone so she became an advocate of making sure women

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The College of Central Florida's Visual and Performing Arts Department will present "Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood" Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 25-27, starting at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 28, at 3 p.m., in the Dassance Fine Arts Center, 3001 S.W. College Road.

This comedy by Ken Ludwig, Ocala's favorite playwright, ("Baskerville," "A Comedy of Tenors") is back with a rollicking new take on a beloved legend. A greedy prince has taken control of England, and it is up to dashing outlaw Robin Hood to save the day. Join up and take aim with Robin Hood and his band of Merry Men and women as they champion the underdog and fight for justice. This fun and hilarious show is appropriate for all ages.

The show is directed by Dr. Kath-

leen Downs, associate professor of theater, who has more than 60 productions to her credit as a director/producer. She has a doctorate in Theatre from Kent University and a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration from the University of Toledo.

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Sherwood is produced by special arrangements with Samuel French.

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CF International Film Series continues with 'The Second Mother' Oct. 9

The College of Central Florida's International Film Series continues with "The Second Mother" Tuesday, Oct. 9, "The Fencer" Tuesday, Oct. 23, and "El Jeremias" Tuesday, Nov. 6. Shows start at 2 p.m. at the Appleton Museum and at 7 p.m. at the Ocala Campus in the Humanities and Social Sciences Building 8, Room 110.

"The Second Mother" is a story of a woman who deals with the guilt of having her daughter Jessica raised by relatives as she works for a wealthy family. When the daughter comes for a visit, there is conflict between the two families. This film is in Portuguese with English subtitles. It is rated PG-13 and has a total run time of 110 minutes.

"The Fencer" showcases a young Estonian fencer who is forced to return to his homeland where he finds work as a teacher and starts a sports club for his students. Endel must make a choice; risk everything to take the children to Leningrad or put his safety first and disappoint them. This film is in Estonian and Russian with English subtitles. It is rated PG-13 and has a total run time of 99 minutes.

"El Jeremias" is set in Sonora, Mexico, and tells the story of Jeremias, an 8 year old who finds out he is a gifted child which initiates his journey of self-discovery. When an opportunistic psychologist makes contact with the boy, a new world of experiences open up to him, but at the expense of being

away from the family he loves. Jeremias must choose between this exciting but lonely new world or returning home to his loving family.

This film is in Spanish with English subtitles. It is rated PG-13 and has a total run time of 95 minutes.

Viewings are free at CF. Series membership, which includes fall and spring screenings at the Appleton Museum of Art, is \$15 for individuals, \$25 for dual membership and includes a bonus film each year.

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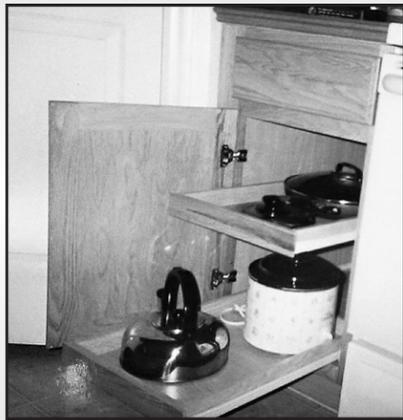
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Opinion

THE BOB FRANKEN COLUMN The ballot ballgame

It happens several times a game: I'll announce to the world, "The entire season rests on this pitch (shot/play/whatever)." My friends long ago learned simply to ignore my sarcasm, which makes it difficult when I'm being serious. Such as when I announce, "The fate of the nation might rest on the upcoming election."

For real. Even though Donald Trump is not on the ballot, the midterms will determine if Congress can take a role in restraining his worst impulses. It should be obvious to those horrified by his presidency that they must install an effective opposition, which is to say a Democratic majority not only in the House of Representatives, but also in the Senate. That can happen only if all those millions of people who claim to be part of a "resistance" show up at the polling places in massive numbers, turnout that will overwhelm those in Trump's so-called base who will show up inspired by his message of hate and ignorance, and his constant stream of outright lies.

That is a big "if." It's always a challenge to Democratic Party leadership to get those on the left to find common ground with those in the middle, particularly when that leadership is nonexistent. Turnout for midterm elections is low anyway, but it will be high for those who are passionately pro-gun and anti-immigrant, meaning the pro-Trump millions. A large portion of the anti-Trump crowd is really just insipid about most everything, except maybe their anti-Donald feelings.

In addition, those who are center and left are afflicted by a sense of fair play. That has never concerned those on the right. The fact of the matter is, in politics, as legendary pro football coach Vince Lombardi said, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." You can't deliver a knockout in a slugfest if you're wringing your hands at whatever the other side is doing. And the Trumpsters are always doing something abusive.

With all that, Democrats are in for a brawl. Every time they hear someone predict that victory for control of the House is assured, their leaders, whomever they are, should cringe.

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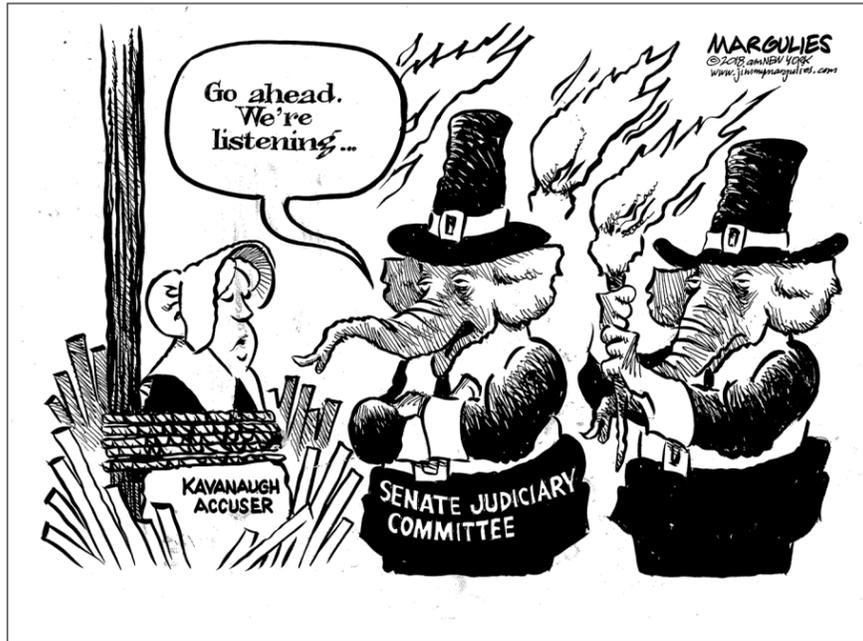
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'Why' is the hardest question to answer

I was glued to the television Thursday – scheduling the testimony of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and the Honorable Brett Kavanaugh was the only thing the Republican senators did right because that's the one day I have to myself. Moreover, of course, it's all about me.

Neither party is blameless in getting us to this point because both parties want to win the midterm elections and more than a few on the Senate Judiciary Committee aspire to run for president in 2020 – including Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz.

The senators grandstanded, schemed and debated who had the moral high ground on behalf of the American people. As one of the American people, I was repulsed, but continued to watch for the same reason I rubberneck while driving past a traffic accident, but that was no traffic accident. That was a train wreck.

I feel incredibly sympathetic toward Dr. Blasey Ford and her family, because she tried the best she could to remain anonymous. The main issue I had with her was that if she were afraid to fly to Washington, D.C., I would think it would be equally difficult for her to fly to Hawaii.

Republicans said Dr. Blasey Ford was a credible witness. However, what does the word "credible" mean. According to the dictionary, the definition is one who is "capable of being believed; believable or plausible."

Saying Dr. Blasey Ford is credible



Mountains from Molehills

By David Davis

is the same as, "I believe she suffered a traumatic experience, but I do not believe it was at the hands of Brett Kavanaugh."

Democrats believed Dr. Blasey Ford. They did not find the judge credible.

Whom do we believe? Both are well-educated and successful in their chosen careers.

I saw the judge as a stark-raving mad lunatic. I do not care how successful one is or how dysfunctional the U.S. Senate is, that is no excuse for such a public display of disrespect. I understand he was doing it for the president who criticized him as "weak" during the Fox News interview.

Do his actions mean he's guilty as Democrats would have us believe? I don't know. Are his actions of someone who has been privileged all his life and this is the one time he may not get what he wants? I don't know that either. Is it someone who sees his lifelong dream slipping away? Again, I don't know that.

What about the calendar? I recently met someone who has kept all her desktop calendars since 1982. Is it credible for the judge to emulate

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN Kavanaugh assault validates Trump

The attempted political assassination of Brett Kavanaugh is bad for the country, but good for a Trumpian attitude toward American politics.

The last-minute ambush validates key assumptions of Donald Trump's supporters that fueled his rise and buttress him in office, no matter how rocky the ride has been or will become. At least three premises have been underlined by tawdry events of the past weeks.

First, that good character is no defense. If you are John McCain, who genuinely tried to do the right thing and carefully cultivated a relationship with the media over decades, they will still call you a racist when you run against Barack Obama.

If you are Mitt Romney, an exceptionally earnest and decent man, they will make you into a heartless and despicable culture capitalist, also for the offense of campaigning against Obama.

If you are Brett Kavanaugh, a respected member of the legal establishment who doesn't have a flyspeck on his record across decades of public service in Washington, they will come up with dubious accusations of wrongdoing from decades ago when you were a teenager.

Second, that the media is an unremitting political and cultural adversary. In the Kavanaugh controversy, the press has been wholly on the other side, presuming his guilt and valorizing his accusers and their supporters, including Hawaii Sen. Mazie Hirono, whose most famous contribution to the debate was telling men to "shut up."

Third, that politics isn't just rough-and-tumble; it's red in tooth and claw. Process and norms are nice, but they go out the window as soon as something important is at stake, like a potential fifth vote on the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Senate Democrats may delicately talk about the importance of norms and civility on Sunday shows, but watch how they act. They sat on an accusation throughout an extensive process of vetting and questioning a nominee, then declared it dispositive evidence against his confirmation when it leaked at the 11th hour. They delayed a hearing with Christine Blasey Ford long enough to allow time for the second accuser to be persuaded to come forward.

All of this plays into Trump's support. Surely, a reason that the president appealed to many Republicans in the first place, despite his extravagant personal failings, was that they had decided that virtuous men would get smeared and chewed up by the opposition's meat grinder, so why be a stickler for standards?

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Your VIEW

We Have A Choice

Our Primary election results have given us a definite choice of directions we want Florida to take in determining Florida's future. This is dramatically true as we make our choice for Governor.

No election should be about one's age, sex or race, it should be about the candidate's vision for Florida's future.

Without question, the Democrat's candidate is a far left socialist who expresses support for the virtues of Socialism over our Capitalist free market system. He is an extremely far left candidate, more so than we have ever had for our Governor's office.

His stated goal is to have free college education for all along

with free health insurance. He wants much higher corporate taxes on our businesses and will, by simple mathematics, necessitate increasing the tax burden for our individual tax payers.

These goals will bankrupt our state in short order, running Corporations out of Florida, reversing our economic growth.

The Republican candidate wants to continue our progress under our capitalist, free market system. He is also a strong supporter of our Constitution. There's an old saying, "if it's not broke, don't fix it." Our State's economy is on the right track and should stay on that path.

The two candidates definitely have different visions for Florida's future and each voter

should make their decision based strictly on their respective visions, nothing else.

Ellen Richards
Ocala

The Big Promiser

Gillum the big promiser. He is going to give you the moon, stars and clouds. How? He has nothing. But he will use your money. Vote for him and you vote your pocket book to him to raid, for all you are worth. He is the big promiser. When will you learn that candidates promise, and you do the paying. Who spends your money better you or bureaucrats?

Bernie Sanders endorsed Gillum that means socialism is on the horizon. Socialism is an enslaving "ism." Do we need to be enslaved? What about freedom? Are we ready

to cede freedom for a few "free stuff" items?

How much is your freedom worth? There are millions at the border pushing to get in, fleeing enslaving governments. And you are ready to throw yours away with a simple vote. Dumb and dumber and even dumber.

A good idea might be to buy one way tickets to Venezuela for anyone who tries to steal our freedom so they could live in socialism and be happy. The tickets would be a bargain.

How much legal plunder can we afford? See Bastiat 1856 "The Law," subject legal plunder. Legal plunder is still here.

Marshall Richards
Ocala

Placing local food on school lunch trays

BY SANDRA RENNER
Center for Rural Affairs

Engaged communities and connections with farmers are helping make school lunches even better in rural communities. Across the country, children are reaping the benefits and heading back to school with local foods on their plates.

Initiatives are being implemented throughout the U.S. In one state, "Nebraska Thursdays" urges participating schools to serve a locally-sourced meal in their cafeterias on the first Thursday of each month. Sourcing local products encourages fresh and healthy meals in the school cafeteria; educates students about agriculture; and boosts the

area's economy. The project began with five pilot schools, where lunchroom staff helped develop menus and other resources. Each of the pilot schools were already implementing various types of local foods into their menus. Nebraska's approach to Farm to School is about meeting schools where they are and building programs one local food menu at a time.

Efforts in Nebraska last year impacted 42,000 students and resulted in thousands of food dollars staying in the state. According to the National Farm to School Network, each dollar invested in farm to school stimulates an

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What it means to live in polarized times

BY LEE HAMILTON
Center on Representative Government

We live in a divided country. And I don't just mean politically.

Our economy is creating winners and losers, with no clear way up the ladder for millions of Americans. The last few decades have produced great inequality of wealth and with it, unequal access to the levers of power. We're split along regional lines. We're divided along rural

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Family, friends helped Pam Schwartz survive

They say we all have a story to tell.

For some of us, our stories are easier to tell than others. Pam Schwartz has a story that she would probably wish was not among her stories to tell, but she wants to share it.

She hopes it will inspire women to always have that "routine" mammogram and look for hope when we hear the words, "You have Breast Cancer."

Here is Pam's story: My breast cancer story started in January 2005. It was just another routine annual mammogram that I had scheduled many times before.

After the procedure I waited for the X-rays to be viewed. The technician came back to tell me it would only be a few more minutes. This never happened before. It was not long and the radiologist came into the waiting area to explain to me that I should see a breast surgeon.

I then set up an appointment with a breast surgeon that was recommended by my G.P.

After many tests, she scheduled a biopsy. The biopsy showed high grade ductal carcinoma in-situ.

My breast surgeon recommended a mastec-



Stone Creek
Patricia Gizzi



Pam Schwartz says the support of her husband, family and friends helped her through a very trying event.

tomy as she could not promise a clear margin.

About two weeks later, I underwent a six-hour surgery for a mastectomy and reconstruction.

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Having the support of my husband, family and friends helped me through a very trying event."

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friendly. I know a lot of them who get up on the sofa and sleep in the bed, but she doesn't," she said. "My dog raced from the time she was 19 months old until she was 33 months old and I got her at 35 months," she said. "She had been at the adoption agency for a couple of months and she was looking good. She didn't have any injuries. A lot of the dogs have injuries, but she was lucky."

Carol Bellavia, who lives in The Villages, said her dog, Zipper, was not so lucky. He also came to Bellavia through Greyhound Adoptions of Florida of which she is a board of director.

Zipper had broken his right hind leg on the first turn coming out of the gate. It's a common occurrence that leg because the turn is so sharp. Greyhound's thin legs get crossed as they make an immediate turn and if they don't get it just right, "that leg will just snap." Right hind legs get broken more than any other leg.

Zipper's owner called Greyhound Adoptions stating that he had a dog with a broken leg. Marilyn Varnberg, Russ Anderson and Bellavia drove to Live Oak to get the dog. Other than the broken leg, the dog was in pretty good shape.

"I fell in love with him the minute I saw him because I had just lost my 11 1/2-year-old to

cancer," she said. "When I saw him, that's all I needed. I worked on fundraisers to fix his leg because it cost us over \$4,000. After rehab, I was able to adopt him."

The bones of his right hind leg had healed in a horrible position and had to be broken again. The veterinarians inserted a metal plate and 10 screws in the dog's leg. There were no guarantees the procedure would work, but it did, and Zipper has no lingering effects from the medical ordeal.

"It worked beautifully and a year later, we took the hardware out. He and I walk almost 4 miles a day," she said.

Zipper is almost 8 years old and Bellavia adopted him when he was almost 4.

She agreed with Dr. McSwain about revving up racing greyhounds. She went even further saying, "There have been quite a few cases of cocaine with these dogs and the females are given anabolic steroids to keep them from coming into heat to get more race days out of them."

She said to vote "yes" on 13 to end the suffering of nearly 8,000 greyhounds that endure lives of terrible confinement at Florida tracks where they are kept for 20 to 23 hours each day in cages barely large enough for them to stand up and turn around. Since the state began tracking greyhound deaths, nearly 500 dogs have

died at Florida tracks. On average, a greyhound dies at a Florida dog track every three days.

A communal prayer of thanksgiving and confession stated in part, "Creator God who has gifted us with the blessing of animals, those in the wild, those on farms, those in our own homes.

"Creator God, you brought into being that which we could not imagine for ourselves, life we cannot see without the aid of microscopes, animals we can only see in pictures from remote regions of this planet earth.

"We thank you for abundant life; for the birds we hear in the morning, for the drone of the bees when we are outside, for the vast tapestry of life interwoven among us, and we give thanks.

"We thank you for the gift of our animal companions: for the joy they bring us, for the unconditional love and forgiveness which teaches us about you, for the confidant, the listener, the stress-releaser, for the benefits they are to our health - and to our Spirit - and we give thanks, both to God ... and our animal friends!

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and urban lines. We increasingly struggle with differences of race, religion and class.

We're also divided politically and ideologically. Abortion, gun rights, same-sex marriage, the use and abuse of police power, curbs on corporate power, environmental protection: these issues elicit strong feelings and cut deeply through the electorate.

They're also reflected in the overt partisan divisions that show up in elections, and thus in legislatures and Congress. The parties in many ways play a more important role in how people vote and how they think about political issues than we usually imagine. Although there are plenty of Americans who disdain party allegiance, many of us lean toward one party or the other — and whether we acknowledge it or not, more often than not follow its lead and vote for its candidates.

LUNCH

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additional \$0.60 to \$2.16 of local economic activity. In Oregon, this has resulted in \$1.4 million overall contribution to the state.

October is National Farm to School Month, so now is the time to connect with local schools and learn about their plans to promote healthy eating and locally-produced foods. You can learn about the Center for Rural Affairs' efforts at cfra.org/f2s.

These divides are permeating our politics in ways that, a generation ago, would have been unthinkable. It's not just that public debate has become coarser, less civil and more mean-spirited. It's that partisanship is being woven into places we once believed were safe from it, such as the courts — witness the current debate over the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.

So, what do we do about this? The answer, actually, is not complicated.

We have to boost public understanding about how to participate in the process. We have to be more mindful about the quality of public dialogue. We have to appreciate the roles of cooperation, collaboration and compromise in a representative democracy.

We have to vote for and value leaders who deal with opponents not as enemies, but with respect, civility, and a recognition that they share more in common than divides them.

This means listening carefully and trying to understand the others point of view. It means

figuring out how to accommodate differences, so that rather than every fight producing winners and losers, everyone can walk away with something gained.

It means striving not to destroy your opponent, but instead persuading her or him to reach a result that helps everyone claim some measure of success. It means recognizing we're all in this together — that we're all searching for the common good.

Because in the end, the political process depends on personal relationships — the bonds between key actors, including elected politicians, their staff, their supporters and others. And not just in politics at the federal level. It's everyone from members of Congress to state legislators to township trustees.

We must not let the political extremes dominate discourse — they don't reflect the views of most Americans, who tend to value moderation.

The greatness of our country rests on shared ideals that go beyond party labels. Most Americans want to believe that better days are ahead, that progress is

possible, and that major policy disagreements may not be easily resolved, but do yield to discussion that is carried on rationally and with civility and respect.

This is not just wishful thinking. There are real-world examples. For instance, the divisions we've faced in foreign policy have often been mitigated when political opponents shared the view that U.S. leadership is good for the world. Or, on the domestic side, divergent views on how to provide affordable health care to all have been brought together by addressing incremental steps.

One peculiarity of this time of great unease, when lack of confidence in the country and its institutions is rampant and our differences are accentuated, is that it comes at a moment of economic growth. In the past, it's usually been a sour economy that exac-

erated divisions.

That's a puzzle, but it's also an opportunity. It means that we have a prosperous economic backdrop that should allow us more easily to find common ground with one another, as I've seen happen in the past. It's time to step up our game, move past our differences, and propel the country forward.

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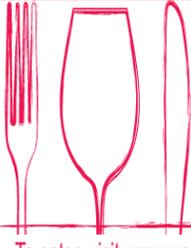












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FRANKEN

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Such cockiness breeds lethargy, which becomes a feeling that it's not all that important to stand in line at the polling places.

Besides, taking back the House is not enough. The Democrats really need the Senate, too, and that's an uphill battle. Under Mitch McConnell and the Republicans, the United States Senate has merely enabled Donald Trump and pursued conservative goals that favor the wealthy at the expense of everyone else. Besides, it's only the Senate that can block the federal court system from being taken over by regressive hard-liners. They are ruthless when it comes to packing the judiciary.

If, perchance, the various charges of sexual assault against Brett Kavanaugh are enough to send his nomination down in flames, the Republicans in Trump's White House will simply name another reactionary. Only a Democratic Senate can advise and deny consent.

Trump is fully aware that a Democratic Congress, with its broad subpoena power, can make his life a living hell. Unless those who oppose Trump all get out and vote, they'll be forfeiting to this vital election to his team and forfeiting the country.

Bob Franken is an Emmy Award-winning reporter who covered Washington for more than 20 years with CNN. (c) 2018 Bob Franken Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

LOWRY

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are over-the-top and sometimes disgraceful, at least he understands the score.

He may not be a constitutionalist, but he will be faithful to his own side, and fiercely battle it out with his political opponents.

The logic of this dynamic is risky. It can be self-defeating, and lead down the road of supporting, say, a Roy Moore, a kooky candidate doomed even in red Alabama. It can be corrupting, if character and standards are no longer considered important. But the dark view of our politics that has driven the Trump phenomenon for three years now is impossible to gainsay. Who can watch the frenzied assault on Brett Kavanaugh and say that it's wrong?

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

MOLEHILLS

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his dad and keep all his calendars? It's not likely, but it's certainly plausible.

What about his offensive outburst toward Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.? Does that mean he disrespects women? I don't know. I'm glad he apologized to her, but

why did he apologize? Was the apology sincere or did someone remind him during the break that he stepped way over the line? I would like to have seen him do it before the break.

Sen. Flake seemed to be sincere in his observation that the event was tearing the country apart and felt an FBI investigation into the allegations

was warranted. Did he change his mind after his encounter with Ana Maria Archila and Maria Gallagher on the elevator? Only Jeff Flake knows that. He said later his action was based on an accumulation of everything. I'll bet that is the one truth that has come out of this entire nomination process so far.

So, now there is a

one-week FBI investigation into two allegations of sexual abuse. Attorney Michael Avenatti's client, Julie Swetnick, has not been contacted by the FBI. According to news reports, her claims are not within the scope of the investigation ordered by President Donald Trump. Is that because, the president despises Avenatti? Without a doubt. Un-

fortunately for Republicans, that is a big mistake because Avenatti knows how to game the system probably as well as the president. The allegations of his client will follow Republican candidates at least through Nov. 6.

Of course, those are my opinions and opinions are like names - almost everyone has at least three.

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"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 at-

tend, 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 Chip-pers 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 1/2 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.

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

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

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Saturday, Oct. 6

Memorial Service

Memorial Service for Kenneth Buck Oct. 6 at 11 a.m. South Point Church South West Campus, 9644 SW Highway 484, Ocala, Florida, 34481. For more information, please contact pastor John Bouchard by email to magmaster-jdb@aol.com or call 352-445-6045.

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LINNIE

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knew the options. She worked hard with the Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, N. J. and eventually they built an east wing Cancer Center with an area dedicated to breast cancer patients.

It was Linnie's idea to put the mastectomy and reconstruction rooms side by side. This way women could see the hope in the reconstruction process. She ran a support group in N. J. for 24 years. It started in her home and eventually the hospital sent her for more training and the group support took place at the hospital. She always sent everyone home on a positive note. She wanted them to look at a flower or the snow and realize



what they could still enjoy. She still is active in the group in N. J. via Face Time.

She said there were difficult times as she lost her hair.

She tells women who have long hair to cut it short to get use to it.

She said when she needed a wig, insurance did not pay for them. She had to have two so one could be cleaned while she wore the other one.

She would take women for their wigs and even be with them when they shaved their hair.

She even says, "I had

to lose my hair to get my thick hair now."

She was the unpaid person the hospital called at all times to meet with women who 'got the news.' Over the years, she tried to educate the medical profession on how to help women at their most venerable times in their life. Her positive attitude has helped many women. We came to the conclusion that we all need to add positive things to our life. Linnie believes she got cancer for a reason. I would say her journey has proved that God definitely had a plan for her. She succeeded in making a difference in the lives of many women and helped with the building a hospital wing. To all those women who have survived and continue to fight, may the cure be close by.

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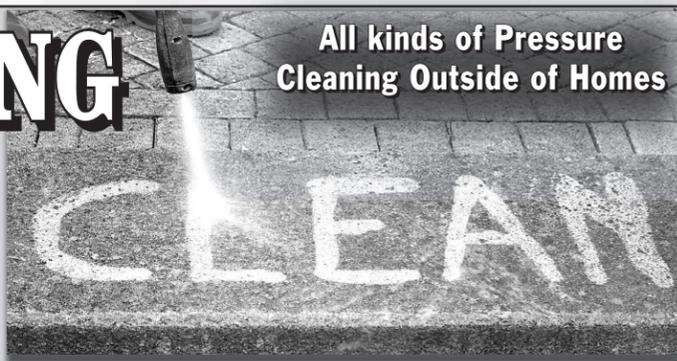
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For more information call 352-854-4509 ext. 2. Joy Lutheran Church is located at 7045 SW 83rd Place off SR 200, Ocala.

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

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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

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Sunday, Oct. 7 – 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. 8: Monday evening the men come together at 6:30 p.m. for a Bible Study in the book of Galatians.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 10 – 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.

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Crossroads Church

We are having our annual Kids Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 13, from 8 – 11 a.m. The cost of this meal is \$5 and proceeds will go to fund the children's program at the church.

We will be having our annual "Multicultural Day" Sunday, Oct. 14, from 5 – 7 p.m. Come and enjoy the festivities and cultural foods.

Our Senior's ministry will meet at Sammy's restaurant Saturday, Oct. 20, at 4 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Common Ground ministry will be meeting at El Torreo restaurant Saturday, Oct. 27, at 4 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Our annual "Trunk or Treat" activity will be held Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. All children welcome and bring a bag to hold your candy.

Mondays: Monday Night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Intercessory Prayer Meeting at 9 a.m.

Wednesdays: Family Training Hour at 7 p.m. This includes Crossroads Kids, Crossroads Nursery & Crossroads Youth Ministries.

Thursdays: Our Spanish "Estudio Biblico" at 7 p.m.

Sunday Services: Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.; Worship Services at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and our Spanish Service at 1 p.m. Nursery Ministry

provided for all services.

Crossroads Church, 8070 SW 60th Ave., south off SR 200. Please call 352-291-2080.

See our new website at www.ourcrossroads.church for up to date calendar events.

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 sponsored in part by a grant from the Marion Cultural Alliance. MCMS concerts: Always Exceptional, Always Free. For more information call 352-867-1340 or visit us at marionchambermusic.com.

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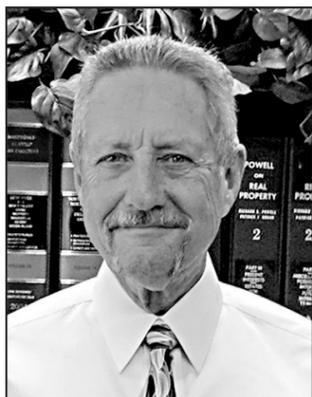
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17 and Nov. 24, 2018, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Benevolent Church of God (15490 N. U.S. Highway 441, Reddick)

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Monday, Oct. 8

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.

Events at VFW Post 4781

VFW Post 4781 is a non-smoking facility.

We would like to thank all who attended our POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday, September 22. It was an emotional time for many in attendance as we honored those who never returned home. The North Marion Young Marines did an excellent job paying tribute and showing respect for our Prisoners of War & Missing in Action.

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, October 10th: Spaghetti with Meatballs, Salad & Garlic Bread for \$6 and will be served from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dinners are open to the public.

Second & Fourth Friday's: Dinners are fried Alaskan Pollock (A.U.C.E.) or chicken with French fries, hush puppies and Cole slaw. Dinner is \$8.00 and served from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Public is invited.

Friday & 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 \$3.00 - \$6.50. Breakfast is open to the public.

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

Hall Rental & 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 VFW Post 4781, 9401 SW 110th St. Telephone 352-873-4781. You can also follow us on Facebook - Angela Santos VFW Post 4781.

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Audobon Society

Marion Audubon Society Nature Walk Wednesday Oct. 10, 8:30 a.m. Tuscawilla Park, 829 NE Sanchez Ave. Ocala. Join us and learn the basics of North America's fastest grow-

ing outdoor hobby "Birdwatching."

All skill levels welcome. Meet at the picnic table across from the Discovery Center. There will be a short 1-mile walk around the ponds. If you have them bring binoculars, a field guide, water and insect repellent. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Marion Audubon is a 501c3 organization and donations are welcome. For more information, please visit www.marioncountyaudubon.com.

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 diabetic 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

Presbyterian 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 Gershwin, Montsalvatge and Moszkowski, accompanied by Donna. Donna will play piano selections from Gershwin, Chopin and Faure. Concert free, offering taken. For infor-

mation, please call 352-237-4633.

Monday, Oct. 15

Altar & Rosary

Society

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic church in Dunnellon is sponsoring a Family Community Week at the Purple Sage Cafe located on Pennsylvania Avenue in Dunnellon Oct. 15 - 20. The cafe serves Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Ten percent of the cost of your meal will go toward "Clothe the Children" which will be held in December of this year. A flyer must be presented and can be obtained at the church office. For more information call 489-5954.

Monday, Oct. 15

American Legion

American Legion, Post 354, will meet Monday, Oct. 15, from 12:45 to 2 p.m.

This month's meeting will be held at the Community Room, behind the W. Marion Sheriff's Station, 9048 SW Highway 200. Please look for the American Legion signage next to the driveway.

Members are encouraged to arrive by 12:45 p.m., for coffee, beverages, doughnuts and cake, followed by our monthly meeting that starts promptly at 2 p.m.

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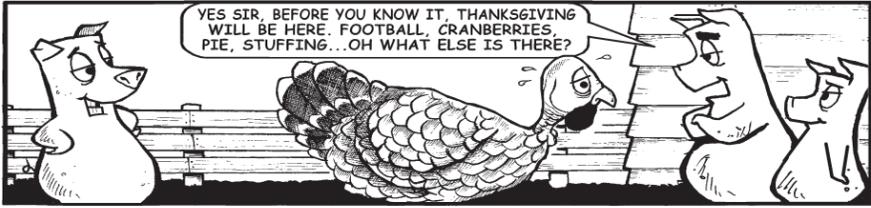
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concerts there," she said.

Dr. Morishita said one of the challenges of classical music is introducing new audiences. One reason is the reduction of music classes in public schools and even in the classes, students are exposed to limit their exposure to a wide variety of music genres.

"It's important for us to keep doing this and we like inviting children to our concerts then they will know what classical music is. Without knowing, they won't be interested in it," she said.

After moving to the United States, Dr. Morishita earned Bachelor of Music degree summa cum laude from Stetson University studying with Michael Rickman; her Master of Music degree from California State University, Sacramento

studying with Richard Cionco and Natsuki Fukasawa. In May 2017, Dr. Morishita completed her Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Texas at Austin under the tutelage of Anton Nel.

Other concert dates are Sunday, Nov. 11, a Stetson University violin ensemble; Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, sensational new pianist Jasmine Arakawa from the University of Florida; and Sunday, March 31, 2019, the Brick City Piano Trio, featuring Dr. Morishita.

All concerts start at 3 p.m. at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 6455 SW SR 200, Ocala. The concerts are always ex-

ceptional, always free and open to the public regardless of ability to pay. However, the extraordinary talent brought to Ocala is not possible without financial donations from loyal followers.

The Marion Chamber Music Society is a home-grown Ocala organization. It was founded in 1982 by Dr. Glenn and Mae Stewart, two excellent quality amateur musicians. They desired to perform for their friends and others interested in classical music involving small groups of musicians. The idea grew to include other performing musicians and finally expanded to give concerts for the public.

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