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BY BARBARA
DEDICS
OP Correspondent

While most Ocala Palms residents were still knocking out some Zs the morning of Saturday, Oct. 6, many volunteers were awake, anticipating a day of a well-planned golf tournament with proceeds to benefit Hospice of Marion County.

If any of you have ever been involved in working on one of these tournaments, you know it just doesn't happen overnight.

Numerous meetings, business and personal contacts were made by a number of volunteers in order to get champion, master, tour and hole sponsors.

As in previous tourna-



Kay Negron, Pat Herndon, Sue Grund and Jackie Shea were four of 127 players on 32 teams in the Ocala Palms Golf Tournament benefitting Hospice of Marion County. Ocala Palms fielded a number of teams along with Stone Creek, Trilogy, Royal Oaks, Campus USA, Rainbow Springs and On Top of the World. A check in the amount of \$24,000 was presented to Hospice of Marion County.

ments, raffle tickets were sold for items which included outings

to several local golf courses, paintings, restaurant gift cards,

and several beautiful baskets filled with various goodies.

A silent auction was also offered for many items.

Many golfers were hoping for a hole-in-one on all the Par 3s.

A 2-year lease on an EcoSport Ford; a Yeti Cooler Bag; a five-day, four-night Carnival Cruise; and a Tour Edge Exotic Driver; 3 and 5 woods were offered for the elusive hole-in-ones by Ford Lincoln of Ocala.

Additionally, a Yamaha golf cart was offered by Carts and Clubs, Inc. Unfortunately, on this day, no hole-in-ones were made.

Before a shotgun start it was a pleasure to have in attendance CEO Mary Ellen Poe and Major Gifts Mgr. Rebecca Rogers of Hospice of Marion County.

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Arnett: school board has lack of civility

BY DAVID DAVIS
Editor

Representatives from the Ron DeSantis and Andrew Gillum campaigns were invited to the Oct. 12 Friday Forum, according to Forum founder Delphine Herbert. She received no response from the DeSantis campaign or the local Republican Party.

Gillum campaign regional field director Drew Shannon withdrew his commitment after Hurricane Michael hit the Florida Panhandle and the mayor Gillum suspended his campaign.

Francine Julius-Edwards, Region 6 chair of the Democratic Women's Club of Florida, was the only representative

from either political party to make an appearance.

Shelia Arnett, candidate for District 5 of the Marion County School Board, spoke about her candidacy. Arnett is running against incumbent Kelly King who was elected in 2014.

Arnett said District 5 covers basically everything north of S.R. 40. However, school board members are elected countywide.

She said her campaign promise is to visit each of the 50-plus schools at least once annually. Arnett said she and her husband, former county commissioner Earl Arnett, are passionate for Marion County and have spent thousands of hours doing volunteer work, especially with the

homeless and is currently on the Marion County Homeless Council. She is a former member of the county literacy council.

"When I was looking at the school board with the lack of civility, the lack of respect that's going on there, I felt I had just the right mix to go in there and bring some of that civility and respect back, hopefully, to the school board," she said. "I'm sure you are all aware of what has happened with one of our school board members just this week. We do not need that kind of attention in Marion County."

Arnett was referring to 1st District member Nancy Stacy, who among other things, defended Bill Cosby on her Facebook page and stated, "I

feel that our nation has regressed back to the days when one white person accused a black person of something and he was hung or jailed. Today, one woman can accuse a man of all ethnicities and he can be jailed."

Arnett said there are a lot of fabulous things happening in Marion County and, "We don't need to ignore the things that are lacking in our school system, we need to be the cheerleader. We need to be telling the great things that are happening; not ignoring the problems but praising the kids who are doing a fantastic job."

Arnett said continuing education programs are doing a fantastic job and pointed to Marion Technical College, which re-

ceived four tractor-trailers from R + L Carriers and the school district bought a \$115,000 simulator for CDL licensing.

Asked if she favored teaching cursive writing, Arnett said she does, but schools need to teach how to balance a checkbook.

Concerning appointed versus elected school superintendents, she said the first thing a candidate for an appointed position would do is look at local businesses and the other great recreational opportunities.

"And then they are going to go onto our school board website and watch some school board meetings. Then what's going to happen is we're not going to have any qualified candidates apply because

they are going to say, 'I am not doing that.'" She said. "Do I think that eventually we might want to look at appointed versus elected? I think that might be a way to go but not with our current board."

Arnett said parent participation is key to education but 18 to 20 percent of adults in Marion County are functionally illiterate, meaning they read at a fifth-grade level or below. Children of those parents who cannot help with homework are at a disadvantage.

"So, we've got Reading Pals. We've got clubs. It takes a village to raise a kid and we need to be stepping in and volunteering at these schools," she said.

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'Here's my hammer if you need it'

I am not known as "Mr. Fix-It Man." When it comes to mechanical things, I am really handy-challenged. I can do many things, but I cannot fix anything.

When talking about the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, it is a different story. If there is something she cannot fix then it isn't broken.

No matter what is broken or how long it has been broken, she somehow can fix it. I do not know how she does it, and believe me, I am not going to ask.

There is nothing I cannot break and there is nothing she cannot

fix.

We make a wonderful team as long as I keep that scenario in my mind.

If I, for whatever reason, think I can fix something, I am in deep trouble.

The more I try to fix something, the more broken it becomes.

I have learned long ago to own up to this in my life.

I think it is wonderful to know what you cannot do.

That eliminates trying to do something and failing every time. It is more wonderful to know who can fix what you break.

"Honey," I say in a very sympathetic tone,

"I broke this. Would you be able to fix it for me?"

"Of course," she will reply with a silly little grin on her face, "let me have it."

And I do.

The only thing I could ever fix is something needing a hammer.

I can hammer something, but I can't screw or unscrew a bolt. Of course, I can screw anything up with a hammer.

A long time ago, I learned how to handle this.

Whenever anything breaks in the parsonage I immediately say, "Should I get my hammer and try to fix it?" To which I get a resounding "Nooooooo."

I then say, "Well, if you need me just call

for me." And I know I will never be called.

If I had the time, I would calculate how much money we have saved during our marriage by having her fix things that were broken.

I think it would be an amazing amount of money.

A few weeks back the front plastic bumper on my truck broke and was hanging.

I casually mentioned it to my wife not expecting anything. About 30 minutes later she came in and said, "I got your truck fixed."

I am not sure how much that saved me on auto repair but I sure thanked her and then took her out for lunch. After all, what's a husband supposed to do?

This all came to a head just a couple of weeks ago.

It is the beginning of a political cycle. We know it is a political cycle because all of the politicians are rather dizzy. My apologies to all the blondes out there.

We kept hearing the same phrase from every politician that was running. "Washington is broken and I'm going there to fix it."

I was ignoring it because I know that every politician has their tongue detached from their brain. Can you imagine what would really happen if we had intelligent people running for office?

As we were listening to some of these advertisements, my wife

turned to me and said, "There, you could help them fix Washington."

I just looked at her and said, "Huh." I did not get anything that she was saying with that.

"You're always wanting to help fix things around here, why don't you offer to help fix Washington?"

I did not know if I should laugh or if I should be angry.

I was afraid to say anything but eventually I said, "What in the world do you mean?"

She looked at me with those giggly dancing eyes and said, "You are always offering to fix something with your hammer. Why don't you offer to give

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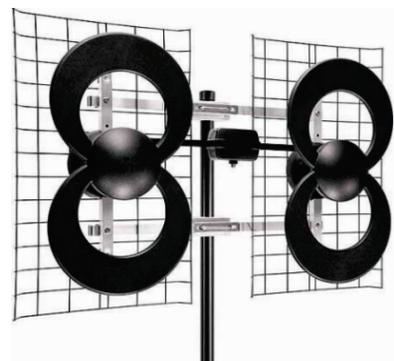
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Fall brings the return of friends

As I am writing this article, the news is all about Michael. Right now it appears all we will get is some rain – hopefully, this is true!

With October comes more events, both in the community and also the Marion County area.

There are Fall Festivals in our neighboring communities, craft fairs, etc.

Here in Quail Meadow we are welcoming back our “snowbirds.” The Quail Meadow Yard Sale is scheduled for Nov. 3.

The First Friday gathering was enjoyed by about 25 residents and guests. This was a great evening to get acquainted with some of your neighbors. It was great visiting with Diana Shaner, a former resident who is now making her home in Holiday, Florida.

The next big party at the clubhouse will be

the Viking Bingo Party/Pot Luck Dinner Saturday, Oct. 20. This will be a fun evening with a lot of eating, and playing Viking Bingo. The party will begin at 6 p.m.

Please call Arleen Cooper and let her know if you plan to attend (we want to have enough tables set up). No tickets required for this event – just bring a covered dish for the dinner. Also, please bring your own table service.

The QMPOA meeting was attended by about 30 residents. The board members voted to accept Belea Keeney and Carol Mascow as new members of the board.

Rod and Gun Club members enjoyed their fishing trip a couple of weeks ago. Keep watching the Reporter for information on their next adventure.

Last Monday was a holiday – Columbus Day. This holiday is often

Quail Meadow
Carolyn Slocumb



overlooked; however, banks and the U.S. Post Office still observe the day by closing. Columbus Day first became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906 and became a federal holiday in the United States in 1937, though people have celebrated Columbus' voyage since the colonial period. In 1792, New York City and other U.S. cities celebrated the 300th anniversary of his landing in the New World. President Benjamin Harrison called upon the people of the United States to celebrate Columbus Day on the 400th anniversary of the event. During the

anniversary in 1892, teachers, preachers, poets and politicians used Columbus Day rituals to teach ideals of patriotism. These patriotic rituals were framed around themes such as support for war, citizenship boundaries, the importance of loyalty to the nation, and celebrating social progress. In April 1934, as a result of lobbying by the Knights of Columbus, Congress and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt made October 12 a federal holiday under the name Columbus Day. Since 1970, the holiday has been fixed to the second Monday in October.



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Fairfield Village
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Very large crowd attends FFV Homeowners meeting

The Fairfield Village HOA had its October meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in the Fairfield Village Clubhouse. For the second month in a row, a much larger crowd was in attendance than has been the case for most meetings.

Perhaps the homeowners have come to realize the significance of their community's HOA; perhaps the meetings were more effectively publicized; or perhaps the issues that were being discussed affected more of the total body

of the community.

Whatever the reason, the board members expressed their appreciation for the turnout and for the polite attention paid to the pressing matters of concern to all Fairfield Villagers as issues concerning legal matters were discussed more in detail again at this month's meeting.

Basically, for anyone who did not attend the meeting, if you have anything other than Prospectus II, it would be wise for you to take that paper to one of the HOA board

members who could then tell you what would be in your best interests to do. If you have Prospectus I or III, it would probably be wise to then set up an appointment with management to do what is being called a "one time" change that is offered for a very limited time.

The only other issue discussed dealt with maintenance of mailboxes and whether that responsibility rests with management or individual homeowners.

Before the close of the meeting, a nominating committee was announced.

The members are Mary Dean, Nancy Garlitz and Chuck



Those attending the Fairfield Village HOA meeting Thursday, Oct. 11, stood for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Belcher.

Also, Toni Belcher, Sue Stewart and Peggy Adams were named to the election committee.

After the meeting was adjourned, most of

the large group remained and enjoyed coffee and refreshments.

General conversations overheard seemed to indicate that those who at-

tended felt that the board is doing a good job and that the homeowners appreciate what is being done to keep them aware of things they need to know.

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There will be bats, vampires, girls from the grave, super heroes and last but not least, zombies dancing to "Thriller."

The show is created and directed by Cheri Irwin. It is a fun filled, multi-community event that brings families, friends and neighbors together.

There is no admission fee, however, donations to benefit Ocala Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center will be welcome. Last year over 800 people turned out and more are expected this year so get there early.

Entertainer Gnarly Charlie starts the show at 6 p.m. followed by "A Halloween Thriller" at 7 p.m. in Circle Square Commons, 8405 SW 80 Street, Ocala.

For more information contact Cheri Irwin at 352-291-2791 or email to irwinhome33@aol.com



A Culinary Tour!



Stone Creek
Patricia Gizzi

A Culinary Tour!
My first culinary walking tour took place in Chicago. My daughter planned it for both of us and what an exciting day it was! We walked some seven miles, tasting all the great foods that Chicago has to offer and seeing some of the sites.
Our Lifestyle Office recently planned an Ocala Culinary Tour of downtown. Now if you are a 'foodie' this tour was for you. We got to see four of Historic Downtown Ocala's Best Restaurants but we were not told what they were until on the tour. Suspense adds to one's appetite.



Historic downtown Ocala is a great place with its history. As the tour walked between stops, local food 'snob' not my term, Audrey Hamburger and Karen Grimes of Farm Tours of Ocala gave us the insights, facts and tips of what we call Downtown Ocala.

Karen Grimes who does horse tours also asked on our way to downtown Ocala if any of us knew why Ocala is called the Horse Capital. It is because of geology. The minerals in the soil enhances the grasses that the horses eat making them stronger.

Our first stop on the tour was the Ivy House in its new location. There we were given dates wrapped in bacon and green fried tomatoes with a sauce. When asked what was in the sauce we were

told that was a secret.

After that, we walked to the Olive Store where we were given an overview of olive oils that we were able to taste. We were sent home with four pages of the benefits of using olive oil. We also tasted some fruits with various balsamic vinegar.

From there we walked to Pi of Broadway where we had tomato over salad topped with mozzarella and balsamic with basil, macaroni and cheese and two types of pizza. Everything was delicious.

When we thought we were finished we walked to Feta where we had a Greek salad, tzatziki sauce with pita bread and spanakopita. All were delicious.

We were still not finished as we walked back up the street to

the new restaurant, The Lodge. The Lodge has some 200 beers which were not included in the tour but some ordered beer. The Lodge is noted for its game on the menu. Here we had seasoned fries which were tasty and crispy along with rabbit legs with various sauces. We also had a Panini with many cured meats and cheese.

We need dessert and no place is better than Stella's Pantry for dessert. Like kids in a candy store, we were in front of the desserts and got to choose which one we wanted. Stella is noted for its great desserts and these were delicious.

After dessert, we walked to Faithfully Guided Health Center which connects the spirit, mind and body. It provides faith-based counseling, lifestyle and integrative medicine, restorative therapeutic services, pediatric health and wellness, fitness, nutrition and supplements and a chiropractic services. Here we were treated to a delicious smoothie.

We were now finished and transported back to Stone Creek. It was a delightful day learning about Ocala and enjoying great food and meeting new people living in Stone Creek.

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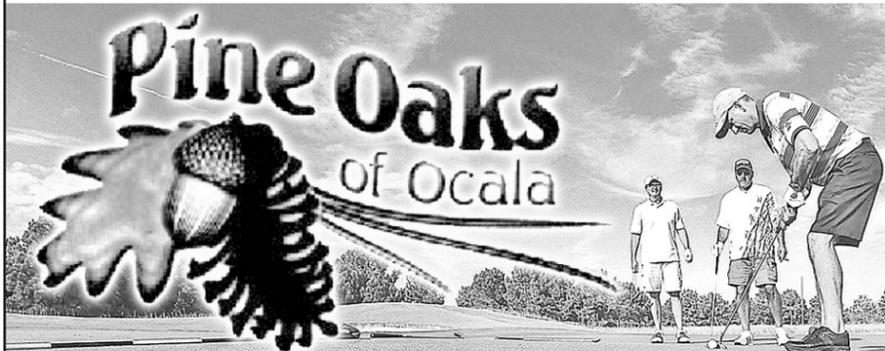
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SECO crews aid in Hurricane Michael restoration

SECO Energy organized a module of SECO employees to travel to the Florida Panhandle to aid in power restoration after Hurricane Michael's 155 mph winds, torrential rains, and immense storm surges ravaged the area. SECO also released contract crews who are also traveling Thursday morning to the damaged areas to aid in restoration.

Hurricane Michael made landfall near Mexico Beach, Florida, on Wednesday afternoon as a powerful Category 4 hurricane with 155 mph winds. The hurricane moved swiftly east through Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina before being downgraded to a tropical storm around midnight Wednesday. Hundreds of thousands of consumers are without power in Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. Michael is responsible for at least two deaths in Florida.

A module of SECO first class line technicians, a superintendent, a crew supervisor, a mechanic and a project engineer departed from the SECO Energy headquarters compound

early Thursday morning to assist in power restoration at Tri-County Electric Cooperative in Madison, Florida. Tri-County serves members in Dixie, Jefferson, Madison and Taylor counties along the Gulf of Mexico coast.

Wednesday evening, SECO released a portion of its contractor workforce to aid in restoration as well. Crews from overhead line contractor Pike are traveling to West Florida Electric Cooperative in Graceville, Florida.

CEO Jim Duncan stated, "Cooperative members in North Florida desperately need assistance. Cooperation among Cooperatives is one of the seven Cooperative Principles, and SECO and its employees are honored to be called upon to aid in power restoration. The cooperative bond is strong, and we believe in working together to help our members' lives return to normal."

Duncan added, "My thoughts and prayers are offered for all who were devastated by Hurricane Michael and for the safety of our crews and contractors who are traveling to assist."

Vice president of Operations John LaSelva said, "A Category 4 hurricane like Hurricane Michael wreaks havoc on homes, businesses and electric systems that consumers rely on. The news coverage clearly shows that the hurricane's destruction was catastrophic. SECO employees were quick to volunteer and answer the call for aid. After Hurricane Irma's destruction in SECO's territory last year when so many crews came to assist us, SECO employees believe they have a duty to help our neighboring cooperatives and their members. It was a proud moment this morning seeing our employees off and praying for their safety."

SECO Traveling Module Team Members are Bubba Cole, Kenneth Budd, Rodney Lipps, Mark Locklear, Kenny Merritt, Gary Zachary, Robby Pruett, Eric Fort, David Olszanski, Cory McNeal, Kent Sprague, Derek Evelyeth, Brandon Blackmon, Tommy Lakin, Logan Delk, Troy Clough, Robert Recanzone, Ryan Hendrix, Rick Walsh and Rich Freyser.

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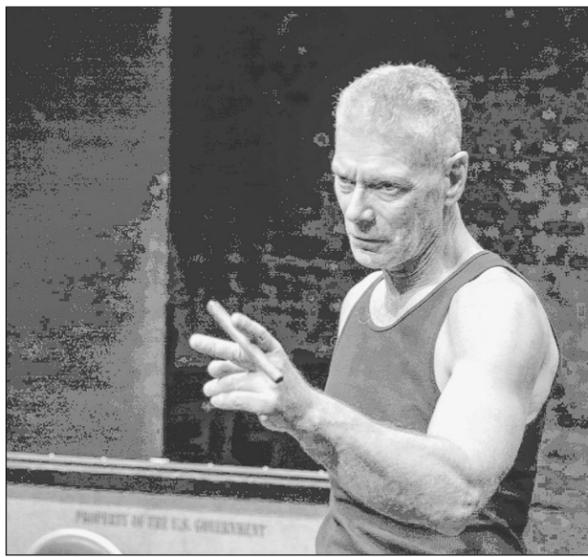
Stephen Lang plays 'Beyond Glory' at Ocala Civic Theatre

Ocala Civic Theatre presents award-winning film, television and Broadway actor Stephen Lang in the powerful one-man drama "Beyond Glory," live on stage Nov. 15-18.

With grit and spirit, Lang portrays eight Medal of Honor recipients from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, sharing the true stories of these veterans in their own plain-spoken yet eloquent words. Conceived and written by Stephen Lang, as adapted from the book by Larry Smith, "Beyond Glory" was presented by the Roundabout Theatre Company on Broadway in 2007.

Stephen Lang is known for such film roles as the villainous Col. Miles Quaritch in "Avatar," General Stone-wall Jackson in "Gods and Generals," General George E. Pickett in "Gettysburg," and Ike Clanton in "Tombstone."

Lang's television roles include the starring role of Commander Nathaniel Taylor in Steven Spielberg's series "Terra Nova" and Increase Mathier in WGN's "Salem." He currently appears as Waldo in AMC's "Into the Badlands."



On Broadway, Lang created the role of Colonel Nathan Jessup in the stage production of "A Few Good Men," made famous on film by Jack Nicholson.

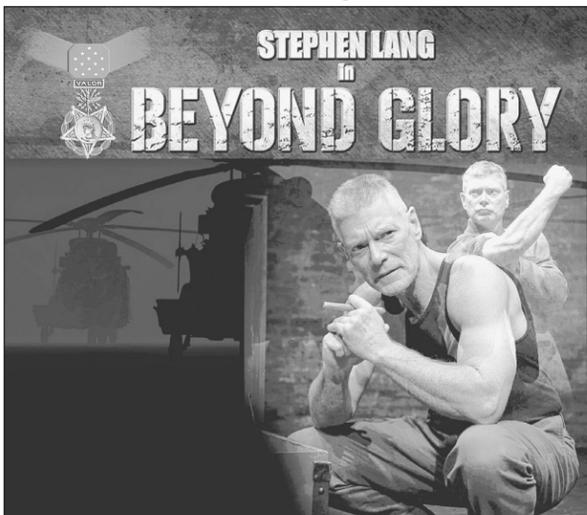
There will be five public performances of "Beyond Glory" from November 15-18. Tickets go on sale Oct. 15 at \$35 for adults, \$33 for Signature Series subscribers and \$18 for full-time students (school ID required for college students). Please be aware: This show contains strong profanity and intense content. Group rates are available as well. Call 352-236-2274 or go to www.ocalaciv-

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There will be a special meet-and-greet event Friday, Nov. 16. Join us for a preshow reception from 7-7:45 p.m., then meet Stephen Lang at a post-show reception. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, and champagne will be served before and after the performance.

Limited tickets are available for this exclusive meet-and-greet event. If you currently have tickets for a different performance of "Beyond Glory," you may exchange your show tickets for Friday night and purchase tickets for the reception (both based on availability). Tickets for the meet-and-greet are \$40, which is in addition to the admission ticket for the show.



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Opinion

Your VIEW

Yes We Are Upset

When we see pictures of the “kneeling” protestors, it is obvious they do not understand the meaning of Honor. You don’t see Veterans not standing or not saluting our flag, and anyone who doesn’t is an insult to our nation and to those who died for our freedom.

If these protestors are protected by our First Amendment, why wasn’t Tim Tebow afforded the same rights? The NFL made him remove the black from his eyes that highlighted John 3:16, nothing else. This was done although Tebow’s actions didn’t dishonor or insult anyone. Where were you then?

When asked why they are protesting, players are on record of giving very different answers. All who are concerned with young blacks being shot by policemen should be teaching them that “You don’t run from the police.” We knew this years ago. The only way I would run is if I was guilty of something!

It’s so easy to blame the policemen, as the writer chooses to do, but face the fact that although blacks make up only about 14 percent of our population, they commit about half the crime. The policemen are the good guys, they are the ones we depend on to promote law and order.

Working with young blacks, attempting to correct this problem, is where players should be putting their efforts and influence. They have the opportunity to be a positive role model for these young men by actually doing something.

Kathy Hoefler
Ocala

Automatically assumed guilty

I remember a time in America when a man was assumed innocent until proven guilty. It is very apparent that our Trump-hating Democrats only believe this applies if you are a Democrat.

Trump haters have now sunk to a new low as they are willing to destroy a man’s life despite his being regarded as an outstanding citizen his entire life. It doesn’t even matter the damage this does to his wife and children. It doesn’t matter that the accuser has no memory of where, when or exactly who was involved, or that nothing she claims happened is verified by others. If she says it, the haters choose to believe it, regardless of its credibility.

Then, when faced with these charges and he gets mad at what this is putting his family through, he is charged with being a hate filled man. Think about it, this is the same reaction any sane man would have. Sadly, we have some men and a lot of women, who choose to believe this woman’s unsubstantiated claim simply because she is a woman.

If anyone believes this isn’t totally political, just consider the timing and who is backing her efforts. Consider why Sen.

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I can't imagine the likeness of Hurricane Michael

I swear the house was alive — it was breathing! The east wall in kitchen moved inward like it as if it was inhaling deeply. The house held its breath for what seemed to be a long time. Slowly, the house forcefully exhaled, pushing the wall outward to the point that it almost exploded.

The linoleum in the dining room floated above the floor.

Pink insulation and sheet metal from the basketball coach’s mobile home tumbled passed the kitchen window. The wind seemed to blow through the old house and that’s probably why it did not blow away — the wind could just not get a grip on the old wood-frame house.

Shingles and other building materials that were parts of homes only 10 minutes earlier were now debris littering yards and dirt streets. Trash, as it could be classified, was in trees where birds perched. But, chirps and whistles were not heard because the birds had not yet returned. Still more debris hung on barbed-wire fences like laundry.

After the tornado, everything looked odd, out of place as though I’d stepped into a dichotomous world from the one I was in only a few minutes earlier.

It was 50 years ago last spring when I experienced my first tornado. I’m sure we ate bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy for breakfast. Momma over-cooked everything like all foods contained trichinella spiralis, the bacteria found in pork. Her scrambled eggs were not light and fluffy, but hard, heavy; but edible with gravy — and her gravy was delicious.

The day began as any other in the spring. Kids went to school. Adults



Mountains from Molehills

By David Davis

went to their jobs and the old, retired men began their daily walks to the post office where they gathered to see who could tell the most believable lie. And, old women gathered to gossip while the postmaster sorted and boxed the mail.

Once the postmaster was finished with the mail, he gathered up the U.S. flag and hoisted it up the flagpole that was only slightly higher than the building was tall. We always said the “mail was up” once the flag was raised.

Daddy and I worked at the same cabinet shop, but he was the truck driver, so we went to work in separate vehicles.

Winter was gone, but the nights were still cool. The metal buildings at the cabinet shop trapped the cold night air inside, so we still turned on heaters to chase out the chill. The best I remember, day heated up quickly and by quitting time, the temperature was in the mid to high 80s, nowhere near the 100-plus-degree temperatures that always came with summer.

A dark cloud was building up in the east when Daddy and I went home for supper. After eating, I went outside to see if it still looked like it might rain, but what I saw was the most beautiful and terrifying sight I have ever seen.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

The left’s foolhardy attack on the

Senate

Democrats suffered a stinging loss in the fight over Brett Kavanaugh’s confirmation, and have concluded that the constitutional system is to blame.

You see, if only the Founders hadn’t forged the Great Compromise between large states and small states at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, giving each state equal representation in the U.S. Senate, they would have defeated Brett Kavanaugh handily. It’s only because smaller red states have two senators just like larger blue states that the judge got confirmed.

For the left, the U.S. Senate is now looming, together with the Electoral College and the Supreme Court, as an institution of villainy in American life. In the words of Vox, the Senate is “a grotesquely unrepresentative body.” Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne calls the ascension of Kavanaugh to the high court “a coup” because he was “confirmed by senators representing 44 percent of the population.”

Democrats have gone from bragging about their permanent majority a few years ago to complaining it’s impossible for them to win under the governing regime that we’ve had for more than 200 years, since it’s so tilted toward “minority rule.”

It’s certainly true that the Senate is not fully democratic and gives an outsized role to small states, since this was the price they exacted for signing on to the Constitution. This arrangement isn’t a conspiracy against the left.

Yes, Wyoming, population 560,000 in the 2010 census, cancels out California, population 37 million, with two Republican senators to the Golden State’s two Democrats. But Vermont, population 630,000, cancels out the two Republicans from Texas, population 25 million, with a Democrat and a socialist.

Gross population disparities aren’t anything new. In 1790, shortly after the ratification of the Constitution, Virginia had 747,160 people, Delaware 59,096. In 1900, New York had 7,268,894 people, and Nevada all of 42,335. The republic survived.

The Senate ensures that flyover country isn’t ignored. It reflects the dizzying geographic diversity of a continental nation and promotes national cohesion by giving every corner of it a voice.

The House is the more democratic body. California has 53 representatives; Wyoming has one. Yet Democrats don’t control the House, either.

The root of the problem is that Democrats don’t have much appeal to the middle of the country anymore. As recently as 2010, both senators from North Dakota were Democrats, and

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SPCA highlights 3 pets

Hi, my name is Tina and I am young 10-year-old terrier mix. I am very well trained, housebroken and playful with my toys. I walk well on the leash and greet everyone in a loving manner. I lost my pet parent recently. Do you have a place for me to be your furr-ever baby?

Andrew is a teenage kitten who loves to play. He weighs 6 pounds and is 6 months old. He was found in the Ocala Forest area, leaning on the side of an office building trying to stay out of the rain. He had normal kitten ailments but is now very healthy. He will be neutered this month and ready for his furr-ever home. His white markings and white collar make him especially handsome.

Gacie is a sweet baby girl weighing 3 pounds. She is 3 1/2-months old. Her silky long black hair and tufted ears make her a beauty. She loves to sit in your lap and purr. She will make someone a very special compan-

ion.

We want to thank all the people who came out and supported the fundraiser at Mimi's. Because of you, it was a tremendous success. We look forward to seeing you at the next one in the new year.

SPCA of Marion County was established in 1999 and has been active in the county helping injured and abandoned animals. Our mailing address is 11000 SW 93rd Court Road, Suite 10-115, Ocala, FL 34481.

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PALMS

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Reverend Robert Greaves, an OP resident and a supporter of Hospice, said a prayer before the golfers disbursing to their first hole.

A total of 127 players consisting of 32 teams played their hearts out. Not only did Ocala Palms field a number of Teams, but Teams from Stone Creek, Trilog, Royal Oaks, Campus

USA, Rainbow Springs and On Top of the World participated.

A continental breakfast was provided and a delicious Southern Pig barbecue lunch was enjoyed by all.

A beverage cart was provided by Steve's Lubricants, of Anthony, and a number of cases of water was donated by Rural King.

Volunteer Team Leader Claralee Leigh would like to thank major events manager of Hospice Cindy Moody and Hospice board

member and Ocala Palms resident John Renyhart, for their assistance in the planning of this event.

In addition, she thanks the Ocala Palms Pro Shop, the course maintenance crew, numerous volunteers, golfers, donors and the entire community for making this a successful event.

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one's efforts, a check in the amount of \$24,000 was presented to Hospice of Marion County.

Bravo to all who helped in every way.

We have many blessings and the good Lord made sure we had a beautiful fall day to benefit this wonderful caring organization.



Raffle Donations Team Sharron Albert, Diane Volko, Sharon Goodwin and Elaine Sheets

Hospice CEO Mary Ellen Poe, John Renyhart, Rebecca Rogers and Claralee Leigh.

Top center photo, Dave Nippa, Ty Noel, Larry Groth and John Maxe.

Bottom center photo, Chairlady Claralee Leigh and committee.



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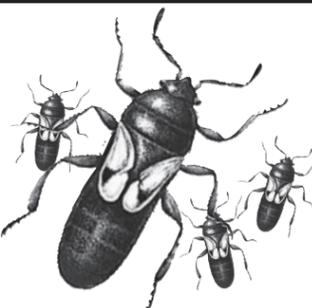
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Marion County schools' executive director named Workforce Partner of the Year

Mark Vianello, executive director of Career and Technical Education for Marion County Public Schools, was named the Florida Workforce Partner of the Year for championing workforce collaboration.

Vianello was recognized during the annual Workforce Professional Development Summit, held Sept. 24-26 in Orlando, which brought together more than 850 front-line and leadership workforce professionals to address the current and future needs of Florida's growing businesses.

This year's summit, "Progress through Partnerships," was put on by the Florida Workforce Development Association, CareerSource Florida and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Key partners also included the Florida Department of Education and Vocational Rehabilitation.

Vianello, who also serves on the board of CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, was recognized for his long-standing efforts to launch programs in partnership with CareerSource CLM and other organizations that support Marion County students' career and technical education while preparing them to enter the workforce.

During the awards presentation, Vianello said, "In Marion County, our workforce systems are aligned for success."

"We're moving (forward) because of true

partnerships, collaboration and great synergy ..." he said. "It may be a cliché to say, but we have to end silos and work together and in Marion County we're doing just that and the results are speaking for themselves."

Vianello pointed to partnerships such as those between the school system and CareerSource CLM, the Chamber and Economic Partnership, midFlorida Regional Manufacturers Association, Marion County Builders Association as examples of successful collaboration.

"Workforce development is a community problem that requires a community solution and in Marion (County) we're successfully working together ... It's a no brainer to connect CareerSource with a school system."

Dr. Heidi Maier, MCPS superintendent, said of the recognition that "Mark's passion for learning is only surpassed by his passion for our students. His background and dedication to our students is what fuels him every day. Pair that with a workforce-hungry community and you get successful students and amazing corporate partnerships."

Vianello was nominated for the statewide award by CareerSource CLM, one of 24 workforce regions in the CareerSource Florida network.

Rusty Skinner, CEO of CareerSource CLM, said, "Mark has been pivotal in the school district's response to

the needs of our business community and engaging students in the district in career awareness. Our partnership has led to the development and implementation of a number of 'talent pipeline' programs that inform and prepare students to enter the workforce with great skills."

Vianello's efforts include collaboration in the success of the annual Youth Career Expo and Senior/Youth Job Fair, implementation of a soft skills curriculum taught at all grade levels throughout Marion County's 31 public schools, support of a Duke Foundation-funded video series highlighting the district's Career Choice academies and programs.

Responding to industry demands in the past year, Vianello was instrumental in launching a new commercial driver license program at Marion Technical College, spearheaded creation of new logistics programs at two high schools, and developed a short-term Core Construction program. Also, this year, in response to business requests, the school district has launched new CTE programs in Information Technology, Manufacturing. An Entrepreneurial 1 Power and Energy Academy is in the works for the next school year.



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Your VIEW From Page A8

Dianne Feinstein held on to this information until the last minute. Consider why, if this happened, she reported this to Feinstein rather than the police as a real victim would do.

Be honest, those of you who choose to believe the accuser are willing to do anything you can to prevent Trump from appointing a conservative judge. All the Democrat senators previously voiced that they would vote

MOLEHILLS

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The cloud appeared as boiling dark gray and silver water.

I went back inside and told my parents that we were in for some bad weather. Daddy wasn't concerned but I managed to coax momma outside into the front yard after explaining the roiling clouds. She agreed that I "might" be right and decided to go back inside to tell daddy. Momma had her hand on the screen door when the tornado hit.

I don't remember everything. I don't remember momma and daddy being there, but they were, but the things I do remember, I will never forget.

The tornado was probably an EF-2.

I can't imagine the likeness of Hurricane Michael.

LOWRY

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back in 2004, both senators from South Dakota were Democrats.

The disenchantment is a function of the left's preference for coastal rule. It wants California to have the whip hand in our national life. But why should Los Angeles and San Francisco have an outsized role in governing distant, rural parts of the country, with which they have no sympathy?

Fundamentally remaking the Senate is a fantasy, regardless. The Constitution stipulates in Article 5 that "no state, without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate." Striking the language would require the assent of some smaller states that wouldn't be enamored with reducing their own relative power so California can have more.

Rather than cursing the design of the Senate, Democrats would be better-served simply winning Senate elections, a cause they materially harmed with their fevered attack on Brett Kavanaugh.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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against any candidate put forth for the nomination. Voting against a candidate is their right but working to destroy him is despicable, evil and the most disgraceful thing I have witnessed in politics, and I have voted since 1956. All Democrats should be ashamed of themselves and their party.

Everyone should remember the Duke lacrosse team that had their lives and reputations destroyed by a woman's accusations of a sexual assault. She then came forward, two or three years later, and

confessed she had lied about the whole thing. Those boys were the innocent victims.

Mothers and wives, this could someday happen to an important man in your life, your husband or your sons. A woman accuses them, and they are automatically assumed to be guilty. How would you feel about that?

Wayne Rackley
Ocala

Vote your conscience

Firstly, it is the job of the government to protect all citizens, particularly the ones who paid

into Social Security. It is also the job of the government to ensure we have good schools for our children, clean water and air for our bodies and good roads to keep our communities moving.

The high tax relief bill, which probably did not help you out, will decimate our already high national deficit. But don't worry! The Big corporations that will enjoy the benefit will be knocking on your door to pay your bills and bring you food!

The new tax rate benefits big donors to campaigns, companies like Monsanto that are eagerly poisoning all of us, young and old. Please

keep in mind that when the government runs out of money, they will be happy to lower your Medicare in the name of GOP patriotism.

Vote your conscience for your grandchildren, your elderly, your hard-working parents,

our environment and our veterans and try to envision what this costs all Americans.

Lynn Miller
OTOW

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Fri., Dec. 21—\$79pp

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

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

Dade City's Kumquat Festival
Sat., Jan. 26—\$34pp

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Sat., Feb. 2—\$29pp

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Happenings

Cancelled

Dunnellon Concert Singers

The Dunnellon Concert Singers will present "SONGS FROM THE BIG BAND ERA" originally scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in the sanctuary of First Congregational UCC Church is cancelled due to the illness of one of the performers.

Wednesday, Oct. 17

Christ's Church

Without a doubt, one of the most distinctive and beloved voices in all of Gospel music is that of Danny Funderburk. Over the past 40 years, audiences across America have fallen in love with this incredible talent as he performed with The Singing Americans, Perfect Heart, Mercy's Way and most notably, the prestigious Cathedral Quartet.

Danny will be taking center stage at Christ's Church of Marion County Wednesday, Oct. 17. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m.; doors open at 5:30 p.m. There is no admission charge for the concert and no tickets are required. A love offering will be received to support Danny and his ministry.

Christ's Church of Marion County is located at 6768 SW 80th Street, off SR 200 in Ocala. For more information or directions visit the church website at www.ccomc.org or contact the church office at 352-861-6182.

Tobacco Free

Tobacco Free Florida.com, AHEC Suwannee 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 to see this event.

Also on the same day; Mega Indoor Yard Sale: Annual sale with books, clothing, cookware, bedding, furniture and more, Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 7171 SW State Road 200, Ocala. Contact Pam at 860-558-1010 or pgauthier4@live.com or visit facebook.com/OcalaCongregationalChurch to see this event.

Ocala Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 14, at 3 p.m., the Ocala Symphony Orchestra debuts its opening weekend, showcasing "Myth, Mastery and the Fantastique." A chat with music director and conductor Matt Wardell, begins one hour before the performance. Attend the chat to learn more about the pieces played during the performances from the Maestro himself, along with guest soloists and performers.

"Myth, Mastery, and the Fantastique" is the first subscription concert of the 2018-2019 season. Join the OSO for Saint-Saens' mythic tale of Phaeton's journey to the sun, Kristen Stoner's beautiful flute playing in Griffes' Poeme, and one of the most vivid musical trips ever written, Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique. To learn more about the pieces, and to get a feel for the concert, see attachment for a description.

Saturday evening's concert will include a complimentary glass of prosecco to toast in the new season and celebrate the Reilly Art Center's third anniversary. This season also commemorates Maestro Matthew Wardell's 10th Anniversary with the OSO.

Season subscriptions are still on sale and can be purchased by contacting the Reilly Arts Center Box Office. Individual tickets for the show can be purchased online by visiting ReillyArtsCenter.com, by contacting the Reilly Arts Center box office at (352) 351-1606, or by visiting the box office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All performances take place at the Reilly Arts Center, 500 NE Ninth Street Ocala, FL 34470.

Thursday, Oct. 18

Genealogical Society

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet Thursday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Marion County Public Library located at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in

Ocala. A brief business meeting will be followed by the October program. For further information, contact Joel Swanson at 352-897-0840 or pre-sident@mcgsocala.org.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Annual Super Sale

Joy Lutheran Church will have their annual Super Sale and Bake Sale Saturday, Oct. 20, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Swenson Hall. The public is invited to donate such items as furniture, tools, gardening equipment and sports related items, which will be in the garage. Kitchen and house wares, linens, books, and craft supplies are also welcome for donation. Please no clothes, shoes or electronics.

Sale items may be brought to Swenson Hall beginning Monday, Oct. 15, from 9:00 to noon or from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16, thru Thursday, Oct. 18. Baked goods should be brought Friday, Oct. 19, from 9:30 to 1:30 p.m. Please have all baked goods wrapped for sale and labeled, particularly if they contain nuts. Call Edie at (854-6816) if you have any questions about the bake sale.

As usual there will be the "vintage" table for the special treasures as well as a craft and quilt section. Mark your calendar for this well-known favorite community event and join us for a fun-filled day. For more information about the Super Sale call Janet at 861-1575 or Barb at 906-221-5860.

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

Harvest Hustle

The Harvest Hustle Run for Reading 5k to benefit United Way of Marion County's ReadingPals program. This family friendly 5k run and walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8:30 a.m. at Baseline Trailhead Park, 4803 SE 58th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34472. Race entry is \$30.00 before Oct. 18 and \$40 on race day starting at 7 a.m. Participants can sign up at www.uwmc.org/harvesthustle.

This is event is packed with prizes, good food and family fun. The first 400 runners to cross the finish line will receive a Run for Reading race medal. Additional awards will be given for overall open (0-39) and overall master (40+) winners and in 18 age division categories. Register early to receive a race bag filled with items provided by race sponsors and an official Harvest Hustle Run for Reading race tee shirt. The importance of reading will be a focus for this year's event and at-

tendees are encouraged to dress up as their favorite book character for a chance to win the Run for Reading costume contest. Local celebrity chefs will be cooking up delicious post-race fare that you will not want to miss. Follow the event Facebook page for the latest announcements and updates @harvesthustleocala.

All proceeds will benefit United Way of Marion County's ReadingPals program, a volunteer-based early literacy initiative that provides mentors for kindergarten students who may need extra help, utilizing one-on-one reading coaching sessions. To learn more or volunteer to be a Pal this school year, visit uwmc.org/readingpals.

Spruce Creek

Preserve Community Yard sale

Come one, come all to Spruce Creek Preserve's Community Yard sale from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 20. There will be over 50 vendors with treasures for all. Held in the community parking lot with plenty of parking. Location on SR 200, 3 miles SW of County Road 484 and approximately 3 miles east of Stumpknockers. Look for the big flag at the gate-house, at 11376 SW 136th Pl.

Crossroads Church

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. For more information, please call 352-291-2080.

See our new website at www.ourcrossroadschurch.com for up to date calendar events.

Sunday, Oct. 21

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, Oct. 21 – 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.

Sunday, Oct. 21 – 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.

Sunday, Oct. 21 – 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Our Family Life Ministries host the 2018 Harvest Festival – an event for the entire family. There will be games, pizza, prizes, costume judging, candy, bounce houses and more.

Monday, Oct. 22: Monday evening the men come together at 6:30 p.m. for a Bible Study in the book of Galatians.

Tuesday, Oct. 23: Women who are interested in crafts meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 to work on group and individual projects.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 – 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.

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

You are invited

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

Jazz Society

The Ocala Jazz Society invites you to join them Sunday, Oct. 21, from 2 - 5 p.m. for their monthly performance of Swing, Big Band, Dixieland, 50s and all your favorites. We look forward to seeing you at the

smoke-free VFW Post 4781, 9401 SW 110th Street, across from Oak Run. The band performs the third Sunday of each month. A suggested donation of \$5 for Hospice is appreciated. For more information, please email ocalajazzsociety@yahoo.com, or call 352-237-0234

Christ's Church

Harvest Festival

Christ's Church of Marion County would like to invite you and your family to their 2018 Harvest Festival. The event will be held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 21 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be games, candy, bounce houses, a cake walk, costume contest and pizza. Fun for the whole family. There is no charge for this event.

Christ's Church of Marion County is located at 6768 SW 80th St. off State Road 200 in Ocala. For directions or more information, visit the church website at www.ccomc.org or contact the church office at 352-861-6182.

Friday, Oct. 26

Florida Center for the Blind

Florida Center for the Blind announces its fifth Annual Dining in the Dark event Friday, Oct. 26, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Hilton of Ocala at 3600 SW 36th Ave.

Guests will walk and dine in total darkness to experience the same challenges faced every day by blind and visually impaired persons. SWAT teams of the Marion County Sheriff's Office and Ocala Police Department will escort guests into the darkness and serve the meals using night vision goggles.

For more information, please contact Florida Center for the Blind, 1411 Ne 22nd Ave. Ocala; call 352-873-4700; email ad-ministrator@fblind.org; or visit online at www.fblind.org.

War of the Worlds

War of the Worlds, Friday, Oct. 26. An enhanced readers' theater experience. Welcome gathering at 7 p.m. Event begins at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrating the 80th anniversary of this masterpiece's radio debut, the Art Center Theatre is pleased to bring this time-honored classic to its stage with our own twist.

Admission to this fundraising event is free. There will also be raffles, beverages and baked goods available for purchase, and Art Center Staff to accept your tax-deductible donation and issue receipts.

Art Center of Citrus County, 2644 N Annapolis Ave. Hernando, FL See **HAPPENINGS/Page A15**

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Art Center of Citrus County, 2644 N Annapolis Ave., Hernando, FL 34442. For more information, please call 352-746-7606 or go to website artcenterofcitruscounty.org.

Sunday, Oct. 28

Countryside

Presbyterian

Join with Countryside Presbyterian, 7768

Southwest Highway 200, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, us to learn about "The Mystery of Oak Island."

This World Archaeology Day event will be presented by Dr. Ed Tenhor who will present on the big screens, photos of the digs on Oak Island over the past 222 years. He will show how 17 treasure companies have dug into the island looking for that elusive for-tune supposedly buried there many centuries ago.

Oak Island, 660 feet off the coast of Nova Scotia has been the site of treasure hunting since 1795 and it is still going on, witness the program, "The Mystery of Oak Island" on the History Channel.

On the large screens we will explore Oak Island itself, examine the history, the treasure search, the findings thus far, and then take a guess about the answer to the mystery. Dr. Tenhor will explore with the audience eight of the possible sources of that treasure and provide the latest timeline and list of possible historic figures who could have been involved in the underground tunnels for take home.

The public is invited to the monthly lecture. No tickets needed.

Dr. Tenhor has done many lectures at Master the Possibilities and surrounding area.

Fellowship Baptist Church

Trunk or Treat at Fellowship Baptist Church: Sunday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fun, food and prizes, all Free. Fellowship Baptist Church is located in Ocala at 10500 N U.S. Highway 27, 7 1/2 miles west of I-75 (Exit 354) at the junction of 464B, across from the BP station. Please call 352-629-5379 for more information.

Tuesday, Oct. 30

Sisterhood

of Survivors

The Sisterhood of Survivors Breast Cancer Support Group will be meeting Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 1 p.m. at Ocala West Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th St. Room 235 (Chapel). Look for sign/pink balloons once on church grounds. We will have open discussion 1-1:30 and Lori, from All About You, a

woman's boutique for breast cancer, will join us at 1:30. Contact Donna Baisley at 860-508-5255 for more information.

Wednesday, Oct. 31

College Road Baptist Church

College Road Baptist Church is holding a Family Fun Festival at the church, 5010 SW College Road (SR 200) across from Ocala VW/Porsche Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Join us for a safe and friendly atmosphere where children will have an opportunity to dress up in costumes, get an appropriate amount of treats and snacks, be impressed by seven theme decorated rooms and enjoy an entertaining family friendly good time. Event will be held indoors, rain or shine. Contact the church office at 352-237-5741 with inquiries.

Our Redeemer

Lutheran Church

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will hold its annual Trunk or Treat event Oct. 31 from 6 - 8 p.m. Candy, popcorn and trinkets will be offered. Bring the children to a safe place to enjoy Halloween. Located at 5200 SW College Road.

Thursday, Nov. 1

Master The

Possibilities

Compassion and Choices, Ocala Chapter presents "Integrated Health Care at the End of Life - What Can It Look Like?" from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in Live Oak Hall. Register at masterthepossibilities.org

Dr. Solberg, chief of the Division of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Florida, College of Medicine (UF Health Shands) has developed a program that integrates the care of older patients from the outpatient clinic to the hospital and to the Skilled Nursing Facility.

He will discuss concepts of care while focusing on quality of life and assurance that the wishes of the patient are respected while providing communication in transitions of care and prompt response to health changes.

Saturday, Nov. 3

Yoga in Sholom Park

Saturday, Nov. 3, Yoga in Sholom Park. Join us at 9 a.m. for the last session of the season.

For more information, please call Ingrid at 352-854-7950.

Palm Cay

Community Yard Sale

Palm Cay Community Yard Sale Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 8085 SW 106th Place, Ocala off SR 200. Open

to the public. Shop for the holidays! In the clubhouse there will be doughnuts and coffee for sale in the morning and a hot dog lunch will be for sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church

St John Lutheran Church is having its second Arts and Crafts show at 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 3, at 1915 SE Lake Weir Ave., Ocala, 34471. In addition to a variety of arts and crafts, there will be a bake sale, delicious lunch and door prizes. All proceeds go to the church, school and missions. Thank you for making last year's show such a success. We look forward to seeing you again.

Queen of Peace

Catholic Women

The Queen of Peace Council of Catholic Women will be sponsoring an Arts & Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018, in the Parish Hall of Queen of Peace Catholic Church. The show runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature local artist show-casing their one-of-kind art, jewelry, crafts and more! Lunch will be available to purchase. Queen of Peace is located at 6455 SW SR 200, Ocala.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

County Growth

Services

Marion County Growth Services will host a second public meeting to gather input on its Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the county's comprehensive plan at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 6. The hourlong meeting will be held at the Freedom Public Library, 5870 SW 95th St. Ocala.

Attendees will be given updates about the EAR process as it relates to changes in state requirements, responses to public input gathered at the previous public meeting, and proposed changes to the future land use and transportation elements of our local comprehensive plan.

To learn more about this event, contact Marion County Growth Services at 352-438-2683.

OaSN

The Autism Behavioral Education Program is a United Way funded program that assists autism families (with an intake form on file completed after 8-1-2018 AND residing in Marion County) by offering a seminar that provides a core understanding of Applied Behavioral Analysis and ways that it can assist your child with autism (up to age 19) with behavioral management, life & social skills. Child care for all children in your family is provided for this required seminar to par-

ticipate in this program.

Our next ABA Information Seminar is Nov 3, at the OaSN Multi-Use Facility, 7634 SW 60th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34473 from 9:45 a.m.-12 p.m.

Child care is provided. Registration is mandatory and may be done online at <https://www.jotform.com/oasnopa/autism-behavioral-education-program>.

For information, please contact Danielle Sanchez, program coordinator, at dsanchez@oasn.info or call 352-462-0168 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Friday, Nov. 9

Country Road

Quilters

Country Road Quilters of Ocala presents "Bright Country Nights, Big City Lights," Nov. 9-10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Quilt Turning and Appraisals by Brenda Grampas

Lecture by Molly Waddell "What Catches the Judge's Eye"

More than 250 quilts on display, vendors, opportunity quilt, silent auction, raffle baskets, challenge quilts, door prizes, boutique. Admission is \$8. Our new venue is Circle Square Cultural Center, 8395 SW 80th St., Ocala, FL 34481. For more information, please visit www.crqocala.com

Saturday, Nov. 10

Grace Episcopal

Bazaar

Grace Episcopal Church Women will be holding their annual bazaar Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the church Parish Hall, 510 SE Broadway Street, Ocala, FL. This one day event will offer a variety of crafts, jewelry, homemade food items (baked goods, soups and more). Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. All proceeds from this event will help support local nonprofit missions benefiting women and children in Ocala. For more information please contact Elaine at 352-347-2549.

Spruce Creek Preserve Art and Craft Fair

Spruce Creek Preserve Art and Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on SR 200 3 miles west of CR 484 (gatehouse entrance). Free admission and free craft drawing every 20 minutes. Also, a bake sale and lunch is available between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Also raffling a handmade Quilt

Saddle Oak Craft Fair

Annual Craft Fair at Saddle Oak Club on State Road 200, across from Publix in Heath Brook Commons Ocala, Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy cof-

fee and doughnuts from 8 to 10 a.m., and soup and sandwiches from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., while shopping for handmade crafts and bake sale items.

Trilogy at Ocala

Preserve

Trilogy at Ocala Preserve is hosting the second Annual Holiday Bazaar this year in the Grand Living Room at the Clubhouse Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission and free parking.

All items are hand-crafted locally and include holiday items, jewelry, decorator pieces, clothing, food and much more. There will also be community groups providing information about their services and mission. The Humane Society will be there with very adoptable and lovable dogs. A collection box will be available for those who wish to donate dog or cat food.

After shopping relax with a drink and a bite to eat at Salted Brick.

Sheltering Hands, an organization that is improving the lives of cats through humane care, spay/neuter, adoptions, education and support services, is our choice charity of this year's Bazaar.

Trilogy at Ocala Preserve is located on Highway 27 approximately 2 miles west of Inter-state 75. Follow the signs to the Clubhouse (Oak House).

Sunday, Nov. 11

Kingdom of the Sun Concert

Following is the information for the upcoming Kingdom of the Sun Concert Sunday, Nov. 11.

Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band with Les Muncaster conducting presents the Seventh Annual

Veterans Light the Stars Sunday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Ocala/Marion County Veterans' Memorial Park, 2601 SE Ft. King Street, Ocala. Rain Date is Monday, Nov. 12.

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We have three bridge clubs in Oak Run, two for Party Bridge and one for Duplicate. Party Bridge meets at 9 a.m. Thursday mornings at the Island Club and 6 p.m. Friday at the Orchid Club's Card Room. No partner is required. It's only 50 cents per person and we have small prizes. Duplicate Bridge is played at the Island Club Wednesday evenings. Please arrive by 5:45 p.m. for a prompt start at 6 p.m. You do need a partner for duplicate which can usually be arranged.

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Artists

Artists and fine craftsmen are sought by the Rainbow Springs Artist Cooperative located at 20804 W. Pennsylvania Ave. in the heart of Dunellon's historic district. Once juried in to the cooperative, artists and fine craftsmen will be able to exhibit and sell their work in our display space. We also have a large area for teaching children and/or adult art classes. Additional information may be obtained by contacting June Johnson, Director, at 352-465-3717.

Sisterhood

of Survivors

The Breast Cancer SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) support group meets at Ocala West Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th Street, Rm. 235 (chapel).

We meet the last Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. to offer a caring concern to those involved with the battle of breast cancer. We will share experiences, be informed and educated on treatments and medications available during our journey with breast cancer. We shall overcome! So, come one and all to our meetings and share interesting sessions each month. Any questions please call Elsa Flescher at 352-209-2661.

LETTERS

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David,

Seems you have left the door open for opinions in your column. I have a few.

1. Ford deserves the academy award. What an act. That caffeine routine was on camera with every sip she took, and the cup and bottle were perfectly positioned for maximum viewing. I was in stitches.

2. The speech was scripted, coached, programmed to perfection to elicit sympathy. Her handlers did a superb job.

3. Many stories from her friends and family, that are not supportive, or flattering are surfacing.

4. Her fear of flying flew out the door rather

quickly. If she would lie about such a nothing issue, what else would she lie about, or convince herself was the truth?

5. Kavanaugh has led such an exemplary life, with nothing but tons of accolades from friends and colleagues. Is he a Jekyll and Hyde? Is such uncharacteristic behavior even believable?

6. Seventy years ago, I had a minor incident at a job that is as clear in my mind as the day it happened. Who, when, where, how and the resolution. I left the room clearly. I cannot return, because the building no longer exists.

Thanks for allowing me to vent.

D. I. Larson
Ocala

STONE

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In the bottom left photo are Karen Grimes and Audrey Hamberger. In the bottom middle photo is food from Ivy House. In the bottom right photo is the Olive Oil Store. In the top right photo are some of



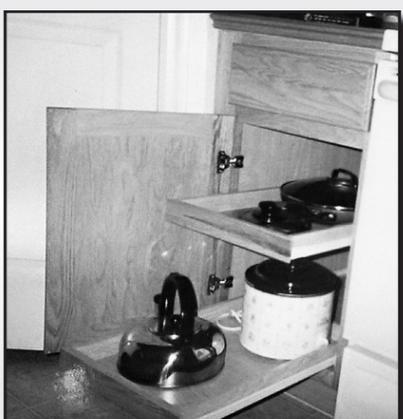
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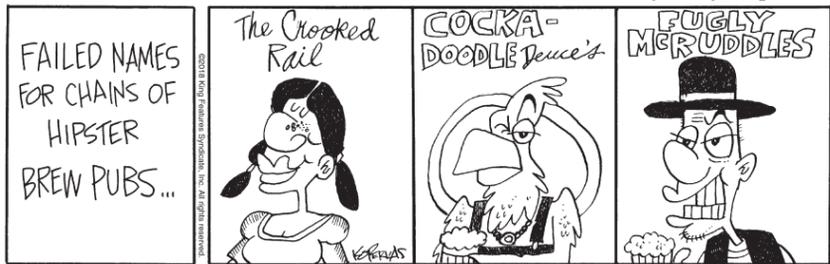
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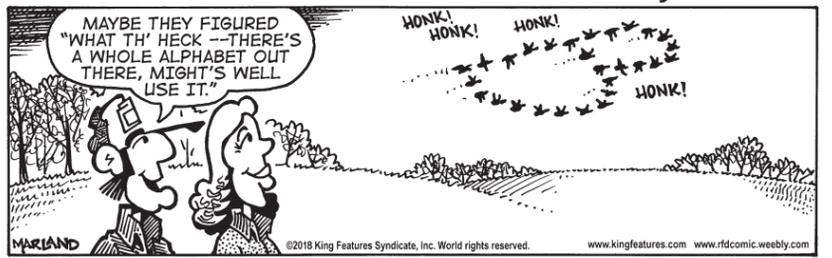
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them your hammer so that they can fix Washington?"

Was she serious? Or, was she setting me up for something?

Staring at me she finally broke down into hilarious laughter.

"How better could they fix Washington than using your hammer?"

It does not happen often, but I wholeheartedly agreed with what she was saying.

If Washington is broken, and I am not sure what that means, perhaps they could fix it with my hammer by smashing everything in Washington.

My hammer is a good tool for that kind of work.

I cannot tell you how many things I have smashed unintention-

ally with my hammer.

We enjoyed a hearty laugh on that one. I never knew my wife to be politically minded like this. However, she had it.

Then I said, "Why don't you run for some political office? I'll let you borrow my hammer."

We laughed some more and I got to thinking. How would Washington change if my wife was elected to some office and borrowed my hammer? She surely would get things done, I am sure.

Her "fix-it" ability along with my hammer would go a long way in fixing Washington.

As I thought of that I was reminded of what King Solomon said, "The way of man is forward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right" (Proverbs 21:8).

Some things are too broken to fix for any

person except God. There is no person so broken that he cannot fix and fix for eternity. So, Mr. Politician Fix-It, you can use my hammer at any time if you want to.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or email jamesnyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.

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Cedar Key Seafood Festival is still a "go"

Cedar Key Mayor Heath Davis confirmed the 49th Annual Cedar Key Seafood Festival will go on as planned, Oct. 20 and 21 in historic downtown Cedar Key in spite of Cedar Key's close brush with hurricane Michael.

The Seafood Festival is presented by the Cedar Key Lions Club. Promising food, fun, arts, crafts, music and more the festival draws visitors from across the region.

Lions Club President Mike Hodges said, "Our members and volunteers have been working on the Festival for several

months. Over 100 vendors will display their arts and crafts. Dozens of local nonprofit groups will be offering seafood and other tasty fare in City Park. Musicians from across the Southeast are set to perform on our Clam Boat Stage."

Hodges, a third-generation resident of the area continued, "My family has been in Cedar Key for years. Like everyone else in town, when things get difficult we meet the challenge head on. I promise you Cedar Key is ready for visitors. Our Lions Club's 49th An-

nual Seafood Festival will be a resounding success. You won't want to miss it."

The Cedar Key Seafood Festival takes place Saturday, Oct. 20, and Sunday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Admission is free. An online festival guide for smartphones is available at www.ck-fest.com.

FORUM

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Arnett said the Florida Department of Education needs to stay out of Marion County. Schools are not doing as bad as it seems because of the way test scores are weighted. For example, a school with 200 third-graders who take the Florida Standards Assessments for the first time. Imagine that 125 are reading at grade level, 50 are reading one grade behind and 25 are reading two grades

below or lower. "The department of education decided all of those levels will be weighted at the same percentage," she said. "So, those 125 kids who are excelling and doing great, that's 33 percent of the score of the school. The 50 kids that are one grade level behind, that's also 33 percent of the school's grade. The 25 kids, again that's 33 percent."

She said there will always be school children who struggle, "but the way our weighting system is, these kids who are performing one or

two grade levels behind that small group is given the same percentage; so, Tallahassee and DOE, they need to just stay out of it, they really, really do."

Friday Forum is a monthly issue-oriented luncheon that meets from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at the Golden Corral, 2011 SW State Road 200, Ocala. The forum is open to all. It was formed in April 2013 to form a civil pathway to a stronger, more informed community devoted to the common good.

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